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Could you use a little extra "Green?"

RECOMMENDER FORM

As a proud member of NSS Life, there is no better time than now to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone to whom we issue a policy. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) for each person that becomes a member.

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Prospect Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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>REGION 2</p> <p>May 16 August (TBA) August 17 August 19 October 14</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617</p> <p>Region 2, Meeting at Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Fraternal summer picnic, Mercateli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA (TBA) Assembly 0617, Fraternal Day, Knoebels Park (Tentative) Assembly 0617, Meeting, Avenue Diner, Wyoming, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>May 7 May 19-20 June 3 June 11 June 17 June 25 June 25 June 30 July 19 July 20 August (TBD) September 10 September 18 September 22-24 October 29 November 13 December 2 December 3 December 16</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hoss's Restaurant, Belle Vernon, PA at 3:00 pm 2023 Joint Bowling Tournament, GCU ,FCSU, NSS, & SCS, Cheektowaga, NY Assembly 0161, Meeting, Jodi B's Restaurant, Forest Hills, PA at 11:00 am Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q & Flag Day, Columbia Association Event Center at 1:00 pm Assembly 0731, Matching Funds Flea Market, Prince of Peace Church, Poland, OH from 10-3 Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardsons Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0123, The Play That Goes Wrong, Lincoln Park, Midland, PA at 2:00 pm Region 5, Pirates Night, Pirates Game, PNC Park Assembly 0731, Pirates-Guardians baseball game, PNC Park at 12:30 pm Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA 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 0731, Family Camping Weekend, Rogers, OH 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 Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Center Rotary Room, Boardman, OH</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>May 28 June 11</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0004, Meeting, Sonia Vorell's residence, Strongsville, OH at 2:00 pm Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 11:30 am</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>May 13 May 27 June 19</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly L102, Join Hands Project, Butztown Post Office Assembly L102, Iron Pigs Baseball game, Call Sharon Wesnak 610-769-7006 Assembly L102, Matching Funds Golf Tournament for Fellowship Manor</p>
<p>AT LARGE</p> <p>May - May 15 May 1 - July 15 June 25 August 20 October 22 December 17</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0813, Matching Funds, Providing essentials to Kids Needs Mission Assembly 0813, Matching Funds, Backpacks for Kids, St. David's Episcopal Church Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Christmas Party (Fraternal Fund Activity) TBA</p>

July 14-16

57th Annual National Golf Tournament, Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield, OH

The President's Page...

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The month of May brings the Pittsburgh area landscape a variety of colorful hues as many trees blossom, flowers are in full bloom, and lawns return to a rich green. The showers of April certainly do bring May flowers and rapidly growing lawns! With lawn treatment, warm temperatures, and plenty of rain, lawns need to be mowed twice per week to keep up during the month of May. The fragrance of blooming shrubs, flowers, trees, and freshly mowed lawns are a sure sign that summer is not far away.

Holidays in May include May Day on May 1st, Mother's Day on May 14th, Armed Forces Day on May 20th, and Memorial Day on May 29th. The NSS Home Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

On May 14th we celebrate Mother's Day. The holiday gives each of us a chance to honor or remember our mothers. Families gather to make the day special for moms and let them know how much they are appreciated. Mothers do a variety of special things daily for their families that often go unnoticed. Be sure you take time on Mother's Day to let them know how special they are, how grateful you are for their continued support and love, and that you would not be the person you are had it not been for all the special things they have done for you over your lifetime. For those whose mothers have passed, pause to remember them and their special love for you on Mother's Day!

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on May 20th. The day is a celebration of all branches of the United States armed forces and honors all those currently serving in our military. Thank you to all our military women and men serving our country. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29th. The day is observed on the last Monday of May as designated by the National Holiday Act of 1971 and honors all service men and women who have died serving our country in the armed forces. In December of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, providing that Americans should pause at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day to honor all who have lost their lives in the armed forces. Please make sure that you take time to pause from your Memorial Day activities and remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live and enjoy the freedoms we have!

The Virtual Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, March 18th. Several noteworthy items were acted upon by the Board of Directors during the meeting. NSS members who had experienced property damage because of Hurricane Ian and applied for funding under the Disaster Relief Policy were awarded a monetary fraternal benefit to aid with the recovery of their property. Several other members are still awaiting bids or waiting for contractors to complete the work on their property before submitting the final paperwork needed to receive funding under the policy. When the members were contacted regarding the fraternal benefit after the Winter Board Meeting, the NSS received heartfelt thank you letters from the recipients. It is hard to imagine what these individuals have had to endure since the hurricane devastated their homes. As part of our NSS Family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you continue to try to get back to a sense of normalcy! It is more than just a marketing slogan – NSS Life... where Family Matters! The Board of Directors also voted to change the crediting rates on several of our annuity products. The most noteworthy of the changes involves the creation of the Preferred 8 Plus, with a one-year crediting rate guaranty of 6% on new money only. Following the one year rate, the annuity will revert to the crediting rate of the Preferred 8 at that time. The rate changes are outlined elsewhere in this issue of the *National News* and became effective April 1st.

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 8 – 10, 2023. If you have any items to be considered by the Board, please submit them to Secretary-Treasurer Linda Strom by May 26th.

Kennington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio, will be the site of the National Slovak

Society's 57th Annual National Golf Tournament the weekend of July 14th – 16th. The tournament has been held every year since 1966 with the exception of 2020 when the tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. An exciting weekend is being planned for NSS golfers and guests. Hotel accommodations for the weekend will be at the Courtyard by Marriott adjacent to the Kennington Golf Club. On Friday evening the weekend will kick off with a Hospitality Night in the Golf Simulator Room at the course and the Qualifying Round for the Putting Contest. This will give everyone a chance to meet fellow NSS golfers and guests and enjoy food and beverages. Those wishing to try their skill will have an opportunity to try and qualify for the Putting Contest Final which will be held after the round is complete on Saturday. Each finalist will have one opportunity to make a 50-foot putt for a \$1000 prize. Saturday will be an 18-hole individual handicap event and Sunday will be an 18-hole scramble event. Saturday evening will feature the Golf Dinner at the golf course/hotel location. Arrangements have been made for non-golfers to enjoy a trolley tour of Mill Creek Metro Park and lunch on Saturday. An entry form, rules, and details regarding the tournament and trolley tour appear elsewhere in this issue. The Fraternal Committee of the Board of Directors has devised an incentive to increase attendance at the event this year. A \$25 discount will be applied to the entry fee for all golfers participating in Saturday and Sunday's tournament. The original entry/prize fee per day of \$65 will be reduced to \$40! In addition, the NSS match of the prize fund will be doubled to increase the prize pool. Please make plans to join us for a great weekend of fraternalism and golf at Kennington Golf Club. We are looking forward to a great turnout of golfers for the tournament.

News of Narodniars

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

Happy Anniversary wishes to everyone celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of May!

A Page From My Notebook...

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Easter Weekend

Easter was an absolutely beautiful day in Pittsburgh. The weather was absolutely perfect for sitting outside and watching hummingbirds; smelling the freshly cut grass; spending time with new friends and neighbors; and having a few refreshments.

2023 Strategic Plan

This month the NSS Board of Directors will meet off-site for 4 days of intense work to develop a new Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. This event will be held off site to ensure that there are no outside obstacles to deter progress. Also present will be a facilitator who will lead us through the entire planning process. We will define areas of our business that are currently performing optimally and those areas that are in need of improvement. The outcome of this planning session should be a road-map which outlines what needs to be accomplished to achieve the goals as determined by the Board during the Strategic Planning session.

My April 2023 Newsletter Article Correction

I must apologize for an error in the **2022 Annual Statement Recap** published in last month's April 2023 issue of the Newsletter (Page 5). The **Surplus At Statement Date** at the very bottom of the statement was not properly calculated in my spreadsheet therefore the number published is incorrect. The correct **Dec. 2022 Surplus At Statement Date** should read: **\$91,894,286**.

Surplus Account:	Dec 2022
Beginning Surplus	\$80,941,812
Net Income	17,443,981
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains or (Losses)	(2,217,550)
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(3,277,156)
Change in Valuation Reserve	(996,801)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus	
Net Change in Surplus	10,952,474
Surplus At Statement Date	\$91,894,286



2023 AFA American Fraternal Alliance Spring Symposium

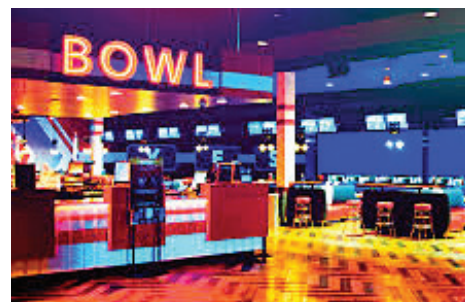
This month is also the AFA American Fraternal Alliance Spring Symposium in Chicago, IL. This is an educational as well as an excellent networking opportunity for fraternal leaders, the consultant firms that support them and vendors who provide information to improve the way we do business and to get together and share experiences. The AFA provides experts in various fields to present the topics of today for discussion.

2023 PA Fraternal Alliance Legislative Luncheon

Also this month is the PA Fraternal Alliance Legislative Luncheon in Harrisburg, PA. This is a networking opportunity for those Legislators who are currently in session to stop by and enjoy a lunch menu provided by the PFA right outside their chambers. It also provides time for the PFA delegates in attendance to meet their legislators and ask for their continued support of our non-profit status and to learn about the good deeds that we do in our communities.

2023 FSGP DePersis Seminar

Each year the FSGP presents the ENDepersis Fraternal Consulting, LLC seminar with topics from outlining the 2022 Results and Emerging Issues, to Actuarial Updates, to hearing from a representative from the PA Insurance Department regarding current topics that are relevant to fraternal. This seminar will be held May 25, 2023, at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Looking forward to this most informative event.



Bowl With Your Fraternal Neighbors

This year's Joint Fraternal Bowling event will be held the weekend of May 19 through May 21 at the AMF Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga, NY. If you need additional information, please contact our Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or (724) 731-0094.



Current Interest Rates

★ Effective April 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 – 4.00%

Preferred 8 – 6.00%* (For First Year)

*Current projected renewal rate of 4.25% for Preferred 8 (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 and login/register as a member.

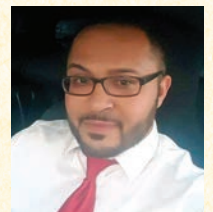


First Quarter Leaders for 2023



Rich Nulph is the TOP PREMIUM/ANNUITIES PRODUCER for the First Quarter of 2023. He is the founder and President of Safety 1st Retirement located in Lower Burrell, PA with six locations in the Pittsburgh area. Rich built his firm to bring a holistic approach to retirement planning. Safety is a priority in building a successful retirement plan that includes lifetime income options. The firm also provides expert support in estate planning and Medicare products. You can reach Rich and his team at **412-772-8575**. Congratulations from NSS Life on a job well done.

Congratulations to **Joseph Hernandez** on being the **TOP LIFE INSURANCE/NEW MEMBER PRODUCER** for the **First Quarter of 2023**. Joseph is from Lumberton, North Carolina. Joseph started selling life insurance at the early age of 18 and was employed with United Insurance for 20 years. He decided recently to go independent and is very excited about working with the NSS and the products they have to offer. Joe is the proud father of two precious little girls, Zoe and Skylar.



From the Sales Department...

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Life Insurance: Probability vs Consequences

Sometimes when people are considering a life insurance purchase, they relate to the probability of something bad happening to them. They tend to think because they are young, healthy or for some other reason that they have no real concern. Perhaps they are thinking about the probability vs the consequences.

Think of not wearing your seat belt to drive down the street and pick up your neighbor. The probability of being in an accident for that short drive is remote. Or when you are on a cruise ship, one of the first tasks is to call everyone to their muster station. This is so you know what to do in an emergency. Grab your life jacket and head to your muster station to board your life raft. The probability of needing this is unlikely. What about when you are flying. Do you buckle your seat belt on airplane flights? Of course, you do, yet statistically flying is safer than driving a car. In fact, the probability of being in an airplane emergency is one in eleven million. Yet, despite the odds we take all the necessary precautions.

What about the probability of needing life insurance? Well believe it or not it is one out of one. Every person needs life insurance. Some need it to protect others in the event of their demise. Others need it to help them accumulate money in the long run. Life insurance may be the greatest financial

product ever devised. Whether you live, die, or quit paying a life insurance plan can make a difference.

People always overestimate how much life insurance costs. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information on how we can help you. Call now because it is not a matter of if something happens but when something happens.

Savers Tax Credit

Here is a useful and interesting section of the IRS code that deals with the Saver's Tax Credit as it pertains to traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and voluntary contributions to a retirement plan. This unique provision incentivizes taxpayers with certain income levels to save for their retirement.

The savers credit is a tax credit worth up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 is married filing joint) for taxpayers who contribute to their retirement savings. And a credit is different than a tax deduction since it comes right back to you.

To be eligible for this credit, a person must be age 18, not a student, and not claimed as a dependent on another person's return. Depending on this person's adjusted gross income, they may receive a credit of up to 50% of their contribution.

Here is the 2023 Saver's credit guidelines:

Credit rate % of contribution	Married (joint) AGI (range)	Head of Household	Single/ all others
50%	Less than \$43,500	Less than 32,625	Less than 21,750
20%	43,501--47,500	32,626--35,625	21,751--23,750
10%	47,501--73,000	35,626--54,750	23,751--36,500
0	more than \$73,000	more than \$54,750	more than \$36,500

Here is an example of how this works. Mary, works in retail, is married and earned \$41,000 in 2022. Her spouse was unemployed and had no earnings. Mary contributed \$2,000 to her IRA. After the contribution her AGI (filing a joint return) was \$39,000. Mary may claim a 50% credit for her \$2,000 IRA contribution.

- *NSS Life assumes no responsibility for any tax or legal advice. We always recommend that you seek out professional advice. The information contained in these articles is generic in nature and may not work for your specific situation.*

OPEN A ROTH IRA
with  **NSS Life**
Family Matters...
* **Tax Advantages**
* **Competitive Interest Rates**

Thought For The Month:

You practice something not until you get it right.

You practice something until you can't get it wrong.

Nick Sabin, Alabama football coach

Fraternal Matters...

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Mill Creek Metro Park Trolley Tour during 2023 National Golf Tournament

The Mill Creek Metro Park is a highlight of Mahoning County, Ohio. Mill Creek Park encompasses over 2,658 acres to provide recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, golfing, fishing, picnicking and family fun. The Park provides breathtaking views of cascading water falls, steep hillsides along the gorge, meadows, creek, lakes, and wild life.



There is too much to see and do in the Park in one day, but **NSS** has arranged two relaxing 2-hour narrated tours through the park on the "Cohasset Express" Trolley while the golfers are golfing. This is the best way to visit this amazing Park without the hassle of driving yourself.



NSS Night at PNC Park

NSS Night at PNC Park has been scheduled for Friday, June 30, 2023, vs. the Milwaukee Brewers at 7:05 p.m. The tickets are \$41.00 but they are being subsidized in part by Region 5 and Assembly 774 so the final cost to our members will be \$20. They will have a \$10 food/merchandise concession added on to the ticket. There are a limited number of tickets available, so they will be on a first-come basis to Region 5 members only. Requests for tickets must be accompanied by your payment. Please make check payable to **NSS Life** and send to: **Pirate Night, 351 Valley Brook Rd, McMurray, PA 15317-3337.**

The trolley will take a scenic route through the Park stopping briefly along the way at a few attractions. Those stops may include:

- **Fellows Riverside Gardens** - beautiful botanical flower gardens, gift shop, Education & Visitor Center, and Mill Creek Park Museum
- **Ford Nature Center** – The Center has a Nature Exhibit Hall, History Room, Bird Observation Room, Gift Shop, Rooftop Garden, Native Wildflower Meadow.
- **Old Lanterman's Mill** - One of Mahoning County's most historic landmarks, operates as it did in the 1800's grinding corn, wheat and buckwheat.
- **Pioneer Pavillion** - One of the oldest structures in Youngstown, OH. Remnants of Youngstown's first blast furnace can be seen near the pavilion.
- **Lily Pond** - A .25-mile Lily Pond Circle Trail loops around the 3.25-acre pond filled with goldfish, turtles and migrating waterfowl.

Please return the registration form below and indicate your time preference. Registration will be on a **first-come, first-served basis** but we will try our best to accommodate your choice. This is a great event for both adults and children. The **morning trolley tour** will begin at **10:00 a.m.** at the Mill Creek Golf Course and will **return shortly after noon**. Lunch will be provided by **NSS**, and run from Noon until 1:00 p.m. The **afternoon tour** will run from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Mill Creek Metro Park Trolley Tour Registration Form

Morning Tour: 10:00 a.m. – Noon • Afternoon Tour: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please complete and return this registration form to **Pam Blum** at the Home Office: **351 Valley Brook Rd. McMurray, PA 15317-3337**

Trolley Tour Registration Form Due Date: June 23, 2023

Registration will be on a **first-come, first-served basis** but we will try our best to accommodate your choice. Lunch will be provided by NSS in between the Morning and Afternoon tours for all who participate.

Names: _____

Total # of Attendees: _____ Preferred Time: (Morning or Afternoon) _____

Join us!

- **Larger Prize Payouts**
- **\$25 Discount** each day you golf!
- **Putting contest, Skill prizes, & skins**
- **1 day tournament Play -2nd Day Scramble**
- **Saturday Dinner Included in Registration fee for Golfers**
- **Guests Welcome**
- **All Proceeds Benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund**

For a Tee-Riffic time!
July 14-16, 2023
57th Annual NSS Tournament
Kennsington Golf Club
Canfield, Ohio

*Don't Golf? Link up
with us for a Trolley
Tour of Millcreek
Park And Lunch*



Annual NSS National Golf Tournament Scramble Rules

Sunday's play at the National Golf Tournament will be a Scramble using the following rules:

1. Each team will consist of four players selected by the tournament director. Selection will be made based on handicap. All divisions will be merged for the scramble.
2. The number of teams will be equal to one fourth of the number of golfers. If the number of golfers is uneven, there will be some adjustment to allow everyone to play.
3. The method of selection will be as follows:
 - a. Beginning with the lowest handicap, Captains will be selected for each team.
 - b. The number two player for each team will be placed on team in reverse order.
(Lowest handicap will be on the last team selected in the first round.)
 - c. The number three player for each team will be selected in the same order as the Captains.
 - d. The number four player will be placed in the same order as the number two players.
 - e. The order of play within a team will be determined by the Captain.
4. On every par three hole, everyone will play his/her own ball and the total of the best two (2) scores will be entered on the card.
5. Prize money will be paid to one place for each four teams entered. (16 teams = 4 places paid, etc.) Total prize money will be \$10.00 per player plus NSS matching funds for each golfer entered.

Annual NSS National Golf Tournament

Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members and one time guests of the National Slovak Society and its Youth Circles. There must be at least four Youth golfers officially entered to have a youth class. To protect the amateur standing of these youth, no prize money will be collected from nor paid to them.
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play, except the following:
 - Jungle Golf, improve lie within 12" except in hazards.
 - Lost Ball; play from area where ball was last seen and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Out of Bounds; play from where ball goes out and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Ball in Water Hazard; drop where ball went in and take 1 stroke penalty.
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All male regular division golfers will play in three flights as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he/she has completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament unless golfer has a U.S.G.A. index from their home course. The golfer's handicap will be recalculated every year based on the golfer's best 54 holes in tournament play within the last five years. The handicap will be calculated on a 90% basis. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any male golfer who has not completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament will be entered in the Callaway division using the NSS version of the Callaway scoring system, unless they have a U.S.G.A. index.
 - C. Senior Men's Division (65 and over) will also play using handicaps as determined above. There will be only one flight in the Senior Division unless the number of participants warrants 2 divisions. Forward tees will be used.
 - D. All female member golfers will compete with the handicap determined as above. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - E. Any female golfer who has not completed 54 holes of play in the NSS National Golf tournament will be placed in the Callaway division.
4. Classifications:

A medal play champion will be determined for 18 holes in each of the following Divisions:*

1. Men's A flight	3. Men's C flight	5. Women's B flight	7. Callaway Flight
2. Men's B flight	4. Women's A flight	6. Senior flight (age 65 and above)	

*Flight handicaps will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps.
Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, a sudden death playoff will be used starting on a hole acceptable to the golf course management. If weather or darkness does not permit an actual playoff, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the men's low net winner of the 18 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – **JUNE 23, 2023**

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

National Slovak Society 57th Annual Golf Tournament July 14 – 16, 2023 Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Kennsington Golf Simulator Lounge

Kennsington Golf Course
4171 Westford PI
Canfield OH 44406
330-533-8733

Room accommodations provided by
Courtyard by Marriott
4173 Westford PI
Canfield OH 44406
330-533-6880

Please mention NSS to receive the **discounted rate**
Room Rates: \$139.00 + tax per night
Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 15, 2023

	Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Assembly
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GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

___ Saturday only Competition - \$40.00 (Includes \$25 discount)

___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$80.00 (Includes \$25 discount Sat/Sun)
(Sunday will be a scramble)

___ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00 (Optional)

___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)

___ Senior Flight Men 65+ (Optional)

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night (Kennsington Golf Simulator Lounge)

___ Will attend Saturday Dinner (list dinner attendees)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is **June 23, 2023**

Please make checks payable to: **NSS Life**

NSS Life
Attn: Pam Blum
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

___ Adult Guest Dinners @ \$30.00 (Golfers meal included in entry fee)

___ Youth (13-17) Guest Dinners @ \$20.00

___ Child (12 & under) FREE

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole

Name for sign: _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM**

Friday Practice Tee Times Available at 12:00 p.m.
Call the Pro Shop at 330-533-8733 (ext. 3)

ASSEMBLY 0004 Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **May 28, 2023** at Sonia Vorell's residence, 8088 Boston Road, Strongsville, Ohio at 2:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Over twenty members came out to our Lenten dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant last month. Our president, John Payerchin gave an up-date of what is happening in the society. Our secretary-treasurer, Paul Payerchin gave a short reflection on the forty days of Lent. Plans were made for our summer Bar-B-Q in June.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Theresa J. Clark, Irene Deaton, Donna Kimmel, Sylvia Krofcheck and Robert Plum. May they rest in the arms of the Resurrected Christ.

Our NSS May Art Contest, for youth and adults has a deadline for May 31st. You are encouraged to have your children and grandchildren enter. You may even enter yourself! Our assembly earns points for every entry. Rules are in the latest issue of the NSS Magazine.

Region 5, to which our assembly belongs, will be hosting a trip to see the Pirates play at PNC Park on Friday, **June 30th**. More details to come.

Mark your calendar for our Summer Bar-B-Q. Sunday, **June 11th** at the Columbia Association Picnic Pavilion starting at 1:00 pm. We will be honoring "Old Glory" with the celebration of Flag Day. Bring a friend.

A special blessing to all of our mothers throughout the year.

John Payerchin
President



ASSEMBLY R059 Whitehall, PA

Our assembly will hold a matching funds coffee hour fundraiser to benefit the Miracle League of Northampton County (MLNC) on Sunday **May 21, 2023** following the Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem PA 18017. The MLNC provides the children in our communities who cannot participate in a sport on a conventional field with a place to play baseball in easily accessible field environment.

In addition to baseball, the Miracle League of Northampton County provides other activities including swimming, Easter Egg hunts, Halloween Trunk or Treat, movie nights, and more.

One of our assembly members, Treasurer John Lahutsky, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the MLNC for the past 13 years.

Following the coffee hour on **May 21st**, a short meeting of R059 will be held.

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting and picnic will be held on **June 11, 2023** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn Ohio at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990. Side dishes and desserts are appreciated.

John Karkosiak
Secretary/Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

A meeting will be held on **October 14, 2023** at the Grandes at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-569-2181.

Lehrae Edwards
Treasurer



ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Please mark your calendars now so you **do not forget** about the following events.

Our assembly will be doing a Join Hands Day project on **May 13th** at the Butztown Post Office.

Come join Assembly L102 on **May 27th** for an afternoon at the Iron Pigs baseball game. Please call Sharon at 610-769-7006 if you would like to reserve a ticket.

Our assembly will also be doing a Matching Funds pig roast to benefit ALS.

On **June 19th**, L102 will do a matching funds golf tournament for Fellowship Manor.

Any questions about the above events, please call Sharon at 610-769-7006 or email: sharwes@ptd.net

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

As we start this beautiful month of May our assembly has no planned activities this month but it gives an opportunity to remind you of NSS's matching fund program. If you get involved in a fund raising activity like a run or a walk, hoagie sale for a charity e.g. food bank, church or one of many others the home office will match the amount you raise up to \$500. You must register your activity in advance and complete a form provided by the home office. If you want more details call me at 724-242-5085 or Pam Blum at the home office 721-731-0094.

The most precious person in each of our lives is our mother whether living or deceased remember her on May 14th Mother's Day with a prayer and a phone call or a visit. Mother's Day was started by Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia in 1907 as an occasion for honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. She was one of thirteen children and had no children of her own. On May of 1914 President Wilson signed a bill making Mother's Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

May 24 is the date in 1883 that the Brooklyn Bridge opened to traffic. There is a good book about the building of the bridge written by Pittsburgh historian David McCullough. The engineer who designed the wire rope suspension bridge was John A. Roebling. He did his early work in Saxonburg PA near Pittsburgh and he used his first designed of the new rope suspension bridge here in Pittsburgh.

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day when we honor the men and women who died while serving in the US military. Let us not forget! There have been so many.

Sunday, **June 25th** is the date of the play at Lincoln Park in Midland PA. Tickets for assembly members are only \$10 but we have limited tickets so give me a call or Jill Grover at 412-638-7060 to reserve seats. You need to pay in advance. Checks are to be made out to NSS Assembly 123.

Art contest deadline is May 31st. This year even adults can enter.

You may have read in last month magazine that Assembly 0731 is putting together a family camping weekend September 22-24 in Rogers Ohio. Our assembly will help subsidize the fee for any of our members who wish to attend.

For more details call Laurie Fox 330-717-4705.

William Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 0161 Pittsburgh, PA

Once again members of L-161 will be joining together with members of local Boy Scout troops as well as several local First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) branches to place flags in Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery. The several thousand flags are placed on the graves of veterans of all those who have served our country. The project takes several afternoons/early evenings to complete. Many volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Ondrejco 412 421-1204 or sue.ondrejco@gmail.com for more information.

An Assembly meeting will take place on Saturday, **June 3rd** at Jodie B's Restaurant, 2600 Ardmore Blvd in Forest Hills at 11:00 a.m. Lunch

will be served. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Secretary Ondrejco via phone 412-421-1204 or email sue.ondrejco@gmail.com by Friday, May 26th.

Have a safe Memorial Day Holiday!
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Sue Ondrejco
Secretary/Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

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! Below are all of the meetings for 2023. We look forward to a great year filled with fun and fraternalism.

Sunday, May 7th:

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

Sunday, June 25th:

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 29th:

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

Sunday, December 3rd:

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

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0588 Avella, PA

A meeting will be held on **September 18th** at Joe & Annette Stefka's, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting: **November 13th**. All meetings will be held at the Stefka's residence, Gibsonia, PA.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0617 Ashley, PA

Assembly 617 has tentatively set **August 17, 2023** for the annual Fraternal Day at Knoebels Park.

Assembly 617 members planning to attend Fraternal Day please contact John Kurilla 570-287-4163 - 570-239-5936 - or jjkurilla@aol.com

John Kurilla
President

ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Assembly 731 announced dates and plans for a few exciting events they have planned for this year. Follow **Assembly 731 "NSS Family & Friends"** Facebook group page for continued updates and details. www.facebook.com/groups/403723159708377. Log in or sign up to view. See posts, photos and more on Facebook.

This month we have our **Community Garage Sale for Charities - June 17, 2023** - Poland Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2985 Center Rd., Poland, OH, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Assembly 731 has made arrangements with the Church to use their parking lot for a community sale as a matching funds event. Space will be available for \$10 allowing people to sell their used items to raise money for their favorite charity. Money raised from the space rental will be a matching funds project to help fund an adult-size swing set for our local Township Park. Assembly members will also have spaces to sell their items. Our youth group will sell refreshments throughout the day.

Be sure to look on **Facebook** for next months event.

Laurie Fox
President



ASSEMBLY 0813 Englewood, FL

Kids Needs of Greater Englewood has partnered with Assembly 813 in a Matching Funds project for 2023, to help children in need. Kids Needs mission is to provide shoes, socks and other clothing for children who attend school in Englewood. Captain Rebecca deRosa, Co-chair, is working with Mary Jo Holker, NSS, to ensure the kids' success and self-image. The drive will run to **May 15th**. We hope to raise \$1000 or more. Proof of residency in Englewood is necessary.

A second project providing for our children is the "Backpacks for Kids" through the Jubilee Center at St. David's Episcopal Church. This program will be conducted **May 1st through July 15th** and we hope to raise more than \$1000. Laura Roy-Fink is the new coordinator for the Jubilee Center and she says, "I'll be learning as we go". Mary Jo Holker, NSS and other long time volunteers Julie and Diane have promised to help this run smoothly. The backpacks are distributed to those children who are food insecure when school is not in session.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary/Treasurer

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

A meeting of Region #2 will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2023** at Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Those who would like to attend please contact Lucy Piccoletti at 570-479-4116 or RSVP on our Facebook page at (NSS Life Region 2).

Marlin Petro Wesnak
President-Region 2



You're Invited...to the 100th Annual Slovak Day in Kennywood!

The 100th Slovak Day in Kennywood Park will be held on Thursday, **July 20th**. Through the generosity of the National Slovak Society, Region 5 of the National Slovak Society, The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the First Catholic Slovak Union the committee is able to offer substantial savings on tickets. The **EVENT DAY** ticket (ages 4 & up) price is \$25. This ticket can **ONLY** be used on **SLOVAK DAY**. The **FLEX DAY** ticket (age 4 & up) is priced at \$40 and may be used on Slovak Day OR any other day.

Region 5 Youth members (age 16 & under) are eligible for a **FREE FLEX** ticket.

In addition to the special ticket prices, special guests and events for the day are also being planned. More details and information will be available next month.

Assembly 0070 Matching Funds



NSS Assembly 0070 presented a Matching Funds check to Dr Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, Ohio for their fish fry.

L-R: Sarah Blaine, President NSS A-70; John Karkosiak, Treasurer NSS A-70; Garth Moore, DMLC Council President and DMLC Pastor Eric Markovich

What Is The True Meaning Of Memorial Day?

While Veteran's Day is considered a celebration of all American military veterans, living and dead, Memorial Day is designated to honor those who died in service to our country. "This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home," explains author Tamra Bolton. "It is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom." It is a day to pause and reflect upon the many service members who risked and ultimately lost their lives fighting on behalf of the United States, no matter when, where, or which military conflict was involved.

What is the proper way to celebrate Memorial Day? There are many ways you can commemorate Memorial Day. Because it is considered a day of national mourning, if you fly an American flag, it should be flown at half-staff until noon and then raised up for the remainder of the day. There is also a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time, where you are asked to pause for one minute of silence to remember our fallen.

The most appropriate message on Memorial Day is saying "thanks" in any way you can. Participate in events or speak volumes without saying a word by wearing the symbol of remembrance: the red poppy. Both the VFW and The American Legion have run their national poppy programs since the 1920s, and donations to their causes go to help fund veterans affairs all over the country. And it's completely acceptable to go on social media with Memorial Day quotes or patriotic quotes to express your thanks for those who served. Just remember this is a day about respect.

2022 Joseph Stefka Memorial Award Winner



The 2022 winner of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Golf Award, Floyd McKain, is pictured receiving the award from NSS President Joseph Stefka, Jr. Floyd, with a net score of 60 for the 18-hole tournament, is a two-time winner of the award. Floyd won his first Joseph Stefka Memorial Award in 2005 at the tournament held at

Culbertson Hills, G.C. The 2022 National Golf Tournament at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course marked the 28th year the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award was presented by the Stefka family. Since its inception in 1994, a total of 23 different golfers have won the award, with five golfers, Floyd McKain, Dave Blazek, Jim Morehart, Albert Suess, and Rick Zbin winning the award twice. There was no winner of the award in 2020 due to the cancellation of the tournament due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Competition for the 29th Anniversary Joseph Stefka Memorial Award will take place at the 2023 NSS National Golf Tournament held the weekend of July 14-16, 2023, at Kensington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio. In the history of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award there has never been a back-to-back winner. Please join us in Canfield, Ohio for a great weekend of fun, fraternalism, and golf.

Assembly 731 Members Attend Palm Weaving Class



NSS members drove from Ohio to attend WPSA Palm Weaving class taught by Larry Kozlowski at the Mount Lebanon Library on April 3, 2023. He did a fantastic job teaching them and explaining traditions. They found the entire class very interesting.

Who knew the Easter Bunny was a member of Assembly 123



Assembly 0123 President Bill Knoll with Easter Bunny



Easter Bunny aka Judy Landa of Assembly 0123

PITTSBURGH PIRATES



CLEVELAND GUARDIANS



PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA
Wednesday, July 19, 2023- 12:30 p.m.
\$20 NSS members - \$30 Non members



Limited number of tickets available from Assembly 731

Contact Laurie Fox for tickets before June 1, 2023 - 330-717-4705

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Here is my donation of:

\$ _____

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 March, 2023

In Memory of Mary Bush:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Jonathan Dawson:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Benjamin Faccini:	
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In Memory of James Gordon:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Karen Haskell:	
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In Memory of Carol Kisella:	
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In Memory of John Morell:	
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In Memory of Faye Pancurak:	
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In Memory of Charles Smith III:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Mary Sundy:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Elwood Weisman:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of our son and brother, Shaun Logan Crowley:	
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley	20.00
In Memory of Donald J. Kolecky, Jr.:	
From Many	100.00
In Memory of John A. Remark:	
From Thelma Remark & Monica Tompkins.....	50.00
Donations:	
From Assembly 0737	150.00

DEPARTED MEMBERS MARCH, 2023

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Allen, Michael B	Nipomo, CA	07/22/2022	0568
Auman, Phyllis	Houston, TX	02/18/2023	0774
Ayers, Beatrice	Williamsport, PA	01/20/2023	L040
Bacher, Penny	Cabot, PA	03/12/2023	0123
Balog, Mary	Bridgeville, PA	07/19/2021	0434
Batykefer, Pamela	Mars, PA	03/03/2023	0123
Bell, Beverly E	Oakmont, PA	03/14/2023	L105
Blosenski, Charles	Honeybrook, PA	02/14/2023	L102
Bodnar, Alexander	Pittsburgh, PA	02/26/2022	0441
Bonnell, Caroline	Bradenton, FL	03/14/2023	0813
Boord, Lorraine	Monessen, PA	03/13/2023	0377
Bozek, Loretta	Uniontown, PA	03/03/2023	0039
Brannon, Emma Mae	Mingo Junction, OH	03/12/2023	0774
Bretz, Raymond	Harbor Creek, PA	03/04/2023	R019
Brown, David	Beckley, WV	11/09/2022	0774
Brubaker, Norman	Cypress, CA	09/03/2022	0568
Brumagin, Mary J	Butler, PA	11/22/2022	0123
Buchanan, Frances	Hummelstown, PA	03/18/2023	L102
Buck, Norma	McDonald, PA	10/21/2022	0377
Bukovich, Alfred	Nanticoke, PA	02/17/2023	0617
Capuzzi, June	Greensburg, PA	02/23/2023	0737
Carlisle, Johanna	Corapolis, PA	12/12/2021	0123
Cassetta, Agnes	Jupiter, FL	10/19/2022	0800
Cerniga, Helen	Olyphant, PA	10/22/2022	L075
Chaney, Dale	Fairhope, PA	02/25/2023	0039
Cheripka, Andrew	Hershey, PA	02/02/2023	0774
Clark, Clara Jo	Greenup, IL	11/17/2022	0586
Coonahan, Timothy	Leesport, PA	02/25/2023	L102
Crissey, Dolores	Montclair, VA	02/10/2023	0774
Darby, Anne	Canonsburg, PA	01/30/2023	0434
Dascenzo, Amelia	Canonsburg, PA	03/17/2023	0434
Davis, Shirley	Johnstown, PA	02/26/2023	0737
Day, Peggy	Washington, PA	02/15/2023	0588
Diamond, David	Orwigsburg, PA	03/23/2023	L102
Dickinson, Donovan	Rural Valley, PA	03/17/2023	L105
Dinnen, Marjorie	Pittsburgh, PA	03/20/2023	0123
Dixey, Regina	Bensalem, PA	12/28/2022	L102
Dobos, James	Meadville, PA	02/27/2023	0554
Dunbar, Margaret	Cheboygan, MI	03/01/2023	0381
Ferri, John	Bethlehem, PA	02/09/2023	L102
Feyrer, Ernest	Claremont, CA	03/11/2023	0588
Flannigan, Dennis	Oakmont, PA	03/23/2023	L161
Fleshman, Barbara	Oceana, WV	11/25/2022	0774
Frank, Domenic	Rochester, PA	03/14/2023	0774
Frazier, Dolores	Belle Vernon, PA	03/04/2023	0377
Gifford, Edward	Evans City, PA	03/08/2023	0731
Gigone, Rodney	Meadville, PA	03/03/2023	0731
Ginn, Dan	Chillicothe, OH	12/10/2023	0595
Godor, Carol	N. Huntingdon, PA	02/05/2023	0737
Goedeker, Robert	Rochester, PA	03/28/2023	L161
Grady, Lou	Midland, NC	02/22/2023	0774
Gray, William E	Erie, PA	03/04/2023	0774
Green, Carolyn	Darlington, SC	03/02/2023	0774
Groff, Donald	Mohnton, PA	03/16/2023	L102
Grueser, Diane	Pittsburgh, PA	02/07/2023	0100
Harmon, Evelyn	Petoskey, MI	09/27/2022	0381
Hawk, Gene	Rositer, PA	01/27/2023	0554
Heath, Betty	Greenock, PA	01/19/2023	0737
Hepler, Philip	Corry, PA	02/26/2023	0774
Herbert, Thomas	Scott Township, PA	10/17/2022	L075
Hesson, Mabel	Scottdale, PA	03/09/2023	0039
Host, Lois	Grand Rapids, MI	02/04/2023	0381
Jamroz, Rose	Princeton, NJ	08/12/2019	L075
Joseph, Beckey L	Vienna, OH	03/17/2023	0731
Keefer, Norma	Kenna, WV	12/18/2022	0774
Kemm, Glenda	Greenville, PA	12/31/2022	0731

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Knezevich, Lavonne	Mount Airy, MD	02/14/2022	0434
Kocsis, George	Dunmore, PA	03/11/2023	L075
Kohout, Clara	Monongahela, PA	06/24/2022	0434
Kyle, Robert	Toms River, NJ	12/02/2022	0110
Lackey, Louis	Philadelphia, PA	02/12/2023	0774
Lahach, Raymond	Steubenville, OH	03/03/2023	0588
Lewis, Floyd	Stoneboro, PA	03/14/2023	0774
Lyons, Ruth	McKeesport, PA	11/08/2022	0737
Matthews, Darryl	Pittsburgh, PA	03/14/2023	L161
May, Daniel	Smithville, TN	03/30/2023	0774
Maziasz, Margit	Las Vegas, NV	07/22/2007	0381
McClung, William	Reedy, WV	01/16/2016	0774
McConnell, Gary	Cranesville, PA	06/23/2023	0004
McCormick, Elaine	Warrior Run, PA	03/11/2023	0617
McGriff, Celszie	Havana, FL	03/09/2023	0813
Medovich, John	Washington, PA	01/23/2023	0588
Miedel, Joseph	Youngstown, PA	02/19/2023	0737
Minnecki, Anthony R	Hazleton, PA	08/09/2022	0774
Murray Jr., Thomas	Myerstown, PA	03/03/2023	L102
Murtha Sr., Ronald J	Rochester, PA	02/01/2023	0123
Myers, Paul L	Vandergrift, PA	03/01/2023	L105
Obrien, Clara	Quincy, IL	02/11/2023	0586
Ollila, George	Follansbee, WV	12/26/2022	0108
Onacko, Katheleen	Nanticoke, PA	03/26/2023	0617
Ostrop, Mildred	Monroe, NC	02/07/2023	0288
Palombini Sr., Samuel M	Pittsburgh, PA	01/17/2023	L161
Peirce, Ida	Meadville, PA	03/08/2023	0774
Pemberton, Leslie	Monongahela, PA	02/24/2023	0377
Peterson, Paul	Pittsburgh, PA	02/24/2023	0100
Pleva, Karen	Duncansville, PA	03/18/2023	0267
Rebich, Michael	Chippewa, PA	02/19/2023	0123
Rendar, Maureen	Aliquippa, PA	03/06/2023	0123
Reno, Rita	Ellwood City, PA	02/04/2023	0123
Reynolds, Janice	Boyne Falls, MI	01/29/2023	0381
Riley, Harry	Uniontown, PA	01/15/2022	0039
Richer, Dominica	Glendale, WV	07/19/2022	0774
Rivera, Glendon	Hooversville, PA	03/10/2023	0039
Robson Sr., James E	Washington, PA	03/04/2023	0377
Rock, Edward	Martinsburg, PA	03/01/2023	0267
Roessler, Nancy	McDonald, PA	02/23/2023	0588
Roman, Olga	Stoystown, PA	03/20/2023	0039
Rosen, Sylvia	Brooklyn, NY	03/06/2023	0110
Sarran, Irene	North Charleroi, PA	03/07/2023	0377
Satterwhite, Johanne	Pottstown, PA	02/27/2023	R059
Saturday, Ruth	Morgantown, WV	10/15/2022	0774
Schneider, Freda	Chambersburg, PA	12/26/2022	L102
Segedi, Madaline	Ellsworth, PA	02/16/2023	0377
Seger, Gladys	Home, PA	02/27/2023	0554
Sleeth, Shirley	Bridgeport, WV	02/17/2023	0774
Sowers, Shirley	Middletown, PA	03/03/2023	L102
Spath, Cornelia	Merritt Island, FL	03/10/2023	L161
Speicher, Jeannette	Pittsburgh, PA	02/15/2023	0434
Stairs, Bernard	Hunker, PA	11/15/2022	0737
Stewart, Verlee	Metheny, NY	11/10/2023	0774
Stine, Shirley	Port Matilda, PA	03/21/2023	0267
Supina, Audrey	St Augustine, FL	03/09/2023	0595
Thomas, Elaine	Latrobe, PA	03/11/2023	0737
Thomas, Frank	Pittsburgh, PA	01/16/2023	L161
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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!!**

Slovak Heritage Programs

The WPSCA will present a **FREE** program on the first Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Mt. Lebanon, PA .

June 5, 2023 - "From Kosice to Kyiv: kinship and kindness amidst Kremlin's Killing" -

Father Jason Charro, pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, will tell us of his recent travel to Ukraine and how Slovakia has helped its neighbor.

No Programs During the Summer (July, August, and September)



I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!



Nádherný mesiac máj

Máj je obdobím kvetov, zelenej trávy a nádhery na kopcoch. Kvety rozkvitajú jeden po druhom a pridávajú svoje farebné odtiene ku kráse krajiny.

Krásu možno nájsť na každom kroku, pretože máj je naplnený rytmom jarných ciest.

Môžete cítiť teplo slnečného svetla, ktoré prináša nový život na polia a lúky. Môžete počúvať denné spevy vtákov.

Oslávte toto krásne obdobie roka. Čas preložil zimu do včerajška; zajtrašie leto urobí z mája len spomienku.

Modlitba za Mamu

Pane Ježišu, odovzdávam ti v modlitbe svoju pozemskú mamu, požehnaj ju všetkým nebeským duchovným požehnaním a daruj jej do srdca hlboký pokoj.

M

*Prosím ťa, daj, aby správne využívala **MOC**, ktorú si jej v našej rodine zveril. Nech si uvedomí vplyv, ktorý má jej konanie na celý zvyšok rodiny. Mama je tá, ktorá nás drží pokope; daj jej preto silu, aby to robila s odvahou a láskou.*

A

*Ukáž jej, že aj vďaka materstvu sa stave ženou. **AKÚ** si ju stvoril. Nedovoľ, aby okolitý svet so svojimi nikdy sa nekončiacimi požiadavkami narušil tvoj obraz v jej vnútri. Daruj jej slobodu a istotu vo všetkom, čo robí a každý deň ju nanovo posilňuj v úlohe, ktorú si jej zveril.*

M

*Pomôž jej stávať sa čoraz viac podobnou Panne **MARII**. Požehnaj moju mamu múdrosťou, pokorou, rozvahou, obetavosťou a ostatnými vlastnosťami, ktoré mala tvoja mama v plnosti. Daj, nech po vzore Panny Márie plní Božiu vôľu a zachováva tvoje slová vo svojom srdci.*

A

*Pane, prosím ťa, daruj mojej mame obrovský **APLAUZ** vo večnosti. Jej práca je tu na zemi tak málo oceňovaná a mnohokrát dokonca zosmiešňovaná. Uisti ju, že tvoje meradlo úspechu je iné a vynahrad' jej v nebi všetky slzy, bolesti a trápenia, ktoré ako mama prežívala.*

P.S. A ešte niečo, Pane. Postaraj sa o moju mamu po všetky dni jej života a nakoniec ju prived' do svojho nebeského kráľovstva. O to ťa prosím v tvojom mene.
Amen.

Autorka: Martina Bednarikova



Svätec z vinogradov



V mnohých vinohradoch na Slovensku stoja osamelé sochy svätého Urbana. O dňoch okolo jeho sviatku (25. mája) pozorovali vinohradníci oblohu v presvedčení, že:

- ◆ Urban krásny vyjasnený-hojným vínom nás odmení.
- ◆ Ak je pekný čas na Urbana, bude oberačka hrozien požehnaná.
- ◆ Keď sa na Urbana slnko smeje, hroznová úroda môže byť slabšia.
- ◆ Sladke hrozno dobré víno.

Tie najlepšie a najkrajšie veci na svete nie je možné vidieť ani sa ich dotknúť. Treba ich cítiť srdcom.. --Helen Keller

Keď dedo povie vnukom , že lístok s heslom na WIFI stratil niekde na záhrade ... 😊😊😊



...when the Grandfather tells his grandchildren that he lost the note with the WIFI password somewhere in the garden.



Youth Circle Page

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New Member - Jacob Miller



Posing with his new NSS Mascot is C-0774 newest member **Jacob Miller**.

Hugging Jacob is his Aunt Lindsey, who purchased a Single Pay Life policy for him. What a great gift!

Congratulations Jacob, you are now a member of the NSS Youth Circle.

May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

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

Age Groups:

 - Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
 - Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
 - Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
 - Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16*
 - Warhol - Adults (17+)
- Prizes awarded in each age group shall be as follows:
 - First Place\$50.00
 - Second Place\$25.00
 - Third Place\$15.00
- All youth (5-16) entrants will receive a NSS Life t-shirt.

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

Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st.

Either mail or deliver artwork to: NSS Life
c/o Fraternal Department
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

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

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

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

Pittsburgh Slovaks

The Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks will be accepting new members. If your children or grandchildren age 6 and up like to sing and dance it is a perfect opportunity for them not only to learn about their heritage but to gain self-confidence, and make long lasting friendships. There is no tuition or 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.

Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble Greater Cleveland Area

"Are you in the Greater Cleveland area and interested in learning Slovak folk dance? Lúcina Slovak folk ensemble is looking for new members. There is no cost to join and you do not need to have any prior experience. I am a member of NSS Assembly 70 and also a part of the Slovak folk dance group in Cleveland, Lúcina. Since the covid outbreak closed a lot of things down for everyone, we have been short on members and unable to get enough people to perform at events.

For more information, visit www.lucina.org or contact Tom Ivanec at tivanec@aol.com"

Katie Karkosiak

*Don't forget Mom on Mother's Day
May 14th*

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