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

### RECOMMENDER FORM

As a proud member of NSS Life, now is the best time to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward (\$25 or \$10 for a youth term product) for recommending each person we issue a policy.

#### Recommender Information:

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## Do you need a Change of Address?

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please use this form to register your change of address for the *National News* and mail to the Home Office. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. *Thank you.*

#### Change of Address Information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Activities At A Glance

### REGION 2

#### Assemblies L075, 0617

May 9	Region 2, Grotto Pizza, 337 Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre, Pa at 2:00 pm
May 10	Assembly L075, Join Hands Day, KOC Hall in Pittston, PA at Noon
May 17	Assembly L075, Old Forge Softball Golf Tournament (TBA)
August 2	Assembly L075, Summer Picnic, Mercatili Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
August 13	Assembly 0617, Fraternal Day, Knoebels at 12:30 pm
September 21	Assembly L075 Montage Ski Patrol Golf Tournament
October 10	Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
October 26	Assembly L075, Join Hands Day, CEO Weinburg Food Bank, Pittston, PA at 9:00 am

### REGION 5

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

May 15-16	Annual Joint Bowling Tournament, Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, Washington, PA
June 7	Assembly 0039, Meeting/BBQ, Columbia Association Picnic Pavilion at 1:00pm
June 7	Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardson Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
June 12-13	Board of Directors Spring Meeting, Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH
<b>June 14-18</b>	<b>NSS 39th Quadrennial Convention, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, OH</b>
July 16	Region 5, NSS Slovak Day at Kennywood Amusement Park, West Mifflin, PA
July 17-19	NSS National Golf Tournament, Kensington Golf Course, Canfield, OH
July 31	Assembly 0731, Mahoning Valley Scrappers game, Eastwood Field in Niles
August 7	Region 5, Pirates Night at PNC Park vs New York Mets, Pittsburgh, PA at 6:40 pm
September 13	Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Gourmet, McMurray, PA at 3:00 pm
September 14	Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:00 pm
September 26	Septemberfest, NSS Heritage Museum, McMurray, PA
November 9	Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:00 pm
November 28	Christmas Around the World, NSS Heritage Museum, McMurray, PA
December 5	Assembly 0039, Columbia Association Social Hall starting at 2:00 pm.
December 6	Assembly 0377, Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm
December 13	Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park's Elton Beard Cabin at 3:00 pm

### REGION 8

#### Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

May 9	Assembly 0432, Scotch Doubles Bowling, Lakewood, OH
June 28	Assembly 0070, Summer Picnic, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 11:30 am
October 4	Assembly 0432, Red Wagon Outing, Red Wagon Farm (TBA)
October 20	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel Residence, North Olmsted, OH at 7:00
December 8	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Arturo's Restaurant, North Olmsted, OH at 7:00
December 8,	Assembly 0432, Holiday Party, Arturo's Restaurant ( After meeting)
January 17, 2027	Assembly 0432, Tobogganing (TBA)

### REGION 14

#### Assemblies R059, L102

No Activities

### AT LARGE

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

May 17	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
July 11	Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Fraternal Activity Fund
August 30	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
October 25	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm

## The President's Page...

**Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO**  
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The month of May brings us several holidays. Mother's Day is celebrated on May 10th, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on May 16th, and Memorial Day is observed on May 25th.

Mother's Day is a special day when we recognize our Mothers for all they have done to make our lives better. Mothers are often referred to as the rock of the family or the glue that holds the family together. Their actions and words helped each of us develop as we were growing up. Through our mothers' love, support, and teaching, we become the people we are today! Mothers make sacrifices daily to provide for and help their children grow and learn. Take time to reflect on how your Mother has influenced your life. On this Mother's Day, thank your Mother for all that she has done to make your life special! Thank you, Mom!

Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor the brave service members and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that our Nation has the freedoms we all enjoy. Please pause on May 25th to remember and give thanks to all who have died serving our country. The NSS Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26th.

## Board Meeting Update

The Winter Board Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the Home Office. The Directors were provided with written reports from all NSS Department Managers. Reports were presented to the Board by Member and Community Engagement Director Bethany Bonnar, Sales Director Greg Felton, Asset Manager Larry White of AQS Asset Management, CPA Cara Colavita of H2RC-PA, and Legal Advisor P. Ronald Cooper. The Board approved investments and mortgages through December 31, 2025, revised

the Insurance and Annuity Policy, approved items related to the Convention, appointed a Convention Chair, declared dividends for 2026, and approved keeping interest rates the same on annuities for the second quarter.

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, **June 12 – 13, 2026**, at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, prior to the start of the 39th Quadrennial Convention. Any items to be considered by the Board of Directors should be submitted to NSS Secretary-Treasurer/CFO John Payerchin by Friday, May 29th.

## Pre-Convention Region Visit

The NSS Executive Officers and Member and Community Engagement Director Bethany Bonnar will visit Region #2 on Saturday, May 9th, to provide a presentation with relevant updates regarding our Society's status and the 39th Quadrennial Convention. The meeting will take place at the Grotto Pizza located at 337 Wyoming Valley Mall Rd, Wilkes-Barre Township, PA 18702, at 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting with the Officers and Convention Delegates from the Assemblies in Region 2!

## National Golf Tournament

The 60th Annual NSS National Golf Tournament will be held **July 17 – 19, 2026**, at the beautiful Kennsington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio. Final plans are being completed for a fun weekend of golf, fraternalism, and activities for non-golfers. Lodging for the tournament will be at the Courtyard by Marriott located adjacent to the course. Hospitality Night will be held in the Golf Simulator Lounge, with the qualifying round for the annual putting contest held at the practice green. On Saturday, golfers will compete in the individual handicap event; on Sunday, they will compete in the scramble event. Saturday's Golf Banquet will be held at Drake's Landing Banquet Center, located just four miles/eight minutes from the hotel. The Board of Directors has again extended an incentive to increase attendance among golfers and non-golfers over the weekend. The entry form, tournament rules, and tournament details appear elsewhere in this edition. Hope to see you in Canfield for a great weekend at Kennsington Golf Club in July!

## News of Narodniars

Happy May Birthday wishes to our retired NSS Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Linda Strom, to Home Office staff members Pam Blum, Desiree Hoosac, Maureen Schantz, and NSS Regional Manager Jeff Wilson; to our Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, Patty Graham, Kayla Whitlach, 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 to everyone celebrating a wedding anniversary in May! Enjoy your special day!

We at the National Slovak Society were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Floyd McKain, Jr. Floyd participated in our National Golf Tournament for over 25 years and other fraternal events. Floyd also represented a vendor that provided the promotional items that the NSS distributed at events and meetings for over twenty years. Floyd was an individual who truly brightened the room with his smile and his laugh. He won the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award twice, in 2005 and 2022. Floyd will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to Floyd's wife, Carol, and his entire family. May God grant the McKain family Peace at this most difficult time. Rest in peace, my friend.

## Board of Directors Presidential Search

The Board of Directors of NSS Life has partnered with The Jacobson Group to assist in the search for our next President/CEO. Jacobson is the insurance industry's leading executive search and staffing firm and offers more than 50 years of proven experience. The search will be led by Managing Director Jack Walsh and his team. If you are interested or if you know someone interested in applying for the President/CEO of NSS Life, please reach out to Jack directly at (312) 884-0489 or [jwalsh@jacobsongroup.com](mailto:jwalsh@jacobsongroup.com). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,  
**Bob Katricak**

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## Secretary/Treasurer's Page NSS 39th Quadrennial Convention

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For those of you traveling to the Convention next month. We are excited to welcome you and spend a few days of important meetings, seeing old friends, making new ones, and enjoying the fraternal spirit that makes NSS such an amazing society. Bethany and Jamie have been working extremely hard planning and coordinating everything from meal choices to fraternal activities, to transportation, to a host of other things that consist of way too many to mention. I am so grateful for their dedication and proactive approach to this endeavor. It truly is a massive amount of work. Despite this being the first Convention for both, they have not hesitated to bring new ideas, complete tasks, and keep us all on track.

Should anyone attending the Convention need anything or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bethany, Jamie, or me so we can help. Safe travels to you all.

### PVR Scholarship Fund

We continue to work towards our goal of \$2 million dollars in the PVR Scholarship Fund. PVR President - Theresa Zemelman, VP - Keith Kucherawy, Bethany Bonnar, and I have been working to try to hit that goal prior to or at the Convention. Theresa has done an outstanding job of leading the charge and we are so close! If you would like to contribute to our efforts, please send a check to the Home Office or use the all-new QR code on the PVR page. By using your cell phone camera, you can scan this QR code and it takes you directly to our dedicated and secure donation portal to donate directly from your phone!

### In Memory of Floyd McKain



At the end of March, one of my favorite people on the planet passed away suddenly. Floyd McKain may have started out as an NSS vendor, but he quickly became family to many of us. Over the many rounds of golf we played together, meals we shared, and just time spent, he made me smile so much, my face would hurt by the end. His kindness, vibrancy, laughter, and wittiness made him truly an amazing friend. Almost all the NSS merchandise we have given away the nearly past 2 decades was due in part to Floyd. To his wife Carol, their children, grandchildren, family, his work family at HDS, and friends, may God grant you comfort and peace knowing Floyd is in Heaven playing golf and entertaining anyone and everyone who is within earshot. Rest well my friend.

May all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer! Making memories, traveling, spending time with family and friends. Thank you all for being a part of the NSS Family. I am looking forward to seeing those of you coming to the Convention next month!

### The Unofficial Start of SUMMER is Here!

As May starts, the NSS Calendar looks busy again this summer. The Convention kicks off in less than a month! Delegates have been elected, Registration Forms have been sent, hotel preparations are underway, and visits to each region conclude this month. We are looking forward to an amazing convention in June!

### From a Financial Perspective

The 1st quarter numbers will be concluded after the writing of this article. A recap and analysis will appear in the June edition. The world markets and geopolitical landscape continue to be volatile. Wars, trade agreements, tariffs, politics, Fed rates, and other factors continue to perpetuate the 'roller-coaster' ride. NSS is continually meeting with our advisors to assess and plan based on the most current information. This proactive approach allows us to provide the growth, safety, and security our members and agents expect.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Our next Board of Directors meeting occurs in the days leading up to the start of the Convention at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH. Many important items are on the agenda in addition to the Convention such as annuity rates, board committee meetings, and strategic planning.

### Candidates for the Board of Directors 39th Quadrennial Convention

The following list of eleven delegates have submitted a biography for their candidacy for the Board of Directors each of whom it has been determined meet the eligibility requirements to serve as a Director if elected. The biographies will be placed on the website of the National Slovak Society, will be mailed to all delegates to the 39th Quadrennial Convention with their Convention information packet, and will be contained in the June issue of the *National News*.

- Ashley Bernardo • Michael Czarney • Lauren Fox • Andrea Garbon
- Abigail Gross • Todd Hill • Robert Katricak • Susan Ondrejco
- Karen Orban • Andrew Wesnak • Theresa Zemelman

# Current Interest Rates

★ Effective February 1, 2026 ★

**Optimum 3 - 4.00%**

**New Preferred 5 - 6.00%\*** (For First Year Only)

**New Preferred 8 - 7.00%\*** (For First Year Only)

**Existing Preferred 5 - 3.75%** • **Existing Preferred 8 - 4.00%**  
(Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4.00%, these plans are no longer available.)

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

## Did you know...

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

### Gen Z adults turn to social media first for financial information

**84%** say they use social media to get information and recommendations on financial products like life insurance.

Most prominently, Gen Z adults turn to YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram.



**87%** of Gen Z listen to at least one podcast a month focusing on financial matters or insurance planning.

Gen Z adults look to the experts on social media: **46%** follow financial advisors and **33%** follow insurance companies, but influencers do have sway — **32%** follow financial influencers.

### What are they looking for?

**60%**

Reliable information

Other people's reviews/comments

**54%**

**53%**

Connection with financial professional

Recommendations from family

**48%**

**48%**

Recommendations from experts/influencers

# From the Sales Department...

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## The DIME Method

The question of how much life insurance I should have often comes up. There are several good methods providing an analysis into your financial situation. One simple approach is the **DIME** method. Each letter stands for a functional area that should be addressed. (D)ebt, (I)ncome replacement, (M)ortgage and (E)ducation. The first one, debt, would be all outstanding loans, auto loans, credit cards, etc. Any reasonable person would want these paid off in the event of their demise. Next, is income replacement. If your household needs \$3,000, or \$5,000 per month then some amount of insurance should be allocated to fulfill this obligation. Next, the mortgage balance should be included. Your family is going to have to live somewhere so make it simple for them to remain in their house. And finally, an education fund. Your children may get scholarships or aid but if money is set aside solely for this purpose then they will get education they deserve and the one you would have provided had you been here. Using this simple method, a person can produce a ball park figure of needed life insurance. For example if the number comes out to \$500,000 of life insurance but you only have \$50

a month to spend, then term insurance is the short solution. We can design a plan to fit any budget. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

## Trump Accounts

The latest tax bill included the Trump accounts. The pilot program deposits a \$1,000 into any children's account if they were born between 1/1/25 and 12/31/28, and they must be U.S. citizens with a valid social security number. The money will be taxed at withdrawal. No withdrawals prior to age 18. It looks like withdrawals will follow the IRA model. Up to \$5,000 may be contributed to these accounts each year. Some record keeping is necessary since there is no tax on contributions over the years but the growth is taxed. To set up an account a parent should complete form 4547 when they file their taxes. Money will be invested in a low cost index fund. Every parent should open an account since it is a free \$1,000 plus the potential growth.

## Bank Rate

Recently, we had someone come into the office to see if they could get a better rate. They said they were getting 1.0% at their bank. Looking at the statement, they were actually getting 0.10 on their account. As you know that is 1/10 of 1%. Not to pick on banks because they provide a valuable service to their communities in which they are located. They provide savings, loans, instant access, and more. However, the interest they pay on checking accounts and savings accounts is abysmal. The rate on money markets is low too. Only a CD may get you a respectable rate? A recent check of local banks that had a one year CD showed an averaging rate 2.4%. The point is that banks are sitting on more than \$100 billion and paying little interest. They do not have any incentive to see that you (the consumer) makes more money. They are worried about the bank making more money! What is the solution? Move some of that money from low interest accounts and put the money with NSS Life. We have several different options to help you earn as much as 7.0% in the first year. Call us for more details. After all, it is your money.


## What prevents people from owning life insurance?

The two primary explanations that Americans give for not owning life insurance are that they **think it is too expensive**, and they have **other financial priorities**.

Those financial priorities include paying living expenses, building savings, managing debt, and/or saving for retirement.

**Almost a quarter of Americans** say they haven't purchased life insurance because they don't know how much they need or what type to buy.

Just **29%** of consumers believe they are knowledgeable about life insurance.

One in 10 Americans believe they  would not qualify for insurance.

**Nearly a quarter of Gen Z** adults (23%) say that they don't buy life insurance because they haven't been approached by a life insurance agent.

## Reaching consumers

**Sixty-two percent** of Americans say they use social media when seeking information on financial or insurance products.

Younger generations rely on social media more to get their financial knowledge. **Eighty percent** of Gen Z and Millennial consumers say they consult social media to learn about financial concepts and products.

Financial professionals provide welcome support to people shopping for life insurance. **Forty percent** of consumers say they would engage a financial professional early on in the process — when initially thinking about life insurance or before they had determined what to buy or how much.

A majority of consumers (**52%**) say they are somewhat or very likely to buy a policy issued by using accelerated underwriting.

**Seventy percent** of consumers either have or are looking for a financial professional to help them with their finances.

A **meaningful** gift that won't break the bank ...

**life insurance**



## Thought For The Month:

*People do not decide their futures; they decide their habits, and their habits decide their future.*

*Dean Bockhari  
author and performance coach*

## The Community Corner

**Bethany Bonnar,**  
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With a packed schedule of events, it is the perfect time to get involved with NSS Life! From our National Golf Tournament to the May Art Contest, and even Region 5 Night at PNC Park, we have activities and events perfect for the whole family! See below for more information on all the fun we have in store!

### 39th Quadrennial Convention

The 39th Quadrennial Convention is almost upon us! We cannot wait to come together at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH to join in fraternal fellowship and fun! Even if you are not planning on attending the convention, you can still support the charitable initiatives of the convention! NSS Life is collecting donations for the Alzheimer's Association, which is a national organization that provides support to the education, research, and patient care of Alzheimer's. To donate, make checks payable to NSS Life and include "Alzheimer's Association" in the Memo Line. All donations will be combined into one large donation made from NSS Life to the Alzheimer's Association and will be presented at the convention!



Additionally, our youth members of NSS Life will be putting together care packages for Cancer patients of local organization "Cancer Services." We are

asking members like you to help us complete these packages through monetary donations to purchase items for the care packages! If you are interested in donating, checks can be made payable to "NSS Life" and must include "Cancer Care Kits" in the memo line. Whether you're able to be with us at the convention or sending your support from afar, we deeply appreciate everyone's generosity and compassion!

### 2026 NSS National Golf Tournament

Warmer weather means that we are getting closer to the Annual NSS Life Golf Tournament! The 2026 National Golf Tournament will be held at the Kensington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio on July 17-19th. Join us on Friday night for Hospitality Night in the Kensington Golf Simulator Lounge! Enjoy dinner, practice your swing on the simulator, and compete in the Putting Contest. Saturday and Sunday will be spent on the golf course where our golfers will enjoy 18 holes each day and the chance to take home the top prizes! On Saturday night we will continue the tradition of the Tournament Banquet at nearby event facility, Drake's Landing! If this sounds like your perfect weekend, then make sure to sign up now! See later on in the edition for a complete list of Tournament Rules and the entry form!

### PVR Scholarship Renewal

**Parents, if your child is a current PVR Scholarship recipient, they must renew their scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year to receive their next scholarship installment.** To renew, they must submit a copy of their most recent transcripts to the NSS Life Home Office. Transcripts do not have to be official copies – unofficial is perfectly acceptable! Hard copies may be mailed to our office at 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Digital copies can be emailed to [bbonnar@nsslife.org](mailto:bbonnar@nsslife.org). The deadline for scholarship renewal is **July 15th**.

### Art Contest

Now is the time to show off your artistic skills and enter the NSS Life Art Contest! Whether you prefer crayons, paints, or glitter (my favorite!) grab your art supplies and create a unique masterpiece for the chance to win cash prizes! The winning works will also be shared with the entire NSS Life community in a future edition of the *National News* and on our NSS Life Social Media accounts! All entries are due by May 31, 2026. Artwork can be mailed to the NSS Life Home Office at 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 or dropped off at the Home Office in person during office hours (Mondays-Thursdays 7:30am-4:00pm Fridays 7:30-12:30). See later on in this edition for a complete list of contest rules!

### Region 5 Pirates Night

Summer time is the perfect time to enjoy a baseball game here in Pittsburgh! Alongside the views of PNC Park, delicious stadium food, and cheering on our Buccos, the only thing that could make it better is by sharing the experience with your fellow NSS Life members! Region 5 Night at PNC Park is back for 2026! Join us on Friday, August 7th vs the Mets at PNC Park at 6:40 PM. Stay in your seats after the game for a spectacular fireworks show! To reserve your tickets (\$25.00 each), call Member and Community Engagement Associate Jamie Belding at 412-770-2153 or email at [jbelding@nsslife.org](mailto:jbelding@nsslife.org).

### Social Media

Want to see the winners of the Art Contest early? Make sure to give us a follow on social media for an early exclusive peek at the winning entries! Give us a follow on Instagram (@NationalSlovakSociety), Facebook (@NSS Life) and LinkedIn (@NSS Life) to make sure you never miss a thing!

# Join us!

- **Larger Prize Payouts**
- **\$25 Discount (Members) each day you golf!**  
**\$15 Discount (Guests)**
- **Putting contest, Skill prizes, & Skins (Optional)**
- **1st day Tournament play – 2nd day Scramble**
- **Guests welcome**
- **All proceeds benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund**
- **Don't Golf? Outside excursions will be available! Stay tuned for more info.**

**For a Tee-Riffic time!**  
**July 17-19, 2026**  
**60th Annual**  
**NSS Golf Tournament**  
**Kennington Golf Club**  
**Canfield, OH**



## 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 (U.S.G.A.) 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.
  - F. Junior Golfers will use the NSS version of the Callaway Scoring System. Forward tees will be used.
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)	

\*Flights 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 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 25, 2026**

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

# National Slovak Society 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

July 17-19, 2026

Hospitality Night: Friday 6:00-9:00 pm  
Kennsington Golf Simulator Lounge

**Kennsington Golf Club**  
4171 Westford Place  
Canfield, OH 44406  
330-533-8733

Friday Practice Tee times Available at 12:00 pm.  
You must call the pro shop and schedule yourself.  
Practice rounds not included in tournament fees.

Courtyard by Marriott Youngstown Canfield  
4173 Westford Place  
Canfield, OH 4406  
330-533-6880

Mention "NSS Life Golf Outing" to receive the discounted rate

Room Rates: \$159.00 + tax per night

**Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 17, 2026**

Name	Address	Phone	Email	Assembly	Saturday Golf	Sunday Golf	Skins	Par 3	Friday Hospitality	Saturday Banquet

## NSS Golfers

\_\_\_ Saturday Only - \$50.00  
\_\_\_ Saturday & Sunday Scramble \$100.00  
\_\_\_ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00  
\_\_\_ Par 3 Challenge - \$10.00  
\_\_\_ Senior Flight Men 65+

## Guest Golfers

\_\_\_ Saturday Only - \$60.00  
\_\_\_ Saturday & Sunday (Scramble) \$120.00  
\_\_\_ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00  
\_\_\_ Par 3 Challenge - \$10.00  
\_\_\_ Senior Flight Men 65+

## Non-Golfer Guests

Please choose ALL that apply and indicate the number Attending  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adult Friday Hospitality Night Attendees  
\_\_\_ Youth Friday Hospitality Night Attendees  
\_\_\_ Adult Saturday Banquet Attendees  
\_\_\_ Youth Saturday Banquet Attendees

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

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

Attn: Bethany Bonnar - 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor @ \$100.00 per hole

Name for Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

# Due June 26, 2026

## ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Attention assembly members! Because of the XXXIX NSS Convention, we had to change the date of our Second Quarter June Meeting to the FIRST SUNDAY in **June, the 7th**. This meeting is our Annual Summer BBQ, starting at 1:00 p.m.

As usual, we will be meeting at the Columbia Association picnic pavilion. The highlight of this meeting is remembering "Old Glory," our national flag. All attendees will receive an American flag to take home.

**IMPORTANT:** There will also be a pre-convention meeting for all delegates attending the upcoming convention.

Our Convention Goal: \$2 Million Dollars for the PVR Scholarship Fund. The NSS is encouraging members and friends to donate \$60.00 (in recognition of the PVR Fund's 60th anniversary) before the convention.

Our deepest sympathies go out to these assembly members who have recently died and are now in the loving arms of Jesus Christ: Miles K. Costello, Dolores Monahan, David W. Ottinger, and George B. Rowe.

Assembly members are reminded that this year's May Art Contest is open to ALL ages! Rules are in the "National News." The deadline is May 31st. Parents and grandparents are asked to encourage their young ones to enter.

Mark your calendars: Annual Christmas Party, Saturday, **December 5th** at the Columbia Association Social Hall starting at 2:00 pm.

I plan to see you at the Summer Bar-B-Q on Sunday, **June 7th**, starting at 1:00 p.m. Bring along another family member or friend. A blessed Spring,

**Paul Payerchin**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

Please note that we will be having our assembly 70 picnic on **June 28, 2026** starting at 11:30 am. The picnic and meeting will be held at Dr Martin Luther Church @ 4470 Ridge Rd, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. All are welcome. Fried chicken will be served as the main course. Donations of sides and deserts are welcomed. Please RSVP to John Karkosiak @ 216-741-6990 by June 21 to inform if you will be attending.

**John Karkosiak**  
Secretary/Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Our assembly conducted a matching funds for the Moosic Red Wings girls' softball League Night at the Races on January 31 and sponsored a basket and the Excelsior Hose Company Duryea Annual Night at the Races on March 28 where we sponsored a race and donated a basket.



Our assembly will sponsor a Host for a Day at the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen on **May 14, 2026** and attend the annual dinner on **April 29, 2026** at Fiorelli's for a matching fund raiser by donating a basket.

The Notariani Blue Devil Golf Tournament is set for Matching funds for **May 16, 2026** at Blue Ridge Trail and we will send a crew, sponsor a hole and send a basket. We will attend the Move with Moosic R2 sponsored race on June 7 at 9 am.

We will attend the Region 2 meetings on **May 9, 2026 and Aug 15, 2026** at Grottos in WB.

Any L075 High School Graduate member wishing to apply for the Margaret Pilosi Scholarship for \$500. Is asked to contact Lehrae Edwards at

**570-569-2181**. Requirements must be received by July 1 for August presentation.

Fraternal summer picnic date is set for **August 2, 2026**, at the Mercateli-Segilia Park Birney Ave Moosic at 1 pm where we will be celebrating several members who will be turning 70. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and a basket for the raffle.

**October 10, 2026** meeting at 1 pm at Grandes Restaurant for nomination & election of officers.

**October 24, 2026** we will conduct our Join Hands Day at the CEO Weinburg food bank 185 Research Drive Pittston Pa at 9 am to conduct matching funds & present a check then package Thanksgiving boxes. Thank you.

**Lehrae Edwards**  
Secretary/Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

**May 23rd** - Annual Iron Pigs baseball outing at 6:30 p.m.

**June 15th** - Matching funds for the Fellowship Manor golf outing.

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

NSS Assembly 123 hosted a Bingo event on April 1st at the VA Hospital, H.J. Heinz Campus. Thank you to all members who attended. The veteran patients always enjoy and appreciate your time and support.

Please take note of these upcoming dates. For information and sign-ups, contact [nss123@email.com](mailto:nss123@email.com) or call 412-638-2754 or 412-638-7060.

- **May 2, 5:00 p.m.** – American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 Murder Mystery Dinner at the Findlay Township Activity Center, 310 Main St, Imperial, PA 15126. An NSS Matching Funds Raffle will be featured. Cost: \$30 for Assembly members, \$45 for others.
- **May 31** – Deadline to submit Art Contest entries.
- **June 14–18** – NSS Convention at Sawmill Creek Resort by Cedar Point.
- **July 15** – Deadline to submit transcripts to renew PVR Scholarship

Grants.

- **July 16** – NSS Slovak Day at Kennywood. Members age 16 and under are free. Other members can purchase subsidized tickets. Watch for details.
- **August 7** – Baseball game at PNC Park. Tickets will be subsidized by Region 5 and Assembly 123. Watch for details.
- **September 26** – Septemberfest at the NSS Heritage Museum in McMurray (the old home office).
- **November 28** – Christmas Around the World at the NSS Heritage Museum.

Please also start thinking of ideas for our end-of-year activities, including the Christmas Party, Assembly elections, and other celebrations.

**Lyle Grover**  
President



**Assembly 123 members volunteering at the VA for Easter Bingo**



**Assembly 123 members volunteering at Global Links.**

## ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Mark your calendars for our meetings in 2026.

**June 7** - Picnic/meeting at Richardsons Park, Bentleyville, Pa. at 3:00 p.m. We will have our Slovak food and please bring a donation of a canned good for the local food pantry.

**September 13** - Meeting at Sesame Gourmet, 2975 Washington

Road, McMurray, Pa. at 3:00 p.m.

**December 6** - Annual Christmas party at Hugo's Restaurant, National Pike, Brownsville, Pa. at 3:00 p.m.

As always, please RSVP to me at 724-207-3171 a week ahead so I can confirm attendance.

**Suzanne Skrypak**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for the meetings schedule and upcoming activities.

### 432 Meetings Schedule:

**October 20, 2026** – 7:00 PM

Pytel Residence, North Olmsted

**December 8, 2026** – 7:00 PM

Arturo's Restaurant, North Olmsted

### Upcoming Activities:

**May 9, 2026** – 6:00 PM

Scotch Doubles Bowling  
Mahall's 20 Lanes – Lakewood, OH

**October 4, 2026** – 1:00 PM

Red Wagon outing – lots of fun for the kids at Red Wagon Farm

**December 8, 2026** – 7:30 PM

Holiday Party at Arturo's Restaurant (Immediately following the 7:00 PM meeting.)

**RSVP is required at least one (1) week in advance so we can plan accordingly.**

Please contact one of the following:

Dave Pytel – 440-759-4558

Terri Hudak – 440-714-8902

Bill Shuttleworth – 440-465-6024

**Chris Pytel**  
Publicist and Social Media

## ASSEMBLY 0588 Avella, PA

The following meetings will be held at the Stefka residence, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania on the following dates and times:

**September 14, 2026** - Monday - 5:00 p.m.

**November 9, 2026** - Monday - 5:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend the meetings and become active Assembly 588 members. Please contact Annette at 724-407-3591 if you are planning on attending a meeting.

**Annette Stefka**  
Recording Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Assembly 731 members are looking forward to another year filled with opportunities to gather, participate, and share in fraternal fellowship.

### Upcoming Events

- May 15–16: Assembly 731 will be represented at the National Bowling Tournament with both a men's team and a women's team.
- June 14–18: Nine delegates and their families will travel to Huron, Ohio, for the 39th Quadrennial Convention.
- July 17–19: Golf teams are forming for the National Golf Tournament at Kensington Golf Course in Canfield.
- July 31: Members are invited to enjoy a Mahoning Valley Scrappers game and picnic at Eastwood Field in Niles.
- August: A summer picnic with an outdoor movie night is being planned for a warm August evening.
- September 2–7: Members can join in a fun Scavenger Hunt at the Canfield Fair.
- October 11: Our annual Halloween Hayride will take place at Country-side Farm.
- November: A business meeting will include a craft session to create Christmas ornaments for the NSS contest.
- December 13: Our Christmas Party will be held in the Beard Cabin at Boardman Park.

Members are encouraged to follow our assembly Facebook page, NSS Family and Friends, for updates on contests, events, and activities. Don't forget to follow the registration instructions provided for each event.

Please participate in the NSS contests announced in the monthly News Magazine—they're a great way to stay involved, showcase your talents, and even have an opportunity to win some cash.

**Lauren Fox**  
President

*Armed Forces Day*  
*May 10, 2026*



Assembly 617 recently organized several activities. They held an Easter social at the Pierce St Deli, where members enjoyed lunch and exchanged Easter gifts. The assembly also took the opportunity to discuss upcoming projects, such as matching funds activities, trail cleanup, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Fraternal Day, Holy Family Food Pantry, and the NSS Convention.

In March, the assembly presented a donation to Victims Resource Center, Wilkes-Barre Township. They would like to express their gratitude to Marge Gushka for her contributions to this project.

The assembly would like to remind members that Fraternal Day will be held on **August 13, 2026**, at Knoebels Park, starting at 12:30 p.m.

For information on Assembly 617 projects, please contact John Kurilla at 570-239-5936, 570-287-4163, or [jjkurilla@aol.com](mailto:jjkurilla@aol.com).

**John Kurilla**  
President

## 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 **type-written in regular type or emailed to the Home Office. No Exceptions!**



## Supporting Clothed in Righteous

Clothed in Righteous expressed sincere appreciation to Assembly 731 for donating tents that will help provide essential shelter to individuals in need throughout the Alliance, Salem, Sebring, and surrounding communities. Items such as tent shelters, sleeping bags, and weather-proof clothing are needed year-round, especially during Ohio's harsh winters.

In addition to offering free clothing, the organization provides bi-weekly hot meals and distributes ready-made food packages and practical items for those without stable housing.

We are proud of our youth members who have volunteered many hours over the years to collect hygiene items, food, and clothing for the homeless. Assembly 731 remains committed to supporting these efforts through continued volunteer work and donations.

**Lauren Fox**  
President

## Weather & Seasons

The fifth month is also the last month of Spring. Some Native American tribes called the May full moon the Full Flower Moon, the Corn Planting Moon or the Milk Moon.

Those born in May fall under either the Earth sign Taurus (the bull) or Gemini (the twins). Their birthstone is the beautiful emerald which comes in shades of green. The flower for May is the Lily of the Valley which represents purity, motherhood, humility, chastity and sweetness.

May is also full of myths and superstitions, like these:

- To maintain a youthful appearance and enhance your beauty, wash your face in the dew you collect on the morning of the first of May.
- Marry in May, you'll rue the day. It is considered very bad luck to get married in May; perhaps because it is considered by some to be the wedding month of the God and Goddess and it would be very rude to upstage them.
- Wash a blanket in May, you'll wash a dear one away. It is bad luck to wash your blankets in May or to buy a new broom.
- According to one superstition, children born this month will be sickly all their lives and cats born this month won't catch mice, but might bring snakes into the house.

Good weather in May is not necessarily a good thing.

A wet May brings a big load of hay.

A cold May is kindly and fills the barn finely.

Mist in May and heat in June makes harvest come right soon.

## News from Slovakia

### What are the most popular baby names in Slovakia for 2025?

The ministry's annual list of popular baby names remains remarkably stable. The top two spots for both boys and girls are unchanged for 2025. Among boys, the ten most popular names were Jakub, Samuel, Oliver, Adam, Michal, Tomas, Filip, Tobias, Simon, and Matias. They were followed by a familiar set of traditional and modern names, including Matej, Lukas, Martin, Damian and Alex.

For girls, the top ten were: Sofia, Eliska, Ema, Nina, Viktoria, Sara, Olivia, Natali, Diana and Mia. Close behind were Tamara, Hana, Nela, Laura, Anna and other established favorites.



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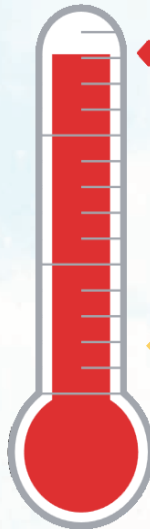
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# PVR NEWS

The PVR Board of Directors wishes all mothers, aunts, grandmothers, Godmothers, or fairy Godmothers, a Happy Mother's Day. We hope your day is full of love and gratitude - and some big hugs and kisses!

FUND BALANCE AS OF  
MARCH 31, 2026

**\$2,000,000**



## Goal Deadline

Thanks to our donors, sponsors, assemblies and regions, we have raised over \$200,000 for the PVR Fund in the last 18 months. We are only **\$130,371** away from our goal!



Visit our online donation page to contribute today! Follow the QR code or visit:  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/nsslife/>

## Tree of Life

You can memorialize your donation by dedicating a leaf (\$250), acorn (\$1,000), or stone (\$10,000) on our tree of life! Mail your donation along with your name, email address, and message for engraving to:

Tree of Life  
1301 Ashwood Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

**PVR Fund**  
**\$60 for 60 Years**  
**2026**

2026 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> year that PVR Scholarships have been awarded.  
Help us celebrate this milestone!

Individuals are encouraged to donate \$60, or in multiples of \$60, in honor of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Visit NSSLife Online: [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) | Visit Our Location: 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 | Phone: +724-733-0034

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# QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

**JUNE 14-18TH**

**2026**

**SAWMILL CREEK  
RESORT  
HURON, OHIO**

Convention Fees	
Adult Delegate	<b>Free!</b>
Non-Delegate Adult NSS Member	\$700.00
Non-Delegate Adult Guest	\$800.00
Youth Delegate	<b>Free!</b>
Youth "Funfest" Guest Participant	\$225.00
Youth NSS Member (No Activities Included)	\$130.00
Youth Guest (No Activities Included)	\$175.00

## CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

# ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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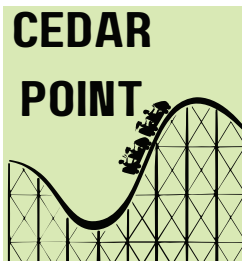
**Please include "Convention Donation - Alzheimer's Association" in the Memo**

**Line - Mail to 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317**

*A total check of all funds raised and donated will be presented to the Alzheimer's Association at the Convention.*

## FRATERNAL DAY ACTIVITIES

**FRATERNAL  
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## NSS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS A NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY FRATERNAL PROGRAM

### ~ PURPOSE ~

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

### ~ MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

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

### ~ COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

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

### ~ PROCEDURE ~

Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, he/she must submit an application, along with verification that the class was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, the NSS will reimburse the **full tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars (\$100.00)**

For more information, you may find  
it on our NSS Life website:  
[www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org)

## DEPARTED MEMBERS FEBRUARY 2026

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Adams, Richard L	Hamburg, PA	02/22/2026	L102
Arndt, Paul	Bethlehem, PA	03/21/2026	R059
Arrowood, Betty	Coatesville, PA	02/18/2026	L102
Ash, Deborah	Reading, PA	03/02/2026	L102
Barnes, James W H	Petrolia, PA	02/19/2026	0731
Bauer, John M	Pittsburgh, PA	01/08/2026	0774
Baumgart, Mildred R	Chicora, PA	03/03/2026	0123
Beckett, Phyllis	Beckley, WV	01/28/2026	0774
Belt, Dodie	Washington, PA	02/02/2026	0377
Best, H William	Gibsonia, PA	02/14/2026	L161
Bishoff, Mary Lou	Elkins, WV	02/13/2026	0774
Bishop, Betty	Morgantown, WV	02/12/2026	0774
Bozic, Joseph P	Oakdale, PA	03/13/2026	0123
Brewington, Robert B	Greensboro, NC	12/06/2025	0774
Buck, Lucille	Chauncey, OH	03/07/2026	0595
Busato, Jacqueline	Rossiter, PA	03/11/2026	0554
Buzalka, Bettie L	Monongahela, PA	03/05/2026	0377
Campbell, Randy Allen	Blairsville, PA	03/22/2026	0737
Carlson, Joann K	Kalamazoo, MI	09/29/2025	0381
Cassel, Warren W	Rockhill Furnace, PA	03/01/2026	L040
Chaney, Donald Sr	Stoystown, PA	02/28/2026	0039
Chilzer, George	Allenport, PA	03/02/2026	0377
Chirieleison, James	Pittsburgh, PA	03/09/2024	L105
Collesar, James W	Indiana, PA	12/05/2025	0774
Cooper, Mary Ann	Hickory, PA	12/26/2025	0588
Cox, James	Catawba, SC	02/11/2026	0774
Crowell, Timothy M	Lancaster, PA	02/05/2026	0774
Daniels, Darlene	Richeyville, PA	02/18/2026	0039
Defreese, Sharon	Hackensack, NJ	12/28/2025	0774
Deibler, Neil D	Sinnemahoning, PA	01/05/2026	L040
Diffenderfer, Barry	Manheim, PA	02/22/2026	L102
Doyle, Jerome F	Industry, PA	01/23/2026	0588
Dutcher, William H III	Warrington, PA	03/22/2026	R059
Elmy, Raghline	Sugar Notch, PA	02/18/2026	0617
Emrick, Margaret	Cheswick, PA	02/10/2026	L105
Erkman Crowe, Patrice	Butler, PA	01/14/2026	0774
Faint, Courtney	Hillsborough Twp, PA	04/02/2021	0441
Fazekas, Rose	Lorain, OH	02/05/2026	0160
Fedora, William E	Belle Vernon, PA	03/12/2026	0377
Fidel, William M	Pittsburgh, PA	01/30/2026	L161
Fincher, Carolyn	Latrobe, PA	01/25/2026	0737
Foglietti, Mary	Chagrin Falls, OH	04/06/2025	0774
Fouk, Alma	Meadville, PA	03/18/2026	0731
Fouk, Alma	Saegertown, PA	03/18/2026	0731
Freeman, Mona	Latrobe, PA	02/08/2026	0737
Frole, Mona Loa	Silver Springs, MD	02/08/2026	0123
Garbon, Cecelia	Mt Pleasant, PA	01/26/2026	0737
Gaydos, John A	Springdale, PA	02/25/2026	L105
Gazella, Evelyn	Carnegie, PA	07/21/2021	0434
Gloyd, Robert W	Bentleyville, PA	12/03/2025	0377
Gohl, Sue E	Wausau, WI	01/15/2026	0774
Greslick, Gladys	Phillipsburg, PA	02/21/2026	0774
Grubic, Michael	Pittsburgh, PA	03/05/2026	L161
Hackney, Joseph	Hopwood, PA	01/15/2026	0039
Haller, Kathryn	Pittsburgh, PA	03/08/2026	0100
Hamilton, Ronald	Craigsville, WV	01/21/2026	0774
Hand, Robert H	Grandville, MI	02/05/2026	0381
Harlan, Alice	Pittsfield, PA	03/01/2026	0554
Heaps, Marie A	Delmont, PA	02/23/2026	L105
Hoy, Pauline	Port Matilda, PA	01/07/2026	0267
Huila, Margaret	Rostraver Twp, PA	01/03/2026	0737
Ivey, Richard M	Chillicothe, OH	02/12/2026	0595
Japic, Rosemary	Aliquippa, PA	02/11/2026	0123
Jarrow, Pamela	Hanover Twp, PA	02/28/2026	0617
Jebbia, Russell J	Wheeling, WV	02/06/2026	0774
Johnson, Edward III	Indiana, PA	03/02/2026	0554
Keil, Elaine	Turtlecreek, PA	02/02/2026	0441
Kensinger, Audrey L	Martinsburg, PA	02/21/2026	0267
Kershner, George H	Wyomissing, PA	03/24/2026	L102
Kitis, Florence	Elizabeth, PA	03/10/2026	0737
Kocerha, Iona	Colorado Springs, CO	02/12/2026	0236
Korn, Ambrose	Valencia, PA	01/27/2026	0434
Kozak, Richard E	Conway, PA	03/18/2026	0123
Kozulko, Elaine Kosh	Bethany, CT	03/02/2026	0774
Kulenich, Helen	Bridgeville, PA	12/18/2025	0434
Kutlenios, Mary Ann	St Clairsville, OH	02/28/2026	0737
Landis, Doris	Martinsburg, WV	01/14/2026	0774
Landis, Gary D	Berlin, PA	02/18/2026	0039
Lewis, Carl Wayne	Masontown, PA	03/19/2026	0039
Lippert, Teresa	Bethel Park, PA	03/17/2026	0434
Lockhart, Lydia	Salem, OH	01/05/2026	0731
Lodes, Edward A	Kersey, PA	03/06/2026	0554
Lott, Bradley	Erie, PA	02/25/2026	0774
Lynch, John	Davidsville, PA	02/25/2026	0039

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Machen, Lynn Marie	Butler, PA	01/24/2026	0123
Main, Pamela L	Warren, PA	03/03/2026	0731
Mallon, Roger	Laureldale, PA	03/09/2026	L102
Mangiarelli, Michael B	New Castle, PA	02/01/2026	0731
Mann, Patricia A	Cranberry Twp, PA	12/30/2025	0123
Marra, Josephine A	Carnegie, PA	12/31/2025	0100
Mason, Marcella	Baden, PA	03/06/2026	0123
Mattox, John T	Latrobe, PA	01/04/2026	0737
Mc Dowell, Craig T	N Huntingdon, PA	12/15/2025	0737
McCoy, Sybil	Madison, WV	01/21/2026	0774
Mc Millan, Tiffany	Conneaut Lake, PA	03/05/2026	0731
Mc Peak, Angeline	Augusta, WV	12/21/2025	0774
Melvin, Robert W	Darlington, PA	01/03/2026	0737
Milana, Christina S	Shelby Township, MI	02/26/2026	0381
Miller, Christopher	Lilly, PA	02/08/2026	0774
Miller, Walter R	Pittsburgh, PA	03/06/2026	0123
Misanik, Jo Anne	Acme, PA	02/10/2026	0434
Mocko, Patricia	Brooklyn, NY	11/29/2025	0110
Morley, Donald Sr	Aliquippa, PA	02/15/2026	0123
Nichols, Mary J	Elverson, PA	02/24/2026	0774
Nichols, Mary Jane	Pottstown, PA	02/24/2026	L102
Noack, Alberta R	Austin, TX	12/22/2025	0774
Oens, Blanche M	North Lima, OH	03/16/2026	0731
Pakos, Dorothy A	Avon Lake, OH	12/25/2025	0160
Pantanella, Sallie W	Pittsburgh, PA	11/10/2025	0441
Parks, D Lynn	Aliquippa, PA	10/29/2025	0123
Payne, Larry	Grand Haven, MI	01/17/2026	0381
Pellegrino, Frank	Tarentum, PA	02/02/2026	L105
Pendleton, Sarah	Springfield, MA	02/09/2026	0774
Pierce, Vernon	Uniontown, PA	02/14/2026	0039
Piovarchy, Robert	North Olmsted, OH	01/19/2026	0070
Popyack, Francis M	Murrysville, PA	01/02/2026	L105
Porter, Ralph JR	Portersville, PA	03/03/2026	0731
Postle, Ronald	Clarksburg, WV	01/28/2026	0774
Pulgino, Helen	Rostraver Twp, PA	02/21/2026	0377
Ramsey, James R	Washington, PA	05/05/2018	0434
Rattigan, Frances M	Kittanning, PA	02/07/2026	0123
Redd, Yvonne B	Indiana, PA	03/14/2026	L105
Reid, Mary L	Gladwin, MI	12/10/2025	0381
Rickel, Verneda S	Erie, PA	06/25/2020	0774
Riemann, Cecila	Pittsburgh, PA	03/08/2026	0123
Robertson, Shirley L	Apollo, PA	02/11/2026	L105
Robinson, Opal	Moalsville, WV	01/16/2026	0774
Robinson, Ruth M	Hillsborough, NJ	02/14/2026	0774
Roithner, Catherine	Emlenton, PA	02/03/2026	0731
Romancik, Edith	Aurora, IL	02/07/2026	0586
Salvati, Louis P	Aliquippa, PA	12/24/2025	0123
Schnell, Sara Ann	Butler, PA	02/06/2026	0123
Sebesky, Paul	Markleysburg, PA	02/24/2026	0039
Sellers, Barbara S	Frankfort, KY	12/12/2025	0774
Sexton, Grace E	Commodore, PA	03/14/2026	0554
Shingleston, Mary Ellen	Fort Wayne, IN	01/14/2026	0705
Simpson, Thomas E	Valencia, PA	03/14/2026	0123
Siudak, Patricia	Lublin, WI	02/11/2026	0774
Skoff, Judith E	Orwigsburg, PA	03/08/2026	L102
Smith, Joan	Smithfield, PA	02/09/2026	0039
Smith, Martha	Mt Nebo, WV	01/19/2026	0774
Smith, Richard	Erie, PA	02/28/2026	0731
Smith, Twila J	Austin, TX	02/28/2026	0774
Spencer, Earl	Baden, PA	08/28/2025	L161
Spesak, Paul S	Monongahela, PA	02/20/2026	0377
Stern, Donald M	Zelienople, PA	02/07/2026	0434
Stevens, Hannah Virginia	N Huntingdon, PA	03/08/2026	0737
Stewart, Fern L	Barto, PA	02/27/2026	L102
Stough, Margaret J	Irwin, PA	02/27/2026	0737
Strand, Ruth Mae	Muskego, WI	02/01/2026	0774
Strawser, Joan	Imperial, PA	08/13/2025	0588
Stright, Bonnie L	Pittsburgh, PA	02/27/2026	L161
Szlachta, Francis	North Hampton, PA	02/10/2026	R059
Teifer, Kristina M	Oil City, PA	03/14/2026	0554
Troyanovich, Rosalie	New Athens, OH	11/12/2024	0595
Valencic, Frank	Strabane, PA	02/18/2026	0434
Vasbinder, Josephine	East Brady, PA	03/07/2026	L161
Vesio, Dominick V	Rostraver Twp, PA	01/12/2024	0377
Weiss, Frederick Lou	Levering, MI	02/22/2026	0381
White, Sylvia	Albright, WV	01/06/2026	0774
Wills, Edna M	Pittsburgh, PA	01/20/2026	L105
Wimer, Margaret E	New Castle, PA	01/21/2026	0731
Wood, Kenneth L	Pennsville, NJ	05/14/2020	0774
Wright, Barbara J	Birdsboro, PA	02/25/2026	L102
Wyke, Linda J	Mc Donald, PA	12/27/2025	0588
Wyss, Robert W	Beloit, OH	09/21/2025	0731
Yorkanis, Josph	Dickson City, PA	06/16/2016	L075
Zurich, John	Bradenton, FL	02/07/2026	0123



## DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.

1. Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
2. Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
3. Every year requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations March 2026

In Memory of **Dorothy Volk** .....  
From Assembly 0586 .... 200.00

In Memory of our son and brother,  
**Shaun Logan Crowley:**  
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr.,  
& John Crowley ..... 20.00

In Memory of December **Deceased**  
**Members** from Assembly 123 . 100.00

William H. Gross  
Ruth E. Hile  
Fred Holler  
Richard B. Jackson  
Velma Jukes  
Danny L. King  
Abrose Leverdi  
Ronald J. McLaughlin  
Kathryn J. Mulneix  
Brian O'Shea  
Karen Z. Petley  
Marlene Sarver  
Carol Sudza  
Deborah Winger

**Donation:**  
Director Theresa Zemelan. 150.00  
**Total** ..... **470.00**



# 2026 May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

1. You must be a member of the National Slovak Society to participate. Youth members (ages 5-16) and adults are eligible to participate.
2. Only one entry is permitted per member.
3. Contestants may create their artwork using:
  - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera and cesium)
  - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
  - c. Ink/Pencil
  - d. Charcoal
  - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. Paint by numbers, stencils, or tracings will not be accepted.
5. The Artwork may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes.
6. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, assembly. Please have this information clearly printed on the back of each entry.
7. All entries will receive a complimentary NSS Life T-shirt. All participants should include their youth or adult T-shirt size.
8. If you wish to have your artwork returned to you following judging, please specify alongside your submission. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all entries that do not include a request to be returned. All artwork that does not include a request to be returned will be donated to a local nursing home.
9. Winners in each age group will have their artwork displayed in the *National News* and will be published on the NSS Life Website and Social Media accounts.
 

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 - Adult (Age 17+)
10. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:
  - First Place..... \$100.00
  - Second Place..... \$ 50.00
  - Third Place..... \$ 30.00

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

Either mail or deliver artwork to: National Slovak Society  
 Attn: Jamie Belding  
 1301 Ashwood Drive  
 Canonsburg, PA 15317

Judging will be done by an outside professional. Decisions of the judge shall be final in all cases.

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



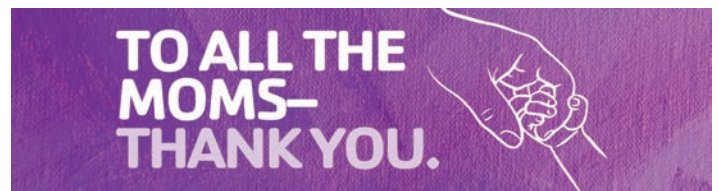
## Mother's Day Word Search

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 T R E O N G S T D M A T L O O  
 C H I L V D R E F L I L D A Y  
 E H O L D I A Y S E A S R T E  
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 HOLIDAY  
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MAY  
 MOM  
 MOTHER  
 PARENT



*May is a bridge between spring and summer, featuring blooming nature and longer days. Often called the "merry month," it is a time for hope, warmth, and embracing the outdoors before the heat of summer. It is a sweet, colorful, and fleeting month of transition.*



### Spring Customs

**Folk customs and traditions** shaped daily life in the past, often arising from efforts to explain or control the unknown and aiming for happiness, health, or beauty. Many were tied to birth, death, and the natural cycle, especially before Christianity. With Christianity's arrival, new customs related to Christian holidays emerged, and traditions remained local and specific to regions or villages. Today, many of these customs are still observed.



A traditional spring ritual common in Eastern Slovakia was the making of wreaths, (venčeky) from spring flowers. This was done by the young girls. Once their wreaths were finished, they

would place them in the creek. How far and how long they would float in the water predicted how much luck they would have in finding a boyfriend. If it stayed close by and didn't float too far away, she was likely to get married in the coming year. If it went to the left or right and got stuck there, her suitor would come from that side of the village. If it kept floating further downstream she risked being an old maid or her lover would come from far away.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a time to stop and reflect on all the love our mothers have shown us through our lives. During this lovely month of May, we should also pay tribute to our heavenly mother. May we imitate Her love and devotion, and be patient, understanding and

supportive to those around us. Heavenly Mother, pour down your grace on all mother's as we celebrate this day dedicated to them.



### May..The Month Of Love

May is viewed as a month of renewal and love in Slovakia, where traditions celebrate spring's arrival. Villagers erect maypoles—often tall evergreens stripped except for their tops and decorated with ribbons—as a symbol of youth and quality. Young men typically set up maypoles at night, sometimes for Easter or Pentecost, and then sing to raise funds for the “Majales” dance. Since the 1500s, placing a maypole has signified serious romantic interest, evolving from engagement symbols to declarations for girls of marrying age. Today, young women await decorated branches as signs of suitors, maintaining this longstanding custom's significance.

It is said that a girl who is kissed by her lover under a cherry tree will get married within a year, or that a couple who kiss like this will be filled with love and satisfaction. If a person has kissed under a cherry tree at least once in their life, the brain remembers this feeling.



### A Few May Proverbs:

Cold May – a paradise for fruit.

May gives warmth and decorates trees with flowers.

Winter in May – there will be wine to the bottom.

May rain falls – gold falls.

*Máj je mostom medzi jarou a letom,  
s rozkvitajúcou prírodou a dlhšími dňami.  
Často nazývaný „veselý mesiac“, je časom  
nádeje, tepla a objatia prírody pred letnými  
horúčavami. Je to sladký, farebný a prchavý  
mesiac prechodu.*



### Jarné zvyky

Ľudové zvyky a tradície formovali v minulosti každodenný život a často vznikali zo snahy vysvetliť alebo ovládať neznáme a zamerali sa na šťastie, zdravie alebo krásu. Mnohé boli viazané na narodenie, smrť a prírodný cyklus, najmä pred kresťanstvom. S príchodom kresťanstva sa objavili nové zvyky súvisiace s kresťanskými sviatkami a tradície zostali lokálne a špecifické pre regióny alebo dediny. Dnes sa mnohé z týchto zvykov dodržiavajú dodnes.

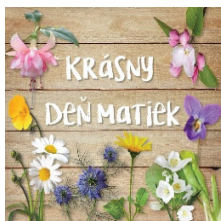


Tradičným jarným rituálom bežným na východnom Slovensku bolo pletenie vencov (venčekov) z jarných kvetov. Robili to mladé dievčatá. Keď boli vence hotové, hodili ich do

potoka. To, ako ďaleko a ako dlho sa vznášali vo vode, predpovedalo, koľko šťastia budú mať pri hľadaní priateľa. Ak veniec zostal blízko a neodplával príliš ďaleko, pravdepodobne sa v nasledujúcom roku vydá. Ak sa odklonil doľava alebo doprava a tam uviazol, jej nápadník prišiel z tej strany dediny. Ak sa plavil ďalej po prúde, riskovala, že sa stane starou pannou alebo jej milenec príde zďaleka.

**Deň matiek** Deň matiek je časom zastaviť sa a zamyslieť sa nad všetkou láskou, ktorú nám naše matky prejavili počas našich životov. Počas tohto krásneho mesiaca máj by sme mali vzdať hold aj našej nebeskej matke. Kiežby sme napodobňovali jej lásku a oddanosť a boli tiež trpezliví, chápací a podporujúci

k tým okolo nás. Nebeská Matka, vylej svoju milosť na všetky matky, keď oslavujeme tento deň venovaný im.



### Máj..mesiac lásky

Máj sa na Slovensku považuje za mesiac obnovy a lásky, kde tradície oslavujú príchod jari. Dedičania vztýčujú máje – často vysoké vřdz zelené stromy odhalené okrem vrcholov a ozdobené stuhami – ako symbol mladosti a kvality. Mladí muži zvyčajne stavajú máje v noci, niekedy na Veľkú noc alebo Turíce, a potom spievajú, aby získali finančné prostriedky na tanec „Majales“. Od 16. storočia umiestnenie mája symbolizuje vážny romantický záujem a vyvinulo sa zo symbolov zasnúbenia na vyznania pre dievčatá v veku na vydávanie. Dnes mladé ženy čakajú na ozdobené ratolesti ako znak nápadníkov, čím sa zachováva význam tohto dlhoročného zvyku.

Hovorí sa, že dievčina, ktorú milý pobozká pod čerešňou, sa do roka vydá, alebo že pár, ktorý sa takto pobozká, bude naplnený láskou a spokojnosťou. Pokiaľ sa človek aspoň raz v živote pod čerešňou bozkával, mozog si tento pocit pamätá.



### Niekoľko májových prísloví:

Chladný máj – raj pre ovocie.

Máj teplo dáva a stromy kvetmi zdobí.

V máji zima - bude vína až po dno.

Májový dážď padá – zlato padá.



# Youth Circle Page

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## Youth Circle: Celebrating Our Active Young Members Alison “Ali” Nye

Recognizing the dedication and involvement of our NSS youth as they build tomorrow’s opportunities.

NSS youth are growing up in a world full of opportunities — in school, sports, church, community programs, and within our own Society. Staying active in a variety of ways not only builds confidence and friendships, it also helps prepare them for future goals, including scholarship applications and leadership roles.

Each month, we’ll spotlight young members who are learning, serving, and participating in the world around them. Parents and grandparents are invited to share updates and photos so we can celebrate the many ways our youth are growing, giving back, and making their mark.

## Alison “Ali” Nye

Twelve-year-old Ali Nye is an energetic and accomplished member of Assembly 731. A sixth-grade high honors student at Lowellville Middle School, Ali excels academically while embracing a wide range of activities. After four years as a Little Rockets cheerleader, she is excited to move up to junior high varsity cheerleading next year. Ali has participated in all three Math 24 tournaments, plays piano, and performs euphonium in the school band. She also loves staying active through softball and basketball. Her enthusiasm, kindness, and school spirit make her a wonderful representative of our youth.



## Spotlight on Assembly 731 Youth

Our NSS youth continue to shine both within the Society and throughout their schools, churches, and communities. Their talents, enthusiasm, and dedication reflect the very best of what it means to be part of a fraternal family. With help from parents and grandparents who generously share updates and photos, we’re proud to highlight how our young members stay active and inspired.

## Ethan Nye

Ten-year-old Ethan Nye is equally impressive. A high honors student, Ethan earned the title of school spelling bee champion in both fourth and fifth grade. Like his sister, he has competed in all three Math 24 tournaments. This year marks his first steps into piano lessons, and he’s already enjoying the challenge. When he’s not practicing, Ethan can be found exploring his love of dinosaurs or building intricate Lego creations.



## Brooks Romig

Brooks Romig, age 6, a first grader at Daniel Boone Elementary School, represented the Southeast Region at the Keystone State Wrestling Championships. The tournament was held at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College PA in March.

Brooks wrestled to a Fourth Place win! Proud parents are Madison and Jeff Romig of Douglassville PA. Even prouder grandparents are Ginny and Rick McMurdy of Bethel Park PA. Ginny is the retired receptionist at NSS.

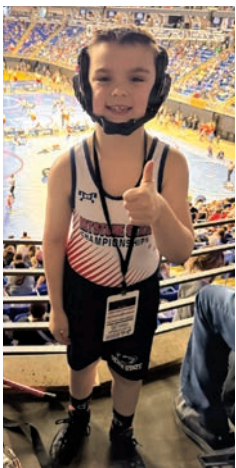
## Proud Family Support

Ali and Ethan are the children of Kris and Dan Nye of Lowellville, Ohio. Their grandmother, Nancy Johngrass, is one of their biggest cheerleaders and encourages them to participate in NSS contests and Assembly 731 activities. Their family’s support helps nurture the values of service, learning, and community that NSS holds dear.

## Assembly 123 Welcomes New Member


Assembly 0123 would like to welcome new member, Maximus Ritz. Max is the quarterback of the Norwin high school football team and a prolific scorer on the lacrosse team.

Bill Knoll



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