



2017 KSKJ LIFE EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM – COMING IN SEPTEMBER!



Since the 1950s, KSKJ Life has been supporting local communities and education initiatives by offering scholarships and grants to high school and college members. In 2015, the traditional scholarship program was enhanced to promote education to all members. The KSKJ Life

College Educational Grant Program is open to all members pursuing higher education, and welcomes applicants who meet the requirements. The streamlined KSKJ Life High School Grant Program still remains competitive. We have awarded grants to numerous outstanding students since the inception of this program. In fact, two of our 2016-2017 recipients are featured on page 2 of this issue.

Open enrollment is September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 through the KSKJ Life website; only online submissions will be accepted. Additional documentation is required as part of the application, including transcripts from the previous year, current proof of enrollment/class schedule and current photo/headshot of the applicant. With high school and college classes beginning this month, now is the perfect time to gather these required documents so you can take advantage of this member benefit.

The one-time \$1000 grant will be awarded to the eligible recipients in late fall 2017.

For more information and to apply, please visit www.kskjlife.com/grants or please call the Home Office at (800) 843-5755.

Good luck to all of our KSKJ Life students, and we hope you have a fun and successful school year!

APRIL SLEYKO

KSKJ Life Fraternal Marketing Coordinator

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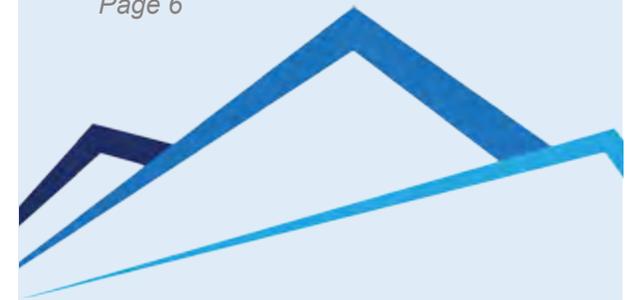
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EDUCATIONAL GRANT SPOTLIGHT

As we approach the 2017-2018 school year, we caught up with two of our 2016-2017 educational grant recipients. They updated us on their schooling, work experience and volunteer efforts since receiving the KSKJ Life Educational Grant last year.



ALEyna GOERLITZ

Lodge #136 member Aleyna Goerlitz is currently in the physical therapy clinical doctorate program at the University of Wisconsin La-Crosse. In her physical therapy program last year, she was required to complete substantial observation hours, which included time in local schools. At those schools, she had the privilege of assisting a variety of disabled or delayed children engage in activities that ranged from riding a bike, to kicking a ball, to balancing blocks on a tray. "The pure joy I witnessed on the faces of these kids as they progressed in activities they were once unable to participate in made my time more than worth it," said Aleyna.

She is currently volunteering with the EXPAND program (Exercise Program for Adults with Neural Disorders), helping an individual who has neurological deficits and assisting at an Adaptive Sports League for teenagers in the area. "Similar to KSKJ Life's mission, such [opportunities] allow me to connect and serve others in a thoroughly selfless manner that [leaves] me satisfied to claim joy as my own profit."



DOMINIC CEVASCO

Lodge #110 member Dominic Cevasco graduated this past May from Ohio State University with a degree in accounting. He is currently working at PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) in downtown Columbus, Ohio.

Dominic recalls that his favorite volunteer experience happened when he was going through his Confirmation class in his junior year of high school. Dominic's group went to a local food pantry in Akron, Ohio to serve hot meals to the homeless and struggling families. He said the best part was being able to help those who were less fortunate than himself. "KSKJ Life's mission is based upon the idea of Christian charity, and I believe that the love I felt at the pantry was a reward from God for taking care of his children."

IN MEMORY OF

Wilma Martincic - Canonsburg, PA - Lodge #153
Helen Boles - \$50.00
Sara, Andy and Gianna Dino - \$30
Mary Maceyko, Patty & Margy Oravec - \$20
Beverly Rosselle - \$10

Donald Souigny- Watseka, IL
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Grampovnik - \$25

Dorothy Kostelec- Harrisburg, PA - Lodge #42
St. Aloysius Lodge #42, \$10

Mary Ann Shinsky- North Chicago, IL - Lodge #79
MaryLou Stefanick, \$25

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CELEBRATING LODGE ANNIVERSARIES: LODGE #44

Founded June 22, 1893, the Knights of St. Florian Lodge #44 was run independently for one year, eventually joining the Bohemian Catholic Union for a time, following the pattern of other lodges situated in Chicago and Joliet, Illinois. On August 22, 1897, the Knights of St. Florian joined KSKJ Life.

The founding fathers were: Frank Medosh, Anton Kosicek, James Sebohar, Anton Skala, Math Sute, Carl Medosh, Frank Frankovich, Peter Brletich, John Kucic, Nick Pozek, Math Zimmerman, Joe Furanich, Joseph Mavretich, Paul Kekich, John Henigsmann, Joseph Puh, Joseph Adamich, Joseph Osenik, George Simonovich, Joseph Petretich, Anton Jurincich, John Mausar, Mark Vuksinich, Tom Mordush and Jacob Bacnik.

The officers initially elected were: Frank Medosh, president; James Sebohar, lodge representative; Carl Medosh, secretary; and Anton Kosiek, treasurer.

It was at the time of the affiliation of the Knights of St. Florian and KSKJ that the famous drill team, in striking blue and red trimmed uniforms, led every parade in the South Chicago area. Complete with black belts and shining swords, they were an imposing sight to behold in all community activities, and active in all church presentations. They were, moreover, instrumental in 1903 by helping to build St. George's Slovenian Catholic Church at 96th Street and Ewing Avenue.

William F. Kompare, a prominent attorney in the South Chicago area, served as president from 1928 until his death in 1959. (He held the longest presidential term!) In 1973, Lodge #44 was merged with St. Joseph Lodge #220, West Pullman, Illinois.

Congratulations on your 120th anniversary, Lodge #44!

2017 LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

Lodge	Age In 2017	Founded
Lodge #1	123 years	06.10.1894
Lodge #2	123 years	04.02.1894
Lodge #7	123 years	04.02.1894
Lodge #20	122 years	02.13.1895
Lodge #25	122 years	05.21.1895
Lodge #29	121 years	04.02.1896
Lodge #42	120 years	04.30.1897
Lodge #44	120 years	08.22.1897
Lodge #50	118 years	11.30.1899
Lodge #52	117 years	05.06.1900
Lodge #53	117 years	11.17.1900
Lodge #59	115 years	03.04.1902
Lodge #63	115 years	10.16.1902
Lodge #65	114 years	01.19.1903
Lodge #69	114 years	08.17.1903
Lodge #79	113 years	12.18.1904
Lodge #104	111 years	12.28.1906
Lodge #108	110 years	02.14.1907
Lodge #110	110 years	03.07.1907
Lodge #115	110 years	05.14.1907
Lodge #136	107 years	05.16.1910
Lodge #143	106 years	07.18.1911
Lodge #144	106 years	09.10.1911
Lodge #146	105 years	04.01.1912
Lodge #150	104 years	02.28.1913
Lodge #153	103 years	05.02.1914
Lodge #169	96 years	07.01.1921
Lodge #170	95 years	04.14.1922
Lodge #171	95 years	06.01.1922
Lodge #196	92 years	08.01.1925
Lodge #197	92 years	09.24.1925
Lodge #219	90 years	03.08.1927
Lodge #226	89 years	02.09.1928
Lodge #236	87 years	06.02.1930
Lodge #257	49 years	02.04.1968

MEMBER MEMORIAL

Our prayers go out to the families of our recently passed members. Claims have been paid and a donation to the KSKJ Life Educational Grant Fund has been made on behalf of each.

JUNE & JULY 2017

John Zumpano - Lodge #1, Hinsdale, IL

Theresa M. Nobles - Lodge #108, Williamsville, NY

Anna Vesel - Lodge #226, Richmond Heights, OH

Mitchell Sajetowski - Lodge #169, Cuyahoga Heights, OH

Arturo Galvan Sr. - Lodge #620, Phoenix, AZ

Elaine M. Loose - Lodge #20, Rapid City, MI

Glover E. Paige - Lodge #236, Banning, CA

Judy I. Melsus - Lodge #20, Weidman, MI

Annie E. Betts - Lodge #197, Little Falls, MN

Stan C. Walden - Lodge #74, Clinton, IL

Howard J. Enders - Lodge #236, Highland, CA

Laddy Tevsh - Lodge #144, Sheboygan, WI

George M. Horvat - Lodge #2, Seminole, FL

Lois R. Lunich - Lodge #63, Youngstown, OH

Juanita Brown - Lodge #108, Richton Park, IL

John D. Muren - Lodge #110, Mesa, AZ

Anna Mae Pekish - Lodge #7, Denver, CO

Jenne M. Knez - Lodge #300, Portland, OR

Robert Bell - Lodge #20, Holland, MI

Edward A. Gasper - Lodge #50, Pittsburgh, PA

Priscilla A. Eubanks - Lodge #624, Moss Point, MS

John B. Egurrola - Lodge #115, Wichita, KS

Carol E. Miller - Lodge #42, Howard, PA

Dorothy M. Trizna - Lodge #108, Joliet, IL

John E. Adamic - Lodge #29, Joliet, IL

Barbara Kasecky - Lodge #50, Nanty Glo, PA

Thelma J. Mardis - Lodge #63, Akron, OH

Dolores M. Lerchbacher - Lodge #146, Walton Hills, OH

Joseph Pelland Jr. - Lodge #65, Cudahy, WI

Mary Ann Shinsky - Lodge #79, North Chicago, IL

David S. Morris - Lodge #153, Imperial, PA

Rose Zuponic - Lodge #65, South Milwaukee, WI

Marion Humar - Lodge #169, Pensacola, FL

ABUNDANT GENEROSITY AT NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We send a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who attended this year’s KSKJ Life National Golf Tournament, including those who sponsored a hole, participated in the skins competition, purchased a raffle ticket or bidded on auction items. We were able to collect and donate \$3,975 to the KSKJ Life Educational Grant Program.

In conjunction with the Golf Tournament, KSKJ Life Lodges #53 and #79 in Waukegan, Illinois conducted a clothing drive for Midwest Veterans Closet, a non-profit organization that helps veterans get back on their feet by providing clothing and household items. We collected and donated nearly 500 new and used men’s clothing

items, along with \$1040 in monetary contributions. Because of this charitable drive, lodges #59 and #79 were also able to donate a \$100 Charitable Giving Award from KSKJ Life.

Look out for the full golf tournament recap, photos and sponsors in the September issue of the Voice.



MaryLou Stefanick, National Director of Athletics presents KSKJ Life CEO Tony Mravle, Sr. with a \$3975 check for the KSKJ Life Educational Grant Program.



Left to right: Mary Carmondy, founder of Midwest Veterans Closet; John Deram, Lodge #79 Fraternal Activities Coordinator; MaryLou Stefanick, KSKJ Life National Director of Athletics and Lodge #79 Financial Secretary; Vicki Drinka, Lodge #53 Financial Secretary.

STEPPING UP PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 15

This 45-day program was created to encourage members to commit to their overall health by getting active. Based on participation and shared photos, the home office will donate funds to this year’s charity, JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Stay tuned for details in next month’s edition of The Voice. You can also visit our website www.kskjlife.com/stepping-up and Facebook page www.facebook.com/kskjlife

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LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

REGION 1

PENNSYLVANIA, CONNECTICUT AND D.C.

LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

LODGE UPDATE

St. Aloysius Lodge #42 celebrated Flag Day on June 17, 2017. The weather could not have been more perfect to see the American flag and Slovenian flag flying side-by-side. St. Aloysius has been celebrating this special event since 1999. Henry Taminini and I started this event by inviting important dignitaries such as the Lieutenant Governor of PA, Senators and the Mayor of Steelton. We also invited Boy Scout troops and other officials.

This year we were honored to have Commissioner George Hartwick as our speaker. Mr. Hartwick presented St. Aloysius Society with a Proclamation stating June 17, 2017 as St. Aloysius Day. John Gelata opened the ceremony with a prayer and spoke about the American flag. Jeff Dermes played a few patriotic songs. There was a great turnout for this event. Thank you to all who attended.

Anne Hubler, Recording Secretary



Lodge #42 Members at the Flag Day event



Mr. George Hartwick, Dauphin County Commissioner, presents Anne Hubler with the official proclamation for St. Aloysius Day – June 17, 2017

LODGE #153

PITTSBURGH, PA

LODGE UPDATE

KSKJ Life would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Lodge #153 member Wilma M. Martincic who passed away on June 30, 2017. Wilma was a Lodge Officer for St. Jerome Lodge #153 for 26 years (mainly as Treasurer and then as Auditor). She was very active in Slovenian cultural and fraternal activities. Surviving are her beloved and devoted daughters, Joyce A. Hezir (Joseph) of Vienna, Va., and Patricia C. Dalton of Canonsburg; two beloved granddaughters, Alexandra Hezir and Damjan Hezir; and two great-granddaughters, Lily and Eve Hezir.

REGION 2

CLEVELAND AREA

LODGE #219

EUCLID, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Lodge #219 members: Please remember to make your reservations for our Sunday, September 10 Corporal Communion Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Robert William Church, Euclid, Ohio. A luncheon will follow at Applebee's Restaurant, Maplegrove Rd. in Willoughby, Ohio. Member and guest fee will be \$5 each. Please mail your check to Joanne Ash by September 5 at 7709 Joseph St., Kirtland, Ohio.

Our Join Hands Project (a clothing drive) is in progress. Clothing can be brought to the luncheon for our last collection. Please contact Roberta Underwood with any questions. The Cottage, a Christ Child Society Organization, will be the recipient of the clothing drive. The facility is located in Painesville, Ohio.

*Elizabeth Kusar
Financial Secretary*

REGION 3

CLEVELAND, OHIO

REGIONAL NEWS

We couldn't have asked for better weather for the annual Four-Lodge Picnic which was held on July 9! Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered their time to make this a successful event.



Clockwise left to right: Liz Jones, Tony Mravle, Jr., Theresa Kocin, Chris Kocin, April Sleyko and Tony Peskar



Ray Zak, April Sleyko and Ron Zak

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS



Tim Klodnick officially starts the kids games



Front left to back: David Javor, Liz Jones and Greg Snyder serve the delicious picnic food to the guests



Jim Marincic – Grill Master

LODGE #146

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Back to school sales are just getting ready to start. This summer is flying by, or so it seems to me. BBQ parties, picnics, family and vacations are what filled my summer to the brim.

Attention high school and college members: KSKJ Life will begin accepting applications online for the KSKJ Life Educational Grant Program beginning

September 1 through September 30. Details and eligibility requirements can be found at kskjlife.com/grants.

In June, we cancelled our putt-putt night and rescheduled it for Friday, August 16. We will keep it at Sweeties on Brookpark Road in Parma. Plan to meet there at 6 p.m. Hopefully, the storm clouds that threatened in June will not be threatening us in August.

We are also making plans for our annual hayride. We do not have the date finalized as of yet, but we are going to try a little adventure. We are planning on having our hayride at Ramseyer Farms in Wooster. Besides the hayride, there is a corn maze and other activities for us to do. When we talked about it in January, there were a few people that had been there last year and really enjoyed it. We are hoping that you will join us. Email me at in4mativ1@hotmail.com or call me at 216-267-4866 if you are interested in going and need the date. We are looking at the middle-to- end of September on a Saturday night.

We will also have a meeting in September at Quaker Steak and Lube. The meeting will be on Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. We will meet at the Quaker Steak on Canal Road in Valley View. At that time, we will have the information for the hayride.

See you around.

Josie Kmet

Secretary/Treasurer Lodge #146

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Our August meeting is scheduled to be held during the first week of August, prior to Porky Pig. (Date is not set.) Our September meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 at Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr, Independence, OH 44131. All Lodge #150 members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Just a reminder: In order to be eligible for consideration as a Lodge #150 delegate to the 2018 KSKJ Life National Convention, you must attend four Lodge #150 meetings during 2017.

OUR TOWN AND ALL-AROUND TOWN BOOKS FUNDRAISER

Lodge #150 will sell Our Town and All-Around Town Books again this year. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Lodge #150 Youth Programs and Development. The cost of the books will remain the same as last year at \$28. To order books and/or ask for additional information, contact Tony Peskar at tonypeskar@juno.com (email) or 440-915-8312 (telephone).

FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE

Members of the St. Lawrence Community will gather to honor its patron saint during the 5 p.m. Mass at Saint Mary's Church (Collinwood) on Saturday, August 19. Members of the St. Lawrence Choir will sing during the mass. Please wear your Saint Lawrence red and white ribbons. Mass will begin with a procession displaying the relic of St. Lawrence. All are warmly encouraged and welcomed to process with us and/or to join us in song/prayer.

After mass, there will be a catered dinner in the Atrium Area next to the Slovenian Room in Saint Mary's Hall. By popular demand, Sophie's Catering will again prepare the food. The menu should be similar in price and selection as last year. Menu and cost not established at this time. Contact us for more information.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

Lodge #150 has a Facebook page to share lodge news, event calendar, photos and other information. Check us out at: www.facebook.com/KSKJ150. You do not have to be a Facebook member to view the page.

LODGE E-MAIL ADDRESS

The Lodge #150 email address for Financial Secretary, Liz Jones is kskjlife150@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES

August 20 - Saint Mary's Parish Picnic at Pristava
September 23 - Poor Man's Raffle Matching Funds event to benefit Pope John Paul II Ozanam Ctr.
October 29 - Halloween Party

*Lodge #150 Voice Reporters
Tony & Elaine Peskar*

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

REGION 4

JOLIET AREA

REGIONAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Joliet Area Lodges Splash Station member event on July 23. An abundance of school supplies were collected and were donated to Morningstar Mission's Jump on the Bus program. Pictures from the event will be posted in next month's edition of The Voice.

LODGE #2

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

St. Joseph Lodge #2 upcoming Matching Funds event has changed. We will now be participating in the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Will County. This event will take place at the Rock Run Forest Preserve, 3395 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60431 on October 7, 2017. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., Ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Please contact Zachary Pucel, Lydia Marquardt or Sylvia Churnovic for more information.

Lodge #2 held its annual Steak Fry on June 15. A good time was had by all, as is evident by the smiling faces in the pictures below. Thank you to everyone who attended this event.



Members of the Mihelich Family enjoying the Steak Fry



Two youth members smile for the camera

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Please like us at KSKJ St. Joseph Lodge #2.

If you do not receive our emails, please send your information to zjpuce1@comcast.net and we will add you to our emailing list.

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

It's not even the end of summer yet, but I have to talk about our busy month of October.

October 1 is our next lodge meeting, but please note we are going back to our old meeting time of 1 p.m. at St. Joe's Park. We are also in the planning stage of our Matching Funds event which is volunteering at the JDRF 5K Run to be held at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills on the morning of October 1. More information to come.

October 28 will be the Halloween Party sponsored by our lodge from 1- 4 p.m. at the Croatian Cultural Club for youth members aged 0-12. Bring the kids for a not-so- scary good time. Cost is free for youth and adult admission is \$2. This is a great opportunity for those older kids looking for service hours to help out with the games, etc.

During the month of October, at the above activities, we will be collecting items to be stuffed into the Stockings for Soldiers. Ideas for stuffing items are small toiletries, non-melt candy, playing cards, puzzle books, batteries, gum, mints, toothbrush, dental floss and plastic Christmas ornaments to attach to the outside of the stockings. We will also accept monetary donations to be used for the purchase of these items.

Enjoy these lazy, hazy days of August!

*Karen (Ramsak) Colman
Reporter*

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There are no meetings scheduled for the month of August. Our next meeting will take place on September 14 at 7 p.m. Location TBD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23 – Oktoberfest/Chili Cook-Off and dry goods collection

November 5 – Member Appreciation Brunch

December 17 – Caroling and Coffee at Our Lady of Angels

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REGION 5

CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS

LODGE #1

IN MEMORY

In June's edition of The Voice, we reported on the passing of Reverend Blasé Chemazar, OFM. Father Blasé was our lodge's Spiritual Advisor for 21 years and a KSKJ Life member for 87 years. In December, 2016, Lodge #1 honored Father as a Lodge Leader and Lodge Person of the Year. Though he was not able to be at our Christmas party to receive his awards, we mailed them to him with the congratulations and best wishes of Lodge #1 members.

Through the years, Father attended many lodge events. One event, St. Stephen Lodge's 120th anniversary, stands out in memory. On that day, as Father celebrated the Mass, he told a very detailed history of the founding of KSKJ Life and the lodge in the homily. Many commented that they appreciated hearing the KSKJ Life history.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Father Blase was celebrated by Franciscan Provincial Father Marjan Cuden from Slovenia. The choir sang the beautiful Slovenian hymns that many of us remember from the liturgies at St. Stephen's Church, Chicago.

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The following are excerpts from Father Cuden's homily: "Father Blase dedicated his entire life as a priest and a Franciscan friar to everything that had value. Father celebrated his first Mass at his home parish of St. Stephen's, Chicago. He had been a pastor, Guardian of the Slovenian Franciscan Monastery in Lemont, Provincial Delegate, and Custos of the Holy Cross Custody for many years. After serving as a pastor at St. Stephen's Parish from 1989 until his retirement in 1998, he lived in the Franciscan Monastery in Lemont and celebrated Masses for the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King. Father spent numerous hours in the Franciscan Retreat House where he welcomed people from all walks of life. Last year, at my visit here in Lemont, I saw how he tried, with great effort, to get to his car to drive to the Retreat House. Father was especially fond of the Slovenian people who came to the U.S. after World War II; he understood the difficulties they experienced in a country far away from their native country. Father was a good listener, had a great sense of humor, liked history and his homilies were drawn from life and were contemporary and direct... Father Blase, we are thankful to God for the gift of your life. May your work and dedication be blessed in heaven; may the perpetual light shine upon you; may you rest in peace."

Joanne Sierzega



Fr. Blasé Chemazar

LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

LODGE UPDATE

It was a long night at the ballpark, but Lodge #44 members and guests had a blast at the annual baseball outing. The bad guys took home the win but we were still able to enjoy some fireworks, '90s trivia and music, and even be seen on the jumbotron. The pictures below are members enjoying the game.



We will have our next meeting at the Calumet Yacht Club, 4025 E. 102 St., Chicago, on August 6. We will start with 9 a.m. mass at Saint George (9546 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago) followed by breakfast and our meeting. We will also be blessing the harbor and celebrating the 120th Anniversary of Lodge #44. Bring the family for some fun in the sun and enjoy the beach, breakfast and company of fellow lodge members. If you are planning on attending breakfast, please call George Bozetti at 708-334-5434 so we have enough food for everyone. Bring some fresh ideas for the rest of the year and any activities you wish to see next summer.

The annual Bocce Tournament and Food Drive will take place Sunday, September 17 at Club 81 Too, 13157 S. Avenue M, Chicago. Prices and times still are to be determined, but we are taking reservations for teams. If you have your team together and would like to reserve your spot, contact James Rossi Jr. at 219-902-0230.

Our next meeting will be October 1. More details to follow but mark your calendars now!

REGION 6

NE ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN

LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

LODGE UPDATE

Once the 4th of July is celebrated, it seems like summer fun days are coming to an end. I'm already seeing school supplies displayed.

Students entering or continuing college this fall are reminded that Educational Grant Forms are available from our lodge. Please call Agnes Lobacz at 414-321-9779 if you need one. Remember the deadline is August 30, 2017, and strictly adhered to, so if you are a St. John's member, get your application now.

Mark your calendars for October 1, 2017. That's the date of the 17th Annual Ed Bregant Memorial Golf Outing which will be held at the MeeKwon Golf Course. Watch this paper for more information or call Jim Stoltmann at 414-699-1106.

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

Our next scheduled lodge meeting is set for September 6, 2017 (the second Wednesday of the month). Our lodge will be celebrating 115 Years in 2018 and we would like to plan a celebration. Would you like to help?

Greetings to all of our sick and shut-ins. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Mici Bregant

REGION 7

MINNESOTA AND MICHIGAN

LODGE #59

EVELETH, MN

LODGE UPDATE

KSKJ Life Lodge #59 in Eveleth will hold its Picnic Meeting on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Leonidas/West Eveleth Community Center. A picnic lunch will be provided, as well as fun and games.

All members and their families are invited!

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

"When the Singing Slovenes Roll, Cleveland Rocks," and when Phil Hrvatin is near, phenomena usually appear!



Surrounding KSKJ Life Board Member Phil Hrvatin (in yellow shirt) are members of the Singing Slovenes who are all members of KSKJ Life Lodge #171 of St. Elizabeth's Church. Starting with Phil and clockwise: Jen Spehar, Barb Pazdernik, Brenda Jacobs, Mary Spehar White, Joe Jagunich, Hannah Hudson, Frank Bucar and Sharon Bucar.

LODGE #197

ST. CLOUD, MN

LODGE UPDATE

St. Stephen Lodge #197 meets the last Monday of each month at Howie's in St. Stephen at 6 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

REGION 8

COLORADO, KANSAS, MONTANA, CALIFORNIA

LODGE #7

PUEBLO, CO

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15 – Local Lodge Scholarship Applications Due

August 21 – Monthly Local Lodge Meeting in St. Joseph's Hall at 7 p.m.

LODGE UPDATE

St. Joseph's Lodge #7 held its Annual Golf Tournament at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City, Colorado on June 4. The tournament was blessed with gorgeous weather and a visit from National Director of Athletics, MaryLou Stefanick. Those in attendance enjoyed a delightful lunch provided by Hollydot Golf Course and concluded with a drawing of various door prizes.

The tournament winners were:

First Place – Josh Mikatich, Jim Bergles, Leann Bergles, Eric Martin and Judy Kochevar

Second Place – Ray Krasovic, Jannatta Dilka, Jim Jennings, Ken Koshak and Tory Koshak

Third Place – Mike D'Christina, Dennis Emery, Debbie Giordano, Kim Giordano and Joni Brown

Fourth Place – Phil Maroney, Gary Maroney, Steve Bourell, Sandy Bourell and Dan Maroney



First Place Team



Second Place Team

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

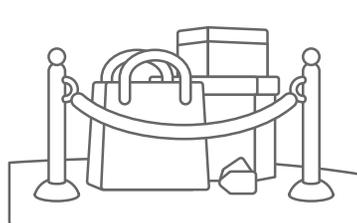
Members of KSKJ Life Lodge #7 participated in cleaning up St. Joseph's Hall for a Join Hands Day event on June 17. A big thank you to the following individuals for helping with the cleanup that day: Marc Godec, Natalie Godec, Rudy Krasovec, Will Golob, Lisa Golob and Danny Golob.

Make sure to tell your kids and your grandkids that St. Joseph's Lodge #7 scholarship applications will be due August 15, 2017. Students must be a member of Lodge #7 and be enrolled in a parochial high school or an institution of higher learning. Students must send a letter requesting the college or high school scholarship. Be sure to include in your letter how many Lodge #7 events you attended the previous year and information about support you and your family/household provided to KSKJ Lodge #7 the previous year. Along with the letter, students must send a copy of their upcoming class schedule and a copy of their transcript. If a member is requesting a scholarship for a second, third or fourth year, they must complete at least five hours of service to Lodge #7. These hours need to be verified in writing by a KSKJ Life Lodge #7 officer and sent alongside the other required documents in order for the application to be considered.

Scholarship applications can be sent to Danny Golob, Rudy Krasovec or Richard Zabukovic Jr. or an electronic copy can be sent to lodge7kskj@gmail.com.



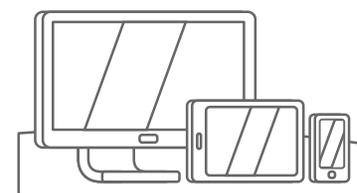
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