

## Chicago Fed plays host to annual holiday festivities

by TINA RIGLER (449)  
Federation Recording Secretary

**CHICAGO**— The Chicago District Federation hosted its annual Christmas party on Dec. 7, 2019, at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill.

Tina Rigler welcomed everyone and introduced the Federation officers in attendance. Youth, young adults and adults from Lodges 1, 8, 449 and 559 were in attendance. All youth members received lunch provided by the Federation.

Due to many other activities scheduled that day, only six children were able to attend, but each performed this year and did an excellent job. Performing from Lodge 1

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Chicago District Federation officers shared their Christmas wishes with Santa during the annual Federation Christmas party held Dec. 7.



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### Home Office closed as we celebrate the New Year

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The SNPJ Home Office will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in celebration of the New Year. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Thursday, Jan. 2. We wish all SNPJ members and friends the very best in the new year!

### Society sympathies for former Nat'l. Treasurer

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The SNPJ Home Office has been notified of the Dec. 4, 2019, passing of former SNPJ National Treasurer Sis. Marlene E. O'Connell (1).

On behalf of the entire Society, the members of the Executive Committee and Home Office staff extend their condolences to Sis. O'Connell's family and friends on their loss. A complete obituary will appear in a future issue.

### Lodge 158 will host the 2020 National Bowl

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The Fraternal Department is pleased to announce that the 2020 SNPJ National Bowling Tournament will be hosted by SNPJ Lodge 158 at the SNPJ Recreation Center the weekend of May 1-3. The tournament will be rolled at Colonial Lanes in New Castle, Pa.; all social activities will take place at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Lodge 158 Secretary Gary Smrdel will serve as tournament secretary. Cabins will be available to rent for the tournament weekend.

**KEVIN RICHARDS**  
SNPJ Fraternal Director

### W. Pa. Fed schedules annual meeting Jan. 12

**PITTSBURGH** — On Sunday, Jan. 12, representatives from the Lodges affiliated with the Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges will gather together for their annual meeting at SNPJ Lodge 106 in Imperial, Pa. The meeting time is set for 3 p.m. The Federation officers extend wishes for the happiest and healthiest of New Years to one and all.

**SHARON UJCICH** (665)  
Federation Secretary

### Westmoreland Fed sets meeting date in January

**GREENSBURG, Pa.** — The Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation of SNPJ Lodges will hold their first quarterly meeting of 2020 on Friday, Jan. 31, at Carbon Lodge 223 in Greensburg starting at 6:30 p.m. We will be planning activities for 2020, so all Federation-affiliated Lodges are encouraged to send their representatives.

**MARYANN BEBAR** (41)  
Federation President

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Feb. 3 and March 2. All material must be received by noon on Monday, Jan. 13, for the Feb. 3, issue, and by Monday, Feb. 17, for the March 2 issue. If you're concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com) or submit your material via the publications area of our website, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org).



### So *That's* Where You Sit...

When Imperial Lodge 106 hosted the Fall Classic Bowling Tournament in October, SNPJ Region 3 Vice President **DON SRNICK** [seated] treated several members of Loyalites Lodge 158 in Euclid, Ohio, to a brief tour of the SNPJ Home Office. Pictured with Bro. Srnick are [from left] **DAN HORABIK**, **DIANE HORABIK**, Miss SNPJ 2019 **ELIZABETH SMRDEL**, Bro. Srnick's wife **SUE SRNICK**, and **JANET SMRDEL**.

## Conemaugh Federation extends member honors

by EVELYN DIMPFL (749)  
Conemaugh Federation Secretary

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** — September 29, 2019, was the date, 2 p.m. was the time, and The Homestead Inn was the place for the Conemaugh Valley Federation recognition dinner for members of affiliated Lodges who had attained 50, 60, 70 or 80 years of membership in the Slovene National Benefit Society in 2019.

More than 40 members and guests attended that afternoon and were warmly welcomed by the Federation officers and music performed

by Ed Zabloutny. Each honored guest was given a red carnation, which is the traditional Slovenian flower, for his or her lapels. A display of items and photographs of Slovenia was collected for all to view.

A brief welcome by Federation President Francis Naugle preceded the singing of the National Anthem by Theresa Stigers. Thank you, Theresa, for doing this for many years, always very well done. Following a delicious dinner and a wonderful array of desserts, SNPJ Region 1 Vice President Kenneth Zakraysek gave an interesting talk that fo-

cused on the SNPJ National Board meeting held the previous week. Ken also serves as Federation treasurer, an office he's held for the past 10 years.

Ed Zabloutny entertained the group with several songs as he walked around the room, stopping by the tables to play to the guests. His music added a delightful note to the afternoon. Thank you so much; we hope to see and hear you again next year!

After a few remarks, President Naugle then

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Lodge 564 celebrates the harvest at annual Grape Dance

by MARION VOLPE  
Lodge 564 Secretary

**DETROIT** — The Lodge 564 Grape Dance, held Oct. 7, 2019, at the Croatian Hall in Warren, Mich., was again a successful event. We had approximately 50 people in attendance, including children. The entertainment was provided by The Rob DeBlander Band; they're always a crowd pleaser. We were happy that Eddie Adamic could join in with the band.

The caterer for this year offered a menu of cabbage rolls, oven-roasted chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and a very delicious coleslaw salad. Thanks to the many donations, the dessert table was filled with delicious goodies that were out of this world. Special thanks to Irene Kovac

for her delicious strudel.

There were many senior members in attendance, and we were happy to see Mary Jane Smith and her date this year. However, we missed the seniors who couldn't be with us. Among those missing were Antoinette Blazic, Danica Hancock and Rose Hostnik. We also missed the grape-stealing enforcement team, "the police," which is mostly a sign of our younger members growing up and developing other interests.

Our thanks to Gabe Bucciarelli and Shelly Volpe who did a great job collecting money for the 50/50 drawing. Everyone was very generous with their purchases.

As always, many thanks to all who helped organize and set up the dance,



Dancers enjoyed the music performed by the Rob DeBlander Band at the Young Americans Lodge 564 Grape Dance held in October.

especially Lodge President Rudy Zornik and all the Lodge officers. Thank you as well to Marlene Zornik and Sue Hellener who collected tickets and money at the door, and to all of the old Slovene American Club (SAC) members for coming all the way from

the west side to help us celebrate our Grape Harvest Dance. We all had a great time dancing and conversing with friends.

In closing, I wish everyone in SNPJland a happy New Year. Until next time, *na svidenje!*

*A happy holiday treat for  
Chicago Federation members*

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were Alexandria and Penelope Hernandez, who sang two Christmas songs; while Lodge 449 performers Alenka Rus played the flute, Adam Rus played saxophone, Jakob Rus played clarinet, and Zachary Stimach played keyboards. We encourage the children to participate and share their talents with us.

We all sang happy birthday to Zachary Stimach and Kaitlyn Chiappetta (559) who celebrated birthdays recently.

While the children were playing some games led by Lanie Maresh (449) and Freddie, Vince Rigler led a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

All of the children in attendance received a present. Santa heard the singing and stopped by to give out candy and take photos with the children. Everyone in attendance

was able to greet Santa and take photos, which were printed by Edward Dabrowski (449).

Tina Rigler conducted the adult games, and prizes were awarded to the winners. The children also had the opportunity to create a craft project to take home with them.

Our thanks to the volunteers who helped make this party possible: Marianne Murray (1) in the kitchen, assisted by her son Michael; Tina Rigler, who helped put the program and games together, assisted by Lanie Maresh and Freddie; Dolores Novotny (8), who assisted at the door; and Edward Dabrowski, our photographer. Many thanks as well to our Santa, Ed Stimach, who did a fantastic job with the kids.

The annual Chicago District Federation meeting will be held Feb. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont.



Chicago area youth members had the opportunity to visit with Santa at the annual Chicago District Federation Christmas party.



Pueblo Lodge 577 members visited the Colorado State Veterans Home in early December to complete their weeks-long project of decorating the facility for the residents.

Lodge 577 helps brighten  
the season for local veterans

by PAULA GIORDANO  
Lodge 577

**PUEBLO, Colo.** — Members of Lodge 577 in Pueblo traveled to nearby Walsenburg, Colo., on Dec. 8, 2019, to visit the Colorado State Veterans Home. The purpose of this trip was to complete a project the Lodge had been working on for weeks: making Christmas decorations for the residents.

Lodge Secretary Mary Davis is the human resource director for the facility. At her suggestion, members planned and executed the making of ornaments, decorated table tents with resident's names, and designed placemats for the tables. The large windows were framed with garland and ornaments, all carefully strung by

the men of the Lodge group.

Children from a local elementary school were recruited by Joyce Evans to make ornaments to adorn a Christmas tree in one of the recreation rooms.

Lodge 577 past President Mitzi Evans, an 80-year member, and current President Rosann Curran were a part of the planning and decorating team, as were officers Mae Nezvensky and Paula Giordano, along with their families. Past scholarship winner Emilie Davis was present too. Some of our younger members from the Curran family were also of great help.

It was a pleasure for Lodge 577 to help brighten the holidays for the Veterans Home residents.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JAN. 2.....Bar bingo in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games at 7. The Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- JAN. 5.....Euchre tournament in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom starting at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- JAN. 12.....Sygan Lodge 6 Bowling Center 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament. The \$21 entry fee includes prizes and drawings. Bowling starts at 2 p.m.; the tournament is open to the first 48 bowlers registered. Stop by the Lodge 6 Club or phone (412) 221-9862 to enter.
- JAN. 16.....Bar bingo in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games at 7. The Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
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- FEB. 6.....Bar bingo in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games at 7. The Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- FEB. 14-16.....SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 and Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138. Entertainment is scheduled at both Lodge halls throughout the weekend.
- FEB. 16.....Euchre tournament in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom starting at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- FEB. 20.....Bar bingo in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games at 7. The Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- FEB. 22.....Guntown country band in the Imperial Room at SNPJ Lodge 106, 8 p.m. to midnight; \$6 cover charge at the door. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MARCH 1.....Euchre tournament in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom starting at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MARCH 5.....Bar bingo in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games at 7. The Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MARCH 7.....Center Stage band in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom, 8 to 11 p.m. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at 724-695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MARCH 15.....Euchre tournament in the SNPJ Lodge 106 Clubroom starting at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be open. Contact SNPJ Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAY 2-3.....SNPJ National Bowling Tournament at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 ext. 144 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- MAY 23.....CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Green Golf Club, Huntsburg, Ohio. For details contact Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001.
- MAY 24.....Brew & Bean Festival at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For details contact the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
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## Annual party spreads holiday cheer at the SNPJ Recreation Center

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
SNPJ Fraternal Director

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — It was great seeing all of the children at the SNPJ Recreation Center for the Children’s Christmas party, held Dec. 1, 2019. There were more than 135 children in attendance.

This year’s party marked the seventh year that the SNPJ Heritage Center has teamed up with the Fraternal Department and the SNPJ Recreation Center to host a Christmas celebration.

Our thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their Sunday afternoon to make this party a success, in particular our chief elf, Sue Zarella (277). Without her hard work, Santa wouldn’t have had all of the

wrapped gifts to distribute to the children. We couldn’t do it without you!

Special thanks to Mary Jo Hartman (138) from the SNPJ Heritage Center Committee for arranging the arts & crafts projects, along with her husband Paul, and daughters Kristina and Betty.

Thanks as well to Heritage Center Committee members Ed Robich and Tracey Belle, as well as the Sinan family, for their assistance; and to Mike Jones for preparing the pizzas.

On behalf of the SNPJ Fraternal Department, we wish you a happy New Year. We’re looking forward to another great year at the SNPJ Recreation Center!


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## Government launches the slovenia.si website

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — A new website, *slovenia.si*, was launched in late November to “present Slovenia, through written and video stories, and the national brand ‘I Feel Slovenia,’” the Government Communication Office announced. Designed for the foreign public, the government’s new website is in English.

*Slovenia.si* provides information about Slovenia and Slovenians, ranging from special features and things the nation is proud of, to outstanding Slovenians who have spread the word about the country beyond its borders. The website features four sections: This Is Slovenia, Art and Cultural Heritage, Business and Innovation, and Excellence.

“In the first week we brought interesting stories about the green spots in Slovenia, a sustainable attitude toward the environment, the green economy, the dangers our planet is exposed to, and the solutions we have in Slovenia,” Government Communications Office staff wrote in a press release.

The layout of the website closely follows the country’s brand, “I Feel Slovenia,” which is used in practically all national promotional tourism campaigns.

While *slovenia.si* is a novelty launched at the end of the year, Slovenia as a tourist destination has long been presented at *slovenia.info*.

## Slovenia among the safest countries for travel

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenia is one of the safest countries in the world for travelers, faring very well in three key indicators – security, medical risk and road safety – according to a global risk map for 2020 released by SOS International.

On a scale of 1 to 5 for security, Slovenia places among only a handful of European countries with “insignificant” travel security risks, alongside Switzerland, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Greenland. Slovenia also ranks highest in the category of medical risk, which is deemed “low,” alongside much of Western Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The road safety ranking in Slovenia is a bit worse, however, as the country recorded a mortality rate of 10 to 19.9 persons killed in car accidents per 100,000 persons, again on a par with the majority of Western European countries, Canada and Australia.

The most dangerous countries in the world in all three categories are Libya, Somalia, Afghanistan and Venezuela.

The global risk map is available online at [www.travelriskmap.com/#/planner/locations](http://www.travelriskmap.com/#/planner/locations).

## Research opened into chestnut honey benefits

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — At the end of November, the Ljubljana Biotechnical Faculty announced it has launched a research project to provide clearer insight into the undisputed medicinal benefits of chestnut honey and into methods allowing for controlled production of high-grade medicinal varieties.

“The production of new medical products based on chestnut honey is being undermined by the fluctuating quality of the honey and insufficiently defined anti-microbial activity,” faculty representatives wrote.

The honey research aims to “develop a robust quality control test” that will help identify the environmental and technological variables crucial for securing products that can serve medical purposes or as dietary supplements. The partners in the project include the Jožef Stefan Institute; Tosama, a producer of bandages and medical supplies; Medex, a company that sells honey and produces food supplements and cosmetics; and the Slovenian Research Agency.

“Chestnut honey is actually incredible,” a Tosama representative said, explaining it is one of the few honey varieties used in the treatment of wounds. “It can be used in all stages of the healing process, which is a major advantage,” the company representative added.

While chestnut honey is best known for its anti-microbial properties, a Medex representative also highlighted its high levels of kynurenic acid, “a very important metabolism regulator,” meaning it can also be used in a number of dietary supplements.



## Ljubljana's Early Modern Age the focus of display

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — An exhibition running at the Ljubljana City Museum through the end of August will shed light on the people and achievements that fostered the cultural and spiritual development of Slovenia’s capital during the period stretching from 1500 to 1800.

Titled “Book. Knowledge. Reason,” the display features more than 500 exhibits, some of which are being shown publicly for the very first time. Blaž Peršin, the director of the Ljubljana Museum and Galleries, said the exhibition offered a critical contribution to understanding modern attitudes toward culture, the arts and knowledge.

Speaking prior to the launch, curator Irena Žmuc explained that this particular period was “a time of great social upheaval, [bringing] the first Slovenian printed books, the introduction of organized education, and the birth of science.”

Spanning across six rooms, the exhibition starts off with the Reformation and anti-Reformation movements of the 16th century before moving on to 17th-century social changes, when the role of man changed from that of soldier to scholar.

“We also wanted to talk about women, whom we placed in the gold room. Among others, we’ve presented Mother Eleonora, the Ursuline mother superior who, together with wealthy progressive Ljubljana residents, founded a school for girls,” Žmuc said.

Another room focuses on the Slovenian Enlightenment, with exhibits centered around the wheelchair of Baron Žiga Zois (1747-1819), a nobleman, natural scientist, linguist and patron of the arts.

Among the many books displayed are 22 originals, including the first Slovenian grammar book by Adam Bohorič, the first Slovenian four-language dictionary by Hieronim Megiser, and a book by Edward Browne, a traveler from the British Isles who described Ljubljana as “a beautiful city.”

## Planica Nordic Centre receives design award

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The designers of the Planica Nordic Centre in north-eastern Slovenia received a gold medal for architectural achievement awarded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS). The awards were announced at the 26th international IAKS congress held in Cologne, Germany, in mid-November and presented officially by the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

The Nordic skiing complex, which includes one ski-flying hill, seven ski-jumping hills and a cross-country skiing track, is one of seven gold medal recipients.

The project, designed by three architectural firms, was recognized by the international jury as a “modern complex created by expanding and modernizing the existing facilities in Triglav National Park.” According to the jury, the complex is noted for its versatile and year-round use for elite and major international events, as well as for tourism and recreation.

The jury was also impressed by the “magnificent integration of the facility into the landscape” and the use of an underground tunnel for cross-country skiing in the summer.

In addition to hosting the Ski Jumping World Cup finals every year, the Planica Nordic Centre will also host the 2023 Nordic World Ski Championships which tens of thousands of fans are expected to attend.

## Slovenia will have its very own Michelin Guide

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The first Slovenian Michelin Reference Guide for restaurants will be published in March in what is considered a move that will further promote and boost Slovenian tourism, turning the country into a destination for even the most demanding foodies.

Maja Pak, the head of the Slovenian Tourism Board (STO), believes that the Slovenian publication of the acclaimed

global culinary guide will strengthen the position of Slovenia as a culinary destination for high-end guests. “The STO is honored that Michelin has recognized Slovenia as a top destination of extraordinary natural heritage, strong sustainable commitment, high-quality ingredients and truly talented chefs,” Pak said at the introductory press conference.

According to Michelin Sales and Marketing Director Romain Perrier, the guide’s food critics have been assessing restaurants in Slovenia for the past year. “Slovenia’s culinary potential has increased considerably,” Perrier said, adding that the Michelin Red Guide not only “boosts tourism, but also strengthens the development of culinary scenes – and has a positive impact on the economy, creating new jobs.”

In 2018, another renowned culinary guide, Gault & Millau, entered the Slovenian culinary scene, naming Hiša Franko, led by chef Ana Roš, and Pri Lojzetu, helmed by another acclaimed chef, Tomaž Kavčič, as the country’s highest-rated restaurants. In addition, Igor Jagodic from the Strelec restaurant was recognized as the Gault & Millau Chef of the Year in 2019.

## Glamping even sweeter in the Chocolate Village

**MARIBOR (STA)** — Chocoholics are in for a dream-come-true experience in Maribor, where a Chocolate Village opened its doors to visitors. Guests of this special “glamping” (glamorous camping) resort will be able to enjoy a chocolate bath, visit a chocolate fountain, and even brush their teeth with chocolate-flavored toothpaste.

The village, comprising a dozen glamping units for a maximum of 36 guests, is located in Limbuš on the banks of the Drava River. The Slovenian-made units are named after three cocoa varieties and offer a view of Maribor Lake Park.

Guests have access to an outdoor swimming pool, a tree house sauna, a wine cellar, an open fire pit near the river, and a dock where various events will be scheduled in the summer.

The units celebrate chocolate in every possible way: pillows containing cocoa beans, and bathrooms offering chocolate soap and chocolate-flavored toothpaste. Chocolate beer and a chocolate breakfast are served daily.

In cooperation with local producers, Quadro, the company behind the project, is also developing new products such as chocolate sausage and cheese. Quadro, which owns several dessert cafés in Maribor, Celje, Koper and Ptuj, operates a small chocolate factory not far from the new chocolate resort.

“Our desire was to create a superb tourist experience, and the feedback from our first guests is exceptional, so it seems we hit the nail on the head,” said Quadro owner and director Uroš Mlakar about the project.

## Dončić sets Slovenian NBA points record

**DALLAS (STA)** — Slovenian basketball star Luka Dončić continues to break new ground in the NBA, having set the new record for points scored in a single game by a Slovenian player. On Nov. 18, the 20 year old surpassed Goran Dragić’s mark of 40 points by scoring 42 points as he led the Dallas Mavericks to a win over division rival San Antonio Spurs.

In the Mavericks’ 117-110 win, Dončić also added 12 assists and 11 rebounds, notching his sixth triple-double early in the new NBA season.

Playing in only his second year in the NBA, the Slovenian became the second-youngest NBA player to tally a 40-point triple-double, trailing only LeBron James. Dončić and James are the only players in NBA history to manage the feat before reaching the age of 21.

Speaking to a reporter after the game, Dončić said that the game “was special; it’s a rivalry,” referring to the San Antonio Spurs, adding that “we always want to win every [rivalry] game.”

ESPN quoted Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle as saying that “[Dončić] can do anything he wants to on a basketball court. He’s having one of those magical runs right now. It’s a phenomenal thing to watch.”

Dončić was nearly averaging a triple-double through the first 12 games of the season, recording an average of 28.5 points, 10.7 rebounds and 9.1 assists per game.

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# Spartans Lodge slates holiday party in January

by TONI THOMEY  
Lodge 576

**CLEVELAND**—Happy New Year to all Spartans Lodge members. I cannot believe we are now in the year 2020.

The end of 2019 was very busy for the Spartans Lodge. In November, many of our members and friends enjoyed our annual bus trip to Presque Isle Downs Casino. The day started with delicious Bloody Marys and mimosas served up by Louie, Erica and Karen Novak. And, of course, the trip wouldn't be complete without musical entertainment from Patty Candela. After a fun-filled day at the casino, we headed to Grand River Cellars winery to celebrate June Slapnik's birthday.

This year our members and friends who attended the bus trip were asked to donate a brand new toy for Toys for Tots. Thank you to all who donated, even those who were unable to make the bus trip. Thanks to your generosity, our president,

Karen Novak, was able to deliver several large sacks of toys and a monetary donation from the Lodge.

Over Thanksgiving week-end, several Spartans members attended the Polka Hall of Fame Awards ceremony and festivities at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott at Key Center. A huge congratulations to the Likovic family: Ron Likovic & Friends won Best Button Box Group, and T.J. and R.J. Likovic won Best Side Musicians. Way to go, guys! We knew you were fabulous already.

In November, our Lodge installed new officers for 2020. We are pleased to announce our board: President Karen Novak, Vice President Patty Candela, Recording Secretary Sammi Likovic, and Secretary/Treasurer Linda Gorjup. Our auditors are Louie Novak, Donna Sebusch and Toni Thomey. Congratulations—we know you'll continue to do an amazing job.



Spartans Lodge President **KAREN NOVAK** delivered several bags of toys collected by members to the Cleveland Toys for Tots organization. The toys were donated by members and friends during the Lodge's annual bus trip and throughout the fall at Lodge meetings.

Due to everyone's busy holiday festivities with their families, our Lodge holiday party will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at Urban Vintner from 1 to 4 p.m. We will have a catered lunch and some amazing wine; please bring a dessert to share. We will also be holding a \$10 gift exchange. We encourage all of our button box players to bring their instruments — it's not a party without some polkas! Please RSVP to Karen Novak at (216) 965-3181 if you would like to attend. We hope

to see you all there!

We are planning a busy 2020. Please continue to look for Spartans Lodge articles and keep an eye on the "Up-and-Coming" section in *PROSVETA*, as well as for our monthly e-mail notifications and our postings on Facebook. If you would like to be added to our e-mail notifications or to our call list, please contact me at (216) 744-4710.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in 2020. *Hvala lepa!*

# Lodge 559 ready for a new year of activity

by KAITLYN CHIAPPETTA  
Lodge 559 President

**CHICAGO** — Happy New Year, SNPJ! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

The end of the year was quite busy for Lodge 559 members. We held our last meeting of 2019 on Nov. 15. Our full slate of officers who served in 2019 was reelected to again serve in 2020: President/Recording Secretary Kaitlyn Chiappetta, Vice President/Sergeant-at-Arms Geri Matiassek, Secretary/Treasurer Melanie Matiassek, and auditors Mike Vidmar and Geri Matiassek. Thank you all for serving last year — and next year as well!

After our meeting, we all enjoyed a holiday luncheon at the McCook Bohemian Restaurant. The food was delicious, as always, particularly the fruit dumplings. Thanks to Anne Cretnik for bringing holiday chocolates to share with us.

Members in attendance at the meeting posed for a photo with all the toys we collected through our toy drive. We had a successful turnout, and donated our toys to the LaGrange, Ill., American Legion Post Toys for Tots campaign.

We had plenty of birthdays to celebrate in December,

January and February that we also included in our celebrations.

December was another busy month for Lodge 559, with members attending the Chicago Federation Christmas party. This event was an all-ages party, with games for both adults and children. Vince Rigler led us as we sang Christmas songs, and Santa even made an appearance! Thank you to the Federation and to Tina Rigler for coordinating such a great event.

2020 is again looking to be a great year for Lodge 559, with several community service projects already planned.

Our meeting dates for the upcoming year are March 20, May 15, Sept. 18 and Nov. 20, the third Friday of those months. The meetings will begin at noon at the McCook Bohemian Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Rd., McCook, IL 60525.

Both our March and May meetings will feature food drives; our November meeting will again be our holiday toy drive.

Please be sure to follow our Facebook page, @SNPJLodge559, for more up-to-date information on Lodge 559 meetings and events. We wish everyone a great 2020!



[Above] Pioneer Lodge 559 hosted a toy drive during the November meeting, donating the items collected to the LaGrange, Ill., American Legion Post Toys for Tots campaign.

[Below] Lodge 559 members in attendance at the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Chicago District Federation in December.



# Annual Awards Show the highlight of the 2019 Thanksgiving Polka Weekend

by JOE VALENCIC (5)  
Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame

**CLEVELAND** — Nashville polka recording artist LynnMarie and her husband, Eddie Rodick III, took the awards for Album and Song of the Year for "Home" at the 32nd annual Polka Music Awards Show, presented Nov. 30, 2019, by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame.

Brian O'Boyle of Concord, Ohio, repeated as Musician of the Year, as did Klancnik & Friends for Band of the Year. Pennsylvania band leaders Walt Grollier and the late Al Meixner, along with late Cleveland accordion manufacturer Anton Mervar, were inducted for their lifetime achievements in polka music.

The show's theme, "Loving the Polka Life," featured performers who epitomize the spirit of the music, including World Diatonic Accordion Champion Denis Novato from Italy, and Alex Meixner, the accordionist featured in the 2017 film "The Polka King," who accepted the award on behalf of his late father and performed a tribute to him.

Walt Grollier, 92, from Allentown, Pa., accepted his award and sang his best-known tune, "Say Thank You Dear and Give Her Roses," with Cleveland band leader Aaron Dussing. A salute to Anton Mervar was presented by accordionists Wayne Golob and Dave Slick on their vintage Mervar button boxes.

Band leader Joey Tomsick dedicated "Remembering," an original waltz, to

the memory of polka broadcaster Tony Petkovsek, who created the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend in 1963 and passed away in February 2019. The finale included featured artists and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek, among others.

The two All-Time Hits recognized at the awards show were the party favorites "No Beer Today" and "Windy City Polka."

Other award winners included Ron Likovic and Friends for Button Accordion Ensemble; T.J. Likovic, R.J. Likovic and Eddie Rodick III for Side Musicians; the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, for Culture and Heritage; Murray McFadgen for Vocalist; and polka DJs Pam and Jerry Zagar for Support and Promotion. After years of nomination, Pittsburgh-area musician Joe Grkman Jr. was awarded the title of Button Accordionist of the Year.

A total of 40 musicians appeared on the main stage during the annual Friday evening jam session. Spontaneous polka jam sessions took place each evening at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel, the site of the 56th Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend which is highlighted by the annual Polka Music Awards Show.

The Polka Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 605 East 222nd St. in Euclid, Ohio. For more information, visit the Polka Hall of Fame website, [www.polkafame.com](http://www.polkafame.com), or phone (216) 621-FAME.



[Above] Nashville polka recording artist LynnMarie performed during the 32nd annual Polka Music Awards Show, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame on Nov. 30, 2019.

[Below] World diatonic accordion champion Denis Novato arrived from Italy to perform at the 2019 Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show.



# PROSVETA Crossword

## NFL Teams (#0120) by StatePoint Media

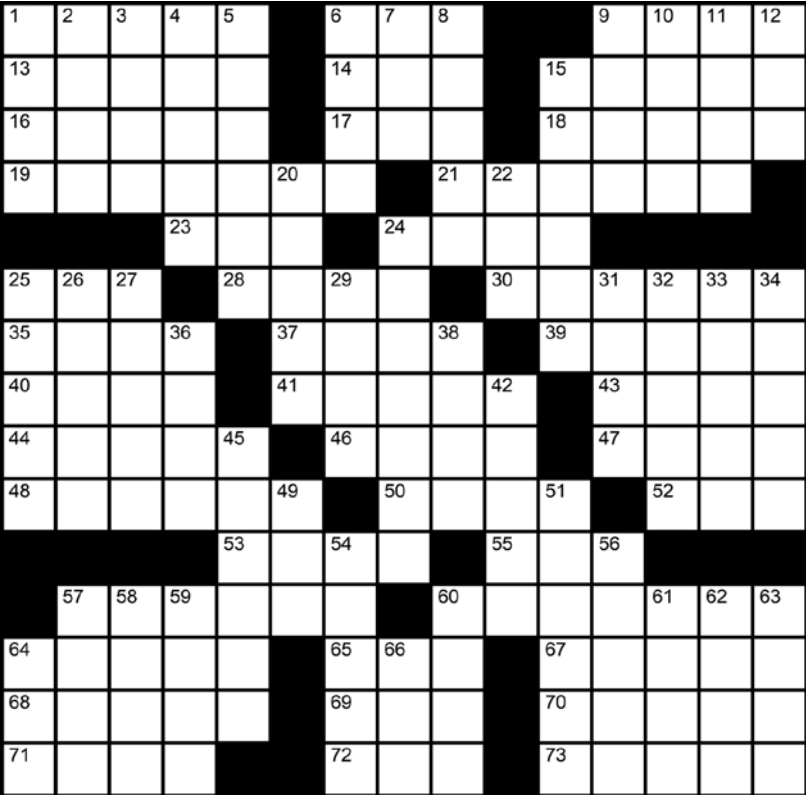
### ACROSS

- Kate DiCamillo's "\_\_\_\_ and Ulysses"
- Blunder
- Gymnastics parallel \_\_\_\_
- About 1.75 pints
- Pronoun that can be singular or plural
- Chic's "Le \_\_\_\_"
- Willow tree
- Teller substitute, acr.
- With ample space
- \*Only community-owned NFL team
- \*Only team with no logo on helmets
- Greek letters on campus
- Log splitter
- \*Traditional team ride
- Ranee's husband
- '70s TV series "The \_\_\_\_ Woman"
- Bookkeeping entry
- Do over
- Words to live by
- Italy's obsolete money
- Fur shawl
- Pay a visit
- Beau's and Jeff's acting dad
- Edward Scissorhands' sound
- Editor's mark
- Port city in Alaska
- Cozy spot

### DOWN

- Hit's opposite
- Bonet or Kudrow
- Suffix with psych-
- Does like something rotten
- Unpaid debt
- Unfledged hawk
- Decompose
- "Dancing with the Stars" number
- Arch above eye
- Another spelling for eon
- \*Moved from St. Louis
- Blue hue
- Lark about
- Raises children
- "\_\_\_\_-a-dub-dub"

- Super Bowl 2012 halftime act
- \*Only team to play home games in New York state
- Being of service
- Asian goat antelope
- \*Headquartered in New Jersey
- Tolkien villains
- Poet's "below"
- Lazybones
- \*Their stadium hosts NFL Scouting Combine
- She knows "Why the Caged Bird Sings"
- Mixture or medley
- Horace's poem
- John Collins and Tom Collins, e.g.
- Banned pesticide
- Karate-like art
- Composition notebook entry
- S-shaped moldings
- Lump
- Shakespeare's metrical unit
- Single pip cards
- \*Team rest weeks
- Place one's stake
- Look angry
- Back talk
- Mother, sister or daughter
- Be in the red



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**dish** **ANYTIME**

The solution to puzzle #0120 will run in the Feb. 3 issue.



# Lodge 106 has a cure for the post-holiday blues

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
Lodge 106

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — Greetings from Lodge 106 in Imperial! We'll be playing bar bingo on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Special early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., the first regular games start at 7, and we play until about 9 p.m. The SNPJ Lodge 106 Kitchen will be open during bar bingo.

Stop by the club on the first Tuesday of each month to see bartender Shari and enjoy an evening of free jukebox.

The SNPJ Lodge 106 inaugural First Responder Ap-

preciation Lunch, held Nov. 15, 2019, was a complete success. Representatives from police, fire and EMT units in our area stopped in for lunch on us.

Many times, the roles that they play to keep our communities safe go unrecognized, and we just wanted to let them know that we truly appreciate the hard work they do. Thanks to our local Chick-fil-A and Don's Pizza for their generous donations of food.

Euchre tournaments continue into 2020; the first tournament is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 5, starting at 2 p.m. A \$10 entry fee is required, and

a food buffet is available. These tournaments will continue every other Sunday after Jan. 5.

Make your way to the Imperial Room at SNPJ Lodge 106 on Saturday, Feb. 22, as we welcome the country band Guntown, performing from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$6 at the door; the SNPJ Lodge 106 Kitchen will be offering a full menu for purchase.

For the very first time, SNPJ Lodge 106 will welcome the Center Stage band to our clubroom on Saturday, March 7, from 8 to 11 p.m. There is no cover charge for this event, and the SNPJ Lodge 106 Kitchen

will be offering a full menu for purchase.

If you would you like to receive periodic e-mails from SNPJ Lodge 106 about upcoming events, important announcements, etc., send an e-mail to [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com) and we will add you to our e-mail list.

Be sure to keep track of all the activities we have going on at SNPJ Lodge 106 by visiting the "Upcoming Events" page on our website, [www.snpjimperialpa.com](http://www.snpjimperialpa.com). Check out SNPJ Lodge 106 and the Imperial Room at SNPJ Lodge 106 on Facebook and "Like" us.



The Conemaugh Federation honorees for 2019 included 50-year members [above, left to right] **KENNETH ZAKRAYSEK** (174), **ROSEMARY LEBERT** (749), **KAREN MERCER** (749), **WILLIAM KOVACIC** (749) and **ROBERT WALKER** (749); and 60-year members [below] **JOSEPH VASILKO** (749) [center], flanked by **ALBERT PRIMAVERA** (749) and **RICHARD MOSTOLLER** (749).

# A festive Christmas event for St. Marys Lodge 581

by JERRY TROHA  
Lodge 581 Secretary/Treasurer

**ST. MARYS, Pa.** — SNPJ Lodge 581 and the North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters held their joint Christmas party at the Johnsonburg, Pa., fire hall. A catered meal was served, along with delicious desserts that were supplied by attendees. The Karl Lukitsch Band provided the music for the festivities. Door prizes and gifts were distributed by Santa to the lucky winners.

Lodge 581 members John Moore and Jerry Troha had a busy month entertaining St. Marys nursing home residents with their accordions, playing polkas and Christmas music. The residents of Elk Haven, Pinecrest, Silvercreek Manor and the Ecumenical Home of Bradford, Pa., truly enjoyed the traditional music.

Lodge 581 President Marcia Klancer Bleggi enjoyed a visit from her cousin, Tanja Judez from Ljubljana, Slovenia. Tanja shared

her first Thanksgiving in the United States with the Bleggi family. Marcia added her special potica to the festive meal. Tanja says that "she enjoys reading the news from the United States and Slovenia online in *PROSVETA*."

Congratulations to Sis. Elaine Moriarty of Ridge, N.Y., who is celebrating 50 years of SNPJ membership.

The next dance hosted by the North Central Pa. Slovenian Polka Boosters is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 5, featuring the Just Having Fun Polka Band from Kane, Pa., at the Ridgway, Pa., Eagles Club from 2 to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Jan. 19, the Larry Lewicki Band from Olean, N.Y., will perform at the Wildwoods Bar & Grill in St. Marys from 2 to 5 p.m.

For information on the Polka Boosters, phone Pat Moore at (814) 837-9218 or e-mail [moorski@verizon.net](mailto:moorski@verizon.net). To contact Jerry Troha, phone (814) 781-6978, e-mail [jerometroha@gmail.com](mailto:jerometroha@gmail.com), or write c/o 623 Vermont Rd., St. Marys, PA 15857.



**Tanja Judez** from Ljubljana, Slovenia, and **DEAN BLEGGI** (581) from St. Marys, Pa. Tanja shared her first American Thanksgiving with her cousins, the Bleggis, in St. Marys.



## Conemaugh Fed toasts honorees at annual dinner

**CONEMAUGH HONORS**  
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Each of the honored guests was asked to say a few words about their SNPJ membership over the years, and it was very interesting to hear and share their memories. Photos of the honored guests were taken, and the centerpiece was won by Robert Walker. Congratulations!

Hopefully, all those who attended enjoyed a nice and very fraternal afternoon.

introduced the honored guests in attendance: 50-year members William F. Kovacic (749), Rosemarie Lebert (749), Karen J. Mercer (749), Robert H. Walker (749) and Kenneth Zakraysek (174); and 60-year members Richard Mostoller (749), Albert S. Primavera (749) and Joseph P. Vasilko (749).

# Lodge 449 announces meeting schedule for 2020

by TINA RIGLER  
Lodge 449 Secretary/Treasurer

**CICERO, Ill.** — The members of Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 held their annual meeting Nov. 17, 2019. Secretary Tina Rigler read all communications received from the SNPJ Home Office and presented a financial report. An annual audit will be scheduled prior to the next meeting.

Members approved that youth members who attend the Chicago District Federation Christmas party will receive \$5 from the Lodge. Four youth members attended the Christmas party, held Dec. 7, and participated in the talent program.

As a notice to all Lodge members, Lodge 449 will be meeting four times in 2020. The meetings scheduled in 2020 will be held starting at 1 p.m. at the home of Secretary

Rigler, 1116 Berkley Lane in Lemont, on the following dates: March 22 (we will be playing card bingo after the meeting, please bring a \$1 gift), June 14 (this meeting will be held during the Father's Day picnic at St. Mary's in Lemont, Ill.), Sept. 13 and Nov. 15.

Election of officers was held with the following officers elected: President Vince Rigler, Vice President Meredith Maresh, Recording Secretary Edward Dabrowski, Secretary/Treasurer Tina Rigler, Sergeant-at-Arms Jan Maresh, and auditors Justin Rigler, Lanie Maresh and Robert Rigler.

Our Lodge representatives to the Chicago District Federation are Edward Dabrowski, Tina Rigler and Vince Rigler, with alternates Meredith Maresh, Justin Rigler and Lanie Maresh.



Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 members toasted the holiday season during their annual meeting in November.

Lodge members also decided to host four activities in 2020 which will be held on the same dates as the regularly scheduled meetings. All members enjoyed the holiday lunch served at the meeting.

I wish all members a healthy New Year and look forward to seeing more of our members at our next meeting, which will be held Sunday, March 22 (don't forget to bring your \$1 gift to play card bingo!), starting at 1 p.m. at the Rigler home, 1116 Berkley Lane in Lemont. Please call (630) 257-5051 if you need directions.



Photo submitted by Michelle Hribar-Hernandez (1).

**Oktoberfest, Closer To Home**

Slavija Lodge 1 members and friends attended Oktoberfest on Oct. 2, 2019, at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estates in Joliet, Ill. The group enjoyed a German-style lunch while listening to Bavarian, Austrian and Slovenian-style polka music. Lodge members closed out the year at their annual holiday meeting in December.

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SNPJ Membership Anniversaries January 2020			
80-Year Members			
Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
158	Amelia Spetich		
70-Year Members			
Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
31	Helen M. Scarmack	153	Dolores J. DePietro
31	Mary L. D'Amico	174	Anna Susko
33	Dorothy Rosso	254	Louise L. Brezovic
106	William C. Postufka	584	Frances Zeman
106	Clara A. Dempe	782	Dolores J. Minster
60-Year Members			
Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
1	Carole Pietras	158	Karen L. Lohse
5	Andrean A. Streck	225	Barbara A. Falconer
6	Lois A. Misisit	304	Darlene R. Jarvis
31	Shirley Grunseth	371	Dennis E. Breznikar
41	Carole A. Ketter	629	Caroline E. Bowden
87	Dennis H. Cain	723	Nadine A. Craig
138	Nellie A. Nagode	749	Charles J. DePolo
142	Sally A. Primc		
50-Year Members			
Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
3	William Znidarsic	225	Joyce E. Kovacic
5	George J. Spellacy	476	David J. Foreman
6	Daniel P. Danilo	564	Bruce E. Modetz
6	Susan P. Obringer	564	Christine M. Doyle
8	Patricia Janezich	576	William T. Specogna
8	Stanley M. Spanich	581	Elaine Moriarty
31	Denise J. Armentrout	584	Gregory J. Weege
41	Wilma J. Bohinc	584	Mary K. Valle
53	Mary M. Sandora	603	Hugh J. Bourne
138	Mary F. Watson	677	Cathline M. Verlinde
174	Diane L. Bronce	721	Kathleen F. Feenstra
190	William J. Patterson	723	Patricia S. Sersen

**2020 SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament**  
**February 14-16, 2020**

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MEN	WOMEN
<b>Doubles &amp; Singles Events</b> at Strabane Lodge 138 269 Latimer Ave. Strabane, PA 15363 Club: (724) 745-9860 Lanes: (724) 745-9775 <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.	<b>Doubles &amp; Singles Events</b> at Sygan Lodge 6 540 Third Ave. Bridgeville, PA 15017 Phone: (412) 221-9862 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.
<b>MEN</b> <b>Team Event</b> at Sygan Lodge 6 540 Third Ave. Bridgeville, PA 15017 Phone: (412) 221-9862 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m.	<b>WOMEN</b> <b>Team Event</b> at Strabane Lodge 138 269 Latimer Ave. Strabane, PA 15363 Club: (724) 745-9860 Lanes: (724) 745-9775 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m.

Doubles & Singles Entry fee \$30 per person Friday/Saturday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2018-19	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
1.			
2.			
1.			
2.			

Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup

Four Person Team Event Entry fee \$60 per team Sunday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2018-19
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee for each event is \$15 per bowler, \$9.00 of which shall be used for prizes and \$6.00 for bowling. An extra \$5 is charged to all who desire to compete for handicap all-events prizes. The Slovene National Benefit Society adds \$6 per member to each prize fund except all-events.

Return form, along with fees of \$15 per person, per event, to:  
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1435 Paxton Farm Rd., Washington, PA 15301  
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The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126.