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BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

The Annual Goulash Dinner will be held on March 30, 2019 in our Ballroom. The dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and the fee is \$16.00. Tickets can be obtained from the presidents of both branches, Walter Benesch, Jim Mauch, Helen Fotiuk or the office. The food is so good; come and join us.

Please check to see if you have paid your dues; you don't want to be left out of the upcoming updates. Dues remain \$24.00 for 2019 and are payable to Betty Garhammer, 969 Canfield Rd, Youngstown OH or phone 330-788-4274. Thank you.

April 14th meeting will be the election of new officers; bring your attendance up to date so, you can vote. Ladies, it is important that you have a voice in our new combined leadership of the Saxon Club.

We invite men and women to apply for the Br. 22 Scholarship to YSU. It is still has the second lowest tuition in the state of Ohio so take a chance at furthering your education. Information can be obtained from Julaine Gilmartin, 4173 Timberland Trail, Canfield, OH 44406; Rosemary Zamaray, 2158 Cranbrook Dr, Youngstown OH 44511, or Bev Myers, 6980 Kirk Rd, Canfield OH 44406. The deadline is April 15, 2019.

Birthdays are Gloria Hahn, Shirley Hahn, Diane Kirr, Doreen Deutschlander, Janet Sharp and Patricia Sveth. Anniversaries are Shirley Hahn and Michele Dunmire.

We welcome Krista Dunlap as a new member.

A get well card was sent to Sara Duetschlander, a sympathy card to Lucy Secka, and a thank you was sent to the ATS.

Activities and Meetings:

Officers Meeting: Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Calendar Dinner: Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Branch 22 Meeting: Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Retirees: Thursday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Pork/Kraut Dinner: Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m.

We invite you to participate in the activities of our local Youngstown club, and to try our new chef.

Update Your Personal Records And Family Protection

Address changes? Have you notified the ATS Home Office of your new address? Have your adult children changed their addresses?

Beneficiary changes? Was there a marriage, divorce, death, etc., in your family which would require you to make a change of beneficiary on your Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts? Take care of it right away! Senior citizens tend to neglect this, so remind them!

Did the stork visit you recently? Did a new son or daughter arrive recently? Congratulations! Don't forget to make him/her an ATS member by purchasing a Life Insurance or Annuity plan so the he/she can benefit from our fraternal programs.

Do you need more life insurance? Do you have enough life insurance protection for yourself and your family? Chances are you should have better coverage! Call you Local ATS Deputy.

How about an ATS Annuity or IRA Plan?

Are you saving for your retirement needs? ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your savings while providing tax sheltered growth. Call you Local ATS Deputy and strengthen your financial future.



TSBA Bowling

Next Session in Youngstown

March 3, 2019

11:00 am.

Holiday Bowl

777 Youngstown-Poland Rd.

Struthers, Ohio 44571

(330) 755-1444

Dinner following

at Youngstown Saxon Club

710 S. Meridian Rd.

Youngstown, Ohio 44509

(330) 793-7973

Any meal cancellations

Please call Tom Simon

No later than February 26, 2019

(330) 720-7988



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2019 ATS SAXON
SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND APPLICATIONS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Board of Directors wishes to send our deepest condolences to ATS Deputy Karin Weihs and ATS National Trustee Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson on the recent loss of husband and father, Herbert Weihs. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Food is a portal into our culture. We grow up eating the food of our Saxon culture. It becomes a part of who each of us are. A few of our Local Branches continue to have their Wurst Sales each year as a fundraiser as well as providing members and friends the great opportunity to enjoy the delicious comfort food of our Saxon heritage. I wish to commend those Branches that are teaching the younger generation how to prepare the sausage which is an important experience in maintaining connection to our culture. Cleveland West just had their sale a few weeks ago making around 3,000 pounds. It is a long tiresome day for the workers but extremely appreciated by their customers. Kudos to all the volunteers that made the sale a success.

Annually the ATS has held a Golf Outing during the summer. We are still looking for a host for the 2019 event which is usually held during August. The last two years, it has been a two-day event but prior years it was a single day event. We are hoping that we can continue to hold this event for our ATS golfers. If any Local Branch is interested in hosting the Golf Outing, please contact ATS Fraternal Activities Committee Chairman, Jake Spor at (724) 333-5697 or the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442. Although, we have the Arctic air still upon us, it is time for us to finish our plans for summer activities.

On Sunday, February 10, the TSBA bowlers enjoyed another bowling session that was hosted by the New Castle bowlers. I thanked them for arranging for nice traveling weather, no snow or freezing rain! It is such a pleasure to get to talk with members from the various Branches. Next session will be held on Sunday, March 3rd hosted by the Youngstown bowlers. This is the last session of the bowling season except for the tournament in April.

It will soon be the start of Lenten season with Ash Wednesday being on March 6 and for Orthodox Lent March 11. Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. Shrove Tuesday, day before Lent begins, is the Christian day of revelry and indulgence before the austere season of Lent. What I find interesting that originating in the medieval era, most Christian European traditions had developed a version of fried dough for Shrove Tuesday. The rich treats presented a way to use up all of the butter, sugar and fat in the house prior to the self-denying diets of Lent. Our Saxon Krapfen is our cultural version of the fried dough. I can just picture our Saxon women preparing

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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batches of Krapfen to enjoy prior to the start of Lent (yummy). I, as well as many of you, remember the Fasching celebrations that we attended growing up that were held at our Saxon clubhouses. They were very festive, colorful events.

Transylvanian Saxons Trivia: Keisd, with its 15th-century church, is part of the World Heritage Site Villages with fortified churches in Transylvania, designated in 1999 by UNESCO. The Saxon town was recognized not only for the imposing fortified church, but also by the peasant fortress that was built in the 14th century. Unlike most Saxon fortified constructions of this type, this one was not built in the middle of the village, but about 1.5 miles from the center so that not only the inhabitants of Keisd but also those of the neighboring villages could find shelter inside its walls. There



Keisd

is a legend that said that the fortress had belonged to a woman who, lacking heirs, donated it to the villagers after her death. The threatening hill in the southwestern part of the village is said to hide not only unknown treasures, but also their guardian, the spirit of a giant wearing a noose instead of coat of arms, who once a year will make ghostly sounds during the night. Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

NEWS

HIGHER ANNUAL INTEREST YIELD
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2018

3.00%

On Current Annuity and IRAa
issued after 10/1/2012 and after

Financial apps
help you invest
leftover pennies

Behavioral economists have proved one big truth: The best financial decisions are automated. If your bills get deducted on autopay, you are never late with a bill. Your credit score goes up. You never pay late fees. If your healthy 401(k) contribution is automatically deducted from your paycheck for 30 years, you end up a millionaire at retirement. You mainly never miss the money.

So, what if you could invest change? Just a buck here and there. With new financial apps you actually can. The app Acorns rounds up small purchases. So if you buy a \$2.50 coffee, it rounds up the price to \$3 and invests the 50 cents in a portfolio of low-cost exchange-traded funds. You can choose the level of risk, from conservative to aggressive. According to Money, one user saved \$250 in a few months without noticing the difference. A similar app, Digit, transfers small amounts from your checking into a savings account at times when you can afford it.

All I ask is the
chance to prove
that money can't
make me happy.

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either
MAIL: PO BOX 45198,
Westlake, OH 44145
FAX: (440) 399-9339
E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019	FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019	FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019	FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?
Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?
Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

Bist du ein Sachs, und sagt's mit Stolz?

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2019

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better.

Twenty-one Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

\$1,000	Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Henry Schindler Scholarship
\$1,000	Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
\$1,000	Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
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\$1,000	Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
\$1,000	Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
\$1,000	Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
\$1,000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
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\$1,000	Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
\$1000	John Boehm Memorial Scholarship
\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
\$ 750	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$ 400	Donzella Herman Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 1st. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an **official ATS Scholarship Application Form** will be mailed to you. **The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 1st.**

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Tele: _____
E-Mail: _____
Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 1st

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597
Request Forms must be received by
March 1, 2019

Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

WE HAVE A RICH AND COLORFUL
HISTORY AND HERITAGE!
DO YOUR PART TO KEEP IT ALIVE!
BECOME A PROUD
AND ACTIVE MEMBER!

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering thirteen Academic Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarship Grants to our members who are not current year high school graduates and are not entering college in their freshman year of study but are in an **undergraduate program**.

\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$1,000	Award in memory of Edward Gottschling
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klammer
\$ 500	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 500	Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award

Applicants must be ATS members in good standing, with continuous membership for a minimum period of two (2) years. They must have a grade point average of at least 2.8. They may be any age; however, they cannot be a current year high school graduate or entering their freshman year of college.

Applicants must be enrolled in an **undergraduate program** as a **full-time student** at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Requests for **official ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications** may be made by calling the **ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442**, or by completing the **Form printed below by March 1, 2019**.

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 1st. Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Tele: _____
E-Mail: _____
Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 1st

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office 5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Request Forms must be received by March 1, 2019
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

** Scholarship winners will be announced at the ATS Branch Presidents' Meeting on May 4, 2019 and winners will be notified by mail. **

Parents finally insisted their college graduate leave the basement and get a job. So the kid decided to hire himself out as a handyman and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. He went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for him to do.

"You can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The kid said, "How about \$50?" The man agreed.

A short time later, the kid came to the door to collect his money.

"You're finished already?" he asked.

"Yes," the kid answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50.

"And by the way," the kid added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's

9th Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH

Saturday March 9, 2019

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Chili Tasting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$12 in advance from any Dance Group member or \$15 at the door. Children under 12 half price.

Includes admission, three chili samples, accompaniments and desserts
Additional chili samples \$1 each
A cash bar will be available

Stay after the cook-off and enjoy music by the Dirty Franks



Contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229 or email her at samiller55@sbcglobal.net with any questions or if you would like to enter a chili for judging in the contest.

Cost is \$20 per entry (includes admission ticket for entrant) and prizes will be awarded for the top entries

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's



Spring Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage.

All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links or 5lb bulk packages (each with a little overage). The price is \$3.50 per pound

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Pickup is from 9:00 to 2:00 in the pavilion.

You can call in orders to

Maria Bachinger 330-792-4005

Walter Benesch 330-398-5449

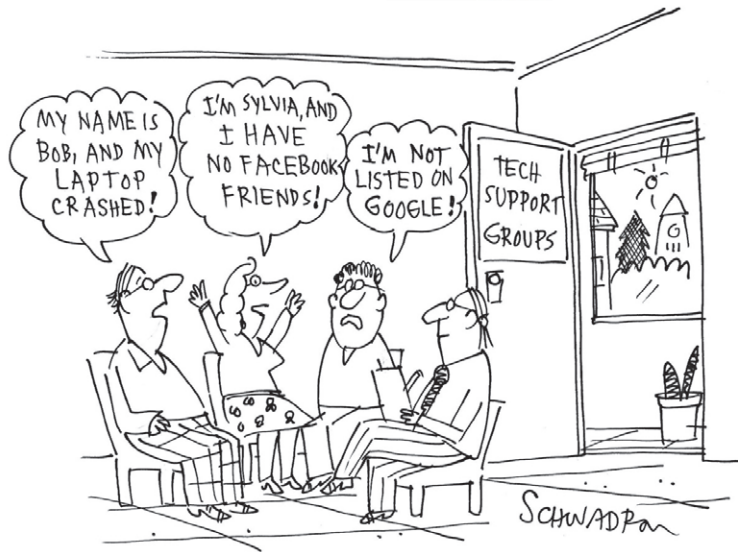
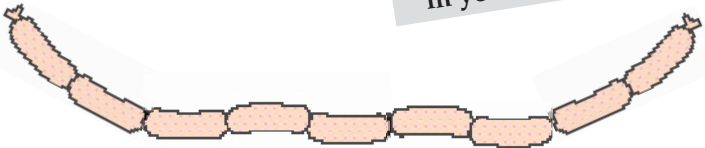
Robert Bachinger 330-792-5177

Orders will be accepted until March 19, 2019

You can also email your order to

bman1017@gmail.com

Please mark this in your calendar.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February and March, 2019
Bowl Where You Are Tournament for Junior Members
February 23, 2019
Tiger Tracks at Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo
May 4, 2019
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host New Castle
June 23-28, 2019
Saxon Summer Camp
July 12-14, 2019
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT
July 19 - 21, 2019
Teen Weekend
July 27, 2019
Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA
October 19-20, 2019
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

March 3, 2019
Youngstown TSBA Bowling at Holday Bowl
March 5, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Fat Tuesday Mardis Gras Buffet
March 9, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-Off
March 16, 2019
Detroit Br. 37 106th Anniversary Dinner Dance
Carpathia Hall
March 24, 2019
Youngstown Pork and Kraut Dinner
March 30, 2019
Youngstown Br. 22/30 Goulasch Dinner
April 5, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 1 250 Club Banquet
April 6-7, 2019
Cleveland West TSBA Tournament
April 13, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Easter Party
April 27, 2019
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Spring Concert
May 5, 2019
Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet
Noel Banquet Center
May 11, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Stiftungsfest/Trachtenfest
Schwaben Center Buffalo Grove IL
May 4, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
June 15, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Beer and Sausage Fest
June 23, 2019
Chicago Br.9 Picnic Lynne Woods Morton Grove
August 24, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 1 Oktoberfest
September 22, 2019
Cleveland West Brs. 1 and 4 Membership Banquet
October 5, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
October 19, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Truabenfest
October 25, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Halloween Party
November 3, 2019
Cleveland Sachseheim Fall Schnitzel Fest

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK-KRAUT DINNER MARCH 24, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
\$9.50
Children \$5.00
includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!

The Ohio Chapter Palatines to America German Genealogy 2019 Spring Seminar

Saturday April 13, 2019
9:00am - 4:00pm

Presented by Warren Bittner, CG



THE LAND THEY LIVED ON!

Four Sessions:
How German History Affects Research
Germany and its Legal Records
Bads, Bergs, Burgs, and Bachs
Meyer's Gazetteer: Gateway to Germany

Warren Bittner, CG®, is a well-known genealogical researcher and lecturer. He coordinated German research tracks at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research [IGHR], the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh [GRIP], and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy [SLIG]. He holds a master's degree in history from Utah State University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria.

**Seminar will be held at Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 Jefferson Ave, US Route 42, Plain City, OH 43064**

Fees include syllabus, seminar sessions, vendor showcase, Der Dutchman pastries, coffee and juice for breakfast and full Buffet lunch (Broasted Chicken and Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Noodles, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert)

Questions? Please email lindabelle@lcs.net

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Register today!

Use Pay Pal online at the website:

<https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php>

or make check payable to

Ohio Chapter – Palam

and mail with registration form to:

Joe Stamm
3930 Lander Road
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-1329

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE –MARCH 27, 2019

MEMBER: \$45.00 EACH NON-MEMBER: \$55.00 EACH

REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 27, 2019

MEMBER: \$55.00 EACH NON-MEMBER: \$65.00 EACH

No refunds for cancellation after April 6, 2019

NAME: _____MEMBER# _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____EMAIL: _____

SURNAMES I AM RESEARCHING: PLEASE LIST FOUR SURNAMES:

Please copy this form to use for additional registrations!

Loomis



1900 Loomis Runabout
Loomis Automobile Co. Westfield, MA
1900-1904

(One of) the first automobile insurance policies issued

In 1898, there were 18 million horses compared to 4,000 cars in the U.S. And sooner or later someone was going to want to insure one.

Most often cited for the first auto insurance policy is Dr. Truman Martin of Buffalo, NY., who bought a policy from Traveler's Insurance Co. in February 1898. The doctor used his car to make house calls and worried about the liability should he have an accident.

But, according to the Traveler's 100-year anniversary press release issued in 1997, the first automobile policy was actually issued to Gilbert J. Loomis of Westfield, Mass. on a car Loomis built himself.

The Salem Saxon Club CARRY OUT FISH FRYS (Carry out only)

Every Friday beginning
March 8 thru April 12
Serving from
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00
Children \$5.00



Fried Fish, Baked Fish
or Breaded Pork Chops
Escalloped Potatoes, Green Beans,
Coleslaw or Fruit, Homemade Cake,

Cash bar open
(while waiting for orders)

CHURCHES



St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334

Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service



**SALEM SAXON CLUB
BAR WILL BE CLOSED
DURING THE MONTHS OF
DECEMBER, JANUARY,
AND FEBRUARY
PLEASE CHECK
THE BRANCH CALENDAR
FOR RE-OPENING DATE**

*The heart of man is very
much like the sea, it has its
storms, it has its tides and
in its depths it has its pearls
too.*

- Vincent Van Gogh

*In the end, we will remem-
ber not the words of our en-
emies, but the silence of our
friends.*

- Martin Luther King Jr.

*We cannot tell the precise
moment when friendship is
formed. As in filling a ves-
sel drop by drop, there is at
last a drop which makes it
run over; so in a series of
kindnesses there is at last
one which makes the heart
run over.*

- Ray Bradbury

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson



Robert W. Ralph

We will not have had our February meeting yet on the day I need to submit my article to the *Volksblatt* so this writing will be brief. I wanted to share first of all the sad news of one of our members, Brother Robert W. Ralph having passed away on February 6, 2019, he was 59. On behalf of the membership of Branch 5 Lorain, we wish to extend our condolences and prayers to his grieving mother Sister Betty Ralph, sister Sister Debbie Tomusko (Brother Bob Tomusko), and brother Brother Tom Ralph and their extended families.

By now all of our Junior members should have gotten their letters for "Bowl Where You Are" and are planning on participating.

Be looking in the next issue of the *Volksblatt* for an announcement of a possible bowling party.

If you didn't make it to the meeting on February 18, 2019 and haven't paid your dues yet be sure to send them according to the correspondence I sent to each dues paying member before March 18, 2019 which will be our next scheduled meeting.

Check your *Volksblatt* for the many activities going on with our ATS branches and be supportive.

FIND MY CAR:

The indispensable feature on your phone

If you've ever walked out of an airport or shopping center and suddenly realized you have no earthly idea where you parked, the solution is probably already in your hand.

If you have an iPhone, the Maps app will show you exactly where your car is and how to get there. You must always have Location Services turned on. And, you have to drive a car with a bluetooth connection. To learn how to use this feature, search online for 'Ap-

Mathilde Untch, 98, passed away January 4th, 2019 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Born on Epiphany Day 1921 in the village of Hutschdorf, Bavaria, Germany, she was the daughter of Georg and Christine Ganzleben. Mathilde emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1951. She was the beloved wife of the late Michael Untch, a Saxon from Scharosch, Romania. Both Mathilde and Michael had been officers of Chicago's Branch 47 and later joined Branch 9.

Mathilde is survived by her daughter, Edelgard Carstensen; her son, Roland Untch (wife Sandra); granddaughters Audrey Carstensen (husband Geordan Rosario) and Michelle Untch; sisters Anna Krauss and Lisette Pohl.

Mathilde Untch † 1921 - 2019



Mathilde Untch

Funeral services were held at Skaja Terrace Funeral home on January 19th with interment next to her husband Michael at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, Illinois.



**We remember our Sisters
and Brothers who have
departed this life in recent
days. Our sincere sympathy
is extended to the members
of the bereaved families.**

Georgiana Kilbreath

Age 91

Died: January 18, 2019
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Carole E. Lang

Age 78

Died: January 27, 2019
Branch 27, New Castle PA

Robert W. Ralph

Age 59

Died: February 6, 2019
Branch 5, Lorain OH

We just want to share the news that our grandson, Mitchell Iavarone DC2, returned with his boat from their mission in the Pacific where they apprehended this unbelievable load of illegal drugs being smuggled into the U.S. Below is an article that describes their mission and apprehensions.

We are very proud of him and all the servicemen and women who protect us and we wanted to share our news.

Tom and Liz Manning
Br. 2 Erie

Coast Guard seizes 17 tons of cocaine during Pacific patrol

By: The Associated Press February 5

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The U.S. Coast Guard has seized nearly 35,000 pounds (15,000 kilograms) of cocaine from apparent drug smuggling vessels in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The drugs were offloaded in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Cmdr. Michael Sharp told reporters the drugs were found over the last three months aboard fishing vessels and go-fast boats outfitted to conceal contraband and evade authorities.

Six crews seized the drugs from 21

separate vessels stopped in Pacific waters off Mexico and Central and South America.

Sharp said the drugs had a wholesale value of roughly \$466 million.

The guard's commandant, Adm. Karl Schultz, said in the last few years, crews have seized 1.3 million pounds (0.6 million kilograms) of cocaine and detained 1,200 suspects at sea.

Schultz said most of the drugs originate in Colombia and are destined for the U.S.

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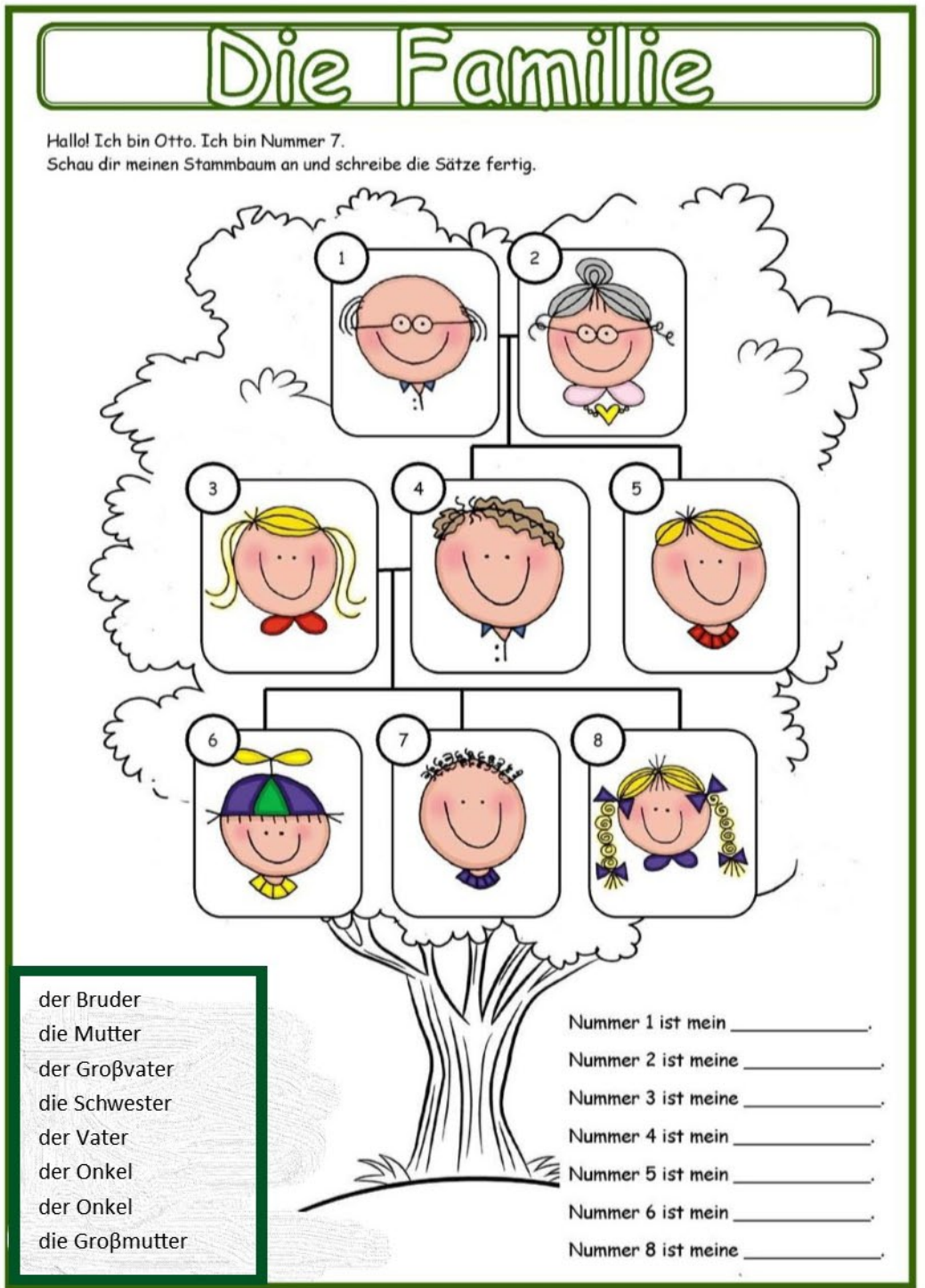
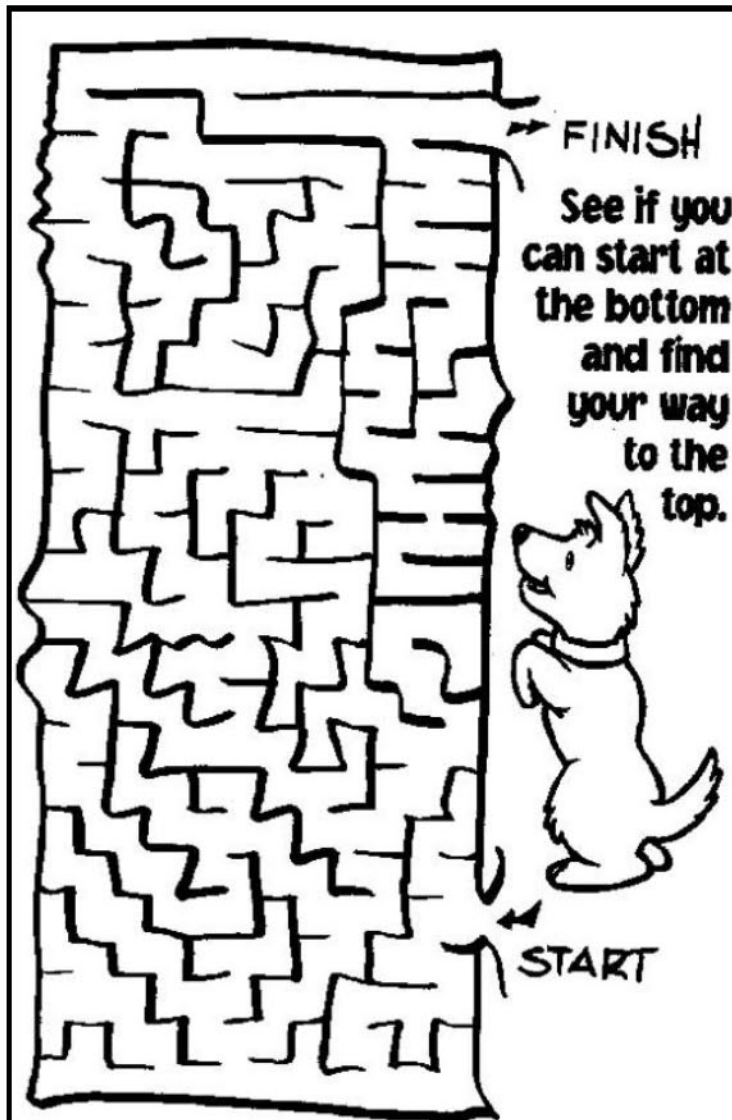
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**Artisans and Nobles:
The von Kraus Family across 350 Years of
War and Social Change in Eastern European
History**

Rüdiger H. von Kraus
Continued from Janury 25 issue

Emergence of an Ennobled Saxon Family:
Thomas Kraus and the Battle of Zenta

1. The Convergent Contingencies of 1663

The family of Thomas Kraus emerges into recorded history at the Battle of Zenta in 1697, but the history might better begin with the converging events of 1663. On April 17 of that year the Turks declared war on Austria's Leopold I after he had made a tepid effort to win back Transylvania, which had been under their suzerainty for the past century and a half. At the end of the Thirty Years' War, Sultan Mehmed IV (1648–1687) and his Grand Vizier Ahmed Köprülü did not want to miss the opportunity to take advantage of the Austrian Empire's war weariness to expand in Europe. They saw in Vienna, located between the Carpathian Mountains and the Alps, the road to Rome, their ultimate goal in establishing their claim to be the Romans' successor.¹ Their goal triggered a whole series of battles of which the 1697 Battle of Zenta is important to our story.

On October 18, 1663, Prince Eugen von Savoy was born, whose brilliant military performance against the Ottomans persuaded Leopold to put him in charge of his army's Hungarian contingent that ended up fighting the Battle at Zenta.

1663 was also the year in which Thomas Kraus was born in Fogarasch, Transylvania. His bravery in the battle of Zenta was the major contributor to his ennoblement. As in so many similar cases, his letter of ennoblement started the recorded history of the Krauses.

Each of these events deserves some further detail.

Officially at least, the Ottomans were at peace with the Habsburgs since the 1606 Treaty of Zsistvatorok, which had allowed the latter to concentrate on their rivalries with France in the West. That partial dissatisfaction of both sides with the treaty was reinforced now by reports from Vienna's representatives in Constantinople "of danger signals and quite accurate warnings about the aggressiveness of the new Vizier Ahmed Körprülü,"² who in 1661 had taken over from his father Mehmed (Vizier, 1656-61). In the 1606 conflict as well as earlier and later, indirect developments, this time in Transylvania, provided the opportunity or pretext for military action between the two adversaries. The details of how the relatively small principality of Transylvania ended up triggering the clashes that would last for several decades between these two major powers reveal the political and religious intricacies in Eastern Europe at that time. Prince George II Rakoczy of Transylvania saw an opportunity to realize his father's dream of a Protestant realm when asked by the Cossack's Hetman Bogdan Khmelnytskyi to join him in an alliance against Catholic Poland. The independently minded Cossacks were not Protestant but had been disappointed by Poland, which had forced them into a role subordinate to their Orthodox Muscovite brethren. Despite his pledge of fealty, Khmelnytskyi thought he could escape Muscovite and Polish overlordship by allying himself with Protestant Transylvania, Sweden, and Brandenburg. Sweden had emerged from the Thirty Years' War as the major Protestant power in Europe of that time, and accepting its leadership secured success. At least that was what both Prince Rakoczy and Hetman Khmelnytskyi believed until 1657 when the latter suddenly died, and Sweden's Karl X Gustav had to leave Poland to fight the Danes. Khmelnytskyi's earlier subordination to Moscow had already alienated his southern allies, the Crimean Tatars, who were

in a constant struggle with Moscow. Given the new exposure of Khmelnytskyi the Tatars sided with Poland, which in turn led their Muslim and blood-related Ottoman allies to retaliate against their misbehaving Transylvanian vassal. Prince Rakoczy's army by itself was no match for the Ottomans. The defeated Prince died of battle wounds in 1660. But the election by Transylvania's Diet of a new prince friendly to the Habsburgs signaled the possible loss of their Transylvanian principality with its tributes to the Porte's treasury. The Porte responded with another military intervention that brought the replacement's heroic death and the installation of an Ottoman favorite. The Holy Roman Empire's cumbersome political machine fueled by the worries of the "refugees from Transylvania, Hungarian nobles at the court and the 'Easterners' in Leopold's privy conference..."³ and the more general threat to all Christendom, got into action, and by January 1664 after months of negotiations the Regensburg Diet raised a coalition army to face the Ottomans who were getting close to Graz and Vienna. The relatively slow Ottoman advance allowed the coalition forces to face the Turks who were in the process of crossing the Raba river at the monastery of Saint Gotthard. Although initially repelled due to the lack of a unified command, the conglomerate forces eventually prevailed with thousands of Ottoman soldiers drowning in the river, in a way an omen for the battle of Zenta where even more drowned. The August 1st, 1664 Battle of Saint Gotthard was to be the first of a series of encounters lasting into the first quarter of the next century that eventually drove the Ottomans back down the Danubian territories.

One of the most decisive encounters was Kara Mustafa's⁴ siege of Vienna in 1683. Had the allies under Poland's King Sobieski not come to a last-minute rescue, Rüdiger Graf von Starhelm and his minimal number of soldiers left to defend the royal city would have had to succumb to the Grand Vizier. It was also the battle in which the junior officer Prince Eugen had his first chance to distinguish himself in a fight with the Ottoman enemy. This "physically unprepossessing French Prince of Italian origin"⁵ had been designated by Louis XIV to follow his uncle's, Cardinal Mazarin's, ecclesiastic career. His wish, however, since childhood had been to join the military. This wish and his mother's ban from the French court⁶ allowed him to offer his services in clear conscience to Leopold I. The timing of his appearance in Vienna was propitious since Leopold was in need of any help he could get. At the time Leopold had ongoing conflicts in both the East, with recalcitrant Hungarians and the Ottomans, and in the West, with his archrival cousin Louis XIV. On the Eastern front, Prince Eugen's first test came, as mentioned earlier, in the relief of Vienna from the Ottoman siege. But his crowning moment in the East came fourteen years later, several months after he had been given command of the Hungarian contingent of the Imperial army.

2. The Battle of Zenta

On September 11, 1697, at nine in the morning, the company of Hussars that Prince Eugen had sent on a reconnaissance mission up north along the right bank of the Theiß river showed up at the camp with the captured high-ranking Kutschuk Dschaafer Pasha. Threatened with death, the Pasha revealed that his commander, Sultan Mustafa II, had changed his objective from trying to retake Szeged, which the Turks had lost over a decade ago. Instead he intended to cross the Theiss south of the town of Zenta, between Prince Eugen's position and Szeged, planning from there to take Temesvar as the base for expansion into Upper Hungary and Transylvania.

The whole purpose of Prince Eugen's pursuit of the Ottoman army had been to find an opportunity to inflict losses or even a major

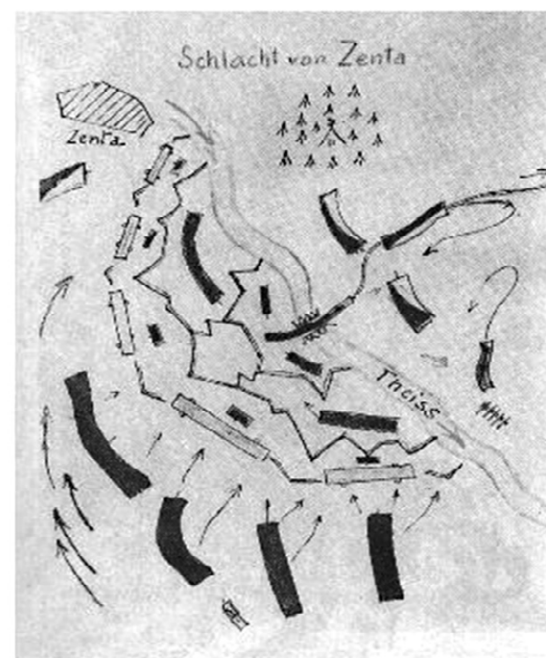


Fig. 1 The Battle of Zenta

defeat. The information revealed by the Pasha promised such an opportunity. Taking advantage of it, however, meant doing the opposite of what the Ottomans expected, namely backtracking north, the opposite way they just had come, through swampy terrain at a higher speed and with exhausted soldiers and officers. Speed was essential to prevent the Sultan from crossing the river and avoiding battle. To get a first-hand view of the situation, the Prince rode ahead of the bulk of his army with his cavalry and a few pieces of light artillery. By now it was already mid-afternoon and given the exhausted soldiers most commanders would have waited for the next day to act.

What he saw was impressive, the Turks had had time to build a semi-circle of trenches and breastworks protruding out from the river and meant to protect the bridge of 60 ships that French engineers had constructed. Within this semicircle, whose diameter extended about a thousand paces along the river were the protective ruins of an imperial weapon-depository that the Ottomans had burned down and connected by deep trenches to both sides of the bridge, thus providing a redoubt of sorts to protect those crossing the bridge.

The earlier than expected arrival of the imperial army caught the Ottomans by surprise. By this time in the afternoon, most of their cavalry, as well as the heavy artillery, had crossed already over the bridge and had started to set up camp on the left bank. The first instinct for those left on right bank was to speed up their crossing to the safer side, which created jams on the single bridge. The dispersion by the Prince's cavalry of the 2000 Spahis that dared an attack outside their fortification convinced the Grand Vizier Elmas Mehmed Pasha, whom Sultan Mustafa II had left to defend the right bank, to call back the forces that had already crossed to the left bank. The crowded bridge forced them to come on foot to the Vizier's tent, who spurred them on to martyrdom for their Sultan.

The confusion of the Ottomans gave the Prince time to set up for two attacks that he intended to execute despite the late afternoon hours. At this time a royal courier arrived with a message. Whether the Prince anticipated its contents or just was too busy starting the first attack in which he and his cavalry would be the center, is unclear, but he told the messenger he would read it the following day. The message from the War Council advised him to avoid engaging the enemy. Had he followed the advice his career might have suffered, had he lost the battle, he might have ended up arrested and tried for insubordination.⁷

Eugene counted on the vulnerability of the single bridge and the reduced enemy forces on

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The final draft of the Constitution of the merged Branch #30

Dear members of Branch #22 and Branch #30, Below is a copy of the final draft of the Constitution of the merged Branch #30. This draft was reviewed and accepted with changes at a special meeting of the combined membership after the January meeting. According to the Constitution, we must let all members of the branch review and recommend any changes to the Constitution. It will be published in this publication for the next two issues and if you have any changes and or suggestions, please let your officers know before March 15th, 2019 so that changes can be discussed and voted upon in the April meeting.

Thank you, Robert Bachinger, Merger Committee Chairman

Constitution for the merged Branch #30 Youngstown Ohio	
ARTICLE I.	NAME The name of this Society shall be SAXON CLUB YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO and BRANCH 30 of The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.
ARTICLE II	PURPOSE The purpose of the Society shall be to provide fraternal fellowship for its members as envisioned in the following Mission: <div><div>1.</div><div>To perpetuate the preservation of the Transylvanian Saxon heritage and culture.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>To support its members in times of need and sorrow.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>To encourage all members to be good and loyal citizens of the United States.</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>To fulfill its obligations and support as members of the national organization, Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.</div></div>
ARTICLE III.	MEETINGS
Section 1.	At every Regular Meeting, eleven (11) members in good standing and the majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum.
Section 2.	The March and August meetings are designated as General Meetings in which special reports, etc. are given.
Section 3.	Special meetings may be called by the President or by written request of eleven (11) members in good standing.
Section 4.	Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedures of all meetings of this Society.
ARTICLE IV.	MEMBERSHIP
Section 1.	Applicants for Fraternal Membership in this Society must be a National Alliance member, having qualified as follows: <div><div>a.</div><div>Is of Transylvanian Saxons or German birth or a descendant thereof.</div></div> <div><div>b.</div><div>Be married to a Saxon or German descendant thereof.</div></div> <div><div>c.</div><div>If other than the above, applicant must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the national Alliance Constitution and By-Laws.</div></div> <div><div>d.</div><div>Is an owner of an Alliance life insurance or an AnnUnity contract.</div></div>
Section 2.	The age requirement for adult membership is age 16 or older. <div><div>a.</div><div>Ages for juvenile members range from birth through Age 15.</div></div>
Section 3.	The Deputy proposing a candidate shall read and give all information concerning the applicant to the membership after having been reviewed by the Board of Directors. If three (3) or more votes are cast against the candidate by the Board, they shall not refer said applicant to the Membership. After a favorable report from the Board, voting shall take place by the Membership. In the event that during the membership vote, three (3) votes are cast against the candidate, no membership shall be granted.
ARTICLE V.	OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS The following constitutes the Officers and Board of Directors: President, First-Vice President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary, Librarian, ATS Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Six (6) Trustees.
ARTICLE VI.	ELECTION OF OFFICERS The election of Officers shall be held each year in the November Meeting of the Society. To qualify for an elected office a candidate must be a member in good standing for at least 1 year.
Section 1.	The term of Office for all Officers shall be for one (1) year.
Section 2.	The election shall be conducted by the President who shall appoint an Election Committee to assist in nominating, collecting ballots, tallying votes, etc.
Section 3.	A Candidate for President, 1st Vice President and Treasurer must have been an elected officer for at least two (2) years.
Section 4.	Each nominee must secure an absolute majority of the votes cast in order to be officially elected.
Section 5.	All Officers’ terms shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.
Section 6.	The President shall be elected for only ONE year term. His consecutive one-year term may not exceed FOUR.
Section 7.	An absent qualified candidate may be nominated for an office provided they have submitted a written request for the office desired to the Branch Recording Secretary or has been nominated by the Elections Committee.
Section 8.	The officer’s stipend for the ensuing year shall be determined prior to nominations.
Section 9.	Any office becoming vacant shall be filled by a member appointed by the President until the following election. Appointees must have attended at least two (2) meetings during the past twelve months (12).
Section 10.	In order to qualify for voting, a member must be present, must be in good standing at least five (5) months, <u>must have attended at least four (4) meetings of the previous twelve (12) monthly meetings.</u>
Section 11.	Anyone who resigns from an office may not be elected to an office for a period of one (1) year from the date of resignation. This rule does not apply if the resignation was due to the officer being elected or appointed to another office.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS	
Section 1.	All Branch Officers must be members in good standing with the Alliance.
Section 2.	The President will: <div><div>•</div><div>Preside at all meetings</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Enforce order and conduct of the same</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>See to it that the Laws of the Society are strictly carried out</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Explain and bring to a vote all motions made which are not in conflict or contrary to existing Federal, State, or local laws</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Receive all reports and submit same to the meeting</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Sign all bills and obligations approved by the Trustees for prompt payment</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Appoint all committees</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Initiate new members</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Pronounce all fines prescribed by the Constitution, with the inclusion of the other officers</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Represent the Society at all functions and activities</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Examine all bonds</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Designate the individual responsibility of each Trustee</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Appoint a five (5) Grievance Committee and a Lodge Chaplain</div></div>

Section 14.	period of 7 (seven) years
	• Report the number of delinquent members and the death of a member to the Alliance Home Office
Section 15.	• Be of service to members in regard to Alliance business in the spirit of fraternal helpfulness
	The Trustees will: <div><div>•</div><div>Conduct a monthly business inventory</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Examine the property of the society</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>See that all property is properly maintained</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Have all necessary repairs completed as soon as possible</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Get authorization from the Board of Directors for any expenditures exceeding three-hundred dollars</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>See that the retail business is operated as prescribed by the Board of Directors</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Maintain accurate records</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Ensure accurate accounting made monthly to the Society at each monthly meeting</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>The President will appoint a Head Trustee that will act as supervisor of the Trustees</div></div>
Section 16.	Ex-Presidents will: <div><div>•</div><div>Become advisory members of the Board of Directors</div></div>
Section 17.	Alliance Convention Delegates will: <div><div>•</div><div>Automatically include the President, Recording Secretary, the ATS Secretary and the ATS Deputies</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Be elected at least two (2) months prior to the Convention</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Must be a member in good standing at least one year prior to their election</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Must have attended at least five (5) of the last twelve (12) meetings of Branch 30</div></div>
	Dues: <div><div>•</div><div>All members of the Society must pay dues to the Branch annually</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>All members must pay a initial Key Card fee</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Key cards will remain activated upon the full payment of dues for the current calendar year. If dues are not paid in full by the February regular meeting Key cards will be deactivated.</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>A member in good standing of the Society for Forty (40) years shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>All members under the age of twenty-five (25) may pay only one-half of the annual fee</div></div>
ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP	
Section 1.	• To mutually aid each other To strive for fraternal cooperation
	• To assist in the promotion and advancement of membership activities in the best interest of the Society and the Alliance.
Section 2.	• Abide and protect the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and the Alliance Attend Society meetings regularly
	• Participate in all deliberations pertaining to the business and activities of the Society
Section 3.	• Serve on committees Generally enjoy all rights and privileges of the Society and the national Alliance
	Members must pay their local dues at the beginning of each calendar year for the entire year.
Section 4.	A member of this Society may retain their membership in the Society even though they relocate in a city in which there may or may not be another Society. Our Society will accept members who wish to join by transferring from another Society. A Certificate of Transfer form must be filed with the Librarian.
	Members are to keep the Librarian informed of any changes of contact information
Section 5.	Upon written request all Affiliated Organizations are required to provide detailed financial reports within 30 (thirty) days. Upon failure to furnish said annual report, said affiliated organization shall be denied its status as an affiliate of Branch 30.
	All standing committees or other committees of the Society, not having previously submitted a written report, shall submit a report of its committee at the March General Meeting together with a written Financial Report.
ARTICLE IX. CHARGES, GRIEVANCES, & RECALL	
Section 1.	Procedures shall be the same as that set forth by the Constitution of the A.T.S., Except that the Grievance Committee shall be made up of a committee of Five (5) appointed by the President as per ARTICLE VII, Sec. 2
	Unless otherwise provided in the Branch Constitution, when a dispute, charge, or grievance arises internally members of the Branch, they shall specify same in writing to the President. The President will in turn forward it to the Grievance Committee. The committee shall act upon the charges made. Report their findings and recommendations to the Body at the next regularly scheduled Branch Meeting.
Section 2.	The President shall immediately notify the office of the A.T.S of any external dispute, charge, or grievance between Branch 30 and any Branch or member thereof. The President shall in turn receive detailed written copy of the Procedure necessary to resolve the issue in an impartial fraternal manner.
	The following procedures are mandatory and must be followed prior to any legal action in a public court of law or equity.
Section 3.	A resignation may be requested by the President of any officer who fails to perform their duties as prescribed in the Constitution. The President may be recalled by a 2/3 majority of the body after eleven (11) members have submitted a valid reason mailed to the Secretary and reviewed by the Board of Grievances.
	Any member who, at a meeting or outside of the Society, is guilty of improper action towards another member (so far as the Society affairs are concerned), or who shows themselves underserving of Society membership, shall be suspended or expelled.
ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS	
Section 1.	All articles and Sections of the Constitution may be changed or amended. All proposed changes and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary. Changes shall be signed by five (5) members in good standing, read by the Recording Secretary at a regular meeting and then submitted by the Recording Secretary to be published in at least two (2) consecutive publications of the official journal of the ATS prior to the General Meeting. Approval shall be at a meeting designated.
	ARTICLE XI. MERGER AND/OR DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY
Section 2.	As long as eleven (11) members in good standing desire the continuation of the Society, it cannot be disbanded. Should the society be disbanded, all remaining assets shall be remitted to the national alliance where they will be held in trust for one (1) year. If, during that year, the Society is re-activated the assets will be returned to the Society.

ARTICLE XII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Opening of the meeting.
 - a. The President calls the meeting to order with a strike of the gavel.
 - b. The President asks the Sergeant-at-Arms whether or not everyone present is entitled to attend the meeting.
 - c. The President will lead in The Lord’s Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.
 - d. If a member has passed away since the last meeting, there shall be an acknowledgement with a moment of silence.
 - e. The president strikes the gavel once and members will take their seats.
- Roll call of officers.
- Reading of the minutes.
- Correspondence.
- Introductions of new candidates.
- Installation of new members.
 - a. The Sergeant-at-Arms brings the candidate(s) before the member ship
 - b. Sergeant-at-Arms: “President, may I introduce to you the candidate(s).”
 - c. President: “I have the honor to incorporate you as a member of this Society. This is a National Fraternal Benefit Society whose interests are to provide financial security by its insurance and annuity plans and to promote fraternal fellowship and Transylvanian Saxon heritage and culture.”
 - d. President: “You promise here with, in the presence of the Officers and Members, that you will acknowledge and uphold the Constitution of the Saxon Society, Youngstown, Ohio, Branch 30 and the National Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. Further more you promise to respect your fellow members, and to safe-guard and protect the welfare and property of the Society. If you are prepared to keep these promises, then answer by saying yes.”
 - e. Handshake: “I welcome you to our Society.
- Treasurer’s report.
- Trustee’s report.
- Financial Secretary’s report.
- Librarian’s report.
- Report of Sick Committee.
- Report of Special Committees.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.
- Welfare.
- Adjourn meeting.
 - a. One stroke with the gavel, the meeting is adjourned.

ARTICLE XIII.

- A Business Manager
 - Hired by, dismissed by and report to The Executive Committee.
 - Oversees all facets of the Retail Business of Branch 30 including the Bar, Restaurant and Catering.
 - Any exception to this may only be made by the Executive Committee
 - Such exceptions will be explained to the body at a Branch 30 meeting
 - This Article (XIII) supersedes any item in the Constitution with which it may conflict concerning a Business Manager.
 - The Executive Committee shall consist of: the President, the First Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Head Trustee. The Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the committee.

ARTICLE XIV. ASSESSMENTS

- Any assessment imposed by Branch 30 must have been read and discussed at the August Branch 30 meeting of the previous year and have been approved at the (following) September Branch 30 meeting.
- An assessment must be approved by a majority of those voting.
- An assessment shall be effective for one (1) year only
- An assessment must begin on Jan. 1st.
- The assessment for one (1) year shall not exceed the Regular Branch 30 dues for that year.
- Honor members are NOT to be charged any assessment.



his side of the bank for success. He still had to face the inner redoubt, but as luck had it Spahis attacked the Imperial force’s left flank in the north of the bridgehead to silence the just installed Habsburg artillery whose projectiles could now reach the bridge. When foot soldiers were able to repel the attack with steady firing the Spahis’ retreat revealed a 40-50 pace unprotected opening on the riverbank where the river water had receded. This breach allowed the Imperial left flank to not only force the defenders into the redoubt but also to attack the forward Ottoman forces from behind. They broke through the wagon barrier jumped into the trenches and climbed the breastworks where the hand-to-hand scuffles began. The cavalry had followed to the trenches from where they fired at the enemy to enable the foot-soldiers’ to scale the breastworks. Some of the riders advanced over the corpses filling the trenches and close in on the bridgehead. The bridge became packed with fleeing people, horses, and wagons with thousands pushed into the river where they found their death. Eventually, the Imperial forces reached the redoubt where the Ottomans tried to make their last stand. But with so many of them dead, whether drowned or killed, their numbers were no match for the now overwhelming force. The one-sided carnage lasted well into the dark until about ten that night, when Prince Eugen recalled all the troops to the camp.

Only the next morning’s daylight revealed the utter Ottoman defeat: the dead included the Grand Vizier with all his senior officers,⁸ 20,000 lower officers and soldiers on the

Oops!

A man had a habit of leaving his keys in the ignition of his car. He was getting ready to leave work one day when he realized that his keys were not in his pocket. He looked everywhere for them, then realized that he probably left them in his car again. He ran out to the parking lot, but panicked when he realized that his car was nowhere to be found.

He tried to call his wife, but there was no answer, so he called the police and reported his car stolen. He even confessed that he had left the keys in the ignition. It was just a little while later that his phone rang. His wife was on the other end of the call.

“Thank goodness you called,” said the man. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen!”

There was a moment of silence. “You fool!” she shouted. “I dropped you off!”

Embarrassed, the man said, “Oh, I forgot...well, come and get me.”

“I will,” she replied, “as soon as I convince this police officer that I have not stolen your car.”

battlefield and over 10,000 that drowned in the 350 paces wide river. On the imperial side, 28 officers and 401 soldiers had died while 133 officers and 1,465 soldiers were wounded.

Seeing a disaster unfold on the right riverbank Mustafa II took off with his lifeguard of several thousand and left-over cavalry and headed for Temesvar, leaving trophies behind on both sides of the river,⁹ the most precious being the Grand Seal that Elmas Mehmed, as the Grand Vizier, always had to wear around his neck which Prince Eugene could present to the Emperor.

The benefits of the victory at Zenta reached beyond the material rewards. Just ten weeks after the battle, Prince Eugen used it successfully to bully Sarajevo into submission. The event impacted on many participants. It cost Elmas Mehmed Pasha his life and cut short his young career. Just two years earlier, at 34 years of age, he had been named Grand Vizier despite his lack of experience for such high office when compared to his predecessors. For Prince Eugen, Zenta was the crowning of his career so far at age 34. It was the first battle in which he had exercised full command. Earlier that year when he had been given command of the imperial army in Hungary, he became the envy of many of his seniors such as the A.B.C.s¹⁰ of whom his friend, the young Count Sinzendorf had warned him. In such an unforgiving environment his fate might have turned out differently, however, if he had lost the battle.

TO BE CONTINUED

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

Well, we just had to change our calendars for 2019 and now it time to change our clocks for Daylight Saving Time. On Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 am, we change our clocks to 3:00 am. Spring forward and lose an hour sleep. It’s time to get out the manuals and get directions on how to change our stove and microwave clocks. To those that stay up to change their clocks at exactly 2:00 am, I say kudos and great job. If you are like me, we change the clocks before we go to bed, and many just wait until the next morning to change their clocks. It used to be you would have to change your clocks on the TV, but now that automatically changes, thank God. And don’t forget, if you have lights on timers, you will need to change them, too. We lived in Northern Indiana and they would not change their clocks. Half the year we were on Eastern Time and half the year we were on Central Time. We actually preferred the Central Time.

Credit for Daylight Saving Time is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin. As a joke, in the Journal of Paris, Benjamin Franklin published an article

- 2 Philip Mansel, Constantinople: City of the World’s Desire, 1453-1924 (London: John Murray, 1995), 4.
- 3 John P. Spielman, Leopold I of Austria (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1977), 48.
- 4 Spielman, Leopold I of Austria, 48.
- 5 Kara Mustafa was Ahmed Körprülü’s handpicked successor as Grand Vizier.
- 6 Robert A. Kann, A History of the Habsburg Empire 1526 – 1918 (Berkley: University of California Press, 1977), 67.
- 7 The celibate Cardinal Mazarin had brought his Italian nieces to the French court. One of them, Olympia Mancini, married Eugene Maurice of Savoy with whom she had eight children, one of them being Prince Eugen. Olympia became involved in various court intrigues, one of which was the notorious Affair of the Poisons, which led to her expulsion from France.
- 8 Some historians such as von Klausen claimed that Eugene was arrested even after winning the battle. The Emperor supposedly had to intervene to free him. As proof, he cites the 1713 publication in Cöln [sic] of Leopold des Großen wunderwürdiges Leben und Thaten as well as a hint in one of Prinz Eugen’s letters to friend Sinzendorf. Franz Georg Friedrich von Kausler, Das Leben des Prinzen Eugen von Savoyen, Verbesserungen. Books 1-5 (1663 - 1707), each book ending with a “Reflexion des Grafen von Bismark.” Beilagen (1) (Memphis TN: General Books LLC, 2012) The Battle of Zenta, 75 – 85, 81. The veracity of the arrest and the Emperor’s intervention are dismissed, however, as ‘invented fable’ by the British military historian George Malleison. George Bruce Malleison, Prince Eugene of Savoy (London: Chapman and Hall, 1888), 57.
- 9 The senior officers included: 4 other Viziers, 13 Beglerbegs, 3 Janissary Lieutenant-Generals, and 54 high-ranking officers of the Janissaries, Spahis and Silihdars. Kausler, Das Leben des Prinzen Eugen von Savoyen, 80.
- 10 The trophies included: seven of the revered tughs and 423 banners. Kausler, Das Leben des Prinzen Eugen von Savoyen, 80.
- 11 The letters stand for: Franz Karl von Auersperg (1655 - 1713); Prince Eugen’s cousin Ludwig von Baden (1655 - 1707) and Áneas von Caprara (1631 - 1701).

about the thrifty benefits of natural daylight versus artificial light (lamps). He wrote this as a joke because he woke up early one morning and it was still dark. So, no, he did not invent Daylight Savings Time.

British-born New Zealander George Hudson proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman proposed a system in the pamphlet ‘The Waste of Daylight.’

The Germans were the first to officially adopt Daylight Saving Time in 1915 as a fuel savings During World War I. The British switched in 1916, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, establishing our different time zones. It was repealed in 1920, due to opposition from dairy farmers, stating cows don’t pay attention to clocks.

During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed again as a means of saving fuel.

As the late Paul Harvey would say, “And now you know the rest of the story.”

PotPourri

Your Horoscope

March

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: Love eases a jealous moment as the moon waxes on the 10th. A decision looms.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: A little chocolate soothes your inner child -- but it does nothing for the outer grown-up! Stars say add some variety to your routine.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: St. Pat’s Day isn’t the only thing happening at mid-month. The first quarter moon on the 14th is especially bright and full of promise. A surprise is coming.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: Skepticism may not be part of your nature, but an easy request this month may lead to more conversation.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Slash those small expenses that are raiding your checking account and save the money. Stars hint at unexpected news -- and expenses this spring.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: You long for something different, perhaps a new experience. Work is all you see for now, but start your plan. Last-minute efforts make it happen.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: A great bargain tempts Libras to break their budgets, but the full moon on the 21st casts light (and maybe regret) on purchases.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: Look back on your hopes for the New Year. Are you following through? If not now, when? Stars say now is the time to put your plan in action.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: Collaborate now, and you could run the show later on. Circumstances dictate that you reorganize priorities. In the hectic last week of March, find time for fun.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: An ethical question arises, but examine it closely. Is the issue really as it seems or are you reading the motives, or beliefs of another person incorrectly or even unfairly?

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Happy Aquarians rarely stay angry, yet a longterm issue has anger at its heart. Sort out whether this is really warranted. The answer won’t be obvious at first.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: Aren’t you lucky? Home life is more enjoyable and interesting than ever. At work, go ahead and suggest your idea. Chances are that it is a good one.

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11. Raise, as an anchor
12. “The ___ Ranger”
13. Most wary
15. Cable channel
16. Supplied with fluid
21. Diamond Head locale
22. Hilo feast
24. Agenda
25. Blunders
26. Antlered animal
27. Overdo the TLC
- Down
1. “I see!”
2. False god
3. Church part
4. Spot for carved initials
5. Disparaged
6. Hand cream ingredient
7. Namesakes of Bert Bobbsey’s twin
10. After expenses
14. Genetic material
16. Short flight
17. Bush’s alma mater
18. Indian lentil dish
19. Continental currency
20. Feathered missile
23. “It’s no ___!”

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

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February 23 is World Sword Swallowers Day--Don’t try this at home

It is an ancient art. Even an ancient religious art. The kind of art that makes you say Ewwww.

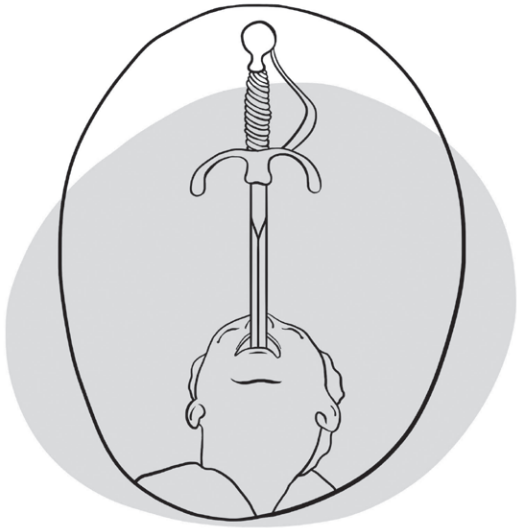
Sword Swallowing is not for those with tender hearts, or weak stomachs. It isn’t done with mirrors. They actually swallow the sword.

According to Sword Swallowers Association International (SSAI), the practice was probably started in 2000 BC when the Fakirs of India swallowed swords to demonstrate their invulnerability, thanks to the gods. The Greeks and Romans took up the practice by 1 AD. With that, it spread throughout Asia and Europe.

Today, if you can see the ancient art, it will probably be in connection with Ripley’s Believe It Or Not (naturally) on World Sword Swallowers Day, the last Saturday in February. This event is helpfully held in connection with National Swallowing Disorders Month.

So, you might well ask: Is it a trick? According to SSAI, no. They don’t use a fake or trick sword. They don’t swallow a tube first to protect their throat, which would be worse, they say.

Sword swallowers need to completely eliminate the gag reflex. They must also learn to voluntarily relax muscles in the throat and esophagus. These muscles usually are not voluntary. They have to hyperextend to form a straight line between the pharynx and stomach.



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It is dangerous, but probably less than one might imagine. For one thing, the art requires physical skills that take years to master.

In 2006, the British Medical Journal did a study of injuries associated with sword swallowing. The journal concluded that sword swallowing was most dangerous when the swallower was distracted. Seems fair. Punctures and hemorrhage were the main problems, but the journal could not find anyone who died from sword swallowing.

Amateurs, presumably those who decide one day to stick a sword down their throat, are at the highest risk.



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