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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

Just a reminder that our Branch meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Let's hope we will not be hit with another snow storm!

On Sunday, February 6th, Cleveland West bowlers traveled to Hermitage, PA. to enjoy another TSBA bowling session which was hosted by the New Castle Bowlers. Bowling against a different team each session gives us a chance to learn a little bit more about each other and most importantly make new friends. Next session will be held on Sunday, March 20th hosted by the Youngstown bowlers, which is the last session for the season and ending with the tournament the weekend of April 2 – 3 in Salem, Ohio.

It will soon be the start of Lenten season with Ash Wednesday being on March 2nd this year. Ash Wednesday occurs 40 days before Easter. Lent is a special period of reflection, fasting, and prayer in preparation for Eater Sunday. We attend church services on Ash Wednesday to better appreciate the death and resurrection of Christ through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial. Ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshipers as a reminder of our mortality and sign of our repentance. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19).

So before we enter our Lenten season, we celebrate Fat Tuesday at the Sachsenheim with delicious foods and drinks. Our manager will be preparing his outstanding Mardi Gras buffet that

Countdown To:



Ash Wednesday

2nd March 2022

will be served between 5 – 8 pm and of course, our regular Taco Tuesday menu will be available. Please make an effort to join us that evening.

I learned about the origin of bock beer from our Club manager: The dark, robust brew apparently had its beginnings during the Middle Ages in the German town of Einbeck where the monks made a special robust beer to see them through the Lenten season. As they were forbidden to eat, they figured a rich, extra malty beverage would sustain them nicely. It did, but everyone else wanted some too and it became a popular local tradition in spring. It wasn't long before this "beck" beer was pronounced "bock" in the Bavarian dialect. Bock also means male goat in German and that symbol is often found on labels. It didn't go mainstream, however, until a young couple from southern Germany in the 17th century insisted it be served at their wedding. One taste and the guests thought they were on to something. It became the rage, and the world of bock beer was spread throughout Germany. The news apparently reached Martin Luther, who also served it at his wedding. So, when the day came for him to confront the emperor at the Diet of Worms, he fortified himself with bock beer. So impressed was the brewery over this early form of product endorsement, Luther's picture went on the label. The earliest exports to the U.S. of bock beer still had the theologian's picture on the label and it became known as the "beer of Martin Luther." The Sachsenheim will be serving Bock Beer on Wednesday, March 2.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Is anyone tired of winter yet? Those of us in the northern half of the United States are probably asking when the snow is going to end. In reality, the first snow was only a month ago. However, that first initial foot or more of snow is still here in the snowdrifts that have yet to melt. Pulling out of driveways and parking lots has become dangerous as the piles of snow along the roads keeps getting higher. Please be careful out there, wherever you are.

Have you been working on getting your tax information gathered together? Are you an early filer or do you wait until the last minute? Over the years I spent working at public accounting firms preparing hundreds of tax returns, I noticed a few common themes. If you receive a refund, you usually file early. If you pay, you wait until the very last minute. The more complicated the tax return, the longer you wait to hand it to your tax preparer. Some people put everything into a folder or big envelope all year long in preparation for tax time. Others spend February and March looking for those items that they need. Some people absolutely hate giving the IRS any money. Others have the attitude that they are just thankful that they have the income and can live comfortably, so they do not mind too much if they have to pay a little at tax time. So, which category did you fall into? Also, keep in mind that an ATS Traditional IRA contribution can help reduce your tax liability or increase your refund.

Did you know that the first income tax in the United States was imposed in July 1861 to help pay for the Civil War? In 1862, it was repealed and replaced with a tiered income tax. The current progressive income tax system and the Federal Form 1040 was introduced in 1913 before the start of World War I. The tax was required of US citizens and legal permanent residents with a net income of \$3,000 or more for the taxable year. The 1040 form consisted of three pages. World War II led to the creation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which later became the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS). The IRS is the world's largest accounting and tax-collection organization. The IRS does not create the tax code – Congress does. The IRS is responsible for collecting taxes and enforcing revenue laws. It is part of the US Department of Treasury. When Americans started paying annual federal income tax in 1913, they would save money in anticipation of paying a lump sum to the government. It wasn't until World War II, when the government needed a more consistent stream of income to fund the war that taxes started being withheld from paychecks.

Various other tax facts include in Switzerland, William Tell shot the apple off his son's head as a punishment for tax resistance. Tax evasion has been noted as an important contributing cause to the fall of the Roman Empire. Lady Godiva's famous ride in Britain was a tax protest. Newspapers have such large-sized sheets of paper because of a British 1816 tax on newspapers. The

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“knowledge tax” was levied by page. In response, newspapers started using larger paper size to accommodate more text, thereby reducing the number of pages that were taxed.

Until next time....

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



“All of our appliances are smart, except for the toaster.”

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 donations 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, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

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or honor of someone

E-readers:
The next step in
evolution of reading

The ancient Sumerians etched cuneiform script into clay tablets as far back as 3,200 B.C. The first printing press that allowed for the mass production of written texts wouldn’t appear until roughly 1440, when Johannes Gutenberg invented movable type.

Now, next to a modern e-reader, printed books are starting to feel like clay tablets -- cumbersome, expensive to produce, and easy to damage.

But it looks like we have a new kind of printing press, with the advent of e-readers like Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader and Kobo Reader.

Some read books on their smartphones, tablets and laptops. However, staring at a bright computer screen for hours on end can strain your eyes. Further, flipping pages on your smartphone or other devices can quickly drain your battery, perhaps leaving you without charge by the end of the day.

Using e-ink, e-readers provide a look and feel similar to printed text. Unlike traditional screens, e-ink screens don’t need to project light with a backlight. Instead, these so-called reflective screens can operate without lighting at all, instead relying on environmental light. Despite the “reflective” name, e-readers substantially reduce glare, making them easy to use outdoors.

E-ink screens are also “bi-stable,” which means if you shut off the device, whatever’s on the screen (say, the cover of your favorite book) will remain. The above features all add up decreased energy use and long battery life. In fact, you can often go a week or more without having to plug your e-reader in.

The benefits don’t stop there. E-readers allow you to change fonts and adjust font sizes. Many people struggle to read the text in a mass-market paperback, but with an e-reader, you can adjust the font to your liking. You can also carry hundreds or even thousands of books in your pocket, purse or backpack. It should come as no surprise that bookworms around the world are turning to e-readers.

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022	FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022	FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022	FRIDAY, APRIL 1 2022

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2022

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-two 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
\$3,000	Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000	New Castle Branch 27 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	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
\$1,000	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$1,000	Donzella Herman Scholarship
\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National 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 15th. 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 15th.

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 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503
Request Forms must be received by
March 15, 2022
Please note:
Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms
will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering Eighteen 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	Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
\$1,100	Memory of Elmer P. Schneider
\$1,000	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
\$ 500	Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	Award in memory of Gerard Slusny

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 15, 2022.

Completed **official** ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th. 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 15th

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ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2022
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

•• Scholarship winners will be notified by mail. ••

It matters not
where you were born,
or where you live,
but what’s in your HEART.
Be Proud to be
Transylvanian Saxon!



Student loan payments paused again

Americans worried about repaying their student loans have gotten another reprieve with President Joe Biden extending a pause on repayment and interest accumulation until May 1, 2022. The government paused student loan repayment shortly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, when millions suddenly found themselves without jobs. Since then, the government has extended the reprieve several times.

With student loan debt totaling \$1.75 trillion and the average borrower owing nearly \$40,000, the extension could benefit millions and may also fuel consumer spending. Every dollar kept in a consumer’s bank account rather than sent to pay down student loans is money that can be spent on goods and services.

Besides the payment freeze, interest rates on qualifying loans have been set at 0 percent throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Interest will begin accumulating once again come May

2022.

The Student Debt Crisis Center has found that nearly 90 percent of borrowers are not prepared to start repayment. The Center found that nearly 70 percent of borrowers were working full-time. Regardless, many people remain financially restrained, with 87 percent reporting that suspended student loan payments allowed them to pay other bills.

Student borrowing has increased dramatically as college costs have risen over the years. In 2018-19 dollars, tuition and living costs at four-year public universities cost on average \$8,981 in 1985-86. By 2018-19, costs had risen to \$20,598. Roughly 43 million Americans have student loan debt as of May 2021 and 5.3 million federal loan borrowers are in default.

President Biden, among others, is urging borrowers to prepare to restart repayment come May and to consider applying from income-based repayment plans.

ATS Bowling Next Session

Youngstown

March 20, 2022

11:00 am.

Holiday Bowl

777 Youngstown - Poland Rd.

Struthers, Ohio 44571

(330) 755-1444

Dinner following @ Youngstown Saxon Club

710 S. Meridian Rd.

Youngstown, Ohio 44509

(330) 793-7973

Any meal cancellations

please call Tom Simon

no later than March 15, 2022

(330) 720-7988

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

March 20, 2022
TSBA Bowling Session Youngstown OH
April 2-3, 2022
TSBA Tournament
Host: Salem
May 21-22, 2022
ATS Convention
Host: Cleveland East Br. 33
Cleveland Marriott East Hotel, Beachwood OH
July 8 - 10, 2022
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host: Branches 18 and 19 Salem OH
July 23, 2022
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

LOCAL EVENTS

March 1, 2022
Cleveland West Sachsenheim
Fat Tuesday Mardis Gras
March 2, 2022
Cleveland West Sachsenheim
Bock Bier Fest
March 26, 2022
Cleveland East Bowl Where You Are Party
Wickliffe Lanes 2:00 p.m.
April 9, 2022
Cleveland/Lorain Children’s Easter Party



SAXON CLUB
710 SOUTH MERIDIAN ROAD—YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44509
Youngstown Saxon Club Br. 30
**ATTENTION ALL
FRATERNAL MEMBERS**

We invite the fraternal membership to submit resolution submissions, suggestions, to revising and updating our Br. 30 Constitution. Any fraternal member can make suggestions to Constitution changes by submitting them by the deadline of February 25, 2022. Contact one of the following people if you’d like to submit changes or need a copy of the Constitution. Your participation is respected and welcomed.

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Keep it simple with pre-spring cleaning

There’s no reason to wait until spring to do a top-to-bottom deep clean of your home. Save the stress and energy and start early with smaller tasks that you can accomplish in your spare time. If you tackle the interior of your home before spring really hits, you can give outdoor tasks your entire focus when warmer weather arrives.

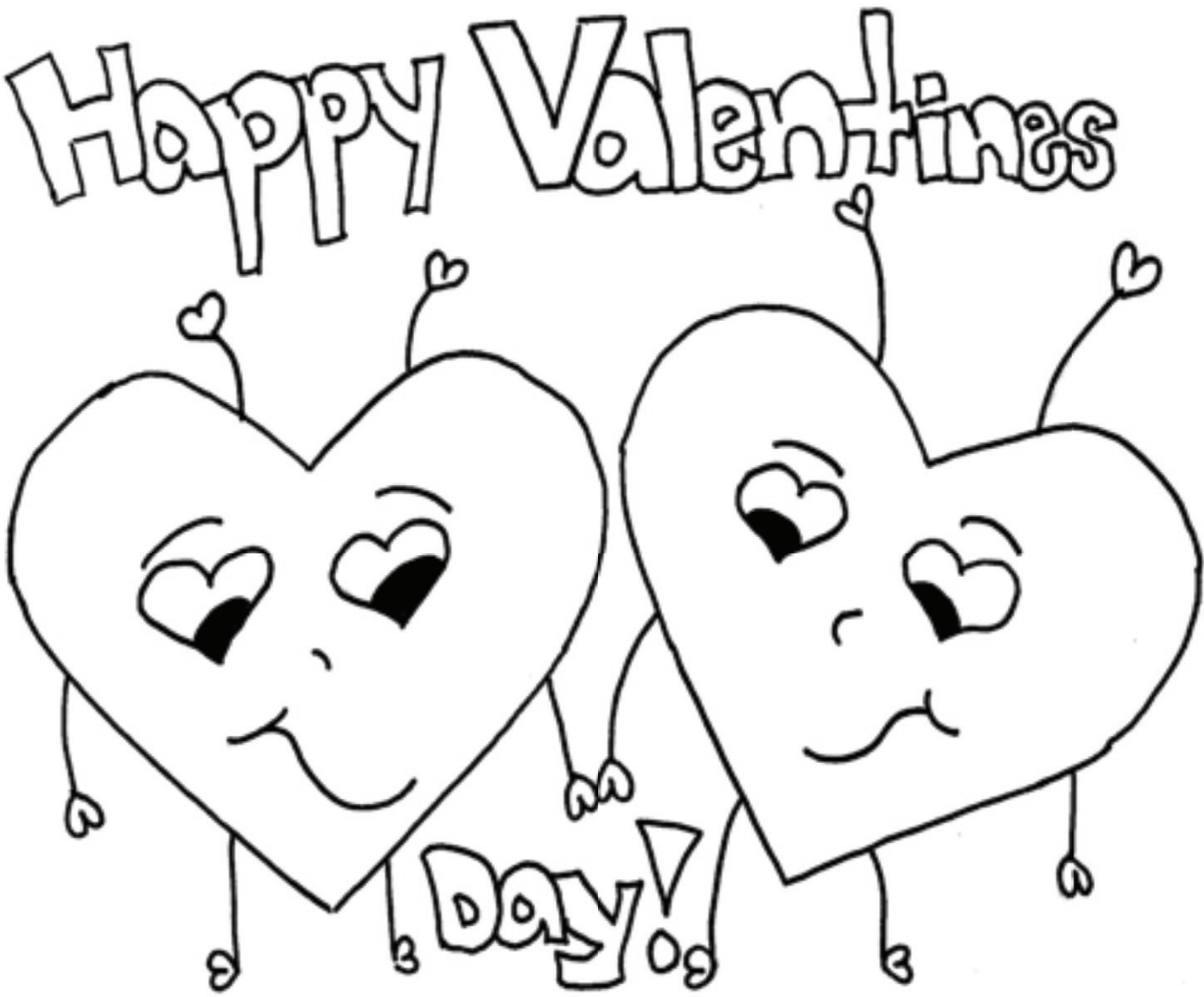
Tackle the dust. It’s an easy task to neglect, but a thorough dusting of your whole home can be accomplished fairly quickly. Get all the surfaces and knick-knacks, dusty bookshelves, baseboards, door frames and windows. It’s also a good time to check your air filters to ensure that dust doesn’t quickly pile up again.

Wash all your bedding. Sheets and pillowcases should be washed more frequently, but now is a good time to tackle all of it -- blankets, mattress pads and dust ruffles, if you use them. Pillows, including down, can also go in the washing machine. Warm on the gentle cycle is a good bet, or check the manufacturer’s instructions. If you have foam pillows, though, skip the machine and refer to the label instead.

Clean ceiling fans and vent covers. We’ve all glanced up at the ceiling fan and wanted to scream when we noticed the dust -- avoid that feeling and give each fan blade a quick wipe. Remove vent covers, including the bathroom vent fan cover, and wash with dish soap and water.

Deep-clean your appliances. It’s a great time to clean the oven, wipe and disinfect the interior of the fridge, scour the microwave and get the gunk out of the nooks and crannies in your counter top appliances, like mixers and food processors. De-scale your coffee maker with vinegar and cold water and dump the old crumbs out of your toaster.

Purge the closets. If it’s snowing or raining, throw on some music or a good audiobook and settle in to chuck all the clothes that you don’t wear anymore. It’s an annoying chore, but it always feels good to get it done.



Name: _____ Branch No. _____ Cert. No. _____
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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. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service

**Don't believe
everything
you think.**

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

Well, the snow has fallen!! We did have a bit up here in Ashtabula. We were not able to get out of our doors or even the garage door.

This is just a note to let you all know that the Youngstown Retirees are still around. According to our President, Diana Kimmel, our members seem to be doing well during this cold, cold season.

The club has new officers, we congratulate all of them. Also I'm told—a new cook. Things are good!!

We will not meet until March. As always the time will be 12 Noon. The date will be March 10th. We always meet on the second Thursday of each month, except for January and February when we have no meetings. The meeting place will be at Austintown's Eat and Park. If a different location has been chosen, Diana will call all members to inform them as she always does.

Please stay safe, healthy, warm, and listen to the professionals regarding the still ongoing Covid 19. I hope your holidays were great, but I thought they passed too soon.

Till we meet again,
as usual it's RO

The ancient (and modern) art of embroidery

Philosophers have always debated what it truly means to be human, but perhaps one of the most fundamental truths is this: To be human is to decorate.

Even in the face of tremendous hardship, humans have always looked for beauty and tried to create some of their own.

So it makes sense that humans developed embroidery as soon as they learned how to weave fabric, and that the practice of using needles and fibers to decorate clothing was universal across every ancient civilization. Archaeologists have uncovered the fossilized remains of heavily decorated clothing from the Upper Paleolithic period, roughly 30,000 to 40,000 years ago. Ancient Egyptian tomb paintings depict embroidered clothing and other textiles, and ancient Greek vases depict Persian soldiers dressed in quilted and embroidered armor. Some ancient embroidery still survives today, most famously the Bayeux Tapestry, a 70-meter-long masterpiece that depicts the Norman conquest of England. For many centuries in many cultures, embroidery was considered a required skill for girls in order to find suitable husbands.

And even though a hand-embroidered tablecloth is no longer considered necessary for a modern woman to get married, the ancient tradition of embroidery continues and thrives today, and if you're interested in joining the thousands of years of stitchers before you, it's surprisingly cheap and easy to get started. You can pick up a beginner's embroidery kit at any craft store or visit Etsy to choose from a huge array of fully-equipped kits with your choice of design. Look for pre-printed fabric and a smaller size -- wait until you're a little more experienced to attempt your own Bayeux Tapestry. Most beginner's kits will include fabric, floss and perhaps a



few needles, but some may also offer a hoop or other accessories. If a hoop isn't provided, you'll need to get one of your own -- make sure to choose a size that fits your project. You'll also want to pick up a few extra needles, a small pair of embroidery scissors, a needle threader if you need the extra help and some plastic bags or a compartmented box to organize floss.

Stitching books are also useful, but the internet is also full of fantastic stitching resources, including video tutorials for even the most complicated stitches. However you tackle the project, with a little time and effort, you'll take your place in history.



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.

Martha L. Jirik

Age 89

Died: November 18, 2021
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

**Rev. Frederick F.
Lukehart**

Age 85

Died: December 29, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Aaron D. Falk

Age 68

Died: January 30, 2022
Branch 19, Salem, OH

Jean S. Schwartz

Age 79

Died: February 3, 2022
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Margaret Maurer

Age 101

Died: February 6, 2022
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Sofia Froom

Age 89

Died: February 7, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH



What are you giving up for Lent? If you can't eat it, drink it!
Please join us for us for our very

FIRST BOCKBIER FESTIVAL Sachsenheim Hall

7001 Denison Ave Cleveland OH
Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022!

Bockbier is traditionally brewed during the winter and is customarily consumed between March and May throughout Germany.

We will be having a BOCKBIER TAP TAKEOVER with 7 to 9 kegs tapped for this fest!
Bitburger Winterbock, Aecht Schlenkerla Fastenbier, and Weihenstephaner Korbinian Doppelbock just to throw out a few teasers for you all!

We will be serving our entire fish fry menu and some special homemade dishes prepared by Grumpy specially for this event!
Doors will OPEN at 4pm
and we will START serving food at 5pm
and beer immediately!

Hopefully, some of these Bockbiers will sustain you during the long dark days until Easter....PROST!

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

**Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave
Cleveland OH**

**Come join us for Fat Tuesday and revel in
some good old fashioned GLUTTONY!**

Tickets \$14.95 per person.

**Please call 216-651-0888 with a valid credit card
or stop in and speak with your bartender/server
to purchase tickets.**

**Menu items will include, but NOT be limited to....
Gumbo, Jambalaya, Rice and Beans,
Cajun Smothered Chicken, and Kings Bread!**

**FYI... We will also be serving
our entire Taco Tuesday Menu as well.**

Looking forward to seeing you all!

**Doors open at 4 p.m.
We will start serving our Fat Tuesday goodies**

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place

Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Monday, February 21, 2022

Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Remember to bring a canned good item or other food item.

PRAYERS

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus.

HUMOR

A blonde and a brunette worked in a factory. The brunette says, "I know how to get some time off from work!" "How?" asks the blonde. "Watch this," says the brunette. She climbs up to the rafter and hangs upside down. The boss walks in, sees her and says, "What on earth are you doing?" "I'm a lightbulb," she answers. "I think you need some time off," says the boss so she jumps down and walks out. The blonde starts walking out, too. "Where are YOU going?" says the boss. The blonde replies, "I can't work in the dark!"

HISTORY

This is a story about the Transylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts seven towers, castles or fortifications. We will look at a little history before we get into Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms.

It is common knowledge that King Geza II invited German settlers that would later become known as Transylvanian Saxons, to Transylvania. These Saxons would be granted special status. They would form very strong communities of farmers, artisans, merchants and individuals with mining skills. King Andrew II of Hungary continued this tradition by providing territorial autonomy. We know there were ulterior motives in bringing in these German settlers, and it was not out of the kindness of the Hungarian Kings. The area was a frontier wasteland. The area was a constant path for invasions over the years by the Turkish, Tartars (Mongolian) and the Ottoman Empire. The Hungarians who controlled this territory were wary of the invading groups. The kings decided that Transylvania could serve as a buffer from these invading groups. So the primary motive was protection or first line of defense.

In order to serve as a defense, a series of towns would construct fortifications. Some legends state that seven Magyar Chieftains erected fortifications in this region. This brings us to the Transylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts the Seven Towers or Fortifications. Also, it brings into the discussion the name, 'Siebenbürgen', which has been used to describe "Seven Towns" or "Seven Castles."

At one time, Transylvania had 300 fortified churches or castles. These

structures served as fortresses against the invading groups.



This brings us to the Seven Towns that represent the Towers or Castles in the Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms. The fortified towns that comprised the Seven Towns are Medwesch/Mediasch, Nosnerland/Nosen/Bistritz, Hermannstadt, Klausenburg, Kronstadt, Meinbach/Mühlbach, and Schassbrich/Schässburg.

In this series we will discuss the Seven Towns depicted in the Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms.

Meinbach/Mühlbach

Meinbach/Mühlbach is one of the Seven Towns depicted on the Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms. This Transylvanian settlement was the only one of the Seven Towns that is represented by the Székelys Nationality. They are generally believed to be descendants of Turkish people. The Székelys have claimed to be descendants of Attila the Hun.

Mühlbach was believed to be of an earlier rural settlement in this area, with Romanian and Turkish ethnic population from Central Asia, situated east of today's city. But the city itself was built by German settlers - referred as Transylvanian Saxons, actually originating from the region of Rhine - on the territory of the Hungarian Kingdom in the second half of the 12th century and became an important city in medieval Transylvania. Its city walls were reinforced after the Tartar (Mongol) invasions from 1241-1242, but the city was occupied in 1438 by the Ottoman Empire. Transylvania's voivode John I Zápolya died in Mühlbach in 1540. The Transylvanian Diet met in Mühlbach in 1546, 1556, 1598 and 1600. The location of the meetings, the Zápolya House, is now a museum.

While admiring the scenery of Transylvanian fortified churches, the traveler should not miss the small town of Mühlbach. In its center the fortified church bears the imprints of the past with dignity. The monument was built in the 12th century by Saxon colonists, was destroyed during the Mongol invasion 1241-1242 and later on rebuilt in Gothic style, fortified and provided with a defense wall. In the second half of the 14th century, a period characterized by a flourishing economy, an impressive church was constructed. For almost 40 years, starting mid 15th century, Mühlbach



was under Ottoman domination.

In the centuries that followed, agriculture lost its importance and the town became a center for craftsmen, who diligently brought a great contribution to the church's enhancement. However, WWI ended Mühlbach's prosperity. The bells were confiscated, melted and turned into ammunition. They could only be replaced as late as 1925.

The German name of the place derived from the river's name, meaning, "mill-stream". It was first mentioned in 1150, which was counted as a district of the Hungarian Székely people and it was mentioned as a city in 1245, as Malembach. Here are the names how it was called later: Sebus (1300), Sebz and Mulnbach (1309), Sceps sive Mulunak (1317-1320), Mylenbachés Mylunbach (1334), Milundbak (1345), Mühlbach (1349), Milumbaz (1369), Mülnbach (1376), Sebus Maior (1382), Sebes (1402), Zazsebes (1435), Willenbach (1608), Sebisá (1808 in Romanian). We Saxons consider the names to be Meinbach or Mühlbach.

The town was populated as early as the Roman Age. The Goth and Hun tribes were followed by Avar, Slav tribes. After the coming of the Magyar (= Hungarian) tribes, the Székelys settled there, building the first church in the settlement. Mühlbach and its area were populated by the Székelys only from the first part of the 12th century; they gave the German name of the main street, which is called Sicularumgasse. In the middle of the century, the Székelys moved to the area of Mühlbach.

The small town was prospering quickly and King András II gifted it to the local Saxon people in his document called Andreanum (granting provisional autonomy to Transylvanian Saxons in 1224. It was this document that granted lands and

privileges to the Saxons, regulating their settlement. King András II was the one who moved the Székelys from there to the Háromszéki Basin.

The settlement and its wooden fort were wiped out by the Mongols in 1241, though. Szászsebeszék ("szék" stands for "seat") was first mentioned in 1303, it had 10 villages back then. It was a free royal town in 1345. We can find a school there as early as 1352, perhaps launched by the Dominican monks. According to a list from 1376, there were 19 guilds and 25 types of crafts existing in the city and this data ranked the town as the third most important town of Transylvania at that time.

Later, the Saxons fortified it, which was allowed them in the document of the Hungarian king in 1387. The reason of this construction was the imminent Turk peril. The walls of the castle reached down to the Mühlbach River, with gate towers on the western and on the northern side. There were more towers where the walls met; the Boot-maker tower stood on the north-west, there was another multi-angular tower on the north-east, the Tailor or Scribe tower stood on the south-east and there was one at the riverside, too.

After the Battle of Nikápoly (Nicolopolis), 1396, King Zsigmond gave the town to his generals called Mihály and Salamon. Sultan Murad II besieged the castle in 1438 and after a short resistance, the town surrendered to the Ottomans, trusting in the words of the Wallachia Voivode Vlad Dracul. They should not have done so because Vlad did not keep his word. Thus, the surviving defenders took themselves in the Tailor Tower but the Turks set it on fire above them. The defenders

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The 1241-1242 Mongol Invasion of Transylvania: The Positive Effects, if Any

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I. Introduction

Did the first Mongol invasion of Transylvania have any positive effects, is a question that comes to mind when one reads about all the devastations that the 1241-1242 invasion caused? Historians agree on the positive effects that the Pax Mongolica had in the Rus' territories east of the Prut River and beyond. They have, however, difficulty finding similar effects in Transylvania and the entire Kingdom of Hungary of which Transylvania was its most eastern province. A quick explanation for this would be the brevity of their stay—about a year—from March 31, 1241, to sometime in the spring of 1242. And “stay” is probably not the right word because the Mongols just transited through Transylvania to the Hungarian plains. Grasslands were key to an army in which each soldier had to maintain five horses to allow them the “lightening” kind of warfare, which centuries later would be called Blitzkrieg. The Pannonian plains offered that necessary fodder in abundance, not so Transylvania's highlands.

Given the transient value Transylvania had for the Mongols, a place where the tens of thousands of soldiers had to plunder to make it through, it would be unrealistic to expect any immediate benefits of the invasion. One would expect, however, that longer term positive effects could have been recorded, of which I found a few, albeit with negative connotations. I will try to identify most of these benefits based on four assumptions that come to mind. First, the destruction of homes and buildings required rebuilding. And, in cases in which the destruction had been too much, new, possibly relocated communities might have sprung up. Second, most historians, if not all, agree that the Mongol devastations included the killing of people as well as the taking of prisoners to be used or sold as slaves. Such a depopulation required people to be brought in from other areas of Europe, who most likely brought with them novel ways of doing things such as in agriculture and trades. Third, these efforts were possibly supported by the sovereigns and church leaders. And fourth, the sovereigns and church leaders might have offered various incentives such as tax and other reliefs from duties levied in peaceful times. There are also many effects that resulted from the Pax Mongolica, the two centuries of relative peace under a unified administration. The eased communication and commerce in the conquered territo-



ries should have benefitted Europe including Transylvania.

II. Background

For most Europeans, the Mongols became a known entity when they knocked on Europe's doors. One of Europe's first territories that encountered the advancing Mongols was Magna Hungaria, north of the Caspian Sea, the land of the early Magyars right on the border with Asia, claimed by the Hungarians as their ancestral home. A group of Dominican monks led by Friar Julian that had been sent to convert these "relatives" to Christianity returned in 1237 and warned of the Mongol advance. Friar Julian, whom Bela IV, the Hungarian king, sent back "to scout out the Mongols' intentions" returned with an ultimatum from Batu Khan. The ultimatum was triggered by a splinter of Cumans led by Khan Köten, who had fled to his overlord, Bela IV, the King of Hungary, after Cumania was taken over by Batu Khan. Batu Khan had taken Cuman prisoners that he kept or sold as slaves as far away as Egypt. As the new master of the Cuman territory, he thought he had the right to do the same with the reportedly 40,000 Cumans that had found refuge in Hungary.

As much as King Bela's refusal might have ignited Mongol emotions, a necessary ingredient for any major incursion, there was more to it than just the refugee issue. After Genghis Khan's death in 1227 four of his sons continued expanding the empire that he had started. In 1241 it was their respective sons—Genghis Khan's grandsons—who continued what had become by now a family tradition of expanding the Empire. The new frontier gave them an opportunity to prove their leadership skills and jockey for the empire's leadership position should Ogodei, the aging Great Khan, and Genghis Khan's successor, pass away. Warfare, which had become their second nature, was the means to accomplish this and Hungary's grasslands were the natural next target.

To better understand how the three grandsons got this far away from their homeland, it might make sense to explore this extraordinary experiment in Eurasian domination

in more detail.

Contrary to general belief, Genghis Khan was not born into a clan of the steppe. He belonged to a despised tribe of the woods. As in many similar cases of ambitious individuals, his degraded origin spurred him to excel, even more so after his life's early experiences were setbacks. Eventually, he defeated everybody more powerful than he was and conquered all the tribes of the Mongolian steppe. At fifty years of age, when most people would settle down, he went past the Mongols and conquered new territories of unrelated ethnoses such as Chinese kingdoms, as well as the related Turks of Central Asia, thus setting high standards for his sons and thirty or so grandsons to follow. Genghis Khan's high standards applied not only to his successes on the battlefields but also to his extraordinary personality that contributed to his legacy. The "image of his legacy [however] has been clouded by association with the exploits of his lesser, and sometimes dissolute, successors who lacked his discipline and his deference to shamanistic spiritual traditions, that would lead him at times to commune alone with the blue sky before undertaking military operations." As a matter of fact, his sons and grandsons ended up a mixed bag. Kubilai, Tolui's oldest son, for example, achieved the Mongol expansion into the south of China through public politics, instead of his grandfather's unsuccessful brute force approach. Kubilai also adopted Buddhist ideas that brought him closer to the locals.

The more common approach used by Genghis Khan's successors was one that he had proved effective in his conquests, i.e. to offer peace in return for submission. But if the offer was declined, the brutality of the attack that followed was without boundaries. Before the incursion into Transylvania, the Mongols battled the Cumans and while doing so ran into Rus' forces that felt threatened by the Mongol advances into their territories. Whether it was a ruse or a real message of peace remains unclear; the fact, however, was that in 1223 the Mongols had sent emissaries to the Rus' prince Mstislav III of Kiev. The message must have come across more like

a request for submission than an offer for peace because the prince decided to execute the emissaries. Such an act left the Mongol generals Subutai and Jebe, proud victors of so many battles, no other choice but to attack the Rus' army that was larger than theirs. It was so large because most Rus' princes participated. Subutai's brilliant strategy of feigning retreat until he considered the right moment to attack arrived paid off here as well, as it had in the past and would also pay off in the future battles against the Volga Bulgars, the Rus' cities and eventually the Hungarians. The Rus' princes were defeated at the Kalka River (most likely today's Kalchik River) with huge losses of soldiers and captured princes that were put to bloodless deaths through suffocation.

As historian de Hartog put it referring to Genghis Khan but what can be extended to all the Mongol leaders, i.e. that they “did not exceed their contemporaries in cruelty and destructiveness,” but were just better recorded by the contemporary chroniclers given the extraordinary extent of their conquests.

While a military victory, Kalka, seemed to have been an accidental battle that could not be exploited further because the Mongol “force had not had the time or the numbers to organize a campaign against the walled [Rus’] cities” in which the area’s wealth was hidden. It was at the khuriltai twelve years later, in 1235, that the decision was made to exploit the intelligence gathered earlier. The intelligence indicated that all three key ingredients for any Mongol invasion were present: the potential for booty, the expected annual tributes and the existence of pasturelands.

Most Europeans, supported by the accounts of refugees from the East, viewed the Mongol invasions as random acts of violence. Little did they know about the detailed planning that went into the five-year European campaign by a military that had reached its zenith. Nor did they fully realize that the Mongols had “absorbed [by now] the best Chinese and Muslim technology and military knowledge, making it an incredible fighting force.”

The campaign's first victims were the Volga Bulgars whose territory with its pasturelands became the Mongols' base camp. Next came the Rus' principalities that all faced more or less the same protocol: Mongol emissaries offered overlordship if the principality surrendered and agreed to pay a "10 percent tribute of all wealth and goods." In return, the principality could keep its ruling family and its religion and would be protected from other enemies.

SALEM MERGER CONSTITUTION PROPOSAL

To all Members of Branches 18 and 19 in Salem, Ohio.
The Men and Ladies Branches of Salem have voted to explore the possibilities of combining our Branches. As we move forward, membership is aging and declining and we are facing the challenges associated with those issues. Over the past few months a constitution committee, with members from both Branches, met several times and blended our two constitutions. What follows is that document, as approved for submission by both Branches. It has also been approved by the ATS.
We are putting it out for all to see so we can solicit feedback. After three printings in the Volksblatt there will be a mailing to all regular member of both branches to vote on the merger.
If you have any input, suggestions or comments you may contact any branch officer listed for Branches 18 or 19 in the Volksblatt. Contact your Branch secretary if your address is not current.
Thanks in advance for your help and inputs.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Society is the “**First Transylvanian Saxon Society of the United States**, Branch 19, of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, of Salem, Ohio”. Except, as fully set forth hereafter, the organization shall be herein referred to as “the Society.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be to provide fraternal fellowship and brotherhood for its members as envisioned in the following goals:

1. To preserve and perpetuate the Transylvanian Saxon heritage and culture.
2. To support its members in times of need and sorrow.
3. To encourage all members to be good and loyal citizens of the United States.
4. To fulfill its obligations and support as members of the national, Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, herein referred to as “the ATS” or “Alliance.”

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Society shall hold regular monthly business meetings, with any number of members in good standing, and a majority of the Officers present.
- Section 2. The January, April, July and October 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 six members in good standing.
- Section 4. Robert’s Rules or Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedures of all meetings of this Society.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Applicants for regular membership in this Society must be a national Alliance member, having qualified as follows:
- a. Is of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
 - b. Be married to a Saxon or German descendant thereof.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Is an owner of an Alliance life insurance or an Annuity contract.
- Section 2.
- a. The age requirement for adult membership is age 16 or older.
 - a. Ages for juvenile members range from birth through Age 18. Juvenile members my transfer to regular membership at age 16 if they desire.
- Section 3. 50 year members are those regular members who have paid their dues for fifty years.
- Section 4. Applicants for social membership in this society must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals of the Society.
- a. A Social Member may participate in all social functions of the Society and shall fulfill committee duties.
 - b. A Social Member shall pay dues.
 - c. A Social Member has the privilege of voting for all local issues and can make and second motions but may not vote on issues of the Alliance or for delegates to the convention.
 - d. A Social Member may not hold an office.
 - e. Social Membership may not exceed 10% of the regular membership of the Society.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The elected Officers of this Society shall be: President, Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Trustees, ATS Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Officers shall be held each year during the November meeting of the Society.

- Section 1. The term of Office for all Officers, except the Trustees, shall be two years. Trustees shall serve three year terms. The President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, ATS secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. The First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected in odd numbered years. Trustees will be elected for three year terms, staggered so at least one trustee will be elected every year.
- Section 2. The election shall be conducted by the President, who may appoint an Election Committee to assist in collecting ballots, tallying votes, etc. All Officers shall be elected by secret ballot.
- Section 3. Candidates for Office must have been members in good standing for at least three months.
- 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. Vacancies in office during the year shall be filled by election or appointment at the discretion of the Society meeting, except for the office of Presidency whereby the Vice President automatically assumes the office.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. All Branch Officers must be regular members in good standing with the Alliance.

- Section 2. The President shall preside at all Society meetings, maintaining order and enforcing observance of the Society’s Constitution and By Laws and represent the Society at every suitable opportunity.
- a. Shall sign all legal documents as may be required.
 - b. Shall appoint all committee chairs and special appointees as required.
 - c. Shall have full knowledge of all matters pertaining to the operation and activities of the Society and assure all Officers fulfill the duties of their offices.
- Section 3. The First Vice President shall diligently support the President in all official duties.
- a. Shall fulfill all presidential duties during any temporary absence of the president.
 - b. If the Office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President and shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President until the next election.
 - c. Shall see that committees are appointed for all functions of the Society.
- Section 4. The Second Vice President shall see that all members receive all the benefits they are entitled to and report actions at each monthly meeting.
- a. Shall maintain a record of all benefits.
 - b. Shall assume First Vice Presidents duties should the First Vice President have to assume the Presidents duties.
- Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall record the Minutes of all Society meetings.
- a. Shall handle Society correspondence.
 - b. Shall submit news articles containing information of the Society’s announcements and activities to the Saxon News Volksblatt publisher and to local newspapers.
- Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all monies taken in by the Financial Secretary, Trustees and Committees, etc. and pay all approved expenses.
- a. Shall provide a receipt to the Financial Secretary for monies received for dues.
 - b. Shall deposit immediately all monies received in the Society’s accounts.
 - c. Shall maintain an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and report at each meeting on the previous month’s activity.
 - d. Shall provide books for audit to the Trustees quarterly and annually.
 - e. All checks and withdrawal forms must be countersigned by the Treasurer with authorization from the Trustees.
 - f. The Society may furnish a Blanket Position Bond to cover the Treasurer and any other person involved in handling Society funds.
- Section 7. The ATS/Financial Secretary shall collect Society membership dues and maintain a record thereof. All monies collected each month shall be immediately remitted to the Treasurer for deposit and a receipt from the Treasurer will be received.
- a. Shall maintain records of all Society benefits paid to active members.
 - b. Shall mail notification to members who become six months delinquent in dues payments. If no response, notice to be followed by one first class letter. If no response within next six months member will be dropped at next meeting.
 - c. Books must be audited by the Trustees quarterly and an annual report must be given to the Society.
 - d. Shall keep addresses of members current.
 - e. Shall report death of an ATS member to the ATS Home Office.
 - f. Shall collect any payments due the Alliance presented at regular monthly meetings and remit them to the Alliance within five days.
 - g. Shall submit all required reports and correspondence to the Alliance and maintain all records for seven years.
 - h. Shall, in spirit of fraternal helpfulness, be of service to members in all Alliance business and strive to attract new members to the Branch and Alliance..
- Section 8. The Trustees shall examine the financial records of the Society quarterly and report their findings to the Society at the Quarterly and Annual meetings. They shall assist in other duties as assigned by the President.
- a. They shall guard and assist in the maintenance of the property of the Society.
 - b. Shall assure that all monies are promptly turned over to the Treasurer.
 - c. They shall examine all bills to assure that they are paid promptly.
- Section 9. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain admission and order during Society meetings, shall present non-member visitors to the President for permission to attend the meeting, shall present new member candidates for induction to the Society, and assist in other duties as requested by the President.

ARTICLE VIII. BRANCH DEPUTY/AGENT

- Section 1. The Society President shall appoint or recommend a Branch Deputy. The Branch Deputy must be qualified as prescribed by the State Insurance Department’s regulations and approved by the Alliance.
- Section 2. Branch Deputy must become knowledgeable on membership requirements and Alliance insurance and annuity savings plans.
- a. Deputy/Agents shall forward immediately all applications and monies received to the Alliance Home Office.
 - b. They must deliver the issued benefit plan contracts to the members as soon as they receive them from the Home Office.
 - c. The Deputy/Agent must present the applicant to the Branch for acceptance and induction.

ARTICLE IX. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Written application for membership must be made to a Branch Deputy or Agent on application forms provided by the Alliance and the Local Branch. A premium payment or annuity payment as specified for the certificate contract must accompany Alliance applications.
- Section 2. When applications require a medical examination, the applicant shall pay the examination fee. The society may reimburse this fee if approved by the members.
- Section 3. Upon approval of an application, a certificate contract for the plan applied for shall be forwarded to the Branch Deputy or Agent for delivery to member.
- Section 4. If an applicant is not approved by Branch membership, the applicant may apply to another Branch or be accepted in the ATS Home Branch.
- Section 5. Application for social membership only can be made to any branch member for consideration at the monthly meetings.

ARTICLE X. ALLIANCE CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Society shall elect Delegates to represent the Society at the Alliance Convention meetings.

- Section 1. The Society is entitled to send Delegates to the convention as prescribed by the ATS. All Delegates must be in good standing, that is, they must be fully current with all payments to the Alliance and the Branch as of December 31, preceding the Convention.
- Section 2. The Society must forward the name and certificate number of its Delegates on certified official forms to the Alliance Home Office by date specified by the ATS preceding the Convention.
- Section 3. Any Alliance member in good standing, regardless of ancestry or affinity, may be elected or serve as a Delegate.

Section 4. The President and ATS Secretary shall automatically be the first two Delegates and remaining Delegates shall be elected.

ARTICLE XI. DUTIES, BENEFITS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of members to mutually aid each other, to strive for fraternal cooperation, and to assist in the promotion and advancement of membership activities in the best interests of the Society and the Alliance.

Section 2. Members shall abide and protect the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and the Alliance.

Section 3. Members shall attend Society meetings regularly and participate in all deliberations pertaining to the business and activities of the Society. They shall serve on Committees and generally enjoy all rights and privileges of the Society and the National Alliance.

Section 4. Members must pay their local dues according to the payment schedule voted on by the Society. Local dues and certificate payments may be paid at the Society meeting or mailed to the ATS Home Office.

Section 5. A member of this Society may retain their membership in the Society even though they may relocate to a city in which there may or may not be another Society,
a. The Society will accept members who wish to join by transferring from another Society who will issue the Certificate of Transfer form.

Section 6. The Annual Dues and amount of financial assistance available to members in good standing in times of need may be determined annually.

Section 7. New members shall be accepted in accordance with the age and benefit table established by the society. In case of death, any balance in the fraternal benefit account of the member reverts to the Society.

Section 8. It is the duty of the member to request fraternal benefits and provide doctor’s written release.

Section 9. A member who has cancelled their contract with the ATS is no longer member of the Society.

ARTICLE XII. SOCIETY CAPITALIZATION

The Society shall maintain enough capital to pay any outstanding benefits. If the capital shall fall below this amount, the Society shall adjust local dues amounts, fraternal benefit amounts, etc. as needed.

ARTICLE XIII. AFFILIATED GROUPS

Affiliated groups organized and sponsored by the Society shall be governed as follows:

Section 1. Applicants for membership in an affiliated group must be members of the Society.

Section 2. A group must submit an annual activity report and financial report to the Society by February 15th each year.

Section 3. The names of the affiliated groups shall remain the property of the Society. If the group becomes inactive the remaining funds and other assets must be remanded to the Society.

ARTICLE XIV. CHARGESAND GRIEVANCES

Section 1. Disputes and Grievances arising between members may be directed in writing to the President who shall refer the matter to the Committee of Reconciliation, who are to hold an impartial hearing of the parties involved. Their recommendations shall be presented at a regular meeting and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. A member whose improper actions outside of the Society shall similarly be treated. Appropriate disciplinary action may then be taken.

Section 2. Should a complaint or grievance be made against an Officer, they shall be suspended from office until a decision has been made.

Section 3. If a party involved refuses to attend the hearing, the case shall proceed as if they were present. A request for one postponement shall be granted a member.

Section 4. The Committee of Reconciliation shall be appointed by the President and consist of five members, three Officers and two members at large.

ARTICLE XV. MERGER AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. As long as 25 members in good standing desire the continuation of the Society, it cannot be dis-banded.

Section 2. The Society may consolidate or merge with any branch of the Alliance according to the constitution and by-laws of the Alliance.

Section 3. Should the Society be disbanded, all remaining assets shall be remitted to the national Alliance where they will be held in trust for one year. If, during that year, the Society is re-activated the assets will be returned to the Society.

a. If the Society does not re-activate, the national Alliance will distribute the assets first to the Salem Saxon Scholarship Trust Fund, if in existence; then to the Alliance to establish a scholarship fund in the name of this Society.

ARTICLE XVI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The preceding Articles constitute the laws of the Society.

Section 2. Changes, additions, corrections, amendments, to the Constitution may be presented at a general meeting but may only be approved by a majority vote of all members.

Section 3. By-laws shall be established to implement all provisions within this constitution. By-laws may be changed by majority vote on members present at regular monthly meetings.

Section 4. Article II, VII, Sec 6; VIII and X can be amended or changed only if necessary in order to agree with the National Constitution.

Section 5. All previous Constitutions, By-Laws, and Resolutions which do not coincide with the provisions as now constituted effective this date are now null and void.

Signature and Adoption block goes here.

BY-LAWS Of the Society

These by-laws exist to allow Branch 19 to operate locally and establish those provisions as directed by the constitution. While constitution changes require two thirds vote of all current members, the by laws may be changed by a majority vote of members present at regular monthly meetings.

ARTICLE I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call of Officers
4. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Treasurer’s Reports
6. Report on New Candidates
7. Induction of New Members
8. Reading of Correspondence
9. Report of Illness and Need
10. Reports of Special Committees
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Good and Welfare - Announcements
14. Adjournment with Lord’s Prayer

ARTICLE II. RULES OF ORDER

1. The President shall call the Meeting to order and all members shall be seated.
2. The President shall preserve order and parliamentary procedures.
3. A Member desiring to speak shall stand and address the President.
4. No Member shall talk more than two times on one subject without the consent of the President.
5. No one is permitted to leave or enter the meeting room while the Minutes are being read.
6. Members must respect one another during Meeting discussions and debates.
7. A Member who conducts themselves without decorum, uses disorderly words, or denies respect to the Chair, shall be called to order by the President and in case of repetition, be retired from the meeting room.
8. Should disturbances arise during the Meeting, the President shall have the power to postpone the Meeting for any length of time or call for its adjournment.

ARTICLE III. ORDER OF INITIATION

“I have the honor to incorporate you as 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.”

“If you are ready to join this Society and accept the obligations of membership please raise your right hand and take the oath I am about to give you.”

Gavel: strike three times (all Members stand)

“You promise herewith, in the presence of the Officers and Members, that you will acknowledge and uphold the Constitutions of the First Transylvanian Saxon Society of the United States, Branch 19 of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, of Salem, Ohio and the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. Furthermore, you promise to respect your fellow members, and to safeguard and protect the welfare and property of the Society. If you are prepared to keep these promises, then answer by saying Yes.”

Handshake between President and new member

President says: “(Name), I welcome you to our Society. I now declare a short recess so that you can acquaint yourself with our new member, (name).

**** ARTICLE IV. VICE PRESIDENTS (This section of the by-laws will be finalized after adoption of this version of the Constitution.)**

The society shall have two Vice Presidents. We have them spelled out in the body of the constitution. Do we want to leave it that way or just list Vice President as we do trustees with just basic guidelines and then further explain those duties here.

****ARTICLE V. TRUSTEES (This section of the by-laws will be finalized after adoption of this version of the Constitution.)**

The society shall have four trustees. They shall elect amongst them selves a head trustee. We should further break down the specific responsibilities here after tne combining of the branches.

ARTICLE VI. DUES AND BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Section 1. The Society shall be able to collect annual dues in the amount of \$36.00. During the transition from two lodges to one, current ladies shall be able to pay as many years in advance as the want in the amount of \$12.00 annually. Those who do not pay in advance will have their dues raised to \$24.00 annually for a period of five years, at which time the will raise to \$36.00 annually. They will also have the option to pay in advance as many years as the want at \$24.00 annually. In both cases they will have six months to decide. All new members will come in at \$36.00 annually.

Section 2. Death Benefit shall be \$300.00

Section 3. Fraternal (formerly Sick) Benefit shall be \$364 for lifetime.

Section 4. The Society shall send a floral arrangement or a memorial donation upon death of a member, spouse, or juvenile member child.

Section 5. Rate schedule new candidates for membership.
From age 16 to 35 years at time of membership
Dues: \$3.00 per month
Benefits: Fraternal: \$364 Lifetime (not to exceed \$120 in any calendar year)
Death: \$300
From age 36 to 45 years and above at time of membership
Dues: \$3.00 per month
Benefits: Fraternal: \$243 Lifetime (not to exceed \$80 in any calendar year)
Death: \$200
From age 46 to 60 years at time of membership
Dues: \$3.00 per month
Benefits: Fraternal: \$182 Lifetime (not to exceed \$50 in any calendar year)
Death: \$150
From age 61 and above at time of membership
Dues: \$3.00 per month
Benefits: Fraternal: \$ 100 Lifetime (not to exceed \$50 in any calendar year)
Death: \$100

Section 6. Any member that becomes a fifty year member (has paid dues for 50 years) shall no longer pay any dues. Any member that become a 50 year member, regardless of the age they became a member of the Society, shall be entitled to full Fraternal and Death benefits.

Section 7. Appropriate forms will be created and must be submitted to pay member benefits. A member must obtain and submit the Fraternal Benefits form to the 2nd Vice President to claim fraternal benefits. Upon the passing of a member the 2nd Vice President will submit the Death Benefits form to get the members designated beneficiary paid.

Signature and Adoption block for by-laws goes here.



Choruses

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It's Tax Time!

The ATS wants to remind our members that it is not too late to make a contribution to either your Roth IRA or your Traditional IRA for the 2021 tax year. You have until the tax filing deadline of Friday, April 15th to make a contribution for last year. If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and you have earned income (generally wages or self-employed income), we recommend that you start one now.

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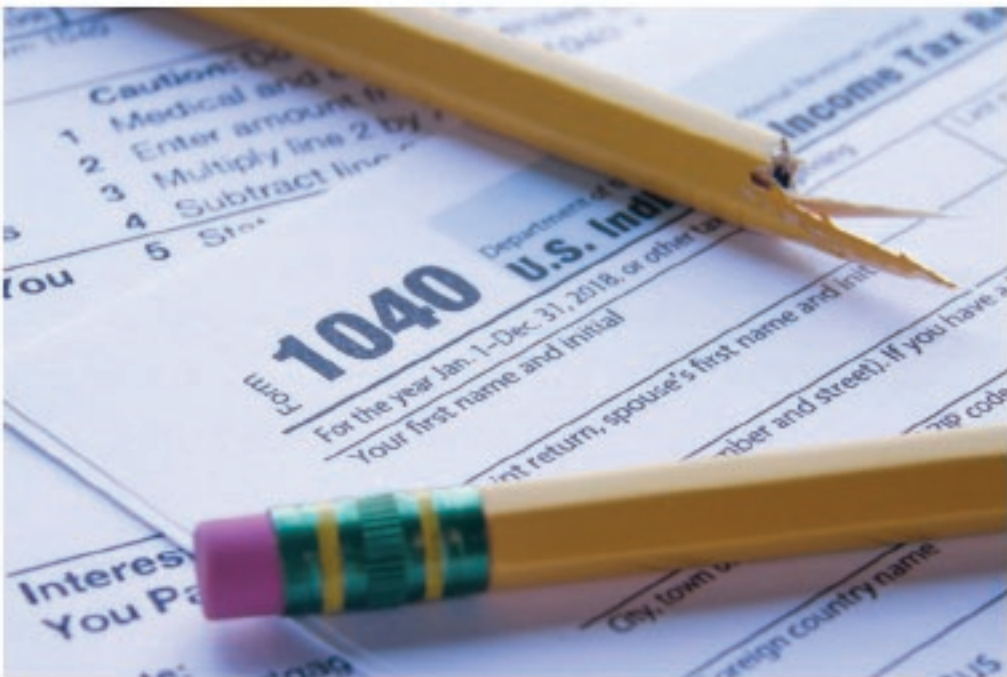
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