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Past ATS Trustee Sofia Froom 1932 - 2021



NORTHLIMA — Sofia Bartell Froom, 89, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at Ivy Woods Manor.

She was the oldest of six children, born May 13, 1932, in Hundertbucheln, Transylvania (Siebenburgen), Romania, a daughter of Michael and Sofia Eitel Roth. Her family moved to Kiel, Germany in 1940, then to Wurzburg in 1941. Sofia came to Youngstown in 1952.

She helped to organize the catering service at the Youngstown Saxon Club and was also a secretary at the Saxon Club for many years. Sofia was a member of the former Honterus Lutheran Church. Sofia was a 70-year member of the Youngstown Saxon Club, where she was named as the "Saxon Lady of the Year" in 1967 and 1996. She was very proud of these honors. She held various offices with Branch 22, the women's organization of the Saxon Club, including president. Sofia was also a trustee on the National Board of Directors at the ATS (Alliance of Transylvania Saxons) from 1997 to 2008. She was also active with the Youth Band and the Youth Chorus. Sofia was a Girl Scout leader and a den mother with the Cub Scouts. She was a board member for West Junior High and active in the PTA.

Sofia was a member of the Youngstown Mothers of Twins Club, where she served on the Executive Board. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Miriam Chapter No. 278, where she served as Worthy Matron in 1985. She was a member of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Kheedawee Court No. 6, where she served as High Priestess in 1986 and as a trustee for three years thereafter. She was also a member of the Ladies Oriental Shrine Club of Youngstown, where she served as treasurer. Sofia and her husband Don were co-drivers for the Trumbull Shrine Club, transporting children and their parents to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Erie, Pa.

She enjoyed cooking, baking and canning, and her specialty was German potato salad. Sofia also enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting.



Sofia Bartell Froom

Sofia was very proud of her Saxon German heritage, and the German sayings and prayers are still carried on by her children and grandchildren.

Sofia is survived by her children, William W. (Mary) Bartell Jr. of Louisville, Ky., Cynthia E. (Robert) Hazel of Poland and Martin R. Bartell of Plainfield, Ill.; her siblings, Michael (Phyllis) Roth of Boca Raton, Fla., Raimund (Rita) Roth of Amherst, Ernest (Diana) Roth of Hubbard, Adele (David) Cisine of Youngstown and Paul Roth of Raleigh, N.C.; her grandchildren, Laura (John) Carder, Robert (Shannon) Hazel Jr., Christopher (Erin) Bartell, Brian (Jessica) Bartell and Grant Bartell; and her great-grandchildren, Sofia Terlesky, Mia Carder, Jack Carder, Rose Hazel, Cora Hazel, Myra Bartell and Niklaus Bartell.

Her first husband, William W. Bartell Sr., passed away in 1996. Besides her parents, Sofia was preceded in death by her second husband, Donald Froom; and her sons, Richard M. and Michael J. Bartell.

Private family services were held.

Memorial donations in Sofia's name may be given to the Memorial Fund of the Youngstown Saxon Club, 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509; or to the Crippled Children's Transportation Fund of the Youngstown Shrine Club, P.O. Box 302, 1735 W. South Range Road, North Lima, OH 44452.

Arrangements are by the Lane Family Funeral Homes, Anstrom Chapel. Family and friends may visit www.lanefuneralhomes.com to view this obituary and send condolences.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



On behalf of the ATS Board of Directors, I wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Sofia Froom, former ATS Trustee, who passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022. Sofia always put her heart and soul into anything that she was working on. She was a great lady and will be missed by those who knew her. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

I have good news and bad news about an ATS summer event to report. Bad news first. The 2022 North American Heimtag, which had been scheduled for July 8 – 10th in Salem, Ohio, has been postponed once again due to travel restrictions at the time of the planning stages of this big event. It is another casualty of the ongoing pandemic. Now the good news: the ATS is going to try a smaller one-day event on that same weekend. You already have that date saved on your calendar! The ATS Saxon Day will be held on Saturday, July 9, at the Youngstown Saxon Club. It will be a casual affair, starting at noon and running into the evening. Food will be available all day. The Youngstown Culture Group's brass band will be playing throughout the day, as well as another band. There will be bocce and corn-hole available. An invitation has been extended to all of our cultural groups that would like to perform that day, and we hope that they will accept our invitation. More details to come.

In this issue of the paper, you will find the hotel and meal information for the 107th ATS Convention. The ATS Convention will be held on May 21 - 22, 2022 and is hosted by Cleveland East, Branch 33. Remember, anyone can make a reservation for the Saturday evening dinner and program. You do not have to be a Delegate to attend that evening. Branch 33 is planning a delightful evening that you will not want to miss.

Did you know that Inauguration Day used to be March 4th? The first inauguration of George Washington took place on April 30, 1789. All subsequent inaugurations from 1793 until 1933 were held on March 4th, except in 1821, 1849, 1877, and 1917, when March 4 fell on a Sunday and the ceremony took place on Monday, March 5th. Since 1937, it has taken place at noon on January 20th, the first day of the new term (except for Sundays in 1957, 1985, and 2013). The last president who was inaugurated on March 4th was Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR), our 32nd president, in 1933. FDR was the first, and last, president to win more than two consecutive elections. His inauguration for his fourth term took place on January 20, 1945. According to the National Constitution Center, most of the framers of the Constitution were against term limits. Amendments seeking to enforce term limits were proposed some 200 times between 1796 and 1940 without being adopted. Most two-term presidents followed George Washington's precedent in not seeking re-election for a third time. Two years after FDR's death, Congress passed the 22nd Amendment, limiting presidents to two terms. The amendment was ratified in 1951.

Until next time....

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

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5323 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1503

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

**BRANCH 30,
YOUNGSTOWN**
By Rosemarie Kascher

MONTHLY MEETING
HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, March 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 Schai-ble, 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.

Please keep Jill Blum in your prayers. Jill had cata-ract surgery and is recuper-ating.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
We want to welcome new member Marlene Betts to the

Columbus Branch 10, as a new member. Marlene is the grand daughter of one of the founding members of the Columbus Branch.

CELEBRATIONS
Please join me in wishing Mike Roth a very Happy Birthday on March 21.

Please join me in wishing Marlene Betts a very Happy Anniversary on March 22.

HUMOR
COP: Sir do you know why I pulled you over?

ME: If you don't remem-ber, I'm not going to tell you.

COP: Sir, please step out of the vehicle.

HISTORY
The story about the Tran-sylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts seven tow-ers, castles or fortifications will be continued in the next issue.

We continue to be open three days a week: Sundays from 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, open from 4:40 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

We welcome into mem-bership, five new members: Richard Scali, Donna Maraz, Mike Maraz, Ava Rosnjak and Pat Bokesch. We are delighted with these new additions.

Pork/Kraut Dinners are still available, and delicious, at only \$10.00 on March 20th.

We invite ATS members, sixteen years and older to join the Saxon Club; it costs \$5:00 per year for our younger members. Contact an officer or the office for information to begin.

Scholarships to YSU are possible through Br. 30 for men and women of any age for full time attendance. You need to be a member for two years to apply and have a 3.0 average grade. Contact Julaine Gilmartin 330-799-5171, 4173 Timberlaine Trail, Canfield OH 44406.

Your fee for membership is due for this year, now! \$35.00 per person. Make your checks out to: The Youngstown Saxon Club c/o Val Thomas 5947 Tippicanoe Rd., Youngstown, OH 44406 or to The Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian Rd. Youngstown, OH 44509. Fraternal mem-bers will have their cards invalidated by March 31st, Social members, by Febru-ary 28th if it is not paid on time, please it is an honor to keep our Saxon traditions

**ATTENTION ALL
FRATERNAL MEMBERS**

We invite the fraternal membership to submit reso-lution submissions, to revis-ing and updating our Br. 30 constitution. Any fraternal member can make sugges-tions to Constitution changes by submitting them by the deadline of February 25, 2022.

Contact one of the following people if changes or need a copy of the constitution. Your participation is respected and welcomed.

CONTACT PERSONS :
Kiki Eberth, 330-509-8443, KKEberth@ gmail.com

Matt Reardon, 770-356-8163, SMatt916@yahoo.com

Rosemarie Zamary, 330-792-0388, RMZamary@ yahoo.com



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 his-torical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the mainte-nance expenses of this historical facility that will pre-serve 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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

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**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.**

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

POSTAL MAIL:

Saxon News Volksblatt c/o ATS
5323 Pearl Rd
Cleveland OH 44129-1503

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022	FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022	FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022	FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 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
\$1,000	Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
\$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
\$1,000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
\$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

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

.. 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!

ATTENTION:
Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2022-2023 Application for
Scholarship/Reimbursement College Expenses

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2022.

Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.

- At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
- Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
- Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33 College Scholarship/Reimbursement

Name:

Address:

City:

State: Zip:

Phone:

College/University:

Year: circle one
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name:

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2022:
Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124



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 9, 2022
ATS Saxon Day
Host: Branch 30 Youngstown
July 23, 2022
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

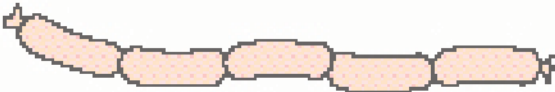
LOCAL EVENTS

March 26, 2022
Cleveland East Bowl Where You Are Party
Wickliffe Lanes 2:00 p.m.
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Sausage Sale
April 2, 2022
Cleveland West Sausage Sale
April 9, 2022
Cleveland/Lorain Children’s Easter Party
April 24, 2022
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction
May 14, 2022
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball



“The premiums are low, but the out-of-pocket expenses...”

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group’s



Spring Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage. All flavors come in 3 lb and 5 lb links or 5 lb bulk packages (each with a little overage).

Saturday, March 26, 2022

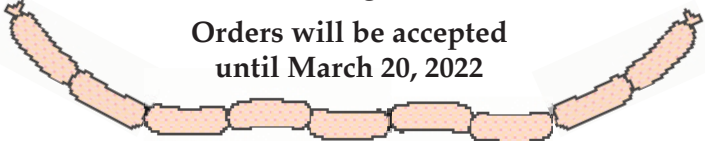
Pickup is from 9:00 to 2:00 in the pavilion.

The price is \$4.00 per pound
You can call in orders to
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168
Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911

If we do not answer please leave us your name, phone number, and order. We will call you back to verify.

You can also email your orders to
bman1017@gmail.com

Orders will be accepted until March 20, 2022



ATS National Convention
May 22 and May 23, 2022



Cleveland Marriot East • 26300 Harvard Road
Warrensville Heights, Ohio
Hosted by ATS Branch 33

	Ticket Price (Adult)	Ticket Price (Children 4-12) (Children 3 and under free)	Number of Tickets	Total Amount
Saturday, May 22, 2022 Lunch: 12:00 PM ~ Soup and Salad Buffet	\$20.00	\$20.00	X_____	\$_____
Cocktails @6PM (cash bar) Dinner @ 7PM				
Pecan crusted chicken with grain mustard cream sauce	\$30.00	\$24.00	X_____	\$_____
Atlantic salmon, herb crusted with citrus sauce Vegetarian Option: Diced vegetables in garlic, ginger sauce on top of couscous	\$32.00 \$30.00	\$25.00 \$24.00	X_____	\$_____

The evening event is open to non-delegates that wish to join in the celebration.
Please add the reservations to the list above:

Sunday, May 23, 2022 Lunch: 12:00 PM ~ Soup and baked potato bar	\$20.00	\$20.00	X_____	\$_____
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Saturday and Sunday morning complimentary coffee, fresh fruit and pastries

Grand Total: (Please enclose Check or Money Order) \$_____

Reservations made by: (*tickets will be held at the door*)

Name: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks payable to: ATS Branch 33

Send Reservation and Payment to: Ema Litschel
8050 Conestoga Trail
Concord, OH 44060
Home phone: 440.358.1184
Cell phone: 440.479.9334
Email: emalitschel@gmail.com
Deadline for reservation: May 1, 2022

Hotel Information

Cleveland Marriott East (CLEEM)
26300 Harvard Rd.
Warrensville Heights, OH 44122

Call (216) 378-9191 to reserve your room under the “ATS May 2022” block for the discounted rate of \$109 per night + tax for Standard Room with 2 Double Beds (listed as double, but actually are Queens) Standard Room with 1 King Bed
Deadline for reserving rooms under this discounted rate is May 6, 2022.

You may also use the (888) 236-2427 to make your reservations but ask specifically for Cleveland East Marriott before asking for the “ATS May 2022” block of rooms.
To reserve rooms online, use this link:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1645472750543&key=GRP>

Day stay

Hourly hotels have a cheeky reputation, but if you’ve ever been marooned at an airport for seven or eight hours, a day hotel sounds like heaven.

Well, cheers. There’s a website for that. Day-use.com lets you book legitimate high-end hotel rooms for the day. You don’t even have to stay overnight.

And while there, waiting on the connecting flight from Hades itself, you may stretch out for a nap or enjoy the pool. Sadly, you’ll have to go through security again when you return to the airport.



Cleveland West Branch 1
Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale

Saturday, April 2, 2022
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue

Pork Sausage with or without garlic
\$4.25 per pound

Sold only in 3 pound minimum
and 5 pound. packages

Deadline for orders Friday, March 25

Orders being taken by
Rob Hanek (440) 356-5582 rhanek8@yahoo.com,
Grumpy at the Sachsenheim (216) 577-7727.

Pick up of orders beginning at 2 p.m.
Bar will be serving meals during the sale

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. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Oh yes, cold weather still here in between a few February thaws, but the good news is social activities are beginning to "thaw" out. Branch 33 members ATTENTION please. The ATS "Bowl Where You Are" program is starting and all Juniors should receive a mailed invitation with score sheet from the ATS. To make the event for an all members get-together, Branch 33 is inviting ALL members to attend a Bowling Party Saturday, March 26 at Wickliffe Lanes (30315 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH) 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This bowling party will be free to all Branch 33 members; we will be providing refreshments and drinks. Please RSVP to Cindy Schneider by Wednesday, March 16 (216) 410-8851. Juniors please remember to bring your ATS "Bowl Where You Are" score sheets!

Remember that May 21 Saturday evening will be our membership banquet combined with the ATS convention. Dinner and dancing at the Beachwood Marriott - more details coming soon.

Longevity - the length of life. Durability - The ability to withstand stress, damage. Longevity versus Durability. Frequently debated with the expansion of human

lifespan, have we also extended the warranty on our bodies? Can one have both? Is long life free from human frailties possible? Well our beloved sister, Margaret Maurer, had it figured out. Living pretty independently to age 101, so sad to inform that she did pass away February 4 after a short illness. We knew her as Peg, an 80 year member, who served as a Branch trustee for many years, planning many meetings, events, and outings. Her sweet smile will be missed. Our condolences to her three children Sandy, Robert and Michael, as well as seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her husband Bill passed away several years ago. In lieu of flowers, Branch 33 will be making a donation to Hospice in her honor.

We send greetings to all members especially those who have not been able to attend meetings; we hope you're well and keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9. We are going to try a German song Sing-along at 7 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Reminder to the bakers Susie Guip and Joann Janesko to bring pastry to share. Stay safe everyone!

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

We finally have been able to meet this month for the first time since before Thanksgiving for our first monthly Branch meeting here in 2022.

Sadly, we began the evening with a moment of silence for member sister Susanne Koepke who passed away on February 14, 2022. Remembered by those in her community as a caregiver and foster mother, "Suzie" or "Sue" was also a Lorain Saxon Branch 11 member since 1979. She will be especially missed by her Sister and Brother, sister Ginger Romes and brother Michael Koepke. I wish to extend on behalf of the members of Branch 5 Lorain our sincere condolences to the rest of her family and friends as they move through this time of grieving.

At the time of this writing there have been no other reports of illnesses or any member collecting sick benefits. Vice President sister Jane Mowery can help you get started with this benefit as soon as you go under a physician's care by calling her at (440)

246-3004 or by email at Janie.e.mowery@gmail.com.

At our next monthly meeting on March 21, 2022 there will be an auditing of the books by our trustees starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome at this time as well to enjoy a pre-meeting dinner of pizza before the start of the meeting at 7:00 p.m. There are still members who need to pay their dues for the year before they fall into arrears. Please come prepared to pay your dues if attending or by mail if you will not be able to make it that evening. Make checks payable to ATS Branch 5, Lorain OH and mail it to Michael W Johnson, 41868 Earlene Ct., Elyria, OH 44035.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating this month of March. Here's hoping for a special day of happiness to brother George Drop, sisters Betty Ralph, and Jun Nau who will be turning 90! Happy Birthday as well to junior member Rhys Berlin.

Until I write again stay warm, dry, and healthy.

Office housekeeping: Those USB cables are everywhere

It's possible to find yourself surrounded by at least half a dozen cords when working or at home of office: One for the phone; the tablet; the tablet keyboard; the laptop; earphone charger; and speaker cord. And don't forget the power cords.

Two people in the same space? Double number of cables.

Of course, you want some cables fairly long to allow use of the device while charging. But pretty soon, the cables turn into a trip hazard. An in addition to the annoying mess, the devices are also at risk from yanks that can pull them off surfaces or destroy ports.

Don't allow cords to hang over your workspace onto the floor. Even a foot or two of cord dangling onto the floor can trip you. You might also roll over the cord with your desk chair and damage it.

In offices, workers often staple cables to surfaces. It may be fast, but this is double trouble since it creates an immediate electrical hazard and an ongoing threat to the cords themselves.

Many products are available to channel, hide, and organize cables.

The future of organ transplants?

Surgeons at the University of Alabama at Birmingham have successfully transplanted kidneys from a genetically modified pig into the abdomen of a 57-year-old brain-dead man. According to the New York Times, the kidneys functioned well without signs of rejection. The landmark procedure occurred just weeks after University of Maryland surgeons completed a successful pig-to-human heart transplant.

Researchers believe that organs grown in genetically modified pigs could potentially save countless lives. Currently in the U.S., more than a dozen people die each day while awaiting kidney transplants.

BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND

By Robert Hanek

Branch 1 held its first meeting of the new year on February 21st. We held a remembrance ceremony with Branch 4 for our fellow members who had passed away in 2020 and 2021. Our election of Branch 1 officers was decided to be held at the March meeting. Hopefully the weather and Covid allow us to return our regular routines this year.

April 2nd is the date for our next sausage sale. Orders can be placed with either Grumpy at the Sachsenheim 216-577-7727, or myself at 440-356-5582. We will only be making a limited amount this sale and the deadline for orders is Friday, March 25th. Prices are \$4.25/lb., minimum 3lb. orders. Sausage will be packaged in either 3 or 5 pound packages depending upon the order size. The bar will again be serving meals during the sale. Order pickups will **BEGIN AT 2 p.m.** - that's 14 hundred, 2 o'clock, 14 Uhr, heure, hora, I don't know how else to say it. Please have consideration for all our volunteers and allow them time to prepare. Again, this sale is going forward under pandemic guidelines and is subject to change.

The Sachsenheim has been open for business throughout this pandemic



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.

Kenneth J. Schwebach

Age 85

Died: February 3, 2022
Branch 19, Salem, OH

George H. Letzner

Age 89

Died: February 11, 2022
Branch 1, Cleveland, OH

Suzanne M. Koepke

Age 60

Died: February 14, 2022
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

and we are grateful for our manager, GrumpyAKAScott and our staff for their hard work. Great job guys!

Check out our menu on Sachsenheim's Facebook page, come on down and have real Bier with your meal. Take-out orders are also available.

I would like to thank everyone who went above and beyond at our last sale to make it a success. 3 families especially, who came in on Friday, Saturday AND Sunday to finish the sausage. Santa also came to town that Sunday and our Krampus friends along with the Gemütlichkeit Clevelander Musikanten band held an excellent party on the Saturday night. I hope they intend to make it a yearly event at our club. Overall it was a very busy weekend for everyone!

Well, we finally have a winter with snow. Isn't it great to go sledding and skating and make smores by the fire? Isn't also wonderful when you run your snowblower on a nice sunny day in November and it runs like a fine watch. After a few snow falls, a gear strips, it's 10 below and you have to order online and pray they send you the right part before you start mowing the lawn! Ah, the joys of winter!

INVITE

your relatives and friends to
join the crowd at ATS.

Tell them about our fraternal society!

III. The Invasion
of Transylvania

The first recorded encounter of the Mongol contingent that crossed the Carpathian Mountains was in Rodna, a mining town in northeastern Transylvania. According to G.D. Teutsch, the crossing of the mountains took them three days, which lets me believe that they used the Tihuța Pass that leads to Rodna. None of the available sources indicate this particular Pass. The only pass that is indicated in the sources is the Verecke Pass, which lies about 122 miles north of the Tihuța Pass. And the Verecke Pass was reportedly used for the main Mongol contingent. Also, confusion seems to surround the leader of the Transylvanian contingent. G.D. Teutsch indicates it was Kadan while other sources indicate it was Guyuk, several without even mentioning Kadan at all in the Hungarian campaign. These details, of course, warrant further investigation. Noteworthy is that Rodna at the time was inhabited by German colonists brought there by the Hungarian King for their mining skills. The German colonists who became known as “Saxons,” had been allowed to settle in various parts of Transylvania starting at around 1150 and were given considerable privileges that were usually reserved for nobility. In return, they had to fulfill certain obligations, one of them being to defend the Hungarian borders against intruders, which usually placed their communities in the proximities of the Carpathian mountain passes. So, these German settlers in their double roles as miners and protectors of the border were prepared to do the latter with weaponry and training. The Mongols most likely did not expect to encounter armed resistance at this point and used their proven technique by feigning retreat to attack later at their choosing. The Rodnans believing they had won the initial battle, returned home and started to celebrate their victory. The Mongols returned and attacked the surprised town from all sides. Recognizing that any resistance would be useless, the Rodnans capitulated. Kadan (one of Ogedey’s sons), who led the Mongolian force, accepted their surrender offering peace and protection in return for the participation of 600 armed Rodnans in the ensuing Hungarian campaign. The main Mongolian force that seemed to have crossed the mountains into Hungary over the lower altitude Verecke Pass, about 120 miles north of Rodna, was not living up to the gruesome predictions either according to Thomas of Split, another contemporary chronicler. The title *De Peste Tatatorum* [The Ta-

tar Plague] of his chapter about the Mongol invasion seems to be askew with his description of “when they [the Mongols] came upon the first peasants in the country, they did not show at first their full savagery of their ruthless nature, but simply rode through the villages and seized plunder without doing great physical harm to the populace.”

The trigger point for behavior that came closer to the chroniclers’ descriptions seemed to have been resistance to the Mongols’ request for submission. The first such recorded opposition happened in the Western Transylvanian town of Oradea that was sacked by burning down most of it, and after “having collected the booty, they [the Mongols] killed men and women, commoners and nobles alike, in the streets, houses and fields. They didn’t pardon sex nor age.” Pretending to have left the area, the Mongols waited a few days until the warriors and others who had escaped into the town’s castle came to their homes outside the castle and killed them as well. With such diminished forces left inside the castle, the siege was quick with the final resistors being burnt in the cathedral that had become their last refuge.

The Mongols encountered the biggest resistance on two battlefields to the north and west of Transylvania: the Battle of Legnica in Poland (also Liegnitz or Wahlstatt) on April 9, 1241, and two days later in the decisive Battle of Mohi in Hungary. Many knights and bishops, from in- and outside of Hungary, including Nikolaus, the provost of the Saxons in Hermannstadt, Transylvania lost their lives in those battles. After that, the Mongol fury was unleashed on Pest where according to Thomas “the “Danube ended up red with human blood.” And, after “they seemed satisfied with the brutality of slaughter inflicted, they quit the city and set fire to it everywhere, and in no time the devouring flame completely consumed it.”

With the escaped Hungarian King hiding on a Croatia island the Mongols controlled at least part of Hungary. Master Roger (a.k.a. Rogerius), an Italian prelate who had been caught in Oradea by the Mongol invasion and gave us his above mentioned account, indicates the beginning signs of Transylvania’s conversion to a compliant vassal. “They [the Mongols] set kneses, that is bailiffs, over the people to render justice...these lords administered almost thousand villages, and there were some hundred such kneses. So we had peace, courts of law, and everyone obtained justice.” The choice of the word kneses for these new administrators could mean that they were not converted Hungar-

ians, as Master Roger indicates, but local Romanians.

This experiment with a new social order in Transylvania ended, however, abruptly with the unexpected death of the Great Kahn which required his sons and nephews to return to a khuriltay in Karakorum to decide on his replacement.

On their way back through Transylvania, the bulk of the Mongolian army and its retinue, who had been stationed in the Pannonian planes made up for what they had missed the year before. This time their route took them through southern Transylvania. In April 1242, the town of “Hermannsdorf [Hermannstadt] was sacked, and all but 100 murdered as well as the monastery of the preaching monks was put on fire,” writes a Dominican monk in the chronicle of the Saint Peter Monastery in Erfurt. The Dominican chronicler most likely had been visiting his brethren in the Hermannstadt’s Dominican Monastery at the time of the invasion. Another detailed contemporary report of the Mongol retreat and its destructions came again from Master Roger. The Mongols had taken him and one of his servants prisoners and carried them along to be sold as slaves or executed if they somehow became a burden. As they were leaving Transylvania by crossing the wooded Eastern Carpathians, they both escaped and were able to record the devastations on their way back west through Transylvania. “We began to walk across the waste and abandoned land that they had destroyed while retreating.” In Alba Iulia (German Weißenburg) already then an important town in Transylvania and seat of Transylvania’s Catholic Bishop, they “found nothing, save the bones and skulls of the dead, the destroyed and broken walls of basilicas and palaces, soiled by the blood of an enormous number of Christians.”

IV. The Benefits of the Mongol Invasion

a. Rebuilding

The Cathedral in Alba Iulia was rebuilt by 1308 as attested by the court documents produced by a trial—years later—about a new damage, this time by Saxon nobles that rebelled against customs duties imposed by the Bishop. The original construction that was destroyed by the Mongols had been built in the Romanesque style, probably when the bishopric was established in 1009 by Hungary’s new Christian King Stephen I. The new, more impressive construction, combining Romanesque with Gothic elements, as it still stands today, started in 1246 and was completed in 1291.

A less well-documented fate similar to the Cathedral of Alba Iulia



Cathedral in Alba Iulia

was that of the Saxon Bartholomä Church in today’s Braşov (German Kronstadt), whose construction in the Romanesque style had started sometimes before 1241, but was redesigned and completed after the Mongol invasion in the early Gothic style. There is, however, just a general description of the invasion of the Tatars in the province of Burzenland [the southeastern corner of Transylvania], which resulted in the killing of the local army. There is no mention of the structural damages that this might have entailed in Braşov, the land’s main town. There are, however, indications that out of defensive concerns the town’s inhabitants rebuild their homes in the safer, hilly area, which would become the main part of the town.

There is a distinct possibility that two Saxon communities Arlsdorf, and Toindorf in Burzenland, that existed before the Mongol invasion were destroyed without being rebuilt. Because of the need for a refuge, the inhabitants, if any were left, could have started Zeiden, a community close to the Schwarzburg fortress. The fortress had been erected by the Teutonic Knights during their fourteen-year stay in the area. With the Schwarzburg being attested only in a 1265 document and nearby Zeiden 100 years later in a 1377 document, this scenario will remain a speculation. If true, the relocation of the two communities into a single one, in a safer environment, would pay off during future raids by Mongols and the Ottoman Turks.

In 1251, King Bela instructed Woiwod Laurentius, whom the King had dispatched to Transylvania to deal with the Mongol aftermath, to rebuild the old royal fortress/castle called at the time Szent Leleukh. It had been one of the defensive structures destroyed by the Mongols. The castle was rebuilt but most likely was later gifted or sold to a noble family and changed ownership many times after that. It was destroyed again by the Turks in the

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15th century and rebuilt once more. Today there are only ruins left.



The Szent Leleukh Fortress/Castle (shown on the hill behind the village)

The Mongol invasion prompted many Saxon communities to build what came to be known as Fliehbürgen: fortresses to which the inhabitants of the community could flee during raids. Such Burgen were built in Rosenau (Romanian Râșnov), Winz-Burberg (Romanian Vințu de Jos-Vurpăr)—two communities that shared the fortress, and named the fortress with the combination of their two names—Urwegen (Romanian Gârbova) and others. During the next Mongol raid of 1285, as well as many later raids by Mongola and Ottoman Turks these fortresses saved many lives.



Rosenau Fortress (towering over the author's hometown)

The Fliehbürgs had c. 15x15x15'high storage areas for food and other supplies that were owned by the community's families with means, small living quarters, a one room chapel and a small school building so that the inhabitants could survive a long siege. It is assumed that Rosenau's Burg was built during the 14 years of the Teutonic Nights there, first out of wood, and after the Mongols burned it down, out of stone and bricks. It surrendered only once, in 1612, due to lack of water when the enemy discovered the path to the well outside the fortress. That prompted the digging of a 480' deep well in 1623. It was last used in 1848-1849 when the Hungarian revolutionaries attacked the Saxon communities that had sided with Imperial Vienna.

b. Repopulating
After the Mongols had departed, King Bela IV returned from his Croatian hideout and took measures to alleviate the damage done by the intruders. Besides the killings, diseases caused by the Mongol incursion had also taken their toll on communities. The loss of so many lives prompted King Bela "to send messengers and write letters to all surrounding countries [that had not been affected by the invasion] to call inhabitants to the deserted areas, men of all statutes, commoners, and nobles." On the mostly Germans that responded to his call, he bestowed privileges that they did not have in their homeland, such as special property rights and freedom of trade and commerce throughout the Kingdom. For Transylvania, where about 2/3 of the Saxons had already special rights this meant the extension of those rights also to some of the 1/3 of the communities that for one reason or another had not obtained these rights. Those communities were chosen that had the greatest need to replenish their ranks after the invasion. One such documented example is the granting in 1248 by Woiwod Laurentius to the Saxons of Winz and Burberg the same rights to the use of the

woods, waters, and pastures along with all the other privileges the Hermannstadt province enjoyed.
There is no clear evidence of how many more Germans came to settle in Transylvania as a result of these measures. We know that the arrival of German settlers-cum-Saxons that had started after 1150 continued until the end of the 13th century.
For what there is evidence, however, is the "quality"for lack of a better word" of the deaths that occurred during the invasion. Most, if not all historians agree that the reported numbers of the dead by the contemporary chroniclers were exaggerated. The way they died, however, has been revealed by large scale excavations, one of whose findings is decribed as follows: "Each of the destroyed settlements



People hid in an oven during the 1241-1242 invasion

preserves the moment of cirsis in a different way. One unearthed house revealed that the inhabitants of the village - not just the residents of the house - had sought refuge in the house, only for it to be set on fire with them inside."

c. Support and Releases from Obligations by Sovereigns and the Church
Pope Gregor IX (r. 1227-1241), had been very concerned about the Mongol's advances to the West. King Bela's letter of May 18, 1241, had made him very much aware of the "wretched and miserable events the Tartars had imposed on Hungary with their animal cruelty."

Now that the danger was over his successor, Innocent IV (r. 1243-1254), was ready to help. One of the preserved documents regarding his commitment to help was his letter of February 22, 1245, issued from Lyon. In the letter, the Pope grants Theodor, the citizen of Mühlbach of the Hermannstadt diocese in Transylvania, an additional benefice to make up for the losses he incurred during the Mongol incursion.

Maybe the Pope prompted also King Bela to help. Or maybe the king did it out of his own initiative when in his letter of May 6, 1246, he relieved new settlers to the properties of five bishoprics from obligations to the Transylvanian Woiwod. The bishoprics of Herina, Byolocol, Golou, Zylac and Tusnad had suffered considerable human losses during the Mongol invasion and were in dire need of new people.

That same kind of help was also Duke Stephen's (King Bela's son), decree in 1264 that freed the Kerz Abbey of all its taxes and the obligation to accomodate visits by the Woiwod and other Transylvanian luminaries. The Abbey had been devastated by the Mongols and had a difficult time recovering from the loss of people. According to the decree, all that was left for the Abbey to pay was a small annual tax to the Hermannstadt province.

After King Bela's death in 1270, Duke Stephen became King Stephen V. As the Duke of Transylva-

nia, he had come to appreciate the diligent, hardworking Saxons and wanted to use these traits in the new town of Klausenburg (Romanian Cluj) that he founded along the Somesch river, in an area that was still suffering from the Mongol devastations. He granted the first German settlers special rights and freedoms. With time Klausenburg became a major cosmopolitan town, inhabited by Germans, Hungarians, and Romanians.

V. Conclusions
The sources are scant for the answer to the question of what benefits Transylvania reaped from the Mongol invasion of Transylvania in 1241-1242. Nevertheless, the few that exist indicate that at least when it comes to the rebuilding of destroyed structures such as churches, castles, and fortresses the result was better and more modern edifices. We can assume that that was the case also with the more mundane rebuilds of homes and ancillary structures such as stables and barns.

There was only one castle in Transylvania in the Mongol's path that survived intact. The Kemeny Castle in Véc (Romanian Brâncovenesti) seemed to have been more of a fortress in the 13th century than a residence, which would explain why it was able to survive the Mongol attack. Citing old documents, I found the fortress described as protected by moats, walls, and towers positioned below the elevation on which it stood. Its survival made it a symbol worthy of copying. The aforementioned defensive features were incorporated in new defensive structures such as the Fogarasch fortress. The wooden fortress had been burnt down by the Mongols in 1241. The new, stone and bricks reconstruction of 1310 as well as its later additions, and conversions to include residential quarters, were never conquered by force.

Not so clear are the results of the repopulation efforts. King Bela IV, his son Stephen, the Transylvanian Woiwod and the Pope all tried to lure settlers to the domains that lost human lives, but there is no clear documentation on how successful these efforts were. The reputable Saxon historian G.D. Teutsch and others describe the more general immigration of German settlers from around 1150 to the end of the 13th century but express doubt about an actual increase as a result of the incentives instituted by the sovereigns and the church.

Even if there was no considerable increase of German settlers, Transylvania benefitted in at least one way from the expansion of the areas in which they had special privileges. The Saxons had been bringing with them agricultural skills, such as the three-fields planting

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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. 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 disbanded.

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.

March 8 Special Day

Across

1. Knows, in poesy

4. Flat fish

9. Garden tool

10. Hamelin musician

11. Resistance unit

12. Bits

13. Poplars

15. Northeasternmost st.

16. Pig sounds

18. 'Monopoly' square

20. Coveit

23. Fall flower

25. Buck's partner

26. Emergency signal

27. Mr. Potato Head piece

28. Palm off (on)

29. Like some wines

Down

1. "Hold your horses!"

2. ___ and aahs

3. Pace

4. Web-making part of a spider

5. Newsstands

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

6. Fitting

7. Mets, Jets or Nets

8. Gaelic tongue

14. Large sea ducks

17. Allied (with)

18. Big fishhook

19. Nobel Peace Prize city

21. Surf's sound

22. Otherworldly

24. Skater Babilonia

Y R D T S I O F

R V E F L A R E

O E D O E A S T E R

I R E D E S I R E G O

S K S N I O I N A S

M E S P E N S O H M

S T O T A S H O E

R P I P E R H O E

K A T E S K A T E

The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

The fork: A brief history



For a short time in the year 1004, it was the talk of Venice. An aristocrat's foreign bride, offending all the guests at the wedding feast without saying a single word. How did she do it? She ate with a fork, of course. Maria Argyropoulina meant no offense -- forks were commonplace back home in Constantinople. But according to Scientific American, the local clergy in Venice still took it pretty hard, condemning her dining etiquette as an offense against God. When Maria succumbed to the plague a few years later, at least one priest said it was God's punishment for using a fork instead of her fingers. Even in the 11th century, forks had been around for a long time. According to Leite's Culinaria, the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans all had forks, though they weren't used for eating. Their long-handled versions were cooking implements only, used to carve meats or safely remove food from cauldrons

or fires. Eating was a hands-on affair, with just a knife (which you brought yourself) to assist you. Small forks for eating didn't appear until the seventh century, when aristocrats in the Middle East and Byzantine Empire began using them. After the scandal of Maria Argyropoulina's fork and her untimely death, the fork was slow to catch on, and it took a few centuries before they went mainstream. When Catherine de' Medici married Henry II of France in 1533, she brought dozens of silver forks with her from Italy. But this bride's forks didn't cause a scandal -- instead, French aristocrats raced to adopt the fork themselves. Despite the sudden spike in popularity, detractors still persisted for centuries. As late as the early 1800s, some citizens of the fledgling United States regarded the fork as an affectation and preferred an old-fashioned knife and spoon. But those criticisms eventually died out, and by the middle of the 19th century, the fork had a permanent place at the table.

Traveling for English-only speakers

Do you long to visit far-flung destinations, but hold off on your travel plans because you only speak English? There's no need to abandon your dreams -- with a little planning, the world is still wide open and waiting for you. According to Berlitz, English is the language most widely spoken in the world, with nearly twice as many non-native speakers (about 753 million) as native speakers (379 million). It's the default language in international business, technology and tourism, and in many urban areas around the world or popular tourist destinations, English speakers get around just fine. If you're a novice traveler or nervous about language barriers, consider visiting one of these countries where English travels well.

- Belize: English and Spanish are the official languages in this beautiful Caribbean nation. About 82 percent of citizens are fluent in English, according to Travel Off Path.
- Nigeria: More than 500 languages are spoken in this large and diverse West African country, according to Fodor's, but the state language is English and travelers get around well in the largest city, Lagos.
- Sweden: About 86 percent of Swedes speak English and most speak it well, according to Thrillist.
- India: Only 12 percent of the population speaks English (which is one of the official languages), according to Thrillist, but in India, that's about 166 million people. You'll find English speakers everywhere, especially in big cities.
- Malta: About 89 percent of citizens speak English in this sunny Mediterranean country, which is known for its great food and architecture, according to Thrillist.

If you dream of visiting a country with lower English fluency, don't let the language barrier hold you back -- learn a few useful phrases and download a translator app, or try a tour with a guide who knows the area and speaks the language. People get around language barriers all the time, and you can, too.

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method and, maybe, more importantly their customs, which raised the level of civilization in Transylvania. Eike von Repgau had recorded this kind of laws in the famous Sachsenspiegel, which spelled out in minutiae the social rules that prevailed at his time in Saxonia. Although the settlers did not originate in Saxony, one can assume that similar rules, while not identical, would exist also in other German lands. The several decades later issued Schwabenspiegel about the prevailing rules in Swabia provides proof of that. So, the settlers came equipped with behavioral rules that helped them establish communities that were way ahead of Transylvania's socio-political status. In this new land they had also the opportunity to correct many of the wrongs that they had experienced in their homeland, which had been aslo one of the main incentives for them to re-settle. The freedom granted to them by the Hungarian kings made all this possible. King Bela IV's efforts to rebuild his devastated country won him the epithet of "second founder of the state (Hungarian második honalapító)." It is worth exploring also the indirect benefit Transylvania may have reaped from the vast area in which the Mongols established overall safe trading and commercial rules, i.e. the Pax Mongolica. If we take into account Janet Abu-Lughod's eight trading circles of the 13 and 14th centuries, one would think that Transylvania should have had a thriving trade as part of Europe's southeastern circle that overlapped well with the Mongol

Empire's Eurasian circle and to the west with the western Europe one. There was an effect, but one quite delayed by three factors. First, Transylvania was in the process of being integrated into the socio-politically more advanced Hungarian Kingdom. The process had started in the 10th century but would take until the end of the 13th century to be completed. Second, to help this process along the Hungarian kings invited German settlers (called Saxons) starting at around 1150, an immigration process that also lasted until the end of the 13th century. The Kings empowered the Saxons with special rights and freedoms and tasked them among other things with bringing the area to the more advanced western European standards in agriculture and artisanship. The final factor was the creation of independent principalities south and east of Transylvania, i.e. Wallachia in 1330 and Moldavia in 1359. The two principalities assured now safe passage through those areas allowing Transylvania's Saxons to tie into trade with and through Mongol held territories. The two principalities also turned out markets for weaponry and other goods manufactured by Saxon artisans. As a result, the Saxon communities located close to the Carpathian passes that led to the two principalities developed into thriving urban centers. This more general advantage provided by the Mongol Empire was, however, dwarfed by the continued Mongol raids into Transylvania until the beginning of the 14th century. And when the Mongol raids stopped the Turkish ones started.

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Canton, OH Br. 14
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Location varies
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ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling
15354 Georgetown St NE
Minerva OH 44657
(330) 862-2563 HH658@aol.com
SICK NOTICES to Thomas Rowinsky
Address as shown above

Canton, OH Br. 17
Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies
PRES. Rosanne Miller
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Canton OH 44708
(330) 933-4584
SEC'Y. Mary Rowinsky
1656 Dunkeith Dr NW
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(330) 478-9333
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SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky
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address above
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New Castle, PA Br. 25
Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m.
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Merrillville, IN Br. 26
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