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Robert B. Cunningham, III
ATS 1st Vice President
1950 – 2024

We sadly report the death of ATS First Vice President, Robert B. Cunningham, III. He died on Tuesday, February 27, at the age of 73 following many years of fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, cancer, and finally, a serious lung infection/pneumonia the last few months.

Rob was born June 25, 1950, in Rochester, PA to Robert B. Cunningham, Jr. and Gertrude Ella (Anderson) Cunningham. Rob graduated from Monaca High School in 1968. He attended the Community College of Beaver County and received an Associate in Applied Science, majoring in Business Management. In 1973, he was honorably discharged from the United States Navy after serving three years as a Hospital Corpsman. He worked for St. Joe Zinc, Aliquippa and Southern Railroad (LTV) and the Beaver County Head Start program. He moved from Pennsylvania to Cleveland in 1983, having started working in the ATS Home Office as the Home Office Secretary. He retired in May, 2023.

Rob is survived by his wife Patty, whom he married 46 years ago, in 1978; a son, Scott (Adriana); his granddaughter Gabriella; sister Terri Munroe (PJ); sister Carol Maples (Douglass); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rob was very proud of his Transylvanian Saxon heritage. His maternal ancestors came from Mediasch, Transylvania. He enjoyed traveling to Transylvania and Germany on ATS sponsored trips over the years. He spent his free time working on his family's genealogy and collecting clocks.

Rob joined the ATS in 1979. He was elected to the ATS Board of Directors in 1985 as a Trustee. He was elected to the 3rd Vice President position in 1997 and the 1st Vice President



Robert B. Cunningham, III
1950 – 2024

position in 2002. He served or chaired almost all of the ATS committees over the years. In addition, he was a Sales Deputy for the ATS. He was a member of local ATS branches throughout the years, as well as having been a member of the former Cleveland Westside Saxon Vets and bowled in the former TSBL (now the TSBA). Rob received the Ehren Nadel (Saxon Honor Pin) in 1996.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. The Saxon community has lost a good friend. Rob loved his family and friends and we were fortunate to have him as a member of our fraternal family. May he rest in peace.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President

On behalf of the ATS Board of Directors, I wish to extend our warmest condolences to the family of Robert B. Cunningham, III, the First Vice President of the ATS, who passed away on February 27, 2024, at the age of 73. Rob worked in the ATS Home Office for almost 40 years, starting in 1983 until his retirement in May, 2023. He served on the ATS Board of Directors starting in 1985 as a Trustee before becoming 3rd Vice President in 1997 and then elected to 1st Vice President in 2002. He was very proud of his Transylvanian Saxon heritage and he will be missed. Please keep Rob's family and friends in your prayers.

On another sad note, we send our sympathies to our friend, John Werner, President of the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada, on the death of his mother, Katharina Werner. John and his wife Helgard, have traveled to the United States for many Heimattags throughout the years as well as extending hospitality to our USA Saxons when traveling to Canada. Please keep John's family and friends in your prayers as well.

Did you know the Ides of March has a non-threatening history? In the William Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar", the soothsayer warns Julius Caesar to "Beware the Ides of March". Ever since that play, the phrase makes it seem as if the day itself is cursed. On March 15, 44BC, a group of conspirators stabbed Julius Caesar to death in the Roman Senate. Later, the day became infamous as the Ides of March. However, the Ides of March once signified the new year (March was the first month of the Roman calendar) and meant that celebrations and rejoicing generally occurred.

The "Ides" was one of three ancient markers used to reference dates in relation to lunar phases. Kalends and Nones were the two other markers. The Romans did not count days in the month as simple numbers as we do, but backwards from one of three fixed points in the month. The Kalends are always the first of the month. The Nones fell on the 7th day of the long months (example: March and May) and on the 5th day of the other months. The Ides fell on the 15th day if the month was long and the 13th if the month was short. So, Julius Caesar died on the Ides of March. And the rest, as we say, is history.

Until next time....

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Siebenbürgen

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

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TSBA Bowling

Next Session
Youngstown
March 17, 2024
11:00 a.m.
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

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Also, the same form holds good for any of our members who would like to, but are not receiving the newspaper. If you are a member in good standing, you are entitled to receive our publication.

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

BRANCH 4,
CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

We had a very successful Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner! We are so thankful for all our helpers that worked hard all weekend and to our members and friends who donated great items and monetary donations to make this event possible. We are so grateful to the many that attended to make this fundraiser so successful. We had an enjoyable afternoon that will benefit the Sachsenheim. We have the best members and friends!!

Our next event is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny that will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Invitations have been sent to our junior members of Branches 1, 4, 5, and 33. After breakfast we will be entertained by "Funny Balloon Guy" followed by the Egg Hunt. To make reservations text or call me at (216) 233-8631 by March 18. We need to know the names of the children and their ages. ATS Junior Members are free, adults \$5.00 and non-member children \$10.00.

Our 250 Club year end banquet will be held on Friday evening, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Current 250 Club members will be receiving correspondence and reservation form for the banquet. If you are not a member we hope that you consider joining. More information is in this issue of the Volksblatt.

Reminder that our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Dieting?
Check out these
serving sizes

The size of one serving
The American Cancer Society says:

1 ounce meat is the size of a matchbox (eat 3 to 4 ounces)

3 ounces fish: size of a checkbook

2 tablespoons peanut butter: the size of a ping-pong ball

1 ounce cheese: the size of four dice

1/2 cup pasta: size of a tennis ball

1 apple or orange: size of a tennis ball

1 cup vegetables or fruit: size of a baseball

1 medium potato: size of a computer mouse

1/4 cup dried fruit: a small handful.



YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd

PORK & KRAUT DINNER
MARCH 17, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$12.00

TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN
PUBLIC WELCOME

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IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com
POSTAL MAIL:
Saxon News Volksblatt
29076 Fall River Dr
Westlake, OH 44145

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024	FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024	FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

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

ATS Branch 33 Cleveland East had its Bowl Where You Are Party on February 24. Awesome turnout!! and sooo much fun. Thanks to Sharon Volpe and Cindy Schneider for organizing the event.



BRANCH 9, CHICAGO
By Rose-Marie Hauer

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Spring! Time sure is going by fast this year! We had our monthly meeting on March 4, we were great attendance. Thank you to Sister Thut for the delicious baked goods.

President Thut opened the meeting, and all was in order.

Dates to remember (information to follow):

Picnic - June 30, 2024

Banquet at Lone Tree- September 15, 2024

Christmas Party - TBA

On our Sick list we wish Brother Morgen best wishes and all those who maybe not feeling well that we are unaware of at this time.

The Saxon Bowling party was held on March 4, with many in attendance. It was a fun afternoon of bowling, pizza and good memories.

Our next meeting will be April 1, at 7 p.m. This is not an April Fools joke.

May you and you families, and friends have a joyous Easter!



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

March 17, 2024
TSBA Bowling - Youngstown
April 6 - 7, 2024
TSBA Season End Tournament - New Castle
May 18 - 19, 2024
ATS Convention Host: Youngstown, OH
June 16 - 21, 2024
Saxon Summer Camp Camp Frederick Rogers, OH
July 5 - 19, 2024
Federation International Jugendlager Host: Canada
July 12 - 14, 2024
North American Saxon Heimattag
Kitchener, ON Canada
July 27, 2024
ATS Family Day at Waldameer
October 19 - 20, 2024
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

March 16, 2024
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Sausage Sale
March 23, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Easter Party
New Castle Br. 25 German Meat Seminar and Tasting
March 30, 2024
Salem Saxon Club Easter Egg Hunt
April 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim 250 Club Banquet
April 20, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Wild Game Night
New Castle Br. 25 Halfway to Oktoberfest
May 4, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
May 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch
Youngstown Saxon Club Mothers' Day Dinner
June 26, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim /GCM
Summer Pilsner Patio Party
June 30, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic
August 24, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim / GCM
Summer Oktoberfest
September 15, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree
September 28, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

ATS BRANCH 1
SAXON 250 CLUB
2024-2025

Prize List and Rules

1st Prize \$1000.00
2nd Prize \$ 800.00
3rd Prize \$ 500.00
4th Prize \$ 400.00
5th Prize \$ 300.00
6th Prize \$ 200.00
7th Prize \$ 100.00
8th Prize \$ 100.00
9th Prize \$ 100.00
10th Prize \$ 50.00
**49 Weekly Prizes \$ 25.00
***One Special Prize \$ 100.00

**A drawing will be held for 50 weeks. The drawings will be held at our Branch meetings.

***Regular weekly winners will receive \$25. A special drawing of \$100.00 will be held at the end of the 25th week for those who have paid a total of \$50.00 into the club by the 25th week.

MEMBERS MUST BE
PAID IN FULL ONE WEEK
PRIOR TO THE 25TH
WEEK TO BE ELIGI-
BLE FOR THE SPECIAL
DRAWING.

1. The donation to join the club is \$50.00. Members will be assigned one number for each \$50.00 contribution.

2. Payments must be made at least one week in advance of drawing to be eligible for the weekly \$25.00 prize.

3. Membership is open to all adults ages 18 and over - you do not need to be a Branch 1 or 4 Member.

4. A maximum of 250 numbers will be available. A member may purchase more than one number. Membership will be open on a first come first served basis.

5. At the completion of the 50 weeks, a dinner (free to paid members) will be held.

6. Prizes will be drawn at the dinner. Members need not be present to win.

7. In the event of a dispute regarding the rules, regulations and ticket sales, the decision of the Rules Committee shall be final.

To reserve your number, send a check for \$50.00 made payable to the Saxon 250 Club to:

Stephanie Miller
23500 Wingedfoot Dr
Westlake, OH 44145
216-647-3229
saxon250club@gmail.com

ATS Branch 1 Saxon 250 Club

The ATS Branch 1 Saxon 250 Club is inviting current and new members to join us for the 2024-25 club year. The cost to join will again be \$50.00 for annual membership. This is a great opportunity to support our club while taking a chance on some great prizes. Beginning in April, we will draw numbers for 50 consecutive weeks and each winner will be awarded \$25.00, with the exception of week 25 where a special prize of \$100.00 will be awarded. At the end of the club year, each member will be entitled to one ticket to our year end

banquet and will be entered into a grand prize drawing where cash prizes ranging from \$50.00-\$1000.00 will be awarded (winner need not be present). It is not necessary to be a Branch 1 or 4 member to join – membership is open to all adults ages 18 and older.

If you are interested in joining, please make checks payable to Saxon 250 Club and mail to:

Stephanie Miller
23500 Wingedfoot Dr
Westlake, OH 44145
Should you have questions, please email us at- 250club@gmail.com.

Lead-up to Easter: Palm Sunday and Holy Week
Palm Sunday, March 24,
is the final Sunday before Easter.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Christian churches distribute palms on Palm Sunday to commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

On Holy Monday, Jesus drove out the money changers who were buying and selling in the temple of Jerusalem.

On Tuesday, Christ was questioned by the Jewish leaders and condemned by the Scribes and Pharisees.

On Wednesday of Holy Week, He taught in the tem-

ple. Maundy Thursday included the Last Supper, the final meal with His disciples. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot.

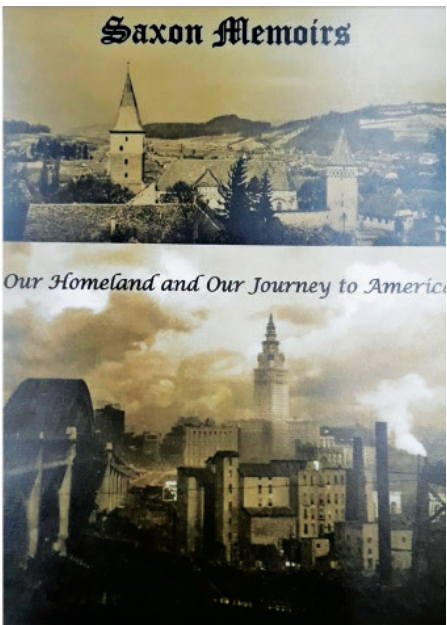
Good Friday is the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross. All worship is marked by austerity and silence.

Holy Saturday has been known as the Great Vigil.

Easter, March 31, is the most joyous day of the church calendar and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.



TRACHTENBALL
Saturday May 4th, 2024
Performances by:
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
DINNER IS SERVED AT 6 PM
SAVORY SCHNITZEL DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND DESSERT!
ADULTS \$25
CHILDREN BETWEEN 4-10 \$12
Come dressed in Tracht of any kind and join us for our Aufmarsch!
Dance the night away to Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine!
See bottom to make reservations!
Or scan this QR Code:
Windside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Ave
Cleveland OH
<https://trachtenball-may-04-2024-reservations-copy.cheddarup.com/>



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German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
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Warren, Michigan 48093
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stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle



Salem Saxon Club

Saturday, March 30

1:00 p.m.

Includes:

Easter Egg Hunt

Visit from the Easter Bunny • Snacks

RSVP Number of Children

Dawn Jackson (330) 853-1229 ***

*****Please note corrected number**

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 23, 2024**



10:00 A.M.

WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM 7001 Denison Avenue

All ATS Junior Members of Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33 are invited to attend "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at no charge.

Breakfast will be served starting at 10:00 a.m.
Following breakfast George the Funny Balloon Guy will entertain us with silly magic and balloon twisting.

After the entertainment is over, you will be invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.
All Children will have the opportunity to make a craft.
Make your reservations by calling or texting:
Joan Miller-Malue at 216-233-8631
If you reach the answering machine leave your name and telephone number .
Joan will call you back . . . OR
You can e-mail Joan at: miller-malue@cox.net
Joan will need to know the name and age of each child attending the party.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: March 18th


ATS Junior Members	FREE
Adults	\$ 5.00
Non-Member Children	\$ 10.00

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING
HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
March 18, 2024
Time 12:00 Noon
Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.
Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.
"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."
PRAYERS
Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's fam-

ily was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt. Please keep John Gellner in your prayers. John and his family attended our Christmas party but is not able to attend our meetings. We hope to see John surprise us with popping into a meeting once in while.
SAXON MEMOIRS
Get your copy of the **Saxon Memoirs!** Written by your fellow Saxons-Copies are \$ 25 each-Send checks payable to ATS-5323 Pearl Road-Cleveland, Ohio 44129-Call ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 for more information. Must have, Must read Book! – I got my book and it's a good read!
FACEBOOK PAGE
Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 (Facebook Group)
Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.
We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.
GERMAN HISTORY COLUMBUS
German heritage was vital to communities where Germans settled in America. Naturally, being part of a couple of German/Saxon organizations are the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Germans in America are social and fraternal organizations but other events and organizations were before social and fraternal organizations.
In upcoming articles we will see how Germans played an important and varying roles in the communities in which they were located.

Through reading 'The Columbus Germans' by La Vern J. Rippley and reading an article and official guide to 'The Ohio Adjunctant General's Department, Ohio National Guard 1788,' I learned that the German Military patriotic group militias and their bands actually preceded fraternal organizations.
This first article will focus on the militia and band aspects of Germans.
On November 17, 1775, The Continental Congress created the artillery branch in the U.S. Army. The Army Artillery Branch is 247 years old and the Ohio National Guard goes back to the Civil War.
Part of the German militia and artillery companies, in Columbus, was founded in 1840. It was called the First German Artillery Company. It was created, and after only a few months, a rival company, The German Washington Artillery Company began. Both companies held regular training sessions. Through their regimented training and they were recognized by their demonstrated military skills. When the war with Mexico occurred in 1846 they were a major part of the Ohio Volunteer Group. They were led by captains, Frankenburg and Jacob. They had hoped to retain their separate identity but were refused by then Ohio Governor, Moddecai Bartley. The governor alleged that because of language issues they were denied. The Westbote (German Newspaper) found exception to the governor's position and stated it was an insult.
The uproar and need for the German support was so great that the U.S. Secretary of War criticized the stance taken by the governor. The opposition to the governor was great but it resulted in the two companies being disbanded. The two disbanded companies eventually reunited as the 4th Ohio Regiment. Otto Zirkel, a Columbus physician and a veteran of the Prussian Army, became its captain. In 1847, the Department of Defense requisitioned the basically



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.

- Raymond A. Page**
Age 78
Died: January 26, 2024
Home Branch

Loretta L. Kloos
Age 88
Died: January 28, 2024
Home Branch

Hannelore J. Thomas
Age 93
Died: February 8, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Richard J. Kalosky
Age 82
Died: February 17, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Robert B. Cunningham, III
Age 73
Died: February 27, 2024
Branch 1, Cleveland, OH

German unit and late in May they joined the battle against Mexico. The 95-unit of men fought valiantly with the other units. Of the 95 members, six died, eight deserted or remained in the West, and nineteen were still in the hospital when 4th Ohio Regiment returned to Columbus in the later part of July 1948. They were greeted by a tremendous parade, which would travel down High Street to what was Jaeger's Orchard Garden.
Other notable German Units were the Cleveland Grays and the Cleveland Light Artillery. The Cleveland Light Artillery was noted to have built their own carriage and wagon that would carry a 6-pond cannon. The Ohio Light Artillery unit was called to duty during the Civil War, and was the ancestor to today's 134th Field Artillery Regiment.
It should be noted that Ger-

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Proposed changes to ATS constitution

The following changes to the Constitution of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons are presented by the ATS Board of Directors for Convention consideration and approval. The following changes are being presented to update and modernize our Constitution, our business policies and procedures, and comply with new corporate governance requirements and regulator recommendations.

ARTICLE III - Rights of the Alliance

Currently reads:
SECTION 3. It shall collect dues and payments as its Constitution, rules, laws and by-laws provide, elect its own officers, and have the right and duty to regulate and supervise the activities of individual Branches in matters affecting the Alliance.

Proposed change:
Remove the words “dues and”

Proposed wording to read:
SECTION 3. It shall collect payments as its Constitution, rules, laws and by-laws provide, elect its own officers, and have the right and duty to regulate and supervise the activities of individual Branches in matters affecting the Alliance.

Reason for change: The ATS no longer collects any dues from its members on behalf of local Branches.

ARTICLE IV – Governing Body

Proposed change:
Add new Section 3

Proposed wording to read:
Section 3: Authority of the Convention is suspended in the event of an authorized control level Risk Based Capital (RBC) event (insolvency of the ATS) as required under Ohio Revised Code Sec 3921.102, and in such event, all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code apply, including, but not limited to, authority of the Board to approve a transfer or merger, and requirements for notice to members.

Reason for change: The State of Ohio has enacted new solvency rules for Fraternal Benefit Societies. This is their requested wording to be added to Constitutions of Fraternals. (The Ohio Department of Insurance can intervene and possibly take over a Fraternal Benefit Society if their RBC ratio falls below 200%.)

ARTICLE VIII – Election of Officers

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. A Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate’s background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a “consent to be nominated.”

Proposed change:
Remove the words “nominating committee”

Proposed wording to read:
SECTION 5. A Branch must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate’s background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a “consent to be nominated.”

Reason for change: Not all Branches utilize a nominating committee to select a candidate for an ATS Board of Directors position.

ARTICLE IX – Duties of Officers

Currently reads:
SECTION 8 subsection a. He (Chief Medical Examiner) shall carefully examine all applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.

Proposed change:
Insert the words “life insurance”

Proposed wording to read:
SECTION 8 subsection a. He shall carefully examine all life insurance applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.

Reason for change: The ATS Chief Medical Examiner only reviews and approves life insurance applications. Annuity applications are not sent to him for review.

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:
SECTION 1, subsection b. Certificate premium payments or any other monies due the national Alliance may be paid by the member to the ATS Secretary of the local Branch in which he is a member or paid directly to the ATS Home Office.

Proposed change:
Remove the words “may be paid by the member to the ATS Secretary of the local Branch in which he is a member”
Proposed wording to read:
SECTION 1, subsection b. Certificate premium payments or any other monies due the national Alliance must be paid directly to the ATS Home Office.

Reason for change: For years now, no members have paid their insurance premiums at their local Branch meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:
SECTION 2. Local Branch Dues Payment. At the option and subsequent request of the local Branch, the ATS Home Office will incorporate the handling of local Branch Dues in the ATS Direct Billing procedures and accept local dues payments under the following stipulations:

- Members must pay their local dues according to the same payment mode in which their certificate premium payments are made.
- Local dues payments may be paid by member to the local Branch Financial Secretary or paid directly to the ATS Home Office.
- A record of local dues received and the monies involved will be forwarded by the ATS Office to each Branch monthly.

Proposed change:
Remove wording related to the ATS Home Office handling the billing, collection, and remittance of local Branch Dues

Proposed wording to read:
Section 2. Local Branch Dues Payment. All local dues are to be paid directly to their local Branch.

Reason for change: The ATS no longer collects any dues from its members on behalf of local Branches.

ARTICLE XVI – Duties and Rights of Branches

Currently reads:
SECTION 6 – Every Branch shall be responsible for all funds collected by its Secretary for the Alliance and must see to it that all such funds are delivered to the designated depository within the specified time. When a Branch, without explanation, neglects to send in the funds and reports promptly, it shall receive a warning from the Secretary of the Alliance. Should the Branch neglect to fulfill its duties within ten days of the receipt of the warning, the Alliance shall compel the Branch to comply with these requirements by any necessary procedures including court action and recommend suspension of the Branch and denial of the right to send Delegates to the Convention.

Proposed change:
Delete the entire Section 6 wording.

Proposed wording to read:
Section 6 removed in its entirety. Section 7 would become Section 6 and Section 8 would become Section 7.

Reason for change: There are

no funds being collected by the Branch to be remitted to the ATS Home Office any longer.

ARTICLE XVII – Duties of Branch Officers

Currently reads:
SECTION 3. The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the financial collections and records of the Alliance within his Local Branch.

- He shall collect all payments due the Alliance from members at each regular meeting of the Branch and remit them to the Alliance Home Office within five days after the meeting.
- He shall complete and forward to the office of the Alliance all required reports within five days after the meeting.

Proposed change:
Replace the words “financial collections and” with “membership”. Delete sections a and b

Proposed wording to read:
The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the membership records of the Alliance within his local Branch. Sections a and b removed in their entirety. Sections c, d, and e would become sections a, b, and c.

Reason for change: There are no funds being collected by the Branch to be remitted to the ATS Home Office any longer.

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mans have always demonstrated staunch patriotism for their new Homeland, the United States. It was estimated that between 176,000 to 216,000 served the country during the Civil War. This exceeded proportionally any other nationality. Any special event or holiday was never complete without the marching of brightly colored uniforms of the Military Units and Marching band. The music, parade and procession would delight, not only German spectators, but also anyone that enjoyed the spectacle of well-trained and organized units’ performance.

In upcoming articles we will explore how German Heritage had such positive influences on the German community, as well as the Columbus community.

HUMOR
An elderly old man owned a large farm for several years and it had a large pond. It

was properly shaped for swimming.

One evening the farmer decided to go down to the pond to check it out. He grabbed a big white bucket to bring back some fruit from the fruit trees.

As he got close to the pond heard loud voices and people laughing.

As he came closer, he saw several young ladies skinny-dipping in the pond.

He made the ladies aware of his presence and they moved to the deep end.

One of the women shouted out, “We’re not coming out until you leave.”

The old man frowned and said, “I didn’t come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or to make you get out of the pond naked.”

Holding the up the bucket, he said, “I just came down here to feed the alligators.”

Some old men can still think fast.



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Spring is coming! As you spring clean your house and garage, consider doing the same with your finances. Below are a few areas to review and consider making changes:

- ♦ **Revisit your Goals.** Did you create a budget at the beginning of the year? If so, does it need revised? Do you need to rebuild your emergency fund? If it is funded, you can move on to another goal.
- ♦ **Review your Debts and look for Opportunities.** If you're paying down debt, maybe now is a good time to review all of it. Does it make sense to take a loan to pay down that debt or refinance an existing loan?
- ♦ **Review your monthly bills.** Do you have automatic deductions for gym memberships or streaming services that you rarely use? Now is a good time to reduce the level of service or to completely cancel those memberships and save a little money each month. Use these savings to add to your emergency fund.
- ♦ **Review your Estate Planning.** Estate planning is not only for the very well-off and it does not need to be complicated. Do you have a will? You need one! If yes, does it need updated? Do you have a living will or medical power of attorney? Have you reviewed your beneficiary designations on your life insurance policy? How about that 401k or HSA account from work? Now is an excellent time to review and update all of these accounts, if necessary.
- ♦ **Consider your strategy for collecting Social Security.** Will you collect early at age 62 or at full retirement age of 67? Each year that you delay collecting until age 70 amounts to roughly an 8% raise in your starting benefit. If collecting is decades away for you, consider signing up for a "my social security" account. Doing so will allow you to review your reported earnings to ensure that they are correct and understand your future benefits.
- ♦ **Save automatically.** Set up an automatic deposit from your checking account into your savings account each month. Or have your paycheck split between your checking and your savings account. Better yet, open an ATS tax deferred Annuity with an autopay feature to contribute an amount each month. Already have an ATS Annuity? Consider increasing the amount that you contribute each month.

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