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BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE

By Dolores Both

On November 7 we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Soni's Restaurant followed by our meeting. We received a very nice, much appreciated thank you letter from Branch 25 for our continued donations and support of the Eintracht Singing Society.

This month members donated 71 items for the City Rescue Mission. The Mission was very appreciative.

Don't forget to send in your pre-paid reservation for our Christmas party on December 8 at the

Club House in Hunters Woods at 2:00 p.m. The shared cost is \$15 for members and guests. Send it to Judy Both, 1512 Drespling Lane, New Castle, PA 16101 by November 30. It's a catered affair and we need to know the number attending. Several members have volunteered to bring in their Christmas centerpieces to be used to decorate the tables. Instead of having a \$5 gift exchange, we voted to donate any money collected to the ATS Saxon Relief Fund.

The Children's Christmas Party is December 7 at 6:00 p.m. and November 20 at 6:00 p.m. is Deck the Halls at the club. Debbie Hermann has sign-up sheets at the club for volunteers to work the Children's Christmas Party and Deck the Halls. Planning for both events is smoothly coming together and your volunteer help is greatly appreciated.

We voted to make a monetary donation to ARISE, the women's shelter.

Don't forget to send your \$7 dues for 2025 to Katy Hudak, 4097 Countyline Road, New Castle, PA 16101 by January 1. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for sending the membership card to you. Please write your check payable to "Saxon Ladies

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Give Your Children A Gift That Will Last A Lifetime



Why not give a gift that will grow in value and last a lifetime? Consider purchasing life insurance or an annuity from the ATS. Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home office for detailed information on our insurance plans and annuity plan.



**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
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Attention TSBA Bowlers

The next session will be held in Cleveland West on December 8th.

Please note a change in time and location.

The bowling session will be held at Yorktown Lanes
6218 Pearl Rd
Parma Heights, OH 44130.

We will begin bowling at 12:15 p.m. for that session.

Dinner will follow at the Westside Sachsenheim.

Please send any meal cancellations to
CJ Schmitz
(440) 799-1940.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I had the pleasure of attending the Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's 53rd Annual Trachtenball on Saturday, November 2nd. What a delightful evening! The Cleveland Deutscher Musik Verein played for our listening pleasure, directed by everybody's favorite polka musician Fred Ziwich. The Pittsburgh Alpenschuhplattler Dance Group danced as well as our own Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. The Culture Group's Brass Band rounded out the evening. If you missed it, you missed a great evening. Plan to attend this wonderful event next year!

The American Fraternal Alliance, of which the ATS is a member, had a networking event in Cleveland on Tuesday, November 12th. This was a chance for the ATS Board of Directors to mingle with other Fraternal Benefit Societies and discuss critical issues facing the fraternal system. It is always nice to hear from our counterparts about new ideas, strategies for attracting new members, keeping existing members informed, as well as growing our Branches. The AFA helps to keep our tax-exempt status in place on a federal and state level, as well as reporting on compliance and regulatory changes that occur.

As the year winds down, we seem to get busier and busier. We start worrying about the holidays and everything that still needs done before the end of the year. Take some time to relax and just enjoy the holidays. While we're counting our blessings, remember to include some charitable donations on your to-do list. The ATS gladly accepts donations to the Saxon Relief Fund to help our elderly Saxons in Transylvania. The Saxons in Germany, through the Sozialwerk der Siebenbürger Sachsen group, sends money and supplies to the Altenheims (retirement homes) in Transylvania. Send your check, payable to the ATS, to the Home Office at 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129. We will wire the funds to Germany. Thank you!

Not sure what to get your children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren for Christmas? How about something that doesn't need batteries and they will not outgrow it? Purchase an ATS Life Insurance policy for them! You've already done that. How about an ATS Annuity for them? You can deposit some money to begin with, and then add more each birthday and Christmas. Give them a good head start in life with life insurance and a retirement plan!

Did you know that the "sometimes called first president" of the United States died on November 22, 1783? According to History.com, John Hanson was a self-educated son of farmers from Charles County, Maryland. His family lived in Maryland for three generations. At age 25, John married his wife, Jane Contee. They had nine children. However, only five survived to adulthood. One of those five was killed in action as a Continental soldier at Fort Washington, New York, in 1776.

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests 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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John Hanson’s career as a politician started in 1757 when he was elected to the Maryland Colonial Assembly. He represented Charles County different times over the upcoming years (1758 – 1763, 1765, 1766, and 1768-1769). He then took a seat in the revolutionary Annapolis Convention, which took control of the colony from the British in 1774 and renamed itself the Assembly of Freemen in 1776. Hanson was an outspoken supporter of the Patriot cause and was instrumental in Maryland’s decision to back the rebels laying siege to British-controlled Boston, Massachusetts, in the aftermath of the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Hanson served as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1780 to 1782. This included a term as the president of Congress (similar to the position of prime minister in the British Parliament). America’s first constitution, the Articles of Confederation, was

ratified in 1781. The nation was a loose confederation of states, each operating like independent countries. The national government was comprised of a single legislature; there was no president or judicial branch. Upon ratification of the Articles of Confederation, the Continental Congress became the “Congress of the Confederation” or the “United States in Congress Assembled”. John Hanson was the first president of that body.

The presidency did not exist as an executive position separate from Congress at that time. At the 1787 convention, delegates devised a plan for a stronger federal government with three branches (executive, legislative, and judicial) along with a system of checks and balances to ensure no single branch would have too much power. This new Constitution needed to be approved or ratified by nine of the thirteen original states. By December 7, 1787, five states

had done so. Other states opposed the document, because it failed to reserve un-delegated powers to the states and it lacked constitutional protection of basic political rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, and the press. A compromise was reached and on June 21, 1788, the ninth state ratified the document. It was agreed that this new government under the U.S. Constitution would begin on March 4, 1789. George Washington was inaugurated as America’s first President on April 30, 1789. Nineteen amendments to the Constitution were originally proposed. Twelve of these were adopted and sent to the states for ratification. Ten of these twelve were ratified and became part of the Constitution on December 10, 1791. These ten amendments are known as the Bill of Rights and include freedom of speech, religion, and press.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Brain training
may help fight
dementia

Researchers at the University of Montreal believe that a study conducted on seniors shows that memory training helped stabilize their mild cognitive impairment.

The paper, published in an Alzheimer’s and dementia journal in September, showed that even after five years, seniors who had received memory and attention training had not declined further. However, a group that was not treated declined further.

The memory and attention training involved no drugs at all and was a short-term program of memorizing lists, performing tasks, and focusing attention.

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You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com
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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, NOVEMBER 27, 2024	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024	FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

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

Branch 27
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Branch 27". If you prefer, a membership card can be emailed to you and you can print it. Please include your email address.

To order your Wendell August ornament and booklet, "A Brief History of the Transylvania Saxons," contact Judy Both at (724) 654-0573 or jboth1512@comcast.net. Christmas will be here soon and the ornament will have a special place on your Christmas tree.

The next meeting will be at the club on March 6 at 6:00 p.m. No meetings in January or February.

Judy read her original poem, "Veterans Day." Thank you to all veterans for your service!

After the meeting we had a door prize drawing. Members received a ticket for each item donated to the City Rescue Mission. Sherri Fenske was the lucky winner of a beautiful wristwatch. A "Name the Slogan" game followed the drawing. Game winners were Doris Shenker, Katy McCune, Sherri Fenske, Dolores Both, Linda Stoops, Susan Shenker, Debbie Hermann and Doreen Hietsch. We shared "much fun" and laughter.

An added note: Our Treasurer, Linda Stoops, fell a week ago and was at our meeting not feeling too good. Our best get well wishes are sent her way.

See you at the Christmas party!

Veterans Day

*November eleventh is Veteran's Day,
chosen for Americans their thanks to say.
To the men and women who bravely fought
for the lasting freedom we all sought.
Confronting enemies who would wrest away
the way we live from day to day.
Inadequate though thanks may be,
as a group it comes from we.
Who recognize your selfless gift
and to heaven our voices lift.
Asking God to watch over you
to guide and protect in all you do.*

An original poem by Judith E. Both 2015

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN
By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:

Wednesdays

Dinner and Drawings

Thursdays

Bar Bingo,
Queen of Hearts

Fridays

Fish Night,
open to the public

Sundays

Breakfast and 2 p.m.
meetings, 2nd Sundays

December 2

Officers meeting, 6 p.m.

December 8

Branch meeting and
Christmas Party after

December 15

1 p.m. Childrens'
Christmas Party,
free for all children

Closure dates:

Thursday, November 28
December 24

Christmas Eve

December 25

Christmas

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

January 1

New Year's Day

There is the possibility that
there will be a Game Night
on Tuesdays; we'll keep you
posted.

A delightful Christmas

Party has been planned for your children and grandchildren on December 15 at 1:00 p.m. and it is free for all children. So, bring those children and grandchildren for a special party just for them. What a treat! Phone Christa if you have questions. (330) 770-1419.

We welcome Bruce Zinz to our membership. He is in a long line of Zinz's that have been members over the years. Welcome!

Thank you, Tammy Hahn for another successful Craft Show because of your fine leadership. We are grateful.

The Christmas Party is right after our December meeting and, as before, we request that you, if you can, bring some cookies for the cookie table, and/or donate to the prizes. The party is free for all members, \$5.00 for social members and \$10.00 for guests. It's a lovely event so don't miss it.

At a time when the world and our country are in change, we pray that each of you has a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Sachs halt wacht!

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Thank you!

Salem Saxon Club
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 14
5:00 p.m.

Joint Social - Bring covered Dishes
Meat & cookies provided!

Santa & Mrs. Claus will attend
Games & Crafts for all ages

Each child will get a gift!

Please RSVP by calling or texting
Chris Phillis at (330) 853-8834
with number of children attending!



CLEVELAND
SACHSENHEIM
ATS BRANCH 1
SAUSAGE SALE
Saturday
December 7, 2024

\$5.00 per pound
Garlic or no garlic
Sold in 3 and 5 pound packages

Orders taken until November 29.

Call: Sachsenheim (216) 651-0888

Rob Hanek (440) 356-5582

Email: rhanek8@yahoo.com

PICKUP AFTER 3 PM



YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE ANNUAL
TRANSYLVANIAN SAXON SOCIETY
BRANCH 9

Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
DONAUSCHWABEN HALL
625 SEEGER RD, DES PLAINES, IL 60016

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FOOD
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN...
AND OF COURSE, A VISIT FROM
GOOD OLD ST. NICK!

There is NO admission
Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$15.00 per adult
\$10.00 for children ages 12 and under.
Contact Rose Hauer at (847-685-9821) for reservations no later than December 7th.
Baked goods and raffle prizes would be appreciated.



In the spirit of the giving
season, please bring a
donation of canned goods
and/or dried food products.

Keep your memories alive with this
Wendell August
ornament

\$20



"A Brief History
of the
Transylvanian
Saxons"
booklet
\$1

Pre-paid orders for a single ornament can be mailed in the continental United States for an additional minimum of \$6.00. Postage will vary for multiple ornament purchases. Contact Judy Both at 724-654-0573 or jboth1512@comcast.net

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

December 8, 2024

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland West

January 26, 2025

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Lorain

February 16, 2025

TSBA Bowling Session Host: New Castle

March 2, 2025

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown

April 5 & 6, 2025

TSBA Season-end Tournament Host: Lorain

May 17, 2025

Branch Presidents Meeting

Host: Columbus Saxons, Br. 10

July 11 - 13, 2025

North American Saxon Heimattag

Host: Youngstown Saxon Club

October 18 - 19, 2025

ATS Open Bowling Tournament

Host: Merrillville, IN

LOCAL EVENTS

November 23, 2024

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group

Fall Sausage Sale

December 6, 2024

New Castle Eintracht Sinfiging Society

Christmas Concert Dinner 5 p.m Concert 7 p.m.

December 7, 2024

Cleveland West Sausage Sale

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New Castle Br. 27 Children's Christmas Party

December 8, 2024

Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party

Berwick Party House

New Castle Br. 27 Christmas Party

Hunters Woods Clubhouse

December 14, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

Salem Saxon Club Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.

December 15, 2024

Chicago Br. 9 Saxon Christmas Party

Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Party

January 19, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

February 16, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

March 16, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

President Thut brought the meeting to order, and we had great attendance. As the year is winding down, we have one important event and that is the Christmas Party on December 15, at 1 p.m. Members were mailed information. Attached is also a flyer if you did not receive one. Please make reservations for lunch to Rose and come join us for a fun filled afternoon.

Currently we have no members on the sick list.

In order to keep our members informed the ATS is currently in the process of obtaining email addresses and constructing a Facebook page. Please watch for information.

Next meeting is December 2, with elections. Please try and attend.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and God bless you all!



Thanksgiving Day: November 28

One of the most celebrated holidays of the year, the holiday feast often takes center stage.

The real purpose of the day is how you recognize and give thanks for your family, your country, and the many blessings, large and small, that fill your life.

More people travel for Thanksgiving than any other holiday, including Christmas. That means that as you drive, fly, or travel by train, you should put safety first.

Remember not to rush or drive at excessive speeds. Stay in travel mode so you can patiently handle any problems that arise and reach your destination safely. You'll have time to eat, give thanks, visit, and cheer for your favorite football team.

BRANCH 33 SAUSAGE SALE Homemade Saxon Wurst



The Taste of Cleveland East!

Saturday, **December 7, 2024**

Messiah Lutheran Church

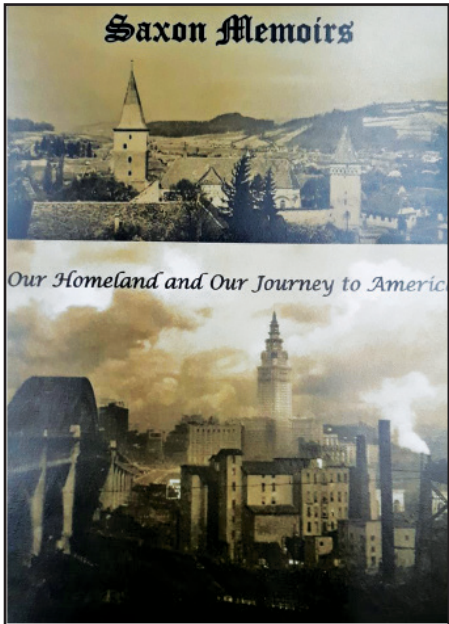
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Pick-up 1 to 4 p.m.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS CAN HELP YOU TO SAVE!

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

In order, favorite flavors after vanilla were fairly traditional: Chocolate (32 percent), strawberry (25 percent), butter pecan and cookie dough (21 percent each). Also present in the top 10 were chocolate chip, rocky road, and peanut butter cup.

Mail Check Payable to the
COLUMBUS SAXONS CLUB BRANCH 10
to the following:
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PRINT NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTENDING

PRINT CHILDREN'S NAMES

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

There will be more information in the coming weeks on

On to Biertan (Birthälm). The stop was very interesting in our visit of another marvel of ingenuity of building these large, ornate and varied architectural structures. I still am amazed that the fortified churches were built with only manual labor, and not the mechanical benefits



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.

Died: November 1, 2024
Home Branch, Erie, PA

cussed in further detail about the Brown Bears life. It talked about the coexistence with man and farming. It showed how the Brown Bears come down to the valleys to enjoy the plentiful number of apples and plums of the valleys. It talked about how this balance between man and the bears are being sustained because of the traditional rudimentary farming and way of life of current Transylvanians. I learned that at one time Transylvania/Romania was home to more than several million bison. Through aggressive hunting their very existence was almost threatened to a mere dozen bison. Due to efforts, the population is making a comeback and now has a population of several hundred bison. The movie talked about beavers that were so prevalent, were almost reduced to nothing. Due to efforts by the government the beaver population is again flourishing and adding back to the delicate balance of wildlife of Transylvania. The movie talked about the importance of bat population in Transylvania. Transylvania, with its large number of older churches, castles, buildings and caves, provide a natural habitat for the bats that maintain an ecological balance of controlling the insect population. The movie talked about the Lynx, which we knew was so prevalent thousands of years ago and is still being maintained today. The Lynx population is thriving, but the numbers are not known because of the solitude living of the Lynx. It was a very enlightening show

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BRANCH 10
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about an area of Transylvania of which I was not familiar.

We end this part of our Transylvanian journey and more will come in subsequent Volksblatt articles.

HUMOR

An old man and his wife visited the doctor for a checkup. The doctor wanted to examine the doctor first. After the visiting the old man, the doctor said I am surprised you are in such great shape. I attribute it to my good and clean life. The doctor said your good and clean life? Yes, I have lived such a good and clean life that the Lord himself turns the light on when I use the bathroom and the Lord himself turns it off when I leave. The doctor says the Lord himself did this? The old man says yes.

The doctor nodded politely and said I will need to visit the doctor next. After visiting the wife, the doctor says you are in excellent health. The wife asks how is my husband? The doctor says physically he is fine, but I am worried about his mental health. The wife asks, why? He insists the Lord himself turns the light on when he goes to the bathroom and the Lord himself turns the light off when he leaves.

The wife shouts, **MY GOD, THE DARN FOOL IS PEEING IN THE FRIDGE AGAIN!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. ENJOY THE TIME OF YEAR WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY CREATING HAPPY MEMORIES! GOTT SEGNE!



ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



Help us help
**Helft uns
Helfen!**
Help us help

We petition our Saxon fraternal community - members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!

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NOTE: Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of **\$50.00**. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the **exact name and address** of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast, etc.

**KRAMPUS NIGHT
AT THE SACHSENHEIM!**



Saturday, December 14th, 2024 at 6:00 pm
7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Tickets \$15.00 @ [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
\$20.00 Cash Day of Show

The Catholic tower

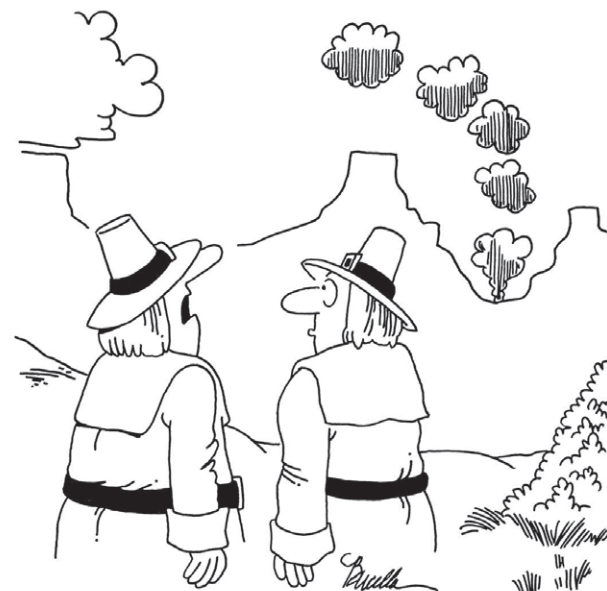
The catholic tower is on the southern part of the fortifications. On the ground floor of the catholic tower used to be a chapel that was painted with frescoes and was used by those who refused to accept the Reformation. A symbol of tolerance. The frescoes are late Gothic of the 1500s. Inside are depicted the Annunciation, the Adoration of the Magi, the Last Judgement, Christ in a mandorla, the Archangel Michael, Saints George and Ursula. In the niche above the entrance is the Coronation of the Virgin and King Vladislav Jagiello of Poland, Hungary and Bohemia (1471-1516). The rectangular three-storey tower shows arrow loops on the upper level, a wooden lagging parapet walk and a pyramidal broach roof.

Turnul Catolicilor

Turnul Catolicilor, aflat pe partea de sud a primului zid de apărare, adăpostește la parter o capelă ce păstrează încă o bună parte din pictura murală de odinioară. Turnul de apărare cu plan dreptunghiular are trei nivele, etajele superioare au guri de tragere, un coridor de apărare cu balustradă de lemn și un acoperiș piramidal. Pe fresce se disting: Buna Vestire, Adorația Magilor, Judecata de Apoi, Judecata Universală, Hristos în Mandorlă, Arhanghelul Mihail, Sfântul Gheorghe și Sfânta Ursula. În nișa de deasupra intrării se află fresca încoronării Mariei (Maria Patrona Hungariae) și a regelui Vladislav al II-lea.

Katholischer Turm

Der Katholische Turm steht auf der Südseite der ersten Ringmauer. Im Erdgeschoss des Katholischen Turms befindet sich eine Kapelle, in der ein großer Teil der ursprünglichen Ausmalung erhalten geblieben ist. Der im Grundriss rechteckige Wehrturm ist dreigeschossig, hat in den Obergeschossen nach außen Schießscharten, einen holzverschalteten Wehrgang und ein Pyramidendach. Auf den Fresken sind zu erkennen: die Verkündigung, die Anbetung der Heiligen Drei Könige, das Jüngste Gericht, das Weltgericht, Christus in der Mandorla, der Erzengel Michael, der Heilige Georg und die Heilige Ursula. In der Nische über dem Eingang befindet das Fresko der Krönung Mariens und König Wladislaw II.



"It says, 'Wednesday is no good, how about Thursday?'"

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We wish to thank Amanda Donnellan and the members of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group for hosting the Veterans Day Dinner at the Sachsenheim. They did a nice job recognizing and honoring the veterans attending and expressed their gratitude to all Veterans and currently serving military for their efforts they gave, and the sacrifices made for their countrymen. "The secret of happiness is freedom; the secret of freedom is courage."

We are all excited for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group having been selected to participate in the Saxon cultural exchange program that we take them on a European Tour to Germany and Austria. They are working hard preparing for their two-week program as well as having fundraisers to help with the great expense for their travels. They have several upcoming fundraisers that we hope you can support: 1) they are having a Pre-Sale event selling sweatshirts and T-shirts with their logo. You can view and order the collection on their Facebook page or contact Amanda at adonnellan5@yahoo.com or call her at (216) 235-5240 for order form or if you need more information. Orders need to be in by the end of December. 2) You can purchase tickets for their Big Liquor Barrel Raffle that will be drawn on January 24 at the Sachsenheim's Game Night. You do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets are being sold by the Dance Group members. 3) Their Annual Chili-Cook-off that will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025. This is always a fun event. Get your chili recipes out to perfect them for the competition. Let's show our support to the Cleveland

Saxon Dance Group!

Many of you have been waiting for the Sachsenheim's Sausage Sale. It will be held on Saturday, December 7th. You can order sausage with or without garlic in 3 lb. or 5 lb. packages. The cost is \$5 a pound. You can place your orders by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888 or call Robert Hanek at 440-356-5582 or email him at rhanek8@yahoo.com. Deadline for orders is November 29! They are hoping to recruit a few more helpers in making the sausage. If you can lend a hand please contact Robert Hanek. He will be happy to hear from you.

The invitations have been sent out to our Junior Members to attend the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. We invite our junior members to participate in the program by reciting a poem, singing a song or playing a musical instrument. Just let me know when you make your reservations. Reservations are a must by texting or calling me at (216) 233-8631 or email me at miller-malue@cox.net. Please make your reservations early so I can tell the Santa's helpers have time to arrange for a gift for each child. We ask that everyone bring a can or box of non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local food bank. Deadline for reservations is December 5th. Look at the Volksblatt ad for more information.

We are going to be super busy that day since following the Christmas Party the room will be setup for Krampus Night that will be that evening. Entertainment will be performances of the Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer Musikanten, Krampus of



Tim Wolff in his Color Guard uniform

Cleveland, DJ Kishka, the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. There will be food, drinks, games, raffles and more. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.com for \$15 and tickets at the door \$17.

Ways to show gratitude each Thanksgiving and beyond

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for the blessings in our lives, and the greatest blessing for most of us is the people we love. There are many ways to show our gratitude for what others bring to our lives, and we can do it anytime -- not just on Thanksgiving Day.

- Send a handwritten thank-you note to your Thanksgiving host. If you did the hosting, write them for the people who showed up, pitched in, and made the holiday special.

- Plan some quality time with people you care about -- set a date, plan an activity, and really do it.

- Give genuine compliments to others. It's a simple way to show that we care, and it really matters.

- Open your home to a few extra guests. Ask a friend to

join you if you know they don't have plans, or see if elderly neighbors would like to stop by. If they decline, pack up some leftovers and give them the gift of a meal that only requires reheating.

- Keep family traditions alive. Maybe Grandma made the best pumpkin pie, but needs some extra help these days. You can take over the labor while Grandma relaxes and offers guidance. The pie still gets made (with Grandma's personal touch) and the tradition continues.

- Say it clearly. Use words like "I appreciate everything you've done," or "I love spending my Thanksgiving with you." Your loved ones may be glad to hear the words, and you'll be glad you said them.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland OH

Santa is planning to visit the Westside Sachsenheim on Saturday, December 14th and you, along with the other girls and boys from Branches 1 and 4 and 33 are invited to join him.

The party will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the making of a craft, followed by performances by our Junior Members, and Major Scales Winter Special will entertain us with comedy juggling and more. Following entertainment SANTA CLAUS will arrive with holiday wishes (and gifts for all of the good boys and girls).

After visiting Santa, a light meal will be served to all.

We invite you to participate in the program by reciting a poem, singing a song, playing a musical instrument, etc. If you would like to be included in the program, please let Joan Miller-Malue know when you make your reservation.

In order to be sure that Santa has a gift for all the children, reservations must be made before December 5th (Santa's elves need time to prepare the gifts).

Make your reservations early by texting or calling.
Joan Miler-Malue at (216) 233-8631

If you reach the answering machine please leave your name and telephone number - Joan will call you back, she will need to know the name and age of each child OR:
You can e-mail Joan at miller-malue@cox.net
If e-mailing Joan be sure to list the name and ages of each child

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: DECEMBER 5th
 ATS Junior Members: Can or box of non-perishable food
 Adults: \$ 5.00
 Non-Member Children:
 \$20 plus a can or box or non-perishable food
 Note: The boxes and cans of nonperishable food will be donated to a local Food Bank



Veterans being honored at Veterans Day Dinner



Saturday, November 2, 2024

Youngstown
Saxon
Culture
Group

53rd Annual
Trachtenball

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
Deutscher Musik Verein
Pittsburgh Alpen Schuhplattler
Dance Group
Youngstown Saxon Brass Band

