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## BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE

By Lesley Reed

Our first meeting after taking a summer break was held September 17<sup>th</sup>. We had seven members present and enjoyed a pizza dinner beforehand. Vice President Karen Kinser ran the meeting as our President was absent. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Under old business, everyone remembered (this time) to bring a gift for a White Elephant exchange. We waited until the end of the meeting and it ended up being pretty comical! We collectively decided to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary our branch by dining together at the Hart Mansion restaurant, which everyone agrees is a favorite. We chose two dates and will make a decision soon.

Under new business, the idea of a branch outing to see a performance by the Carnation City

Players was introduced. They have three different shows scheduled that include White Christmas in December, Cinderella in February, and 1776 in June. The Open Bowling tournament is next month in Merrillville with bus pick-ups in Youngstown and Cleveland for those interested. The birthdays to be celebrated between now and our next lodge meeting include Linda Gelsinger on September 15 and Courtney Crawford on September 21.

Dates to keep in mind include a formal meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, our annual holiday dinner at Hart Mansion on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and the first meeting of 2026 on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Fall to everyone!



Alliance Branches 3 and 8 Summer Picnic



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Before too long, the ATS Youth Activities Committee will be looking for five young members to attend the International Youth Rally (Jugendlager) in Germany during the summer of 2026. We don't have firm dates yet, but we believe it will be two weeks starting late June and going into July. Generally, the ages are between 16 and 20. If you, your child, or your grandchild may be interested, please start working on obtaining their passport now if they don't already have one! It takes a while to go through the process. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity just because your travel papers are not received back in time! Once we have more details regarding the Jugendlager, we'll let you know.

The International Jugendlager is just one of the benefits of the ATS being part of the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons. The Federation is made up of Germany, Austria, Transylvania, Canada and the United States. The Jugendlager is held every two years in one of those five countries. The last one was held in Canada in 2024. It will now be Germany's turn to host young people from all five countries. This is a great way to meet fellow Saxons from these different countries, as well as the ones from the USA. In 2028, the Jugendlager will be held in the USA.

Another exchange program of the Federation is the Cultural Exchange Program. This is the program that the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group participated in earlier this summer, by traveling to Austria and Germany for a performance tour. Previously, the band and dance group from Traun, Austria traveled to the USA, in 2023, for the USA/Canada Heimattag and then performed in Cleveland, Salem and Detroit, and then on to Canada. The next Cultural Exchange Tour will be a group from Germany, traveling to the USA and Canada in 2027. The ATS is already starting to plan this event, as it will coincide with the ATS celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will be asking a couple of our ATS Branches to host events for the group for Germany during their time in the USA, so Branch Officers, please put this on your long-range calendar.

Did you know that the famous explorer Meriwether Lewis died on October 11, 1809? He died under mysterious circumstances, according to History.com, in the early hours of the morning at Grinder's Tavern along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee. Three years earlier, Lewis and his co-commander, William Clark, had completed their exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory and the Pacific Northwest. Famous and celebrated throughout the nation as a

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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.

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ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



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!



**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.

Eat these veggies to reduce colon cancer risk

If you weren't sold on broccoli just yet, it might be time to reconsider your position after a new study found that higher consumption of cruciferous vegetables was associated with a significantly decreased risk of colon cancer.

According to Fox News, Chinese researchers analyzed data from 17 studies with nearly 640,000 total participants and found that the group that ate the most vegetables were 17 percent less likely to be diagnosed with colon cancer than the group that ate the most vegetables.

Researchers found that the cancer-fighting benefits started with participants who ate just 20 grams of vegetables per day. The benefits stacked up with higher vegetable consumption, leveling off at about 40 grams per day.

Cruciferous vegetables, which includes broccoli, cabbage, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower, contain compounds called glucosinolates that break down into substances called isothiocyanates during digestion. Isothiocyanates can help kill damaged cells or slow or stop the growth of unhealthy or potentially malignant cells.

While the researchers noted some limitation in the study's design, the data still illustrates a strong link between lower vegetable consumption and colon cancer. Low consumption of dietary fiber and vegetables and excessive caffeine and alcohol consumption are all associated with increased risk of colon cancer.



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**Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.**

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE  
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result, Lewis found returning to civilized eastern life difficult. President Thomas Jefferson appointed him governor of the Louisiana Territory, but Lewis discovered that the complex politics and power struggles of the territory were earning him more enemies than friends. During this same time, bureaucrats in Washington DC were questioning the legitimacy of some of the purchases that Lewis had made for the expedition in 1803, producing the threat of bankruptcy if he were forced to cover these costs personally. Finally, some three years after the end of his journey, Lewis had still failed to complete the work necessary to publish the critically important scientific and geographical information he and Clark had gathered in their journals.

For all these reasons, most historians have concluded that Lewis’s death was a suicide brought on by deep depression and the heavy weight of worries he bore. According to the account given by Mrs. Grinder, the mistress of the tavern along the Natchez Trace where Lewis stopped for the night, Lewis was pacing in his room and talking to himself “like a lawyer”. She then heard a pistol shot and Lewis exclaimed “O Lord!”. After a second pistol shot, Lewis staggered

from his room and called for help, reportedly saying, “O Madam! Give me some water and heal my wounds”. Strangely, Mrs. Grinder did nothing to help him, saying she was too afraid. The next morning, servants went to his room where they apparently found him “busily engaged in cutting himself from head to foot” with a razor. Fatally wounded in the abdomen, Lewis died shortly after sunrise.

Based on Mrs. Grinder’s story, most historians have argued that Lewis tried to kill himself with two pistol shots, and when that didn’t kill him quickly enough, he tried to finish the job with his razor. However, a book published in 1962, titled Suicide or Murder? The Strange Death of Governor Meriwether Lewis, the author Vardes Fisher raised questions about the reliability of Mrs. Grinder’s story and suggested that Lewis may have been murdered, either by her husband or bandits. Since then, a minority of historians have continued to challenge the suicide thesis. Ultimately, over two centuries later, we may never be able to discover exactly what happened that night along the Natchez Trace when one of the nation’s greatest explorers died at the young age of 35.

Until next time...

**It doesn’t matter  
where you were born,  
or where you live,  
but what’s in your HEART.  
Be Proud to be  
Transylvanian Saxon!**

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB  
710 S. Meridian Rd  
PORK & KRAUT DINNER  
OCTOBER 26, 2025  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
\$12.00  
TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN  
PUBLIC WELCOME**

**Monsters, Mummies and candy galore -  
It’s a trick-or-treat party, with entertainment and more!**

**HALLOWEEN BASH**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Westside Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Avenue**

**Junior Members of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons  
Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33  
are invited to the Westside Sachsenheim at 7:30 p.m.  
on Friday evening, October 24, 2025 for a “frightfully fun” time.**

**We will have a Masquerade Parade for judging of costumes  
and awarding of prizes.**

**Tell Mom and Dad to dress in costume –  
there will also be prizes awarded for the best adult costumes.**

**You can show off your artistic talents by making a craft,  
“Richie Rich” will entertain us with his magic show.  
Refreshments will be served following the entertainment.**

**Make Reservations by texting or calling:  
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**

**If e-mailing Joan be sure to list the name and age of each child**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: OCTOBER 18th  
Junior ATS Members: Can or box of non-perishable food  
Non-Member Children: \$10.00 plus can or box of non-perishable food  
Adults: \$4.00**

***Note: The boxes and cans of non-perishable food will be donated to a local charity.***



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Juvenile Members are encouraged to color and mail to the ATS Home Office for a special treat.**

**Please mail to the ATS Home Office; 5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129**

**Before November 07, 2025**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 18 - 19, 2025  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Host: Merrillville, IN  
November 16, 2025  
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland East  
December 14, 2025  
TSBA Bowling Session Host: New Castle  
January 11, 2026  
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Lorain  
February - March, 2026  
Bowl Where You Are Contest  
February 15, 2026  
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Salem  
March 15, 2026  
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown  
April 18 - 19, 2026  
TSBA Season-end Tournament - New Castle  
July 10 - 12, 2026  
North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag  
Aylmer, Ontario Canada  
July 25, 2026  
ATS Family Day at Waldameer  
Erie, PA

LOCAL EVENTS

October 11, 2025  
New Castle Br. 25 Texas Hold-em Tournament  
October 15, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Lagerfest  
October 18, 2025  
Youngstown Saxon Club Craft Show  
October 24, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Children's Halloween Party  
Youngstown Saxon Club Children's Halloween Party  
New Castle Br. 25 A Choir Dinner  
October 26, 2025  
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner  
November 1, 2025  
Youngstown Saxon Club Trachtenball  
New Castle Br. 25 Fall Sauerkraut Dinner Noon - 3 p.m.  
November 9, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Veterans' Day Dinner  
November 15, 2025  
New Castle Br. 25 Chili Cook-Off  
November 16, 2025  
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner  
November 19, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Tree Trimming  
December 5, 2025  
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Concert  
December 5-6, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Making / Sale  
December 6, 2025  
New Castle Children's Christmas Party 5:30 p.m.  
December 9, 2025  
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Party  
December 13, 2025  
Cleveland Sachsenheim  
Children's Christmas Party  
Krampus Fest  
December 14, 2025  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party  
December 20, 2025  
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party 3 p.m. - close



BRANCH 5, LORAIN  
By Michael Johnson

Summer is over and we're now feeling the cooler weather that fall brings. Our regular Branch 5 meetings started again after a two month summer break on Monday September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club in Lorain. Members gathered at the Blue Sky Restaurant in Amherst for a pre meeting dinner. Minutes were read from our June meeting, and the treasurer gave her report of the expenses for the months of July and August. The date of the Christmas dinner was announced to be held again at Diso's Bistro at all Nations, 4286 Oberlin Ave. Lorain, OH 44053 on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Stay tuned to the November issue for RSVP information.

Though not in attendance that evening, Brother Thomas Ralph was recognized for becoming a 50 Year member. He joined the men's lodge branch 5 at the age of 16 on September 6, 1975. Congratulations! Our next regular scheduled meeting will be at the American Slovak Club on Monday, October 20th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

We have two members who are currently on the

sick list. Sister Arlene Gilles had hand surgery on August 22 and is still recovering and Sister Sharon Powell reported being admitted to the hospital September 11 with heart issues. We have hopes and prayers for speedy recovery and healing soon for both.

Sister Ginger Romes will be representing Branch 5 by competing in the 65th ATS Annual Open-Bowling Tournament being held in Merrillville, IN on October 18-19, 2025. It was voted on to pay for her round trip bus fare that was booked to carry the members from Youngstown and Cleveland to the tournament. Good luck to you Sister and have fun!

Birthdays being celebrated in the month of October are Sisters Monica Gilles, Jane Mowery, Erica Zgola, and Jr. members Jenee Peters and Violet Piller. Happy Birthday and enjoy your special day!

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the content of this article, or member news you'd like to share in the next issue of the *Volksblatt*, contact me, Michael Johnson by text at 440-225-8441 or by email [mikjo79@gmail.com](mailto:mikjo79@gmail.com).

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND  
By Joan Miller-Malue

We had a great evening for our Annual Clambake. The food was delicious and the weather perfect for this autumn event. We thank everyone, especially Grumpy, for preparing the food.

We will have the Annual Lagerfest on Wednesday, October 15 starting at 4:00 p.m. The beer taps will be flowing with all your favorite beers. And a few surprises for the evening are in the making. Some say, "A beer is like a hug in a glass." Come down to the Sachsenheim on October 15 and enjoy a few "hugs."

The Children's Halloween Party will be held on Friday evening, October 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Junior members of ATS Branches 1, 4, 5, and 33 have been mailed invitations to join us for a fun evening that will include the making of a craft, judging of

costumes, entertainment by magician "Richie Rich" and refreshments. Admission is free to ATS junior members, \$4 for adults and \$10 for non-member children. Reservations are a must and can be made by texting or calling Joan Miller-Malue at 216-233-8631 or email at [miller-malue@cox.net](mailto:miller-malue@cox.net). We need the number of adults, children's names and ages. Deadline for reservations is October 18th. We ask that everyone brings a non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local charity. We encourage the adults to come dressed in costume. We will also hold judging of adult costumes. Can't wait to see "witch" costume you rock!

We are hoping that you can join us for our monthly Branch meeting that will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



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.

Gerald Geisel  
Age: 89

Died: August 1, 2025  
Branch 7, Farrell, PA

Hildegard Lynn  
Age: 71

Died: August 25, 2025  
Branch 10, Columbus OH

Mary Garus  
Age: 85

Died: August 30, 2025  
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Mary Jane Morey  
Age: 86

Died: September 08, 2025  
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

Ludwig M. Schenker  
Age: 98

Died: September 14, 2025  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Joan A. Mason  
Age: 89

Died: September 17, 2025  
Home Branch

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10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Blessed are they  
who can laugh at  
themselves, for they  
shall never cease  
to be amused.

**BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST**  
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Branch 33 Cleveland East had its annual Clambake on Saturday, September 27 at Messiah Lutheran Church. It was like the perfect early Autumn day. Thank you to everyone who cooked, cleaned, attended and helped make the day a delicious success! Mike Bretz is a master chef when it comes to Clambakes. We held a 50-50 raffle; thank you to young Liam, a member of Messiah Church, who pulled Wayne Suts' winning ticket. And \$100 was donated to the Local Food Bank.

Ausgezeichnet, danke!



**All things  
pumpkin spice**

It's time for the annual fantastic fall foray into all thing pumpkin spice.

What you may have been missing with your Starbucks pumpkin spice latte is a pumpkin spice cheese. Laughing Cow to the rescue. They have produced their first, limited edition, pumpkin spice cheese wedges, available nationwide.



With your pumpkin spice Premier Protein Drink Shake, try pumpkin spice Goldfish graham cracker snacks. And maybe dip them in Philadelphia pumpkin spice cream cheese spread.

But that's not all, you'll find tons of coffees, ice cream, and beverages boasting the seasonal favorite. Enjoy!



**Cleveland East Br. 33 Clambake**



**SAXON  
FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025**  
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (or till sold out)  
\$15 Adults / \$ 10 Kids

**Choice of:**  
Fried or Baked fish, w/scalloped potatoes,  
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& coffee or tea

**Dine-in or Take Out Bar will be open!**  
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**Volunteers and cake donations  
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**HOLIDAY  
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The much-heralded robot takeover probably won't happen soon judging by results of the World Humanoid Robot Games.

H1, the winning robot in the 1,500-meter race finished with a time of 6 minutes 29 seconds, substantially slower than the human record of 3 minutes 26 seconds. Meanwhile, his competition included robots who lost their heads -- literally -- or couldn't move off the starting line.

Early trials of a one-size-fits-all pancreatic cancer vaccine indicates that it may be effective at preventing recurrence of difficult-to-treat pancreatic cancers. According to NBC News, the vaccine targets KRAS gene muta-

tions, which are associated with up to 90 percent of pancreatic cancers and 40 percent of colorectal cancers. The vaccine stimulates an immune response that targets and destroys cells with KRAS mutations.



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**By Ro Dundon**

My apologies for not having a report in from our August meeting which was held at Amen's Restaurant in Girard. It was a nice meeting. Our President RoseMarie was missing, but we carried on.

For anyone belonging to that Club who did not come —-You missed a lovely night. First of all, it was so good to see members and friends not seen in ages. Then there was

FYI: the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinners are starting. You can either enjoy dinners in the Club or take home.

Keep healthy and dress warmer—the cold will be here before we know it.

Until we meet again .... As usual ...it's RO.

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**SAXON LIFE OF MICHAEL FARR**  
(his story is paraphrased from excerpts of his story)

Remember in our last article, Michael had a conversation with his uncle, John Farr, about going to Germany for a better life. His uncle said, “You’ll kill yourself working here; quit him and go to Germany and in 2 months you’ll make more money than you get in a year here, and you’ll work just half as hard.”

Michael tells his uncle he has no money. Uncle John said he would loan Michael 30 gulden (I think this would be about \$30.00 in their money). He said go with my son John, your cousin, and you will find it will be good for both of you. So, Michael went the next day to get a passport for travel. Johann Kasper, his boss, found out that Michael has applied for a passport, and he was extremely upset. He confronted Michael and they almost came to blows but Michael stood his ground and Kasper backdown. This all occurred on Easter, April 1906.

Kasper’s son tried to work things out with Kasper but Michael had enough. Michael went to work with other people and made good money.

The bad feelings with Kasper were not over. Kasper and the notary making the passport for Michael were related. Kasper told his relative (the notary) not to send the passport back. Michael waited and no passport came. Michael contacted a friend, Johann Schatz, who was the chauffeur to the Judge Alischpan, the judge that had received the application. Johann said he found the passport with the Judge, and it would be sent to Michael in two days. Michael did receive it in two days.

There was a party to celebrate Peter’s Day. The dance was given by girls (I am guessing a way to entice young men to come, dance and introduce themselves. The girls would provide music, baked- goods and bring drinks, wine and whiskey. The girls would ask the boys to dance. Michael’s neighbor (leaving

the name out) was an old maid, and for some reason asked Michael to dance two or three times that night. They danced until 3:00 in the morning. That would be Michael last day in Weillau. The next day Michael and his cousin, John Farr took a train to Germany (finally, Michael adventure would begin).

They arrived in Breslau, Germany, early in the morning. They changed trains and headed to Oberhausen, Rheinland. They toured the city while waiting for the next train. When they arrived in Oberhasusen they met up with friends, Michael Noesner and Michael Lassel, who were from Weillau, too.

Michael’s cousin and a friend got jobs working in the mine. Michael didn’t want to work in the mine so he got a job working at a place that had funeral horses and made wagons for street cleaning. Michael first day was to go brush down the horses. The next day, he was told to get a hatchet and clean bricks. Basically, they were recycling the bricks to replace broken bricks in the streets and sidewalks. Michael was sent to work with plasterers; as a helper to replace the bricks. They needed Michael to haul sand and bricks to be used to fix the streets. Michael was strong and hauled 5-6 wheelbarrows of each. Michael was working pretty much by himself. When Michael got a break he started feeling lonely for his home and family. Micheal didn’t have time to feel lonely too long because they sent him to go get rum for the workers. While the workers would drink the rum while they worked Michael didn’t.

Michael got sent to an engineer for work. It was somewhat confusing to Michael. He got to Friendenstrasse at 6:30 a.m. When he got there, he was told to go to barn and lay down until we call you. Michael thought this was crazy, they are paying me to lay down and sleep; I feel like I am stealing money. At 9:30 a.m, they came and got Michael. They gave Michael a bundle of sticks 3’ long and he went with the men outside of Oberhausen. Another man and Michael would drive the sticks into the ground in about 15-20 places. They used their instruments to measure distances and elevations. Michael did this for about 1 ½ hours and then they told him to go home and come back at 3:00 p.m. Michael thought that was strange so he went back to the office to find out if this was right. He was told that if that is what the men said, then do it. So, he went and laid down until it was time for him to return. He did the same thing the next morning and he showed up to work early in the morning, only to be summoned to work at 10:00 am. At 4:00 pm, their day was done. This scheduled

continued to where Michael found himself actually working for 3 ½ to 4 hours a day. Michael felt guilty that he wasn’t doing much work, and he was still getting paid for a full day’s work. Michael did this for about a month.

In the meantime, things were happening in a different direction. Michael had inquired about going to America. He received a card from an agent at Diesburg, Ruhrort. The card said, “I found out you want to go to America.” Michael wasn’t sure how this fellow knew he wanted to go to America (probably a relative had told someone). He was told he could get his ship ticket from the agent. There was some confusion and the ticket had been shipped to Michael’s sister. Eventually, everything got straightened out and he got his ticket. The agent said, “That will be 10 marks.” Michael said I told you I didn’t have any money. After much discussion the agent said, “Will you pay me when you get the money?” Michael agreed and got his ticket.

The next day Michael told his boss. His boss was stunned. He asked Michael if he wanted more money?

His boss was understanding, gave him a 10-mark gold piece. He asked Michael if he thought it would be better in America? Michael said he didn’t know. His boss told him if things don’t work out, you can come back and have a job here again.

Two days later, Michael was on the ship Patricia, from Hamburg to New York. This November, 1906. We will pick up here next, on Michael’s journey to America, and how that works out.

**HUMOR (compliments of Sara Alzner-Brown)**

The boss was complaining at work that he doesn’t get enough respect.

The next day he brought a small sign in and it said: “I’m The Boss.” And he taped it to the door.

Later that day, when he comes back from lunch, he found someone had taped another note to the door, “Your wife called; she said she wants her sign back.”

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Please join me in wishing Susi Muel-ler (October 5) and MarSue Birtler (October 16) a very Happy Birthday, and we wish them many more. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

**Pumpkin Soup is a crowd pleaser in October**

Here’s a delicious recipe for Pumpkin Soup tailored for a larger pumpkin variety, such as a sugar pumpkin or a standard carving pumpkin (though sugar pumpkins are preferred for their sweeter, denser flesh). It serves 6-8 and takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes total, including roasting time.

**Pumpkin Soup**

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

Serves: 6-8

**Ingredients:**

- 4 to 5 cups of canned pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling, which contains added sugar and spices).
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream (or coconut milk for a dairy-free option)
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Optional: 1/4 cup sour cream or creme fraiche for garnish
- Optional: Fresh thyme or parsley for garnish

**Instructions:**

1. Saute Aromatics: In a large pot, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil and the butter over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and saute for 5-7 minutes until translucent. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes until fragrant.
2. Combine and Simmer: Add 4-5 cups canned pumpkin puree, 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth, 1 tea-



spoon ground nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir well, bring to a gentle boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

3. Blend: Use an immersion blender to puree until smooth (or blend in batches). Stir in 1 cup heavy cream (or coconut milk), adjusting consistency with more broth or water if needed.

4. Serve: Ladle into bowls, garnish with sour cream or creme fraiche and fresh thyme or parsley if desired.

**Notes**

A standard 15-ounce can of pumpkin puree is about 1.75 cups, so you’ll need 2.5 to 3 cans (around 37.5-45 ounces total) to reach 4-5 cups. Check labels to ensure it’s 100 percent pure pumpkin.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO NEW CASTLE BRANCH 25 CONSTITUTION

Constitution

Article III Membership

Section 2.

Applicants for Active membership in this society have voting rights. They must be ~~male~~, 21 or more years of age and be a national alliance member qualifying by one of the three criteria below:

- 1. Is of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
- 2. Is married to someone of Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
- 3. If other than the above the applicant must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the national Alliance Constitution and By-Laws.

~~And must also qualify by one of the two criteria below:-~~

~~1. Is an owner of an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract.~~

~~2. Is an existing member and over the age of 50 when this revision of the constitution was adopted.~~

~~And must also be the owner of an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract. Existing Active members over the age of 50 when this revision of the constitution was adopted on September 12, 2024, do Not need to purchase an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract.~~

Active Membership privileges begin when a national alliance policy is approved.

Members who surrender their ATS National Alliance policy cannot remain Active members.

Section 3. Only active ~~male~~ members are entitled to vote, but all male members have the right to join the Singing Section.

An active member, who joins the society and elects to become a Social member, must drop their membership from the society and rejoin as a Social member.

Section 4. ~~Men or women may~~Applicants wishing to become Social members of the Eintracht Singing Society of the A.T.S. and must have passed the age of 21 years, and are eligible to purchase an A.T.S. insurance or annuity certificate which would permit them to participate in all A.T.S. national events.

By-Laws

Article I

Duties of the Officers

Duties of the President

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and be impartial toward all ~~brothers~~ members. If ~~he decides~~ deciding to participate in a debate or make a motion, ~~he they~~ shall relinquish the chair to the Vice-President.

Motions made by ~~brothers~~ members shall be explained ~~by him~~ and shall be put to a vote. ~~He The President~~ shall examine and sign all documents issued by the Recording Secretary and recognized by the Society. ~~He The President~~ shall only bring to a vote motions not contrary to the Constitution.

The President ~~He~~ shall appoint and preside over all committees of the Society.

Duties of the Vice-President

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in performing his the duties and in ~~his~~-absence ~~he~~ shall conduct the meeting and do all other duties of the President.

Duties of the Recording & Corresponding Secretary

Section 3. The duties of the Recording and Corresponding Secretary are to keep exact impartial minutes of all proceedings of the Society: ~~and He~~ shall carry on all correspondence; issue all orders, receipts and certificates, sign, seal and date same. The Society seal should be kept in his possession.

Duties of the Financial Secretary

Section 4. The duties of the Financial Secretary

shall be to take in all monthly dues as well as other monies and keep an accurate account of them, report same in the order received, and turn the money over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall take care of all correspondence in case of sickness for local members and members living outside of the city limits.

At the initiation of a candidate ~~the Financial Secretary~~ he shall see to it that the balloting is carried out legally.

Dues paid after the books are closed will be added to the next monthly meeting’s business.

If a member should be nominated to an office, it is ~~his the~~ duty of the Financial Secretary to see if such member’s dues are up to date.

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall inform all members whose dues are unpaid, prior to their suspension: ~~It is also his duty to, and~~ report such suspended members to the President of the Society.

The Society shall bond ~~the Financial Secretary~~ him to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall be required to give a quarterly report of all members who are delinquent with their dues.

Duties of the Treasurer

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Financial Secretary and give his receipt therefore and deposit same in a bank designated by the Society, in the name of the Society. In the proper order of business, ~~he the Treasurer~~ shall state the receipts, disbursements and balance at hand-~~He, and~~ shall keep all valuable papers of the Society, charter, deed, as well as all valuable documents in a safety deposit box designated and paid by the Society. All documents of the Society safe-guarded in this manner shall be produced for examination anytime upon demand of the Society officers.

At the quarterly and annual auditing of the books of the examining of the bills, it is ~~his the Treasurer’s~~ duty to be present with the Officers of the Society and submit receipts for all expenditures-~~He, and~~ shall have the bank books of the Society in ~~his~~ possession. The Society shall bond ~~him the Treasurer~~ to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). This bond can, if the Society finds it necessary, be increased or decreased.

Duties of the A.T.S. Secretary

Section 6. The A.T.S. Secretary keeps accurate records, and reports of new and suspended members of the A.T.S.; issues transfer cards to members transferring to another branch. The A.T.S. Secretary ~~He~~ shall immediately report the death of a member to the office of the Alliance-~~He, and~~ shall promptly report to the Alliance any illness or accident to members which may result in claims. The ATS Secretary shall, in spirit of fraternal helpfulness, be of service to members in all Alliance business.

Article 5. Admittance to Membership.

Section 1. Every ~~male person~~ wishing to join the Society as an Active ~~male~~ member must ~~have himself~~ be proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing, must fill out an application printed by the Society for such purposes and present application and the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with the Society in advance of his initiation, and must pay a premium payment or annuity payment to the ~~national National society Alliance~~ with the ~~national National society Alliance~~ application.

Section 4. Should it be revealed that a member has made false statements in ~~his their~~ application for membership to the Society, charges should be brought against ~~him the member~~ and if found guilty of same shall be dropped from the Society and loses all payments made into the Society.

Section 5. If a member leaves the city and still wishes to remain a member, ~~he the member~~ must within fourteen (14) days report his exact address to the Financial Secretary.

Section 10. If an applicant is not approved by Branch for Eintracht membership, the applicant may apply to another Branch or be accepted in the ATS Home Branch.

Section 11. It is the duty of every Active member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a non-member upon the first offense ~~he~~ may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition ~~he the member~~ may be expelled from the Society.

Section 12. Candidates for Social membership must be proposed by two (2) Active ~~male~~ members. The initiation fee and one (1) year’s dues must accompany each application for memberships.

Article 6.

Election of Officers

Section 3. The one receiving the most votes is elected. Only capable ~~male~~ members who are present at the meeting, have been a member in good standing for the last three (3) years, have attended at least six (6) meetings this year, are a citizen of the United States, and holding an A.T.S policy can be elected.

Article 7.

Order of the Meetings

Section 2. Every member desiring to speak must ask for the floor, but shall not speak until ~~he receives~~ receiving permission from the President. No motion shall come to a vote that has not been seconded, but remarks may be made to every motion. Motions can only be adopted by a majority vote.

Section 3. A member shall not speak more than two (2) times and shall not speak more than five (5) minutes upon a motion. ~~If he desires~~ desiring to speak a third time, the President may reject ~~his-the~~ request whereupon ~~he the member~~ may appeal to the members who shall make the decision.

Section 4. When a member is called to order while speaking ~~he the member~~ shall resume ~~his-their~~ seat until the point of the order has been decided by the President. In case of disturbance said member shall pay a fine of one (\$1.00) dollar, and then in case ~~he the member~~ still disobeys, ~~he the member~~ must leave the Society assembly room for the remainder of the meeting.

Section 5. In case of a general disorder and offensive manner of speech whereby the regular continuance of transactions are disturbed, the President shall adjourn the meeting remainder fifteen (15) minutes or, if ~~he finds it~~ necessary, for the remainder of the day.

Article 8.

Charges and Grievances

Section 2. Should a complaint or grievance be made against an Officer, ~~he the officer~~ 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 ~~he the officer~~ were present. A request for one postponement shall be granted a member.

Section 5. A member who, at a meeting or outside of the Society, is guilty of improper action towards another member (so far as the Society affairs are concerned), or who shows ~~himself-themselves~~ undeserving of Society membership, shall be suspended or expelled.

Section 6. A member who misconducts ~~himself themselves~~ in the Society hall may be suspended and summoned before the officers, and if found guilty shall pay a fine from twenty (\$20.00) dollars to seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars or be suspended for three

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(3) months or both depending upon opinion of the officers.

Upon second such offense ~~he~~ the member may be permanently suspended from the Society and shall not be accepted any more as a member.

If the first offense is of a serious matter, the member could be suspended permanently; it should be presented to the body at the next meeting and the body should vote on the decision.

Section 7. Should a member have been before the Executive Committee and has as evidence five (5) members of the Society that ~~he~~ they had not been dealt with justly, ~~he~~ can seek the signatures of five (5) members and present same to the members of the Society. Should the witnesses be found right, the members shall elect a new tribunal for this purpose. It is the duty of all undersigned witnesses to be present at the next meeting to defend the said member. If not, then the appeal is lost.

Article 9.  
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 one Delegate per fifty Alliance members in good standing to Convention, with a minimum representation of two (2) Delegates and a maximum limit of twenty (20) Delegates.

a. If the total number of Society members in good standing is greater than any multiple of fifty, an additional Delegate may become eligible if ~~he~~ represents representing less than fifty but more than twenty-five members.

b. All Delegates must be in good standing, that is, they must be fully current with all payments to the Alliance and ~~the~~ Branch 25 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 April 15, preceding the Convention.

Section 3. Any National 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.

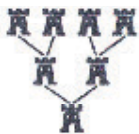
Initiation of Candidates  
(Conducted by the President)

Dear Candidates: It is your desire to become a member of the Eintracht Singing Society, ~~A.T.S. Branch 25~~. It gives me pleasure to inform you that your application has been accepted by the Society and that we are about to accept you as a member of this Society. I now ask you the following questions: Will you obey the laws of this Society and the requests of the President? If so, answer “Yes”. Will you further the respect, the good reputation and the prosperity of the Society to the best of your knowledge and ability? If so, answer “Yes”. Will you hold the officers, the members and their families in high esteem? If so, answer “Yes”. Herewith I declare you “with the power of my office, in the name of the Society”, a member of the Society and I heartily welcome you as such!

For Male Candidates:

Furthermore! We have a Singing Section which holds regular singing rehearsals. If you have singing talent, you are heartily welcome to join our singer group to further the German and American song.

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EIBESDORF / IGHISU NOU /SZÁSZIVÁNFALVA

The fortified church in Eibesdorf was built in the 14th/15th century as a hall tower-less Gothic church with narrow chancel. The chancel was heightened in the late 15th century with an additional defence level. A tower was constructed in the front hall, with the staircase built in the thickness of its walls. The small octagonal stair tower on the northern side has been built only later. Similar to many churches in the Mediaş area, this one also preserves some very valuable stone masonry: blooming roses on the impost of the tracery on the chancel windows and a very rich ornamentation on the profiled western portal. The massive western tower still maintains its original hip roof and the wooden defence level.

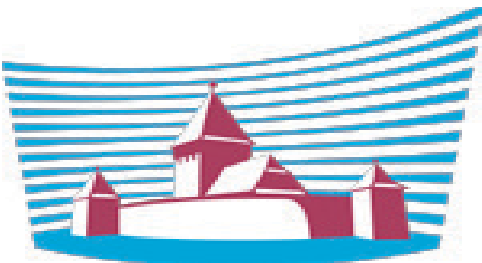
The church is surrounded by a complete defence wall with the remains of a fortified granary on the north side, as well as a horseshoe-shaped bastion on the southern side, which closes the narrow outer bailey.

Place and surroundings

Eibesdorf is situated in a side valley of the river Târnava Mare. A watershed forms the natural border to the valley of Moşna. At one location the parish boundary is strangely interrupted though. It is said that once the horse of an imperial rider fell here from a poorly maintained bridge and broke his leg. The people from Moşna were eager to avoid responsibility and pretended the bridge was on Eibesdorf's land. Since then the valley belongs to the people of Eibesdorf.

For centuries the inhabitants made a living from vineyards, agriculture, bull breeding and fruit orchards. The village was affluent and could afford to decorate the church with plenty of architectural sculptures and ornaments and to surround it with a strong wall.

Only after World War II the farmers became commuters and factory workers in the neighboring town of Mediaş. The many farms in Ighişu Nou tell of the times when agriculture was still the main source of income and when one rarely left the village by way of the winding valley paths.



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