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2022 Straz Article Submission Deadlines

You are invited to submit articles and pictures regarding PNU events in a timely manner and relevant to the time period in which the Straz will be published. You are requested to send articles in Microsoft Word format and pictures in either jpeg or png format.

All submissions are to be sent via email to executive02@pnu.org by the deadline dates listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

<u>Issue Month</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Issue Month</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
June	May 15	December	November 15
August	July 15	February	January 15
October	September 15	April	March 15

2022 PNU Districts 1 & 6 Meeting Schedules

PNU District 1 2022 Meeting Schedule

- June 8 @ 7 p.m.
Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish – Dupont
- September 7 @ 7 p.m.
Good Shepherd PNCC – Plymouth
- December 6 @ 6 p.m.
St. Stanislaus Cathedral – Scranton

Contact District Director,
Julie Andrzejewski for details



PNU District 6 2022 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly web/teleconference
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. central
May 12
August 18 -- October 13

Contact District Director,
Christine Wachna for details
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Julie Andrzejewski - Director, District 1

**Polish National Union of America
District 1 Quarterly Meeting
March 8, 2022**

District Director Julie Andrzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:03pm on March 8, 2022. The meeting was held at Holy Mother of Sorrows in Dupont, PA. She introduced Rev. Carmen Bolock as our District's new Chaplain and called upon him for the invocation.

Secretary's Report: Attendance: Acting Secretary Joan Scheuneman reported that there were 10 delegates representing 6 branches present. Ms. Scheuneman then read the minutes from the previous meeting. Director Andrzejewski asked if there were any corrections or errors and there were none noted. A motion was made by Mari Jane Stankowski, second by Rev. Carmen Bolock to accept the minutes as read. Director Andrzejewski called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Patricia Bolock gave the financial report from December, 2021 to February, 2022. Director Andrzejewski asked if there were any corrections or errors and there were none noted. A motion was made by Dorothy Andrzejewski, second by Jan Cwikla to accept the treasurer's report. Director Andrzejewski called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Training Session: Director Andrzejewski provided those in attendance information about the Education & Youth Committee's Stipend program. Everyone received a copy of the stipend application as well as information on the program itself. It was mentioned that the amount of the stipend for full time students for the upcoming year would be increased to \$200 per student. PNU CFO John Andrzejewski also mentioned that PNU member students are also eligible to apply for the PACCF scholarships as we are a member of that organization.

Old Business: Information was provided regarding the Cast-a-net promotion. Our remaining meeting schedule for 2022 is as follows: June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Mother of Sorrows in Dupont, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd parish in Plymouth, PA and December 6, 2022 (Christmas party) at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton.

New Business: Branch secretary reports – Br 155 in Hazle Twp. sold one policy for \$5,000. Mari Jane Stankowski made a motion to place Easter greetings in both the Straz and God's Field. Rev. Carmen Bolock seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A brief discussion was held regarding an activity. Joan Scheuneman made a motion to hold our next activity at the Sky Zone trampoline park at a date and time to be decided. Mari Jane Stankowski

seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Our sales goal for 2022 is a minimum of \$125,000 and \$250,000 preferred. Children's day funds are tied to the achievement of goals. There is an Easter basket brochure currently being printed. Very Rev. Dawid expressed his interest in getting some for his parish. Mari Jane Stankowski made a suggestion for a fundraiser using Manning's Ice cream vouchers. Vice Director Joan Scheuneman was presented a plaque for her years of service as District Director.

Calendar of Events: Dupont – Holy Mother of Sorrows: 3/12 – Lenten retreat, 3/25 Potato Pancake/Clam Chowder Dinner, 5/1 – Stuffed Chicken breast dinner. Providence of God, Lithuanian National Catholic Church – 6/16 – Corpus Christi. St. Stanislaus: 4/24 Anniversary mass for Prime Bishop Mikovsky: 10/19 – General Synod: 10/22– 125th Anniversary mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral with dinner following at the Hilton in Scranton. Spojnia Credit Union – 3/26 at 10:30 Annual meeting

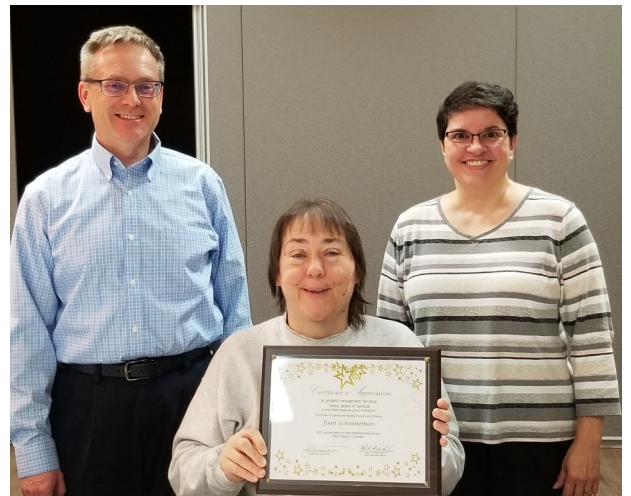
The next meeting will be held on June 8 at Holy Mother of Sorrows in Dupont, PA at 7 pm. Very Rev. Dawid had the closing prayer at which time we joined in prayers for the Ukraine.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Carmen Bolock. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

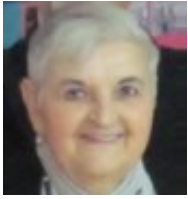
Respectfully submitted,
Joan Scheuneman - Acting Secretary



District 1 Director, Julie Andrzejewski presents Joan Scheuneman with a plaque from the Polish National Union of America in appreciation for her many years of service as District Director. March 8, 2022



PNU CFO John Andrzejewski and District 1 Director Julie Andrzejewski pictured with retired District Director Joan Scheuneman. March 8, 2022



Mary Ann Zarek - Director, District 3

**Polish National Union of America
District 3 Quarterly Meeting
February 16, 2022**

PNU District 3 held a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. There were 7 people on the call. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed. Thomas Zarek made a motion to accept, second by Michael Zarek. Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich presented the financial report for Eric Nemkovich. Nancy Riley made a motion to accept, second by Thomas Zarek.

MaryAnn Zarek gave the District Director's report. Correspondence was received from the Home Office regarding upcoming events being planned. The Easter Raffle will be held with the drawing being done on Sunday, April 3rd. Fr. Sr. Rob and Kathy, Nancy Riley, Brenda Richard, Thomas Zarek and Bishop Paul and Karen will donate towards the raffle prizes. Maryann is in need of secretaries for the different branches in her district. Bishop Paul suggested putting this information in the Messenger. Maryann will reach out to John Andrzejewski to see how to advertise for secretaries. Bishop Paul also suggested putting in information regarding the Polish National Union in the Messenger as well.

The Hockey game that was scheduled for January 14th was canceled due to low participation. Brenda Richard suggested a Kid's Day event at the WoSox in the summer. Discussion on this event will be tabled until the next meeting.

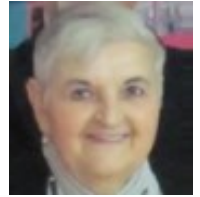
Maryann will be presenting Phil Kaczorowski with an award for his years of service to the PNU. This will be scheduled for a Sunday at the Woonsocket parish.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00PM. Brenda Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Thomas Zarek. Fr. Sr. Rob offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Richard
Recording Secretary, District 3, PNU

Mary Ann Zarek - Director, District 3

**Polish National Union of America
District 3
Years of Service Presentation**



On Sunday, January 13, 2022 at Our Savior's Parish, Woonsocket, Rhode Island Philip Kaczorowski was presented a plaque and a letter associated with his many years of faithful service to the Polish National Union of America.

Philip was recognized for his retirement as Chairman of the Internal Audit Committee and as Secretary of Branch 34. These awards were presented by District 3 Director, Maryann Zarek and Branch 139 Secretary Michael Zarek. The Board wishes Philip well in his future endeavors.

Pictured left to right are Maryann Zarek, District 3 Director, Rev. Henryk Wos, Pastor of Our Savior's Parish in Woonsocket, RI, Philip Kaczorowski, Michael Zarek, Branch 139 Secretary.



PNU DISTRICT 3 EASTER RAFFLE - 2022

4 Parishes participated

Fall River - 165
Manchester, NH - 160
Central Falls - 122
Woonsocket - 60
w/ 3 other individuals participating = 50

Winners

1st Prize - \$50 - Leslie Lee (Central Falls, RI)
2nd Prize - \$25 - Robert Grenier (Manchester, NH)
3rd Prize - \$25 - * Tom Zarek (Central Falls, RI)
** Donated to Ukrainian Relief*

Donations to offset prizes = \$125

Bishop Paul & Karen Sobiechowski - 25
Tom & Lynette Zarek - 25

Fr. Sr. Rob & Kathy Nemkovich - 25
Brenda Richard - 25

Profit for District 3 = \$557.00



**Thank you to all who supported our PNU District 3 Raffle
We wish you all a Blessed and Glorious Easter!**

Melissa Snee - Director, District 5



**Polish National Union of America
District 5 Quarterly Meeting
January 16, 2022**

Attendance – Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, Marian Sleczkowski, Henrietta Kleckner, Terry Kleckner, Melissa Snee, Michael Wisniewski, Barbara Wisniewski, Paulette Beliunas, Maryann Kiska, Ted Gibala, Jan Gibala, and guest John Andrzejewski.

Meeting opened at 7:04pm by Melissa Snee. Fr Bruce Sleczkowski offered prayer.

Minutes – Marian Sleczkowski presented the minutes. Ted Gibala made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Maryann Kiska. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Henrietta Kleckner presented the Financial Report for the quarter ending Dec 31, 2021. Maryann Kiska motioned to accept financial report, seconded by Paulette Beliunas. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Thank you letter from Fr Rayas at Assumption parish.

PNU Performance – District has 2 new members. Annuity Program closed Dec 31 – overall it was disappointing.

New Business – The new programs that started Jan 1. Everyone should have received the info. New rate brochures have been sent out.

Fundraising tickets – Taking a break for the month of January and February as materials were not available. Will start again in March.

FOOD Drive - Preparation of the packets to be sent to every parish in our district is under way. They will include posters, a letter from our District Director, and suggested list of foods.

Family Outing – Options – Idlewild, Del Grosso Park, Wild Things baseball, Gateway Clipper, Bowling Party, Miniature golf, Erie Water Park with possible overnight stay and include District 4. Looking into water park.

Our quarterly charitable donation will be sent to the Samaritan's Purse. Motion by Mike Wisniewski, seconded Henrietta Kleckner.

We need to think about doing something for the 2022 Youth Convo in Indiana. Education & Youth stipend applications – due by April. Spojnia Credit Union has new programs.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 23, 2022. It will be an in-person meeting hosted by Holy Trinity, Stowe/McKees Rocks at 1:00pm.

With no further business, Melissa Snee closed the meeting asking Fr Bruce to do prayer. Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski offered closing prayer. Meeting closed at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marian E. Sleczkowski—Recording Secretary



Christine Wachna - Director, District 6

**Polish National Union of America
District 6 Quarterly Teleconference Meeting
February 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Director Christine Wachna at 6:32 p.m. The Invocation was pronounced by Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk.

District Director Christine Wachna called the Roll: **Present:** Director Christine Wachna; Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk; Rev. David Rowinski; Catherine Kowalczyk; Christina Danielkiewicz; Teri Heath; Robert Maycan. Dian Maycan. **Absent:** Rt. Rev. Jarosław Rafalko; Walter Cegelka. Guest at meeting was Martin H. Wachna, PNU CEO.

The **Agenda** as amended was accepted upon motion made by Teri Heath and seconded by Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk. Motion carried. The **Minutes** from the October 14, 2021 meeting were accepted as presented upon motion made by Catherine Kowalczyk and seconded by Robert Maycan. Motion carried.

The **Financial Report** for the 4th quarter was given by Catherine Kowalczyk. Upon motion made by Robert Maycan, and seconded by Christina Danielkiewicz, the financial report was accepted, subject to audit. Motion carried.

New Business

Branch Secretary Reports: **Br. 37** – Rev. David Rowinski reported that he is trying to get officers for the branch. He has one definite Annuity and another is not ready at this time.

Branch Br. 295 – Catherine Kowalczyk: Cathy reported that she has five (5) Social memberships. Cathy also stated that Christina Danielkiewicz, secretary of Br. 293 is also at St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

Br. 293 – Christina reported that she signed two (2) adult members and one (1) juvenile. She will be in contact with one of the newest adults about signing the spouse.

Christine Wachna stated that District 6 is #1 in sales for the second year in a row. She thanked all those who have worked to sign members to make this possible.

Old Business

Director Christine Wachna gave an update on **Family Night**, which takes place on Saturday, February 19, 2022. We are attending the Chicago Wolves Hockey Game at the Allstate Arena. There will be 11 attendees.

Branch Secretary Virtual Seminar –Director Christine Wachna reported that she was in contact with CFO John Andrzejewski regarding this Seminar. No date has been chosen yet. The Seminar would be approximately one hour in length and in the evening. CFO John Andrzejewski would be the presenter. Possible day of the week would be a Monday or Tuesday, starting at 6:00 p.m. CST. Topics to be covered may include: Types of Products; How to do Sales; How Others Get a Maybe to Become A Yes; Review Parts of the Application Form-What's Needed When, *i.e.*, Medical.

District 6 February 17, 2022 minutes continued

New Membership Contest – The contest is called **Cast A Net**. The contest will run through June 30, 2022, and will not be extended past this date. The contest is designed to help parishes of the PNCC by becoming fishers of members. Information and flyers were sent to all parishes. It shows the table of what parishes can earn depending on the number of new members written. Social Membership does not count in this contest. This is the year prior to the General Convention.

Fraternal Activity – It was reported that District 5 is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive as a Fraternal Activity. District 6 will also sponsor such a food drive during Lent. Information will be sent out to all parishes prior to the start of Lent. The donation can be made to an organization of the parish's choosing. Once the drive gets underway, photos should be taken and sent to the District Director for publication in the Straż.

For the Good of the District – Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk stated as a reminder that the Western Diocese is hosting the **National Youth Convocation** this year. The dates are **July 25-29, 2022**. Very Rev. Kowalczyk will be sending out information shortly.

It was reported that Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination in April. After discussion it was decided that District 6 will send him a gift. Upon motion made by Robert Maycan and seconded by Teri Heath, District 6 will send Prime Bishop a card and gift. Motion carried.

Closing prayer and benediction was pronounced by Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Robert Maycan and seconded by Catherine Kowalczyk, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried. Our next teleconference meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. CST

Respectfully submitted, Christina M. Danielkiewicz - Recording Secretary

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY: District 6

District 6 held their annual Family Night at the Chicago Wolves hockey game on February 19, 2022. The Wolves played a great game against the Iowa Wild and won!

While we are still within the pandemic, we thought it would be good to try and get back to some "normalcy". Those in attendance had a great time and look forward to our next social event!





Suzanne Sniezek - Director, District 7

**Polish National Union of America
District 7 Quarterly Meeting via Zoom, 7:30 p.m.
March 14, 2022**

Director Suzanne Sniezek greeted District 7 and called the meeting to order. Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak led the opening prayer. In attendance were John & Suzanne Sniezek, Very Rev. Jaroslaw & Jola Nowak, Donna Collyer, Larry & Kathy Chockley, and Stephanie Marsh. Minutes from the Dec. 6, 2021 meeting were sent earlier in an email to members. John Sniezek made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Larry Chockley and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- John Sniezek reported that he put the Easter ad in for the Straz. The account balances and interest added was also reported. Larry Chockley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Jola Nowak and passed unanimously.

Old Business – Our Family Day Picnic will be June 12, 2022 at All Saints Parish in Sterling Hts, MI. We discussed the details for the picnic. We will have the Holy Mass indoors at 12pm. We will ask Jakub Nowak to provide music for dancing. Suzanne will contact Carol Szydowski at All Saints to organize food and refreshments. Kathy Chockley has games and prizes for kids, and the prizes for the raffle. We have the raffle tickets and will put stickers on them to correct the date of the picnic. They were printed in 2020 and the picnic was cancelled for two year due to Covid-19.

New Business – The Easter ad for Straz was sent in. On April 24, 2022 there will be a celebration for the 25th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood for Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. Larry Chockley made a motion to send a gift to Prime Bishop Anthony. It was seconded by Donna Collyer and passed unanimously. The Home Office sent an email offering fliers about the PNU with information about the Polish Easter basket and what items go into it and what they represent. Suzanne will order fliers for each parish. Holy Cross parish in Hamtramck will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on September 25, 2022. We discussed putting an ad into their program book. John Sniezek made a motion to put a full page ad in their program book. It was seconded by Larry Chockley and passed unanimously. The PNCC/YMSR Bowling Tournament will be held this year in Buffalo on May 20-22, 2022. John Sniezek made a motion to put a half page ad in their program book. It was seconded by Larry Chockley and passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events-

Holy Cross Parish- Drive- Thu Polish Dinner on March 26 from 4-6pm, Mission Committee is collecting medical supplies for Ukraine and selling Easter baskets for kids. Helping hand is giving away food basket for families in need.

Resurrection Parish- Drive-Thru Polish Dinners are back on second Thursday of the month, hosting Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 19 and Mission & Evangelism Workshop on April 1-3, having free soup & cookies on last Saturday of the month.

Our Savior – Drive-Thru Polish Dinner and angel wings sale on April 9, 2022.

Next meeting will be at the Family Day Picnic, June 12, 2022.

Larry Chockley made a motion to close the meeting at 8:13pm. It was seconded by John Sniezek. Closing prayer was led by Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Chockley, Recording Secretary

Family Day Picnic & Raffle

Sponsored by the Polish National Union of America
District 7

Bring Your Family & Friends
Sunday, June 12, 2022

Free Admission

On the grounds of

All Saints Parish

5555 Seventeen Mile Rd.

Sterling Hts., MI, 48310

Just west of Mound Rd

Holy Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Food, Fun, Games

Music & Dancing

Relay Races & Games for Kids



Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each

Drawing at 4 p.m.

First Prize --\$200 Cash

Second Prize-- \$100 Cash

Third Prize-- \$50 Olive Garden Gift Card

Fourth Prize-- \$50 Home Depot Gift Card

Fifth Prize-- \$50 Best Buy Gift Card

Sixth Prize-- \$50 Applebee's Gift Card

Easter Ads

PNU District 1

Julie Andrzejewski, District Director
Joan Scheuneman, Vice Director
Jessica Moser, Secretary
Patricia Bolock, Treasurer
Rev. Carmen Bolock, Chaplain

**Christ is Risen@ He Is Risen, Indeed!
Cathedral Parish of Saint Stanislaus,
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Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Dupont, PA

Very Reverend Zbigniew Dawid, Pastor
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Janice Klimczak, Secretary
Shirley Garvey, Treasurer



PNU District 4 Lancaster, NY

Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral
Rt. Rev. John E. Mack, Pastor
Branch 27—Rev. Gary Spencer
Branch 79—Sharon Pawlowski
Branch 311—Beverly Basinski
Blessings this Easter Season to all!

Holy Family Parish McKeesport, PA

Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski, Pastor
Ted Gibala, Chairman
Donald Newcamp, Vice Chairman
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Sharon, Kish, Treasurer

PNU District 7

Suzanne Sniezek, District Director
Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Vice Director
Kathy Chockley, Secretary
John Sniezek, Treasurer

Holy Cross Parish Hamtramck, MI

Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Pastor
Nancy Wisbiski, Chairman
Chris Filipowicz, Vice Chairman
Katherine Banicki, Secretary
Cathy Bilinski, Treasurer



PNU District 6

FL, IL, IN, MN, WI

Christine Wachna, District Director
Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr., Vice Director
Christina Danielkiewicz, Recording Secretary
Catherine Kowalczyk, Treasurer
Rt. Rev. Jarosław Rafalko, Spiritual Counselor
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Rev. David Rowinski, Br. 37
Christina Danielkiewicz, Br. 293
Catherine Kowalczyk, Br. 295
Walter Cegelka, Br. 362
HAPPY EASTER!

**We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy
and Blessed Easter!**

Prime Bishop Emeritus
Robert and Florence Nemkovich
Cape Coral, Florida

**All Saints Cathedral Parish
Chicago, IL**

Right Rev. Jarosław (Jerry) Rafalko

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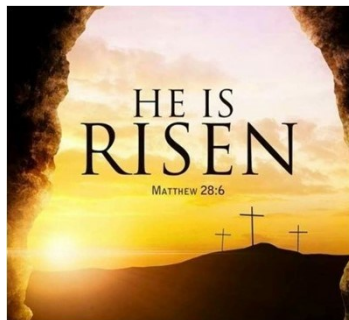
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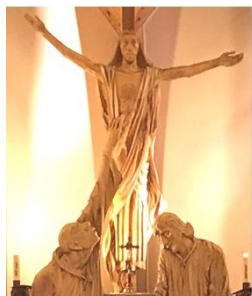
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Priests and Deacons



A Joyous and Blessed Easter

to our PNU Family from District 10

District Director: **George Urciuoli**
Vice-Director: **Anntonette Alberti**
Recording Secretary: **Regina Pollack**
Treasurer: **Mark Peplowski**
Trustee: **Patti Mossey**
Marshall: **Richard Mossey**
Chaplain: **Rev. Mark Gnidzinski**



He is Risen

Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa

PARISH | LATHAM, NY

Rev. Mark A. Gnidzinski, *Pastor*

A Blessed & Joyous Easter

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Fraternal Activities During Lent



District 5: PA & OH

Melissa Snee - Director

St. Mary's PNCC, Parma, OH, participated with District 5 of the Polish National Union of America food drive "Roll Away the Stone of Hunger" initiated on Ash Wednesday and concluded on Passion Sunday. The photo above shows a portion of the dry goods that were collected during the 6-week period of Lent. A portion of the food that was collected was used to augment the Parish's weekly food ministry, which is directed by Deacon Dr. James Ploskonka and augmented by YMSofR Br. 29 and other church volunteers. To date over 10,000 free meals have been prepared since the inception of St. Mary's food ministry. The balance of food and groceries collected during the PNU food drive was donated to Parma's local Community Food Pantry. John Spilka is the President and Michael Wisniewski is the Secretary of Branch 112.



L to R. Rev Jason Soltysiak, Pastor St. Mary's Parish, John Spilka, President Br. 112, PNU of A, Mrs. Susan Boehnlein, Parish Chair

Fraternal Activities During Lent

District 6: IL, IN, FL, MN & WI

Christine Wachna - Director



PNU District 6 wishes to thank Melissa Snee and the Members of District 5 for the idea of sponsoring a food drive, districtwide during the season of Lent. Our members of District 6 were happy to take part in this endeavor as we are always looking for ideas that can be utilized throughout District 6 which covers five states!

PNU Branch 295 sponsored the "Lenten Food Pantry Drive" at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cedar Lake, Indiana where the Very Rev. John Kowalczyk is the Pastor. The Food Drive was initiated on Ash Wednesday and concluded on Passion Sunday. All of the non-perishable food and paper goods collected at St. Michael's benefitted the Project Love Food Pantry, which is a ministry of the Cedar Lake United Methodist Church.

The food pantry's service territory now covers the entire southern half of Lake County, Indiana, south of 101st Avenue. This includes the Townships of Hanover, Center, Winfield, West Creek, Cedar Creek, and Eagle Creek. Nearly 5,000 individuals within our service area are working people below the poverty level. Potentially 125 people per week are in need of a food pantry. Their goal is to help feed and educate those in need.



We thank the faithful of St. Michael's Parish and members of PNU District 6 for their donations and look forward to sharing what our parishes throughout District 6 were able to collect and help out food pantries or other organizations.

*Branch 295 Secretary, Catherine Kowalczyk and
District 6 Director, Christine Wachna*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - January 18, 2022

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Jan.18th video-conference of the Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors called to order at 7:00 p.m. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky offered invocation. Present on the call were: Mari Jane Stankowski, Paul Gorgol, Michael Mietlicki, Martin Wachna, Dave Petrosky, Stacey Shrive

FINANCIALS: December financial reports were reviewed. A Year end report is being worked on. Prime Bishop asked that the loans and capital projects be removed and listed as a separate report. A motion was made by Michael Mietlicki, seconded by Paul Gorgol to accept the financial report.

FARM: The issues recommended to the board was briefly discussed. Our maintenance worker is trying to coordinate with our tenants to arrange access to begin working on the projects listed.

PROJECT UPDATE: Paul Gorgol reported on the following

- a. Blinds have been installed.
- b. Shower heads don't need to be replaced. They are commercial grade and will be cleaned due to calcium buildup.
- c. Furniture is on schedule to be delivered in March.
- d. Freeze board was not installed properly which caused it to rot. The entire building will be done. The first estimate is \$15,000.

Paul Gorgol is also meeting with our Contractor, Paul Kaspriskie, to discuss redoing the men's showers, the kitchenette pricing. Carbon Dioxide detects will be installed in the Retreat. Also in the rental house along with smoke detectors. The meeting to discuss pavilion renovations will be held either January 29th or February 5th. Stacey is setting up a meeting to get a quote on a metal roof for the Retreat. She also is compiling 2022 bookings. Michael Mietlicki reported the he continues to work on the signage.

CHAPEL: The board continues to discuss the prospect of building a new chapel. Michael Mietlicki shared design ideas that have been compiled. The board was very engaged in discussing ideas and areas to build it.

NEW BUSINESS: Employee benefits and salaries were discussed. Prime Bishop Mikovsky reviewed salaried of our 2 employees along with other benefits. Any changes have been tabled until out next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on February 22.

A motion was made by Dave Petrosky, seconded by Stacey Shrive.

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Jane Stankowski - Secretary, Spojnia, Inc.

Board of Directors: continued

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - February 22, 2022

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, called to order the February 22 video-conference of the Spojnia, Inc. Board of Directors at 7:05 pm. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky offered invocation. Present on the call were: Mari Jane Stankowski, Paul Gorgol, Michael Mietlicki, Martin Wachna, Dave Petrosky, Stacey Shrive

MINUTES: Correction to January minute: Furniture is on schedule to be delivered in March. First payment is for the freeze board is \$15,000, not the total estimate. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Stacey Shrive, seconded by Dave Petrosky. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS: Financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael Mietlicki, seconded by Paul Gorgol to accept the financial report.

FARM: We received a \$1,400 from the farm house rental. This covers a late payment for January and February's rent. With the possible health leave for our maintenance worker, Paul Kaspriskie will be asked to work on the house repairs.

PROJECT UPDATE: Paul Gorgol reported on the following

a. Meeting with Architect, Pat Endler was held Saturday, February 12. The Facility was reviewed as is and then what changes can be made. Revised drawing will be made for review of changes. Next meeting is scheduled for the end of March. Bids should go out in July with the start of renovations in the fall. Paul Kaspriskie will be project manager. Project could cost up to \$200,00. The board discussed possible ideas for fund raising.

b. Furniture is on schedule to be delivered in March.

c. The freeze board work is continuing. We received a request for the first installment of \$15,000. A motion was made by Paul Gorgol, second by Mari Jane Stankowski to make a down payment of \$15,000 for the freeze board project. Motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Shrive reported she received estimates for replacing the Retreat roof. She reported that she received price for both metal roof and shingled roof. Also, the skylight will need to be replaced. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Employee benefits and salaries were discussed. Prime Bishop Mikovsky reviewed salaried of our 2 employees along with other benefits. Raises have not been given to our employee in several years. The board also discussed setting up a Simple IRA for our employees. A motion was made by Michael Mietlicki, second by Marty Wachna to give a 5% raise and offer a Simple IRA with a 3% match by the board to our staff. Motion passed unanimously. It was reported that Jim Vinton, our maintenance man, will need surgery on his arm due to an injury that occurred last fall.

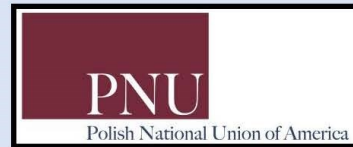
Michael Mietlicki reported the he continues to work on the signage. The original vendor has not gotten back to him after their initial meeting. He will pursue other companies.

Stacey Shrive reported that bookings are starting to come in for the season. Prime Bishop reported that he received a call from the Mayor of Waymart about water coming from our property and freezing. We install new drainage last year to deal with this problem. This will be looked into further.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on March 26th at 7 pm. A motion was made by Dave Petrosky, seconded by Stacey Shrive.

Respectfully submitted, Mari Jane Stankowski - Secretary, Spojnia, Inc.

Membership Contest



“Cast a Net” Contest

**Help your Parish by
Becoming fishers of members**

Here's the bait:

5 members & \$25,000 or more of insurance earns \$500
10 members & \$50,000 or more of insurance earns \$1000
15 members & \$75,000 or more of insurance earns \$1500
20 members & \$100,000 or more of insurance earns \$2,022

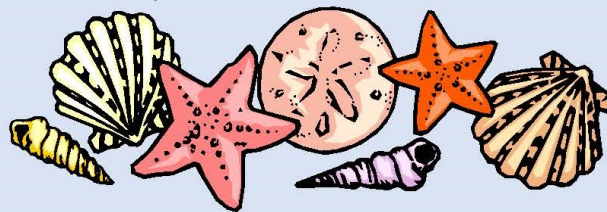
Contest runs from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

A Whale of a Bonus:

20 Year Endowment policies over \$15,000 earn double member count
Annuity Policies over \$25,000 earn triple member count

Contact your Branch Secretary, District Director or
The Home Office of the PNU at (1-800-724-6352)

For more details



Membership: +Regina G. Orzell

On Sunday, April 3, 2022, Regina G. Orzell, loving mother and grandmother, peacefully passed away at the age of 92 at Allied Services Scranton Hospice.

Regina was born on Jan. 3, 1930, to John and Julia (Wegrzyn) Sek. She was a graduate of Scranton Technical High School class of 1946. She worked in the insurance industry and banking for more than 40 years, prior to her retirement.

Regina was a lifelong member of St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral in Scranton, Pa. Regina had a passion for gardening, reading and bargain hunting throughout her life. She spent many hours working the earth in her garden, and oftentimes would stop and take plant cuttings from various places she visited so that she could replant them in her garden. Regina was an avid reader of fiction and non-fiction, with her favorite being biographies and autobiographies about old Hollywood movie stars and European royalty. In her younger years, she enjoyed traveling in the United States and in Europe—especially Poland, her parents' homeland, which she visited several times.

Regina was preceded in death by her father; John and her mother, Julia; her brother, John Senk; and her beloved son, Laurence. She is survived by her daughter, Julie, Scranton, Pa; her two granddaughters, Regina Petrunich, Scranton, Pa.; and Juliana (Jules) Petrunich and Thomas O'Malley, Dedham, Mass.; niece, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and three grandcats.

A private funeral service will be conducted at Strauch Funeral Home in Scranton. Interment will follow at the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Regina's memory to Polish National Catholic Church—National Church Center General Fund, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA; or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



Death Report for March 2022

Lois Kielar
Eric Kovalski
Josephine Warzycha
Loretta Duksta
Anthony Denoia
Leonard Marcinkowski
Leon Waszk

Lorraine Srebro
Helen Pron
Paul Moss
Theodore Zdon
Blanche Zdon
Loretta DiMartino
Helen Winogrodzki
Jean David

Janina Gadziala
Romaine Turczynski
John Segilia
Henry Tupaj
Edward Tomczyk
Florence Skrinak
John Ostroski

Educational Benefit: PFA



Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance **2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is announcing that the 2022 applications are now available for the annual Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained through eligible members of a Fraternal Benefit Society belonging to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance or by contacting the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Secretary-Treasurer at Theresa@lpsc.org or 888-834-6614.

Applicants must:

Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.

Be a 2022 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2022 as a full-time student (twelve semester credits).

Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.

Submit a 500-word essay on: **“What has membership in a Fraternal insurance company meant to you”.**

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2022, to:

Lesley Mann, Chairperson
Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee
GBU Financial Life
4254 Saw Mill Run Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

At least two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Lesley Mann (412) 884-5100 or e-mail lesley.mann@gbu.org.

Judging will be done by the 2022 Scholarship Committee of the PFA.

Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting held in October 2022.

PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2022, to: Lesley Mann, Chairperson * Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee * GBU Financial Life * 4254 Saw Mill Run Blvd. * Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Your Fraternal Benefit Society: _____ No. of Years a Member _____

College you will be attending in 2022/2023: _____

Scholastic Achievement (Honors/Awards)*: _____

Extracurricular School Activities*: _____

Civic (non-school) Activities*: _____

Fraternal Benefit Society Activities*: _____

*Information may be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.

Submit a 500-word essay on:

“What has membership in a Fraternal insurance company meant to you”.

I understand that my selection for this scholarship is based upon my answers to these questions and the essay I have written; and, further, that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and that the decision of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is final. This application is completed with my knowledge and consent, and false information will void the award. The information that is provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Spojnia Credit Union Rates

Here at Spojnia Credit Union we strive on providing the best service and the lowest rates possible to our members. If you're interested in learning more information about us please visit our website at www.spojniacreditunion.org or calling us at 570-344-1513 and we are always happy to assist you! Below are our rates.

New Auto Loans

2.49% APR - Up to 36 Months

2.69% APR - Up to 48 Months

2.79% APR - Up to 60 Months

2.89% APR - Up to 72 Months

Used Auto Loans

2.54% APR - Up to 36 Months

2.74% APR - Up to 48 Months

3.04% APR - Up to 60 Months

3.24% APR - Up to 72 Months



Home Equity Loans

3.49% APR - Up to 60 Months

3.625% APR - Up to 84 Months

3.625% APR - Up to 120 Months

3.750% APR - Up to 180 Months



Share Certificates

\$1,000.00 Minimum

0.10% APR - 3 Months

0.20% APR - 6 Months

0.30% APR - 12 Months

0.30% APR - 24 Months

0.35% APR - 36 Months

0.40% APR - 48 Months

0.45% APR - 60 Months



Signature Loan

Maximum \$10,000.00

8.00% APR - Up to 36 Months

9.00% APR - Up to 48 Months

10.00% APR - Up to 60 Months

SCU Select Loan

Maximum \$2,500.00

5.49% APR - Up to 18 Months



APR- Annual Percentage Rate

Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

Federally insured by the NCUA.