

# **Fraternal Updates For Your October Meeting**

Dear Lodge FAC,  
Please share the enclosed information  
at your October lodge meeting

## **Fall Fun Days Started in September**

District Fall Fun Days began in September. Remember, the meetings are fun events. All business should be limited to emergency issues only. What a great time to meet fellow members in your district, renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Dates for the Fall Fun Days are as follows:

District One	Sunday, October 9, 2016 hosted by Lodge 186, Caldwell
District Three	Sunday, October 23, 2016 hosted by Lodge 25, Ennis
District Six	Sunday, November 6, 2016 hosted by Lodge 4, Hallettsville and Lodge 63, Sweet Home at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1648 FM 340, Hallettsville, Texas 77964
District Seven	Sunday, November 13, 2016 hosted by Lodge 107, Floresville

## **Plan to Observe Czech Heritage Month**

October is "Czech Heritage Month." That is something to consider if you are looking for an enjoyable theme for your October meeting. Here is an idea: How about hosting a covered dish social at your October meeting with an emphasis on Czech food? Many good traditional and modern recipes can be found in the SPJST Cookbooks.

In addition, regarding Czech Heritage month, good times can be found for those who travel to the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on Sunday, October 16. That is Heritage Day and once again, SPJST lodges in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be represented by their members at the celebration, which takes place just inside the entrance to the fair park. The SPJST Home Office will have a presents at this year's Heritage Day celebration and we invite you to come meet with us.

## **Officer Elections**

The end of another year is rapidly approaching. Many lodges have had a very productive and successful year. This is the time of year when lodges across the state will be electing the leaders for the coming year. Has your lodge moved forward? Has your lodge met all of their goals? Has your lodge completed all of their projects planned for the year in your community?

Has your lodge set goals for 2017? Keeping this in mind may help you make choices on who you will elect to keep your lodge moving forward in the coming year.

It is the duty of all members to provide the leaders of their lodge with suggestions, ideas and assistance. When asked to assist with activities throughout the year, please help your lodge officers. Fraternalism works best when every member is involved in the process.

While lodges are electing new officers, this would also be an excellent time to check the back page of the *Vestnik* for your meeting date and time. Many lodges are not listed. This would be an excellent time to get the information listed. If any of this information has changed, please contact *Vestnik* Editor/Director of Communications Melanie Zavodny at 800.727.7578 and have her update your lodge information.

## **Texas Czech Festivals, Heritage Fest and Muziky**

Mark your calendars for Heritage Fest and Muziky Saturday, October 15 at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange, Texas. Entertainment will be music, antique farm equipment, train rides for kids, Kolache eating contest, arts and crafts and much more. This will take place in the Czech Village around the museum.

## **Heritage Day at the State Fair Of Texas**

The festival will start Sunday, October 16 at the State Fair Of Texas in Dallas, Texas. SPJST lodges in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be represented by their members at the celebration, which takes place at the African American Museum inside the fairgrounds. The SPJST Home Office will also have a welcome station set up at this year's Heritage Day celebration and we invite you to come out for a good time!

## **100 Pennies Scholarship Drive Starts October 1**

Everyone spread the word! October 1 starts the SPJST 100 Pennies Drive to benefit the scholarship fund. Through your generous donations, SPJST has been able to continue to provide scholarships to members who wish to further their education. Donations of any amount will be accepted and added to the general scholarship fund that is maintained by the Home Office. No amount is too small or too large. The 100 Pennies Scholarship Drive will run through March 31, 2017. Please see the enclosed letter from President Vanicek for additional details.

## **SPJST Foundation Clean Out Your House!**

SPJST Foundation's second sponsored event to raise funds that will benefit the SPJST Education and Nature Center and Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center. The "Clean Out Your House" event will be a district auction and 100% of all tax-deductible proceeds benefit both the SPJST Education and Nature Center and Czech Heritage Museum and

Genealogy Center. This event will take place in the Spring of 2017. Please see the flyer included in this packet about the event.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the event, contact James Lee, III at 800.727.7578 or email [JamesL@spjst.com](mailto:JamesL@spjst.com).

## Calendar of Events

Please remember to mark your calendars for the 2017 SPJST State Tournaments. Last year we located all tournaments at the Home Office and we had larger turnouts. This years State Tournaments will be held at the SPJST Home Office. Entry for the tournaments will be \$10 for members and non-members. There will be Czech parties in the morning, a catered meal for the participants during the noon hour and fun and fellowship. The following tournament dates are below:

Progressive "42" Dominoes	January 14, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Tarok Tournament	February 4, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Straight Dominoes	March 4, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Regular "42" Dominoes	April 1, 2017	SPJST Home Office

## SPJST FAC Assistance

We are here to help if you need assistance. Please feel free to call me at 254.534.0681, email [frankh@spjst.com](mailto:frankh@spjst.com) or Fraternal Services Specialist Tammy Martinez at 800.727.7578, 254.773.1575 or email [tammym@spjst.com](mailto:tammym@spjst.com). Your District FAC is also available to assist you.

They are as follows:

<b>District 1 – Kyle Skrabanek</b>	<b>979.820.0531</b>
<b>District 2 – Ruth Hanusch</b>	<b>254.771.0193</b>
<b>District 3 – Vicki Sims</b>	<b>214.763.0341</b>
<b>District 4 – Janeece Williams</b>	<b>806.990.3351</b>
<b>District 5 – Patricia Bruce</b>	<b>281.890.4933</b>
<b>District 6 – Helen Zabransky</b>	<b>361.798.3347</b>
<b>District 7 – Glen Pruski</b>	<b>830.480.6212</b>

Fraternally submitted,



Frank Horak  
State Fraternal Activities Coordinator



# Proclamation



The SPJST, a fraternal benefit society  
founded in 1897 by Texas pioneers  
of Czech descent and in conjunction with the  
State of Texas, does hereby proclaim

**October 2016**  
as  
**Czech Heritage Month**  
in the **SPJST**

**WHEREAS**, Texans of Czech descent have made significant and lasting contributions to our state's prosperity, heritage, culture; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the late 1840s, Czech settlers came in growing numbers to the Lone Star State, gravitating to the rich soil of the black lands and upper coastal plains, these industrious pioneers created close-knit communities that embraced their unique old-world traditions while adapting to the challenges of a new land; and

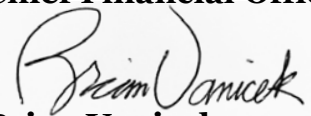
**WHEREAS**, Czechs are renowned for their exemplary work ethic and love of democracy and have established standards of excellence as both private and public citizens to whom all can aspire; and because for generations, Texans of Czech extraction have made many notable contributions, both cultural and historic, to the betterment of our state; and their many accomplishments in this regard are truly worthy of recognition.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SPJST, does hereby urge each and every member to recognize the contributions made to this Society and to Texas by the Czech settlers and their descendants.



This resolution is hereby declared and signed on September 9, 2016.



Leonard Mikeska,  
Chief Financial Officer



Brian Vanicek,  
Supreme Lodge President



# PROGRESSIVE "42" TOURNAMENT

SPJST LODGE NO. 48

10450 FM 619

BEYERSVILLE, TEXAS

Saturday - October 15, 2016



**Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**  
**Play begins 9:00 a.m.**

(15 games will be played with a time limit of 20 minutes each.  
The tournament should end around 4:30 p.m.)

A partner is not necessary. You will draw a partner.  
A great day of fun for everyone. We hope to see you there!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

More details in the Vestnik. Registration fee is \$10 per person. Registration fee includes noon meal, snacks and prizes. Map on back.

**Prizes will be awarded.**

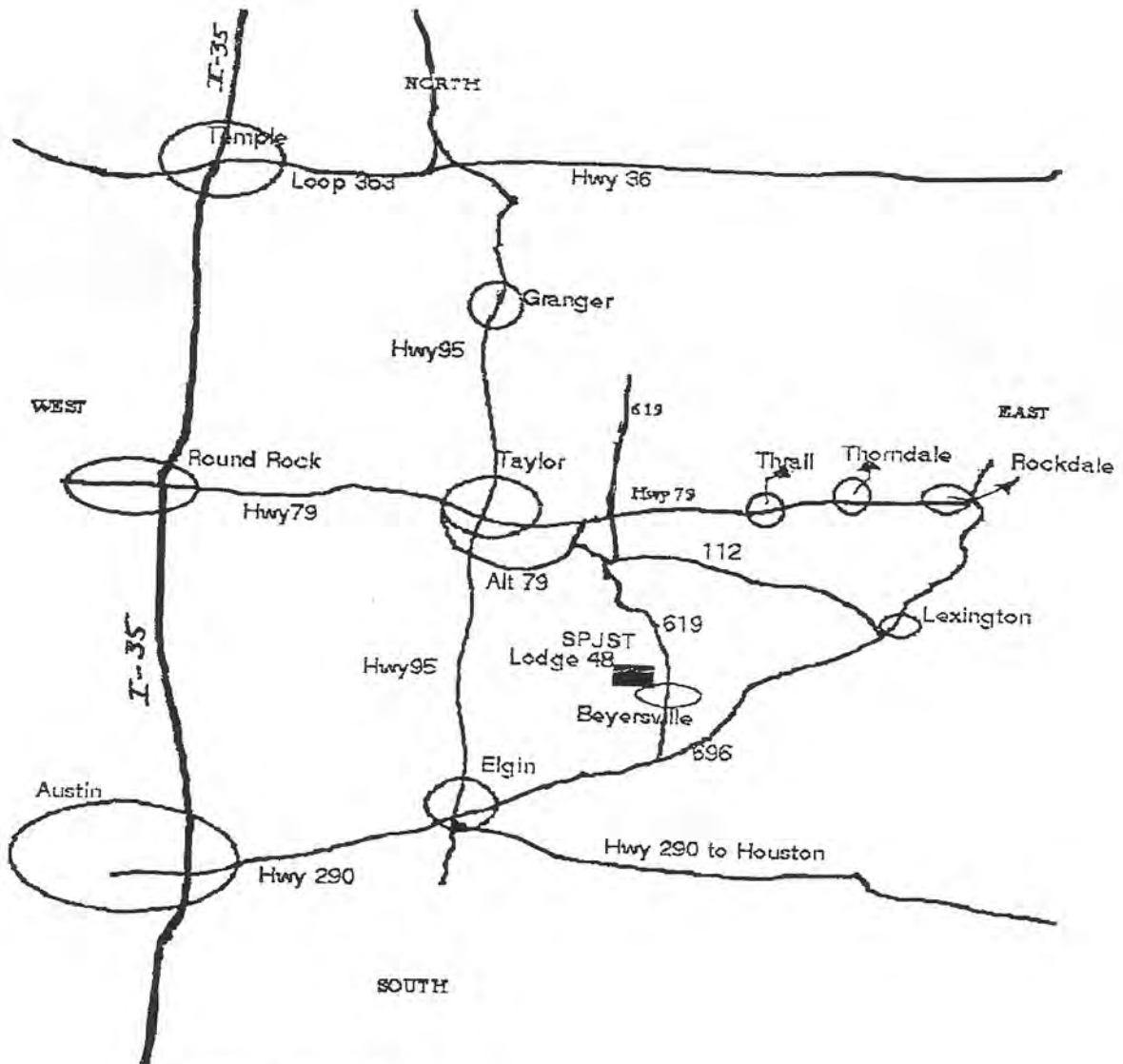
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To pre-register detach this form and return before October 10, 2016 -- so that we can estimate food needed.

Return form to: Bobby Wuensche, 2451 CR 405, Taylor, Texas 76574  
Or call at 281-352-3517 or call Margie Faltesek at 512-627-0685

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number + area \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member of the SPJST, "Thanks". If not, please consider joining us.



Map to SPJST Lodge No. 48, Bayersville

Bayersville is about 5 miles out of Taylor on Hwy 619

NOTE: THIS MAP IS NOT TO SCALE!