

Fraternal Updates For Your August Meeting

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

Fall Fun Days Start in September

District Fall Fun Days will begin in August. 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 8, 2017 hosted by Lodge 186, Caldwell
District Two	Sunday, August 27, 2017 hosted by Lodge 24, Cyclone
District Three	Sunday, October 22, 2017 hosted by Lodge 183, Arlington
District Four	Saturday, October 7, 2017 hosted by Lodge 215, South Plains at The Barn in Towel Park, 3000 Towel Park Road, Snyder, Texas
District Five	Saturday, September 23, 2017 hosted by Lodge 196, Houston-West
District Six	Saturday, October 21, 2017 hosted by Lodge 30, Taiton at St. John's Catholic Parish Hall, Taiton, Texas
District Seven	Sunday, October 22, 2017 hosted by Lodge 185, New Braunfels at Landa Haus, 360 Aquatic Circle, New Braunfels, Texas

Change of Lodge Officers after yearly elections

At the July Supreme Lodge meeting a procedure was approved and put in place. When a lodge officer resigns his/her position, the lodge Secretary will need to submit to State Fraternal Activities Coordinator Frank Horak a copy of the written minutes from the meeting where the membership accepted the resignation and the election of another person for that vacated officer position. If you have any questions please contact State Fraternal Activities Coordinator Frank Horak at 254.534.0681, email frankh@spjst.com.

Texas Czech Festivals, Westfest 2017, West Texas

Westfest preview party starts Friday, September 1 with Miss Westfest Contest, food, music, and fun. Westfest downtown parade kicks off on Saturday, September 2 at 10 a.m. SPJST members, if you find yourself wanting to do something on Labor Day weekend come out and support our SPJST State Royalty. They will be riding in the corvettes during the parade and District Three has both SPJST parade floats entered this year for their youth and parents to participate in the parade. After the parade you can head over to the Westfest fairgrounds and

have your pick of lunch from a number of food booths. The State Royalty will be introduced to the audience at the Amphitheater in the afternoon. SPJST will also have a booth under the Amphitheater, so please stop by and say hello.

SPJST and RVOS are proud sponsors of the Westfest Horseshoes Tournament. Horseshoe registration starts from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday with the tournament starting at 5 p.m. The Washer Tournament will only be held on Saturday with registration starting at 2 p.m. and competition beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information about Westfest 2017 you can go to the website provided: www.westfest.com. We hope to see you there!

33rd Annual Kolache Festival in Caldwell, Texas

The festival will start with a pre-festival party Friday, September 8 and the main festivities on Saturday, September 9. Opening ceremony starts at 9 a.m. at the South stage located on the corner of Buck and Echols Streets. There will be food, music, State Championship Kolache Bake Show, Kolache Eating Contest and Lodge 9, Snook and Lodge 17, New Tabor Beseda Dancers and many other attractions. For more information you can go to the web address below: <http://www.burlesoncountytexas.com/kolachefestival.html>

Houston Slavic Heritage Festival

The festival will start Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy traditional ethnic food, dancing, music, singing, prizes, local vendors and fun for the whole family. SPJST will have a booth at the festivities. Stop by and come visit us. The festival is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Grounds located at 607 East Whitney Street, Houston, Texas 77022. There will be more information in the *Vestnik* in the coming months.

Heritage Fest and Muziky

Mark your calendars for Heritage Fest and Muziky. Friday, October 20 begins the preview party with Oktoberfest on the Deck from 4 to 10 p.m. The Opening Ceremony will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 21 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.

SPJST Weekend Retreat

Great News! — During the April Supreme Lodge meeting it was unanimously approved to have an adult's weekend retreat in 2017 at the SPJST Camp. Plans are in the works for the retreat to be Friday, September 22-24. ENC Camp Executive Director Jeb Lapeyrolerie and I will be working on coordinating activities.

We are planning some unique elements for this weekend retreat. Make sure to check your *Vestnik* for updates on the adult camp program and my monthly newsletter.

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 or Fraternal Services Specialist Tammy Martinez at 800.727.7578, 254.773.1575 or email tammym@spjst.com. Your District FAC is also available to assist you.

They are as follows:

District 1 – Kyle Skrabanek	979.820.0531
District 2 – Ruth Hanusch	254.771.0193
District 3 – Vicki Sims	214.763.0341
District 4 – Janeece Williams	806.990.3351
District 5 – Don Fruin	832.651.5388
District 6 – Helen Zabransky	361.798.3347
District 7 – Theresa Haag	830.625.8262

Fraternally submitted,



Frank Horak
State Fraternal Activities Coordinator



SPJST CAMP FOR ADULTS

IT'S YOUR TURN FOR FUN!
RELIEVE YOUR CHILDHOOD MAKING NEW MEMORIES!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

SPJST EDUCATION AND NATURE CENTER
2001 WALDECK RD • LEDBETTER, TX 78946

AGES 21 AND UP – OPEN TO SPJST MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

Members: \$150 per person
Non-Members: \$175 per person

- Horseshoes
- Kmen (tribe) Competitions like Canoe Races, Tug-O-War, and Mass Chaos
- Saturday Evening Dance

Check-in is from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday.
The weekend will include three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday.
Snacks will also be provided.
Check-out time is 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Spots are limited!

Register today at spjst.org



For more information, call SPJST State FAC Frank Horak 254-773-1575 or email frankh@spjst.com