



Branch Newsletter

DECEMBER 2013



From the Desk of our National President...

As we make final preparations for our branch Christmas parties and our own family gatherings, we wish you the finest greetings of this holy season for you and yours!

Another THANK YOU is in order for all districts, branches and individuals who donated to our West, Texas disaster relief drive. We collected over \$65,000 from those sources and have been able to help our members in West whose homes were destroyed or damaged, those who were injured, those who were forced to evacuate and those who lost their jobs. Please watch for detailed acknowledgements in the December *Fraternally Yours*.

We are indeed proud to be part of such a fine benevolent institution whose members can open up their hearts and their checkbooks in such a humanitarian way to help our fellow members in the true spirit of giving!

Merry Christmas and best of health and happiness in 2014!

Fraternally, Cynthia Maleski

BRANCH REMINDERS



FCSLA HOLIDAYS - The Home Office will be closed for the following Holidays: **CHRISTMAS** December 24 and 25, 2013 **NEW YEARS** January 1, 2014.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - The Home Office will be closed at 12 NOON on Wednesday, December 18th for the Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon.



ACTIVITY REPORTS - You will be getting your reports to complete soon. We are trying something new this year. If you have an email address on file with the Home Office it will be e-mailed to you (and also mailed) please complete it and email it back. If you do not have e-mail it will be mailed to you via USPS. You can't miss it! It is on turquoise paper with a neon GREEN return envelope. It will also be available on the Branch Officers Section of the website. Please note that there is a letter and a sample sheet with guidelines on how to complete your report. Your Branch Fraternal Activity Report is due **FEBRUARY 28th!!** Thank You! If you have any questions, please call Kelly Shedlock the Fraternal & Youth Director, Ext. 1051.



THE ANNUAL BRANCH CARD - is included in this mailing. It is EXTREMELY important for you to complete the card even if there are no changes and return it to the Home Office by **January 31, 2014!** If you have an E-mail address please indicate it in the space provided. Also, if you would like one of the branch officers information displayed on the FCSLA website, indicate the selection at the bottom of the card. **If you DO NOT check anyone, the contact will DEFAULT to the Fraternal & Youth Director.**



MARCH FOR LIFE 2014 - The 41st Annual March for Life is on Wednesday, January 22, 2013 in Washington, DC. The FCSLA is once again offering free transportation from our Home Office. Will you consider joining us? Call 800-464-4642 EXT 1051 for questions and to reserve your seat on the bus BEFORE December 23, 2013. Details are in the Fraternally Yours Magazine.



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BRANCH REMINDERS *Continued*



LANE SPONSORSHIP - If your branch or district is interested in sponsoring a lane at the 3rd Annual United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament April 25 – 27, 2014 in Pittsburgh, PA please complete the attached form and mail it to the Home Office Attn: Kelly. The proceeds from the lane sponsorship helps keep the cost down for members that wish to participate.



LAPEL PINS - The Marketing Task Force Committee has designed a new lapel pin. It is silver with blue letters. It is a very “sharp” looking pin. The pins are great for ladies as well as gentleman. They are available to the Branch Officers. If you would like to place an order for your branch officers, please contact Marie Golias at the Home Office EXT 1023 or email: magolias@fcscla.org.



STATE FRATERNAL ALLIANCES - **What is a state fraternal alliance?** “The purpose of the State Fraternal Alliances is to promote the fraternal benefit system in their states of residence, establish ongoing relationships with elected public officials, be the face of fraternalism to the general public and publicize the benefits of the fraternal business model.”

As 2013 comes to a close its time to start thinking about what you and your members can do in the new year to help get FCSLA’s name out there. It is nearly impossible for the Managing Officers, Board of Directors and Fraternal & Youth Director to attend all of the State Fraternal Annual Meetings. As branch officers you are the “voice” and represent FCSLA in your area and state. How about getting involved with your State Fraternal Alliance? Express interest on being on the Board of your state fraternal alliance. Maybe someone you meet can nominate you. Let’s get active in our state fraternal alliances in 2014.

If you attend your state fraternal meetings next year, please let our Fraternal & Youth Director know so we can update our records. 800-464-4642 EXT 1051 or email: kelly@fcscla.org



*The FCSLA Home Office Staff wishes you and your family a
Very Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

