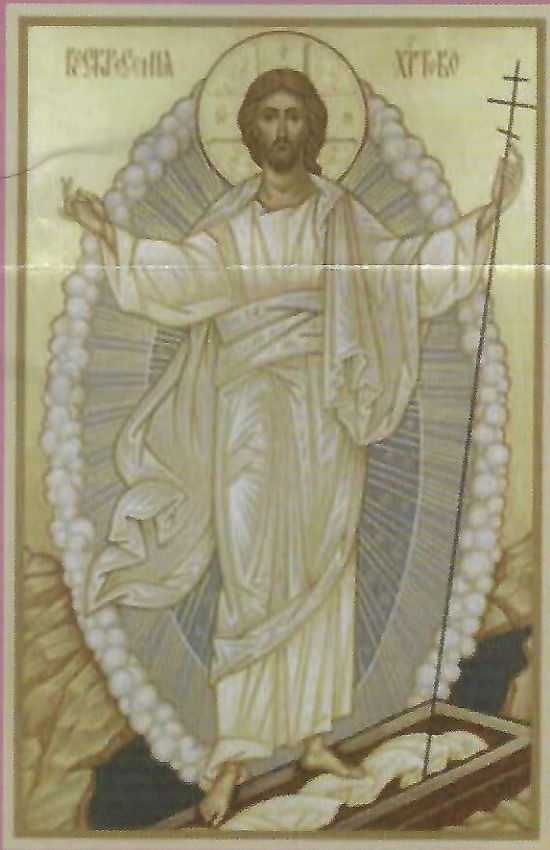


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O Lord and King, as a mortal man, You lay in the tomb with your body, as God, You rose on the third day, raising Adam from corruption and destroying death. You are the Passover of Incorruption and the Salvation of the world.

—Exapostilarion

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Lodge	State	Name of of Deceased	Date of Death	City of Death	State of Death
R214	PA	Arin, Jack	4/8/24	Jefferson Hills	PA
141	PA	Blisko, Anthony	4/13/25	Mount Pleasant Town	NY
R215	NJ	Bobyack, Olga "Ollie" (Nud) (Harner)	2/2/19	Laurens	SC
142	PA	Bowman, Ernest Earl	3/19/25	Shenandoah	PA
R216	PA	Chekerda (AKA Chicirda), Cyril (AKA Julia)			prior 2003
143	PA	Chiodo, Olga (Sedor)	12/25/24	Du Bois	PA
R217	PA	Chupeck, v. Rev. Joseph T.	10/2/24	Easton	PA
144	PA	Daugherty, Lydia (Gerashenko)	7/6/25	Allison Park	PA
R218	PA	Davies, Elizabeth	12/13/24	Peckville	PA
145	NY	Davis, Tanya Maria AKA Tanya Dobrowsky	1/19/25	Manhattan	NY
R219	PA	Drochak-Leone, Ada Elizabeth (Calvert)		6/30/24 Clinton	OH
146	PA	Evans, Michael H. (Fr.)	11/14/24	Dallas	PA
R220	PA	Gallagher, Lubov AKA Libby (Shust)	4/16/20		
147	PA	Hanchak, Dorothy	6/15/25	Mayfield	PA
R221	PA	Holoviak, Peter	9/20/22	Danville	PA
148	IL	Krysa, Barbara Jean (Lowitzki)	1/4/25	Elk Grove Village	IL
R222	PA	Mundrick, Helen (Balko)	8/20/22	Littleton	CO
149	NJ	Narkiewicz, Jennifer Lynn	11/16/24	Fail Lawn	NJ
R223	IL	Navratil, William James	10/20/25	Phoenix	AZ
150	PA	Penick, Russell B.	1/30/23	Greenville	SC
R224	PA	Pucher, Joseph	12/5/24	Evanston	IL
151	OH	Pultea, George Westley	8/17/25	Boynton Beach	FL
R225	OH	Repella, David	1/24/25	Wintersville	OH
152	OH	Repella, David Lee	12/29/24	Phoenix	AZ
R226	PA	Repella, Sumiko	9/28/24	Dover	OH
153	PA	Scuron, Harry Jr.	9/2/25	Philadelphia	PA
R227	PA	Stehnach, Jonathan	5/31/24	Warren	OH
154	PA	Sumple, Irene (Homisak)	5/15/25	Mechanicsburg	PA
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This year's convention promises to be an engaging and productive gathering, bringing together delegates and families from across the organization to collaborate, exchange ideas, and participate in important discussions that will help shape the future of the RBO. In addition to formal sessions and meetings, members will enjoy the unique setting of Dorney Park, offering opportunities for networking, relaxation, and shared experiences.

The convention agenda will include:

- Delegate meetings and organizational updates
- Opportunities for networking and fellowship
- Special events and activities at Dorney Park

This convention will be unique to the RBO in that the formal banquet is being replaced with a day and picnic at nearby Dorney Park. We hope to compress the business sessions so that all may enjoy Dorney Park. This is an attempt to attract families and younger members of the RBO to the convention and expose them to the benefits and fraternalism of the organization. Additional details regarding accommodations, registration procedures, and the full agenda will be shared in the coming months. We encourage you to reserve time in your schedule now and plan to join us for this exciting and meaningful event.

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Hyatt House** for **August 16-18** and **Dorney Park** on **August 17, 2026**.

Basil G. Russin, Esq., President



here & there

It's up to you today to start making health choices. Not choices that are just healthy for your body, but healthy for your mind.

—Steve Maraboli

The art of leadership is saying no, not yes. It is very easy to say yes.

—Tony Blair

The ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have.

—Sheryl Sandberg

Your cell phone has already replaced your watch, camera, calendar, and alarm clock. Don't let it replace your family.

We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes— understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, **it's part of success.**

—Arianna Huffington

Take care of your body, it's the only place you have to live.

—Jim Rohn

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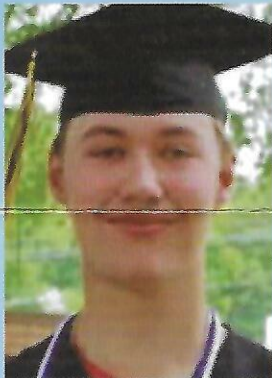
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Flaxseeds are an easy way to add a big dose of fiber into your diet. They can be purchased in the bulk food area of any grocery store and can be sprinkled over salads, fish or any type of meal or snack. To give you an idea of just how healthy flaxseeds are, a single tablespoon of ground flaxseed sprinkled over cereal, yogurt or salad provides an easy 2.8-grams of fiber.

Flaxseeds

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The *lighter* side



It didn't start with the Oreo

Who doesn't like a cookie every now and then? Cookies have a long history, but the first ones didn't taste much like the treats we enjoy today.

According to some sources, the first cookies were made in Rome around the third century B.C. They were thin, hard, bland wafers that were twice baked, and the Romans ate them by dipping them in wine. Modern cookies may have originated in Persia during the seventh century, when sugar became more common in that region. They became popular across Europe in the 14th century, enjoyed by royalty and peasants alike. One reason for their appeal was that they traveled well in tins and boxes, making them a reliable source of food on trips.

The word "cookie" comes from the Dutch "koekje," for "little cake." Cookies arrived in America in the 17th century, in the form of macaroons, gingerbread cookies, and the "jumble," a hard cookie that combined nuts, sweeteners, and water. The cookies we're most familiar with, made by creaming butter and sugar, became common in the 18th century.

Last will

Robert went to a lawyer and said, "I'd like to make a will, but I don't know exactly how to go about it."

The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, "**Not a problem, just leave everything to me.**"

Robert looked upset. "I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family, too!"

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"Truly, He is Risen"

From the President
 Atty. Basil Russin, Esq.,
 and officers of the
 Russian Brotherhood Org.
 and the Truth's Staff

The benefits of smiling

You can forget about Prozac or St. John's Wort. A genuine smile increases the production of serotonin, the happy hormone.

- It's a bonding agent. Smiling builds bridges to other people around us. It keeps us from remaining aloof and separate from one another.

Babies as young as three weeks old even recognize smiling as a bonding behavior.

- What a workout! One smile uses more than 16 muscles.



There's lots of people in this world who spend so much time watching their health that they haven't the time to enjoy it.

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 We'd like you to help us spread the word about the RBO. Surely you know more than one person who would benefit from our modern life insurance policies ... friends, relatives or neighbors.
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Recipe

Potato Kotlety

- 2-1/2 pounds potatoes
- 2 egg yolks
- 2/3 cup flour
- 4-5 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper, according to taste



Wash and peel potatoes and boil them until done. Drain and let them stand for 10-12 minutes to dry. Without letting potatoes get cold, mash them thoroughly. Add 2 tablespoons butter, egg yolks, salt and pepper, and mix thoroughly. Form in to cutlets, roll in flour (or fine bread crumbs) and fry in butter on both sides. Serves four.

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This competitive scholarship awards \$1,000 per year, not to exceed three years is offered to students continuing toward a degree after completing four years of satisfactory college education on a full time basis.

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