

THE LIONS

The Czechs have long regarded the lion as their national mascot. Symbolizing strength, the new bridge's eight distinctive lions represent our ethnic community's ability to endure. Over 135 years ago our immigrant forefathers began settling here, contributing to the early growth of our city. Today, the Czechs form the largest single ethnic group in Cedar Rapids.

The new BRIDGE OF THE LIONS, with its unique "Old World" design and architecture overshadows all others in the state of Iowa. The Czech Heritage Foundation is honored for its involvement in the acquisition of the Lions.

CZECH FINE ARTS FOUNDATION,

est. 1974, was created to preserve and promote Czech cultural arts. The foundation participates in festivals and ethnic fairs, and sponsors many fine arts events. The Czech Museum, located directly at the west end of the new Bridge of The Lions, is under the care and management of the Czech Fine Arts Foundation. Museum displays include cut glass, works of art, photographs, tools, and one of the largest collections of authentic native Czechoslovak costumes in the world.

SOKOL CEDAR RAPIDS,

est. 1873, is more than a Czech gymnastic society. Although instruction centers around physical fitness, Sokol pupils at a very early age are taught discipline and self-respect. Sokol Motto: "A Sound Mind in a Healthy Body." Regularly sponsored events include the popular Pork Suppers and Annual Sibrinky (Spring Masquerade Ball). The work "sokol" in English means "falcon," a noble bird which represents swiftness and freedom.

CZECH HERITAGE FOUNDATION,

est. 1973, began as the official liaison between the Czech Fine Arts Foundation and the Czech Village Association and still serves in this capacity today. In addition, the foundation promotes special events of interest to the Czech community, sponsors adult Czech language classes, and maintains a speakers bureau. The traveling Mini-Museum, Educational Kit, Homestay Program, and Prince & Princess sponsorship are also projects, to name a few. The foundation has over twelve hundred members nationwide.

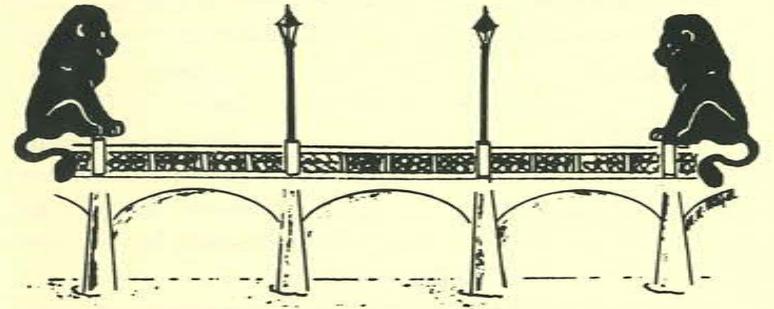
FEDERATION OF CZECH GROUPS,

est. 1936, was organized to perpetuate the social and cultural life of the Czech people in the community. Today, the group is made up of twelve organizations, and is remembered fondly for its tireless efforts to assist fellow countrymen during World War II. Still active, each year the Federation of Czech Groups sponsors memorial day services at the Czech National Cemetery and is the benefactor for several worthy causes, the most prevalent being the childrens' Czech Summer School.

CZECH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION,

est. 1975, originated when a small group of merchants from the 16th Avenue S.W. neighborhood shopping area met and decided to revive the Czech spirit and heritage in their district. Plans began as early as 1972, and today the remodeled and revitalized area is a monument to early Czech settlers who contributed to the development of Cedar Rapids. The association co-sponsors and hosts four festivals in the Czech Village each year, St. Joseph's Day (March), Houby Days (May), Czech Village Festival (September), and St. Nicholas Day (December).

Bridge of Lions



Cedar Rapids, Iowa

*Dedication
July 15, 1989*

14th AVENUE EAST — 16th AVENUE WEST

DEDICATION 1:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Introduction Jerry Kiwala, Master of Ceremonies
Star Spangled Banner Czech Heritage Singers,
Kde Domov Muj Czech School Children and
Nad Tatrou Sa Blyska Czech Plus Polka Band
Invocation Rev. Clarence Frana,
St. Ludmila's Church
Presentations Edward R. Kuba,
Chairman, Bridge of The Lions Committee
Honored Speakers Senator Tom Harkin
Congressman Tom Tauke

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

State Senator Richard Running, Representatives Phil
Brammer and Kay Chapman, Linn Co. Supervisor Ken
Shriner and City Councilmen Wayne Murdock, Robert
Jaeger and David Kramer.

Well wishes received from Senator Charles Grassley,
Governor Terry Branstad and State Representative Joyce
Nielsen.

Builders Architect Kenneth Bradford, Shive-Hattery
City Engineer Richard Ransom
Contractor Elsa Grimmer

Pisnicka Ceska Czech Heritage Singers
Czech School Children

Acceptance by City of Cedar Rapids
Mayor Don Canney

Benediction Rev. Glenn Hunt,
Eden United Church of Christ

Ribbon Cutting
Donald Canney, Mayor of Cedar Rapids
Edward R. Kuba, Pres. Federation of Czech Groups
Lester Sykora, V. Pres. Czech Village Assoc.
Frank Novotny, Pres. Czech Heritage Fdn.
Robert Schaffer, Pres. Czech Fine Arts Fdn.
Larry Chmelicek, Pres. Sokol Cedar Rapids
& Joe Pazour, Immediate Past Pres. Men's Unit
Assisted by Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

KDE DOMOV MŮJ

Kde do-muv můj? Kde do-muv můj?
Vo-da hu-čí po lu-či-nách
Bo-ry šu-mí po ska-li-nách
V sadě stkví-se ja-ra-květ,
Zem-ský ráj to na po-hled;
A to jest ta krá-sná ze-mě,
Ze-mě čes-ka do-mov můj
Ze-mě čes-ká do-mov můj.

NAD TATROU SA BLÝSKÁ

Nad ta-trou sa blý-ská hromy di-vo bi-jú
Nad ta-trou sa blý-ská hromy di-vo bi-jú
::Za-stav-me sa bra-tia ved' sa o-ny
Ztra-tia slo-vá-ci o-ži-jú::

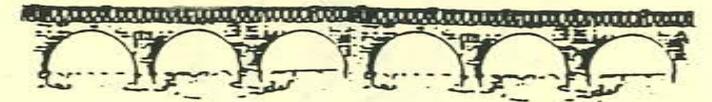
PÍSNÍČKA CESKA

Ty naše písničky jsou jak ty perlicky.
Na šnůrce navlečené
Tolik je krásy vníck a je to velký hřích
Že jsou tak utlačené.
Ta naše písnička česka
Ta je tak hezká tak hezká-
Tak jako na louce kytíčka
Vyrostla ta naše písnička.
Až se ta písnička ztratí
Pak už nic nebudem mít-
Jestli nám zahyne všechno sní pomine
Potom už nebudem žít.

Our songs are as bright
And bring as much delight
As glistening pearls on a strand.
Beauty lies in each song
And tis a grievous wrong
That they're oppressed in their land . . .
Our Czech songs are so endearing
They are so sweetly alluring
Just as a flower-let in the spring
Blossomed our songs to a joy-ous ring.
And if we should lose the flower
Nothing in life will remain.
And if our songs perish
We'll lose all we cherish
Living will then be in vain.

GRAND PARADE 2:00 p.m.

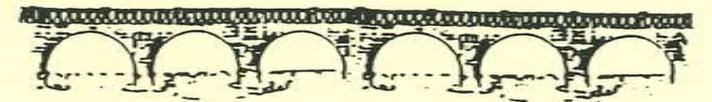
Lester Sykora, Grand Marshal
Pete Hach, Honorary Grand Marshal
Thru Czech Village, over Bridge,
to 3rd Street and 12th Avenue East
Antique Cars, Decorated Floats,
Horses, Bands and More!



DANCE 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Music on each end of the Bridge by
Czech Artists
Czech Plus Polka Band
Leonard Reyman Band
Czech Heritage Band
Arlene Boddicker & Musicians



Sponsored By
The Bridge of The Lions Committee

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