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The Sunday night "Slovak Dance & Music Spectacular" will be held at the luxury Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Dear Branch Officers/Members:

The First Catholic Slovak Union will be holding our 49th Quadrennial Convention at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio from August 14-18, 2010. Founded 120 years ago by Father Stephen Furdek, our Society has been the mainstay and promoter of Slovak culture and Catholic fraternal life for over a century.

We cordially invite you and your branch members who are not delegates at the convention to attend our Presidential Banquet and program Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

The evening features a full-course dinner at special member pricing, as well as an evening of entertainment that reflects our rich heritage. The "Slovak Dance and Music Spectacular" includes Slovak Dance Groups from Michigan, Ohio, and Canada, and a Slovak Folk Orchestra and Vocalist for your listening and dancing pleasure. We encourage you to come early and enjoy an exhibit of kroj (folk costumes) compliments of the Helene Cincebeaux Collection in the George Bush Room located on the third floor.

Seating for the dinner is limited. Tickets must be ordered in advance. Details and an order form are on page 12 of this issue.

We hope to see you at the Sunday night dinner/program celebration.



Kenneth A. Arendt

Fraternally,
Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

120TH Anniversary – 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the USA & Canada

August 14 – 18, 2010

As I write this message we are very busy in the preparations for the Convention. Conventions are always a time for meeting old friends, re-living past memories but also a time for reviewing the past four years and looking ahead to the future.

There have been changes for all of us over the past four years. There have been births, deaths, happiness and trials in our personal families, including in our Jednota family.

Many of us personally have experienced the financial turmoil, some more than others, during the past few years, especially in 2007 and 2008 where the U.S. financial system was on the brink of collapse. While the stock market indicators have retraced 75-80% of these losses, not all individual stocks and their owners have done as well. In most areas of the country housing values that had fallen 20-50% have recovered only a fraction of their prior value, if any.

The First Catholic Slovak Union during the past four years has not only survived the storm, but as I reported previously, reached record highs in surplus and assets. We expect this to continue and are continuing to work to add to those results.

However, this was not achieved just by luck. It required knowledge, effort, and a lot of good, tough decisions and sound management.

We all are aware of the most recent financial crisis in Greece and some other European countries. This morning some financial analysts are talking about a "double-dip recession in the U.S.", even with unemployment still near 10%.

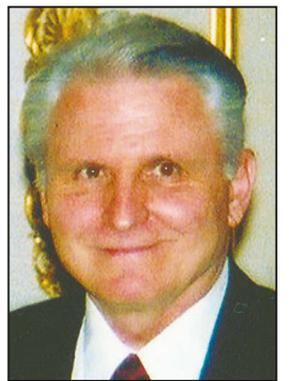
We have built a surplus of over \$15 million dollars in the FCSU for a good reason. Financial strength means there is a safety net to protect our Members and attract new Members. Many of you may remember when in 1993 the First Catholic Slovak Union surplus was less than \$3 million dollars. As the saying goes, "We've come a long way baby".

As long as I am President we will work to maintain and increase that safety net while at the same time providing the best insurance and annuities consistent with sound financial management. You, our Members, expect and deserve it.

In addition, as the number of fraternal continue to consolidate, the stronger our Society is, the more attractive we become to other Slovak societies who may want to merge with us.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a healthy, happy summer.

Z Bohom! God be with You!



Andrew M. Rajec

Andrew M. Rajec
President



July Message From Our Chaplain

Dear Friends,

On the days leading up to a national holiday, it is not out of the ordinary to see the nation's flag put on display. How true that is when it comes to celebrate Independence Day. Old Glory can be found proudly and prominently shown on front lawns and in shopping districts, on main streets and cemeteries.

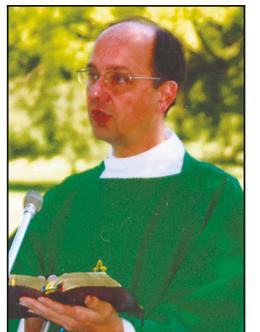
Independence Day is a day when American citizens unabashedly express their belief in the fundamental rights upon the nation was founded – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. While many look upon the Stars and Stripes as a symbol of these fundamental rights and therefore deserves respect, the word of God for Mass on July 4 reminds of another symbol and a higher loyalty we are to have.

Paul tells us in his Letter to the Galatians: May I never boast except in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the cross, the great symbol of our faith, the rights we associate with the flag find their true source and fulfillment.

Through the cross we receive life, God's grace. By Christ's death on the cross, we are reconciled to God, freed from the bondage of sin, thereby gaining the liberty to freely live a life in Christ Jesus. By Jesus' saving death on the cross, we can pursue true happiness each day, eternal happiness with him in heaven.

Sincerely,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas Nasta

Insights and Viewpoints



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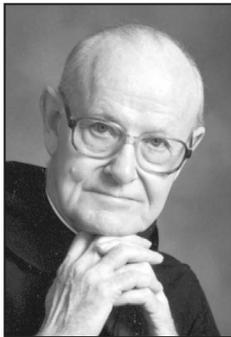
Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B.; Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

July 11, 2010

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:25-37

Gospel Summary

The lawyer in today's gospel is not to be confused with the lawyers of our day. He was a student of the Torah—a word which is more properly translated as “instruction” or “revelation.” Today, he would be called a theologian. And he asks the question that is primary in the mind of every theologian,



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

namely, how do we human beings achieve the fulfillment intended by our creator? Jesus gives the classic answer from Deut. 6:5 (love of God) and Lev. 19:18 (love of neighbor). Everything else is secondary.

Jesus moves quickly then to illustrate the practical implications of these commands in the story of the Good Samaritan. The contrast drawn is dramatic: the priest and Levite belong to the class of professional men of religion whereas the Samaritan is a member of that generally despised and uneducated group of Jews who were left in Palestine during the Exile and whose religious “purity” was highly suspect.

According to the Jesus' story, however, it is this religious outcast who has understood the real meaning of the Torah while the professional practitioners of religion seem concerned only about the external, ritual elements of Judaism. As in the case of the Publican and the Pharisee, Jesus is not suggesting that one should become a Publican or a Samaritan. Rather, he insists that we should be authentic persons who know how to observe the spirit of our religion and not just its externals.

Life Implications

We should note, first of all, that this is only a story. The fact that it never really happened should cause us to focus on its powerful symbolic message. As such, it offers us a sharp lesson about the danger of hypocritical behavior. It is relatively easy to claim an office or a title or hold a membership card, but the only proof of one's religious sincerity and authenticity is the way in which one's religious profession actually changes one's behavior.

In this story, the new behavior is to respond to need regardless of whether we think the one in need deserves our help. Observing religious rituals or even receiving the Eucharist can unfortunately co-exist with self-centeredness and rash judgment. Real conversion demands that our following of Christ include our determination to offer help to others to the best of our ability, which usually means doing all that we think we can...and then a little bit more!

Such Christian behavior does not mean that we should become doormats or must cater to obsessive-dependants. But it does mean that we should be sensitive to the often-hidden needs of others and ready to help in any way we can. Real love will know how to do this wisely and effectively.

We should also note that when obviously Christian persons do not act in accordance with the ideals taught by Jesus, they scandalize others who may well reject Christianity because they are so repelled by those who proclaim themselves Christians. We all recall the challenging words of Jesus: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

July 18, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:38-42

Gospel Summary

Two sisters named Martha and Mary extend hospitality to Jesus as he stops for a visit while on his journey to Jerusalem. Mary sits beside Jesus as a disciple talking with him. Martha, burdened by much serving, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus instead tells Martha that while she is needlessly worried about many things, there is need of only the one thing that Mary has chosen.

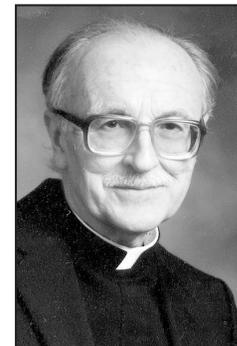
Life Implications

The first reading of this Sunday's Mass is the story of Abraham and Sarah, who offer hospitality to three strangers. Their generosity in meeting the needs of the strangers knows no bounds: rolls made from fine flour, meat from a choice steer, curds and milk. Martha, a true child of Abraham and Sarah, wants to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus by preparing an elaborate meal for him. Jesus tells her that just one thing will be enough--perhaps a dish of yogurt (no need to prepare a tender choice steak). Jesus then uses this simple incident to talk with his two friends about a deeper level of human need and hospitality.

Jesus, also a true son of Abraham and Sarah, certainly would affirm Martha's generosity in meeting his very human need for food. So that we do not miss this point, Luke places the present passage immediately after Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan, who responds with generosity to the needs of a man who had fallen victim to robbers. To be a disciple of Jesus does mean to respond with generosity to people in need of the basic necessities of life. That's what Jesus himself did, and the Good Samaritan parable remains an essential part of his teaching. The incident of Jesus' visit and his conversation with Martha and Mary became part of the gospel tradition, however, for another reason.

Jesus knew from his own experience about the basic human needs to which Martha with traditional hospitality was responding. However, he was also aware of a deeper human hunger that things like food, drink, shelter, and health cannot satisfy. It is the hunger for personal encounter--the hunger to be in personal communion with another in mutual self-giving. This deepest of all human hungers is satisfied to some degree in human friendship; ultimately, only in friendship with God. Saint Augustine prayed, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” Julian of Norwich, like so many saints, expressed the same truth, “For by nature our will wants God, and the good will of God wants us. We shall never cease wanting and longing until we possess him in fullness and joy. Then we shall have no further wants.” Is it any wonder that Jesus said that Mary had chosen the better part?

How are we to understand the complementarity of Martha's generous hospitality in meeting Jesus' need for food and Mary's longing for personal communion with him? In response, we might follow the way of Jesus. He fed the hungry, cured the sick and expelled demons of every kind as an expression of love. In other words, our love must also become incarnate in whatever we do to meet the needs of others. Thus, our good work--whether cooking a meal or voting for a bill in congress--becomes a sacrament or an effective sign of our self-giving love. Ety Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who died at Auschwitz, expressed a similar understanding when she wrote that in prayer “God can enter you, and something of ‘Love’ too...the love you can apply to small, everyday things.” Today in our Eucharist we might join in her prayer: “Let me perform a thousand daily tasks with love, but let every one spring from a greater central core of devotion and love” (An Interrupted Life).



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

SISTERS' BENEFIT RAFFLE

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius wish to announce their annual money raffle. This project is held each year for the benefit of the retired Sisters.

The tickets are six to a packet for five dollars. There are ten cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$100. The winning tickets will be drawn on August 15, 2010.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

Apostleship of Prayer

July 2010

GENERAL INTENTION

Justice in Elections. That elections in every nation may be carried out with justice, transparency, and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.

Pope Benedict XVI has said that "fidelity to democracy alone can guarantee equality and rights to everyone" (Speech to the Italian Christian Workers' Associations, 2006). Yet democracy is at risk in our times. "In a world without truth," said the Pope, "freedom loses its foundation, and a democracy without values can lose its very soul" (Address of Benedict XVI, South Lawn of the White House, April 2008).

The Holy Father asks us to pray this month for elections throughout the world. We are praying with the universal Church and Apostles of Prayer everywhere that votes may be cast freely, tallied honestly, and honored in their result.

Free and fair elections serve the common good, but only if citizens inform themselves and vote. The Pope asks us to participate in our democratic process first by seeking the truth through reason and Christian values. Then we must bravely speak the truth, always respecting the freedom of others.

"Democracy can only flourish, as your founding fathers realized," the Pope said in his White House address, "when political leaders and those whom they represent are guided by truth and bring the wisdom born of firm moral principle to decisions affecting the life and future of the nation."

As citizens, then, what specifically can we do to help our democracy flourish? The Pope makes it clear: "The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good, and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate."

As we pray for free and fair elections throughout the world, let us also pray for voters, including ourselves, that we may seek the common good.

Reflection

As you prepare for the next election, how can you "cultivate virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good, and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate"? How can you courageously bring your "deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate"?

Scripture

Proverbs 14:34 Virtue exalts a nation, but sine is a people's disgrace.

MISSION INTENTION

Urban Culture. That Christians may strive to promote everywhere, but especially in our cities, education, justice, solidarity, and peace.

For the first time in history, more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas. All over the world, people are leaving rural areas and moving to cities. Why? They hope to find a better life – and often they do. Dense population offers opportunities for employment, education, advancement, and community. Cities can be catalysts for collective action and social accountability. And, from the Christian point of view, cities have served the evangelization of peoples since the first days of the Church.

Opportunities abound in the city, but this month's mission intention implies that cities also face special challenges. We think immediately of poverty, violence, crowding, segregation, and pollution. The Holy Father asks us to pray for ourselves and for other Christians, that we may strive to overcome these challenges by promoting education, justice, solidarity, and peace, especially in cities. To do so is part and parcel of our obedience to Jesus Christ's commandment to spread the Kingdom of God.

To promote education is to advocate the formation of the whole person through attentive parenting, moral teaching, formal schooling, and job training.

To promote justice is to seek fair play and equality, respecting every person's God given dignity and rights.

To promote solidarity is to affirm that we are members of communities, social beings who find fulfillment in relationship to others. God did not create us to be selfish individualists, always and only seeking our own good. Each one of us must decide to value solidarity.

Peace in our cities – indeed, peace in our world – will come with education, justice, and solidarity. As we promote those values, others will adopt them too, until even institutions and systems will change for the better.

The last book of the Bible depicts a heavenly city, a place of everlasting peace and joy. That holy city of God is the ideal toward which we Christians strive. In the meantime in this world, we pray and work for good things for all people, especially those in our cities.

Reflection

In your own community, what one thing can you do to promote education, justice, solidarity, or peace?

Scripture

Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

Prayer of the Month

Lord and Ruler of all, we pray for the elections that will be held throughout the world this year. May governments recognize the right of their people to choose their leaders in fair and free elections. May all people find and courageously hold to values that lead them to vote for honest candidates who seek the common good rather than appeal to selfish interests.



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Stephanie Raha, Editor-in-chief, The Christophers

The Declaration – Then and Now

Happy Independence Day! This great national holiday means so much more than Red, White and Blue celebrations with parades, picnics, fireworks and family get-togethers. At some point during the day, call to mind that on July 4, 1776, the 13 British colonies in America chose liberty and changed history.

Our founders risked their lives to make the American Revolution possible. The Declaration of Independence and later the Constitution of the United States were magnificent documents filled with power and promise. They set in motion a nation of great ideals, energy and accomplishment.

Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration, later said, "The American war is over, but this is far from being the case with the American Revolution. On the contrary, nothing but the first act of the great drama is closed."

He was right. Those founding documents, as profound as they were, had flaws which led inexorably to another war for the liberty of slaves whose rights had been ignored. So yet another generation took a stand to fight – and often, die – for what they believed.

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. ..." When President Abraham Lincoln said those words in 1863, he was referring to the Declaration of Independence. His address at the dedication of the national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the middle of the Civil War, has come to be almost as well known as the Declaration which he treasured as both a living document and a moral imperative.

Take time to read the Declaration. The words with which Lincoln identified are the same ones most Americans relate to today:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." It concludes: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Most of the signers suffered for their support of America's independence. Some even died along with many other patriots on the battlefield. The Civil War claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands. And many more died during the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and now in Afghanistan and Iraq. Liberty comes at a price.

Democracy is a difficult, dangerous business for every generation. But if we want to insure, as Lincoln said, "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth," we need to commit ourselves to the cause. May God grant each of us the courage to stand up and speak out for peace, justice and truth – whatever it takes.

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Book Corner

The Linden and the Oak

A novel by Mark Wansa

Publisher: World Academy of Rusyn Culture: Toronto
c. 2009; \$21.95; 533pp.
reviewed by Ginny Parobek

Will you remember us after you cross the sea?

In the New World you will become Amerychane

We who stay in staryi kraï will remember you until we die.

But will you remember us?

Z Bohom! Live well in Ameryka!

Only, you were born a Rusyn,

And a Rusyn you shall always be.

This sweeping epic novel spanning three generations of a Rusyn family is one of a kind. At a whopping 533 pages, this would make an excellent book for the beach this summer. Not only is it a page-turning, suspenseful novel, but by story's end, you'll have gleaned more than a modicum of the Rusyn language, as author Mark Wansa regularly includes snippets of Rusyn dialogue and phrases.

Divided into 4 sections, each section opens with a short run of Scripture or liturgy, but that's not the only place you'll find such matter. *The Linden and the Oak* is a pastiche of a story replete with snatches of folk songs, poetry, Scripture and liturgy interspersed throughout.

The saga begins when our 20-something hero, Vasyl Rusynko, returns from a 4-year stay in American ("Ameryka"). He is returning alone to his native Rusyn village of Stara Polyanka, much to everyone's surprise. Having never intended to stay in America permanently, Vasyl returns home in time for his sister's traditional three-day wedding celebration, only to be drafted into the Royal Hungarian Army shortly thereafter. Along with his brother, Andrii, brother-in-law, Vasko, and friend, Yurko, he is sent onto the Eastern front lines. The 2nd section of *Linden* depicts their harrowing and grueling four years away at war.

Section 3 opens up on a brighter note. We get to know the main female characters then—Paraska and Yevka—all the while continuing to learn Ruthenian history and politics. The latter is espoused mainly through the character of Andrii, who today would be called a Rusyn nationalist. Andrii is tired of Magyar and Russian domination and advocates for Rusyn independence. When he gets up on his soapbox, Vasyl scolds him with "We don't have time for such talk. There are crops to be harvested. Let people in the cities talk."

Section 3 was my personal favorite, as various Rusyn customs and superstitions are woven throughout the storyline. There is a blow-by-blow account when Yevka makes pysanky; Paraska is busy on her spinning wheel. The advent of childbirth is fraught with old Rusyn customs and superstitions: placing garlic around the newborn's neck will "ward off the evil one." Meanwhile, Andrii gently chides Paraska for her "pagan superstitions."

There seem to be just as many superstitions with a christening ceremony as well. (For good luck, pass the baby through an open window into the waiting arms of the godmother). In homage to those villagers who have passed on, the survivors sing Panakhida, the memorial service for the dead.

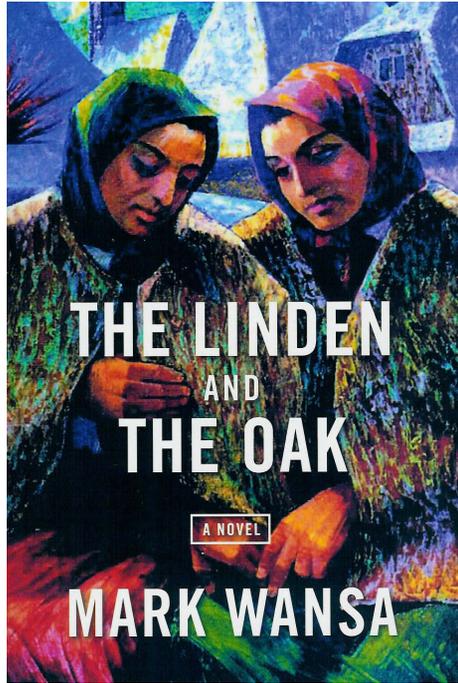
Section 4 depicts the harsh realities of those crossing the ocean in steerage to the new world, "Ameryka." There are humorous moments as well like when our Rusyn family discovers plumbing, bananas, white bread and refrigerated milk. And the Epilogue to the story is most unusual indeed.

By novel's end, it begs the question: so when will author, Mark Wansa, return to the blank page to begin a sequel to *The Linden and the Oak*?

"I've got a few ideas," he confesses, but he is taking a much-needed breather, having labored to research and write this book for the past nine years. The result: a splendid, pioneering work worthy of a literary prize. Wansa took great pains to portray a realist environment: the older, Julian calendar is used; our characters drink tea with linden blossoms and you'll note the realistic recurring use of villagers' names. For instance, it seems like every other woman is named Mariya, while Petro is a common men's name.

There are several Slovak characters in the story and places like Bardejov, Presov and Stara Lubovna are often mentioned. Stara Polyanka, though, is a fictitious village, a composite of many small Rusyn villages.

So turn off the TV and dip into this rich treasure of Rusyn culture. You won't be sorry. And by the way, the poem at the top of the page, penned by "Andrii Rusynko" was written by the author, Mark Wansa, himself.



The Prague Spring and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968 Forty Years Later

Compiled and edited by M. Mark Stolarik

This is a new history of the 1968 'Prague Spring' and the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Warsaw Pact, written by experts in the field. Based upon the most recent archival research, this book provides the latest and best scholarship on the 'Prague Spring'.

In the fall of 2008, eighteen knowledgeable scholars from the member states of this former military alliance gathered at the University of Ottawa to present fresh interpretations of these tragic events.

This collection reveals the answers to many questions, top secrets, and heroic positions, which took place as a result of the demands of the Soviet Union to cooperate and collaborate in the invasion of Czechoslovakia. Dr. Stolarik's book is an excellent example of historical research.

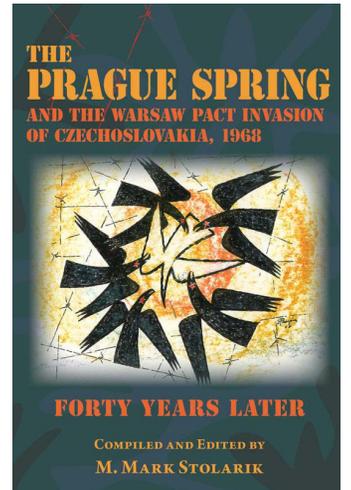


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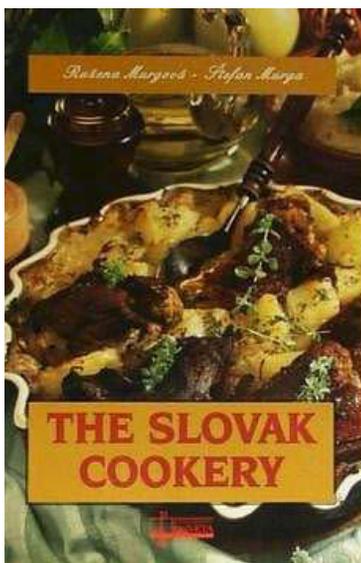
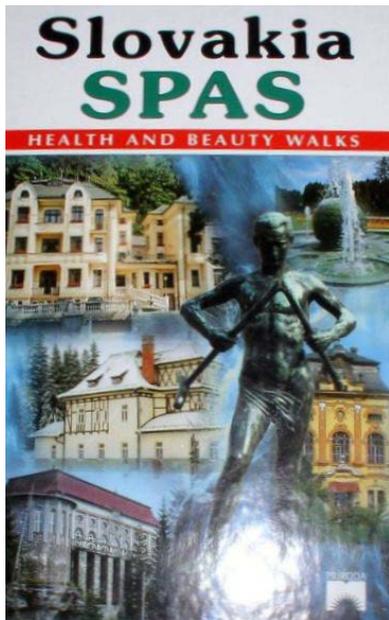
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About Spas In Slovakia

SLOVAKIA SPAS is a hardbound book, 150 pages (in color). It is written in English by authors Ludmila Husova and Julia Takatsova. The book covers all the active spas in Slovakia, presenting all the information on each spa, buildings, springs and treatments, maps, history, addresses, phone numbers, and accommodations. Price is \$50, including shipping. For more, go to <http://www.slovakic.com/index.php?category=BMMISC>



THE SLOVAK COOKERY (2009),

Hard back (8.5 X 12 inches), in color and written in English, has 189 pages of recipes from eastern, central and western Slovakia. About 400 + recipes for soups, meat, fish, desserts, venison, poultry, mutton, potatoes, pasta, vegetables, and salads. Details the ingredients for usually four servings and the preparation procedure. Price is \$80, including shipping. For more, go to: <http://www.slovakic.com/index.php?category=BMCOOKING>



Members of the SCF Planning Committee: 1st row, L - R: Father Andrew S. Hvozdic, National First Vice President of the SCF; Father Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., National President of the SCF; and Margaret Ferri, President of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF. 2nd row, L - R: Dr. Jayne Klenner-Moore, Communications, SCF; Theresa Kluchinski, National President of the LPSCU; and Mary Jo Savidge, National Secretary, LPSC. Missing from the photo is Dolores Evanko, National Secretary/Treasurer of the SCF.

Slovak Catholic Federation Plans 100th Anniversary

Recently Father Philip Altavilla met at the home office of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to plan for the 100th Anniversary of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, PA with a Pontifical Mass at 2:00pm with the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, D.D. J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton as Celebrant. Following the Mass a gala reception will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Scranton, PA. Additional information will be made available in the near future.

Sts Cyril & Methodius Slovak Church
and
Jednota, Monsignor Shuba District
cordially invite you to their annual

SLOVAK FAMILY DAY PICNIC

On Sunday, July 25, 2010

Mass at the grounds starting at 12 noon

Lunch to be served after the Mass

Schnitzel \$8.00

Gulash \$6.00

Hot Dogs \$1.00

BBQ at 4pm

At Creditvale Park

On Barbertown Rd, Mississauga

Admission \$7.00 for adults

Children under 12 is Free

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Insurance Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we have been running a year-long presidential campaign from August 1, 2009 to the presidential banquet in August 2010.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every two (2) new insurance policies signed, the proposer would receive a certificate which would state that he/she has signed two (2) new insurance policies and the duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the Presidential Campaign. The drawing for \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Prize money will be paid when the insurance premium is paid. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each proposer can sign as many members as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each two (2) new insurance policies signed. Example: Two (2) insurance policies, one (1) certificate. Four (4) insurance policies, two (2) certificates.

Term as well as reserve policies are eligible for these grand prizes.

Our insurance products are very competitive. Let's get everybody involved in sales during this "Presidential Campaign". Your Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership and Marketing Committee wishes you the best of luck in your endeavor to secure new membership.

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Annuity Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we will also have the same prizes for annuity procurements as we are having for new membership.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's brought in during the period August 1, 2009 to the August 2010 convention, the recommender will receive a certificate which will state that he/she brought in \$10,000.00. The duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the presidential campaign. The drawing for the \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

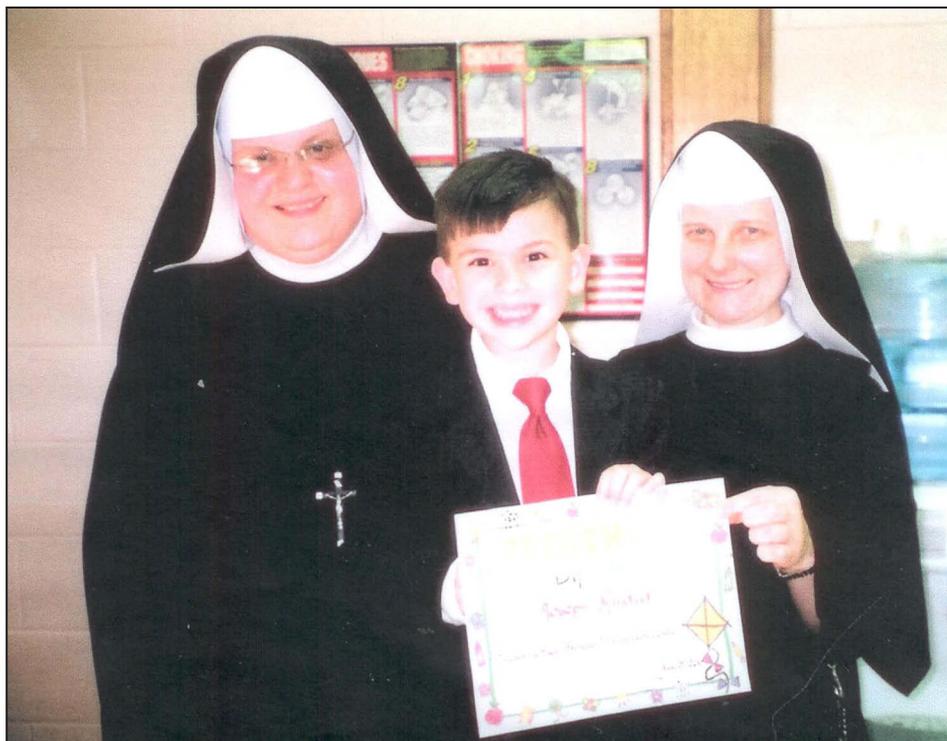
Each annuity proposer can bring in as much money as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's. Example: Bring in \$10,000.00 one (1) certificate, bring in \$20,000.00 two (2) certificates, and bring in \$30,000.00 three (3) certificates.

So take this opportunity to earn some great prizes and get people to invest in our Annuity/IRA's. Remember... our high paying Annuity/IRA rates are second to none.

Good Luck and God Bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman

YOUTH ROUND-UP



Preschool graduate Joseph Kudia displays his diploma

Joseph Kudia, Branch 153K, Graduates Preschool

Five year old Joseph Kudia (Branch 153K), son of John and Elisa Kudia of Orland Park, Illinois, graduated from Guardian Angels Preschool & Daycare Center at the Benedictine sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows Priory in Oak Forest, Illinois.

Edward Kudia



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship Program.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades or an official copy of applicant's high school transcript which indicates applicant's high school grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:

Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.
First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131
Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310
E-mail: fcsu@aol.com - Website: www.fcsu.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010

*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.



Branch Member 853 Charles Boone celebrates his 11th birthday

Happy Birthday, Charles!

Charles Boone of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, celebrated his 11th birthday in style with a surprise birthday party, a Birthday Card Party.

Charles received many special birthday cards including cards as far west to California, south to Florida, and east to Rhode Island and many points in between.

Jednota members from branches 181, 311, 670 and 853 celebrated with him by sending him cards.

Charles is a member of Branch 853 of Ellsworth and will attend 5th grade.

He is the son of Monica Rodacy Boone current president of Branch 853 and former National Auditor and former National Pension Board Trustee.

Happy 11th Birthday Charles - and many many more.



Slovak League of America Announces 2010 Scholarship Grants

The Slovak league of America – a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907 – is pleased to announce that it will once again offer the John and Julia Demko Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$750.00 to deserving students this year. Any student of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled or who will be enrolled full time at a college, university, or professional school in the fall semester may apply for this grant. These grants are available to students who are on the undergraduate or graduate level of study. These grants honor the memory of John and Julia Demko, well-known Slovak fraternal and cultural activists of Bayonne, NJ.

Applicants are asked to complete a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written double-spaced pages. The completed application along with the essay is to be returned by the deadline date of November 1, 2010. Grants will be paid to the individual student in December 2010.

**For an application, write:
Slovak League of America
205 Madison Street
Passaic, NJ 07055**

Or, for more information, contact the Slovak League of America, Monday – Friday, 11AM – 4PM, at (973) 472-8993.

About the Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc., was established in 1972 as an affiliate of the Slovak League of America to assist students of Slovak ancestry achieve their educational goals. Since then, more than 125 students have benefited from this fund.

On May 27th, the Province of St. John the Baptist honored 2010 jubilarians in Chicago, Illinois with a special Mass and tribute. Enclosed are a few observations of Friar Portasik as he celebrated the 65th anniversary of his profession.

My Parents Were Immigrants: Reflections on 65 Years in the Franciscan Order

As I reflect on my sixty-five years in the Franciscan Order, there are not many who know that I was born and raised in an immigrant family. Both of my parents came to the United States from Slovakia; both lived in poverty and under the foreign domination of Hungary for over 1,000 years. Like parents in similar circumstances, they sought to instill in us immigrant children a twofold gift: love for freedom and faith in God. It was within this framework that I experienced ethnic ridicule of the Slovak people, and sensed a deep desire to encourage immigrants who came to this country at the turn of the twentieth century to be bold. What eventually enabled me to achieve this goal was my ability to speak Slovak from birth, and the eventual entrance into the Vice Province of the Holy Savior. As a friar and priest, I became a bi-lingual missionary from the Northeast to the Midwest for over forty years. Among my happiest moments was the downfall of communism in Slovakia in 1989 and the restoration of the suppressed Franciscan Province.

Many are probably not aware of my love and interest in the Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order). I was appointed as Commissary for eighteen years. During these years I came in contact with many friars in the United States; among them a dear and close friend Friar Jovian Weigel, OFM. I still have a stole that he gave to me on the occasion of my fiftieth anniversary of ordination. With the approval of the new SFO Rule in 1978, I heard at meetings of the need for a simple introduction to the SFO. This prompted me to write a study pamphlet entitled Way of Life.

Because of the smaller number of members in the Vice Province, I had many opportunities to experience the presence of friars both here and abroad. Among these were: my election as Custos (1976-1982), participation in two general chapters (1976 and 1979), appointment as general visitor to two Custodies and one Vice Province, member of the American Franciscan Liturgical Committee, and several visits to the Holy Land and Slovakia. With my personal knowledge of the Vice Province in the United States, I published two short volumes entitled Slovak Franciscans in America, an authentic record of some of the work of OFM Franciscans in the twentieth century among the immigrants of Slovak descent in the United States.

Sixty-five years is a long time, except in the eyes of God. It is like a passing breath or a wisp of smoke. This is an opportunity to thank our Provincial, Friar Jeff Scheeler, OFM and his Council for this special honor to share the above thoughts with you. May St. Francis and his love for Jesus and Mary fill your hearts with a similar desire for all present and future immigrants.

Friar Richard A. Portasik, O.F.M.



Rudolph Bernath
& American
Chemical Society
Award

FCSU's Rudolph Bernath Honored by American Chemical Society

Rudolph W. Bernath, a retired chemist from Navistar International, Vice President of Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II and Vice President of FCSU Branch 153K, was honored by the American Chemical Society for being an active member of the American Chemical Society for 50 years. He is also the Treasurer of the Chicago Chemists Club.



80th Annual Slovak-American Day in Milwaukee on July 25

The 80th Annual Slovak-American Day hosted by the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is set for Sunday, July 25th at the Croatian Park, 9140 S. 76th Street, Franklin, WI. The park opens at 11:00AM.

Mass in Slovak will be celebrated at 12 noon with the Rev. Louis P. Luljak, a retired priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese as celebrant and homilist.

The 2PM cultural program will feature performances by the Group 4 and Wreath 93 Slovak Catholic Sokol drillers. Providing a program of spirited and colorful music and dance traditions of Slovakia will be the ever-popular Tatra Slovak Dancers. Slovak food, bakery and refreshments will be available. Music for dancing will be featured by the Slovak Band of Chicago. Golf cart transportation will be available at the park for the "Young at Heart."

For more information, please call Betty Valent @ 414-425-6137 or Ralph @ 262-893-2972.



SLOVAK PICNIC IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sunday, July 18, 2010

The American Slovak Zemplin Club will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, July 18, 2010. The picnic will be held at the ST. SAVA PICNIC GROVE, 2151 Wallings Road (between State and Broadview Roads) in Broadview Heights.

Festivities begin at 12 noon and continue until 8:00PM. Traditional Slovak specialties as well as American favorites will be featured throughout the day. Home-baked pastries/kolace will be available for sale. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the popular Johnny Pastirik Band. The popular Slovak beer Zlaty Bazant also will be available. There will be 50/50 raffle boards and other activities to please everyone.

The committee cordially invites all Jednotars and Jednotarky. We are looking forward to seeing you. Come with your family and friends. Help us preserve our Slovak culture and heritage. For additional information, call (440) 885-5702.

Fraternally yours,
George Carny, President

Publication Schedule for 2010

Issue Date	Deadline
August 4	July 26
September 1	August 23
September 15	September 3
September 29	September 20
October 13	October 4
October 27	October 18
November 10	November 1
November 24	November 15
December 8	November 29

**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately**

THINK ABOUT IT!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA MARCH 20 - 21, 2010 RENAISSANCE HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO

FIRST SESSION

Saturday morning, March 20, 2010

OPEN MEETING

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and asked Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. The President asked Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Director, to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, and Slovakia and in the recitation of the Pledge of the Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present:

Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain;
Andrew M. Rajec, National President;
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President;
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary;
George F. Matta, National Treasurer;
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors – absent, excused;
Susan M. Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director;
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel;
Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director, Region 1;
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2;
Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3;
George Sprock, Regional Director, Region 4 – absent, excused;
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6;
Rudolph Glogovsky, Regional Director, Region 7;
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Regions 8 & 9.

READING OF THE CALL

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Annual Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2010

A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by Milos Mitro to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting. The President asked for the acceptance of this motion. The motion was unanimous except for Rudolph Glogovsky, who voted present. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Annual Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Rudolph Glogovsky to accept the agenda and allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President appointed the following committees:

DONATIONS COMMITTEE

George Matta
Carl Ungvarsky

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Reverend Thomas Nasta
Gary Matta
Susan Ondrejco

A motion was made and seconded to accept the appointment of the committees. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The President read his welcome to the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

President Rajec turned the meeting over to Vice President Andrew Harcar, who recognized President Rajec. President Rajec read his annual report. At the conclusion of the President's Report, a motion was made for its acceptance by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by Milos Mitro. Motion carried. (The President's Report is to be published in the Jednota newspaper).

OUTSIDE AUDITOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the accounting firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP., Mr. Ed Mertz presented a written report and answered the Board of Directors' questions. Mr. Mertz stated that he found all financial reports in good order and that he received excellent cooperation from the Home Office staff. He stated he would give a clean audit opinion on behalf of the FCSU.

ACTUARIAL REPORT

Mr. Edward DePersis of the actuarial firm Bruce and Bruce presented the actuarial report for 2009. Mr. DePersis stated that since each Board Member received a copy of the report, he will not read the entire report, but will just give some highlights. He gave a very positive report for the results achieved in 2009. The actuary recommended that a dividend be paid for 2010. After his presentation, Mr. DePersis answered the Board's questions.

PRINTERY LEASING

Mr. Kevin Fry, Vice President of CB Richard Ellis, Inc., presented (via teleconference) his proposal to the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Rudolph Glogovsky and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to sign a one year Lease Agreement with the condition that CB Richard Ellis, Inc., presents a marketing plan to the Executive Committee for approval. Motion carried.

RECESS OF SESSION

The Board broke for lunch.

SECOND SESSION

Saturday Afternoon, March 20, 2010

OPEN MEETING

President Andrew Rajec opened the afternoon session with a prayer and call to order. The Executive Secretary stated that all members are present, except Karen Hunka and George Sprock, who are absent and excused.

At this time President Rajec invited the Board members of Jednota, Inc. (George Matta, President; Andrew Rajec, Secretary; James Bacon, Rudolph Glogovsky, James Marmol, Edward DePersis) and the Board members of Jednota Properties, Inc. (Regis Brekosky, President; Joseph Minarovich, Vice-President; Joseph Bielecki, Secretary; Joseph Senko, Treasurer; and Carl Ungvarsky) for a joint meeting.

President Rajec turned the meeting over to George Matta, President of Jednota, Inc., so he can conduct the Jednota, Inc. & Jednota Properties, Inc. meeting.

Regis Brekosky, President of Jednota Properties, Inc. informed the Board of Jednota Properties, Inc. of the balloon payment due to the First Catholic Slovak Union in April 2010.

At this time President Rajec continued with the FCSU Board of Directors meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt, seconded by George Matta, to extend the Jednota Properties, Inc. mortgage with the FCSU for 5 more years with a balloon payment due in April, 2015 with payment on a 15 year amortization schedule at the current interest rate. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned back to George Matta, President of Jednota, Inc.

Jednota Properties, Inc. President Regis Brekosky asked for motion to accept the FCSU's proposal. A motion was made by Joseph Minarovich, seconded by Carl Ungvarsky, to accept the extended mortgage with current terms. Motion carried.

AQS, ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White, representing AQS, Asset Management Company, LLC., present at the invitation of the President, gave his report to the Board of Directors. Mr. White led a discussion concerning our investments with Key Bank. A motion was made by Rudolph Glogovsky and seconded by Henry Hassay to direct the Executive Committee to start liquidating some of the enormous profits earned on the ARC Funds over the next 12 – 18 months period. Motion carried.

Mr. White gave a Web-ex visual presentation to the Board of Directors with the following agenda:

- Portfolio metrics and distribution
- Transactions
- Projected Portfolio Cash Flows
- Market Data
 - Fed Fund Futures/FOMC
 - Market Levels
 - 10 year corporate bond spreads vs. treasuries
- Corporate Bond Spreads 1yr and 10yr historical
- A conversation with Victory Capital Management – the ARC Fund
- Commentary

When Mr. White finished his presentation, he answered the questions of the Board of Directors.

With no further business to conduct for the day, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Fr. Nasta closed the meeting with a prayer.

THIRD SESSION

Sunday Morning, March 21, 2010

OPEN

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Father Thomas Nasta led us in prayer.

ROLL CALL

The Executive Secretary took a visual roll call. He stated that everybody is present except Karen Hunka and George Sprock, who are absent and excused.

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DIVIDENDS

President Rajec led a discussion concerning recommendation of our actuary to pay dividends for 2010. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to allocate \$400,000.00 for the 2010 dividend. Motion carried.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT

Jednota, Inc. The President of Jednota, Inc., George Matta, gave his report to the Board of Directors and answered the Board's questions.

Jednota Properties, Inc. Regis Brekosky, President of Jednota Properties, Inc., presented a report for Jednota Properties, Inc. and answered the Board's questions.

The reports of Jednota, Inc. and Jednota Properties, Inc. are informational in nature.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2009

Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth A. Arendt presented the summary of the 2009 Financial Report and answered the Board Members' questions. The Executive Secretary stated that his Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George F. Matta presented his report and answered all of the Board's questions. The Treasurer's Report is to be published in the Jednota newspaper.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman of Auditors, Karen Hunka, Executive Secretary Ken Arendt presented her report. It will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

General Counsel Gary Matta made a report and answered the Board's questions.

VICTORY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

By the invitation of the President, Mr. Craig Ruch, CFA, Chief Investment Officer and Mr. Christopher Welker, CFA, Product Specialist, both representing Victory Capital Management, made a presentation. Mr. Ruch and Mr. Welker answered the Board's questions to their satisfaction.

APPOINTMENT OF THE EDITOR FOR JEDNOTA NEWSPAPER

The President introduced our new Editor, Mrs. Theresa Ivanec, to the Board of Directors. After her presentation she answered the Board's questions. A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by Damian Nasta to confirm her appointment as Editor of our newspaper. Motion carried.

The President led a review of a resolution passed by the Board of Directors by unanimous vote at the March 14 & 15, 2008 Board of Directors meeting regarding By-law 7.05(e):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING CLARIFICATION ON THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS OF THE FCSU

Whereas, the Executive Committee has discussed its concerns with the entire Board of Directors regarding the current state of volatility of investments in the United States and the entire world, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors understands that the investments of the Society are important to the Executive Board, and must be actively managed to obtain the highest possible returns consistent with safety and within the rules of the Ohio Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the Board of Directors, has reviewed the Bylaws of the Society and specifically reviewed section 7.05(e) regarding the limit of \$5,000,000.00 to be held in all savings accounts, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors, after extensive discussion, believes that section 7.05(e) of the Bylaws is only applicable to the savings accounts that are located in various Banks and Savings and Loans, and

Whereas, modern investments and banking practices have materially changed over the years, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors does not believe that section 7.05(e) is applicable to the investment and institutional accounts of the FCSU, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors expects the Executive Committee to make certain that the investment and institutional accounts of the Society are invested at the highest rate of return available in the market during the time of the investment with the assurance that the investments are secure, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors also expects the Executive Committee to continue to obtain investments in the bond and stock market that will yield maximum rates of return consistent within the rules of the Ohio Department of Insurance Code on investments and in the best interest of the Society.

Therefore it is resolved on this 15th day of March, 2008, that the Board of Directors of the FCSU acknowledges the existence of section 7.05(e) of the Bylaws and also acknowledges the investments and accounts used by the Executive Committee are not applicable or inconsistent with the

conditions set forth in Section 7.05(e).

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Director of Fraternal Activities Susan Ondrejco gave a Power Point presentation to the Board of Directors and answered their questions. A motion was made by George Matta and seconded by Henry Hassay to accept the Fraternal Director's report. Motion carried. (Her report will be published in the Jednota.)

RECESS OF SESSION

At this time the Board of Directors broke for lunch.

FOURTH SESSION

Sunday Afternoon, March 21, 2010

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this time the President recognized the Vice President, who presented his Annual Report to the Board of Directors and answered the Board's questions. The Vice President's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Membership

The Vice President distributed a written report to the Board of Directors. The report contained a listing of the top proposers of insurance and annuity sales, a detailed report of sales production by districts and a five year comparison report broken down by districts.

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Executive Committee Meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Executive Committee meets monthly and whenever else it is necessary to take care of the business of the Society.

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Report of the donations committee

George Matta made the report of the Donations Committee. All requests were reviewed and acted upon.

Report of the resolutions committee

General Counsel Gary Matta gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. There were no resolutions.

Pension Committee The Executive Secretary gave an update on the FCSU Pension Plan. He stated that we are in full compliance with all federal regulations and answered the Board's questions.

Scholarship Committee The Executive Secretary gave a report on Scholarship Committee. The applications for FCSU scholarships are being processed and will be sent to the Scholarship Committee. He also gave a report on the Jednota Benevolent Foundation and answered the Board's questions.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE CHAPLAIN AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Chaplain and Regional Directors presented their Annual Reports. All reports will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the Reports of the President, Executive Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, Fraternal Director, Chairman of Auditor, Chaplain and Regional Directors as presented. Motion carried.

HOME OFFICE BUILDING & EMPLOYEES

The Executive Secretary updated the Board of Directors on the maintenance and the lease of our Home Office Building and answered the Board's questions.

2010 CONVENTION

The President updated on the progress of preparations for the 2010 Convention. The Executive Secretary will give the Board members a full tour of the hotel and its facilities after the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE AUDITORS FOR 2010

The decision on appointing an outside auditor firm has been deferred until the proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, is fully reviewed. If the proposal is similar to the past 3 years contract, it will be acceptable.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to pay all the bills associated with the meeting. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

The President reviewed the meeting dates of the Board of Directors for 2010.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to adjourn. Motion carried.

Father Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010 HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. via teleconference and asked Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. The President asked Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Director, to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, and Slovakia.

ROLL CALL

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present at the home office:

Andrew M. Rajec, National President;
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary and
George F. Matta, National Treasurer

The following were present by telephone:

Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain;
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors;
Susan M. Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director;
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel;
Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director, Region 1;
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2;
Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3;
George Sprock, Regional Director, Region 4;
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5;
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6;
Rudolph Glogovsky, Regional Director, Region 7;
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Regions 8 & 9 and
Mr. Larry J. White, Asset Manager, representing AQS, by the invitation of the President.

READING OF THE CALL

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Quarterly Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 20 - 21, 2010

A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to accept the minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting which had previously been sent to all the Board members and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to accept the agenda and allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

AQS, ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White, representing AQS, Asset Management Company, LLC., at the invitation of the President, presented his report to the Board of Directors. Mr. White led a discussion concerning our investments portfolio, including our investments in the Victory Asset Management, ARC Fund.

Mr. White gave his report to the Board of Directors with the following agenda:

- Portfolio metrics and distribution
- Cash on hand and projections
- Market Data
 - Current Markets
 - Fed Fund Futures
- Credit Actions
- Transactions
- Sallie Mae Investments
- FCSU Equity Positions
- Commentary

During and after his presentation, Mr. White answered the questions of the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 2010

Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth A. Arendt presented the summary of the Financial Report from the 1st Quarter of 2010 Financial Report and answered the Board Members' questions. The 1st quarter results included an increase in assets to \$250,623,136, an operating gain of \$ 509,645, and an increase in surplus of \$1,840,138 to \$15,009,151. The level of surplus and assets at March 31, 2010 is the highest in the history of the Society. The Executive Secretary stated that his Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors which gave a complete update of the investments in the Victory Capital Management (a subsidiary of Key Bank)

ARC Fund and updated the Board of Directors on all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

The President led a discussion concerning the possibility of reducing our investments in the ARC Fund by withdrawing of some of our profits. After conferring with Mr. Larry White, our Asset Manager, the Board determined that since other investment options were limited by current market conditions, such withdrawals should possibly be delayed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George F. Matta presented his report and answered all of the Board's questions. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

At this time Larry White left the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jednota Estates

The President led a discussion regarding the substantial maintenance work done at the Printery in Middletown, PA. He stated that all the maintenance work was up-to-date. The President further stated that he received a call from our leasing agent regarding an inquiry of the possibility of leasing the Printery building. He will update the Board as soon as more information becomes available.

Interest Rates

The President updated the Board on current annuity rates. He stated that the rates are reviewed on a monthly basis, adjustments are made if necessary, and all rates are published in the Jednota newspaper and on-line as well as written notifications.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed the sales production by Districts and also by General Agents and answered the Board's questions.

The Vice President also updated the Board on seminars to be held in the remaining months of 2010. A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by George Matta to accept the Vice President's report as presented. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Executive Committee Meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Executive Committee meets monthly and whenever else it is necessary to take care of the business of the Society.

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Scholarship Committee

The Executive Secretary stated that he received the list of FCSU 2010 Scholarship winners from the Scholarship Committee. He stated that all the individual winners and their schools have been notified in writing. The list of winners and their pictures will be published in Jednota newspaper.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT

Jednota, Inc. The President of Jednota, Inc., George Matta, gave his report to the Board of Directors and after answering the Board's questions he turned the meeting over to the President of Jednota Properties, Inc., Regis Brekosky who presented his report to the Board.

The reports of Jednota Inc. and Jednota Properties are informational in nature.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Director of Fraternal Activities Susan Ondrejco presented a report on the Bowling tournament and Photo contest. She informed the Board about the upcoming Golfing tournament to be held on July 24 – 25, 2010 at Cedarbrook Golf Course in Belle Vernon, PA. She further updated the Board about possibility of joint events with Slovak Catholic Sokol in 2011. The entire Board of Directors agreed that we should continue with joint events. The President asked the Susan Ondrejco to contact the Director of Fraternal Activities of Slovak Catholic Sokol to set up the dates for joint events for 2011.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman of Auditors, Karen Hunka, presented the Auditor's Report and answered the Board's questions. The Chairman stated that the Internal Auditors conducted a thorough audit and everything was in order.

MISCELLANEOUS

The President continued with his report reviewing his recent letter to the Board of Directors regarding several complaints received from Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky and Mr. Michael Kristofik. The President had sent a package to each Director and Board member containing all pertinent information and documents including correspondence from Rudolph Glogovsky and Michael

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Kristofik. The Board members had each received a very considerable amount of correspondence from Mr. Kristofik.

1. The President reviewed his written response to Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky regarding Mr. Glogovsky's complaints regarding his late submission of his candidacy announcement and the submission of scholarship application. After the President's review and a discussion with the Board of Directors, Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky stated that he did not want to continue this matter and thanked the President for the Jednota Benevolent Scholarship information. The President said it was end of discussion on this subject and continued with his report.

2. The President stated that a complaint was received regarding By Law 8.02 (c) – Convention Nomination Procedures. After a discussion with the Board of Directors, regarding the request by some potential candidates for late publication in the Jednota of their candidacy, Regional Director Henry Hassay made a motion, which was seconded by Regional Director Carl Ungvarsky not to make any changes to the By Laws and leave the current By Law 8.02 (c) regarding Nomination Procedures as it stands. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. The President read the next complaint addressed to the Board by Michael Kristofik against Mr. Victor Jiompkowski. After discussion, a motion was made by Joseph Minarovich and seconded by Henry Hassay to deny the appeal from Mr. Michael Kristofik to remove Mr. Victor Jiompkowski as a District delegate to the 49th Convention. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors. With no further deliberation the Board of Directors determined that Mr. Victor Jiompkowski was duly elected by his District and is entitled to remain as the District delegate to the 49th Quadrennial Convention.

4. President Andrew Rajec read the next complaint addressed to the Board of Directors from Mr. Michael Kristofik, against Mr. Joseph Rimarcik, President of Branch 743, Detroit, Michigan. According to Mr. Kristofik's complaint, Mr. Joseph Rimarcik knew about Mr. Jiompkowski selling insurance for another fraternal organization but failed to inform the Home Office. Mr. Kristofik wants Mr. Rimarcik's credentials as a Branch Delegate to our 49th Convention taken away. After discussion by the Board, Regional Director Henry Hassay made a motion, seconded by Regional Director Joe Minarovich, to deny the complaint for removal of Mr. Rimarcik as delegate to the Convention and have him remain as a Branch delegate to the Convention. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

5. The President then addressed the complaint from Mr. Michael Kristofik made to the FCSU Supreme Court against President Andrew M. Rajec and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt. The President explained to a Board of Directors Mr. Kristofik's allegations, that Mr. Arendt "seized" Branch 615 and Mr. Rajec was negligent in not punishing him. Therefore Mr. Kristofik reasoned that Mr. Arendt should immediately be removed from his office as Executive Secretary and be prohibited to run for re-election. Mr. Kristofik made referrals to By Laws section 17.01 and 14.01. Mr. Rajec explained the situation with Branch 615 (Mr. Kristofik's branch in which he has not been active for many years). A motion was made by Henry Hassay, seconded by Joseph Minarovich to recommend to the Supreme Court to deny all allegations by Michael Kristofik against Mr. Rajec and Mr. Arendt as ridiculous and frivolous complaints. A roll call vote was taken. The Board voted unanimously to send such a recommendation to the Supreme Court.

6. The President updated the Board of Directors about the Land Leasing Contract we signed with a local farmer in Middletown, PA. He further informed the Board that the farmer signed papers releasing the FCSU from any liability. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Father Nasta updated the Board on the clergy attending our 49th Convention.

The President reviewed the request from the Ohio Department of Insurance concerning clarification of investments. The President will inform the Board of Directors when a reply will be received from the Ohio Department of Insurance.

A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt, seconded by Henry Hassay, to present a recommendation to the Convention that George Sprock be given emeritus status. Mr. Sprock is retiring as a Regional Director.

ADJOURN

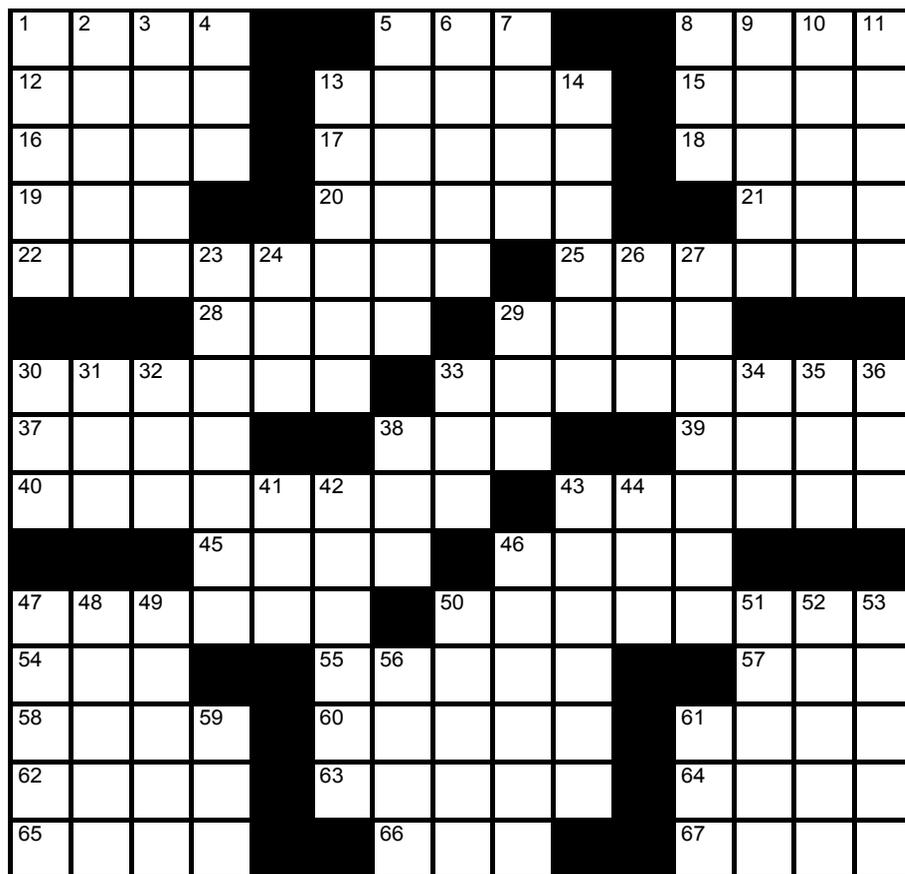
There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky adjourn. Motion carried.

Father Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Farmer's yield
- 5 Agent (Abbr.)
- 8 Despot
- 12 Macrame
- 13 Antitoxin
- 15 Seaweed
- 16 Assist
- 17 Rapidly
- 18 Filth
- 19 Master's degree
- 20 Failure
- 21 Maiden name
- 22 Frock, of sorts
- 25 Pictures
- 28 Blowhole
- 29 Hitch
- 30 Hosts
- 33 Roughneck
- 37 Perjurer
- 38 Petroleum
- 39 Scarlett O'Hara's home
- 40 Planetary neighbors, possibly?
- 43 ___-pants
- 45 Fem. suffix
- 46 Skewer
- 47 In the middle
- 50 Acrobatic
- 54 Transgression
- 55 Netherlands capital
- 57 Poem
- 58 Coffee shop
- 60 Bergen, for one
- 61 Fencing sword
- 62 Sign
- 63 Watered-silk
- 64 Smear
- 65 Auto need
- 66 Arrange

Down

- 1 Holding device
- 2 Spiritual leader
- 3 Body of water
- 4 Favorite
- 5 News account
- 6 Delete
- 7 Purplish brown
- 8 Slight amount
- 9 Catapult
- 10 Gibe
- 11 Grades
- 13 Beauty parlors
- 14 Spanish domestic sheep
- 23 Deflected
- 24 Fixed charge
- 26 ___ de mer
- 27 Stir up
- 29 Sun god
- 30 Shade tree
- 31 Mine (It.)
- 32 Convertible
- 33 Towel monogram
- 34 Needlefish
- 35 Paintings
- 36 Negative vote
- 38 Singleton
- 41 Ft. parts
- 42 Hymn
- 43 Political arena
- 44 Metric unit
- 46 Royal house of Scotland
- 47 Cravat
- 48 Florida city
- 49 Gather
- 50 Texas A&M student
- 51 Mechanic's need
- 52 Expression
- 53 Gauls
- 56 Commotions
- 59 Compass pt.
- 61 The Feds

Reminder...

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A Special Invitation to All Members:

Join Us For The Presidential Banquet & Program, Sunday August 15

The First Catholic Slovak Union cordially invites all of our branch members who are not otherwise attending as delegates to join us for one special night of the 49th Convention. The Presidential Banquet and Program will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm, in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The evening features a full-course dinner at special member pricing, as well as an evening of entertainment that reflects our rich heritage with a "Slovak Dance and Music Spectacular" highlighting folk dance groups from Canada and the United States – plus music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Invited guests also can come early and browse through the renowned Helene Cincebeaux Collection of beautiful kroj (folk costumes), some never exhibited before, in the George Bush Room on the third floor of the hotel.



Stitched With Love...



Baine/Cincebeaux Collection

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION 49TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010
5:00 pm
DINNER/PROGRAM CELEBRATION**

Adult Tickets - \$35.00

Children Tickets - \$15.00

_____ Number of adult tickets X \$35.00 = \$ _____

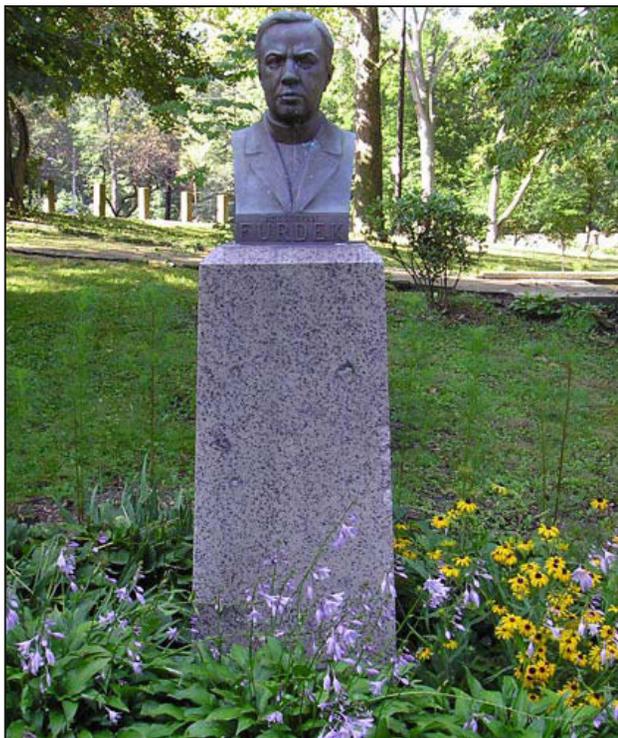
_____ Number of children tickets X \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Branch Officer Name: _____ Branch No. _____

Please order your tickets in advance - DEADLINE IS JULY30, 2010

Clip this ticket order form and return it with your payment



Slovak Cultural Garden Featuring Father Furdek

If you are taking the tour of University Circle, be sure to stop by the Slovak Cultural Garden that is part of the Cultural Gardens extending north from University Circle in Rockefeller Park. The Slovak Cultural Garden is comprised of three acres, spanning two levels, from East Boulevard to Martin Luther King Boulevard. At its heart is a sandstone terrace that opens onto an oval-shaped lawn and which sits between busts of Stefan Furdek, a gift of the First Catholic Slovak Union, and Jan Kollar. The two busts reflect the complexity of the Slovak identity in the United States, specifically Cleveland, with memorials to two leaders in the community - a Catholic priest and a Lutheran minister.



Geneology expert and fellow delegate Joe Hornack will be available to assist those interested in learning more about their Slovak roots.

Geneology Expert On-site During Convention

A table will be set up during Convention at the Renaissance Hotel by fellow delegate Joe Hornack to help those interested in learning more about their Slovak ancestry. A member of Branch 1, Joe has been recognized since 1984 for assisting those in search of their roots in Slovakia. Since 2002, he has served as fulltime volunteer assistant to the Director, Andrew F. Hudak Jr., at the Slovak Institute & Reference Library located in the Abbey building of the Slovak Benedictine Monks, of Cleveland.

He has assisted countless people online with information passed down to them by their family members. He also has manned information tables at many cultural events, Conventions and Genealogy Conferences across the country for the past 20 years.

While it isn't possible to translate family letters during the Convention, Joe is looking forward to helping anyone who wants more information on how to proceed in their genealogical searching, both in the United States and in the Slovak Republic. Follow-up on-line exchange is encouraged.

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION

49TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 14-18, 2010

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Registration (all day)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Lolly the Trolley Tour	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Dinner	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	(Pajtasi Slovak Band from New York will play for your dancing and listening pleasure)
Board Trolley for game	6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
	(transportation to game (meet by front entrance))
Baseball Game	7:00 pm - 10:30 pm (optional)

Sunday, August 15, 2010

Registration/office	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Opening of Convention	8:30 am - 11:00 am
Brunch	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Transportation to church	1:15 pm (meet by hotel front entrance)
Mass	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Cocktail Reception	4:30pm - 5:30 pm (2 drink tickets/cash bar)
Dinner/Program	5:30 pm - 10:00 pm (dancing will follow)

Monday, August 16, 2010

Registration /Business Office	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Breakfast	7:00 am - 9:00 am
Mass	7:30 am
Lolly the Trolley City Tour	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Convention Session	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Luncheon	12:00 noon
Lolly the Trolley City Tour	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Convention Session	1:00 pm
Cocktail Reception	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (cash bar for alcohol)
Dinner/Program	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Registration/Business Office	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Breakfast	7:00 am - 9:00 am
Mass	7:30 am
Lolly the Trolley Shuttle	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
	(transportation to Rock & Roll Hall & University Circle Museums)
Convention Session	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Luncheon	12:00 pm
Convention Session	1:00 pm
Dinner	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (cash bar)
Board buses	6:30 pm (bus transportation to GoodTime III)
GOODTIME III Cruise	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Mass	7:30 am
Convention Session	8:30 am (if needed)
Farewell Brunch	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Convention Closed	

Convention Keynote Speaker, Ambassador Peter Burian

Ambassador Peter Burian is the current Slovak Ambassador to the United States of America. He will serve as our keynote speaker at the Convention on Monday evening, August 16.

Born in Hlohovec, Slovakia, Ambassador Burian graduated in Oriental Studies at St. Petersburg University in the USSR and entered the service of the Czechoslovakian foreign ministry in 1983. Following the breakup of Czechoslovakia on 1 January 1993, he was appointed chargé d'affaires at the newly independent Slovakia's embassy in Washington, D.C. and, shortly after, deputy chief of mission. He was also Slovakia's permanent representative to the UN from 22 December 2004 to November 2008. He became the Slovak Ambassador to the US in December 2008.



Ambassador Peter Burian with President Bush after presenting his credentials December 3, 2008

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephens Society Branch 006K will hold its next meeting Sunday July 18, 2010, in the Pizza Hut, 1619 N. Bloomington Street, Streator, IL at 12 noon. The children and adult members of Branch 006K can enjoy a social activity with pizza and drink provided by the branch after the meeting. All members planning to attend are urged to call Paul Chismar at 1-815-822-8851.

Paul Chismar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday August 15, 2010 in St. Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. All members are urged to attend and to offer suggestions for future branch activities. Refreshments will be served. Please spread the word to fellow members.

Mike Koval Financial Secretary

BRANCH 38 – DUSQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Friday, July 9, 2010, at 7:30PM at the home of the Secretary, Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, PA.

Officers reports, discussion on the Slovak Day celebration that will take place at Kenywood Park on July 18, 2010.

We urge all Branch 38 members and delegates to please attend this meeting to discuss Convention concerns and suggested by-law changes.

Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 11, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, Illinois. On the agenda will be scholarships and the National Convention in Cleveland. All members are urged to attend the meeting and dinner at no cost. Please make reservations by calling Maria Harcar at (815) 672-6142 before July 9th.

Maria Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 169 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Society, Branch 169P, will hold its semi-annual meeting at the Slivosky residence, 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, PA, on Monday, July 12 at 1:00PM.

**Betty Slivosky,
Secretary**

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 7th, 2010 at the home of Sophie Pipak. Discussion on August Convention will take place.

Sophie Pipak

BRANCH 254 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The next semi-annual meeting for Branch 254 is Sunday July 11, 2010, at Panera's at the Galleria Shops in Mt. Lebanon, 1 to 3 PM.

Albina Senko

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday August 15, 2010 at 9:30 am in St. Joseph's church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Join us for refreshments and fellowship and to see what's happening in our society. All members are urged to attend.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 410 will hold a meeting on July 15, 2010 at 4:00PM at Meloni's in Uniontown for delegates to discuss the upcoming Convention activities and issues.

Geri Buchheit, Financial & Recording Secretary

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 21st, 2010.

Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559.

We will begin with a fraternal social period

with refreshments at 1:30 pm, with the Meeting starting at 2:00 pm; family-style dinner follows.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at (773) 505-0117 or (502) 244-6643 by August 10th. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

**Robert Tapak Magruder,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 567 - ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567KJ, will have a regular meeting on Wed., August 4, 2010, at 1:00PM in the Social Hall at St. John the Baptist Church, 924 North Front Street, Allentown, PA. On the agenda will be election of delegates to attend the district meeting on October 10, 2010. All members are welcome. Enjoy the summer.

Rosalie Favere, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 581 GARY, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will hold its regular luncheon-meeting, Sunday, July 11, at my home at 8981 Norris

Dr., Hobart, IN. The agenda will be discussion of future activities for the summer and fall. An outing is being considered to see the Railcats Baseball team.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Branch 682 will hold a pre-convention meeting on July 29, 2010, at MRL Laboratories, 290 N. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471.

Andrew J. Hirt, President

BRANCH 831 – TARENTUM, PENNSYLVANIA

The Officers of Branch 831 would like to thank everyone involved with the sale of the building and property, formerly known as Jednota. We would also like to thank Mr. Rajec, Mr. Arendt, Mr. Matta, Attorney Matta and Attorney Paz with the help in getting this sale finalized. The new owners are the Slovak American Club.

**Fraternally,
Kathleen M. Persun, Secretary**



Attention: Former Members of Branch 207

To former members of Barnesboro Branch # 207.

A representative of Branch #484 will be at the Prince of Peace Festival on Sunday, July 18 to answer any questions about your policies and information on all of the fine products we offer. We welcome any prospective new members.

Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary.



87th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood

The annual Slovak Day Festival will be held this year on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Kennywood Park. The program includes the following:



Make a New Memory.

- 12:30PM – Slovak Kitchen opens
- 12:30PM – Children's games and treats
- 2:00PM – Children's folk dancing
- 3:00PM – Introduction of guests
- 4:00PM – Catholic Mass
- 5:00PM – Slovak folk entertainment
- 6:00PM – Music for dancing

For ticket information, call Dolly at (412) 243-0438



Minneapolis Parish Festival Sunday, August 15, 2010

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Minneapolis, MN, will hold their annual festival on Sunday, August 15, 2010, on the parish grounds. The festival will begin with a polka Mass at 10:00AM and conclude at 5:00PM with a cash raffle drawing.

There will be Slovak and Spanish food available, along with games for children, a cake walk, pull tabs, refreshments and door prizes.

All Jednota members, their families and friends, are invited. Members will be volunteering at the food and game booths. Members are invited to register at the Big Raffle Booth for a free cash raffle entry and a food/refreshment ticket.

This activity replaces our annual family picnic.

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary, Branch 3K

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

OKRES – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT 10

Rev. Stephen Furdek, District 10, will be meeting at 1:00 pm, on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311. This meeting is being held to discuss convention issues.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Linda Hanko @ 330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Linda Hanko @330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com so that we may have a proper head count for refreshments.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Hanko
Recording Secretary/Treasurer**

DISTRICT 14 – REV JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Rev. Joseph L. Kostik, District 14, will be meeting at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311. This meeting is being held to discuss convention issues.

The Rev Joseph L. Kostik District 14 will hold its next regular meeting on July 20, 2010 at 7:00PM, St. Matthias Church Rectory. All branches are urged to attend.

Carla Peshek, President



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members



The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
002K	Donald L Benton	085K	Clara Jennie Caro-casterline	313K	Andrew T Krasula	567K	Joseph Psarsky
002K	Irene Brazenec	152K	Stanley S Pajka	320K	Dolores Gladys	586K	John A Zember
003K	Joseph J Matlon	162K	Frank E Bozak	320K	Emil S Varga	600K	Mary Duffer
004K	Jan Marie Jonas	164K	Edward C Stanko	327K	Albert J Kovach	618K	Ann Michael
016P	Mary A Olejnik	173K	David Maksimovicz	327K	Paul R Tshudy Sr	628K	Louise Stumpf
016P	Bernard J Podcasy	173K	John Paul Onzik	367K	Joan K Darcangelo	667K	Catherine Kushner
019K	Raymond J Lastomirsky Jr	200K	Thomas Leo Gray	369K	Margaret Ann Triscik	682K	Rita Eperjesi
019K	William D Liscinsky	200K	Johanna V Ruhl	408K	John G Sardigal	682K	John Stephan Korhely
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024K	Richard J Dorko Sr	228K	Mary Ann Kelley	410K	William S Morris Sr	718K	Mary Anne Gazinski
035K	Agnes M Babjak	228K	Andrew J Mihalik	410K	Elizabeth M Stanya	731K	Annette M Giancola
035K	Cecelia Zahorchak	259K	Francis Skokan	419K	Ethel M Bushko	731K	Kenneth J Zumrick
038K	Ann M Fedor	266K	John C Opilla	461K	Klementina Sroba	746K	Elizabeth Burgess
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040K	James P Madara	294K	John O Domin	493K	Henry Janusek	762K	Paul A Demkovich
040K	Raymond S Tutoky	308K	Edward A Dolak	549K	Helen Veard	762K	Mary J Sandrick
055K	Thomas M Sklencar	308K	Andrew J Serenko Jr	553K	Helen Ann Perusich	764K	John C Tote
075K	Edward J Petro	308K	John M Stanko	567K	Joan M Ehrtiz	855K	Mary F Lucas
075K	Regina Switlicky	313K	Bridget Chisek	567K	Jean R Minarovic	857K	Adam J Danglo

* Processed in the month of June 2010

OBITUARIES

Bernard S. Sickle

Branch 162 –
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Bernard S. Sickle, age 80, of Perryopolis, PA, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010. He was born August 29, 1929 at Perryopolis, PA, son of the late Steve and Anna Rabatin Sekel. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis, PA.

Bernard is survived by one daughter, Denise Reynolds and husband Jeff of Perryopolis; three grand-children: Lauren, Robert and Danielle; three brothers: Steve Sickle Jr., Thomas Sickle and wife Sara Jean and Robert Sickle all of Perryopolis, PA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Sickle and one brother John Sickle.

Friends were received in the Blair – Lowther Funeral Home in Perryopolis, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on May 27, and where a prayer service was also held on Saturday, May 29, at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis, with the Rev. Father Bob Lubic as celebrant. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Perryopolis.

Regina M. Engdahl

Branch 85 –
Blakely, Pennsylvania

Regina M. Engdahl, 61, of Mountain Top, PA, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2010, following a sudden illness and hospitalization. Born October 22, 1948, in Nanticoke, PA, she was a daughter of Joseph and Regina Harcharik. She was a graduate of Marymount

High School and received her bachelor's degree in Art Education from College Misericordia in 1970. She started her teaching career in the Nanticoke School District. She then took time off to raise her two daughters before returning to her teaching career in the Crestwood School District, where she taught Elementary and Junior High Art Education. She retired in 2007 to spend time with her family. Regina enjoyed traveling with her husband of 34 years, Hans, and spent time tracing her family genealogy, which lead her to retrace her family roots on a trip to Slovakia in 2006. She truly enjoyed spending time with her children and grandson, and enjoyed any opportunity for family gatherings. She was also a member of St. Jude Church in Mountain Top. She is survived by her parents, Joseph and Regina Harcharik, of Dorrance; loving husband Hans, of Slocum Township; daughter, Marie Moyer and husband Kevin, of Wapwallopen; daughter, Dr. Carolyn Engdahl-Hines, of Shickshinny; sister, Yvonne Sapak and husband James, of Dorrance; brother, Jerome Harcharik and wife Martha, of Highland Village, Texas; sister-in-law, Anna-Lena Engdahl, and husband Eskil, of Stockholm, Sweden; grandson, her "Honeybunches" Carson Moyer; nephews, James and Brian Sapak, Drew Harcharik; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 24, from The Desiderio Funeral Home Inc., Mountain Top, with a funeral Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Mountain Top. Interment was in St. Joseph's, Slovak Cemetery, Nanticoke.

Stella Helen Skovira

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St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Parish will hold their annual Slavic American Festival on Sunday, July 18, 2010, on their parish grounds located at 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA, from 12:00 noon until 9:00PM. Come enjoy our famous Slavic culinary specialties: perohi, halushki, holupki, and many other foods, drinks, and delicious desserts. Listen and dance to the music of two fabulous bands – the Polka Whoooo and the Polka Partners. Games for young and old, bingo, church tours, cultural and religious artifacts, raffles: \$3500 in cash prizes and the basket raffle, baskets filled with many useful items. Free admission and free parking. For your convenience and comfort, bring your own chair. Restriction: no carry-on foods, drinks or personal picnic tables. The public is invited. For information, contact Roxanne Ebert at 717-652-1415.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

Moving to the Right: Slovakia's Voters Elect a New Parliament

By Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

Slovakia will soon have a new government, and it should be in place once this article goes to print. In the parliamentary elections held on June 12, 2010, a center-right coalition managed to edge out the current left-center coalition partners led by Robert Fico's SMER-SD (Direction-Social Democratic Party), which has held power since the June 2006 elections.

As this article is going to press, the center-right parties have agreed to form a new government. The SDKÚ (Slovak Christian and Democratic Union) party leader, Iveta Radičová, is set to assume the position of prime minister. She would be the first female head of government in the history of Slovakia.

But before this new government could form, Fico was desperately trying to assemble a new coalition. His SMER-SD party had garnered nearly 35 percent of the votes and 62 parliamentary seats, the highest number of votes of any party in the election. Therefore, as President, Ivan Gasparovič was obligated to offer Fico the opportunity to form a new government. Fico's allies did not obtain enough votes to combine for a majority. Fico would have to obtain new partners. That would require an opposition party to join with him to form a government under his leadership; but the four opposition parties had all vowed not to cooperate with Fico.

On June 14, President Gasparovič met with Mikulas Dzurinda, the former prime minister (1998-2006) and chairman of the SDKU-DS party that finished second in the parliamentary elections. Dzurinda reiterated that his party and others in the opposition had no intention of dealing with Fico. His party is determined to form a government headed by Iveta Radičová, who is a more popular choice for the office than Dzurinda.

The Slovak parliament has 150 seats, so that means that a 76 seat majority is required to form a government. Fico's Smer-SD party only secured 62 seats and its partner, the Slovak National Party, obtained 9 seats, not enough to constitute a majority. His other former ally, the LS-HZDS (People's Party – Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, led by the controversial former prime minister (1993-98), Vladimír Mečiar) managed to get only 4.32 percent of the vote. This makes the party ineligible to enter parliament for, under Slovakia's constitutional law, a party must have more than 5 percent to be in government. The five percent threshold was designed to bar small and extremist parties from government, a procedure typical in most multi-party parliamentary democracies. There were 18 parties officially registered for the election, and only 6 reached the 5 percent requirement.

In accordance with Slovak law, Fico still has until June 23 to attempt to form another government. After that date, the former opposition would assume power in the new parliament.

Here is a table showing the June 12, 2010 election results.

Political Parties in Slovakia	Ideology	Votes	%	Seats	±
Smer_SD Direction – Social Democracy	Social democracy	880,111	34.79	62	+12
SDKU-DS Slovak Democratic and Christian Union – Democratic Party	Conservatism	390,042	15.42	28	-3
SaS Freedom and Solidarity	Classical liberalism	307,287	12.14	22	*
KDH Christian Democratic Movement	Christian democracy	215,755	8.52	15	+1
Most-Híd Bridge – Civic Hungarian Party	Hungarian minority interest	205,538	8.12	14	*
SNS Slovak National Party	Nationalism	128,490	5.07	9	-11
SMK Party of the Hungarian Coalition	Hungarian minority interest	109,638	4.33	0	-20
LS – HZDS People's Party – Movement for a Democratic Slovakia	National conservatism	109,480	4.32	0	-15
Total Vote (turnout 58.83%)		2,529,385	—	150	—

Sources: "Informácie o stranách kandidujúcich do parlamentu." <http://volby.sme.sk/c/5299289/informacie-o-stranach-kandidujucich-do-parlamentu.html> (accessed June 14, 2010). "First vote, then choose," *Economist* (June 15, 2010), http://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2010/06/slovakia_0. (accessed June 15, 2010).

Public opinion polls had predicted a lower turnout than the nearly 59 percent of citizens who voted in this election. Both of Slovakia's polling agencies, FOCUS and SMK had erred, and some predictions ran as low as 45-50 percent. It is even possible that the low predictions motivated more people to go to the polls than otherwise would have happened.

Slovakia polling agencies also misfired in predicting the percentage voting for Fico's Smer-SD party, and overestimated the vote for nationalist Slovak National Party and for Mečiar's LS-HZDS.

This beckons the question why Fico's allied parties did not secure enough votes as in the previous 2006 parliamentary election. Professor Kevin Deegan-Krause, a political scientist at Wayne State University in Detroit, closely follows Slovak public opinion polls and provided some feedback in an interview with the *Slovak Spectator*, Slovakia's English language newspaper. He had predicted that some of Fico's coalition partners' voters would switch to back Smer-SD and increase its total. This

rise came at the expense of both the Slovak National Party and Mečiar's declining party, the latter of which will probably fade into oblivion in the future.*

Deegan-Krause also attributed the increased voter turnout to the entrance of several new parties that might have raised voter interest -- Freedom and Solidarity (SaS), a new party formed last year by the flat-tax proponent Richard Sulik, who attracted many younger voters, who campaigned via the internet; Most-Híd, a moderate breakaway Hungarian party led by Béla Bugár, that sought to work with the Slovak right-center parties; and the smaller SDL (Party of the Democratic Left, which only pulled in 2.4 percent of all votes. The Most-Híd vote was especially encouraging, for the SMK Hungarian Coalition Party, which had been in parliament for 12 straight years and was pushing for closer ties to Budapest, attracted only 4.3 percent of voters. This showed a willingness of most Hungarians in Slovakia to opt for staying in the Slovak Republic rather than seeking even greater autonomy or separatism as a solution.

Some last minute shenanigans also occurred as the election date approached. Mečiar's party was handing out free flour in an attempt to motivate voters, and Fico assailed the opposition for illegally slapping "Don't vote SDL" stickers on car windshields. The Slovak daily *Sme* obtained an audio recording which allegedly resembled Robert Fico's voice, and indicated that his Smer Party had accepted illegal campaign contributions in 2002. Prime Minister Fico threatened to sue *Sme*'s editor-in-chief, for what he referred to as an "anti-campaign," his party and government, and called the recording a fake.

Regardless, Slovakia will have a new government within two weeks, and it should be a right-center coalition which represents a broad spectrum of Slovak voters. In contrast to the welfare state which Fico was trying to maintain, the new government will most likely be steadfast in its attempt to balance the budget and do some serious belt tightening.

Radičová commented that "the citizens of Slovakia have voted for responsibility," She and other opposition parties "pledged to improve the business environment, create new jobs, reduce the deficit and fight corruption.

SNS party leader Ján Slota emotionally bemoaned the election results and expressed fear that "Hungarians and homosexuals will rule Slovakia."

That hardly seems likely. The Most-Híd party wants to build bridges and work with other coalition partners. But a new government will most likely mean the end of a controversial Patriot Act, which prioritized the Slovak language in public exchanges and antagonized the Magyar population.

The other fear involves the possibility of the legalization of same-sex marriages. The Freedom and Solidarity Party supports not only tax reform, but also the decriminalization of marijuana use and legalized marriage for same-sex couples. However, the coalition partner Christian Democrats would vigorously oppose gay marriages as a matter of faith and principle.

So Slovakia will not be sold down a "gay Danube." Rather there will be a peaceful change of government, which is usually healthy for any young democracy.

*. (If one is interested in Professor Deegan-Krause's most recent analysis of Slovakia's political climate, some results of his research can be found at the website he used for his blogs about politics in Slovakia – www.pozorblog.com.)

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Branch 493 Members (L – R): Pete Turner, Don Cummings, Robert Ľapák Magruder, and Valerie Vesely



Ed and Shirley Uram



(L – R) Theresa Bugel, Joe Bugel, and Marge Dickinson of Branch 313



The Branch 153 contingent



(L –R) Ola Pietti and Maria Harcar

Stats Office Records Highest Voter Turnout in Village of Sarbov



Bratislava, June 13 (TASR) - The Slovak Statistics Office on this date said regarding the country's June 12 general election that it registered the highest voter turnout (62.9 percent) in Bratislava region and the lowest (54.25 percent) in Kosice region.

Other regions have shown the following voter turnout: Zilina - 60.95 percent, Trencin - 60.44 percent, Trnava - 59.93 percent, Banska Bystrica - 58.37 percent and Presov - 54.57 percent.

At the municipal level, most of the populace - 96 percent - was found to have cast its votes in the village of Sarbov (Presov region) with 25 registered voters, whereas the fewest, 20.15 percent of 913 eligible voters voted in Zehra, a village in Kosice region.

SDKÚ (Slovak Christian and Democratic Union) party leader Iveta Radičová, set to assume the position of prime minster, would be the first female head of government in the history of Slovakia.

TASR Presents Complete List of Newly-Elected MPs

Bratislava, June 13 (TASR) - Six parties - Smer-SD, SDKU-DS, Freedom and Solidarity (SaS), Christian Democratic Movement (KDH), Most-Hid and the Slovak National Party (SNS) - managed to get into Parliament in the general election on Saturday. TASR presents the complete list of elected MPs:

Smer-SD (62 MPs): Robert Fico, Robert Kalinak, Pavol Paska, Marek Madaric, Jan Pociatek, Dusan Caplovic, Lubomir Jahnatek, Viera Tomanova, Richard Rasi, Igor Federic, Jaroslav Baska, Lubomir Vazny, Miroslav Ciz, Jan Richter, Vladimir Faic, Peter Ziga, Jana Lassakova, Renata Zmajkovicova, Stanislav Kubanek, Juraj Blinar, Tibor Glenda, Magda Kosutova, Martin Givac, Jan Podmanicky, Peter Kazimir, Jozef Burian, Pavol Pavlis, Viktor Stromcek, Dusan Munko, Maros Kondrot, Dusan Galis, Jozef Bucek, Mojmir Mamojka, Peter Pelegrini, Jozef Valocky, Branislav Ondrus, Dusan Jarjabek, Marian Salon, Igor Choma, Vladimir Janos, Pavol Goga, Lubomir Zeliezka, Vladimir Matejicka, Lubomir Petrak, Iveta Liskova, Lubos Martinak, Mikulas Krajkovic, Dusan Bublav, Ladislav Lazar, Darina Gabaniová, Lubica Roskova, Bibiana Obrimcakova, Andrej Kolesik, Jan Senko, Ivan Varga, Viliam Jasaa, Jana Valova, Marian Kovacoc, Peter Suca, Anna Vitteková, Robert Madej and Marian Zahumensky.

SDKU-DS (28 MPs): Iveta Radicova, Ivan Miklos, Lucia Zitnanska, Magdalena Vasaryova, Milan Hort, Ludovit Kanik, Eugen Jurzyca, Viliam Novotny, Martin Fedor, Jana Dubovcova, Stanislav Janis, Ivan Chaban, Jozef Mikus, Ondrej Matej, Ivan Stefanec, Zoltan Horvath, Jaroslav Ivanco, Jan Golian, Stefan Kuzma, Martin Pado, Tomas Galbavy, Pavol Kubovic, Peter Markovic, Kamil Homola, Miroslav Beblavy, Milan Jezovica, Tatiana Rosova and Katarina Cibulkova.

Freedom and Solidarity/SaS (22 MPs): Richard Sulik, Daniel Krajcer, Jozef Mihal, Igor Matovic, Erika Jurinova, Martin Fecko, Jozef Viskupic, Juraj Miskov, Martin Chren, Jana Kissova, Stanislav Fort, Jozef Kollar, Lubomir Galko, Pavol Hladky, Martin Poliacik, Lucia Nicholsonova, Juraj Droba, Natalia Blahova, Ludovit Jurcik, Peter Kalist, Szilard Somogyi and Richard Svihur.

Christian Democratic Movement/KDH (15 MPs): Jan Figel, Daniel Lipsic, Pavol Hrusovsky, Julius Brocka, Jana Zitnanska, Maria Sabolova, Jan Hudacky, Andrej Durkovsky, Radoslav Prochazka, Martin Fronc, Anton Marcincin, Ivan Uhliarik, Pavol Abrhan, Peter Muransky and Alojz Pridal.

Most-Hid (14 MPs): Bela Bugar, Zsolt Simon, Tibor Bastrnak, Gabor Gal, Ivan Svejna, Peter Zajac, Frantisek Sebej, Jozsef Nagy, Rudolf Chmel, Laszlo A. Nagy, Ondrej Dostal, Igor Sidor, Peter Osusky and Laszlo Solymos.

Slovak National Party/SNS (9 MPs): Jan Slota, Anna Belousovova, Jan Mikolaj, Rafael Rafaj, Rudolf Pucik, Stefan Zelnik, Dusan Svantner, Vincent Lukac and Igor Stefanov.

Another Successful Fraternal Event for Spitzkovsky District 2

The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District 2 for Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, once again sponsored a dinner/theatre fraternal event for its members on Sunday, May 16, 2010. Twenty-eight people from three states enjoyed a champagne brunch buffet in a private room at the Theatre at the Centre in Munster, IN, a suburb of Chicago. Attendees then watched a matinee performance of the musical "I Do, I Do."

A big d'akujeme (thank you) goes out to District 2's Director of Fraternal Activities George Kelchak for organizing another successful fraternal event.

Robert Ľapák Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary

Scenes from the 53rd International Pittsburgh Folk Festival

Established in 1956, the mission of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival Inc, is to promote unity in cultural diversity by preserving and perpetuating the cultures of Western Pennsylvania; organizing, promoting and presenting an annual Folk Festival to showcase those cultures; providing educational and cultural activities to schools and the public in the folk arts; and promoting awareness and understanding of diverse cultures.

The 53rd International Pittsburgh Folk Festival, held at the Monroe Convention Center, Friday, May 14 – Sunday, 16, 2010, highlighted the cultural diversity of more than 25 nationalities in the Pittsburgh area. Among them, Slovakia was represented by the popular Pittsburgh Slovaks with several performances. The First Catholic Slovak Union also was represented at the festival.



The popular folk ensemble the Pittsburgh Slovaks at the 53rd International Folk Festival



L – R, FCSU National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.; International Pittsburgh Folk Festival Board Member and FCSU Member Sue Ondrejco; Kennywood Slovak Day Chairperson Cecilia Sirocky; and FCSU Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt



The Slovak Kitchen, with FCSU Supreme Court Member Rudolf Ondrejco and FCSU Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco (inside, in blue), and their beautiful helpers



The Pittsburgh Slovaks performing on stage

Answer to Puzzle

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L – R, Ann Wargovich and Mary Ann Goldie

News From Slovakia

Slovakia to Take Over V4 Presidency as of July 1

Bratislava, June 9 (TASR) - During its upcoming one-year presidency of the Visegrad Four group, Slovakia wants to continue the successes achieved by previously presiding countries, according to the V4 presidency program proposal that was approved by the Slovak Government on Wednesday.

Slovakia will take over the rotating presidency as of July 1, meaning that it will overlap with Hungary's EU presidency in the first half of 2011.

According to the V4 presidency program proposal, under the slogan 'Effective Visegrad – Continuity, Cohesion, Solidarity and Awareness', Slovakia's main objective is to show itself to be a constructive partner both in the regional context and in relation to its strategic partners in the EU and NATO. "At the same time, we'll do our utmost to advocate our economic and regional interests," stated the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

In terms of international politics, Slovakia will focus on improving co-ordinated V4 approaches within the European Union in order to push forward common interests and conventional matters successfully.

Several V4 summits are set to take place over the upcoming year, with the V4 presidents scheduled to meet in Karlovy Vary (the Czech Republic) on November 5-6, 2010. In addition, the prime ministers will meet at two summits, one in late November and early December 2010, and the other in Slovakia in June 2011. The foreign affairs ministers are set to meet this October to discuss issues relating to the Western Balkans, while in the spring of 2011 they will focus on the Eastern Partnership.

During Slovakia's presidency of the V4, the four member countries (Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia) will observe the 20th anniversary of the group's founding.

Following Slovakia, the V4 presidency will pass to the Czech Republic.

Lajcak To Open Slovak Embassy in Montenegro

Podgorica/Bratislava, June 14 (TASR) - Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak will open the Slovak Embassy in Podgorica in Montenegro on June 15.

The representative office in Podgorica is supposed to provide new impetus mainly in terms of mutual economic co-operation and promote Slovakia's position in the country, as Slovak diplomacy has a special place in the birth of Montenegro. [Slovakia was among the first to recognize Montenegro as a free and sovereign state on June 13, 2006 and established diplomatic ties with it on the day on which the country was accepted into the United Nations - June 28, 2006. Plus outgoing Foreign Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak helped co-ordinate the nation's referendum on independence from Serbia – TASR ed. note]

A diplomatic presence of Slovakia in Podgorica is also important from the perspective of tourism, since after Croatia, the Montenegrin coast is one of the top holiday destinations for Slovak tourists.

After the ceremonial opening of the embassy in Podgorica, Lajcak will attend the Meeting of Central European Initiative (CEI) Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Budva.

During his visit to Montenegro, Lajcak will meet with the country's top officials - President Filip Vujanovic, Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic, Parliamentary Chairman Ranko Krivokapic, Finance Minister Igor Luksic as well as with his counterpart Milan Rocen.

Preliminary Estimate Puts Flood Damage in May and June at €267 mn

Bratislava, June 9 (TASR) - The damage to property caused by the floods that hit Slovakia in May and early June is estimated to total €267.8 million, including €156.8 million and €73 million in the hardest hit regions of Kosice and Nitra, respectively, the Environment Ministry told the Government in a report on Wednesday.

The estimates are preliminary, as many flood-affected areas aren't yet reachable.

Flood-related preventive and rescue operations, which have involved 2,200-plus water-company workers, more than 3,200 fire-fighters, 520 police and around 2,800 soldiers, are reckoned to have cost another €14 million.

President Okays Law on Parties' Donating €4 million to Flood Victims

Bratislava, June 11 (TASR) - People affected by extensive floods in the last few weeks will receive approximately €4 million from political parties, as President Ivan Gasparovic signed a piece of legislation to this effect on this date.

The amendment to the Act on Parliamentary Elections and the Act on Political Parties and Movements was passed by Parliament at its extraordinary session on Thursday, June 10.

Parties that gain more than 3-percent support in the elections will receive 0.75 percent of

the average nominal salary for every vote cast in their favour, 25 percent less than under the current system.

The amendments were passed by 112 out of 114 present MPs, with only independent MPs Pavol Minarik and Frantisek Miklosko (both formerly with the Christian Democratic Movement/KDH) voting against.

Slovakia's State Aid Rose by 8.4 percent Y-o-Y to €440.27 million in 2009

Bratislava, June 9 (TASR) - Slovakia's state aid for investors in 2009 rose by 8 percent to a total of €440.27 million (including €117.30 million from the European Union) or 0.69 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), the Economy Ministry stated in a report that was approved by the Government on this date.

Large annual reductions in aid extended by way of subsidies, grants, and tax breaks were registered for Bratislava region (88.11 percent), small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs/68.67 percent) and the steel-making industry (59.17 percent).

Big increases in aid went to the education sector (235.65 percent), employment (116.95 percent), and R&D (55.5 percent).

The bulk of the aid came from the Economy Ministry, accounting for no less than 45.7 percent of the total, followed by the customs authorities with 33.94 percent.

Most subsidies went to the regions of Bratislava, Trnava, Zilina and Banska Bystrica.

New Terminal Opens at Bratislava Airport

Bratislava, June 9 (TASR) - A new terminal at Bratislava's M.R. Stefanik Airport was officially opened on this date by Prime Minister Robert Fico, with the first airline passengers expected at the facility on June 10.

The terminal will be extended by the old terminal (used from 1970 until now) when its remodeling is completed sometime within the next twelve months and raise its capacity to 5 million travelers a year from 3.5 million, Fico said.

Building contractor for the project is ZIPP, which has offered to construct the entire project for €85 million, Zdenek Chraml, head of the airport management company, told reporters. He added that the total price, including runways and other connector roads, is just under €96 million.

Fico said he did not regret his decision to reverse the privatization of the airport shortly before signing the contract was finalized four years ago – when he replaced Mikulas Dzurinda as premier. "I am absolutely confident of my correct decision to prevent privatization," he said.

The current investment put a strain on the state assets but "on the other hand, it is a public investment that has created new jobs. All future proceeds will remain in our economy and not go into the pockets of foreigners," he said.

Exports Rose by 19.4% Y-o-Y in April

Bratislava, June 11 (TASR) - The overall export of goods from Slovakia reached €3.97 billion in April for a year-on-year increase of 19.4 percent, according to the Statistics Office.

Imports rose by 20.9 percent y-o-y to €3.63 billion. The foreign trade balance was in surplus, reaching €340.5 million, which is €19 million more than in April 2009.

When it comes to the first four months of 2010, overall exports rose 18.3 percent to €14.53 billion and imports rose by 13.8 percent to €13.88 billion. Thus, the surplus reached €649.3 million, which is €567.5 million more than during the same period of 2009.

Slovak Economy This Year to Grow Faster than Expected

Bratislava, June 14 (TASR) - Slovakia's economy will grow faster this and next year than expected in a prognosis actually published by the Finance Ministry in February but updated on this date.

The ministry estimates this year's growth to reach 3.2 percent - and not 2.8 percent as had been estimated earlier. The current estimate for 2011 is 3.8 percent.

"It's more positive expectations vis-a-vis external developments, along with improvement in short- and mid-term expectations, and positive results for the first quarter of 2010 in both Slovakia and the eurozone as a whole that stand behind the changes in prognosis," reads the document.

The ministry expects that household demand will revive in 2011. Financial market developments are highlighted among the negative risks listed in the current prognosis.

Slovak Catholic Federation Mid-year Annual Report & Appeal

By Father Andrew Hvozdic,
First National Vice-President for the Slovak Catholic Federation

Since 1978 the Slovak Catholic Federation has been conducting the SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal which begins each year in the month of February during the closest weekend to the Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodius. To date I am happy to report that \$18,325.24 has been collected. In its 32nd year, this appeal has primarily been taken up in parishes in the United States and Canada of Slovak heritage. The appeal continues during the entire calendar year 2010. As we are all very much aware, the days of "ethnic parishes" are becoming a thing of the past. More and more Slovaks reside in different parts of the country and no longer claim to belong to a parish of Slovak heritage. For this reason, many Slovaks may not have the opportunity to hear about, let alone participate in, this Annual Appeal. If it were not for the Slovak Catholic Fraternal Societies and their publications, communication to American and Canadian Slovaks would not be possible. In recent years we have seen an increase in individual donations apart from the parish collections. Also most of the Slovak Fraternal Societies have also been making contributions to this collection from their National Board of Directors, along with a number of local branches, wreaths, assemblies, and lodges.

For as you know, this appeal assists the Church in Slovakia by supporting the training mission of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Rome, Italy (formally known as the Slovak Institute or Ustav). In addition, funds are distributed to those Religious Communities of both men and women which share a counterpart which belongs to the Slovak Conference of Religious. These Communities being: Vincentian Sisters of Charity (Ruzomberok); Dominican Sisters (Dunajska Luzna); School Sisters of St. Francis (Zilina); Daughters of St. Francis Bratislava-Prievoz; Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great Secove and Presov; Franciscan Friars Minor (Bratislava); and House of St. Benedict (Bacurov).

As various groups will be holding summer picnics along with several Fraternal National Conventions, I ask that consideration be given to kindly taking up a collection in support of the Slovak Catholic Federation Appeal. All donations are tax deductible. In 2009 this Annual Appeal totaled \$50,322.49.

Individuals, groups, picnics, etc are all welcome to make a donation to this appeal, make all checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Federation and send directly to Dolores Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer, 173 Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201.

I pray that Almighty God reward all of us who participate in the support of the Church in Slovakia through the Slovak Catholic Federation 32nd Annual SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal.

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- December 6, 13, 20

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Address: Cathedral of Mary our Queen, 5300 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210

The cost is: \$60 per child per course for CSHA members.

The cost is: \$80 per child per course for CSHA non members.

You must fill out an application form along with your check. For membership forms or more information, please contact: Charles Supik at: 410 662 6094 or e-mail: usupik@verizon.net

You can also complete your registration at our Open Door Registration Day, on June 14, 2010 at our school at 6PM. It is a great opportunity to meet with the teachers and other Czech and Slovak Families!

Open Door Registration Day will be held on June 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm at:

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
5300 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland, 21210

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions about our programs and for directions to the school, please contact:

Marketa Traband at: 443 791 8427 or at: marketa.traband@gmail.com

My name is Martina Misik and I live in Bridgeport, CT.



My niece Alexandra – 21 month old angel has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma – stage IV last year. So far she has gone through 11 chemotherapies. Her tumor shrinks after a series of chemotherapies, but an operation is her only hope of survival. This tumor is very difficult to remove. After searching for surgeons with this specialized experience, I found Dr. LaQuaglia at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York. He is willing to operate, but deposit for the surgery Alexandra needs is \$130,000. We are desperately looking for ways to acquire the funds, but time is slipping away while we pursue the financial obligation for the surgery. We need to schedule the surgery in short period of time; otherwise she will have to go through another round of chemotherapy that will hopefully safe guard her current stage IV status. Her only chance is the surgery. We would appreciate any help to save our precious baby Alexandra.



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V nedeľu dňa 27. júna 2010 požehnali v Katedrále svätého Martina v Bratislave nový organ, ktorý v ten deň zaznel prvýkrát pri slávnostnej svätej omši. V ten istý deň si mala možnosť verejnosť prehládnuť tento nástroj zblízka v prítomnosti jeho staviteľa Geralda Wöhla.

On Sunday, June 27, 2010, a new organ was blessed in St. Martin Cathedral in Bratislava. It was played during the celebration of Mass on that day. In the afternoon, people had the opportunity to have a close look at the new beautiful organ and meet the builder Gerald Wöhl.

V Bratislave bolo prvé Národné stretnutie pri Pamätníku M. R. Štefánika

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si prevzali zástupcovia Košarísk, Myjavy, Brezna, Humenného, Lučenca, Povrazníka, Trenčína, Prieplavského a iných miest. Tiež školy nesúce Štefánikovo meno v Bratislave, Ivanke pri Dunaji, Lučenci, Košiciach a v Novom Meste nad Váhom i evanjelické cirkevné zbory z Dunajskej Lužnej a Leštín.

V kultúrnom programe zazneli Štefánikove citáty v podaní herca Františka Kovára. Oblíbené piesne Štefánika z Evanjelického spevníka zaspieval Martin Mikuš so sprievodom akordeónu Rajmunda Kákoního a národné piesne mužský cirkevný zbor z Brezovej pod Bradlom. Učinkoval aj folklórny súbor Dopravár a baletní umelci Štátneho divadla v Košiciach, ktorí predstavili fragmenty z inscenácie M. R. Štefánik Ondreja Šotha a Zuzany Mistríkovej. Boli predstavené dve knihy a DVD o Štefánikovi. Na záver kultúrneho programu premietli v slovenskom dabingu francúzsky dokumentárny film Štefánik, neveriteľný osud.

Znovupostavený Pamätník M. R. Štefánika v Bratislave slávnostne odhalili 4. mája 2009. Koncept pôvodného pamätníka vytvoril v 30. rokoch minulého storočia Štefánikov priateľ, český sochár Bohumil Kafka. Pamätník dokončili v roku 1938 na dnešnom Námestí Ľudovíta Štúra, kde však nevydržal dlho. Najprv odstránil fašistický režim sochu leva, symbolu česko-slovenských légii, ktorých zakladateľom bol práve Štefánik. V 50. rokoch dielo skazy dokončil komunistický režim odstránením a roztavením sochy Štefánika. Cestu pre návrat Pamätníka M. R. Štefánika do Bratislavy otvorili poslanci mestského zastupiteľstva, ktorí v decembri 2003 prijali uznesenie o jeho znovupostavení na nábreží Dunaja pred budovou novostavby SND. Pamätník dôstojne dotvára námestie nového centra Bratislavy - areálu Eurovea, ktorému poslanci Ružinova odsúhlasili v januári 2010 pomenovanie Námestie M. R. Štefánika.



Slovenskú republiku zvolili za podpredsedu Rady OSN pre ľudské práva

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politiky a nepochybne aj vysoký štandard podpory a ochrany ľudských práv na národnej úrovni, konštatoval Tlačový odbor Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR. Pozícia podpredsedu je prirodzeným zavŕšením historicky prvého mandátu SR v tomto principiálnom ľudskoprávnom orgáne systému OSN.

Slovensko bude na poste podpredsedu Rady OSN pre ľudské práva pôsobiť práve v čase, kedy sa nachádza na rozhodujúcej križovatke – v roku 2011 má byť finalizovaný proces jej revízie po piatich rokoch existencie. Osobitne zaväzujúcou skutočnosťou pre SR je, že v päťčlennom byre bude zastúpená ako jediná krajina EÚ a v tomto smere bude preto dôrazne presadzovať jej priority a predstavy na budúce akcieschopné fungovanie tohto mechanizmu v smere účinného riešenia krízových ľudskoprávných situácií kdekoľvek vo svete.

V Rade OSN pre ľudské práva Slovensko pôsobí od júna 2008, jeho trojročný mandát vyprší v júni 2011. Slovenská republika je na pôde Rady aktívna predovšetkým v oblasti práv detí. Predpokladá sa, že Slovenskom vedená iniciatíva na zriadenie komunikačnej procedúry k Dohovoru OSN pre práva dieťaťa bude ešte v tomto roku materializovaná predložením súvisiaceho Opäťného protokolu, informoval Tlačový odbor MZV SR.

Slovenská pošta vydáva známku k MS vo futbale

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenská pošta vydáva v deň odchodu slovenskej reprezentácie na Majstrovstvá sveta vo futbale 2010, t. j. 8. júna 2010, výnimočnú známku. Poštová známka s pohyblivým motívom futbalistu kopajúceho do lopty bude vytlačena ofsetom na lenticulárnej fólii na háčičku s dvoma známkami. Nominálna hodnota známky bude 2.30 eur.

„Majstrovstvá sveta vo futbale sú jednou z najsledovanejších športových udalostí, ktoré priťahujú pozornosť fanúšikov z celého sveta. Tento rok sa po prvýkrát na turnaj najlepších futbalových tímov sveta v Juhoafrickej republike prebojovala aj slovenská reprezentácia. Pri príležitosti tohto úspechu sme sa rozhodli ponúknuť fanúšikom výnimočnú známku, ktorá im historicky prvý postup bude pripomínať,“ uviedol Martin Vančo z Poštovej filatelistickej služby. Na pozadí tlačového listu je zobrazená časť štadióna. Na zadnej časti tlačového listu sú znázornené skupiny s vlajkami štátov, ktoré sa zúčastnia na MS vo futbale v roku 2010. Súčasne s poštovou známkou sa vydáva obálka prvého dňa vydania s pečiatkou FDC s dátumom 8. jún 2010 a domicilom Bratislava. Hlavným motívom prítlače je futbalista, ktorého fázy pohybu sú graficky stvárnené do kruhu. Námetom FDC pečiatky je pohár FIFA pre víťaza šampionátu. Autorkou výtvarného návrhu známky, obálky prvého dňa, ako aj FDC pečiatky je Ivana Sarah Avni.



V Ríme bola omša a recepcia k štátnemu sviatku SR sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Rím (TASR) - Zastupiteľský úrad SR vo Vatikáne usporiadal v utorok 15. júna oslavu štátneho sviatku sv. Cyrila a Metoda už tradične predčasne kvôli letnému dovolenkovému obdobiu.

Svätú omšu pri hlavnom oltári pápežskej baziliky Santa Maria Maggiore celebroval momentálne najvyššie postavený Slovak v štruktúrach Rímskej kúrie, sekretár Kongregácie pre východné cirkvi Mons. Cyril Vasil', ktorý je gréckokatolíckym arcibiskupom, a preto aj liturgia bola gréckokatolícka v slovenčine a staroslovienčine. V talianskej homilii C. Vasil' zdôraznil kultúrny aj náboženský rozmer misie sv. Cyrila a Metoda a vyzval na skutočné naplnenie ich dedičstva, zakotveného v Ústave SR.

Po liturgickej slávnosti sa jej účastníci presunuli do blízkeho hotela Antico Palazzo Rospigliosi, kde bola recepcia. Prišli na ňu aj mnohí hostia, ktorí sa nezúčastnili na liturgii. Z predstaviteľov Svätej stolice bol najvýznamnejším hosťom kardinál Bernard Francis Law, okrem už spomínaného C. Vasil'a prišiel aj tajomník 2. sekcie Štátneho sekretariátu Marcel Šmejkal. Zvrchovaný rád maltézskeho rytierov zastupoval zahraničnopolitický poradca veľvyslanca Alberto Leoncini Bartoli.

Veľmi početne bol zastúpený diplomatický zbor pri Svätej stolici, či už na úrovni veľvyslancov alebo ich zástupcov.

Tlačový odbor MZV SR



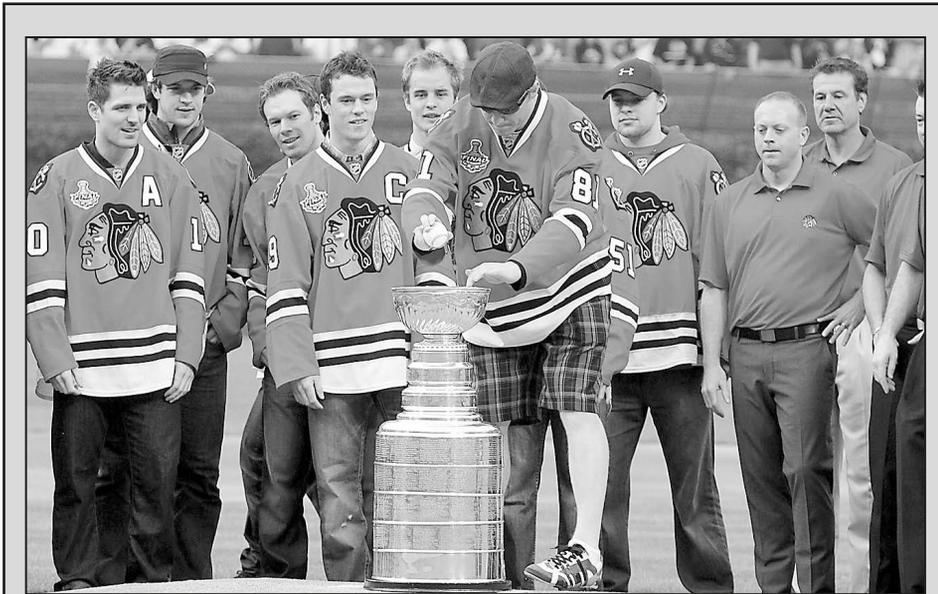
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Ukončenie Roku kňazov 2010 v Katedrále sv. Martina v Bratislave.

Ukončenie Roka kňazov v Katedrále sv. Martina v Bratislave

V piatok dňa 11. júna 2010 predpoludním sa v bratislavskej Katedrále svätého Martina zhromaždili dekáni a kňazi Bratislavskej arcidiecézy, aby spolu s hlavným celebrantom, arcibiskupom metropolitom Stanislavom Zvolenským slávnostne ukončili Rok kňazov, vyhlásený pápežom Benediktom XVI.. Vedľa hlavného oltára bola k úcte vystavená relikvia arského farára, svätého Jána Vianneya. Svoju homíliu arcibiskup Zvolenský uviedol myšlienkami o sviatku Najsvätejšieho srdca Ježišovho: Biblia srdce vníma ako najhlbšie jadro osoby, ako bod stretnutia s Bohom, ktorého predpokladom je pravá pokora. Pokora podľa Srdca Ježišovho, srdca dodnes živého, bijúceho a prítomného. Cieľom Roka kňazov bolo uvedomiť si, v duchu slov arského farára, kňazstvo ako "lásku Ježišovho srdca". Podstatou tejto Kristovej lásky je jeho kňazstvo, ktoré je súčasne obetou - Kristus je zároveň aj kňazom, aj obetou, ktorú prináša. V tom je vynikajúce poslanstvo aj pre súčasný svet, že obetovať sa nie je prehra, ale výhra a víťazstvo. Nový druh víťazstva cez obetu seba samého. Po svätej omši sa uskutočnila pobožnosť k Eucharistickému Kristovi, potom sa kňazi stretli v priestoroch kňazského seminára.

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Chicago, USA - Slovenský reprezentant Chicaga Blackhawks Marián Hossa vkladá loptičku do Stanleyho pohára pri príležitosti osláv triumfu Blackhawks vo finále NHL na pôde bejzbalového klubu Chicago Cubs na bejzbalovom štadióne Wrigley Field pred zápasom mestského derby medzi Cubs a Chicagom White Sox 13. júna 2010 v Chicagu.

Chicago Blackhawks' Marian Hossa puts a ball to the Stanley Cup during the Chicago Cubs to honor the 2010 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks in a ceremony before the start of an interleague baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Cubs in Chicago, Sunday, June 13, 2010. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

Špeciálne zľavy na prenájom vozidla pre návštevníkov Európy a Slovenska

Podarilo sa nám dojednať aj na rok 2010 špeciálne zľavy na prenájom vozidla pre návštevníkov z USA a Kanady. Minuloročné skúsenosti znova potvrdili kvalitné služby a spoľahlivé vozidlá na prenájom, ktoré poskytuje pán Ladislav Jáger. Jeho firma má nové meno: „CAR ONE“, ale viac ako 12 ročná skúsenosť v prenajímaní vozidiel a ponúka na prenájom vozidlá vybavené klimatizáciou, automatickou prevodovkou a navigačným prístrojom pre celú Európu. Vozidlá sú poistené tiež do všetkých štátov Európskej únie.

CAR ONE má sídlo v Bratislave, ale vozidlo pristaví klientovi podľa dohody, na letisko do Viedne, Bratislavy, Budapešti, Prahy, alebo Košíc. Pán Ladislav Jáger, majiteľ podniku Car One, úspešne čelí zložitej ekonomickej situácii vďaka mimoriadnej a nadštandardnej starostlivosti o svojich klientov a osobne dohliada na kvalitu služieb a zľavu poskytnutú návštevníkom z USA a Kanady. Pre klientov z USA a z Kanady má CAR ONE vždy výhodnejšie ceny ako konkurencia.

Ktorá z významných požičovní áut sa môže pochváliť tým, že majiteľ požičovne osobne bude dohliadať na kvalitu služieb a zľavu poskytnutú návštevníkom z USA a Kanady? Jediná CAR ONE, volajte priamo: Pán Ladislav Jáger, CAR ONE, tel.: 011 421 907 709 291, alebo Email: carone@carone.sk Web page: www.carone.sk

Paul Skuben
predseda Slovak American Center

Novým Košickým arcibiskupom sa stal Mons. Bernard Bober

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né, Snina /1975/ a Zborov /1977/. Od roku 1978 bol farárom vo farnosti sv. Ladislava v Kercovcích a v rokoch 1990-1991 pôsobil ako farár a dekan v Humennom. V roku 1991 ho diecézny biskup Mons. Alojz Tkáč ustanovil za svojho generálneho vikára. Svätý Otec Ján Pavol II. ho menoval za titulárneho biskupa Vissalského a košického pomocného biskupa. Za biskupa ho vysvätil J.Em. Jozef kardinál Tomko dňa 30. januára 1993 v katedrále sv. Alžbety v Košiciach.

Biskupské heslo Mons. Bernarda Bobera znie: „S láskou, poslušnosťou a milosrdenstvom“. Ako člen Konferencie biskupov Slovenska vykonáva funkciu predsedu Rady pre pastoračnú Rómov a menšín a tiež je členom Komisie pre katechizáciu a školstvo.

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Vládne posty sú rozdelené, SaS povedie Národnú radu SR

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Koaličný štvorlístok sa zároveň dohodol, že predsedu parlamentu nominuje SaS, pravdepodobne ním bude predseda strany Richard Sulík. Ostatné subjekty budúcej koalície obsadia posty podpredsedov NR SR, jedného má mať aj najsilnejšia opozičná strana Smer-SD.

Slovensko –americký deň vo Franklin, Wisconsin

Federácia slovenských spolkov v štáte Wisconsin usporiada v nedeľu 25. júla 2010 80. výročný Slovensko-americký deň v Chorvátskom parku na adrese 9140 S. 76th St., Franklin, Wisconsin.

Začiatok podujatia je o 11:00 hodine ráno. Program bude pokračovať o 12:00 hodine slovenskou svätou omšou a o 2:00 hodine popoludní kultúrno-zábavným programom, na ktorom vystúpia gymnasti Slovenského katolíckeho sokola a folklórna skupina Tatra Slovak Dancers. Pre návštevníkov budú k dispozícii predajné stánky so slovenskými pochúťkami (vrátane slovenského piva) a rôzne pamiatkové predmety. O bližšie informácie volajte: Betty Valent, tel. (414) 425-6137.



Slovenský piknik v Clevelande, OH

V nedeľu 18. júla 2010 usporiada Americko-slovenský klub Zemplín slovenský piknik v St. Sava Picnic Grove na 2151 Wallings Road (medzi State a Broadview Road). Trvať bude od 12.00 hod. naobed do 8.00 hod. večer. Počas popoludnia budú na predaj tradičné slovenské jedlá, americké piknikové jedlá, domáce koláče a slovenské pivo Zlatý bažant. Do tanca a na počúvanie bude hrať Johnny Pastirik Band. Usporiadatelia pripravujú aj rôzne aktivity pre deti i dospelých.

Bližšie informácie na telefónnom čísle: (440) 885 – 5702.



Slovenská katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, N Y

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Slovenskú katolícku púť, ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu 8. augusta 2010 v Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York, tel. (845) 947- 2200. Pútnici budú mať možnosť si vykonať svätú spoveď pred svätou omšou. Svätá omša začne o 11:00 hodine doobeda. Za tým bude obed o 12:30 hodine odpoľudnia a Ružencová procesia o 2:30 hodine odpoľudnia.

Kto má záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, nech sa prihlási u brata Jozefa Bilika. Autobus bude pristavený pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku.

Bližšie informácie o púti vám podajú: Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922.

Slovenská farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda

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**Jednota, Monsignor Shuba District
srdečne pozývajú na ich**

**Výročný
Slovenský
Deň
Rodiny a
Piknik**



V nedeľu, 25. júla, 2010

Svätá omša v parku začína o 12 :00 hod.

Obed sa bude podávať po omši

Rezeň \$8.00
Guláš \$6.00
Rožok v parku \$.1.00

V Creditvale Park
1720 Barbartown Rd,
Mississauga

Vstupné \$7.00 dospelí
Deti pod 12 rokov zadarmo

GRIL o 16.00 hod.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Prezident SR** Ivan Gašparovič odovzdal nedávno poverovacie listiny novým veľvyslancom SR v Kanade a Spolkovej republike Nemecko. Vedúcim diplomatickej misie SR v Kanade sa stal Milan Kollár a nemeckým ambasádorom Igor Slobodník. Hlava štátu skonštatovala, že v oboch prípadoch ide pre SR o významné krajiny z hľadiska politického a hospodárskeho. Preto práca týchto zastupiteľských úradov púta aj väčšiu pozornosť. Obidvom prezident zablahoželal a zaželal veľa úspechov v práci.

• **Rektor** Ekonomickej univerzity (EU) v Bratislave Rudolf Sivák od 1. júna zriadil Fakultu aplikovaných jazykov. Fakulta aplikovaných jazykov by mala zabezpečovať výučbu v študijnom programe cudzie jazyky a interkultúrna komunikácia. Absolvent fakulty bude ovládať dva cudzie jazyky, získa základné teoretické vedomosti z jazykovedy, bude disponovať vedomosťami o prekladateľských stratégiách a technikách tlmočenia, nadobudne všeobecnú kulturologickú kompetentnosť, bude poznať rôzne kultúrne dimenzie a bude disponovať potrebnými poznatkami z ekonómie, práva a vybraných spoločenskovedných disciplín.

• **Košické** spoločnosti EpsilonPark, s.r.o., a ZetaPark, s.r.o., plánujú v katastri obce Gomboš, v okrese Košice - okolie vybudovať dva fotovoltaické parky, každý s výkonom do 1 MW a každý v predpokladanej hodnote 3 milióny eur. Vyplýva to zo zámerov, ktoré investori predložili na posúdenie ich vplyvu na životné prostredie (Environmental Impact Assessment - EIA). Výstavba solárnych elektrární by sa mala začať v septembri tohto roku a ukončiť v novembri 2010. U oboch elektrární sa uvažuje autonómny bezúdržbový režim bez potreby prevádzkových pracovníkov. EpsilonPark, s. r. o., a ZetaPark, s. r. o., obe so sídlom v Košiciach, vznikli v máji 2009. Evidujú základné imanie v hodnote po 10,000 eur. Jediným spoločníkom je u oboch firiem SolarLand4, s. r. o., Košice.

• **Občania** postihnutí ničivými povodňami na začiatku júna dostali od politických strán zhruba štyri milióny eur. Vyplýva to z novely zákona o voľbách do NR SR a novely zákona o politických stranách a hnutiach, ktoré na mimoriadnej schôdzi schválili poslanci parlamentu. Peniaze vyčlenili z balíka, z ktorého čerpajú subjekty so ziskom aspoň troch percent hlasov vo voľbách peniaze na svoju činnosť. Príspevok je viazaný na počet hlasov, ktoré strana získa. Tento rok tak subjekty dostanú o štvrtinu menej. Májové a júnové povodne si na Slovensku podľa doterajších odhadov vyžiadali škody vo výške 267,8 milióna eur. Škody na majetku obcí, občanov a samosprávnych krajov dosiahli 176,5 milióna eur a na majetku štátu 91,3 milióna eur. Najvyššie škody za asi 156,8 milióna eur spôsobila veľká voda v Košickom kraji, za ním nasleduje Nitriansky kraj (73 miliónov eur).

• **Košický** arcibiskup-metropolita Mons. Bernard Bober prevzal 29. júna 2010 od pápeža Benedikta XVI. vo vatikánskej Bazilike Sv. Petra posvätné pálium. Pálium symbolizuje baránka na pleciah dobrého pastiera podľa obrazu z Lukášovho evanjelia, kde dobrý pastier zatúlanú ovečku „vezme s radosťou na pleciah“ (Lk 15,5) – takým má byť aj arcibiskup, na ktorého pápež pálium vložil. Povinnosť žiadať pálium vyplýva zo samotného symbolu pália, vyjadrujúceho hierarchickú moc metropolitu vo vlastnej provincii uskutočňovanej v jednote s Rímskou cirkvou. Zaujímavosťou je, že ak metropolita obsadzuje iné metropolitné sídlo, pálium žiada odznavu. V roku 1984 Ján Pavol II. ustanovil, že posvätné pálium bude novým metropolitom odovzdávať pápež v rámci slávnostnej eucharistickej koncelebrácie na sviatok svätých Petra a Pavla. Pálium môžu arcibiskupi nosiť len na území vlastnej jurisdikcie. Po smrti arcibiskupa musí byť pálium pochované so zosnulým. Pálium je pevná látková stuha asi päť centimetrov široká, utkaná z bielej vlny do oblúka tak, aby sa dala položiť na pleciah. Vzadu a vpredu sú križe prizdobené pozlátenými sponami s drahokamom.

• **Podpredseda** vlády a minister školstva Ján Mikolaj odovzdal 10. júna Prešovskej univerzite (PU) v Prešove dekrét o priznaní štatútu univerzitnej vysokej školy. Podstatou komplexnej akreditácie bolo podľa Mikolaja to, že každej vysokej škole sa nastavilo zrkadlo vlastnej kvality. Vyjadril spokojnosť s tým, že PU to pochopila veľmi skoro a v priebehu jedného roka sa jej podarilo splniť kritériá a nastavila svoj počet prijímaných študentov k počtu pedagógov s titulom profesor, docent a PhD.

• **Veľké škody** na rybách zanechali júnove povodne najmä v okrese Rimavská Sobota. V Lučenci mnoho rýb voda odplavila. Predseda Mestskej organizácie (MSO) Slovenského rybárskeho zväzu (SRZ) v Rimavskej Sobote Igor Borlok odhaduje škody na približne 33,000 eur.

• **Chýbajúcu** časť lebečnej kosti špeciálnou výplňou, prvýkrát použitou na Slovensku, nahradili lekári Neurochirurgickej kliniky bansko-bystrickej Rooseveltovej nemocnice desaťročnému chlapcovi z okresu Detva. Zárok urobili začiatkom júna spolu s kolegami z tamojšej Detskej fakultnej nemocnice. Výplň približne 100 štvorcových centimetrov dala nemocnica vyrobiť priamo na mieru v Taliansku.

• **Na dunajskom** nábreží v Bratislave, v blízkosti PKO, otvorili prvý päťhviezdičkový Hotel Kempinski River Park. Od 17. júna bude každý večer vysvietený novopostavený hotel ako hlavný referenčný bod viacúčelového komplexu River Park, ktorý sa bude sprístupňovať verejnosti postupne. Investorm hotelu a celého komplexu je developérska spoločnosť J&T Real Estate. Majiteľom hotela Kempinski sa v krátkom čase stane spoločnosť Best Hotel Properties (BHP). Otvorením hotela pribudne vyše 130 nových pracovných pozícií, z nich väčšinu obsadia zamestnanci zo Slovenska.

• **Do novozvoleného** parlamentu zasadne 23 žien, čo je ešte o jednu ženu menej ako pred štyrmi rokmi. Najviac žien (10) uspelo na kandidátke Smeru-SD. Najvyššie pozície po zohľadnení preferenčných hlasov majú ženy zasa na kandidátke SDKÚ-DS, kde sa v prvej štvorke umiestnili tri. Bez ženského zastúpenia v Národnej rade Slovenskej republiky zostala strana Most-Híd. Najviac poslancov bude mať Bratislavský kraj (61). Najmenej bude Trenčanov (10). Druhým najúspešnejším krajom je Trnavský, ale iba s 15 poslancami.

• **V najbližších** rokoch sa aj Slovensko dočká výstavby outletových centier. Uživiť by sa mohli najmä v okolí krajských miest. Päť outletových centier so značkovými predajňami, ktoré ponúkajú tovar zo starších kolekcí alebo nižšej kvality, môže do troch rokov vyrásť na Slovensku. Outlet sú predajne, ktoré ponúkajú s výraznými zľavami tovar z vlnajších kolekcí alebo výrobky zníženej kvality. Prvé outlet centrá vznikli v 80. rokoch v USA, keď sa obchodníci snažili zbaviť nepotrebného tovaru, aby získali miesto pre nový tovar. V polovici 90. rokov už boli rozšírené do väčšiny európskych štátov. Dnes ich je v Európe viac ako 120, najviac vo Francúzsku, v Taliansku a vo Veľkej Británii. Zaujímavosťou o nákupy oblečenia, obuvi či športového vybavenia so zľavami teraz zo Slovenska cestujú do outletových centier do Česka, Maďarska či Rakúska.

• **Mladomanželské** pôžičky známe zo socializmu sú späť! Od piatka (11.6.) banka požičia peniaze novomanželom na čokoľvek za výhodných podmienok. Mladomanželské pôžičky sú výhodné preto, lebo časť úroku dotuje štát a časť banka. Vďaka tomu všetky úvery poskytnuté v tomto roku budú mať až do konca svojej splatnosti zníženú úrokovú sadzbu o 4,5% bez ohľadu na to, či sa v nasledujúcich rokoch výška príspevku zmení alebo nie.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

On Wednesday, June 9, 2010, a new terminal was opened at the M.R. Stefanik Airport in Bratislava. This terminal is the first part in the upgrading of the Bratislava facility.



FOTO TASR - Štefan Puškás

Na bratislavskom Letisku M. R. Štefánika v stredu 9. júna 2010 slávnostne otvorili prvú časť nového letiskového terminálu. Na snímke pohľad na interiér novej vybavovacej haly.

Bratislavské letisko otvorilo prvú časť nového terminálu

Bratislava (TASR) - Bratislavské letisko 9. júna otvorilo novú časť pripravovaného terminálu s kapacitou do 3,5 milióna cestujúcich ročne. Cestujúci na linkách v letnej sezóne tak budú vybavovaní už v nových priestoroch, prvý let sa uskutočnil vo štvrtok 10. mája 2010. Do plnej prevádzky sa terminál spustí od začiatku júla.

“V oblasti rozvoja letiskovej infraštruktúry na Slovensku je táto stavba prvým zásadným skvalitnením a významnou investíciou za posledných niekoľko desaťročí,” podotkol počas slávnostného otvorenia premiér Robert Fico. Stará hala, ktorá sa doteraz používa, je totiž ešte z roku 1970. Keďže na prevažnú časť stavby požičal peniaze štát, premiér vyzdvihol správnosť rozhodnutia jeho kabinetu zastaviť privatizáciu Letiska M. R. Štefánika - Airport Bratislava (BTS). Ficova vláda tak urobila tesne pred podpisom privatizačnej zmluvy v roku 2006, krátko po nástupe k moci.

Výstavba nového terminálu je rozdelená do dvoch etáp. Prvá sa ukončila otvorením jeho novej časti. Letisko tak dosiahlo kapacitu pre približne 3 až 3,5 milióna cestujúcich ročne. Druhá časť stavby, rekonštrukcia doteraz používaného terminálu, následne rozšíri možný počet vybavených cestujúcich na 5 miliónov osôb za 12 mesiacov. Celú výstavbu realizuje stavebná spoločnosť ZIPP Bratislava, s. r. o., ktorá vyhrala tender s cenou 85 milióna eur. Riaditeľ letiska Zdeňek Schraml však upozornil, že táto cena obsahuje iba výstavbu terminálu. Celková odhadovaná suma predstavuje necelých 96 miliónov eur. Takmer 70 miliónov má požičať štát, na zvyšnú sumu si má BTS zobrať úver od komerčných bánk.



Nový projekt Divadelného ústavu Slovak Drama in Translation (Slovenská dráma v preklade)

Divadelný ústav Bratislava sprístupnil na svojej webovej stránke www.theatre.sk unikátny projekt Slovak Drama in Translation (Slovenská dráma v preklade).

Projekt mapuje tvorbu žijúcich dramatických autorov na Slovensku a prináša všetky dostupné preklady ich hier. Slovenská dráma v preklade obsiahla niekoľko generácií dramatikov: od najstarších, ktorých texty sa datujú do sedemdesiatych rokov (Osvald Záhradník, Ján Solovič), cez dramatikov, ktorí vniesli do slovenskej drámy aj divadla novú poetiku (Karol Horák, Stanislav Štepa, Milan Lasica,...), ako aj cez dnešnú strednú generáciu (Silvester Lavrík, Viliam Klimáček, Eva Maliti-Fraňová,...) až po tých najmladších (Roman Oleksák, Ján Šimko,...).

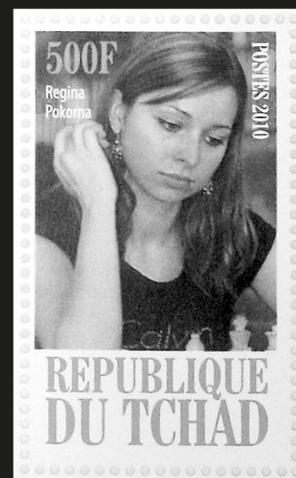
Profil každého dramatika pozostáva z krátkeho profesijného životopisu, fotografie, výberu textov a prekladov dostupných hier v PDF formáte.

Zozbieraný materiál existuje v dvoch výstupných formách: ako reprezentatívny CD-ROM, ktorého účelom je prezentácia slovenskej drámy v zahraničí, a predovšetkým ako webová stránka www.theatre.sk/slovakdrama/, ktorej výhodou je priebežná aktualizácia údajov a textov. V súčasnosti oba výstupy obsahujú takmer sto dramatických textov v rôznych jazykoch: angličtine, nemčine, francúzštine, ruštine, maďarčine, taliančine, ale aj v estónčine či arabčine.

Komunikačným jazykom výstupov je angličtina. Projekt je súčasťou dlhodobej práce Divadelného ústavu Bratislava, ktorá je zameraná na prezentáciu slovenskej drámy a divadla v zahraničí. Zahraničným záujemcom uľahčuje orientáciu v súčasnej slovenskej dramatickej tvorbe a zároveň im poskytuje možnosť texty priamo čítať.

Zostavila Dária Fehérová, profily autorov napísala Juliana Beňová.

Slovenskú drámu v preklade nájdete na www.theatre.sk/slovakdrama/.



Slovenská šachistka sa prvýkrát v dejinách objavila na poštovej známke. Tejto pocte sa dostalo veľmajsterke Regine Pokornej a to dokonca v exotickej africkej krajine Čad. Čadská pošta vydala nedávno sériu celkovo štyroch známok s portrétmi mladých európskych veľmajsterek za šachovnicami. Okrem Pokornej je na nich Ruska Alexandra Kostenjuková, Litovčanka Viktorija Čmilyteová a Ukrajinka Kateryna Lahnová. Na snímke čadská poštová známka s podobizňou slovenskej šachistky Reginy Pokornej.

The portrait of Slovak master checkers player Regina Pokorna has appeared on a stamp from the African country of Chad. The Chad postal service issued a series of stamps of young European master checker players. In addition to Regina Pokorna, stamps were issued with portraits of Alexandra Kostenjukova of Russia, Viktorija Čmilyte of Lithuania, and Kateryna Lahnova of the Ukraine.

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Výsledky Parlamentných volieb 2010 na Slovensku

Bratislava (TASR) V sobotňajších voľbách 12. júna 2010 zvíťazil s vysokým náskokom rovnako ako pred štyrmi rokmi Smer-SD, ktorému odovzdalo hlas 34.79 percenta voličov. Druhé miesto obhájila SDKÚ-DS (15.42 percenta), tretím je politický nováčik SaS (12.14 percenta).

So ziskom 8.52 percenta hlasov nasleduje KDH, potom Most-Híd (8.12 percenta) a SNS (5.07 percenta). Strany Vladimíra Mečiara (ĽS-HZDS, 4.32 percenta) a Pála Csákyho (SMK, 4.33 percenta) sa do NR SR nedostali.

Na základe percentuálneho zisku bude mať najpočetnejší poslanecký klub Smer-SD, pod ktorého hlavičkou bude sedieť v parlamente 62 ľudí. SDKÚ-DS bude mať 28, SaS 22, KDH 15, Most-Híd 14 a SNS deväť poslancov. Volebná účasť dosiahla podľa oficiálnych výsledkov 58.83 percenta. Pre volebný neúspech odstúpilo celé predsedníctvo SMK.

V laviciach národnej rady bude v nasledujúcom volebnom období stredopravú koalíciu zastupovať 79 poslancov, medzi nimi aj 22 úplných nováčikov zo strany Sloboda a Solidarita. Najsilnejšia koalíčná strana SDKÚ-DS bude mať 28 zákonodarcov, kresťanských demokratov bude v poslaneckých laviciach sedieť 15 a zástupcov zo strany Most-Híd bude 14. Víťaz volieb Smer-SD, ktorý vďaka volebnému výsledku získal 62 kresiel, bude spolu s deviatimi poslancami za SNS zastupovať opozíciu. Do kresiel v národnej rade zasadne v piatom volebnom období aj väčšina doterajších ministrov.



FOTO TASR - Martin Baumann

Na snímke predstavitelia pravicových politických strán, zľava Ján Figel' (KDH), Iveta Radičová (SDKÚ-DS), Richard Sulík (SaS) a Béla Bugár (Most-Híd) sa stretli v centrále SDKÚ-DS 15. júna 2010 v Bratislave počas rokovania o vytvorení pravicovej vládnej koalície.



Vládne posty sú podelené, SaS povedie Národnú radu SR

Bratislava (TASR) - Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič poveril 23. júna volebnú líderku SDKÚ-DS Ivetu Radičovú zostavením vlády. Urobil tak po tom, ako predseda Smeru-SD Robert Fico vrátil hlave štátu poverenie, ktoré si prevzal v pondelok 14. júna. Napriek víťazstvu jeho strany v parlamentných voľbách sa mu totiž nepodarilo zostaviť nový kabinet.

Stredopravé strany SDKÚ-DS, SaS, KDH a Most-Híd, ktoré vo voľbách 12. júna získali v parlamente väčšinu, s Ficom odmietli rokovať. Napokon dňa 28. júna po rokovaní Koalície rady budúca premiérka Iveta Radičová (SDKÚ-DS) oznámila, že štyri stredopravé strany sa dohodli na rozdelení postov vo vláde aj Národnej rade (NR) SR. Najväčší podiel vládných kresiel získa SDKÚ-DS. Okrem premiárskej stoličky pre Ivetu Radičovú bude mať ministerstvo financií, školstva, zahraničných vecí a spravodlivosti. Druhá najsilnejšia strana budúcej vlády SaS obsadí ministerstvo obrany, práce, kultúry a hospodárstva.

KDH v novej vláde získa ministerstvo vnútra, rezort zdravotníctva a ministerstvo dopravy. Most-Híd Bélu Bugára dostal podľa dohody post vicepremiéra pre menšiny, ministerstvo pôdohospodárstva a rezort životného prostredia.

Pokračovanie na str. 22

Novým Košickým arcibiskupom sa stal Mons. Bernard Bober

Svätý Otec Benedikt XVI. prijal v piatok 4. júna, zrieknutie sa úradu arcibiskupa Košickej arcidiecézy, ktoré mu predložil arcibiskup Mons. Alojz Tkáč, podľa normy kán. 401 Kódexu kánonického práva a menoval za nového Košického arcibiskupa-metropolitu Mons. Bernarda Bobera, doterajšieho pomocného biskupa.

Mons. Bernard Bober, nový Košický arcibiskup-metropolita, sa narodil 3. novembra 1950 v Zbudskom Dlhom v okrese Humenné. Je najmladším z troch detí rodičov Štefana a Anny. Základnú školu navštevoval v Zbudskom Dlhom a v Koškovciach. Po maturite na strednej škole v Humennom bol v septembri 1969 prijatý do kňazského seminára a na teologickú fakultu v Bratislave.

Po Kňazskej vysviacke, ktorú prijal 8. júna 1974 v Bratislave, pôsobil ako kaplán vo farnostiach Humen-



Mons. Bernard Bober

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Slovenskú republiku zvolili za podpredsedu Rady OSN pre ľudské práva

Ženeva/Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenskú republiku 21. júna v rámci organizačného zasadnutia zvolili v osobe veľvyslanca pri OSN a ostatných medzinárodných organizáciách so sídlom v Ženeve Fedora Rosochu za člena byra a podpredsedu Rady OSN pre ľudské práva.

Nominácia SR zo strany východoeurópskej skupiny odráža rozsiahlu angažovanosť Slovenska na pôde Rady, prioritizáciu tejto agendy v celkovom kontexte slovenskej zahraničnej

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V Bratislave bolo prvé Národné stretnutie pri Pamätníku M. R. Štefánika

Bratislava (TASR) - Na počesť 130. výročia narodenia Milana Rastislava Štefánika sa 25. júna uskutočnilo Národné stretnutie pri jeho pamätníku v bratislavskom areáli Eurovea. Dôvodom bolo aj prvé výročie odovzdania pamätníka tejto významnej osobnosti slovenských dejín v novom priestore.

Večernému kladeniu vencov a kytíc rôznymi delegáciami za sprievodu Vojenskej hudby Ozbrojených síl SR a jej následnému promenádnemu koncertu predchádzal niekoľkohodinový slávnostný program v sále Činohry Slovenského národného divadla (SND). Nadácia M. R. Štefánika udelila Pamätne listy mestám, obciam a organizáciám, ktoré si uchovali pamiatku na túto historickú osobnosť v podobe jeho sochy, busty, pamätníka a širili jeho meno. Ocenenie

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