

2025 Annual Report of the FCSU Fraternal Activities Director – March 2026

Dear Father Nasta, President Arendt, Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union,

I am pleased to present my annual report as the National Fraternal Activities Director of the First Catholic Slovak Union. 2025 was a fun-filled year of fraternalism, we were successful in increasing participation in our events and including members of all ages.

2025 March Mania

The annual collegiate hoops competition attracted basketball fans again with 173 entries. \$2,550 in prize money was awarded to the top five finishers, as follows: first \$1,000, second \$750, third, \$500, fourth \$150 x 2 (tie). Winners included: 1st Robert Gavenda, 2nd Mark Dobrosky, 3rd Charles Smith, 4th tie John Murray and Leonard Javor

2025 FCSU Bowling Tournament

FCSU members and guests gathered in Kent, Ohio in April for the 2025 Bowling Tournament. It was a spectacular two-day event with great displays of bowling prowess. In addition to the spirited competition, all enjoyed amazing fellowship and shared meals throughout the weekend.

The FCSU staff warmly welcomed our 72 bowlers who came ready to battle it out for bragging rights and cash prizes. On Saturday, the tournament fielded 18 entries in the Teams event and 34 entries in Doubles competition. On Sunday, 43 bowlers competed in Men's Singles, with 15 bowlers in Women's Singles.

Topping off the experience was the chance to win an amazing array of raffle prizes, door prizes, plus three 50/50 jackpots. In all, participants won over \$12,000 in cash awards and prizes.

The lasting result of the tournament is the growing fraternalism among members, and the interest in FCSU membership by many guest bowlers. It is a fantastic way to promote our society and build our numbers. We have also generated much enthusiasm for our 2026 event. Our thanks to Jay Fazek for overseeing the tournament and providing official scoring. Thanks to our home office staff for excellent organization in registration, raffles, and door prizes.

Sincere thanks to our Tournament Patrons and Lane Sponsors for their generous financial support.

Tournament Patrons

GOLD - AQS Asset Management, ENDepersis Fraternal Consulting, FCSU Branch 553, Akron, **SILVER** - Kenneth Arendt, Father Thomas Nasta, Pinpoint Computer Systems, **BRONZE** - Ray Lako, Dr. Rick and Carol Ungvarsky

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2025 Top Bowlers and Prize Money Awards

Team Event - Handicap

1st Place	\$500 - Mara-thon
2nd Place	\$450 - Eastern
3rd Place	\$400 - Don't Like It Dry
4th Place	\$350 - P Stains
High Game	\$ 50 - Alvin Ferreira

Teams Event - Scratch

1st Place	\$400 - Wolf Ledge
2nd Place	\$350 - The DJs
3rd Place	\$300 - Apollo 3
High Game	\$ 50 - Alvin Ferreira

Doubles Event - Handicap (34 Entries)

1st Place	\$300 - S. Mara/M. Mara
2nd Place	\$275 - McGalliard/Semelsberger
3rd Place	\$250 - Woicehovich/Biscan
4th Place	\$225 - Barton/Silay
5th Place	\$200 - P. Mara/Pizzute
6th Place	\$175 - Tatton/Gainer
High Game	\$ 50 - Todd Semelsberger

Doubles Event - Scratch

1st Place	\$250 - Fazek/Bardoun
2nd Place	\$225 - Brottish/Johnston
3rd Place	\$200 - Thorne/Fincham
4th Place	\$175 - Kuvinka/Berestecky
High Game	\$ 50 - Tom Silay

Singles Event - Men's Handicap (43 Entries)

1st Place	\$200 - Alvin Ferreira
2nd Place	\$175 - Rick McGalliard
3rd Place	\$150 - James Saul
4th Place	\$125 - Ron Derita
5th Place	\$100 - Butch Pizzute
6th Place	\$ 75 - Tom Silay
7th Place	\$ 50 - Dennis Bradshaw
High Game	\$ 50 - Rusty Groner

Singles Event - Men's Scratch

1st Place	\$175- Jeffrey Bardoun
2nd Place	\$150 - Steve Bauer
3rd Place	\$125 - Jeff Fazek
4th Place	\$ 100 - Jay Fazek
5th Place	\$ 50 - Derek Johnston
High Game	\$ 50 - Jeffrey Bardoun

Singles Event - Women's Handicap (15 Entries)

1st Place	\$200 - Carol Ungvarsky
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2nd Place \$150 - Anne Mitro

3rd Place \$100 - Nancy Rice

High Game \$ 50 - Ceil Kruly

Singles Event - Women's Scratch

1st Place \$175 - Ceil Kruly

2nd Place \$150 - Linda Waltters

High Game \$ 50 - Ceil Kruly

All Events Men (40 Entries)

1st Place (H) \$75 -Tom Silay

1st Place (S) \$75 - Jeffrey Bardoun

All Events Women (11 Entries)

1st Place (H) \$50 - Anne Mitro

1st Place (S) \$50 - Linda Waltters

2025 FCSU Golf Tournament

The FCSU hosted our Golf Tournament, July 18-20 at Lakeview Golf Resort, at Cheat Lake, just outside Morgantown, West Virginia. 73 members and 8 first-time guests battled the elements and each other on the Lakeview Golf Course.

Participants represented nineteen FCSU branches with members ranging in age from 23 to 89. Building on past tradition, we welcomed even more father and son teams this year, helping to ensure FCSU values and fraternalism continue for future generations. Events included a welcome buffet on Friday evening, two days of tournament play, two breakfast buffets, Mass, cocktails, and dinner buffet on Saturday.

Our thanks to all our golfers, to John Tokarsky and Brad Matta for their official roles in scoring the tournament, and to Barbara Sutila for heading the registration team of Pam Kelly, Annie Sutila, and Karen Habian.

2025 FCSU Golf Tournament Prize Winners		
A Flight		
1st	Michael Bolby	\$ 200
2nd	Jerry Hromada	\$ 175
3rd TIE	Shawn Adam	\$ 138
3rd TIE	Patrick Quinn	\$ 138
B Flight		
1st	David Schmucker	\$ 200
2nd	Andrew Kozusko	\$ 175
3rd TIE	Scott Harr	\$ 138
3rd TIE	John E Pastorek	\$ 138
C Flight		
1st	Austin Matta	\$ 200
2nd	James Saul	\$ 175
3rd	John Tokarsky	\$ 150

D Flight (Callaway)		
1st TIE	Andrew Rathway	\$ 188
1st TIE	Dan Poponick	\$ 188
3rd	Brandon Ross	\$ 150
4th	Michael Debich	\$ 125
5th TIE	Mark Zakrajsek	\$ 75
5th TIE	Mark Mara	\$ 75
Senior 1 Flight		
1st	Mike Nemcheck	\$ 200
2nd	Tim Kozusko	\$ 175
3rd	Tim Quinn	\$ 150
4th	Barry Halula	\$ 125
Senior 2 Flight		
1st	Rusty Groner	\$ 200
2nd	William Rozzell	\$ 175
3rd	Anthony Nastasi	\$ 150
4th	Jim Yokopenic	\$ 125
5th	John D. Pastorek	\$ 100
Senior Callaway Flight		
1st *	Lynn Johnston	\$ 200
1st TIE	Glenn Mercer	\$ 175
1st TIE	Jim Saul	\$ 175
1st TIE	Steve Mara	\$ 175
4th	Clarence Shank	\$ 125
Women Flight		
1st	Larissa Matta	\$ 200
Top Scratch Scores - 2-Day Total		
151	Shawn Adam	\$ 200
154	Michael Bolby	\$ 150
157	David DeGol	\$ 100
\$ 5,528	Cash Prizes	

[2025 Hot Dog in the Summertime Photo Contest](#)

July marked the return of the popular pet photo contest. We saw increased interest in our

second annual photo contest, with great pet photos being submitted from across the society. This year with over 125 entries, judging was competitive. 16 winners were announced in the October Jednota. First through fourth place prizes were awarded in the amounts of \$200, \$150 \$100 and \$50, in each of the four categories of competition Keeping Cool, Playing Around, Making Mischief, and Looking Alike. I recommend we update/expand the categories next year, as this is a popular contest.

2025 Summer Picnics

Members enjoyed our two summer picnics at Knoebels and Wiegand Lake Park. Both were well attended by FCSU members and their guests.

2025 Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Contest

There was greater participation with just three categories this year, Scary, Funny and Most Realistic. I recommend that we reduce the age categories to just three instead of five. They would be Children/Youth Young Adult, and Adult. This will make the contest more competitive with broader age groupings. One interesting aspect of this year's contest was the number of families who participated. We had as many as three and four entries from a family. This contest also attracts young adults, a target group to engage.

2025 Family Fall Festival

Our second Fall Family Festival was a wonderful event that brought members from 4 weeks old to 90 years of age together at Simmons Farm in McMurray, PA on October 5th. It was a beautiful day for families (many with three generations in attendance) to enjoy the sunshine on the farm, with hayrides, pumpkin picking, a myriad of field activities, bingo, and an abundant buffet of hearty Slovak foods. Comments from attendees were extremely positive and all are looking forward to the return of this event in 2026.

2025 Christmas Coloring Contest

With nearly 300 entries, participation in this annual holiday tradition continues to grow. It was wonderful to see multi-generational entries from many families.

Once again, the children's submissions were a delight, as our youngest members colored elves, nutcrackers, and caroling mice. Members aged 4-17 competed within their FCSU Regions, resulting in a maximum of 12 finalists per Region. 73 total winners. Breakdown per region: Region #1 Six, Region #2 Nine, Region #3 Ten, Region #4 Ten, Region #5 Twelve, Region #6 Eleven, Region #7 Ten, Region #8 Five. Prizes awarded: First place: \$50, Second place: \$35, Third place: \$25.

The three adult categories, for ages 18+, were also judged within their FCSU Regions this year, resulting in 24 total adult winners, an increase from the three place finishes in the past. First place: \$100

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2026

2026 Easter Coloring Contest

Our first Easter Coloring Contest appeared in the February and March issues of the Jednota. With the popularity of our Christmas Coloring Contest, we wanted to promote the Easter Season among our members with this creative activity. It includes four children/youth categories of competition, with 3 adult groups, all competing on a regional level. The early entries have been impressive. We encourage all members to participate.

2026 Bowling Tournament

The FCSU Bowling Tournament returns this year on April 25-26, 2025, at Eastway Lanes, Erie, Pennsylvania. Our headquarters hotel is the Sheraton Bayfront Hotel. Festivities begin on Saturday morning with breakfast at the hotel. Bowlers will compete in two events and return to the hotel for Saturday evening Mass, a cocktail hour and dinner buffet with raffles and door prizes. The competition will continue Sunday morning, after breakfast at the hotel. Each member bowler may invite a non-member to bowl in the tournament. We have asked for lane sponsors and event sponsors to increase the amount of the bowling and raffle prizes. Deadline for entry is March 23rd.

2026 FCSU Golf Tournament

The FCSU will host our annual Golf Tournament again in July at Sawmill Creek Golf Resort, Huron, OH, which is affiliated with Cedar Point. Each FCSU member may register one non-member guest. Events include a welcome buffet on Friday evening, two days of tournament play, two breakfast buffets, Mass, cocktails, and dinner buffet program and raffles on Saturday.

2026 Summer Picnics and Family Fall Festival

Dates to be determined, in consideration of FCSU Convention dates.

National Memorial Mass

Looking forward to offering a Mass of Remembrance for all our deceased members on an annual basis.

Happy 250th Birthday USA

I would like to offer a new contest to our members in celebration of this milestone birthday of the United States. The initial concept is a cake (cupcake) decorating contest, based on patriotic themes. The contest will be announced in the June issue of the Jednota, and at the Convention.

I would like to continue to offer new opportunities for fraternal activities for our members in the coming year focused on faith, patriotism, and family.

My attendance/participation in 2025 fraternal activities

2025 FCSU Bowling Tournament

2025 FCSU Golf Tournament

2025 Family Fall Festival

Three Fraternalism in Action Events with Branch 587

Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh Award Dinner May 2025

Jednota Bowling League Pittsburgh Annual Banquet May 2025

Attended and spoke at the Pittsburgh District Annual Meeting November 2025

Attended/participated in all FCSU 2025 Board Meetings

I am happy to respond to any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Fibbi

National Fraternal Activities Director

First Catholic Slovak Union