

Dear Reverend Nasta, President Arendt, Executive Officers, and Fellow Board Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union:

I am proud to report that in 2025 all the active branches and districts of my Region held the required number of meetings per FCSU bylaws, while the number of members and guests attending events and activities remained high. As the Regional Director, I helped organize as well as attended many of these functions.

**April Event Highlights:** In April of 2025, 131 members and guests of all 6 branches of District 10 attended a minor league Cleveland Monsters hockey game in downtown Cleveland. Also in April, over 40 members from Branches 24, 450 and 855 attended the Tamburitzans concert in Independence, OH. And I, along with my wife Terri, personally attended the FCSU National Bowling Tournament in Kent as well as the meet and greet the J Club in Akron hosted for our national bowlers.

**June Event Highlights:** In June, I coordinated the District 14's participation in the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH, for the second year. All 5 active branches of District 14 agreed to reimburse their respective adult members who attended \$20 and children \$10 toward the purchase of food & beverage at this popular pan-Slavic outdoor festival. It was another success for the district with 57 members participating. Also in June, I attended the St. John the Baptist Parish Feast Day Mass, luncheon, and raffle along with members of Branch 553 in Akron; and I encouraged participation from members and helped check them in at our National Picnic in Wiegand Lake Park.

**July Event Highlights:** As I've mentioned in previous reports, many members of the local Cleveland-area Slovak-American social clubs are also our members, attending the events and in many instances, volunteering to work at the events. As Regional Director for Ohio, I feel it is very important to support their efforts whenever possible. In July, when the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club hosted its annual outdoor picnic/festival at St Sava's picnic grounds in Broadview Heights, OH, I helped organize and manage the participation of 5 local area FCSU branches at this popular event. Members of Branches 1, 24, 450, 553, and 855 received food & beverage tickets compliments of their branches. In total, 113 members attended. Earlier in July, I attended Slovak Day at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh.

**August Event Highlights:** I coordinated another successful District 10 outing in Avon, OH. Some 86 members from 5 branches of the district enjoyed an evening of minor league baseball preceded by a picnic buffet in the Lake Erie Crushers outdoor pavilion. It was hosted by Branch 228.

**September Event Highlights:** I was pleased to be invited to an informal "meet and greet" for outgoing Slovak Ambassador, Radovan Javorcik, & his family. It was held on the Sokol Campgrounds in Broadview, OH, and hosted by Henry Horvath in his capacity as Cleveland Slovak Radio Club President. Henry is also a Supreme Court Member and Branch 855 Auditor. I again met the Ambassador when the Board attended a special meeting at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC during the FCSU pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Jednota Chapel.

**October Event Highlights:** I attended Vespers followed by the presentation of an FCSU donation to the Slovak Institute at the invitation of the Reverend Michael Brunovsky, OSB.

**December Event Highlights:** Then in December, all branches of District 10 attended the annual Benedictine Vilija on the grounds of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. The FCSU sponsored a raffle, coordinated by members of Branch 24 and 855 that benefited the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey. Also in December, I donated a raffle prize and attended the District 14 Christmas party in Youngstown, OH, and I attended the Vilija hosted by Branch 553 in Akron, OH.

I participated in all National Board Meetings and an Executive Committee Meeting by invitation of the National President.

Finally and sadly, as we lost several members in my region during 2025, I attended the funerals of my predecessor Region 6 Director Emeritus Henry Hassey, National Auditor and District 14 President John Leskovyansky, (former) Supreme Court Member and Branch 24 President Robert Kopco, and Benedictine Monk and Branch 24 member Rev. Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB.

I gratefully acknowledge the dedication of all Region 6 members who continue to keep FCSU fraternalism alive and well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Ivanec  
Region 6 Director

### **Breakdown of 2025 Events Attended by Date**

- 1/4: National Auditor, District 14 President John Leskovyansky Funeral, Youngstown, OH
- 3/15: Branch 855 Saturday Social, Middelburg Hts, OH
- 3/22: National Board Meeting, Independence, OH
- 4/5: District 10 Monsters Hockey Game, Cleveland, OH
- 4/6: Branch 553 Meeting & District 10 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 4/12: Former Supreme Court Member & Former Branch 24 President Robert Kopco Funeral, Broadview Hts, OH
- 4/23: Branch 682 Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 4/25: J Club National Bowling Tournament Meet & Greet, Akron, OH
- 4/26 & 27: National Bowling Tournament, Kent, OH
- 4/27: Tamburitzan Concert, Independence, OH
- 4/29: District 14 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 5/4: Branch 24 Meeting, Walton Hills, OH
- 5/18: Branch 731 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 5/19: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 5/28: Branch 553 Meeting, Akron, OH

- 6/13 & 14: District 14 Simply Slavic Festival, Youngstown, OH
- 6/14: National Board Meeting, Virtual
- 6/16: Branch 228 Meeting, Lorain, OH
- 6/22: Branch 553 Fundraiser for St. John the Baptist, Akron, OH
- 6/28: National Picnic, Wiegand Lake Park, Novelty, OH
- 7/17: Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, PA
- 7/19: Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Festival, Broadview Hts., OH
- 7/23: Branch 553 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 8/1: Branch 855 Fraternal Friday, Seven Hills, OH
- 8/2: District 10 Lake Erie Crushers Game, Avon, OH
- 8/12: District 14 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 8/25: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 9/06: Slovak Ambassador Meet & Greet, Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, Broadview Hts, OH
- 9/07: Branch 855 Meeting, Parma, OH
- 9/07: Branch 553 Akron Rubber Ducks Game, Akron, OH
- 9/12: National Board Meeting, College Park, MD
- 9/12: Slovak Ambassador Meet & Greet, Slovak Embassy, Washington, DC
- 9/13: Jednota Chapel Anniversary Mass, Washington, DC
- 9/17: Branch 682 Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 9/21: District 10 & Branch 24 Meetings, Walton Hills, OH
- 9/24: Branch 553 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 9/25: Branch 260 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 10/14: Slovak Institute Donation Presentation, St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, OH
- 10/17: Executive Committee Meeting, Virtual
- 10/17: Region 6 Director Emeritus Henry Hassey Funeral, Youngstown, OH
- 10/23: Branch 24 Reverend Joachim Pastirik, OSB, Wake & Mass, St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, OH
- 10/24: Branch 24 Reverend Joachim Pastirik, OSB, Burial, Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, OH
- 11/2: Branch 1 Meeting, Rocky River, OH
- 11/3: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 11/11: District 14 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 11/12: Branch 259 & Branch 682 Joint Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 11/16: Branch 731 Meeting, Youngstown, OH
- 11/22: Branch 450 Meeting, Brooklyn, OH
- 11/23: Branch 553, Akron, OH
- 12/7: Benedictine Vilija, Cleveland, OH
- 12/9: District 14 Meeting/Christmas Party, Youngstown, OH
- 12/13: National Board Meeting, Virtual
- 12/14: J Club Vilija, Akron, OH