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2013 Scholarship Winners

The students pictured on pages 4 – 6 of this issue were chosen scholarship recipients by our Scholarship Committee as a result of their SAT scores, cumulative grade point average and class rank. In addition, each applicant was judged on the basis of his/her involvement in extra-curricular and volunteer activities. Emphasis was placed upon pride of being Catholic and Slovak as evidenced throughout the required essays on the applications. Finally, financial need and the cost of their chosen colleges were evaluated.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: CALL FOR CONVENTION

Pursuant to Sec.7.02 of the First Catholic Slovak Union By-laws, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to issue a call for the quadrennial 50th general Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada to be held in Philadelphia, PA from August 23rd through the 27th, 2014, at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel.

Pursuant to Sec.11.06 of the Bylaws the site was determined by the Executive Committee and approved unanimously by the Board at its June 29, 2013 regular quarterly meeting.

The city of Philadelphia is the home of the merged Sts. Agnes & John Slovak Catholic Church and First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 55. This will be only the second Convention held in Philadelphia since the founding of the Society. The other was held in 1967, 47 years ago.



Andrew M. Rajec

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FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec, 2013 Slovak-American of the Year (second from the left), with the Slovak Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Peter Kmec (third from left) and the Rajec family, all members of Branch 89 - (L-R) Andrew P. Rajec, Ida Rajec, Idka Rajec, and Daniel Rajec.

FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec: 2013 Slovak-American of the Year

On Friday, June 14, 2013, First Catholic Slovak National President Andrew M. Rajec was honored as the 2013 Slovak-American of the Year. The event took place at the Washington Golf & Country Club, Arlington, VA, just outside Washington, DC.

After a 6:30PM reception, the Fourth Slovak-American Awards Dinner, chaired by Friends of Slovakia President William Tucker, Esq., got underway with a keynote address by Mr. George F. Babcocke, Senior Vice President – Europe & Global Operations Services and Past President, U.S. Steel, Košice. FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec, as 2013 Slovak-American of the Year, was among the evening's honorees whose prestigious list encompassed 2013 Business Awardees Mr. Anton Zajac, President, ESET North America, and Mr. Milan Filo, Chairman of the Board, Eco-Invest as well as 2013 Cultural/Education Awardee the Slovak-American Foundation.

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The Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel will be the site of the Quadrennial 50th General Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, August 23 – 27, 2014.

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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary FCSU LIFE ANNUITY & IRA INTEREST RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.60% APY
Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.20% APY
with the "Cash Interest" Option	2.95% APY
New Six-Year Fixed Rate Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.10% APY
New "Park 2 Annuity" (NOT AVAILABLE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK)	2.15% APY
New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA—1st year guarantee	1.90% APY
(new Park Free Plus maximum deposit \$25,000.00 PER PERSON)	
New Settlement Options are based on an interest rate of	2.75% APY

If you have any questions about our Annuities or IRA's, Please contact your local branch officer or the Home Office at 1-800-533-6682 Website: www.FCSU.com Email: fcsu@aol.com

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B., Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

July 28, 2013

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Gospel Summary

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is shorter than the more familiar version found in Matthew's gospel. However, all the essential elements are there. We are asked to address God as "Father" because that word, in normal circumstances, suggests to a child

both strength and love. This leads us to the rather astounding conclusion that God's supreme power is made available to us through his love.

We are then told to pray for the coming of God's kingdom--the fulfillment of God's loving plan for us--which comes only at the end of time. In the meantime, we will need daily spiritual nourishment so that we may be strong enough and free enough to forgive others as we await in trust the final challenge of faith at the moment of death.

Jesus then makes all this even more explicit by offering us examples of the power of prayer, especially when it is fervent and persistent. We should note, however, that what God promises in response to our earnest prayers is not necessarily that answer that we seek, but rather the "holy Spirit." This reminds us that the best answer to all prayers is the powerful gift of the Spirit who enables us to love and trust in the most difficult situations of life.

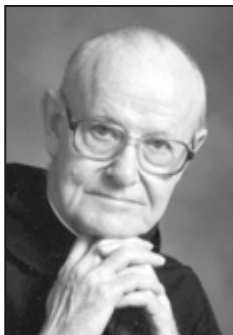
Life Implications

We do not usually find it too difficult to acknowledge the power of God. Creation is proof enough of that. Jesus now asks us to address this all-powerful God as One whose irresistible power is completely in service of his love. This is difficult for us because we experience power so often as domination and violence. Nonetheless, we must continue to call God our loving Father with the sure conviction that eventually our experience will match our words. For we cannot remain hopeful unless we hear, with Jesus, that God's love offers us all of his immense power for our salvation and happiness.

Praying for the coming of God's kingdom does not mean asking God to come and "shape up" all those other folks who are not as upright as we are. Rather, it means that we trust God so much that we want his dream for us to be fulfilled--something that will come about only at the end of time. It is therefore the victory of God's love for which we pray...and that may very well mean forgiveness of our own self-righteousness.

We are asked to pray also for our daily bread. We are on a journey and, like all travelers, we need sustenance. Mostly we need the nourishment of courage and hope, lest we succumb to cynicism and despair. Then we ask our heavenly Father to lift from our shoulders the burden of sinfulness and guilt so that we may make this spiritual journey with wings on our feet. This petition is followed by a solemn pledge to turn our sense of confidence and joy into forgiveness for all our fellow travelers. For only those who are willing to forgive can expect to be forgiven.

The Lord's Prayer is so central to our Christian experience that St. Teresa of Avila is supposed to have said, when asked how to be a true contemplative, You must simply say the Lord's Prayer...but you must say it very, very slowly! The implication is that we will never exhaust the wisdom found in this wonderful prayer which is so special because it was given to us by Jesus himself.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

August 4, 2013

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

Gospel summary

While Jesus is teaching a crowd of people, someone asks him to settle a dispute about an inheritance. Jesus refuses to act as a judge in the dispute, and uses the occasion to warn the crowd against all forms of greed or covetousness. He then illustrates what he means by telling a story about a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. The man decided to build large barns to store his grain and other goods. And he thought about the future day when he would say to himself, "Now as for you, you have so many things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, and be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." The story is a warning for all who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God.

Life Implications

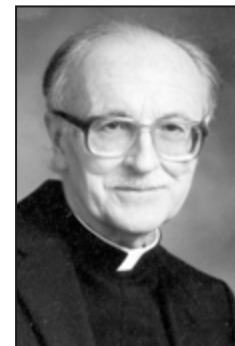
Jesus' teaching about the deadly sin of covetousness is at the heart of the biblical tradition. David Noel Freedman, in his recent book *The Nine Commandments*, contends that the first nine books of the bible after Genesis tell how Israel from the Exodus to the Exile violated all Ten Commandments and as a consequence suffered God's just punishment: Exodus (idolatry), Leviticus (taking God's name in vain), Numbers (keeping the Sabbath), Deuteronomy (honoring parents), Joshua (stealing), Judges (murder), 1 and 2 Samuel (adultery), 1 and 2 Kings (false witness). Covetousness (the tenth commandment) is the motivating force behind the violation of all the commandments. (This summary is from a review by Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, America, March 12, 2001.)

Today's homily could use examples from any of these books to deepen the understanding of Jesus' warning against covetousness. Genesis, particularly the first eleven chapters, also shows how deadly a sin covetousness is. Here the truths that Israel had learned the hard way through the events of its history are revealed to be true for all humanity. Just as covetousness was the motivating force of Israel's violation of the Ten Commandments, so it was also the motivation of Adam and Eve's violation of the commandment God had given to them. The covetousness was expressed in their desire to be like gods. In the account we can also see the connection between covetousness and fear. Sensing their fear of death, Satan had said to Eve, "You certainly will not die." Their fear it seems impelled them to the covetousness that was their downfall.

Covetousness also seems to have made Adam and Eve forget about God as they were about to eat the fruit. They also forgot that they already were like God—created in the divine image and likeness to live and be creative in their beautiful garden of Eden. There is no suggestion of a rebellious, satanic "I will not serve" in the Genesis story of the Fall. Afterwards, God's response seems to be more disappointment than anger, much like the father of the prodigal son who was so covetous of an illusory good life. It is easy to relate to these universal human experiences in our culture of mass production and advertising. We readily succumb to the fear of being "nobodies" and are stimulated to covet all sorts of things that the "somebodies" have, foolishly forgetting what God might think about the matter. Covetousness seems to engender covetousness in others. It is thus not only the original sin, but it is also an originating sin.

Covetousness is a deadly sin because it causes us to forget about God, at times to the point of idolatry (Col 3:5). It also causes us to forget about other people except in resentment or envy. Notice that in Jesus' parable, the rich man thinks only of himself—taking it easy, eating, drinking and having a good time. He does not say to himself, "Now that I have all this money, I will feed the hungry, help the widows and orphans, and give my farm-workers a raise." If he had desired to do such things for others, he would have been rich in what matters to God. "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). Money, on the other hand, at the service of love is the root of countless good things. It takes money to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, heal the sick, do scientific research, or start a business. That love is a good kind of coveting.

At our Eucharist today we might pray that our loves will not be foolish, but will always be in harmony with God's wisdom. In that wisdom, we can work and live without anxiety even though we realize that this night our life may be demanded of us.



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

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Message From President

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In addition to St. Agnes, the Philadelphia Archdiocese once included the following parishes who were founded as Slovak Catholic Churches or who had a majority of Slovak parishioners:

St. Andrew in Catasauqua, St. Ann in Emmaus, Assumption of B.V.M. in Northampton, Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Bethlehem, Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Coaldale, Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Reading, St. Gabriel in Stowe, Holy Trinity in Egypt, Immaculate Conception in Nesquehoning, Immaculate Conception in St. Clair, St. Mary in McAdoo, St. Mary in Mahanoy City, St. Michael the Archangel in Lansford, Sacred Heart in Palmerton, Our Lady of Sorrow in Bridgeport, Sacred Heart in Phoenixville, and St. Stephen in Shenandoah.

Many of these parishes were founded by leaders active in our Jednota. Some of these parishes have since closed or been merged with other parishes.

I urge you to take some time as you browse the internet to look up the parishes as some have very detailed stories about their founding and history.

Some people wonder how we pick a Convention site. First, Sec. 11.06 of the Bylaws requires that the Convention must be held in a state wherein the First Catholic Slovak Union has a subordinate branch. The Home Office solicited proposals from more than 30 hotels that met the criteria, stretching from Illinois to the East Coast. The criteria included necessary hotel rooms, adequate meeting and dining space, breakout rooms, parking, airline flights and room and food costs, etc. The responses reduced the number of options.

Members of the Executive Committee visited nine hotels in three different locations. After reviewing the locations the Committee selected the Philadelphia Sheraton with Board approval.

We will be hard at work to make this the 50th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union fruitful for the Society and a very pleasant experience for the Delegates. Stay tuned for further information.



Združenie Slovenských Katolíkov

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, has announced that the 58th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation will be held in the Wilkes-Barre area, Sunday, September 15, 2013 through Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

The Convention Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. The Reverend Monsignor Thomas V. Banick, S.T.D., Past President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, serves as pastor. The Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation is the main celebrant of the Convention Liturgy with the Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, National President, serving as homilist.

Following the Liturgy, a banquet will be held East Mountain Inn & Suites, 600 Wildflower Drive at Route 115 (Exit 170A off I-81), Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. A cash-bar cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., with buffet dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. Cost per banquet ticket is: \$40.00.

Convention sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday at the East Mountain Inn & Suites. Lifetime and yearly dues paying members of the Slovak Catholic Federation are eligible to be delegates at the National Convention. If a yearly dues paying member, dues for 2013 must be submitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer by August 15, 2013. Dues and quotas for all member fraternal societies, conferences and Chapters of the Slovak Catholic Federation must also be up-to-date, in order for these groups to have delegates at the National Convention.

To commemorate this historic event, a Convention Booklet will be published. Sponsorships are being sought for the booklet. Deadline for sponsorships is: August 15, 2013. For more information on banquet tickets, to become a sponsor for the Convention Book or to become a member of the Slovak Catholic Federation, please contact Dolores M. Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation at: (570) 454-5547 / e-mail: jje@intergrafix.net or visit the Slovak Catholic Federation website at: www.slovakcatholicfederation.org.

Thank you for your support of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Bishop Jozef Halko Will Visit The Church of St. Cyril & Methodius in Clifton, N.J.

On Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. there will be a Slovak Mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the St. Cyril & Methodius Church in Clifton, N.J. (218 Ackerman Ave, Clifton, N.J. 07011; Phone: 973-546-4390) and to commemorate the 1150th Anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril & Methodius to Slovakia.

The Slovak Mass will be celebrated by auxiliary bishop of the Bratislava Archdiocese, Mons. Jozef Halko. In attendance will be also other Slovak priests living in the United States.

Bishop Halko will bring from Slovakia the relic of St. Cyril in honor of our Cyrilo-Methodian Year of Faith.

After the Mass refreshment will be served at the Church's Hall.

Monsignor Halko and priests of Slovak descent residing in USA are responsible for pastoral care and for promoting faith between Slovaks residing outside of Slovakia.

We urge you to consider attending this event as it is the day prior to our National Picnic, on August 11, 2013, in nearby Millstone Township, New Jersey.

Year of Faith: Non-Christian Religions

Dear Friends,

The fifth of five documents proclaimed by Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965 was the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra aetate). It begins by stating that the Church's task of promoting unity and love among people and nations involves an examination of what all people have in common, namely, our origin and final goal (God), and God's providence, manifestations of divine goodness, and will to save humanity. It then goes on to pose questions that people have looked to different religions for answers. Among these questions are: What is man? What is the meaning, the aim of our life? What is the moral good; what is sin? Why do we suffer and what purpose does it serve? Which is the true road to happiness? What are death, judgment and retribution after death? Where do we come from and where are we going?



Rev. Thomas Nasta

It then gives a broad description of how Hinduism and Buddhism answers these questions, stating that the Catholic Church rejects nothing in these faiths that is true and holy. Next, it addresses the Moslem faith, which the Church regards with esteem because of some common beliefs and practices, and urges all to work sincerely for mutual understanding and the promotion of social justice, peace, and freedom. Then it speaks of Judaism and the "bond that spiritually ties the people of the New Covenant to Abraham's stock." The Church acknowledges the beginnings of her faith and her election by God are found already in the Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets. She also believes that by his Cross, Jesus reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in himself.

Nostra aetate concludes with these universal teachings, teachings meant for all people and all times. We cannot call God our Father if we refuse to treat one another with brotherly love. All forms of hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against Jews at any time by anyone is condemned. Any discrimination against or harassment of people because of race, color, condition of life, or religion, is foreign to the mind of Christ and is rebuked. Finally, all are implored to live in peace with each other.

The next document to be profiled will be the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta National Chaplain



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If each member would sign up just one new member, we could double our Society immediately
THINK ABOUT IT!

2013 Jednota Scholarship Winners

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Each FCSU 2013 Jednota Scholarship winner will receive a one-time grant of \$750.00. Included in these winners are Emily Uhrin, Veronica Joy Mullen and Michael DiPietro who were selected for the "John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund".

In addition to the above winners, there were two special awards given. Nicholas Hudak is the recipient of the "Philip Hrobak Scholarship" and Emily Jadwin is the recipient of the "Stephanie Husek Scholarship". These awards are also one-time grants and are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

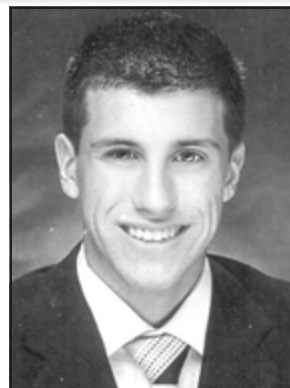
Additionally, each scholarship winner will be issued a \$3,000.00 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy upon proof of graduation from college.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



ALAND, LUCAS WESLEY
Parents : Diane & Kirk Aland, Branch : 181 KJ, United, PA, College : Penn State - Altoona, Major : Rail Transportation Engineering

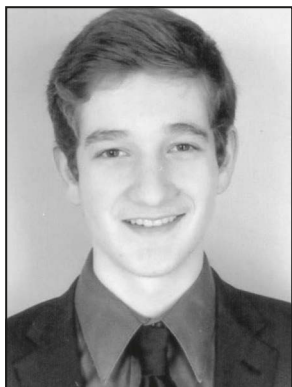


BAHNIJ, MATTHEW ROMAN
Parents : Darlene & Jaroslav Bahnij, Branch : 855K, Parma, OH, College : University of Rhode Island, Major : Business Management/Pre-law



BANISH, SHAWN
Parents : Donna & Jay Banish Branch : 380K, Canonsburg, PA, College : University of Pittsburgh, Major : Computer Science Engineering

Top Male
Philip Hrobak Scholarship



HUDAK, NICHOLAS
Parents: Christopher & Bobbi Jean Hudak, Branch : 670K; Donora, PA , College: Duquesne University, Major: Finance and Legal Studies, Double Major

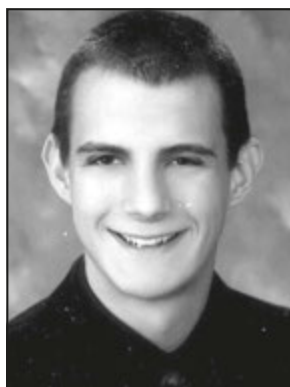
Top Female
Stephanie Husek Scholarship



JADWIN, EMILY
Parents: Jay & Laurie Jadwin, Branch : 628K; Pittsburgh, PA, College: Ohio State University, Major : Economics/Finance



BELECHAK, PETER
Parents : Johnette & John Belechak, Branch : 213K, Valencia, PA, College : James Madison University, Major : Business



BENNETHUM, NICHOLAS
Parents : Maryann & William Bennethum, Branch : 175K, Reading, PA, College : Penn State University, Major : Law to Political Science



BORDE, ROBERT
Parents : Mary & Arthur Borde, Branch : 181K, United, PA, College : University of Central Florida, Major : Electrical Engineering

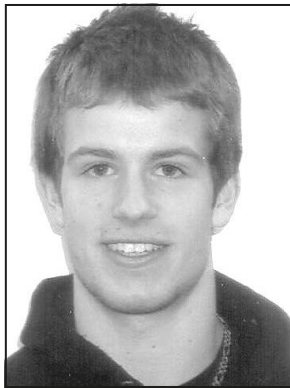
John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund Nursing Awards - 3



DEPIETRO, MICHAEL
Parents: Frank & Maureen DePietro, Branch : 382K; Dunmore, PA, College: Penn State University, Major : Pre-Nursing



MULLEN, VERONICA
Parents: Michael & Theresa Mullen, Branch : 380K; Canonsburg, PA , College: Texas Tech University, Major : Bachelor of Science Nursing; Pre-Nursing



BOZEK, DENIS
Parents : Eva & Larry Bozek, Branch : 716K, Palisades, NY, College : New York Institute of Technology, Major : Computers



COLUMBUS, EMILY
Parents : Mary & Mike Columbus, Branch : 002K, Pittston, PA, College : West Virginia University, Major : Biology



CHANDIK, NICOLAS
Parents : Caroline & Gerald Chandik, Branch : 784K, Montreal QC, College : John Molson School of Business of Concordia University, Major : Finance



UHRIN, EMILY
Parents: David & Karin Uhrin, Branch : 181K; United, PA, College: West Virginia Wesleyan College , Major : Nursing



DIABLE, ZACHARY
Parents : Carole & Thomas Diable, Branch : 410K, Uniontown, PA, College : West Virginia University, Major : Engineering



DISHAW, ALEXANDER
Parents : Sally & Richard Dishaw, Branch : 756K, Owosso, MI, College : University of Michigan, Major : Computer Science



DORDAN, MIRANDA
Parents : Christine & Albert Dordan, Branch : 040K, Streator, IL, College : University of Alaska, Anchorage, Major : Languages

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ESTRIGHT, CHRISTINA
Parents : Mary & Gregory Estright, Branch : 55K, Broomall, PA, College : Juniata College, Major : Biology



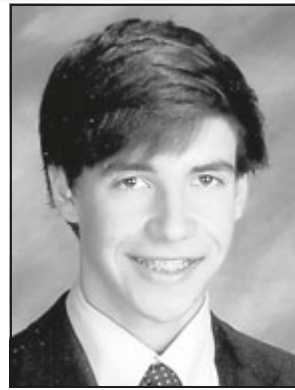
GADOSY, MEIGHAN
Parents : Johanne & Timothy Gadosy, Branch : 810K, Montreal QC, College : John Abbott College, Major : Nursing



GALLAGHER, CONNOR
Parents : Mary Jane & Joseph Gallagher, Branch : 010K Olyphant, PA, College : Drexel of Rowan University, Major : Electrical Engineering



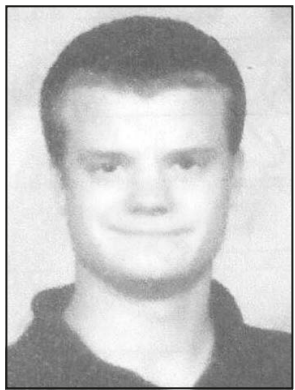
GARRIS, MELISSA
Parents: Ann & Gerard Garris, Branch : 746K, Linden, NJ, College: Caldwell College, Major : Art Therapy



GERICS, DAVID
Parents: Ivette & David Gerics, Branch : 19K, Bridgeport CT, College: Pomona College, Major : Undeclared



GREER, KAYLA
Parents: Renee & Quintin Greer, Branch : 434K, McKees Rocks, College: Allegheny College, Major : International Studies/German



GREGA, ANTHONY
Parents: Pam & Thomas Grega, Branch : 41K, Bronxville, NY, College: Penn State Hazleton, Major : Engineering



GREGORICKA, GEORGIA
Parents: Georgia & Terry Gregoricka, Branch : 756K, Owosso, MI, College: The University of Alabama, Major : Human Environmental Sciences; Focus on Apparel & Textiles



HARPER, JESSICA
Parents: Cheryl & Rick Harper, Branch : 484K, Coral, PA, College: Duquesne University, Major : Physical Therapy



HECKEL, BRIA
Parents: MaryJo & Brad Heckel, Branch : 060K, McKeesport, PA, College: University of Utah, Major : Undeclared/Medical



HECKEL, BRYNN
Parents: MaryJo & Brad Heckel, Branch : 060K, McKeesport, PA, College: University of Utah, Major : Undeclared/Science, Technical



HUSEMAN, JOSHUA
Parents: Dorothy & David Huseman, Branch : 853K, Charleroi, PA, College: University of Notre Dame, Major : Engineering



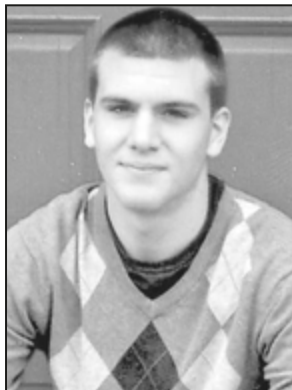
JOHNSON, BRETT
Parents: Elizabeth & Van Johnson, Branch : 260K, Campbell, OH, College: Butler University, Major : Sports Medicine



JORGENSEN, MICHAEL
Parents: Jean & Scott Jorgensen, Branch : 756K, Owosso, MI, College: Northern Michigan University, Major : Aviation & Airway Science



KAMINSKY, NICOLE
Parents: Tina & Michael Kaminsky, Branch : 581K, Gary, IN, College: Purdue University West Lafayette, Major : Pharmacy Science



KEARNS, STEPHEN
Parents: Jokay & Creighton Kearns, Branch : 567K, Northampton, PA, College: Oregon State University, Major: Finance



KOLESAR, DUSHAN
Parents: Viera & Dusan Kolesar, Branch : 746K, Linden, NJ, College: Rutgers University, Major : Biology/Pre-Medical Studies



KRUPA, JUSTIN
Parents: Carolyn & Thomas Krupa, Branch : 682K, Youngstown, OH, College: Johns Hopkins University, Major : Bioengineering



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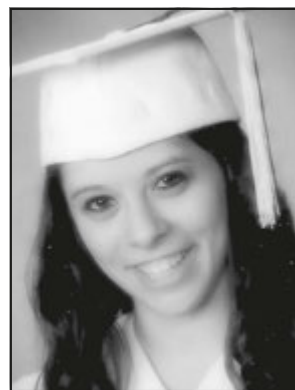
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LAZAR, PRISCILLA
Parents: Joellen & Richard Lazar, Branch : 266K, Hazleton, PA, College: Wilkes University, Major : Biology



LINZA, JESSICA
Parents: Donna & John Linza, Branch : 254K, Pittsburgh, PA, College: Saint Francis University, Major : Psychology



LOMBARDI, ALEXIS
Parent: Debra Lombardi, Branch : 393K, Greensburg, PA, College: Ohio University, Major : Dance



MARX, LEXI
Parents: Lori & Jeffrey Marx, Branch: 002K, Pittsburgh, PA, College: Slippery Rock University, Major : Biology/Medical Technology

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MCCLAIN, BRIANNA

Parent: Melanie McClain, Branch : 213K, Valencia, PA, College: Robert Marris University, Major : Sports Management



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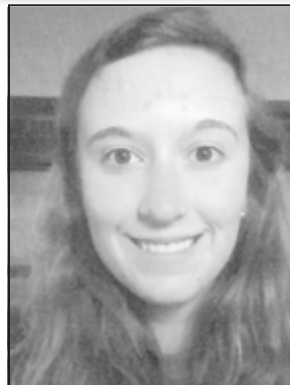
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Parents: Marcy & Tim Namespetra, Branch : 789K, Windsor, ON, College: University of Windsor, Major : Biochemistry or Human Kinetics



NORMAND, TRAVIS

Parents: Michelle & Rod Normand, Branch : 735K, Portland, OR, College: Mt. Hood Community College, Major : Business



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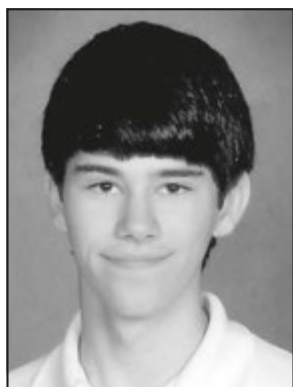
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Parents: Jill & Erik Payne, Branch : 055K, Broomall, PA, College: Temple University, Major : Kinesiology



PETERS, RYAN

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Parents : Lawrence & Christine Rosensweet, Branch : 567K, Allentown, PA, College : Duquesne University, Major : Biochemistry



RUFFING, CECILIA

Parents : Jeff & Cecilia Ruffing, Branch : 670K; Donora, PA, College : University of Dayton, Major : Computer Science Business



RURA, JAIME

Parents : James & Shamrock Rura, Branch : 484K; Coral, PA, College : Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Major : Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management



RURA, ROBERT

Parents : Maria Angelucci & Rudy Rura, Branch : 484K; Coral, PA, College : Neumann University, Major : Business



SALLEY, LISA

Parents : Edward & Susan Salley, Branch : 430K; Simpson, PA, College : University of Connecticut, Major : Business Management



SAMSON, JOHANNA

Parents : Joe and Cindy Samson, Branch : 450K; Cleveland, OH, College : Aquinas College, Major : Pre-Med/Pre-Physical Therapy



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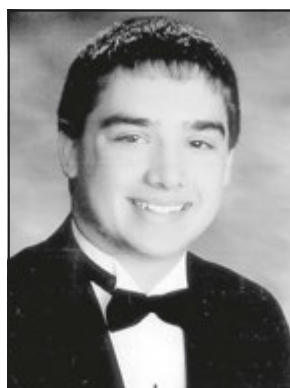
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Parents : David & Margaret Secunda, Branch : 429K; Lyndora, PA, College : Penn State University, Major : Biology



SINDON, MATTHEW

Parents : Barb Krna & Brian Sindon, Branch : 166K; Binghamton, NY, College : Seminole State College at the University of Central Florida, Major : Computer Science



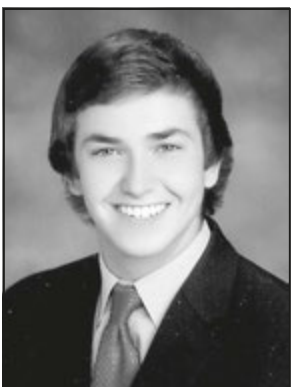
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Parents : Gregory Straka & June Homan-Straka, Branch : 175K; Reading, PA, College : Boston College, Major : Biochemistry/Molecular Biology



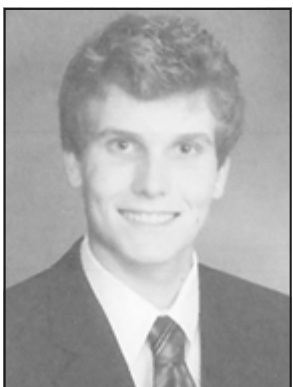
STROBLE, RACHAEL

Parents : Richard & Suzanne Stroble, Branch : 484K; Coral, PA, College : Lycoming College, Major : German & International / European Studies



SULLIVAN, THOMAS

Parents : Michael & Mary Sullivan, Branch : 313K; Chicago, IL, College : The University of Wisconsin, Major : Business



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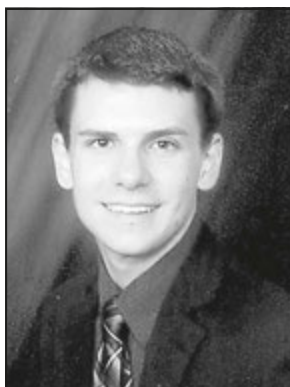
TIANO, BRIANNA

Parents : Lisa Weiss & Ted Weiss, Frank J. Tiano, Branch : 003P; Hazleton, PA, College : West Virginia University, Major : Physical Therapy



TOCIK, LINDSAY

Parents : Raymond & Darlene Tocik, Branch : 313K; Chicago, IL, College : Dominican University, Major : Education, Psychology, Art



TRUMBETTA, JUSTIN

Parents : Thomas & Eleanor Trumbetta, Branch : 393K; Greensburg, PA, College : Saint Vincent College, Major : Finance & Computer Science



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Parents : Joseph & Diane Vehec, Branch : 628K; Pittsburgh, PA, College : Penn State University, Major : Economics

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Parents : Richard & Kathleen Vrabel, Branch : 796K; Egypt, PA, College : Franciscan University of Steubenville, Major : Elementary Education



WAZNAK, KRISTEN
Parents : Frank & Patricia Waznak, Branch : 240P; Pittston, PA, College : DeSales University, Major : Nursing



WIETCHY, RYAN
Parents : Mark & Susan Wietchy, Branch : 743K; Sterling Heights, MI, College : Michigan State University, Major : Accounting



WILHELM, JONATHAN
Parents : Mary Jean & Stephen Wilhelm, Branch : 853K; Charleroi, PA, College : Texas Tech University, Major : Chemical Engineering



ZELENAK, ELLIOTT
Parents : Edward & Angeline Zelenak, Branch : 584K; Taylor, MI, College : Wayne State University, Major : Political Science/History/Pre-Law



YOUTH ROUND-UP



Book Corner

Getting to Know Family

Gail A. Sisolak



Anne Marie Yurik was chosen to be the Crowner for the May Crowning of Blessed Mary with flowers at OLPH Church on May 10, 2013. Anne Marie is a member of FCSU Branch 153.

- Submitted by Rudy Bernath Region 7 Director and proud grandfather

Part memoir, part European history, *A Country Lost Then Found; Discovering My Father's Slovakia* by Rick Zedník, gives a first person account of a young American discovering home in an unexpected place. It answers the oft pondered question, "Can we go home again?"

Zedník not only can, but does, and the result is his book which evocatively describes a singular story played against the grand sweep of historic events. So often, tales of the emigrant experience introduce family members who move from Europe to the United States. Zedník presents a multigenerational story which features family members traveling between two continents, their motivations, and the difficulties they face.

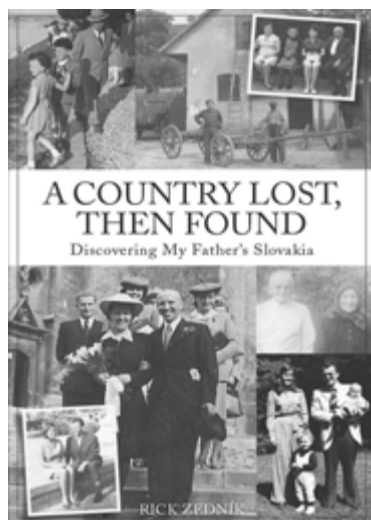
Juraj Zedník, Rick Zedník's father, was spending the summer of 1968 abroad when Warsaw Pact tanks invaded Czechoslovakia. When the Communist regime forced him to renounce his Czechoslovak citizenship, he embarks on a new – wholly American – life. He changed his name and gained U.S. citizenship. He did not visit family or teach his children his native tongue. After the Velvet Revolution toppled Communism in 1989, Juraj's son Rick decided to go and live in Bratislava. He connected with his dying grandfather and frail grandmother.

The events in Rick Zedník's life line up perfectly with world events, and provide him with the ideal opportunity to participate in the birth of Slovakia and the changing face of the country first hand. At loose ends after college graduation, Zedník jumped at the opportunity to live in Slovakia even though he did not speak the language. Determination and grit allow him to succeed against daunting odds by creating a new life and job in the fast changing economy of the emerging nation. As a result, Zedník was able to connect with family members and learn their heart warming stories.

Family viewpoints express the personal losses experienced during the Warsaw Pact invasion, and later rejoice with the crowds that welcomed Czechoslovakia's first post-1989 president, Václav Havel, to Bratislava.

I was surprised to see Zedník, a co-founding editor of the *Slovak Editor*, use Wikipedia for much of his source material. However, it does make it easy for readers to learn more about specific events.

Jednota editor's note: you can read more about this book or purchase it by going to amazon.com.



A Country Lost, Then Found: Discovering My Father's Slovakia by Rick Zedník, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform (December 22, 2012).



(L – R)
Branch
493 Robert
Tapak
Magruder
and John
Emmanuel
Munoz

Branch 493 Member John Munoz Celebrates Birthday

John Emmanuel Munoz a member of Branch #493 in Chicago, recently celebrated his 18th birthday. John, an anime fan, first went to two video game stores to pick out his birthday gifts. Afterwards, he and other members of his branch went to Aurelio's Pizza Parlor in Homewood, IL for birthday dinner. He is shown above with his godfather Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary. John is a student at Hammond High School in Hammond, IN, and attends St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church in Whiting, IN.

- Submitted by Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary

Reflections on the 1150th Anniversary of the Arrival of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Great Moravia

Bob and Sharon Richardson



1993 Nitra's Castle and Historic Center

Twenty years ago, at the beginning of our Slovak Adventures, we visited Nitra, Slovakia and spent a night there at the Hotel Zobor in the Historic Center and named after the Zobor Hill, one of Nitra's seven hills. This hill also was where Nitra's castle was built centuries ago. Before leaving Nitra and heading east, we visited that historic castle and learned that Nitra was once part of Great Moravia (Velka Morava).

Great Moravia was a vassal state of the Frankish kingdom and was composed of two principalities, Nitra and Morava. In the early 700s Celtic missionaries, who used the Latin language and alphabet in the Roman Catholic liturgy, came to Great Moravia to Christianize the Slavic tribes. They had limited success. In the late 700s Frankish missionaries (also using the Latin language and alphabet in the liturgy) came to Great Moravia to Christianize the Slavic tribes. These missionaries and supporters of the Frankish Empire's mission, which was to strengthen the imperial power of the Franks over the Slavs, had more success in Christianizing the Slavs than the Celtic missionaries had. In 828 the first known Christian church in Nitra was consecrated. This small church still exists today inside Nitra's castle.

In 862 Prince Rastislav, from Great Moravia, wanting to be independent of the Franks, wrote to Pope Nicholas I and asked for Christian missionary teachers who were familiar with the Slavic tongue. He received no answer from the Pope for the simple reason that the Holy See did not have such missionaries to send. Prince Rastislav then turned to the Byzantine Empire, asking Emperor Michael III for not just teachers, but also a bishop. Emperor Michael III granted his request and in 863 sent Constantine (Cyril) and Methodius to Great Moravia. They were two Greek brothers born and raised in Thessalonica in an aristocratic, well-educated family. They had learned the Slavic tongue from Slavs living in Thessalonica before their arrival in Great Moravia. They also had created a basic alphabet for the Slavic language, called "glagolitic", which later became the basis of modern Slavic languages such as Russian and Serbian. They used this Slavic alphabet in Roman Catholic liturgy and in the

instruction of new priests in Great Moravia. Methodius was appointed Archbishop of Great Moravia in 869, the very year his brother, Cyril, died and was buried in Rome. Methodius died in 885 and was buried in his adopted land --- Great Moravia --- in Velehrad, which is located in present-day Czech Republic and is the most popular pilgrimage site in the entire country.

This Slavic alphabet is now called the "Cyrillic" alphabet. Cyril and Methodius are now called "The Apostles to the Slavs". On May 9, 1990 the Slovak Parliament legislated July 5th as a national holiday to be called "Sts. Cyril and Methodius Holiday" (Cyril a Metod statny sviatok) in honor of their contributions to Slavic languages, culture, and history.

This year, 2013, twenty years after our first visit to Slovakia, we will be back in Slovakia on July 5th to celebrate with the Slovak people the 1150th Anniversary of the Arrival of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Great Moravia. On July 6th we will attend the wedding of one of Bob's cousins, Robert Zvara, at the Saint Elizabeth Cathedral in Kosice. We will also visit Anton and Maria Lendacky and other Slovak cousins of Bob in Henclova, the village where Bob's Slovak grandfather, Andrew Kerkes, was born and raised. We will visit friends in Spisska Nova Ves, where we lived and taught English (1994-1995), friends in Zvolen we met during our U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer Service (1996-1998) and Ivan and Anna Zelenka, our friends and former colleagues at Matej Bel University (2000-2008) in Banska Bystrica. They sent us the commemorative card below.

Translation (top): The 1150th anniversary of the arrival of the Byzantine mission of Sts. Cyril and Methodius on the territory of Slovakia.



Translation (bottom): The pilgrimage of the relics of St. Cyril (Constantine) around the dioceses of Slovakia in 2012.



Annual July Pierogi Fest in Whiting IN



THE WHITING PIEROGI FEST is a three-day "street festival" in Whiting, Indiana, located about 20 minutes from Chicago, IL. It is presented by the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce and draws almost 200,000 visitors each year. The Pierogi Fest is held the last full weekend in July, which means this year it runs July 26 - 28, 2013, from 11am to 10pm on Friday and Saturday and from 11am to 5pm on Sunday.

Jam packed with street vendors selling food, drinks and fun novelty items like t-shirts, the fest also features events like the Polka

Dance Off, judged by Mr. Pierogi and Ms. Paczki.

Not only can you tap your toes to the live and pulsating music of polka bands each day, but you can sit and watch the beautifully costumed young men and women from different Slovak dance troupes - Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble from Detroit, MI; Veselica Slovak Folk Ensemble from Chicago, IL; and the Vychodna Slovak Dancers from Mississauga, Ontario - many of whom are FCSU members. Šarišan is directed by Milan Straka, Branch 743 while Vychodna's Executive Vice President of Cultural Events Dušan Dorich is a member of Branch 785.

The dancers perform from 2 - 4PM on Saturday and noon - 2PM on Sunday.

For more information, visit the official Pierogi Fest website: www.pierogifest.net or call toll free 1-800-659-0292

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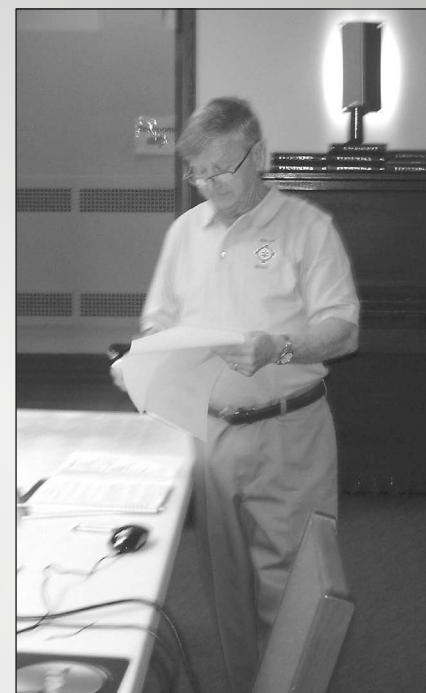
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Scenes from Sales Seminar in Scranton

The First Catholic Slovak Union Membership and Marketing Committee held a Sales Seminar on Sunday, April 21, 2013 immediately following the SS Cyril & Methodius District 17 Meeting at 1:00PM at St. Ann's Basilica Hall, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Scranton, PA.

Designed for district officers and branch officers as well as district-wide recommenders, the seminar covered information about our Society's insurance and annuity products, and as information about how to sell them.



Mark Your Calendars: The following FCSU Sales Seminars have been finalized...



August 25, 2013 - Rev. Stephen Furdek Ohio District 10. The seminar will be at the Home Office - 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, in Independence, OH. The seminar begins at 2 P.M.

October 13, 2013 - Frank T. Holly District 9 and the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District 12. The combined seminar will begin at 2 P.M. It will be held at the Hampton Inn located at 698 West Main St. in Uniontown, PA 15401.

Other seminars are pending...time and place to be announced. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *Jednota*.



Insights and Viewpoints

The First Two Decades of the Second Slovak Republic (1993-2013)

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum

In a series of articles written in 1913, the great man of letters and political leader of the beginning of the twentieth century, Jozef Škultéty, deplored the state of Slovak society at that time and was, furthermore, uncertain whether it could meet the challenges that it faced. Budapest's policy of Magyarization in Upper Hungary, as Slovakia was then called, was in full force, making it very difficult for the leaders of the Slovak nation to articulate any economic, social, or political goals. Were he alive today, Škultéty would, no doubt, marvel at the development that has taken place in the span of a century. He might, in fact, be especially amazed at the changes that have occurred in the last two decades. He would rejoice at the fact that the year 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the creation of the second Slovak Republic and he would see it as an important anniversary that merits examination and comment.

Like most important events in Slovak history, the creation of the second Slovak Republic on 1 January 1993 was a decision taken by political leaders who had not consulted the people. Furthermore, it was a gamble, as it required the creation and consolidation of state institutions that had hitherto not existed in Slovakia. For 74 years, with the hiatus of six years from 1939 to 1945 when the first Slovak Republic existed, Slovakia had, since 1918, been a constituent part of a state it shared with the Czech nation. The centralized state institutions that were created had not allowed for any form of self-administration in Slovakia. Not until 1968, when the federalization of Czechoslovakia occurred, the only reform from the liberalization period of the Communist regime in the spring and summer to survive the Warsaw Pact invasion of August, did Slovakia acquire institutions allowing for some self-government and not just the execution of state policies decided in Prague. When the breakup occurred on 31 December 1992, the Czech Republic retained all of the state institutions while the political elite in Bratislava faced the challenge of creating new ones in Slovakia. It was a challenge they met. Credit goes to the creator and first prime minister of the second Slovak Republic, Vladimír Mečiar, a man who, in the years that followed, seriously challenged democratic development in Slovakia by his idiosyncratic and centralizing style of rule. The fear in the West that Slovakia would, under his leadership, become an authoritarian state was shown by the fact that its application for membership into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was postponed until there was a change of government.

Despite his party getting the most seats in the National Council of the Slovak Republic (NC SR) in the elections of 1998, the Mečiar era ended when a group of opposition parties formed a coalition government under the leadership of Mikuláš Dzurinda, the next man to leave a mark on the history of this anniversary. Dzurinda not only ended the centralizing policies of his predecessor, but brought in reforms that allowed Slovakia to develop economically and thereby forever end the off-heard claim that the country could not develop without the paternalistic assistance of others. But more importantly, Dzurinda successfully prepared Slovakia for admission into NATO during its second enlargement eastward and into the European Union (EU) in 2004. His party and its coalition partners had won the 2002 elections that confirmed the population's desire to see Slovakia achieve these two important goals. Slovakia was now firmly back in Europe where it had always belonged, the post-war years of communism having been the exception in its history. In 2009, the country was, after Slovenia, the second one in Central Europe to join the eurozone by adopting the euro.

In the first decade of the second Slovak Republic, Slovakia had undergone incredible change: the political culture of the Communist system had been replaced by a democratic one, a state had been created and consolidated, and it had achieved international recognition as well as admission as an equal partner in two vital Western institutions. But there had also been challenges, particularly of a domestic nature, that needed to be addressed. These came particularly to the fore in the second decade. Róbert Fico, the third personality to mark this period, is the political leader who has had to meet these challenges; he still is prime minister as Slovakia enters its third decade.

What is likely to give Fico his significant place in Slovak political history is the fact that he obtained an absolute majority in the NC SR in the elections of 2012; a first in Slovak history. He did not need to form a coalition government, something that his predecessor had been obliged to do. Without going into detail, suffice it to say that the Slovak political landscape after the fall of communism had become very complex if not confusing. When the one-party rule of the Communists gave way to a multi-party

system, political parties across the left-right spectrum began to appear like mushrooms after a good rain. The electorate, however, was attracted by political leaders rather than by party platforms; as a result, parties came and went, even when they won seats in the NC SR, especially those parties that sought to establish themselves in the center of the political spectrum or to espouse a liberal point of view – SOP (Party of civic Understanding), ANO (New Citizen's Alliance) and SaS (Freedom and Solidarity). The parties that managed to win seats regularly in elections to the NC SR were found either on the left – HZDS/Movement for a Democratic Slovakia (Mečiar) and Smer-sociálna demokracia (Fico) or on the right – SDKU/Slovak Christian and Democratic Union (Dzurinda); the SNS/Slovak National Party; and the KDH/Christian Democratic Movement. The Hungarians in Slovakia have had what might be called "ethnic" representation in many parties with Béla Bugár, leading Most-Híd/Bridge, as their most eminent representative. In the 2012 elections the HZDS/Movement for a Democratic Slovakia and the SNS/Slovak National Party disappeared from the scene. Fico swept them away with his absolute majority.



Two Decades - Trnava's common, the common that was destroyed

Space does not allow for a description of every election; however, it is important to note that political power alternated between right and left throughout this period: 1992-1994: the left with Mečiar; 1994: the right with Jozef Moravčík; 1994-1998: the left with Mečiar; 1998-2006: the right with Dzurinda; 2006-2010: the left with Fico; 2010-2012: the right with Iveta Radičová; and 2012- : the left with Fico. It should also be noted that some of these governments had coalition partners that were from both sides of the spectrum; for example, Fico, in his first government (2006-2010), formed a coalition with the HZDS/Movement for a Democratic Slovakia and the SNS/Slovak National Party. There were also political crises in the NC SR that provoked early elections, namely in 1994, 2010, and 2012. Last but not least, the second Slovak Republic has had three presidents: Michal Kováč (1993-1999); Rudolf Schuster (1999-2004); and Ivan Gašparovič (2004-). Presidential elections are to take place in 2014. In short, democracy is alive and well in Slovakia.

If Jozef Škultéty lived in Slovakia today, it is not at its politics that he would marvel but rather at what he would see as he traveled throughout the country: modern commercial buildings; shopping centers like Aupark and Eurovea in Bratislava and others across the land; new hotels; luxurious spas like the Wellness Center in Patenice; renovated historic areas in most cities, towns, and villages; new affluent homes; the latest car models speeding on the modern highway system; consumer goods in stores that the previous Communist regime could not even possibly have dreamt of; an expanding university system (he might be critical here); an efficient and at times even modern public transport system; the increasing multilingual capacity of young people and their travels throughout Europe and the world; and Slovakia's economic performance that has it dubbed as the Tatra Tiger, because it has one of the strongest economies in Central Europe.

Jozef Škultéty would also notice serious regional economic imbalances; villages with acute poverty, especially where there is a Roma population; a health system that badly needs modernization; pensions that allow pensioners barely to survive; prices rising much faster than wages; a growing gap between rich and poor; uniform row housing as we often see in North America; foreign ownership of Slovak industries; the lack of job opportunities for young people; and a degree of cynicism towards politicians among citizens that is often reflected in the low voter turnout at election time. The word linked to politicians that he would hear the most is corruption, like the 2012 Gorila affair, which brought thousands to demonstrate in the streets of Bratislava. The author of a book on this affair, the Canadian journalist Tom Nicholson, points to more than just financial corruption, rather to state capture, that is to say to the incredible political influence of domestic and foreign investors that allows them almost to dictate policy.

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Two Decades - A symbol of poor planning

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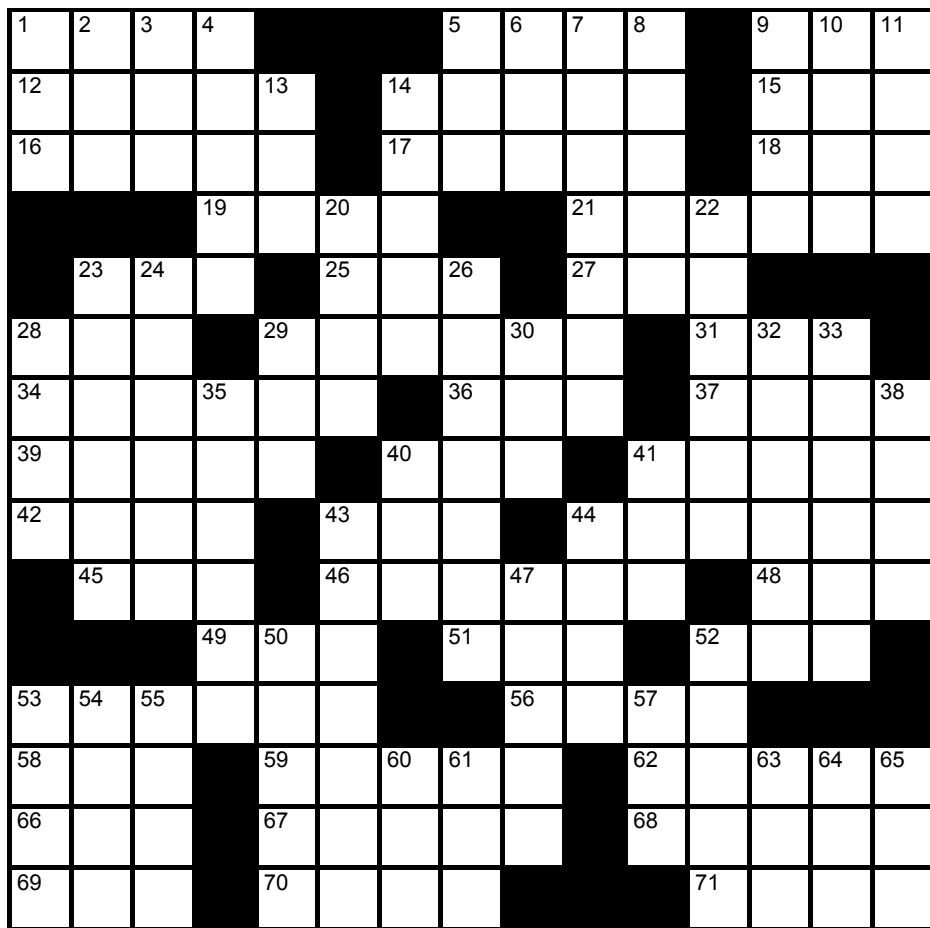
All I Need To Know I Learned From Noah's Ark



1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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The city of Trnava encapsulates in many respects the history of Slovakia's social and economic development since the fall of communism. The Peugeot automobile plant in its vicinity points to economic growth, which has made possible the restoration of many historic buildings and the building of new ones. But, as we pointed out in these pages in July 2007 and in June 2008, some decisions, like the erection of a hotel on what hitherto had been a "common" (grassy area) of the campus of the historic University of Trnava were nothing less than acts of "cultural vandalism." During my recent visit in Trnava, one of the university's vice-presidents suggested that the recent new park adjacent to the main university building that had previously been a parking lot was meant to make up of the loss of the common. I would like to think that Jozef Škultéty would have been as unimpressed as I was; putting the hotel there would, in fact, have been a much wiser solution, for it would have respected the campus geography that marked the original university. The new park is now a symbol of the consequences of a very poor decision in the first place. Adding insult to injury, the university has yet to get back its original and historic campus edifices. Building a hotel, it would seem, was far more important than the restoration and strengthening of Slovakia's first and most historic university.

Prime Minister Róbert Fico now has an absolute majority in the NC SR; the question is whether he can meet the domestic challenges that Slovakia faces? Recent discussions with former politicians, academics, and interested citizens suggest that the ability of his government to deal with these challenges will depend on two intervening variables: the speed with which the financial crisis in the EU is resolved and the world economy moves forward; and whether Fico will run for the presidency in 2014, a decision that would probably result in the breakup of his party. In other words, there are interesting political times ahead in Slovakia. But whatever happens, the citizens of Slovakia can, at least, look back at the last two decades with some pride and see in that period an indication of their ability to deal with whatever challenges are thrown at them; Jozef Škultéty, most likely, would be simply beaming.

Across

- 1 Actor Grant
- 5 Pouches
- 9 Annoy
- 12 Spring sign
- 14 Coffee order
- 15 *Bonanza's* Blocker
- 16 Manet contemporary
- 17 Fall flower
- 18 Swelled head
- 19 Tailor-made
- 21 Shocked
- 23 No longer working (Abbr.)
- 25 Gr. letter
- 27 Kind of party
- 28 Gun, as an engine
- 29 Dessert fire
- 31 Unruly crowd
- 34 Bring out
- 36 Tire filler
- 37 Ship's front
- 39 Navigational aid
- 40 Baseball's Mel
- 41 High-strung
- 42 Diplomacy
- 43 Reverence
- 44 Gofer's job
- 45 Cozy room
- 46 Indistinct
- 48 Poetic contraction
- 49 Back then
- 51 Dashed
- 52 Ocean
- 53 Daze
- 56 Bottomless
- 58 Sun shade
- 59 City on the Mohawk
- 62 Red River city
- 66 Biblical high priest

Down

- 1 Bounder
- 2 "___ you sure?"
- 3 18-wheeler
- 4 Bakery supply
- 5 Distress letters
- 6 Behave
- 7 Trickster
- 8 Boot camp boss
- 9 Concept
- 10 ___ to riches
- 11 Air mile
- 13 Compass pt.
- 14 Devil ray
- 20 Whip mark
- 22 Clothes basket
- 23 Fill up a gun again
- 24 Express
- 26 Type of golfer
- 28 Medical advice, often
- 29 Cone bearer
- 30 Drill part
- 32 Showy
- 33 Sarajevo locale
- 35 Snooze
- 38 Marries
- 40 Wise one
- 41 Give it a go
- 43 Cut short
- 44 Irish river
- 47 Speeder's bane
- 50 Dutch cheese
- 52 Bowling score
- 53 Stride
- 54 Story
- 55 Condo, e.g.
- 57 Young newt
- 60 Bar stock
- 61 Romaine lettuce
- 63 Wine color
- 64 Joke
- 65 Lyric poem

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FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec Named Slovak-American of the Year

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The annual dinner was organized by the Friends of Slovakia to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Slovak Independence, 20 years of Slovak-American friendship, and public recognition of leading personalities who have made an outstanding contribution to the deepening of relations between Slovakia and the United States. Slovak Ambassador to the US, the Hon. Peter Kmec served as Honorary Chairman of the event. Committee members encompassed US Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Theodore E. Russell, Mr. Kenneth J. Bombara, Ms. Anne Meesman, Mr. Joseph T. Senko, Mrs. Juraj Slavik, and Ms. Maria Vidova. The Honorary Committee consisted of former Slovak Ambassadors to the US Branislav Lichardus, Martin Butora, Rastislav

Kacer, and Peter Burian as well as former US Ambassadors to Slovakia Carl Spielvogel, Ronald Weiser, Rodolphe M. Valle, and Vincent Obsitnik.

FCSU members in attendance included: the Rajec family, all members of Branch 89: Mrs. Ida Rajec, Andrew P. Rajec, Daniel Rajec, and Idka Rajec; National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and his wife Maria, both Branch 40 members; National Treasurer George F. Matta and his wife Florence, both Branch 38 members; Honorary Consul to Slovakia from Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Friends of Slovakia Joseph T. Senko and his wife Albina, both Branch 254; and Branch 857 President Stephen Matula.



Honoree of the evening, National President Andrew M. Rajec, addresses attendees at the annual dinner sponsored by Friends of Slovakia at the Washington Golf & Country Club, Arlington, VA, just outside Washington, DC.



Honorees and honored guests at the Fourth Annual Awards Dinner included (L – R): 2013 Business Awardee Anton Zajac, President of ESET North America; Joseph Senko, Chairman of Friends of Slovakia, Honorary Consul, and FCSU Member; FCSU National President and 2013 Slovak-American of the Year Awardee Andrew M. Rajec; Slovak Ambassador to the US, the Hon. Peter Kmec; Maria Hurajova who accepted the 2013 Cultural/Education Award on behalf of the Slovak-American Foundation; US Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Theodore Russell; Miroslav Vajs, Founding Chairman of the Friends of Slovakia and Chairman of the Board of Eco-Invest, accepting the 2013 Business Award on behalf of Milan Filo; and William Tucker, Esq., President of Friends of Slovakia, and Chairman of the Slovak-American Awards Dinner.



Honorary Consul to Slovakia from Pennsylvania and Branch 254 Member Joseph Senko introduces the 2013 honoree for Slovak-American of the Year, FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec



National President Andrew M. Rajec as he accepts his award, flanked by (L – R), Honorary Consul to Slovakia from Pennsylvania and Friends of Slovakia Chairman Joseph T. Senko and the Hon. Peter Kmec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States.



Seated (L – R) Branch 254 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Albina Senko, Honorary Consul to Slovakia from Pennsylvania and Branch 254 Member Joseph Senko; National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. and Branch 40 Secretary Maria Harcar; Branch 38 Secretary Florence Matta and National Treasurer George F. Matta. Standing (L-R) Branch 856 President Steve Matula, Marie Parker, Branch 89 Member Andrew P. Rajec, Branch 89 Idka Rajec, National President and the 2013 Slovak-American of the Year Andrew M. Rajec, Branch 89 Idka Rajec, and Branch 89 Daniel Rajec.



George F. Babcoke, Sr. Vice President – Europe and Global Operations Services and Past President, U.S. Steel Košice, delivered the keynote address.



(L – R) National President Andrew M. Rajec presents Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec, who also served as Honorary Chairman of the evening's Host Committee, with the "official" mascot of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Chewy Čuvač that is a replica of the national dog of Slovakia.



(L – R) National Treasurer George F. Matta, National President Andrew R. Rajec, and National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.



Attendees at the fourth annual Slovak-American Awards Dinner this year celebrated the 20th anniversary of Slovak Independence and 20 years of Slovak-American friendship, as they gave public recognition to those leading personalities who made outstanding contributions to relations between Slovakia and the United States.



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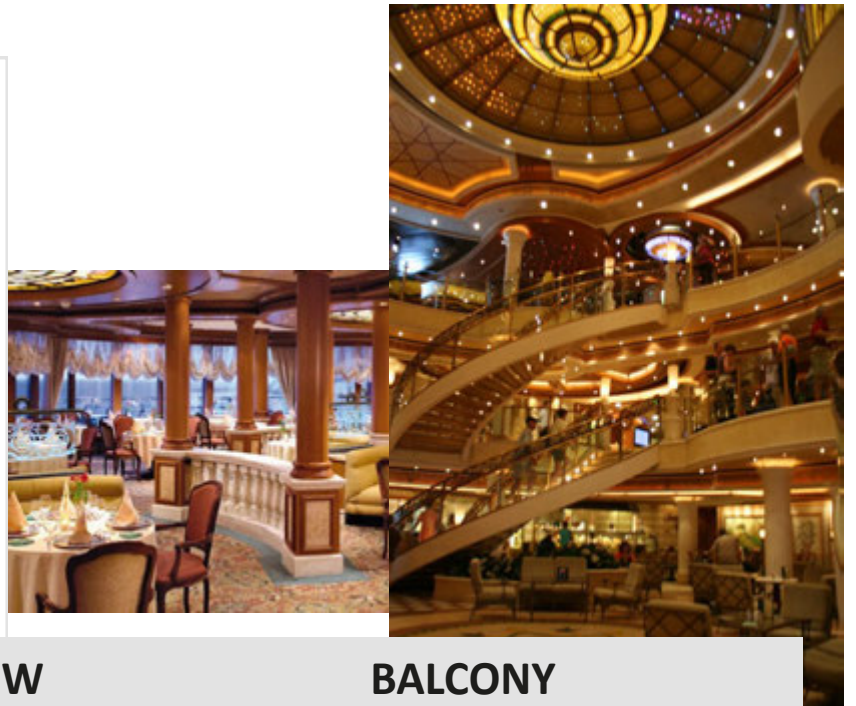
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For more info call Karen at 1-800-Jednota or go to <http://www.fcsu.com/2013membershipmeet> to view the video and print the reservation form.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society – Branch 1 – will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Branch 2 will be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd @ 7 pm. If you wish to attend please contact Joanne Lako 412-766-3222. Refreshments will follow. We will discuss upcoming events for the holiday season!

Joanne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 3K – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Minneapolis, MN, will hold their annual festival on Sunday, August 18, 2013, on the parish grounds. The festival will begin with Mass at 10:30AM and conclude at 5:00PM with the 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 and their families 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 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The 2013 semi-annual meeting of Saint Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:15 am on Sunday August 18, 2013 in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. A short update of local and national society activities will be discussed as well as suggestions for new ideas for local branch. Any changes of address or beneficiaries can be submitted at this meeting. Refreshments will be served. Come join us to offer your input for future success of our society.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 9:30AM in the Church Hall of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 79 Church St., Bridgeport, CT.

We will discuss our plans for our Breakfast Brunch Meeting, where we will Award our members with scholarships for their college experiences. This branch meeting will take place on November 10, 2013.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings, which are conducted on the second Sunday of the month at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall. Our Annual Meeting will be hold on December 8, 2013.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

We encourage you to attend the upcoming summer event, the American Slovak Zemplin Club Picnic. It will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Road, Broadview Hts., OH, from noon until 8PM.

Why not join your Jednota Branch 24 members for delicious Slovak food, refreshments, music and dancing? Please help support our fine Slovak organizations.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 28th at 2:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, Illinois. All members of Branch 40 are urged to attend the meeting. Lunch will follow. Please make reservations by calling (815) 672-6682 before July 26, 2013.

Fraternally,

Maria Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Branch 153 is looking for the addresses of the following 2 members who have reached the age of 100:

Michael P. Stanko

Andrew Ribak

Anyone having information about them or their relatives should contact:

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

7113 West Talcott Avenue

Chicago, IL 60631

(773) 763-0810

Fraternally,

John Jurcenko, President

BRANCH 173 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John The Baptist Society, Branch Number 173, located in the greater Wilkes-Barre – Wyoming Valley Area, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at Norms, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, at 12:30pm.

General business will be discussed and the insurance, annuities and fraternal activities of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

If anyone knows the address of the members of Branch 173 listed below, please contact me at 570-4032067 or 15 Grove St. Mountain Top, Pa. 18707 or if you plan to attend please notify Dorothy A. Ungvarsky at 570-403-2067 so arrangements can be made.

jednota173 @ptd.net.

Christopher Brooke Arnold III

Bernard Kubinec

Michelle L Galdun

John Kubinec

Catherine Hardik

Heather Phillips

Joyce Hudak

Jessica Phillips

Debora Karasek

Robert Phillips

Robert Karasek

Bernadine Rishcoff

Leo W Karasek

Edward Yonich

Michail Kovaleski

Linda Yonich

Anthony Kubinec

Augustine Kubinec

Fraternally, Dorothy A. Ungvarsky President

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 is offering five \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors in the Armstrong School District that are planning to attend a college, university, or trade school this fall. Call Vicki @ 724-763-9229 to request an application to be mailed to you or stop at the club @ 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 to pick up an application. Applications may be mailed to or dropped off @ the Club or Vicki Schaub, 623 5th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. Deadline is July 25th. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted. The committee will review all applications and present to the Board of Directors at our monthly meeting on August 1st to choose the recipients.

The windows have been replaced in the bar area of the club. Stop in & take a look. They are absolutely beautiful! While you are there, walk around the north side of the building to take a look at the landscaping. No longer an eye sore. The new illuminated, flag pole is in place with the United States & Slovak flags flying. Progress is being made and will be continuing slow but steady.

We would like to thank and welcome Paul Edwards, past president and current board member for accepting a new role as 3rd Trustee. We have all the confidence Paul will be an asset in this position.

Next regular meeting is August 1, 2013, at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Ben/Fin Sec.

BRANCH 254 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 29, at noon at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria mall located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, regularly holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 16, 2013. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. I appeal to our younger members to become active in our lodge to help direct our branch as well as becoming involved with the Slovak Club and the United Slovak Societies. The First Catholic Slovak Union will conduct another convention next year and we will be sending delegates to voice our local's concerns. Input from any and all members is appreciated. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday August 18, 2013 at 9:15 am in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Suggestions for branch activities for next year will be discussed as well as society activities available to all members. Please spread the word so more of our members will attend and become involved.. Refreshments will be served.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck at 1121 Monastery Dr., Latrobe, PA, 15650.

Mickie Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 382, of Scranton, Pa., is updating their files and looking for the following members:

Stephen Bonick, Jared Brown, Taryn Brown, Nanette Contardi, Nicholas Edward Cook, Paul Crambo Sr., Ronald Crambo Jr., Tara M. Crambo, Christopher Czankner, Jessica Czankner, Sarah M. Czankner, Jami Lyn Dougherty, Ryan J. Dougherty, Cheryl A. Glinsky, Thomas Hanis, Jillian Louise Het-sko, Michael Kapacs, Kenneth G. Kochis, Michael J. Kolebar, Mark Kosko, Edward Kucha, James T. Legg Jr., Michelene Malosh, Nicholas August McDonald, Henry Moeller, Bevin Monaghan, Colleen Monaghan, Todd Morgan, Margaret Opsasnick, Diane Parsons, Ann Polovitch, Joanne Rovon, Lynn M Schultz, Sarah Ann Scotchlas, Darlene M. Skrip, Charlene Strodoski, Carol Swartz, Erin Walsh, Beverly Marie Yedinak.

If you are, or know any of these members, please contact:

John J. Slovenkai Sr.

Financial Secretary

FCSU Branch 382KJ

318 Fourteenth Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

18504-2512

John J. Slovenkai, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown PA. All members are invited to attend.

Geri Buchheit, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 430 – SIMPSON, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of St. Stephens Branch 430 will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at 2:00PM at 448 Main Street, Simpson, PA.

Elizabeth Pisarcik, President

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, will have its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Location: Bohemian Crystal Res-

taurant, 624 N. Blackhawk Dr., Westmont, Illinois. At 1:30 pm, attendees will gather for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, with a delicious family-style dinner following. If you wish to attend, please call the branch financial secretary at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956 by Wednesday August 14, so that we'll have an accurate head count for the restaurant.

Sincerely,

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

Mark your calendar for November 24th and attend the lodge meeting scheduled. All meetings will start at 2 pm and will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. Take an active roll in your Branch and attend the meetings.

Thank you to all the volunteers that staff our spaghetti dinners (first Wednesday of every month) and our fish fry's. We had a successful Lenten Season due to our faithful volunteers and members who supported our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 567 – ALLEN TOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567 KJ will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 1:00pm at the home of the President. Plans for another fundraiser for this year will be discussed at this meeting.

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 628 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2013, at 4:00 PM at 141 Bellevue Drive, Penn Hills, PA. The agenda will include an update of ongoing business of the branch and plans for the remainder of the year.

Sincerely,

Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Branch 721 of Bannister, MI, will have a meeting on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at 2:00PM at the St. Cyril Parish Hall in Bannister, MI. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The next meeting for Branch 731 will be on August 4, 2013 at Noon at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Participation at the Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest is on the agenda. The Slovak Fest is August 11, 2013 at Saint Matthias Church facility and we welcome your support.

Jim Bobby, Secretary

BRANCH 735 – PORTLAND, OREGON

The Branch will sponsor the Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Oaks Park, 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR, 97202, from 12:00 noon until 6:00pm, in picnic area #11. Park admission and parking are both free. Bring your own picnic lunch and meet with your fellow FCSU brothers and sisters, and Slovak friends. Food and refreshments also are available at reasonable prices. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages; the Park has strict rules about alcoholic beverages brought into the Park. Reduced-rate ride tickets are available for purchase. Come early to claim your table as this our most highly-attended event of the year. No reservations are necessary.

A table will be set up in the pavilion with some of the historical documents from the FCSU Lodge and from Slovakia, including:

- Original ledger starting March 31, 1919
- Meeting Minute book from 1963-1982
- Official FCSU Sash & Seal
- Original Ledger for Sick Benefits-1919
- First Record Book in Slovak – 1918
- Various Slovak books

If you have any old ledgers or papers of the FCSU or pictures, please bring them to share. In particular, we are missing the meeting minutes book before 1963. If you have a box somewhere marked 'Slovak,' please take a look. Also, I have not been able to find the bylaws of the organization.

The next regular meeting of Branch 735 is sched-

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola, District 1, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 11:00 AM at St. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss our activities of the past year and plan next year's agenda. The election of District Officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing many members of the District at this meeting.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 - REV STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Stephen Furdek District 10 will be holding a meeting on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at the FCSU Home Office, 6611 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131 at 2:00 pm. This meeting will be hosted by Branch 885.

Please make plans to attend this meeting as we will be holding an Insurance Seminar to learn about all the exciting products the Society has to offer. National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. will be presenting the seminar for our district to better serve our members.

If you are planning on attending, please send your reservation information to Linda Hanko at LHanko@neo.rr.com or contact her by phone 330-706-0151. We want to make certain that we have sufficient supplies for all attending and to plan for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Henry J. Pochily, President

uled for 1:00pm on Sunday, December 8, 2013, in the St. Patrick's Church hall, NW 19th and NW Savier Streets in Portland, Oregon. This is our annual meeting where there will be the election of officers for 2014. All Slovaks are welcome to join us in a party celebrating the Christmas season after the meeting.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Cindy Hirst at 503-647-4600 (h), 503-314-5065 (c) or via email at chirst811@gmail.com.

Cindy Ďuriš Hirst, Secretary
Henry J. Pochily, President

BRANCH 769 – ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 769, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at the residence of Henry J. Pochily at 2809 Smith Drive, Endwell, NY, at 1:00PM. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include a discussion of the value of membership in the First Catholic Slovak Union. The meeting also will provide information on annuities as investments in the current financial climate. Other information pertinent to the First Catholic Slovak Union will be discussed.

Linda Kolesar, Secretary

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 853 will hold its next branch meeting at McDonald Restuarant in Charleroi, Pennsylvania on August 17, 2013 at 9am. All members are urged to attend.

Monica Rodacy Boone, President

BRANCH 855 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 855 would like to invite our members to a performance of Disney's "The Lion King" at Playhouse Square on Thursday, July 25, 2013!!! We have reserved 20 tickets in the Mezzanine section for the 7:30 pm performance of Disney's "The Lion King"!! If you are interested, you must act fast!! The reserved tickets are available ONLY to Branch 855 members at a discounted rate of just \$30.00 a ticket (a \$45.00 savings). All reservations MUST be made by Sunday, July 21, 2013. Please call Heather Kolesar at (440) 235-3072 or email at hkolesar@cox.net as soon as possible to be a part of this magical event!!

Linda Kolesar, Secretary



(L - R): Joe Banas and John Krempasky mark their 75th anniversary with Benedictine High School president Fr. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B.)

Two Benedictine High School Alumni Mark 75th Anniversary

This summer two members of the Benedictine High School (Cleveland, OH) Class of 1938 celebrated the 75th anniversary of their graduation. FCSU Member John Krempasky of St. Sebastian Parish in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania and Joe Banas of Parma, OH, both 92, were present for the 2013 Benedictine High School commencement ceremony at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in South Euclid, OH last month and were greeted by each of this year's graduates. Benedictine High School's first commencement was held in 1931. In addition to Joe Banas and John Krempasky, John Rondzik of Cleveland are believed to be the only surviving members of the Class of 1938 which originally awarded diplomas to 32 seniors.

- Submitted by Father Gerard Gonda, OSB, Branch 24 Member

Attention Rev. Stephen Furdek District 10 Members:

Food, Fun, Fireworks – And Minor League Baseball - At Canal Park in Akron, OH on August 24, 2013



On Saturday, August 24, 2013, you have the opportunity to join other FCSU members in District 10, the Rev. Stephen Furdek District, for a fun evening of minor league ball, all-you-can-eat picnic style buffet, "Back to School" fireworks, and lunchbox giveaway (first 1,000 attendees).

All branches in District 10 are eligible to participate: 1, 24, 228, 319, 425, 450, 553, 714, 754, 777, 852, 855, 862, and 900. Normally a \$22 value, discounted tickets are available for District 10 members through participating branches. Non-members are welcome at the \$22 price.

The location is the state-of-the-art minor league baseball facility called Canal Park in downtown Akron, OH. It is situated at South Main Street between State and West Exchange Streets. Designed by the same company that developed other baseball gems, including Progressive Field in Cleveland and Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Canal Park also features a beautiful picnic area.

Come early, stay late

While watching the Akron Aeros take on the Binghamton Mets at 7:05PM, District 10 Members will enjoy a PRIVATE picnic buffet, along the third base line, starting at 7:45PM. Those members already seated for the game will be escorted to the exclusive dining tent. The evening ends with spectacular pyro-technic fireworks display with a "back to school" theme.

The all-you-can-eat buffet, served picnic style in a private dining tent set up for our District 10 Members and guests just along the third base line, includes:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Coleslaw
- Potato Chips
- Cookies
- Iced Tea/Lemonade

How to Reserve Seats

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002K	Nicholas J Ivanoff	163K	John Edward Vanisko	299K	Barbara A Ceprish	567K	John L Krajsa Jr
005P	John Yurkanin Jr	166K	Ann M Sheredy	313K	James S Michuda	595K	William Butler Gile Jr
007K	Anthony S Zozulak	173K	Irene M Matta	315K	Stella K Mathe	628K	Rosemary C Negley
019K	Michael J Kalanick	181K	Anna A Curtis	324K	John C Chamra Sr	670K	Joseph M Kassa Jr
019K	Emily Ritzinger	181K	Edna C Garner	333K	Mary Pilosky	682K	Gail M Pompura
024K	John B Liptak	181K	Walter R Lucas	335K	Mary K Nemeč	682K	Eugene J Zalka Jr
024K	Priscilla K Petroc	199K	Samantha E Stas	356P	Lorraine Hodgson	731K	John J Ferenchak Sr
035K	Waneta E Ratica	200K	Thomas A Bowser Jr	362K	Frances A Kelley	738K	Edward F Bachinsky
035K	John S Wiehagen	228K	Joseph Mahalow	380K	Paul P Antol	743K	Michael Rimarcik
038K	George Staisey	233K	Paul Puhala Jr	381K	Frank Wondolowski	743K	John A Yoskovich
040K	Raymond Berry	240P	Irene Granko	393K	Joseph Robb	746K	Michael Petrick Hudak
041K	Ann Colantonio	240P	Stephen J Kavulich Sr	404K	Marilyn Hiryak Wilson	821K	Mary Zeman
089K	Jack W Lancin	260K	Verna M Hassay	425K	Evelyn Mae Tkacik	865K	Frank Paul Vitez
132K	Juliann T Mcdonough	260K	Charles M Terek	456K	Delores J Pallo	900K	Joseph A. Bielik
149K	Albert Conklin	276K	Joseph J Vavrek Jr	484K	George J Batovich	900K	Joseph N Hecei
156K	John F Lehman	292K	Kenneth R. Russell	484K	Dorothy Hradnansky		
157K	Rose Marie Rice	293K	Mary M Karper	493K	Anthony J Letrich		
162K	Bertha M Kolp	294K	Marion C Walker	553K	Mildred L Peteya		

*Processed through the month of June 2013

OBITUARIES

JOHN BEDE LIPTAK BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

John Bede Liptak, 92, passed away May 14, 2013 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Larene; children, John Brian (Connie) of Carol Stream, IL, Gregory Scott (Dianne) of Pueblo CO; Rebecca Sue (Leonard) Kanonik of Larkspur, CO; granddaughter, Carolina (Ryan) Mahrle of IL; siblings, Edward (Dorothy), David, Stephany (Charles) Campbell and Betty Sprague. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Anna Liptak and siblings, Steve Liptak, Ann Pavol, Margret Novak and Mary Liptak. He graduated from Central High School in 1938. He attended the local community college specializing in carpentry which was his second love. John served in the US Army (WWII 8/03/42 to 11/03/45). He received Commendation on Performance of Duty for Normandy and European Campaigns, Jubilee of Liberty Metal, anniversary of D-Day participants. He reached the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. After the service in 1947 he met his soul mate at a dance at St. Joseph Lodge. They married November 6, 1948 at St. Anthony's Church and continued to dance their way through 65 years of married bliss. He built one home in Pueblo and then moved to the Mesa where he built his second home. He was a member of St. Joseph Church since 1957 where he actively was involved in building campaigns, school board and Holy Name Society. John was in Grocery Management retiring in 1983. He had a green thumb, growing a garden every year. He relished weekend trips to his mountain and enjoyed every occasion to be with his family and friends. He was a kind and gentle man with a unique "special" smile which will be greatly missed. Visitation was held 9:30 am, Monday, May 20, 2013 followed by Funeral Mass, 10:00 am, St. Joseph Church. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

- Submitted by Larene Liptak



EUGENE JOSEPH MELEGO BRANCH 86 – MT. PLEASANT, PENNSYLVANIA

Eugene "Gene" Melego was age 83. He passed away peacefully with his devoted wife and sweetheart of 56 ½ years, Shirley, by his side on Saturday, June 15, 2013. He was the son of the late Albert E. and Anna P. Melego of Mt. Pleasant. He, as with his entire family, was a life-long member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, District 3, Branch 86KJ.

The late 1940s and early 1950s saw him wearing many different baseball uniforms, as he took the mound as a left-handed pitching ace for teams in and around Westmoreland County, PA.

He moved to Cleveland, OH, and was employed by the Ford Motor Co., in the (then) new Engine Plant Brook Park, OH. He entered their four-year Patternmaker Apprenticeship Program and graduated as a Journeyman Patternmaker. In 1991, he retired from Ford after providing the company with 38 years of providing precise wood and metal craftsmanship.

In November of 1956, he married the love of his life, Shirley, in St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, OH.

They loved to travel, so upon his retirement, they traveled throughout the mid- and western United States.

He was a loving and true husband to Shirley. Beloved brother of Albert B. (Loretta), Regis (Marlene), and Lawrence (Eleanor). Dear uncle of Larry T., Scott A., Jennifer L., Gregory, Susan, Robert, Jeffrey, and Merriann. He will be in our hearts and prayers always.

In celebration of his life, a 12 o'clock Noon memorial Funeral Mass will be offered in memory of Eugene "Lefty" Melego, on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant, with the Rev. Father Dennis A. Bogusz, celebrant. Interment will immediately follow in the Visitation Parish Cemetery.



MARY K. NEMEC BRANCH 335 – LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

Mary K. Nemeč, 89, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Sunday, February 17, 2013, in Lancaster, CA. She was the wife of the late Michael J. Nemeč. Mary was born in Starford, PA, on July 20, 1923, a daughter of the late Julia (Farkas) and Joseph Katchmer, Sr. Mary was an active member of the former St. Cyril's and St. Methodius Church, currently St. Benedict's Church in Lebanon, PA. Mary and her husband owned and operated "Nemeč's Tavern" for over 20 years, and Mary owned and operated the "Beautyrama Salon" for 20 years. Mary is survived by three children, Michael Nemeč, Jr. (retired system's analyst) of Roanoke, VA, Kathleen (Kelly) Stark (retired elementary school teacher of 20 years) and her husband, Chris of Lancaster, CA; and Dr. Douglas Nemeč (Anesthesiologist), husband of Nancy of Cawtoba, VA; one brother, Michael Katchmer of North Cambria; six grandchildren, Kristen, Desiree, Antonia, Hannah, Micah, and Abbey Rose; one great-grandchild, Nikolai; and several nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Katchmer, Jr. and John Katchmer, who died last March; and her sister, Julia Buck. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday February 23, 2013, at St. Benedict The Abbot Church, Lebanon. Viewing hours were held the Friday before from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, Inc., Lebanon and Saturday morning 9 to 10 at the church. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.

- Submitted by Kathleen Stark



MARGARET K. TRYLKO BRANCH 380 – CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Margaret K. Trylko, 90, of Canonsburg, passed away Monday, May 27, 2013, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born March 8, 1923, in Canonsburg, PA, a daughter of the late Joseph and



Nellie Rusiewski Jackovic. Mrs. Trylko lived her entire life in Canonsburg, where she had been a faithful member of St. Genevieve and St. Patrick churches. She was a homemaker and member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Canonsburg Senior Citizens and the former Women's Guild of St. Genevieve.

On December 28, 1946, she married Carl C. Trylko, who passed away September 25, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Bernice (Robert) Bodvake of Canonsburg; son Dennis (Johanna) Trylko of McMurray; brother Joe (June) Jackovic of McMurray; three grandsons, Ronald Bodvake and Brad and Eric Trylko; two great-grandchildren, Ryan and Lauren Elizabeth Bodvake; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, is a sister, Doris Hrycko.

Friends were welcomed from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013, in Salandra Funeral Service Inc., Canonsburg, where departing prayers were recited at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2013. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at noon that Friday in St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Canonsburg, with interment following in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Peters Township.

- Submitted by Margaret Graytok, Branch Financial Secretary

HELEN T. FIALA BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Helen T. Fiala, 91, formerly of Allentown, PA, died June 5, 2013 at Cedarbrook, Fountain Hill Annex. She

was the widow of Joseph S. Fiala, Sr., who died Sept. 2, 1983. Born in Bethlehem, PA, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Dorothy (Gress) Karabin. She was an active member of St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church, Allentown, and the past President of its auxiliary. She was a member and recording secretary of First Catholic Slovak Union of USA & Canada, Jednota Branch 567, Allentown; member and president of

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the former Greater Lehigh Valley Slovak Assoc.; member of National Sokols, Lodge 93, Bethlehem; , former recording secretary and member of Rev. Stephen Furdok of Eastern PA, Maryland and Washington, DC; former Girl Scout leader of the former Troop 799 at St. John's Church for 25 years; member and past president of HEAD Golden Agers Club of the Allentown Diocese and a member of the 3 Generation Cloggers + 1, Allentown.

She is survived by son, Joseph S. Fiala, of Billings, MT; daughters, Loretta A. wife of John Dashner, of Allentown, PA, and Margaret M. wife of Joseph Melinsky, of Grand Rapids, MI; sister, Bernice wife of Frank Wilk; grandchildren, Lori Dashner, Debbie wife of James Esposito, John Dashner, Jr., Matthew Melinsky, Sarah Melinsky; great grandchildren, Kim, Joseph and Nikolas; great-great grandchild, Daniel. She was predeceased by her siblings Joseph, Agnes, Mary and George.

Friends and family called on Monday, June 10, 2013, from 6:30PM to 8:00PM, and on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, from 9:15AM to 10:15AM at the Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Allentown. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church, Allentown, at 11:00AM. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

- Submitted by Loretta Dashner, Branch Recording Secretary and Loving Daughter

**GEORGE J. VALCHO
BRANCH 628 –
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

George J. Valcho, 78, of Port Charlotte, FL, died Friday, June 14, 2013 after a long battle with kidney disease.

George was born to the late George and Margaret Valcho on June 2, 1935 in Homestead, PA.

He served proudly in the United States Navy aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt and continued his career with the FAA as an air traffic controller for 39 years, retiring in 1994 from the Youngstown Municipal Airport. He earned his BA in Business Administration from Youngstown State University. George was a member of the Slovak Fraternal, the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) for over 50 years. He was an avid golfer, bowler, gardener and Pittsburgh Steeler fan.

George was married to Josephine (Novak) for 54 years. They raised their family in Liberty Township, OH, before retiring to Florida. George is also survived by his four children, Margaret Ann Gaydos from Wadsworth, OH, George (Allison) Valcho from Benton, LA, Jo Anne (Jeffrey) Mockbee from Bath, OH, and Matthew (Gaile) Valcho from Parkland, FL. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, TJ, Megan, Mark, Joey, Matthew, Madi, Daniel, and Brady.

George and Josie are members of San Pedro Catholic Church in North Port, FL. A

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 am Thursday, June 20 at San Pedro. Arrangements were by Farley Funeral Home of North Port.

**ADELE M. KADILAK
BRANCH 682 –
YOUNGSTOWN,
OHIO**



A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, May 20, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish at St. John Catholic Church for Adele M. Kadilak, 76, who passed away unexpectedly at home on the previous Tuesday.

She was born Sept. 11, 1936, in Youngstown, the daughter of John M. and Mary A. Stefanic Kadilak. Adele was a lifelong Campbell resident.

She was a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish at St. John Catholic Church. Adele had a love for animals and especially for her dog, Boots, who passed away in April at the age of 18.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her brother, Paul S. (Marie) Kadilak of Poland; her sister-in-law, Carol A. Yates-Kadilak, of Campbell; four nieces; two nephews; and 12 great-nieces and nephews.

Adele was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, John K. Kadilak; and a nephew, John P. Kadilak.

The Kadilak family entrusted their loved one to the care of the Wasko Funeral Home and received friends Monday morning, May 20, 2013, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish at St. John Catholic Church in Campbell.

The officers and members of Branch 682 offer their deepest sympathy to the family. May she rest in peace.

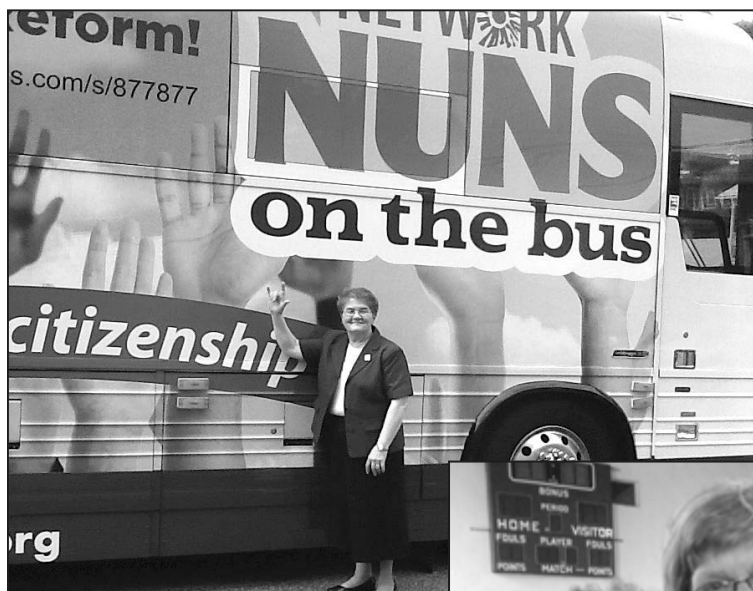
- Submitted by Joseph T. Scavina, Branch Financial Secretary

**CAROL Y. WORKMAN
BRANCH 682 –
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**



Carol Y. Workman, 67, of Madison, WI, passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Mrs. Workman graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Rochester, and a Master's Degree from UAH. Most recently she worked at Dynetics in Huntsville.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Workman of Madison; daughter, Debbie Flaherty of Newbury Park, CA; grandchildren, Michael and Grace Flaherty of Newbury Park, CA; brothers, John Yavorsky of Warren, NJ, Mike Yavorsky of Sylvania, OH and Jim Yavorsky of Mickleton, NJ. A memorial service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at Laughlin Service Funeral Home Chapel. A Funeral Mass was at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 28, 2013, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Madison.



Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M., greets the Nuns on the Bus group

Sister Jean Marie Holup, SS.C.M. (L) and Sister Simone Campbell (R) at the Scranton rally.



Nuns on the Bus for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Nuns on the Bus, a project of the National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Network, kicked off their 15 state, 40-city, 53 event, 6,500-mile bus ride at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on Wednesday, May 29. When the bus arrived in Scranton, PA in the afternoon, Sister Jean Marie Holup, SS.C.M., and Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M., Danville Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, were there to greet them, and participate in the rally. Several hundred people gathered in Scranton to greet the travelers, and in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

Nuns on the Bus is traveling to advocate immigration policies that protect family unity and workers' rights and to provide a pathway to citizenship for those already in the United States. The group seeks to cast light on the 11 million people living in the shadows because they're undocumented. The group stopped in Scranton to highlight the region's past and present diversity.

Network Executive Director Sister Simone Campbell spoke about how sensible immigration reform will benefit business, the economy and the common good. She said that people of faith know that when America celebrates and promotes our history as a nation of immigrants, we are better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. She said, "Valuing the contributions of current and future immigrants doesn't limit opportunity, but rather opens us up for limitless success and future innovation." Sister Campbell says the group is calling for immigration reform that addresses the root causes of migration and provides a roadmap to citizenship for fellow neighbors, colleagues and friends seeking protection from further senseless exploitation. Scranton Mayor Christopher Doherty also spoke to the group, welcoming the travelers. He referred to the great cultural diversity, past and present, in Northeastern PA, demonstrated by the fact that over 30 languages are spoken in Scranton High School alone. He pointed out that the United States is a country of immigrants.

Refreshments and ethnic foods were served after the program.



Lifetime FCSU Members John & Barbara Shedlock Celebrate Golden Anniversary



John and Barbara (Patrick) Shedlock will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 27, 2013. They were married on that day in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hawk Run, PA. They reside in Garfield Hts., OH, and are members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in that city for the past 44 years. They plan to celebrate with others marking their Golden Jubilee with Mass at St. John's Cathedral, July 28, 2013, in downtown Cleveland, OH. John and Barb are lifetime members of the First Catholic Slovak Union – Barb from Hawk Run and John from Morann, PA. Barb has been employed at the First Catholic Ladies Association, Beachwood, OH, for the past 23 years. John is happily retired from Retail Grocery. They have one daughter, Kelly.

- Submitted by Barbara Shedlock, Branch 456

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA MARCH 15-16, 2013 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

FIRST SESSION:

Friday, March 15, 2013

OPEN MEETING:

Reverend Thomas Nasta opened the meeting by celebrating a Memorial Mass for our deceased officers and members who passed away in 2012.

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. The President asked Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director, to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, Slovakia and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Rev. Thomas Nasta	National Chaplain
Andrew Rajec	President
Andrew Harcar, Sr.	Vice President
Kenneth Arendt	Executive Secretary
George Matta	Treasurer
Karen Hunka	Chairman of Auditors
Susan Ondrejco	Fraternal Activities Director
Gary Matta	General Counsel
Joseph Minarovich	Regional Director, Region 1
Damian Nasta	Regional Director, Region 2
Carl Ungvarsky	Regional Director, Region 3 – (Excused)
James Marmol	Regional Director, Region 4
Regis Brekosky	Regional Director, Region 5
Henry Hassay	Regional Director, Region 6
Rudolph Bernath	Regional Director, Region 7
Milos Mitro	Regional Director, Region 8

READING OF THE CALL:

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Annual March 2013 Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2012:

A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Milos Mitro to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of December 15, 2012 as presented. 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 George Matta and seconded by James Marmol to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES:

The President appointed the following committees:

DONATION COMMITTEE
George Matta
Rudolph Bernath

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
Reverend Thomas Nasta
Gary Matta
James Marmol

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 Harcar, who recognized President Rajec. President Rajec read his 2012 annual report. At the conclusion of the President's Report, a motion was made by Milos Mitro and seconded by Rudolph Bernath for its acceptance. Motion carried. (The President's Report is to be published in the Jednota Newspaper).

OUTSIDE AUDITORS REPORT:

John Zivkovic, CPA, of the accounting firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, presented his report to the Board. He found all FCSU financial reports in excellent order. Mr. Zivkovic answered all the Board's questions.

AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, at the invitation of the President, presented his report to the Board of Directors. During and after his presentation, Mr. White answered the Board of Directors' questions.

After an analysis by AQS Management, the President asked the Board to increase our advancements with Federal Home Loan Bank. The President noted that this strategy allows the FCSU to earn a substantial margin on our investment with limited risk over a pre-determined short time span. Motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by James Marmol to give the Executive Committee the authority to raise our advancement limit up to an additional \$20,000,000 if the proper investment scenario arises. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2012:Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth Arendt presented the financial summary report for the year ending 2012 and answered the Board's questions.

The Executive Secretary also presented a comparison report between what was budgeted for 2012 and the actual expenditures for 2012.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors which gave a complete update of the investments and all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

Portfolio Custodian

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, and found everything in order and answered the Committee's questions.

Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary reviewed the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS Fund, and MAI Fund, and gave a complete transaction report for the month.

Following the reports, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President reviewed the current annuity interest rates and announced that new interest rates were established by the Executive Committee and will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

The Executive Secretary stated that his 2012 Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

RECESS OF SESSION:

The Board broke for lunch.

SECOND SESSION:

Friday afternoon, March 15, 2013

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the afternoon session with a prayer and called the meeting to order. The Executive Secretary stated that all members were present except Carl Ungvarsky, who was excused.

ACTUARIAL REPORT:

Edward DePersis, of Bruce and DePersis, presented the actuarial report for 2012. 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 the highlights. He gave a very extensive positive report for 2012. The actuary recommended that a dividend be paid in 2012. The President stated his recommendation is to pay a dividend in 2013 using the same format as used in 2012. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Karen Hunka to pay a dividend in 2013 using the same format as used in 2012. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer George Matta presented the Treasurer's Report for 2012 and answered all the Board members' questions. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITORS REPORT:

Chairman of Auditors, Karen Hunka, presented the 2013 Auditor's Annual Report and answered the Board's questions. The Chairman stated that the internal auditors conducted a thorough audit and found everything in order.

Karen Hunka stated the possibility of offering a new venture for the Jednota youth of FCSU by forming FCSU sponsored soccer teams for young members. As more information becomes available, the Board will be informed.

The Chairman of Auditors' Report will be published in the Jednota Newspaper.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Director of Fraternal Activities, Susan Ondrejco, gave a Power Point presentation to the Board of Directors summarizing the 2012 activities and answered their questions.

The Director of Fraternal Activities also presented an update on the upcoming Annual Bowling Tournament held with the National Slovak Society, The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Union on May 3-5, 2013 at the Airport Lanes in Buffalo, New York. Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director, also announced the Annual Golf Tournament will be held in Canton, Ohio on July 19-21, 2013.

The Director gave a report on the photo contest and coloring contest. She also stated the National Picnic will be held at Frogbridge Picnic & Special Events Entertainment Park in Millstone Township, New Jersey on August 11, 2013. The picnic will be advertised on our website,

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The Pittsburgh Area Slovaks (PAS) performed before large crowds at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic on Saturday May 11, 2013 in Washington D.C.



The Ambassador of the Slovak Republic, Peter Kmec (center) poses with PAS, after a private meeting with the dance ensemble.

The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble ("PAS") Performs at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington

Angela M. Lipchick, PAS Director

The Pittsburgh Area Slovak (PAS) Folk Ensemble was honored to accept an invitation to perform at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic on Saturday May 11, 2013 in Washington D.C.

The Embassy opened its doors to the Washington public on Saturday May 11, 2013, together with all Embassies of the European Union countries and the Delegation of the EU to the United States, as a part of the EU Open House Event. Embassies offered to the public a rare look inside their premises and provided a unique opportunity to experience the heritage, traditions and tourist attractions of the EU member countries. The event is popular among the public and promotes both individual EU states along with the European Union itself.

PAS performed four half-hour programs representing the Eastern and Horehronie regions of Slovakia. The program from the Eastern region had dances full of temperament with the Krucena – a couples twirling dance; Verbunk – a men's military dance; Čardaš – a two-step dance; plus songs of a lonely heart, and a fiery girls circular dance called a Karička. Concluding our set was a romantic suite of dances from Zemplin. The Horehron program featured the precision and beauty of the dancers stamping, and rhythmic movements. It included the Horehronský Dupák in which the young men and women impress each other with unique stamping and dancing skills. The conclusion of our program was the Odzemok men's axe dance. There was thunderous applause after each performance. For the lines of people waiting to get in to see the next presentation, the "PAS" orchestra and men went outside and entertained the awaiting crowd with music and singing.

A highlight of our day was a private audience with the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic, Peter Kmec. He praised the group for the exceeding everyone's expectations and attracting so many (3000) visitors.

PAS was truly a part of the splendor of Slovakia with diverse performances of music, songs and dances to proudly display our cultural heritage at the Slovak Embassy.

For more information about "PAS" please visit our website at :www.pasfolkensemble.com

8th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest Set for August 11th

By Loretta Ekoniak

It's so hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about what's going on in August! But the annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be here before we know it! And it's even harder to believe that this will be our eighth SlovakFest! But we are expecting a great turnout because there has been so much renewed interest in our Slovak heritage in this area. Between the Simply Slavic Heritage Festival in downtown Youngstown which just had its third successful celebration in June and the publishing of a new book about The Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley, there has been a real resurgence in celebrating our heritage.

This year the SlovakFest will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2013, on the grounds of St. Matthias church Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (which also includes two other Slovak churches, SS Cyril and Methodius and Holy Name of Jesus) at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown Ohio. And with parishes being merged and churches being closed it is more important then ever to support our Slovak events!

The SlovakFest kicks off as usual with a wonderful Slovak Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. This joyful Mass will be offered at 11:00 am. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center. And of course there will be plenty of Slovak foods and baked goods available all day long! All of these are made by local men and women from local Slovak parishes such as St. Matthias, St. John the Baptist, Holy Name and Holy Trinity! There will also be indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books. There will be information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages.

Food will be available all day outside including halušky, klobasy, lamb, pirohy and more.. And of course, Slovak pivo (beer) will be available! Inside the school hall dinners will be served from noon till 3 with a choice of chicken, pork or halubky (stuffed cabbage). There will also be wonderful Slovak baked goods for sale!

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Eddie Vallus Band, the Del Sinchak Orchestra and Slovak singing and folk dances inside the hall after the dinners are finished.

The SlovakFest also has many Slovak items on display or for sale including a selection of beautiful Slovak crystal. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, and a raffle of \$2000 worth of Get Go/Giant Eagle gift cards for gasoline or food! There will be children's games and other activities throughout the day. If you remember the Slovak picnics of your childhood, or if you don't, but would like to make some new memories, plug us into your GPS, jump in your car, and join us on August 11th for a wonderful time at the 8th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest!

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newspaper, and included in the branch mailing. Susan Ondrejco stated on-line registration has been set-up through our website for the convenience of our members. All reservations are being handled by our Fraternal Activity Director per her request.

The Fraternal Activity Director's Report will be published in the newspaper.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT:

Jednota, Inc.

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

Jednota Properties, Inc.

At this time, the President turned the meeting over to Regis Brekosky, President of Jednota Properties, Inc., to present a report for the Jednota Properties, Inc., and answer the Board's questions. A motion was made by Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Milos Mitro to recommend to the Jednota Properties, Inc., to submit a dividend for \$200,000.00 to the FCSU. Motion carried. Regis Brekosky announced there would be a Properties Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2013 following the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. At the completion of his report, Mr. Brekosky turned the meeting back over to the President.

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

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

General Counsel, Gary Matta, gave his 2013 report and answered the Board's questions.

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Father Thomas Nasta to accept all the reports presented today and motion was carried.

There being no further business, Henry Hassay made a motion to adjourn for the day and Andrew Harcar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Father Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

THIRD SESSION:

Saturday, March 16, 2013

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Reverend Thomas Nasta led the Board in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

The Executive Secretary took a visual roll call. He stated that everyone is present except Carl Ungvarsky, who was excused.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President recognized the Vice President, who presented his annual report to the Board of Directors and answered the Board's questions. The report covered membership and marketing, seminars, agent recruitment and information for the proposers to assist them in obtaining their state licenses. The Vice President stated we have 128 active independent agents and we are continuing to recruit agents. The Vice President also reviewed his 2013 seminar schedule and is trying to accommodate branches and districts. The Vice President asks for the Regional Directors' assistance in scheduling seminars in their regions.

Membership and Marketing

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.

The Executive Secretary stated we are continuing to upgrade our Power Point presentation and have it available for our seminars.

The Vice President's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Father Thomas Nasta to accept the Executive Secretary's and Treasurer's report from Friday, March 15, 2013, and the Vice President's report from today, March 16, 2013. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:

The Regional Directors and our National Chaplain presented their annual reports and answered all the Board's questions. All reports will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

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 investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members work very closely with the Society's Investment Advisor, AQS Asset Management.

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 the Scholarship Committee comprised of three independent professional educators. The applications for FCSU scholarships are being received and will be sent to the Scholarship Committee. He also gave a report on the Jednota Benevolent Foundation and answered the Board's questions.

ACTUARY FIRM AND ACCOUNTING FIRM:

The President stated we appoint the actuary firm Bruce and Bruce on a year to year contract. The Board was informed that our accounting firm, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood, will submit a new three year contract to be reviewed and acted upon.

The President reminded the Board there would be a Pension Board Meeting at 3:30 pm following the Jednota, Inc., Meeting.

2014 CONVENTION:

The President stated the Home Office has done an extensive search on possible sites that would fit our convention needs. Sites being considered are Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and Hollywood, Florida. The President stated that he and the Executive Committee would be conducting on-site inspections and make recommendations on their choices. He said if everything goes well, a decision will be made by the end of June.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated once the meeting dates are finalized for 2013, the list will be sent to the Directors.

The President updated the Board on the Middletown property and stated the Printery building has been shown several times, but no commitments have been made.

The President recognized James Marmol, Regional Director, who gave a detailed presentation on drawings and costs associated with the Jednota Monument in Middletown, Pennsylvania, and Regional Director Marmol said construction is expected this year. A suggestion by James Marmol to help defray the costs would be to sell memorial bricks that would have family names, branches, or in memoriam engraved on them.

Donation Committee

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

Resolutions Committee

Father Thomas Nasta gave the report on the Resolutions Committee. All requests were reviewed and acted upon.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

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

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Father Thomas Nasta to accept all reports presented today, March 16, 2013. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by James Marmol to adjourn. Motion carried. Father Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

V maďarskom Zalaváre odhalili Pamätník sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Pamätník sv. Cyrila a Metoda v juhomaďarskom Zalaváre.

Po päťročnom úsilí odhalili v sobotu 22. júna 2013 v maďarskom Zalaváre Pamätník sv. Cyrila a Metoda pri príležitosti 1150. výročia príchodu solúnskych bratov na naše územie. Autorkou bronzového súsošia sv. Cyrila a Metoda je akademická sochárka Ľudmila Cvengrošová.

Slovenská verejnosť vie pomerne málo o tom, že vďaka úsiliu našich diplomatov boli v posledných dvoch desaťročiach inštalované v zahraničí viaceré pamätníky venované solúnskym bratom. Ide najmä o diela v Ríme, sochu pred budovou OSN v New Yorku, pamätnú tabuľu v nemeckom Ellwangene, pamätnú tabuľu v Solúne a pripravované súsošie v maďarskom Zalavári.

Na podstavci pamätníka sa uvádza: „Na pamiatku nitrianskeho kniežata Pribinu (+861), ktorý sa zaslúžil o kristianizáciu našich predkov na území Blatnohradu, a jeho syna panónskeho kniežata Koceľa (+876), podporovateľa evanjelizačného a kultúrneho diela svätých slovanských apoštolov Cyrila (+869) a Metoda (+885), spolupátrónov Európy. Pamätník postavila Slovenská samospráva v Budapešti s pomocou Slovenskej republiky“.

Partnéri Slovenskej samosprávy v Budapešti pri príprave a realizácii pamätníka, ako aj jeho slávnostného odhalenia boli Veľvyslanectvo Slovenskej republiky v Budapešti, Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, Matica slovenská, Neografia, a. s., Martin a samospráva obce Zalavár. Na slávnostnom odhalení a posvätení pamätníka v Pamätnom parku sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Zalaváre sa osobne zúčastnili najvyšší predstavitelia spomínaných inštitúcií. Slovenská republika sa tak stala ďalšou krajinou, ktorá bude mať v Zalaváre pamätník, venovaný svätým Cyrilovi a Metodovi a ich nadčasovej misii. Odhalenie súsošia sv. Cyrila a Metoda sa symbolicky uskutočnilo iba niekoľko dní pred oslavami 1150. výročia príchodu solúnskych bratov. Súčasťou slávnostného programu bola Ekumenická bohoslužba, na ktorej účinkoval slovenský spevácky zbor Ozvena z Budapešti.

Areál Pamätníka sv. Cyrila a Metoda sa rozprestiera na mieste, ktorému sa kedysi hovorilo Blatnohrad, Mosapurch alebo Mosaburg. Ako opevnené hradisko v strede močaristého terénu rieky Zala ho vybudoval knieža Pribina. Blatnohrad bol centrom jeho kniežatstva, ktoré až do príchodu starých Maďarov tvorilo rozsiahle územie: na juhu siahalo až po rieku Drávu, na východe po rieku Dunaj, na severe k mestu Veszprém a na západe presahovalo do dnešného Štajerska, Korutánska a Slovinska. Patrili k nemu súčasné mestá Veszprém a Szombathely v Maďarsku, Leibnitz v Štajersku a Ptuj v Slovinsku.

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V Benátkach odhalili pamätnú tabuľu sv. Cyrilovi a sv. Metodovi

Slávnostný ceremoniál odhalenia pamätnej tabule venovanej sv. Cyrilovi a Metodovi sa konal 30. júna v Bazilike San Pietro di Castello v talianskych Benátkach. Tento projekt sa od ostatných iniciatív odlišuje tým, že jeho záber historických vzťahov slovenského teritória s Európou a zvlášť s Talianskom je omnoho širší a týka sa obdobia, ktoré o tisíc rokov predchádzalo myšlienke zrodu slovenskej národnosti. Informoval o tom šéfredaktor internetového denníka www.buongiornoslovacchia.sk Pierluigi Solieri.

“V roku 867 cestou do Ríma sa zastavili v Benátkach, kde bola verejná diskusia s miestnym klérom a ich misia zaznamenala veľký význam. Prišlo k dôležitej zlomovej epizóde, uvedenej aj v historickom dokumente Vita Constantini pod názvom Benátska dišputa. Následne im pápež Hadrián II. udelil súhlas s používaním staroslovienčiny v liturgických obradoch,” povedal Solieri.

Pamätnú tabuľu vytvoril akademický sochár Marián Polonský. Tabuľa je komponovaná v materiáloch kameň – vápenc a bronz. V kamennej časti je text pripomínajúci túto udalosť v slovenskom a talianskom jazyku. Po obvode tabule na troch okrajoch je hlaholíkou nápis z Proglasu, z Cyrilovho úvodu k prekladu evanjelia. Zo stredu tabule vyrastá dvojramenný kríž, ktorý je dnes súčasťou štátneho symbolu SR. Z ľavej strany je umiestnená reliéfná busta sv. Cyrila, z pravej sv. Metoda.

V svätôziaroch sú hlaholíkou napísané mená svätcov. Oblúk nad kameňom vytvárajú písmená hlaholiky, v ktorých sú napísané časti modlitby Otčenáš, prvé slová Jánovho evanjelia, mená svätcov a názov písma v hlaholike.

Slávnostný ceremoniál odhalenia pamätnej tabule sv. Cyrilovi a Metodovi v Benátkach organizovalo občianske združenie Allegra a podporili ho viaceré slovenské a talianske inštitúcie, ako sú Benátsky patriarchát, mesto Benátky, Veľvyslanectvo SR v Taliansku, Konferencia biskupov Slovenska, Ministerstvo kultúry SR, či Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR.

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Prvé sväté prijímanie v kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N. Y. C.

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Milosť im dnes bola daná prijať sväté telo Pána, nech v ich srdciach stále býva a s ním viera živá – to je našim vrúcny priánim.

Po svätej omši, členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ, manželia Ján a Eva Lysákoví, zorganizovali v spoločenskej hale kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého pre štyri rodiny prvoprijímajúcich, slávnostný obed. O prípravu chutného jedla sa postarali manželia Škrkoňoví, za pomoci Márie Božekovej, Veroniky Packovej, Márie Gaborčíkovej a ďalších členov Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ. Po modlitbe a vynikajúcom obede, deti zabával disc jockey – DJ Ikez. Občerstvení na duši a tele sa zúčastní rozchádzali z tejto nezabudnuteľnej slávnosti.

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ



Najmladšia členkyňa IKSJ Emily Lysáková.



Rodina Turkynakova.



Rodina Ján a Eva Lysákovci.



Prvoprijímajúci počas obnovenia krstných sľubov.



Ďalší prvoprijímajúci počas obnovenia krstných sľubov.

Handzuš a Hossa s Chicagom získali Stanleyho pohár

Slovenskí hokejisti Marián Hossa a Michal Handzuš získali slávny Stanleyho pohár. Ich tím Chicago Blackhawks zvíťazil v šiestom zápase finále play off NHL na ľade Bostonu Bruins 3:2 a v celej sérii triumfoval 4:2. “Čierni jastrabi” vybojovali druhý titul za posledné štyri roky a celkovo piaty v klubovej histórii.

Hokejista Chicaga Blackhawks Slovák Michal Handzuš dvíha Stanleyho pohár nad hlavu pred fanúšikmi po prilete na letisko O'Hare v Chicagu 25. júna 2013.

Chicago Blackhawks center Michal Handzus of Slovakia carries the Stanley Cup after arriving at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Michal Handzus and the Chicago Blackhawks captured the Stanley Cup after defeating the Boston Bruins.

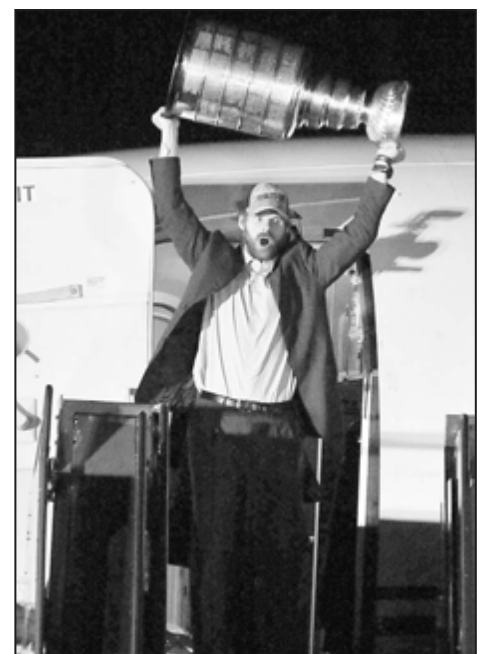


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Oznamy a spoločenské podujatia

Biskup Jozef Halko navštívi Kostol sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ

V sobotu 10. augusta o 7.00 hodine večer bude pri príležitosti storočnice založenia farnosti sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Ave. v Cliftone, NJ a pri príležitosti 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na územie Veľkej Moravy, slovenská sv. omša. Bude ju slúžiť pomocný biskup Bratislavskej arcidiecézy Mons. Jozef Halko za účasti slovenských kňazov pôsobiacich v USA. Pri tejto príležitosti donesie zo Slovenska aj relikvie (ostatky) sv. Cyrila. Po svätej omši bude v kostolnej hale občerstvenie.

Mons. Halko je zodpovedný za pastoračiu Slovákov v zahraničí, kam patrí aj pôsobenie slovenských kňazov medzi veriacimi na území USA.

Slovenská katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Slovenskú katolícku púť, ktorá sa uskutoční v nedeľu 11. augusta 2013 v Marian Shrine, saleziánov Don Boska, 186 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980 & West Haverstraw, NY. 10993. Pred svätou omšou budú mať pútníci možnosť sa vyspovedať.

Svätá omša začne o 11:00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed sa začne o 12:30 hodine odopoludnia a Ružencová procesia bude o 2:30 hodine odopoludnia. Kto by mal záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, nech sa prihlási u Márii Božekovej na tel. číslo: (347) 612-1934. Ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov, autobus bude k dispozícii pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku.

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

Farský festival v Cliftone, NJ

V nedeľu 25. augusta 2013 bude piknik, ktorý usporiada farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Avenue v Cliftone, NJ. Trvať bude od 9:00 hodiny doobeda do 6:00 hodiny večer. Počas dňa budú na predaj slovenské jedlá, slovenské pivo a koláče. Do tanca i na počúvanie bude hrať slovenská hudba. Vstupné je bezplatné. Usporiadatelia pozývajú slovenskú verejnosť, aby sa na podujatí zúčastnila a podporila tak slovenskú komunitu v Cliftone, NJ.

Slovenský festival v New Jersey

35. festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey sa bude konať v poslednú septembrovú nedeľu, 29. septembra 2013. Na festivale vystúpi tanečná a spevácka skupina zo Slovenska a predstavia sa aj viaceré domáce talenty. Účasť prisľúbili aj politickí činitelia zo Slovenska. Blížšie informácie budú k dispozícii neskôr. Záujemcovia o výstavné-potravinové stánky sa môžu prihlásiť u Zuzany Krčmarovej na tel. číslo (973) 357-1209.

Októbrová zábava „Oktoberfest“ v NYC

Asociácia ACF „Big Apple Chapter“ a Okres Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty si Vás dovoľujú pozvať na **OKTÓBROVÚ ZÁBAVU „OKTOBER-FEST“ ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 13. októbra 2013 od 1:00 - 6:30 odopoludnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10065.**

Budú sa podávať nemecké, slovenské a české špeciality bufetovým spôsobom. Tiež bude otvorený bar s čapovaným pivom, vínom a nealkoholickými nápojmi. Každý účastník obdrží pamiatkový pohár na pivo. K dobrej nálade prispeje slovenská a nemecká hudba, ktorá bude hrať do tanca a na počúvanie. Rezervácia vstupeniek: Ján Škrkoň (718) 626-0195

Srdečne vás všetkých vítame!

Oslava storočnice Cliftone, NJ

Oslava storočnice Slovenského kostola sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Ave, v Cliftone, NJ bude v nedeľu 3. novembra 2013. Slávnostná svätá omša bude o 10.30 hodine. Po omši bude v reštaurácii Venesia v Garfield, NJ banket. Lístky na banket sú už na predaj na fare sv. Cyrila a Metoda, alebo pred a po slovenskej svätej omši, ktorá je každú nedeľu o 10:30 hod doobeda. Cena lístkov je 80.00 dolárov za dospelých a 40.00 dolárov pre deti vo veku 12 rokov. Blížšie informácie na tel. č. (973) 546-43909.

V Nitre sa začali oslavy jubilejného roka sv. Cyrila a Metoda

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udeľovať Pánove spásonosné dobrodenia. Prostredníctvom svätej liturgie priniesli nielen svätý pokrm, ale tiež vzdelanosť a kultúru. Obaja bratia si uvedomovali starobylosť a oprávnenosť týchto posvätných tradícií a preto bez obáv používali slovanský jazyk pre liturgické obrady. Veľmi sa teda sluší a patrí, aby bola táto udalosť spoločne pripomenutá a plným právom vyzdvihnutá,“ uviedol vo svojom pozdrave pápež. Zároveň skonštatoval, že hoci sa nemohol osobne zúčastniť na oslavách, duchom je prítomný so všetkými veriacimi.

Nitriansky biskup Viliam Judák pripomenul slová pápeža Jána Pavla II., ktoré povedal pri návšteve Nitry v roku 1995. „Drahí priatelia, uvedomte si, aký neoceniteľný je dar, ktorý ste dostali od Boha. Dostal sa k vám po dlhjej ceste generácií od čias svätého Cyrila a Metoda. Prijmite ho v zodpovednej slobode a usilovne ho zveľaďujte.“ Zároveň ocenil prejav starostlivosti Petrovho stolca o miestnu cirkev na Slovensku. Pozdravil Svätého Otca a požiadal kardinála Rodého, aby tlmočil pápežovi pozvanie na návštevu Slovenska. Spoločenstvo zhromaždenia okolo Božieho oltára poslalo pápežovi Františkovi list, v ktorom mu vyjadrili vďačnosť za jeho duchovnú prítomnosť na slávnosti prostredníctvom osobitného vyslanca. „Je prejavom vašej starostlivosti o našu miestnu cirkev.“

Osobitný list adresoval Svätý Otec prezidentovi SR Ivanovi Gašparovičovi. „Prosím Pána, aby povzbudzoval všetkých tých, ktorí pracujú v prospech spoločného dobra, v úcte a napomáhaní autentických hodnôt pre budovanie stále viac bratskejšej spoločnosti. Vyzývam hojnosť Božieho požehnania na Vašu Excelenciu, na ostatných vedúcich predstaviteľov, ako aj na celý slovenský národ.“ Prezident Gašparovič vyzdvihol prínos misie sv. Cyrila a Metoda. „Cyrilo-metodská tradícia a účinkovanie sv. Cyrila a sv. Metoda na území našich predkov je zásadné fundamentálne obdobie počiatkov formovania nášho národného povedomia.“ Pripomenul, že cyrilo-metodské obdobie nechápeme len ako výlučne cirkevnú misiu. Solúnski bratia boli podľa jeho slov „veľkými učiteľmi, vedcami, misionármi, jazykovedcami, právnikmi i diplomatmi, nevšednými osobnosťami na tú dobu.“

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Spomínáme ...

„Zapadlo slnko niekde v dialke, čas spomalil svoj beh. Srdce, ktoré sme tak milovali, dobilo a opustilo tento svet...“

Dňa 29. mája 2013 vo veku 87 rokov odišiel ticho a pokojne s modlitbou na perách náš drahý a milovaný manžel, otec, dedko a pradedko Michael (Mike) Maťaš. Posledná rozlúčka s nebohým Michalom sa uskutočnila v Lekárovciah na Východnom Slovensku 2. júna 2013 v kostole Ružencovej Panny Márie, svätou omšou, za veľkej účasti kňazov, najbližších príbuzných, priateľov a známych.

Nebohý sa narodil 12. marca 1926 v Pavlovciach n/Uhom, na Východnom Slovensku, v roľníckej rodine, ako starší syn Michala a Anny rodenej Ferenčíkovej. Už ako 16-ročný stratil otca a z krátko i matku. Život mu kládol nie jednu prekážku do cesty, ale všetko vedel zdolať s Božou pomocou. 1. júla 1948 uzavrel manželstvo s Annou Mesárošovou, v kostole Ružencovej Panny Márie v Lekárovciah. Pán Boh ich požehnal dvoma deťmi a dožili sa troch vnúčat a štyroch pravnúčat.

Michal prišiel do Spojených štátov amerických v roku 1969 na návštevu k svojej tete Mary Tóth. Najprv sa usadil v Linden, New Jersey, a tak ako tisíce prisťahovalcov aj on skúsil ťažké začiatky v novej vlasti, ktorá sa mu stala druhým domovom. Vedel si vážiť ťažko zarobovaný dolár a to vstúpil aj svojim dvom dcéram, Ružene a Emílii. Začínal z ničoho a dopracoval sa všetkého. Mike zastával rôzne zamestnania najprv ako pracovník na stavbách, v reštauráciách a potom ako sústružník v podniku „American Flange“ odkiaľ po 18. rokoch odišiel do dôchodku.

Nebohý bol aktívnym farníkom kostola Svätej rodiny v Linden, New Jersey, členom Slovenského klubu, Slovenského ružencového spolku, Slovenského spevokolu v kostole Svätej rodiny a celoživotným členom Spolku č. 746 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty. Spolu s manželkou podporovali slovenskú komunitu, zúčastňovali sa rôznych aktivít pri kostole Svätej rodiny ako bolo pečenie koláčov počas rôznych slovenských zábav, či piknikov. Nebohý za 38 rokov svojho pobytu v Spojených štátoch stretol nielen veľa Slovákov ale našiel aj blízkych priateľov. Bol veselej povahy, mal rád hudbu, tanec a rád rozprával príbehy z mladosti či vojny. Rok čo rok cestovali s manželkou na Slovensko navštíviť svojich najbližších príbuzných a obnoviť si spomienky vo Vysokých Tatrách v Piešťanoch i v Starej Ľubovni. Jeho rodina mu bola všetkým. Bol za pekných nedeľných 65 rokov manželstva príkladným manželom a otcom. Svoje vnúčatá Milana, Michaelku a Sabinku viedol k viere k Bohu, k poslušnosti svojim rodičom a k úcte k starším. Pomáhal im pri štúdiách a materiálne ich zabezpečoval. Jeho pravnúčatá: Evka, Levko, Katka a Miško boli jeho najväčšou radosťou.

Keď sa v roku 2006 oboznámil so svojou zdravotnou diagnózou, rozhodli sa s manželkou vrátiť na Slovensko. Nikdy sa nestáľoval. Svoj údel choroby niesol s trepezivosťou a úsmevom na tvári. V najkrajšom Mariánskom mesiaci, zapatrený sviatosťami, odišiel snívať svoj večný sen a čaká na vzkriesenie živých i mŕtvych. Nech ho Pán Boh obdarí svojim pokojom v nebi! Ti, ktorí ste ho poznali, venujte mu tichú spomienku a myslite na neho v modlitbách. Rodina Michaela Maťaša, ďakuje všetkým za prejavy sústrasti, kvetinové dary a sväté omše a modlitby.

Zádušná svätá omša za dušu Mike Maťaša sa uskutoční v nedeľu 28. júna 2013 o 2:00 hodine popoludní v Kostole Svätej rodiny v Linden, New Jersey, 2806 Parkway Ave.

„Poznala som dve teplé dlane, otcove srdečné pohľadkanie. Jeho úsmev, jeho čas, modlitby na perách. Vnikol jak motýl na druhý breh, ja si to pamätám, tu jeho vôľu, ten čas, ktorý sa snažil dať všetko pre nás. Niet návratu pre telo, len pre dušu. Pre Pána odchádza čistá, zmordovaná. Zbohom pre všetkých, ktorých som miloval“ Odpočívaj vo svätom pokoji!

Emília Fil'ak s rodinou

Posolstvo Panny Márie, Kráľovnej pokoja, 25. júl 2012

„Drahé deti! Dnes vás pozývam k dobru. Buďte nositeľmi pokoja a dobroty v tomto svete. Proste Boha, aby vám dal silu, aby vždy vo vašom srdci a živote vládli nádej a hrdosť, pretože ste Božie deti a nositelia jeho nádeje tomuto svetu, ktorý je bez radosti v srdci a bez budúcnosti, pretože nemá otvorené srdce pre Boha, ktorý je vašou spásou. Ďakujem vám, že ste prijali moje pozvanie.“

Posolstvo Panny Márie, Kráľovnej pokoja, 2. august 2012

„Drahé deti! Som s vami a nevzdávam sa. Chceme vám dať spoznať svojho Syna. Chceme svoje deti so sebou vo večnom živote. Chceme, aby ste pocítili radosť pokoja a mali večnú spásu. Modlím sa, aby ste prekonávali ľudské slabosti. Prosím svojho Syna, aby vám daroval čisté srdcia. Moje drahé deti, len čisté srdcia vedia, ako niesť kríž a vedia, ako sa obetovať za všetkých hriešnikov, ktorí urážali nebeského Otca a ktorí ho i dnes urážajú a nespoznali ho. Modlím sa, aby ste spoznali svetlo pravej viery, ktorá pochádza iba z modlitby čistých srdiec. Vtedy všetci tí, ktorí sú vo vašej blízkosti, pocítia lásku môjho Syna. Modlite sa za tých, ktorých si vyvolil môj Syn, aby vás viedli po ceste k spásu. Nech sú vaše ústa zatvorené každému súdu. Ďakujem vám.“

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Predstavitelia** japonskej cisárskej rodiny princ a princezná Akišino pricestovali 23. júna na oficiálnu návštevu Slovenska. Pozreli si hrad Devín a pamätník obetí totalitý Brána slobody, kde položili veniec. Princ a princezná Akišino pricestovali na Slovensko na pozvanie prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča pri príležitosti 20. výročia nadviazania diplomatických vzťahov medzi Slovenskom a Japonskom. "Návšteva je potvrdením priateľských vzťahov, ktoré existujú medzi našimi krajinami a prispieva k prehĺbeniu porozumenia a zblíženiu medzi Slovenskom a Japonskom, k vzájomnej inšpirácii a duchovnému obohateniu," uviedol hovorca prezidenta Marek Trubač. Ich cisárske výsosti privítal aj prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič s manželkou. Na programe mali tiež stretnutie s predsedom vlády SR Robertom Ficom a podpredsedníčkou Národnej rady SR Janou Laššákovou. S primátorom Bratislavy Milanom Ftáčnikom si prezreli Staré Mesto a zúčastnili sa na predstavení folklórneho súboru Lúčnica.

• **Slovensko** má po Rumunsku a Litve tretí najvyšší podiel súkromného bývania (90,2 %) v rámci Európskej únie (EÚ). Vo vlastnom bez úveru na Slovensku býva 82 % obyvateľov, v dome alebo byte zaťaženom úverom na bývanie žije ďalších 8,2 % Slovákov. V prenájme býva len zvyšných 9,8 % obyvateľov SR. Na základe údajov Eurostatu na to upozorňujú analytici UniCredit Bank. Táto situácia na Slovensku vznikla začiatkom 90. rokov po páde bývalého režimu, kedy došlo k hromadnému odkupovaniu družstevných a nájomných bytov za pomerne nízke ceny. V Nemecku a Rakúsku tak v nájomných bytoch alebo domoch býva takmer polovica populácie. Najvyšší podiel obyvateľov žijúcich v nehnuteľnosti s nesplateným úverom na bývanie podľa Eurostatu žije vo Švédsku (95 %), Holandsku (89 %) a Dánsku (79 %).

• **Vysoké Tatry** sa 2. júla lúčili s horolezcom a horským záchranárom Petrom Šperkom. Ten sa stal obeťou útoku ozbrojencov v Pakistane počas horolezeckej expedície na Nanga Parbat, spolu s Antonom Dobešom a ďalšími horolezcami z iných krajín. Do Tatier sa prišlo s Petrom Šperkom rozlúčiť viac ako tisíc ľudí. Nechýbali profesionálni ani dobrovoľní horskí záchranári zo Slovenska, Česka, Poľska a ďalších krajín, horskí vodcovia, priatelia, známi a rodina, prišiel aj predseda vlády Robert Fico. Peter Šperko v Tatrách začínal ako športový referent vo vojenskej zotavovni v Tatranských Zruboch. Tu sa stal dobrovoľným členom Tatranskej horskej služby, neskôr horským vodcom a posledných desať rokov pôsobil ako profesionálny záchranár Horskej záchrannej služby. V rokoch 1986 až 2002 bol reprezentantom a reprezentačným trénerom v skialpinizme.

• **Slovenský** cyklista Peter Sagan zaknihoval ďalší výborný úspech, keď v polovici júna triumfoval v 3. etape na pretekoch Okolo Švajčiarska. Jazdec stajne Cannondale zaútočil asi tri kilometre pred koncom 204,9 km dlhej trate z Montreux do Meiringenu a cieľovú pásku prešiel v čase 4:46:26 hodín. Pre dvadsaťtriročného Sagana to je už siedme etapové víťazstvo na švajčiarskych cestách. V uplynulých dvoch ročníkoch podujatia v krajine helvétskeho križa navyše získal aj dresy pre najlepšieho šprintéra. Druhú priečku obsadil portugalský pretekár Rui Costa a tretí skončil Čech Roman Kreuziger. Na čelo priebežného poradia sa dostal domáci pretekár Mathias Frank s 25-sekundovým náskokom pred Kreuzigerom, tretí je Costa.

• **Slovenská** IT firma s nezvyčajným príbehom, keď svoju kariéru odštartovala v samom centre moderných technológií - Silicon Valley v USA, začína budovať svoje výskumné a vývojové centrum v Banskej Bystrici. Už tento rok chce zamestnať 40 ľudí a investovať v meste 2 milióny eur. Ako na nedávnej tlačovej konferencii povedal výkonný riaditeľ Tomáš Jančo, výskumné centrum v meste pod Urpínom bude zamerané na oblasť sieťových technológií. "Už dnes pracujeme na takých riešeniach, ktoré prídu do praxe o niekoľko rokov," uviedol. Pri rozširovaní kolektívu chcú spolupracovať aj s fakultou IT a informatiky STU v Bratislave ako aj s obdobnou fakultou UMB v B. Bystrici. Firma má v pláne na tento rok dosiahnuť obrát 6 miliónov eur. Vlni zaznamenala zisk približne 120,000 eur.

• **United States Steel Corporation**, ktorá je materskou spoločnosťou U. S. Steel Košice, informovala na svojej internetovej stránke o sérii personálnych zmien. Niektoré z nich sa týkajú aj košickej dcéry. Menovania nových výkonných manažérov, oznámil prezident a prevádzkový riaditeľ United States Steel Corporation Mario Longhi. Na Slovensko sa vráti George F. Babcoke, ktorý sa stane senior viceprezidentom pre európske operácie a globálnu bezpečnosť a prezident U. S. Steel Košice. Päťdesiatšesťročný Babcoke, ktorý v koncerne U. S. Steel pracuje už 37 rokov, sa do Košíc vracia po dvoch rokoch. Na čele košického závodu stál v rokoch 2008 až 2011. Súčasný viceprezident pre európske operácie a prezident U. S. Steel Košice David J. Rintoul odchádza do USA, kde bude zastávať novovytvorenú pozíciu viceprezidenta pre inovácie.

• **Vo** viacerých diecézach na Slovensku sa v polovici júna konali prvé tohtoročné vysviacky novokňazov a diakonov. V Bratislavskej arcidiecéze arcibiskup Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský vysvätil v Katedrále sv. Martina šiestich novokňazov. V Dóme sv. Alžbety v Košiciach sa uskutočnila vysviacka deviatich novokňazov. Slávnostné vysviacky sa konali aj v Katedrále sv. Emeráma v Nitre, Kostole Nanebovzatia Panny Márie v Banskej Bystrici, Kostole Sedembolestnej Panny Márie v Žiline - Vlčinciach. V Katedrále sv. Martina v Spišskej Kapitule prijalo sviatosť kňazstva sedem novokňazov. V nedeľu 16. júna vysvätili v Chráme Zosnutia Presvätej Bohorodičky v Lutine piatich gréckokatolíckych absolventov štúdiá teológie, ďalší gréckokatolícki novokňazi budú vysvätení v Košickej eparchii. Vysviacky novokňazov pokračovali aj o týždeň - v sobotu 22. júna a neskorších termínoch. Celkovo bolo vysvätených vyše 50 diecéznych a rehoľných kňazov.

• **Atmosféru** primorského letoviska s pieskom, ležadlami a netradičnými formami oddychu si môžu toto leto užiť obyvatelia a návštevníci Košíc. Mestskú Magio pláž, ktorá v minulosti fungovala len v Bratislave, 26. júna 2013 prvýkrát otvorili v košickej rekreačnej lokalite Jazero. Fungovať bude do 8. septembra 2013, pripravený bol sprievodný program pre deti i dospelých.

• **Slováci** sa za prvých päť mesiacov tohto roka zaujímali najviac o letenky do Paríža a New Yorku. Medziročne vzrástol záujem o Rím, ale aj Londýn, do ktorého si letenku kúpilo o 130 % viac Slovákov ako vlani, keď britská metropola organizovala letnú olympiádu. Vyplýva to z údajov cestovného portálu Pelikan.sk. Na čele rebríčka piatich najpredávanejších leteniek na Slovensku je Paríž. Na druhé miesto sa za sledované obdobie dostal New York s medziročným nárastom zakúpených leteniek o 15 %. Spätočná letenka z Viedne stojí v priemere 540 eur, no čoraz viac Slovákov sa zaujíma aj o odlety z letísk v susedných štátoch. Z poľského Krakova sa ceny leteniek do New Yorku začínajú od 450 eur.

TASR a slovenské časopisy



Prednáška "Andy a Rusíni"

Za účasti Jamesa Warhola sa 8. júna 2013 v New Yorku uskutočnila prednáška Dr. Elaine Rusinko "Andy a Rusíni". E. Rusinko je autorkou monografie „Sme všetci deti Warhola: Andy a Rusíni.“ Jej štúdiá etablojú podkarpatsko rusínsku etnicitu Andyho Warhola a skúma jej možný vplyv na jeho osobnosť a umenie. Vo svojej prednáške sa tiež sústredila na históriu Múzea moderného umenia A. Warhola na Slovensku.

James Warhola je autorom a ilustrátorom niekoľkých kníh „Strýko Andy: Na návšteve u slávneho strýka“ a „Mačky strýka Andyho“. Jeho spomienky na život strýka dodal prednáške osobný rozmer. Sála bola obsadená do posledného miesta a obecenstvo bolo nadšené vynikajúcimi prednášajúcimi.

Na príprave podujatia sa spolupodieľali Spoločnosť pre vedu a umenie a Generálny konzulát v New Yorku.

MZV SR



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Na pozvanie prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča prišlo do slovenskej metropoly 19 najvyšších predstaviteľov krajín strednej, východnej a juhovýchodnej Európy na 18. stredo európsky summit, ktorý sa konal 12. a 13. júna 2013 v Bratislave.

At the invitation of Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic, 19 representatives of Central and Southeastern European countries came to Bratislava for a Central European Summit June 12-13, 2013.



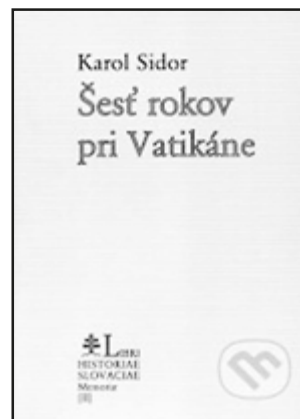
Predstavili memoáre prvého vyslanca Slovenska pri Svätej stolici

Slovenský čitateľ dostáva po desaťročiach do rúk prácu vysokej historickej ceny. Jej pôvodné vydanie vyšlo v roku 1948 v USA. Ide o memoáre prvého vyslanca Slovenska pri Svätej stolici Karola Sidora. Týkajú sa obdobia od roku 1939 do roku 1945. Kniha má predpoklady osloviť odborníkov špecializujúcich sa na danú problematiku, ale aj širšiu verejnosť, keďže je napísaná čítavým žurnalisticko-popisným spôsobom. Vychádza ako 33. titul edície Libri historiae Slovaciae (LHS), séria Memoriae.

"Editor dr. Jozef Rydlo pripravil rozsiahly poznámkový aparát, personálnu bibliografiu Karola Sidora a pohľad na problematiku vzťahov Slovenska a Svätej stolice, respektíve na osobnosť politika a novinára Karola Sidora rozšíril zaradením štúdií popredných súčasných historikov Emilie Hrabovce, Róberta Letza a Františka Vnuka, ako aj o rozsiahlu obrazovú prílohu," povedal Pavol Stano z občianskeho združenia Libri historiae, ktoré je vydavateľom knihy.

Podujatie pripravili občianske združenie Libri historiae, Katedra slovenských dejín Filozofickej fakulty Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave, Slovenský ústav v Ríme, Unia slovenských spisovateľov, umelcov a kultúrnych tvorcov žijúcich mimo územia Slovenska. V početnom publiku boli zastúpení traja veľvyslanci SR vo Vatikáne, dvaja bývalí (Dagmar Babčanová, Jozef Dravecký) a nedávno menovaný Peter Sopko i ďalšie osobnosti verejného života, odbornej a mediálnej sféry.

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Z uvedenia memoárov Karola Sidora. Na snímke vľavo Dr. Milan Zemko, uprostred moderátor a vpravo Dr. Jozef Rydlo.



Slovenská republika členom nového výboru expertov OSN

Slovenská republika je jedným z tridsiatich členov nového Medzivládneho výboru expertov pre financovanie trvalo udržateľného rozvoja, ktorý zriadilo Valné zhromaždenie OSN. Vo výbore Slovensko bude zastupovať stály predstaviteľ SR pri OSN v New Yorku František Ružička.

Členstvo vo výbore je potvrdením dlhodobej angažovanosti Slovenska pri riešení globálnych rozvojových tém na pôde OSN. Miesta vo výbore sú rozdelené pomerne medzi regionálne skupiny OSN, Slovensko splnilo kritériá na účasť - zohľadňovala sa najmä odbornosť, angažovanosť a záujem o problematiku. Na zvolenie bola potrebná podpora všetkých členov regionálnej skupiny.

"Slovenská republika ako člen Európskej únie chce okrem obhajoby národných pozícií spolupracovať s ďalšími členskými štátmi únie na tvorbe finálneho dokumentu. Preto je pre nás dobré, že sa môžeme priamo zúčastňovať na diskusiách o agende, ktorá bude v najbližších rokoch patriť v OSN medzi kľúčové," povedal F. Ružička.

Úlohou výboru bude definovať a nájsť finančné zdroje a prostriedky pre napĺňanie tzv. Miléniových rozvojových cieľov do roku 2015 (boj proti chudobe, potravinová bezpečnosť, energetická dostupnosť a udržateľnosť, zabezpečenie dôstojného života nasledujúcich generácií atď.).

Cieľom je postaviť efektívny, transparentný a rovnomerný finančný model riešenia globálnych sociálnych, ekonomických a ekologických výziev s jasne definovanými podmienkami využitia verejných a súkromných zdrojov. Návrhy, ktoré by mali skĺbiť tradičné a inovatívne nástroje financovania, budú publikované v záverečnej správe v roku 2014.



František Ružička

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The SS. Cyril and Methodius Jubilee began with a pilgrimage and the celebration of Mass in Nitra on July 5, 2013. The main celebrant was Cardinal Franc Rode.

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Slávnostná svätá omša v rámci Národnej púte v Nitre. Hlavným celebrantom bol kardinál Franc Rodé.

V Nitre sa začali oslavy jubilejného roka sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Cyrilo-metodskou národnou púťou sa začali v Nitre oslavy 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na územie dnešného Slovenska. Na slávnostnej svätej omši 5. júla na Svätoplukovom námestí sa zúčastnili tisícky veriacich zo všetkých kútov Slovenska vrátane najvyšších predstaviteľov štátu a cirkvi. Hlavným celebrantom bol osobitný vyslanec Svätého Otca Františka kardinál Franc Rodé, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre inštitúty zasväteného života a spoločnosti apoštolského života.

Pápež František sa prihovril účastníkom cyrilo-metodských osláv poverovacím listom adresovaným kardinálovi Rodému a pozdravom. Pripomenul význam misie solúnskych bratov. „Na územie dnešného Slovenska prišli s posolstvom evanjelia a tamojšiemu ľudu sa začali

Pokračovanie na str.22



Na Mariánskej hore vyvrcholila najstaršia výchoslovenská púť

Tradičná Levočská púť vyvrcholila prvý júlový víkend. Najstaršie pútnické miesto východného Slovenska privítalo pútnikov v rámci Roka viery a jubilejného roka sv. Cyrila a Metoda. Hlavný program sa uskutočnil od piatku 5. do nedeľe 7. júla 2013. Záverečnú slávnostnú odpustovú svätú omšu v nedeľu o 10:00 hodine celebraval kardinál Franc Rodé, C. M., emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre inštitúty zasväteného života a spoločnosti apoštolského života.

Korene mariánskeho kultu na tomto mieste siahajú do XIII. storočia. Z tých čias pochádzajú prvé zmienky o tomto pútnickom mieste a zhromažďovaní mariánskych ctiteľov. Roku 1247 bola postavená prvá kaplnka (kostolík) na Olivetskej hore. Najpravdepodobnejšie bola postavená ako prejav vďaky Božej Matke za záchranu mnohých životov pred vpádom Tatárov, ktorí pustošili naše územie a konkrétne i Levoču. Tradičná púť sa v zmysle dekrétu Apoštolskej stolice koná vždy v sobotu a nedeľu po 2. júli.



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Kardinál Rodé celebraval slávnostnú svätú omšu na púti v Levoči.

The Levoca pilgrimage culminated in the first weekend in July. This is the oldest pilgrimage site in Eastern Slovakia. This year many attended as part of the jubilee year of SS. Cyril and Methodius. The pilgrimage concluded with a solemn Mass celebrated by Cardinal Franc Rode, C.M.

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Prvé sväté prijímanie v kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N. Y. C.



Prvoprijímajúce detky kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City. Zľava: Nicolette Stanko, Michael Kovalčík, Miriam Turkynek, Emily Lysáková, Robert Seč a Izabella Tandlmayer.

„Príjmi Matka v náruč detky, čo Ti prišli pred oltár, Tebe túžia verné zostať a uzrieť Tvoju svätú tvár ...“

V Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City sa v nedeľu 2. júna konalo prvé sväté prijímanie dieťok farníkov a zároveň niektorých aj členov Spolku sv. Štefana, č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty. Za zvukov organu a slov horevdennej krásnej piesni, vchádzali deti v sprievode do slávnostne vyzdobeného chrámu, aby do svojich čistých srdiečok po prvýkrát prijali telo Pánovo. Počas tejto vzácnej slávnosti, svätú omšu odslúžil pomocný farár kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, otec Štefan Chanas, za prítomnosti rodičov, starých rodičov, krstných rodičov, priateľov a farníkov kostola.

Zásluhou otca Chanasa deti boli náležite pripravené prijať sviatosť prvého svätého prijímania. Pri obnove krstných sľubov nejedna slza vypadla z očí rodičov a všetkých príbuzných a známych. Deti sa vrúcne modlili a spievali: „Príď o Pane milý, príď mi do srdiečka, nech sa rozplápolá duša moja všetká...“

Pokračovanie na str.21

Štátny sviatok „Nezávislosti“ 4. júla 2013

Deň 4. júla 2013, je „Independence Day – Deň nezávislosti“. Je zo všetkých, jeden najväčší, civilný, štátny sviatok, bez ohľadu, či padne na sobotu, nedeľu a či piatok. Vtedy všetci vzdávame hold, našim Americkým, vojenským jednotkám A ďakujeme všetkým, ktorí položili život, za našu slobodu.



Dnes na ich pamiatku, tisícky jednotiek pochoduje našimi mestami, hrdo nesúc americké zástavy, milióny ľudí ich odmení potleskom a kvetami.

Aj my všetci, či slovenskí prisťahovalci, emigranti, utečenci a či tu narodení vzdávame česť a ďakujeme za privilegium slobody a práva.

Zdá sa, že sloboda sa dá, iba krvou vykúpiť, ak nechceme v otroctve žiť. A preto my všetci, slovenského pôvodu, Vám naši bratia-veteráni, srdečne ďakujeme za Vašu slobodu. Áno, sloboda je ten najkrajší dar, čo ste nám mohli dať, my si budeme na Vás v modlitbách spomínať.

Jozef Smák