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Kenneth A. Arendt
President, CEO

Message from the President

Summer is finally here! While many of our young members are enjoying a well-deserved break from school, we are still celebrating academic achievement throughout the FCSU. Congratulations to all recent graduates and to our 2026 FCSU Scholarship recipients. Each year, our Society proudly awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving students. We are currently accepting applications for the Stephen C. Matula Scholarship. I encourage all eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity and submit their applications by June 26.

As you begin your next chapter, I encourage you to become more involved in your local branch and consider taking on leadership roles. The friendships you build, the experiences you gain, and the lessons you learn through fraternal involvement can last a lifetime. Our future depends on the next generation stepping forward and sharing new ideas.

Our nation is preparing to celebrate a historic milestone, the 250th Anniversary of the United States. This anniversary reminds us of the opportunities that generations of immigrants found when they came to America seeking a better life for themselves and their families. Our Slovak ancestors were among those who crossed the ocean with hope, determination, and faith. They found a country that welcomed them and allowed them to build communities, churches, organizations, and futures that may not have been possible elsewhere. Their sacrifices and hard work laid the foundation for the blessings we enjoy today, and it is fitting that we remember their contributions as our nation marks this significant anniversary.

June also brings Father's Day, and I would like to extend my best wishes to all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and father figures. Fathers play an important role in the lives of their children and families, providing guidance, support, wisdom, and encouragement. Their influence often extends far beyond what they may realize. On Father's Day, let us take time to thank the men who have helped shape our lives and the values we hold dear.

Don't forget about our upcoming Golf Tournament at Sawmill Creek in Huron, Ohio. The registration deadline is June 19, and I encourage you to submit your registration soon so you don't miss out on a wonderful weekend of fellowship and fun.

I am also pleased to announce that our National Picnic will be held on August 22 at Wiegand Lake Park. We are also working with Simmons Farm and hope to announce details for our Fall Family Festival in the near future.

One of the great joys of our Society is discovering the fascinating stories of our members. We continue to learn that people we have known for years have remarkable experiences, talents, and accomplishments worth sharing. We invite members with interesting stories to contact our editor about being featured in our Member Spotlight section and encourage past scholarship recipients to share updates for future Scholar Spotlight features.

Thank you for your continued support of our Society. We are putting the finishing touches on preparations for our 53rd Quadrennial Convention, and I look forward to seeing many of you there soon.

Inside:



FCSU Scholarship winners announced on pages 16-17. Congratulations to the dedicated recipients.



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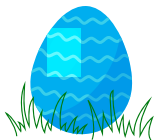
SAWMILL CREEK

Register for our Golf Tournament by Friday, June 19. See pages 10-11 for details.



See page 4 for information about our National Picnic on August 22, 2026

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Message from the National Chaplain

The Semiquincentennial anniversary of the founding of the United States of America will be celebrated soon on the first weekend of July.

One of the most frequently cited parts of the Declaration of Independence begins its second paragraph: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. By happy coincidence, those unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, can be found by giving a close look to the Scripture readings that will be proclaimed at Mass during the weekend of July 4-5, 2026.

As Saint Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans: The spirit of God dwells in us. Our lives are guided by the Holy Spirit, his 7-fold gifts and 12 fruits enable us to freely choose for ourselves to live a life of virtue.

Jesus says in the Gospel for the day, Come to me. He does not say, Be brought to me, but rather, Come to me. It is an invitation to do so voluntarily, without hesitation, or coercion, or second thoughts, or doubts. It is in and with total and complete freedom we are to choose Christ, to receive his love and mercy, to gain the graces of sanctity.

Jesus also says, My yoke is easy and my burden is light. These two promises of their very nature convey joy and happiness.

A life lived in the spirit, a life that freely chooses Christ in all things, is a life that anticipates living in everlasting happiness.

The Declaration of Independence calls life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness unalienable rights. As people of faith, we call them gifts given to us by our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, whose divine will is that we all become partakers in the eternal joy of the heavenly kingdom.



Rev. Thomas Nasta
Chaplain

SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 48th year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. Today, the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and previous donors.

As of May 31, 145 donors have given \$20,729.34 for the 2026 Appeal. Among the 41 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 1, Branch 35, Branch 40, Branch 45, Branch 89, Branch 112, Branch 132, Branch 181, Branch 320, Branch 450, Branch 731, Branch 743, Branch 853, Branch 857, District 14, District 17 and the Home Office of the FCSU have donated a combined total of \$3,560. Donations have also been received from 10 churches, 17 clergy and religious and 77 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2026 Appeal but did not receive a letter asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2026 will be credited toward the 2027 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

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Executive Secretary's Message

As I write this message, we are only a few weeks away from our 53rd Quadrennial Convention. There is a great deal of excitement as we complete the final preparations for what promises to be a memorable gathering. The first week of June we did a mass mailing to all the delegates with pre-convention information. The packet contains important information that should be reviewed before arriving. Some of the items included were your Delegate Credential Card, Financial Reports, Meal Information, Proposed Bylaws Changes, Convention Schedule and more. Please bring this packet with you, but most importantly, be sure to bring your signed Delegate Credential Card.



Kevin J. Collins
Executive Secretary, COO

New this year is an Orientation Session. Whether you are attending your first convention or have participated many times before, I encourage everyone to attend. The orientation will provide an opportunity to familiarize yourself on convention procedures and how the sessions will be conducted. It is also the perfect time to ask questions and ensure that everyone understands the process so convention business can proceed smoothly and efficiently.

The entire Home Office has been working diligently to offer a dynamic and impactful convention. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication. I am looking forward to seeing you very soon. Travel safely!

Virtual Call Schedule:

June 15, 2026 at 12pm and 8pm EST

We will have one more virtual call before the convention. This will be a great opportunity to ask any last-minute questions.

July 7, 2026 at 12pm and 8pm EST

We will recap the convention. Feel free to attend this call even if you were not a delegate at the convention.

Visit our website at fcsu.com/about/newsroom/ or scan the QR code to get the Zoom link.



Kevin Collins Attends Museum Gala

On May 2, I attended the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Gala at the invitation of Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, President and CEO of the NCSML. The event brought together many FCSU members, along with dignitaries from Slovakia and the Czech Republic. It was a pleasure to spend time again with Slovak Ambassador Andrej Droba and to meet Czech Ambassador Miloslav Stašek. For the full story and additional photos, please see page 14.



Kevin Collins with Kathleen Kasper, the niece of Michael Strank



Kevin Collins with Slovak Ambassador Andrej Droba and Ed Zelenak (Branch 584)



Kevin Collins with Czech Ambassador Miloslav Stašek



Kevin Collins with Branch 888 members Dr. Cecilia Rokusek, NCSML President, CEO, Dr. Miriam Potocky Rafaidus and David Rafaidus

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 2026

- 6/13 Branch 38 - Melanoma Walk, Pittsburgh, PA
- 6/13 District 17 - RailRiders Baseball Game, Moosic, PA (RSVP)
- 6/14 Branch 19 - Meeting (Zoom)
- 6/14 Branch 213 - Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (RSVP) (Hybrid)
- 6/14 District 1 - Meeting (Zoom)
- 6/15 Home Office - Virtual Call, 12pm and 8pm EST
- 6/20 - 23 FCSU 53rd Quadrennial Convention, Greenville, SC
- 6/21 Father's Day
- 6/26 - 28 Lorain International Festival, Lorain, OH
- 6/26 - 28 Simply Slavic, Youngstown, OH
- 6/26 Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Applications Due
- 6/28 Branch 173 - Meeting, Mountain Top, PA (RSVP)
- 6/30 Branch 746 Scholarship Applications Due

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- 7/3 Branch 746 - Mass, Linden, NJ
- 7/3 Independence Day Observed, Home Office Closed
- 7/5 Branch 716 - Annual Picnic, New York, NY
- 7/6 Branch 199 - Meeting, Erie, PA
- 7/7 Home Office - Virtual Call, 12pm and 8pm EST
- 7/11 Slovak Festival, Broadview Heights, OH
- 7/12 Branch 367 - 125th Lodge Celebration, Fairchance, PA (RSVP by 6/30)
- 7/13 Branch 162 - Meeting, Uniontown, PA (RSVP by 7/7)
- 7/13 Branch 785 - Annual Picnic, Norval, ON
- 7/16 Branch 628 - Meeting, West Mifflin, PA
- 7/16 103rd Annual American Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA
- 7/19 Branch 587 - Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (RSVP by 7/12)
- 7/24 - 26 FCSU International Golf Tournament, Huron, OH
- 7/26 Branch 181 - Family Picnic, Mammoth, PA
- 7/26 District 2 - Home of the Brave, Munster, IN (RSVP by 6/14)
- 7/26 District 9 - Meeting, Smithfield, PA (RSVP by 7/22)
- 7/26 District 12 Picnic - Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon, PA (RSVP)
- 7/26 94th Annual Slovak-American Day Picnic, Franklin, WI

For more information, visit our website at fcsu.com.

Kevin Collins Attends AFA Spring Symposium and Leaves Something Behind

In early May, Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, COO attended the American Fraternal Alliance Spring Symposium in Pittsburgh, PA. While there, he was recognized as one of the American Fraternal Alliance's Fraternal Champions, an award presented to active fraternalists who find ways to engage members and support the Alliance.

And engage he did! He and two colleagues shaved their heads on stage to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the nation's largest charitable funder of childhood cancer research grants. Together, they raised more than \$11,000 to support childhood cancer research and provide hope to children and families facing this disease.

What began as a challenge among friends 25 years ago has grown into the largest volunteer movement to conquer kids' cancer. After learning more about the Foundation's mission and the impact it has on children and families, Kevin was proud to take part in the fundraiser and looks forward to continuing to support this important cause.



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- Check in begins at 11:00am
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- BINGO from 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- MASS at 4:00pm celebrated on wedding deck
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- Basketball
- Paddle Boats
- Horseshoes
- Bingo
- Swimming
- Soccer Field
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- Applicants must complete and sign an official Scholarship application obtained from a branch officer, the Home Office or www.fcsu.com and mail it to: **Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131**. Applicants must also provide a high-resolution headshot photo and email it to scholarship@fcsu.com.
- Winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee by the middle of August, and checks will be payable to the winner's educational institution after submitting proof of college enrollment.
- Winners must provide a report on their progress in college, including transcript and a summary of use of the funds by the end of the school year.

What to Provide:

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Reflection - By Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.

In this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our chosen hymn, "DARUJ, Ō JEŽIŠ" ("Grant Me, Dear Jesus") is an appropriate reflection in itself. In June, we are also anticipating a very special event in our US Catholic history. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will formally consecrate the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11, 2026. The consecration is at the heart of the Catholic Church's participation in the U.S. commemoration of 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

How can we respond to this consecration as a personal invitation to love and live daily in our Lord's Presence?

GRANT ME, DEAR JESUS

- Grant me, dear Jesus, the gift of Your Heart,
So I truly will love You.
Lifeless the heart I now call my own,
As my hopes for love are few.
Worthless is my heart this way I know,
When I have not Jesus in my soul.
Hidden now in sacred shrine,
Holy God—our Gift Divine.
- The One whom whole sea, vast earth and sky,
Cannot ever overwhelm,
In sacramental hiding we find,
Calling hearts with sacred signs.
Draw my heart to You, O Love sublime,
From attractions here on earth I find.
You are my true, precious Goal,
You are Healer of my soul.
- Upon this altar as Christ's sacred sign,
Truly blood and flesh are live;
The Godman's natures both human and God,
Are indeed here verified.
Although we can't see—we do believe,
What we receive here, we now receive,
'Tis Christ's Body, Gift Divine,
And His Sacred Blood from wine.

DARUJ, Ō JEŽIŠ

- Daruj, ō Ježiš, srdce mne,
Chcem Tebá milovať;
Moje bez Tvojho je mŕtve,
Nemôže lásky mať.
Za nič ja svoje Srdce mám,
Keď Ježiša svojho nemám,
V Sviatosti skrytého
Boha živého.
- Ktorého more, zem celá
Nemože obsiahnuť,
V Sviatosti sa nám ukrýva,
Srdcia chce pritiahnuť.
Pritiahni srdce aj moje
Z márnosti sveta ku Sebe,
Duše mojej pravý,
Ty Lekár láskavý!
- V Oltárnej tejto Sviatosti
Krv, telo sú živé,
Bohočloveka vlastnosti
sú to opravdivé.
Hoc' nevidíme, veríme,
Prijímame, čo si ctíme;
Krista sväté telo
A pravú krv Jeho.

Please enjoy the YouTube version from Slovakia:
tinyurl.com/June26Reflection

Insights and Viewpoints

By Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Gospel Summary

The heart of Jesus is moved with compassion at the sight of the crowds who are like frightened, helpless sheep abandoned by their shepherd. He asks his disciples to pray that God send more laborers to bring in an abundant harvest. Thereupon, Jesus summons his twelve disciples, gives them power over unclean spirits and the power to cure every illness. He then sends them to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus' final admonition is that what has been given to them without cost ought to be given to others without cost.

Life Implications

The New Testament authors use at least ninety images to help us gain some understanding of the mystery of God's self-giving to human beings. This divine-human communion of life is said to be a kingdom, a marriage, a building, a vine and branches, a living body, a family, a field of wheat and weeds, a people in exile journeying to their homeland.

This Sunday's passage from Matthew's gospel uses the image of shepherd and sheep to remind us that at times, like sheep, we are helpless, feel abandoned and lost. The simple image aptly symbolizes the human condition of alienation so graphically described in the first chapters of Genesis and so often experienced in our own lives.

Today we can be grateful for the good news proclaimed in all the gospels: we are not abandoned -- the divine and human heart of Jesus is moved with compassion for us. We are not lost sheep paralyzed by fear, afraid to live. Our meditation this week might be on a verse of the twenty-third psalm: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff comfort me."

A further life implication is that Jesus, the good shepherd sent by God, in turn sends his disciples as shepherds to continue his mission of compassion, now not only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but to the whole world. Perhaps we as Catholics have a tendency to restrict the mission Christ gave to the twelve to those in Holy Orders who offer the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick. Rather, we are all as disciples of Christ sent out to the world to be good shepherds. In the particular circumstances of our lives we are to actualize Christ's compassion and forgiveness for those who are lost, and to actualize Christ's healing power for those who are sick and beset by demons.

Finally, today Jesus also reminds us that we, who have received so much without cost, ought in turn give to others with a generous and cheerful heart.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

The Promise of America

Fr. Ed Dougherty, M.M., The Christophers' Board of Directors

Half a century after the American Revolution, Alexis de Tocqueville journeyed from France to the United States to study our fledgling democracy. His trip resulted in the book "Democracy in America," where he asserts that America's greatest strength is our ability to correct ourselves. De Tocqueville also observed, "Nothing is more wonderful than the art of being free, but nothing is harder to learn how to use than freedom."

In 1886, Fredrick Douglass delivered his speech, "A Lecture on the Civil Rights Bill," where he identifies the conscience rights underpinning our nation's ability to self-correct, saying, "No right was deemed by the fathers of the government more sacred than the right of speech. It was in their eyes, as in the eyes of all thoughtful men, the great moral renovator of society and government."

In addition to free speech, conscience rights underpin the free exercise of religion and are essential to achieving the promise of America, as Pope Saint John Paul II observed in his 1995 visit to our nation, saying, "America, may your trust always be in God and in none other." Then quoting Francis Scott Key, he said, "and then, 'the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.'"

The promise of America has always been best expressed in the free exercise of religion, like the work of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, who came to America in 1889 with the hope of making a positive difference in the world. Her story is dramatized in the Christopher Award-winning film "Cabrini," where she meets with the pope to answer his concerns about her poor health and whether that hardship should curtail her venture to America. "We can serve our weakness," Mother Cabrini tells the pope, "or we can serve our purpose. Not both."

Later in the film, when Mother Cabrini faces obstacles to her mission, she declares, "Begin the mission, the means will come." Mother Cabrini's declaration is one of faith in God to provide for us when we set out to make the world a better place. The declaration that set our nation in motion was rooted in faith and in a purpose articulated by Benjamin Franklin in a letter he wrote after signing the Declaration of Independence. "Our cause is the cause of all mankind," Franklin wrote, "we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own."

This coming July 4th, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It's a milestone that marks the moment when our freedoms were so boldly articulated. It has fallen to each successive generation to learn how to use those freedoms and make the necessary self-corrections.

We celebrate our nation's milestone with gratitude because it set in motion the freedom that allowed Father James Keller, M.M., to call a war-weary American people to move forward in faith when he founded The Christophers back in 1945. Soon after, Father Keller wrote the following words that embody the promise of America.

"The mere fact that you are alive, reading these words, no matter your age, the state of your health or physical condition, means that you have been chosen by God to perform some work that no other person can do. If you wish to leave the world better than you found it, you must be convinced that you have been put here for a purpose, delegated by God to play a part in renewing the face of the earth."

Grow + Go + Pray

Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE: Beginning with the original sin of Adam and Eve, humanity has lived in a way that has separated us from God's perfect love. Despite the many ways we have tried to draw near to God, it is impossible for us to repair this relationship on our own. The ways we turn away from God, therefore, require an outpouring of mercy and forgiveness, which our loving Father is eager to offer. When speaking of the grace that defeated the power of death, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that "the gift is not like the transgression." God's love for us is overflowing, and his desire to be in relationship with us is manifest in his giving his life for our salvation. Christ longs to heal and free us from the hold of sin in our lives, and we can experience this grace when we encounter Christ as the Divine Physician in the sacrament of reconciliation.

GO EVANGELIZE: In witness to the promise of eternal life and joy, we are called to live in a countercultural way, adhering to the words of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church. We know this is not always easy. Yet, the Lord -- through the prophet Jeremiah -- reassures us that God is with us, and that he will be our "mighty champion." In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks to the Apostles as they prepare to travel and preach the Good News. He warns them they will experience persecution, but he also reminds them that God is abundantly generous in his care for them. God cares for us in the same way as we continue our work of evangelization. He values us as precious children, and he promises that we will not be left alone in whatever challenges we may encounter while proclaiming the truth of his love.

PRAY: It can be difficult to rest in the promise of a love that exceeds our human faults and failings. It may seem impossible to be fully known and yet still exceedingly loved. The gift God offers us of being known, loved, and forgiven demonstrates a level of goodness that far exceeds any wrong we may have done. In your prayer this week, ask God for the grace to trust in this abundance of love that he desires to give to you.

MEMBER *Spotlight*

ED ZELENAK

A Life of Service, Music, Diplomacy and Laughs: Meet Convention Master of Ceremonies, Ed Zelenak

Some people spend a lifetime building one remarkable career. Edward M. Zelenak has somehow managed to build several.

Attorney, broadcaster, musician, entertainer, diplomat, columnist, and lifelong public servant, Zelenak's story is one of dedication to community, deep Slovak roots, and a passion for connecting with people, whether in a courtroom, behind a microphone, or seated at a piano.

Ask Zelenak what exactly he does, don't expect a conventional answer. "The key to near-success," he says with trademark wit, "is to stay one step ahead of failure, one step behind exceptional, and to keep everyone wondering just what the heck am I going to say or do next."

How he does it all is anyone's guess. As he jokes, "Until they legalize psychedelics, I just keep relying on strong coffee, cigars, and a strident ability to keep a sense of humor circulating in my cluttered brain."

From Jazz Band to the Bandstand

Long before courtrooms and city halls, there was music.

Music was integral to Zelenak's family life. His father and grandfather were musicians affiliated with Local 5 of the American Federation of Musicians and young Ed was playing alongside his father and friends at the age of 9. A graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Zelenak discovered his love for performing folk and rock and roll in the mid-sixties and later in the high school jazz band. He performed with groups including Little Davy and the Diplomats and the Ed Zelenak Orchestra, building a musical tradition that continues today. His jazz ensemble still performs regularly for dances, political events and parties, bringing audiences an evening of show tunes, hotel jazz, and timeless standards.

For Zelenak, music is more than entertainment: it is connection. During a trip to Havana, Cuba, he found himself spontaneously playing alongside local musicians in the streets. Though they shared no common spoken language, they connected instantly through melody. "You don't speak the same language," he reflects, "but you speak the same music. Music is an international handshake."

The Class Clown with Big Dreams

Before he became a lawyer, Zelenak was the kid making people laugh. He describes himself as a "class clown," participating in underground comedy productions while dreaming of a career in show business. At one point, he imagined himself hosting *The Tonight Show* and explored entertainment opportunities in California.

There, he crossed paths with notable figures, including television producer Norman Lear. He worked on a television pilot connected to *Fernwood Tonight* and spent time around entertainers associated with *The Tonight Show* and *The Smothers Brothers Show*.

His broadcasting career also flourished. For decades, he worked in radio, serving as a public affairs director, reporter, and talk show host for outlets including RKO Radio Network and other stations. His program, *The Legal Huddle*, blended legal insight with entertainment, while his live broadcasts from Times Square during political conventions brought listeners directly into major moments in American politics.

A Lawyer Deeply Rooted in Community

Though California and entertainment offered possibilities, Lincoln Park called him home.

Returning to Michigan, Zelenak accepted a position as Assistant City Attorney, beginning what would become a decades-long commitment to public service. He later stepped into the role of City Attorney. His legal career has included service to numerous municipalities, teaching at Wayne State University Law School, special prosecution work, and representation before courts including the United States Supreme Court. Perhaps one of his most notable legal traditions is what he jokingly calls "Doughnut Diplomacy", bringing doughnuts to court, a small gesture that reflects his belief in kindness and relationships. "I probably go through around twenty dozen Krispy Kreme Doughnuts a week", he adds.



His commitment to community extends beyond the courtroom.

In 1975, he and his brother founded a summer concert series in Lincoln Park. When funding became difficult, the Zelenak family quietly helped sustain the program themselves to ensure live music remained part of the community. Today, the series continues to thrive, featuring regular performances from Detroit-area talent.

Proudly Slovak, Proudly Connected

All four of his grandparents emigrated from what was then Czechoslovakia. That heritage would shape much of his life and service. "When I discovered that I wasn't adopted out of British royalty," he jokes, "I decided to take advantage of my ethnic roots and enjoy the ancestry of a country that has more castles, no bagpipes, better teeth and tastier food than the Brits."

The 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia profoundly affected his family, who openly opposed the occupation. As a young man, Zelenak became an advocate for Czech and Slovak freedom, later witnessing history firsthand after the Velvet Revolution.

He met reform leader Alexander Dubček and Czech President Václav Havel and even broadcast reports back to the United States.

In 2001, Zelenak became Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic, serving as a bridge between Slovakia and communities in the United States. Though unpaid, the role has taken him around the world and deepened his connection to the land of his ancestors, where he still has many relatives. "Being selected to serve as Honorary Consul," he says, "charged me exponentially with the continuing obligation to do my best to advance the land, customs, freedom and success of the land of my forefathers."

Wherever he travels, he proudly introduces himself with a simple phrase: "Ja som pyšný, že som Slovák. I am proud to be Slovak."

Home Is Still Lincoln Park

For all his accomplishments, Zelenak says his greatest role has not been lawyer, musician, broadcaster, or diplomat. It has been father. "I am a parent of three children who love music, art, government service, and their Slovak heritage," he says. "Quite frankly, being a father has been the best position I have held in my life."

His family's roots in Lincoln Park run deep. His brother Dave became a judge, brother Pat served on the Public Safety Commission, and son Elliott made history as the youngest member of Lincoln Park City Council.

For a man who has accomplished so much, Zelenak remains humble about legacy. "In life, we are all placeholders for the next generation," he says. "We want the next generation to be better, do better, and make the world a better place. I would like those who may one day succeed me to say, 'May I strive to continue the good work and words and deeds he initiated. And may I do it even better.'"

He has traveled the world, performed internationally, and worked at the highest levels of law and diplomacy. He has had opportunities to move elsewhere, but Lincoln Park is where he belongs. As Zelenak often reminds others, roots matter. They are something, he believes, that you carry with you your entire life.

For those fortunate enough to hear him speak at our convention, they will likely discover what audiences, courtroom colleagues, radio listeners, and music lovers have known for decades: Ed Zelenak is not simply a lawyer, entertainer, or diplomat. He is a storyteller whose life has been devoted to bringing people together.

Memorable Moments at the 2026 FCSU Bowling Tournament

Submitted by Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director

When planning our fraternal events, we always try to make things fun and memorable. The recent bowling tournament in Erie, Pennsylvania was no exception.

Our members and guests enjoyed beautiful Lake Erie views, outstanding accommodations, and delicious meals at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, so much so that many bowlers said they would love to return to the venue.

The experience at Eastway Lanes was something we will remember for years to come. And, we aren't even thinking about the lane conditions, food, and staff, which were all excellent.

Saturday morning, as we drove to the bowling center in a downpour, we joked that it was good we weren't golfing! Little did we know that the rain would soon affect us. When we arrived, we were greeted by a power outage due to a blown transformer across the street. Bowlers remained in their cars as we communicated with the power company, hoping power would be restored quickly. We walked from car to car throughout the morning's drenching rain to provide updates as best we could.

Just when we gathered everyone in the restaurant/lounge to announce we were serving a buffet lunch, miracle of miracles, the power was back! Delayed by a few hours, we quickly rearranged our event schedule pushing Doubles and Singles Events to Sunday. Everyone faced the adversity and bounced back settling into their competitive mindset for the Teams Event.

After Teams, we celebrated Mass at the hotel which was followed by a cocktail hour and outstanding dinner buffet offering a diverse menu designed to appeal to everyone. We enjoyed chicken, beef short ribs, and salmon, with an abundance of sides. Rave reviews for the "perfectly cooked salmon" to the "best mashed potatoes ever" to the "wonderfully decadent" chocolate cake were expressed throughout our dinner.

In our usual fashion we had a wide array of door prizes, with Dennis Bradshaw from Branch 2 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, winning the colorful Slovak apron which he graciously modeled. We continued with the Bowling Trivia Contest where John Grottenthaler and Lynda Walters, also from Branch 2, captured first place. It takes great minds to recall so much useless information!

Next, we raffled 24 prizes including Studio Beats Headphones, Michael Kors Handbags, a Lodging Package for our 2026 Golf Tournament and many gift cards. One lucky member, Eric Kuvinka from Branch 670 in Donora, Pennsylvania, won three times! We also held a drawing for "Turkey Hunters" with Alvin Ferreira and Ryan Horn from Branch 553 winning a Turkey Hunter mug, bowling socks, a mini bottle of Wild Turkey and a Giant Eagle gift card to purchase a real turkey. We ended the night of celebration with a 50/50 raffle. Roger Fendenheim from Branch 553 was the jubilant winner.

We were pleased with so many members returning. We were happy to welcome new members. And we were thrilled to have guests bowl with us for the first time. Branch 2 invited Mallory Fuchs from their Jednota Bowling League in Pittsburgh. Nancy and David Rice, Branch 670, brought Coleman Spatta and Xavier Rodreguez as guests from their Jednota Bowling League in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. We hope to count them as new members next year.

Congratulations to our top branches with the most participants: Branch 553 Akron - 17 members, Branch 2 Pittsburgh - 15 members/1 guest, and Branch 670 Donora - 14 members/2 guests.

Top bowlers can be found on the official prize winners list including Kenmore Eastern-Scratch Teams, Ferreira/Horn-Scratch Doubles, Coleman Spatta-Scratch Men's Singles, Nicole Nasta-Scratch Women's Singles.

We are currently looking for a fabulous location to equal or surpass our wonderful experience in Erie, Pennsylvania. Although the venues have yet to be chosen, plan on our 2027 Tournament dates for April 24-25.

Thanks to all our bowlers for your enthusiasm for the tournament and your continued support for me, Barbara Sutilla, and the outstanding FCSU Home Office staff and volunteers who contributed to the tournament's success. Visit www.fcsu.com for more photos and scores. God bless and have a wonderful summer.



Handicap Team 1st Place - Whitey's Bar
L-R: Jonathan Triola, Roger Fendenheim, John Triola, and Joseph Labay



Scratch Team 1st Place - Kenmore Eastern
L-R: Todd Semelsberger, Stephen Reed, Richard McGalliard, and Jacob Hensel



Handicap Doubles 1st Place
L-R: Derek Johnston and Lynn Johnston



Scratch Doubles 1st Place
L-R: Ryan Horn and Alvin Ferreira



Handicap Men's Singles
Richard Sutilla



Scratch Men's Singles
Coleman Spatta



Handicap Women's Singles
Ashley Debich



Scratch Women's Singles
Nicole Nasta



See All Prize Winners on the Next Page!

Special thanks to our Tournament Manager, Jay Fazek (Branch 553) for compiling our results. We missed having you with us in Erie and could not have done this without you. All the Best!

With Special Thanks to our 2026 Tournament Patrons

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Kevin Collins, FCSU Executive Secretary, COO

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP BOWLERS

Official Prize Winners by Events

Teams Event - Handicap (17 Entries)

1st Place	\$400	2693.....	Whitey's Bar
2nd Place	\$300	2643.....	Ten Pin Tappers
3rd Place	\$200	2596.....	Canuckleheads
4th Place	\$100	2562.....	Red Hot Bowlers & Dennis
High Game	\$50	301.....	Jonathan Triola

Teams Event - Scratch

1st Place	\$400	2376.....	Kenmore Eastern
2nd Place	\$300	2353.....	Two Plus Two
3rd Place	\$200	2275.....	Short And Tall
High Game	\$25	257.....	Coleman Spatta & Steve Benke

Doubles Event - Handicap (36 Entries)

1st Place	\$200	1354.....	L. Johnston / D. Johnston
2nd Place	\$175	1344.....	J. Tokarsky / Mitro
3rd Place	\$150	1340.....	N. Debich / A. Debich
4th Place	\$125	1309.....	Dilauro-Lewis / D. Triola
5th Place	\$100	1272.....	C. Bradshaw / Walters
6th Place	\$75	1270.....	Ricciuti / C. Tokarsky
High Game	\$50	273.....	Ashley Debich

Doubles Event - Scratch

1st Place	\$200	1246.....	Ferreira / Horn
2nd Place	\$175	1209.....	Benke / M. Debich
3rd Place	\$150	1201.....	Maurer / Groner
4th Place	\$125	1181.....	McGalliard / Semelsberger
5th Place	\$100	1085.....	Reed / Hensel
High Game	\$50	267.....	Alvin Ferreira

Singles Event - Men's Handicap (48 Entries)

1st Place	\$150	785.....	Richard Sutila
2nd Place	\$125	724.....	Nicholas Debich
3rd Place	\$100	701.....	Todd Semelsberger
4th Place	\$75	696.....	Fred Berestecky
5th Place	\$50	681.....	Donald Lutes
6th Place	\$25	678.....	Ron Silay
High Game	\$50	296.....	Ron Silay

Singles Event - Men's Scratch

1st Place	\$150	733.....	Coleman Spatta
2nd Place	\$125	688.....	Steve Benke
3rd Place	\$100	685.....	Rick McGalliard
4th Place	\$75	647.....	Derek Johnston
5th Place	\$50	620.....	Tom Silay
High Game	\$50	279.....	Coleman Spatta

Singles Event - Women's Handicap (17 Entries)

1st Place	\$100	753.....	Ashley Debich
2nd Place	\$75	691.....	Anne Mitro
3rd Place	\$50	667.....	Christine Tokarsky
4th Place	\$25	626.....	Debbie Triola
High Game	\$50	261.....	Ashley Debich

Singles Event - Women's Scratch

1st Place	\$100	534.....	Nicole Nasta
2nd Place	\$75	467.....	Nancy Heath
3rd Place	\$50	458.....	Bridget Oswald
High Game	\$50	191.....	Nicole Nasta

All Events Men (40 Entries)

1st Place (H)	\$50	2168.....	Richard Sutila
1st Place (S)	\$50	2062.....	Steve Benke

All Events Women

1st Place (H)	\$50	2218.....	Ashley Debich
1st Place (S)	\$50	1572.....	Nicole Nasta

First place winners will also receive an FCSU Tournament bowling shirt. Limited to one shirt per bowler.

Thanks to our members and guests for a great tournament weekend.

Save the Dates - April 24-25, 2027 - See you next year!

2026 Tournament Lane Sponsors • Thank you for your support!

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Kevin Collins
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Gary Matta
Richard Migliore
Milos and Anne Mitro

Father Thomas Nasta
Damian Nasta
Nicole Nasta
John Tokarsky
Toronto Slovak Bowling League
Dr. Rick and Carol Ungvarysky



Enjoying the Tournament Dinner and marina views at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel.



The Tournament Team welcomes members and guests to Eastway Lanes.



Father Tom prepares to celebrate Mass at the Sheraton Hotel.



Debbie Speck, Branch 553 President, Joan DiLauro-Lewis and Nancy Heath looking forward to the gift basket raffle.



Branch 2 members John Grotenthaler & Lynda Walters put their heads together to become this year's Trivia Champs.



Denise Ricciuti, John Tokarsky, Anne Mitro, and Christine Tokarsky, collectively "The Canuckleheads", did Canada proud. Thanks for crossing the border!



FCSU Vice President Damian Nasta makes opening remarks at dinner.



James Saul, Branch 670, models his Michael Kors bag which coordinates perfectly with his outfit.



That smile tells us Jeff Kozy, Branch 553, had high hopes of winning the Beats Studio Pro Headphones.



A very happy and lucky Eric Kuvinka wins an unprecedented three raffle prizes.



First time bowler Ronald Migliore wins the coveted Yeti soft cooler.

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 19, 2026

Please complete your entry early. Room types are available on a first received basis.



Get Ready to Tee Off at the 2026 FCSU International Golf Tournament

July 24-26, 2026

400 Sawmill Creek Drive • Huron, OH



SAWMILL CREEK

Join the FCSU for an exciting 2-day tournament, exclusively for our members and their guests. We will play the championship Sawmill Creek Golf Course along the picturesque shores of Lake Erie on both Saturday and Sunday. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:00am each day.

We hope you will enjoy the convenience of the all-inclusive Sawmill Creek Resort. Once you arrive, your accommodations, golfing and dining are all on the property.

This year, **GOLFING AND LODGING** will be booked through the FCSU, using the official entry form. To qualify for entry, members must have a minimum \$500 annuity with the FCSU. Promotional \$100 members may participate in one FCSU tournament before the \$500 minimum investment applies.

The competition will include A, B, C, D-Callaway, S-Seniors' and W-Women's Flights. Cash prizes will be awarded in all flights meeting the minimum number of participants.

Handicaps will be determined in one of three ways:

1. Your verifiable USGA handicap
 2. Your combined scores from the 2024 and 2025 FCSU International Golf Tournaments
 3. If neither of the above scenarios apply, your handicap will be determined by the modified Callaway System
- ▶ Optional side contests including closest to the pin, longest putt, and hole-in-one, will add to the friendly competition.
 - ▶ Practice rounds are available on Friday at a cost of \$62, paid directly to Sawmill Creek. Book your tee time now as space is limited. Contact the golf course at 419-433-3789 to schedule.
 - ▶ One guest per FCSU member*. If a guest participated in the 2025 Tournament, they must become a member to golf with us again in 2026.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 7.24.26 | ● Practice Rounds if desired | ● Welcome Buffet - 7:00pm |
| 7.25.26 | ● Breakfast Buffet - 6:00-7:30am | ● Mass - 4:00pm |
| | ● Tournament Kickoff - 7:45am | ● Cocktails - 5:00pm |
| | ● Round #1 - 8:00am | ● Tournament Dinner Buffet & Raffles - 6:00pm |
| 7.26.26 | ● Breakfast Buffet - 6:00-7:30am | ● Round #2 - 8:00am |



* One guest per member, as space allows. Please Note Our Guest Policy:

- Individuals may participate in only one FCSU golf tournament as a guest.
- If a non-member participated in the 2025 Golf Tournament, they cannot golf as a non-member guest in 2026.
- We invite all to consider opening a \$5,000 life insurance policy or a \$500 annuity to enjoy all the fraternal benefits FCSU has to offer.
- Member benefits at the golf tournament include free meals, and the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in prizes, raffle gifts and door prizes.
- To become a member, please contact FCSU a minimum of 30 days prior to the tournament.
- Call 800.533.6682, ext. 826 for Life Insurance or ext. 802 for Annuities.

2026 FCSU International Golf Tournament OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Each FCSU member participating in the tournament may invite one non-member golfer*

Complete for Each Golfer • Entry Deadline: June 19, 2026
Entry Forms Are Also Available www.FCSU.com/events

SELECT YOUR GOLF PACKAGE

Package includes: Two rounds on the Sawmill Creek Golf Course, golf cart rental, and prize pool contribution.

- FCSU MEMBER GOLFER.....Golf and Prize Package....\$165.00 per person \$ _____
- NON-MEMBER GOLFER.....Golf and Prize Package....\$190.00 per person \$ _____

List your twosome or foursome here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SELECT YOUR MEALS

FCSU MEMBER GOLFER

Meals are compliments of the FCSU

- Friday Welcome Buffet.....7:00 – 9:00pm
(includes two drink tickets)
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet.....6:00 – 7:30am
- Saturday Dinner Buffet.....6:00 – 9:00pm
(includes two drink tickets and raffle)
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet6:00 – 7:30am

SELECT YOUR MEALS - NON-MEMBER GOLFER OR NON-GOLFING GUEST

Guest Name: _____

Reduced meals compliments of FCSU

- Friday Welcome Buffet.....7:00 – 9:00pm \$34 per person \$ _____
- Friday Beer & Wine Bar (2 drink tickets) \$12 per person \$ _____
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet.....6:00 – 7:30am \$18 per person \$ _____
- Saturday Dinner Buffet.....6:00 – 9:00pm \$38 per person \$ _____
- Saturday Cocktails (2 drink tickets) \$14 per person \$ _____
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet6:00 – 7:30am \$18 per person \$ _____

SELECT YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Roommate: _____

ROOM CHOICE: 1 King Bed 2 Double Beds

- Two Nights Double Occupancy - \$532.86 (Friday & Saturday)
- Saturday Night Double Occupancy - \$266.43
- Two Nights Single Occupancy - \$532.86 (Friday & Saturday)
- Saturday Night Single Occupancy - \$266.43

Personal Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FCSU MEMBER? YES NO FCSU BRANCH #: _____ LAST 4 DIGITS SS #: _____

IF NO, FCSU MEMBER SPONSOR & BRANCH #: _____

AGE: _____ Senior Flight Women's Flight USGA Handicap: _____ GHIN: _____ (include verification)

I have participated in the 2024 and 2025 FCSU Golf Tournaments

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check enclosed payable to FCSU Credit Card payments may be made by phone. Call 800.533.6682, ext. 122.
Please allow 10 days for entries to be received prior to calling.

Amount Due: \$ _____ **Golf + \$** _____ **Lodging + \$** _____ **Meals = \$** _____ **GRAND TOTAL**

PHOTO RELEASE: Your participation in this event serves as permission for us to use your image in our Jednota newspaper and on our website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail entry and payment to by June 19, 2026 to:

Joanne Fibbi, FCSU Golf Tournament, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

Payment must accompany entry form. Make check payable to FCSU (with Golfing on the memo line).

QUESTIONS? Contact Joanne Fibbi at jfibbi@fcsu.com, call 412-953-4721, or email events@fcsu.com

2026 FCSU International Golf Tournament Sponsorships



Support our Golfers as a Hole Sponsor

Hole sponsorship signs will be displayed on the course. Offer a good luck message. Promote your branch or business.

- FCSU Member Sponsor \$ 50
- FCSU Branch or District Sponsor \$125
- Business Sponsor \$175

Become a Tournament Patron

Your name/business logo will be featured on the Tournament Welcome Signs at the clubhouse and lodge.

- Bronze Patron..... \$ 75
- Silver Patron..... \$125
- Gold Patron \$250
- Platinum Patron..... \$500

Sponsors and Patrons will be acknowledged during the Saturday Dinner Program. Donations will help to purchase raffle/door prizes.

DEADLINE: JUNE 20, 2026

Please make checks payable to: FCSU
(with Hole Sponsor or Golf Patron on the memo line)
Mail to: Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director
1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Sign dimensions: 18" x 24" (horizontal)
Email your sign copy to jfibbi@fcsu.com or
print your copy below:

Golf Tournament Sponsorship Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



SPOTLIGHT NATIONALITY: SLOVAKIA!



58th Lorain International Festival
at Black River Landing
Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28
loraininternational.com

- Three-day bazaar
- Live music and cultural performances
- Wide variety of ethnic cuisine to enjoy
- Cultural booths featuring crafts and items from many homelands
- Kids activities - fun for the whole family
- Covered dining areas and easy paved walkways
- Parking available near Broadway Ave.

ADMISSION:
\$3 per person
Kids 12 & under
FREE

HOURS:
Friday: 5-11pm
Saturday: 12-11pm
Sunday: 12-5pm

Cleveland Slovak Radio Club

is hosting

SLOVAK FESTIVAL



Saturday, July 11 from 12pm to 11pm
Admission - \$1

St. Sava Serbian Church Property
2151 W. Wallings Road • Broadview Heights
(Between State Rd. and Broadview Rd.)

Serving Traditional Slovak Food, Full Bar & Pastries
Live Music Band & Dancing • Bake Sale

Sponsored By: FCSU Financial (First Catholic Slovak Union)



FCSU Decorate-A-Cake Contest In Celebration of 250 Years!



On this special occasion, many will be celebrating our historic 4th of July, 2026 with family, friends and, of course, food. What better way to top off the festivities than with a spectacular patriotic dessert, especially with the opportunity to showcase your creativity, and win a cash prize in our new **Decorate-A-Cake Contest**. Pull out all the stops to express your American Spirit in this red, white and blue birthday extravaganza! We extend a special invitation to our Canadian members and dear friends to the north to join in the fun.

First Place prize for each category of competition is \$250!

Decorate-A-Cake Contest Rules

- ★ Compete in one of **THREE** categories:
 - 1 - **TIERED CAKES** (two or more round/square/shaped layers)
 - 2 - **SHEET CAKES** (a 1/4 or 1/2 size rectangular layer)
 - 3 - **CUPCAKES** (one dozen)
- ★ **Open to current members 12 years of age and older.** One entry per member. Judging is based on two age groups 12-19 year olds, and adults 20 years and older. Younger members are encouraged to participate by assisting their family members.
- ★ **Make your cake from scratch, box cake mixes or rice cereal forms,** etc. as the competition is judged on appearance not taste.
- ★ **All decorations must be edible and feature predominately red, white and blue colors.** Use of icings, gum paste, fondant, spun sugar, candy, fresh fruit, fruit wraps, edible glitter, nonpareils, sprinkles, luster dust, sanding sugar, modeling chocolate, and food coloring is permitted.
- ★ **All designs must be homemade/handcrafted.** Use of cake decorating tools is permitted. Purchased cupcake papers/liners and candles are permitted.
- ★ Use of craft cutting machines, computer aided designs, AI, etc. is not allowed.
- ★ **Email two photos of you in the decorating process.** 1. You with your basic iced cake. 2. You with your fully decorated cake. You may submit up to two additional photos from different perspectives if necessary to capture your overall design.
- ★ **Four finalists will be selected per category and age group.**



Cash Prizes: 1st - \$250 ★ 2nd - \$200 ★ 3rd - \$150 ★ 4th- \$100. That's 24 winners in all. *

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM ★ CONTEST DEADLINE IS AUGUST 7, 2026

Cake Category: _____ Title of Cake: _____

Description of Decorating Techniques/Supplies: _____

Name: _____ Branch #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

Email photos and entry form to jfibbi@fcsu.com • Email Subject: Decorate-A-Cake Contest
Or mail photos and entry form to Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director, 1741 Hempstead Ln, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

* Decisions of independent judges are final. Photos may be published in the Jednota newspaper and featured on the FCSU website. Your entry grants permission for FCSU to use your photos.

National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library Preciosa Gala

Submitted by David Rafaidus, Branch 888 President

The National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) "Preciosa Gala America 250: Celebrating Czech and Slovak Footprints Across the United States" was held April 30 thru May 3, 2026 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Many dignitaries throughout the world attended the Gala including:

- Slovak Ambassador Andrej Droba
- Czech Ambassador Miloslav Stašek
- Branislav Šalát, Director of International Cooperation of the Slovak Ministry of Culture
- Pavol Demeš, Independent Foreign Policy Analyst & TV Anchor Based in Slovakia
- David Albright Bowes, Madeleine Albright's Grandson
- Mgr. Jakub Utěšený, Counsel General of the Czech Republic in Chicago

A wide variety of events and presentations occurred such as:

"Freedom, Democracy, and Human, Rights: Bringing Havel's Wisdom to Today's World"; an "Economic Summit on Shaping Opportunities For Our Collective Future"; "Florida Congressman John Mica's Special Book Collection Presentation and Exhibit"; the "Orloj Angels Dedication and Unveiling - Buresh Immigration Clock Tower"; "Faces of Freedom: The Czech and Slovak Journey Exhibit"; "Four Tenors Musical Concert"; "Count Maric Benovsky: Our First European Globetrotter Exhibit Ribbon Cutting"; "Veselica Children's Ensemble Performance"; "A Keynote Address About Women's Painting Manuscript of Kovacia Naive Painting" and much, much more.

Additionally, Dr. Madeleine Albright, Sergeant Michael Strank and Ivan Lendl were inductees into the NCSML Inaugural Hall of Fame.

Dr. Madeleine Albright was a Prague born American diplomat who served as the first female U.S. Secretary of State and previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Dr. Albright maintained a lifelong connection with the NCSML and served as a prominent advocate and "dear friend". Her relationship with the museum included the following key milestones:

- Attended the museum's building dedication alongside U.S. President Bill Clinton, Czech President Václav Havel, and Slovak President Michal Kováč.
- Was a long-time member of the NCSML International Advisory Council and the President's Society.
- Donated her childhood kroj (traditional folk costume) to the museum's permanent collection.

- Hosted her famous exhibition, "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection", which featured over 280 brooches used during her diplomatic career.

She was deeply shaped by her Czech heritage and experiences fleeing both Nazism and Communism. As a diplomat, she championed NATO expansion for her home country and spoke Czech fluently. Raised Catholic, Dr. Albright learned in 1997 that her parents were born Jewish and that three of her grandparents and other relatives were murdered in concentration camps.

Sergeant Michael Strank on February 23 1945, with his patrol in Iwo Jima, raised the American flag at the top of Mount Suribachi, a moment captured in the iconic photograph that became one of the most recognized images in the history of the United States. That image became a symbol of American resolve, of sacrifice, of unity. But behind that symbol was a real man – a Czech-Slovak American. A son of immigrants. A Marine who believed deeply in the country his family had come to call home.



Ivan Lendl is a legendary Czech tennis player and had an immense impact on the sport and his Czech heritage. He is considered to be one of the greatest tennis players of all time, having won eight Grand Slam titles and ranking as World No. 1 for 270 weeks. The museum showcases his legacy, including photos and materials documenting his tennis career. He represented Czechoslovakia from 1978 to 1992 before becoming a U.S. citizen in 1992.



David Rafaidus, Dr. Miriam Potocky Rafaidus and Branislav Šalát.



David Rafaidus and Dr. Miriam Potocky Rafaidus with Slovak Ambassador Andrej Droba.



Please join Saint Joseph's Lodge 367 for our 125th Anniversary celebration!

July 12, 2026

SS Cyril & Methodius Church
50 North Morgantown Street
Fairchance, Pennsylvania

9am Mass followed by complimentary breakfast buffet

Please RSVP by June 30 to

Patty Speshock (President) 724-564-5764,
724-317-3763 (cell) or email chasesgrammie@gmail.com

Kathryn Baranek (Treasurer) 724-569-1006

Rose Roskovensky (Vice President/Secretary)
724-564-5700 or 304-266-8921 (cell)

BRANCH 181 Members

**Annual Family Picnic
Sunday, July 26, 2026**

Mammoth Park

Mammoth, PA at Pavilion #13

Registration starts at noon with the picnic beginning at 1:00pm. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share.

DRINKS AND MAIN ENTRÉES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BRANCH.



Contact Vicki at
724-433-8469
for more info or directions

Bring your baby items for the Alternatives. Yes! Ministries collection.



Pilgrims gathered in front of the life-sized Stations of the Cross after praying the Way of the Cross, accompanied by reflections and musical accompaniment by Rene and Vlado Horanic.



Pilgrims aboard a full bus prepare to depart for the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy following a sendoff prayer for safe travels led by Fr. Tadeusz Mierzwa (Branch 746) of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ.

Region 1 Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director

On Saturday, May 16, 2026, members and friends of FCSU embarked on a spiritually uplifting pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Organized through the dedicated efforts of Branch 746 (Linden) with the participation of members of Branches 45 and 716 from New York City and with the spiritual leadership of Fr. Peter Bujdos (Branch 746 and District 4 Chaplain), the pilgrimage brought together Slovak faithful from Linden, Clifton, Trenton, New York City, as well as special guests from Boston and New Hampshire for a day centered on prayer, fellowship, and renewal of faith.

Nestled in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains, the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy is one of the most recognized centers of Divine Mercy devotion in the United States. The expansive shrine grounds span hundreds of acres of peaceful woodland and prayer gardens, offering pilgrims a serene atmosphere for reflection and worship. Among its most moving features are the life-size Stations of the Cross, which lead visitors prayerfully through Christ's Passion in a powerful and visual way. The shrine's impressive church, outdoor chapels, and devotional spaces attract thousands of pilgrims annually from across the country and around the world.

The Slovak pilgrims were blessed to celebrate Holy Mass in the Slovak language celebrated by Fr. Peter Bujdos (Branch 746) member of the St. Filip Neri Oratory in Tappan, NY. Together, the group prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, and prayed the rosary in our native tongue as well as spent time in quiet reflection throughout the shrine grounds.

A particularly memorable moment of the pilgrimage was the opportunity to meet Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, a world-renowned Divine Mercy speaker and director of the Marian Fathers' ministry. Fr. Alar, who has family roots in Bratislava, warmly welcomed the Slovak pilgrims and shared reflections on God's boundless mercy, forgiveness, and love. His inspiring work has helped spread the message of Divine Mercy to millions around the world through lectures, retreats, books, and media outreach.

During the return journey home, pilgrims were also deeply moved by a personal testimony shared by Katarína Česelková Vislocká on the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Litmanová, Slovakia, which took place between 1990 and 1995. Her reflections offered a meaningful connection to the spiritual experiences and Marian devotion cherished by many Slovak faithful.



Pilgrims on the steps of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy Church. The shrine contains sacred relics associated with St. Faustina Kowalska, Saint Pope John Paul II, and many others.

The devotion to Divine Mercy, inspired by St. Faustina Kowalska, reminds the faithful to place complete trust in God's mercy, to practice forgiveness, and to become instruments of compassion and love in daily life. Throughout the pilgrimage, these themes resonated deeply among all participants.

The pilgrimage served not only as a day of prayer, but also as a joyful gathering of Slovak-American communities united in faith, friendship, and tradition. Participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to worship together and strengthen the bonds between Slovak parishes and organizations throughout the region.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Fr. Peter Bujdos for his leadership, spiritual guidance, and tireless commitment in making this memorable pilgrimage possible. Special appreciation is also extended to Maria Rechteriková, organist from St. John Nepomucene in NYC, and the many others whose talents, generosity, and dedication helped make the day especially meaningful for all who attended. May the graces of Divine Mercy continue to guide, strengthen, and bless all those who participated in this beautiful pilgrimage.



Rev. Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, world-renowned Divine Mercy speaker and director of the Marian Fathers' ministry at Divine Mercy Shrine pictured with Rev. Fr. Peter Bujdos (Branch 746). Fr. Alar, whose family roots trace back to Bratislava, warmly welcomed the Slovak pilgrims and came to greet us at the Slovak Mass. A very special treat for our community.



Estera Mlch, President of Czech and Slovak Association of Boston, Vierka Legato from New Hampshire, Sabina Sabados (Region 1 Director), Erica Persson, and Emilia Filak (Branch 746 - Supreme Court member).



FCSU members visit Our Lady of Mercy Candle Shrine and Oratory, one of the largest indoor candle shrines in the United States, housing more than 2,600 continuously burning candles.



Maria Rechterikova, Anna and Jozef Korcak (Branch 45), and Eva Lysakova (Branch 716).

Congratulations!

2026 FCSU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Grade School



Joseph Bunta
Branch 670
St. Louise de
Marillac School
7th Grade



Olivia Damin
Branch 292
Holy Name
Catholic School
7th Grade



Allison Ehr
Branch 5P
Notre Dame
Prep
Freshman



Paige Keiser
Branch 166
Cardinal Gibbons
High School
Freshman



Kenzie Korchnak
Branch 23
Central Catholic
Jr/Sr High School
Freshman



Simon Parla
Branch 24
St. Ignatius
High School
Senior

High School



Grace Beal
Branch 199
International Studies
Chatham University
Freshman



Kevin Bulic
Branch 1
Mechanical Engineering
The Ohio State University
Freshman



Richard Burkett
Branch 393
Construction Management
Florida Institute
of Technology
Freshman



Maggie Campbell
Branch 162
Radiology Tech
Pierpont Community and
Technical College
Freshman



Sophia Carny
Branch 450
Pharmacy
University of Pittsburgh
Freshman



Aidan Carone
Branch 173
Finance
University of
Massachusetts - Amherst
Freshman



Valent Cervenak
Branch 7
Engineering
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Freshman



Abigail Dlugos
Branch 199
Elementary Education
Westminster College
Freshman



Garrett Fahy
Branch 199
Mathematics
Nazareth University
Freshman



Bruce Higginbotham
Branch 320
Psychology
Pennsylvania State
University
Freshman



Noah Hunsicker
Branch 553
Public Relations
Fisher College
Junior



Julia Kocis
Branch 108
Psychology & Criminal
Justice/Criminology
University of South Carolina
Junior



Anthony Korchnak
Branch 23
Film or Sports Media
Ball State University
Freshman



Emma Lage
Branch 2
Exercise Science
University of South Dakota
Freshman



Lily Lawson
Branch 670
Undecided
Pennsylvania Western
University - California
Freshman



John Lloyd
Branch 796
Architecture
Benedictine College
Freshman



Aiden Luke
Branch 5P
Finance, Engineering,
or Education
Townson University
Freshman



Ava Miliuskas
Branch 75
Environmental Engineering
SUNY College of
Env. Science and Forestry
Freshman

College



Raygan Mizikar
Branch 181
Health Science
Saint Vincent College
Freshman



Zachary Morella
Branch 682
Video Game Development
Grand Canyon University
Freshman



Jacob Nobili
Branch 670
Biology
Saint Vincent College
Sophomore



Nora Olexa
Branch 450
College of Engineering
Surveying & Mapping
University of Akron
Freshman



Nicole Parla
Branch 24
Biological Anthropology
Kent State University
Sophomore



Sophia Pietropaolo
Branch 181
Physician Assistant
Seton Hill University
Freshman

Graduate School



Joshua Reed
Branch 162
Biomedical Engineering
Pennsylvania State
University
Freshman



Sara Reed
Branch 162
Elementary Education
& Special Education
Slippery Rock University
Freshman



Nicholas Bitner
Branch 181
Masters of Science in
Organizational Leadership
Arizona State University
Graduate - Third Year



Alexandra Glova
Branch 24
Physician Assistant Studies
University of Pittsburgh
Graduate - Second Year



Evan Jurcenko
Branch 153
Masters of Science in
Aerospace Engineering
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign
Graduate - First Year



Kaleah Moran
Branch 152
Energy/Mineral Engineering
Pennsylvania State
University
Graduate - Second Year

Trade School



Caitlyn Stanya
Branch 367
Doctorate of Physical
Therapy
Widener University
Graduate - First Year



Jenna Stillitano
Branch 199
Reading Specialist: Critical
& Cultural Literacy (M.Ed)
Seton Hill University
Graduate - First Year



Alexander Walker
Branch 181
MBA
University of
Massachusetts - Dartmouth
Graduate - First Year



Elaina Adams
Branch 181
Allied Health
Harrisburg Area
Community College

“Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go, instead, where there is no path
and leave a trail.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Your talent determines what you can do.
Your motivation determines how much you
are willing to do. Your attitude determines
how well you do it.”

— Lou Holtz

TOP FEMALE STEPHANIE HUSEK SCHOLARSHIP



Julianna Kargol
Branch 796
Chemistry
University of California, Santa Barbara
Freshman

TOP MALE PHILIP HROBAK SCHOLARSHIP



James Halik
Branch 382
Business/Entrepreneurship
University of San Diego
Freshman

SOLTIS & BOSAK FAMILY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP



Camille Berg
Branch 276
Nursing (BSN)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Freshman

FCSU is proud to award over \$200,000 annually in scholarships.



FCSU Members Attend Community Assistance Presentation

Submitted by Martha Zavada, Region 3 Director

Members of Branch 5P attended a community service program sponsored by the Fraternal Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania (FSNEPA). A group of members from the four fraternal societies that make up FSNEPA were invited to a presentation from the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO). The CEO presented information on many of the assistance programs they provide to Luzerne County residents for housing and utilities. Members were also presented with volunteer opportunities with the CEO food bank serving thousands of people every year.

Pictured above (L-R): Tina Stempien (member), Debby Taylor (Community Relations for CEO), Dhalia Evans (Assistant Director of Housing CEO), Martha Zavada (Regional Director FCSU and VP of FSNEPA), and Michelle Pisaneschi (guest).



District 4 Enjoys a Day of Fraternalism and Fireworks

Submitted by Jo Anne Minarovich Peppe, District 4 Activities Director

On Saturday, May 2, members of District 4, Msgr. John E. Rura District, gathered at TD Bank ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ for an evening of baseball, BBQ and friendship. Members from branches 290 and 746 enjoyed a buffet in the picnic area before cheering on the Somerset Patriots. The Patriots delivered a dominant 11-0 shutout victory of the Portland Sea Dogs. The highlight of the game was a massive 8-run ending with an evening of spectacular fireworks.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our members to connect and enjoy a beautiful spring evening at the ballpark.



ETHNIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SIMPLY SLAVIC



YOUNGSTOWN FOUNDATION AMPITHEATRE

FRIDAY, June 26 5 pm-11 pm

SATURDAY, June 27 12 pm-Midnight

SUNDAY, June 28 11 am-6 pm

Downtown Youngstown, OH

ADMISSION ONLY \$5
children 12 and under FREE

Exhibits! Performances! Ethnic food! Live Music! Vendors!







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Please call ahead for reservations for parties of six or more.


WILD THINGS

District 12 Members
Save the Date
Fireworks Friday
August 7 at 7:05 pm

Join us for a fun night of
baseball, fireworks and fun!

Questions? Contact Joseph Tarquinio
(District 12 Vice President)
tark918@gmail.com

This is a District 12 Event, but everyone is invited
to join us for this fraternal night at the park.



BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All new BRANCH Announcements should be sent to branch@fcsu.com

FCSU 53RD QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

June 20-23, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Golf Resort & Conference Center
Greenville, South Carolina

Visit the 53rd Convention Page on our website for the latest updates. Look under the Membership tab at www.fcsu.com.

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BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CT

Deborah M. Nelson, Secretary

The St. Joseph Society will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 10am where we will recognize the recipients of the Margaret Evancho Award. This award was established in recognition of the many years Margaret Evancho dedicated to the youth of Branch 19. We will also discuss plans for the upcoming 53rd Quadrennial Convention. We look forward to reconnecting and cordially invite members to join our meeting:

Zoom Link: tinyurl.com/Br19June26
Meeting ID: 897 0384 0515
Passcode: 840482

ILLINOIS

BRANCHES 153, 313, 581 ARE INVITED TO OUR DISTRICT 2 EVENT

Home of the Brave

on Sunday, July 26, 2026
at the Theatre at the Center
1040 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN

Girls Like Us Celebrate USA's 250th Anniversary with iconic wartime songs, patriotic favorites and American Songbook classics offering a nostalgic, uplifting and deeply patriotic musical experience.

A Champagne Brunch begins at 12:30pm and the show begins at 3pm. The total cost is \$65. See your branch announcements for special pricing.

Please RSVP to your branch representative by June 14.

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, IL

John Jurcenko, President

Our branch is invited to attend the District 2 event of viewing *Home of the Brave*. See the event box on this page. There is no charge for Branch 153 members who attended a branch meeting in 2025. Non-member guests may attend at full price. Please RSVP to Dorothy Jurcenko at 708-995-7378 by June 14.

**To receive
Branch and District
meeting reminders please
make sure the Home Office
has your current
email address.**

BRANCH 313 – ORLAND PARK, IL

Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary

Our branch is invited to attend the District 2 event of viewing *Home of the Brave*. See the event box on this page. There is no charge for Branch 313 members who attended a branch meeting in 2025. Non-member guests may attend at full price. Please RSVP to Margie Dickinson at 708-226-8157 by June 14.

INDIANA

BRANCH 581 – PORTER, IN

Ann Buczek, President

Our branch is invited to attend the District 2 event of viewing *Home of the Brave*. See the event box on this page. There is no charge for Branch 581 members who attended a branch meeting in 2025 or the June 7, 2026, meeting. Non-member guests may attend at full price. Please RSVP by June 14 to Ann Buczek at 219-947-2793.

NEW JERSEY

BRANCH 290 – BRIDGEWATER, NJ

Steve Minarovich, Recording Secretary

We will hold a dinner meeting for all members on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Carpaccio Ristorante at 651 Bound Brook Rd., Middlesex starting at 6pm. The agenda will include the report of delegates from the 53rd Quadrennial Convention, membership, and branch activities. RSVP is required, so please call or text Steve at 908-507-0505 by Wednesday, July 29.

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NJ

Mary Kapitan, Recording Secretary

Branch 746 Scholarship applications are due on June 30, 2026. Please see the ad on page 23 for more details.

Branch 746 is hosting a Summer Picnic in the Park for Region 1. Join us on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 1pm at Al Kalla Park (2801 Highland Avenue, Linden, NJ) to gather for food and fun. Branch scholarships will also be presented at this time. Food will be provided by Julie Rada Catering. Members are free. Non-members are welcome to attend for a nominal fee of \$30. Please RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt at 732-762-3148 by August 1 if you plan to attend.

Members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7pm (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Masses are offered for the intention of all branch members living and deceased as follows: Friday, July 3; Friday, August 7; Friday, September 4; Monday, October 5; Friday, November 13; Friday, December 4; and Tuesday, December 22.

NEW YORK

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NY

Emily Lysakova, Recording Secretary

Branch 716 will host our annual picnic on July 5, 2026, in celebration of the Fourth of July weekend. The event will take place at St. John Nepomucene Church located at 411 E. 66th St., New York, NY. Branch members will prepare a variety of backyard-style grilled foods, and we warmly invite all Jednota members and their families in the New York area to join us for a festive day of food, community, and celebration.

OHIO

SIMPLY SLAVIC FESTIVAL

June 26, 27, 28, 2026

Adults - \$5 • Kids Under 13 - Free
Youngstown Foundation
Amphitheatre

Created to showcase the rich traditions of the Mahoning Valley's Slavic ethnicities, Simply Slavic features ethnic food, a Slavic beer garden, and an ethnic marketplace, as well as music, exhibits, folk dancers, and much more.

See the ad on page 18 or visit www.simplyslavic.org.

SLOVAK FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 11, 2026

12pm - 11pm - \$1 Admission
St. Sava Serbian Church Property
2151 W. Wallings Rd.
Broadview Heights, OH

Members of the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will serve traditional Slovak food and pastries for purchase. There will be a full bar and music for dancing and your listening pleasure. See the ad on page 12.

BRANCH 1 – LAKEWOOD, OH

Barbara J. Golias, Secretary

We invite you to attend the Slovak Festival. See the event box on this page. For Branch 1 members who attend, we are offering adults (Age 11+) \$21 in food/beverage tickets and children will receive \$11 in tickets.

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Fran Strekal, Frat. Activities Director

July 11, 2026 – Mark your calendars for a day celebrating our Slovak heritage at the Slovak Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club. See the event box on this page. Branch 24 members will receive free admission and free food/beverage tickets! Adults (Ages 11+) will receive \$10 and children will receive \$5. Please check in with Tom and Terri Ivanec at the door. We hope to see you there!

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

Kevin Arendt, Recording Secretary

We encourage our members to attend the 58th Lorain International Festival at Black River Landing on Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2026. This year's spotlight nationality is Slovakia! Details are on page 12. Hope to see you there!

BRANCH 260 – COITSVILLE, OH

Carlie Peshek, Vice President

Branch 260 invites its members to attend the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. See the event box on this page. Adult members (age 13+) will receive \$20 to use toward purchases at the event. Children will receive \$10. This offer is valid for one day only. Members must register in person either 12-8pm on Saturday or 12-6pm on Sunday at the clearly marked FCSU table located inside the festival. Call Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director, at 440-668-7797 with questions. Tom is coordinating this event.

BRANCH 450 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Frank Woyma, President

We encourage our branch members to attend the Slovak Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club on July 11, 2026. See the event box on this page. Branch 450 will treat its members! Adults (Aged 11+) will receive \$21 in food/beverage tickets. Children will receive \$6 in food/beverage tickets.

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

Debra Speck, President

June 26-28: The Simply Slavic Festival at the Youngstown Foundation Amphitheatre is something simply NOT to miss!!! Ethnic food, live vendors, live music, exhibits and performances. Admission is only \$5. Learn more at www.simplyslavic.org.

July 11: The Slovak Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club from noon to 11pm. Admission is \$1. Traditional Slovak food will be served. Bake sale with Kolacky Joe's Famous pastries. Live music, dancing and full bar. Don't miss this wonderful event!

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Drew Hirt, President

Branch 682 invites its members to attend the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. See the event box on this page. Adult members (age 13+) will receive \$20 to use toward purchases at the event. Children will receive \$10. This offer is valid for one day only. Members must register in person either 12-8pm on Saturday or 12-6pm on Sunday at the clearly marked FCSU table located inside the festival.

Call Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director, at 440-668-7797 with questions. Tom is coordinating this event.

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Anna Schwanitz, Recording Secretary

Branch 731 invites its members to attend the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. See the event box on this page. Adult members (age 13+) will receive \$20 to use toward purchases at the event. Children will receive \$10. This offer is valid for one day only. Members must register in person either 12-8pm on Saturday or 12-6pm on Sunday at the clearly marked FCSU table located inside the festival.

Call Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director, at 440-668-7797 with questions. Tom is coordinating this event.

DATE CHANGE: The branch meeting originally scheduled for November 29, 2026 will now be held on November 16. We are also holding a meeting on September 6. Both meetings will be at Coaches, 3032 Center Rd., Poland at 5pm.

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OH

Bill Hrusovsky, President

Branch 764 invites its members to attend the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. See the event box on this page. Adult members (age 13+) will receive \$20 to use toward purchases at the event. Children will receive \$10. This offer is valid for one day only. Members must register in person either 12-8pm on Saturday or 12-6pm on Sunday at the clearly marked FCSU table located inside the festival.

Call Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director, at 440-668-7797 with questions. Tom is coordinating this event.

BRANCH 855 – CLEVELAND, OH

Stephanie Sutilla, Activities Director

July 11, 2026 – Mark your calendars for a day of celebrating our heritage at the Slovak Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club. See the event box on page 19. Kick off your Saturday with delicious homemade food and music provided by FCSU and Radio Club members. This family friendly festival attracts over 600 attendees. Our branch would like to treat our members with FREE food/beverage tickets. Adults will receive \$21 while Children 10 and under will receive \$6 at the door. See you there!

Please contact Branch President, Barbara Sutilla, at fcsu855@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

Theresa Cassat, Recording Secretary

SAVE THE DATE: The Tamburitza Folk Ensemble from Pittsburgh are performing at All Saints Parish in Boswell on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This year's show will feature music, dance, and folk costumes from Polish, Slovak, Croatian, Roma, Serbian, Mexican, Bulgarian, and Armenian cultures. We will reserve a FREE ticket for any member who would like to attend. More information will be available soon.

Proceeds from the event will go to help fund an educational/religious pilgrimage to Slovakia and other Eastern European countries for students from All Saints Parish in Boswell. All high school students who are enrolled in the parish religious education program, along with one parent per family, are invited to attend the pilgrimage in the summer of 2027 at NO COST. Your help will go a long way for students, some of whom would never be able to afford such an experience.

BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PA

Catherine Matta, Recording Secretary

FRATERNALISM IN ACTION: The 2026 Pittsburgh Melanoma Walk is on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Pittsburgh's South Park at 9am. As Melanoma has personally touched the Branch 38 family, we are hoping to help support this worthy cause. Any Branch 38 member interested in

participating in this walk, please sign up at tinyurl.com/Br38PM5K. The price is \$25-\$35 per person and the cost will be covered by the branch. Email your receipt to Cathy Matta at cmatta1527@yahoo.com for registration reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy at 412-225-5087 or Logan at 412-956-9411. The Home Office will also donate \$250 to support the cause.

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

Dolores Marmol, Recording Secretary

The St. Wendelin Society will hold a meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:30pm at Bogey's Restaurant, 374 Duck Hollow Rd., Uniontown. Officers' reports, branch activities, charitable donations, upcoming FCSU events and the results of the National Convention will be covered. Members and guests are invited to attend. RSVP to me at 724-437-4983 before July 7.

BRANCH 173 – MOUNTAIN TOP, PA

Matthew Ungvarsky, Rec. Secretary

The Saint John the Baptist Society will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at La Napoli, 427 South Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top at 1pm. General business and activities will be discussed, as will the insurance, annuities, and fraternal activities of the FCSU. We will also recap the 53rd Quadrennial Convention. RSVP to Dorothy Ungvarsky at 570-403-2067.

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PA

Vicki Hrick, Recording Secretary

Branch 181 members and their guests are invited to attend the Annual Family Picnic being held at Mammoth Park, Mammoth, PA at Pavilion #13 on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Registration starts at noon with the picnic beginning at 1pm. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch. We look forward to a great turnout! Contact Vicki at 724-433-8469 for more information or directions. See our ad on page 14.

FRATERNALISM IN ACTION: We will be collecting baby items for the Alternatives. Yes! Ministries. The mission of this organization is to give pregnant women and families the resources and support they need to choose life. Bring diapers (sizes 3-6), baby wipes or other items to help this ministry.

Please follow Branch 181 on Facebook - Locate "FCSU Financial Br 181, United, PA" to join the page to keep informed of meetings, events and other good information!

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PA

Barb Patula, Recording Secretary

A business meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 1pm at Tunnel #2 Picnic Grove at Waldamere Park, 3100 West Lake Rd., Erie. A group photo will be taken immediately following the meeting. Afterward, members are encouraged to spend the day in the park to share food and fellowship. Discounted tickets for Branch 199 members are available by contacting Sue Owens at 814-490-5826 or Tom Pipak at 724-433-8595.

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PA

Vicki Schaub, Recording Secretary

MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD AT 6:30PM The branch will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Our meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Thursday of each month except June and July. All members are invited to attend at the Slovak CU, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City. Contact Vicki Schaub with questions at vschaub123@gmail.com or 724-763-9229.

BRANCH 213 – PITTSBURGH, PA

Anita Nixon, President

St. Michael the Archangel will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 1pm at 306 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh. If planning on attending, or joining the meeting via phone, please email weaz1958@aol.com. Our agenda will include officer's reports, old business, fraternal news, convention updates, and new branch business. We will also discuss upcoming branch and district events and activities.

BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TWP., PA

Joseph Tarquinio, Vice President

We welcome all Branch 320 members to join us for the following events. Please RSVP to Frances Tarquinio at 724-929-9788. If you RSVP for any event and are unable to attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing the branch/district for associated costs.

SLOVAK J CLUB
485 MORGAN AVE • AKRON, OH

***Call 330-786-9972 to RSVP**

To RSVP for dinner, contact us by the MONDAY PRIOR to the dinner.

JUNE 2026

6-17 Ribs & Chicken Dinner
4:30-6:30pm *RSVP by 6-14

6-28 Breakfast Buffet - 9am-11:45am
All you can eat

JULY 2026

7-1 Spaghetti Dinner - 4:30-7pm

7-15 Pork Dinner
4:30-6:30pm *RSVP by 6-14

7-25 Annual Kielbasa Open
Mayfair Country Club
Shotgun - Start at 8am
\$95 per person
\$380 per foursome
Sign up and payment due
at bar by June 30

July 16, 2026 - 103rd Annual American Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin. The cost for this event is \$33 (ages 4+). Branch members are free. Guests pay \$33. RSVP before June 17 for tickets.

July 26, 2026 - District 12 picnic at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 17, 453 Evergreen Dr., Belle Vernon from 1-4pm. District members are free; guests pay \$20. RSVP so we can determine food/beverage needs.

August 7, 2026 - Washington Wild Things baseball game with District 12. Doors open at 6:05pm; game starts at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$30 (ages 4+). District members are free. Guests pay \$30. RSVP before July 23 for tickets.

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PA

Rose Roskovensky, Vice President

Please join Saint Joseph's Lodge 367 for our 125th Anniversary celebration! The Lodge 367 charter was established on July 10, 1901. The celebration will begin on July 12, 2026, at SS Cyril & Methodius Church, 50 North Morgantown St., Fairchance with

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- 37 Spare, e.g.
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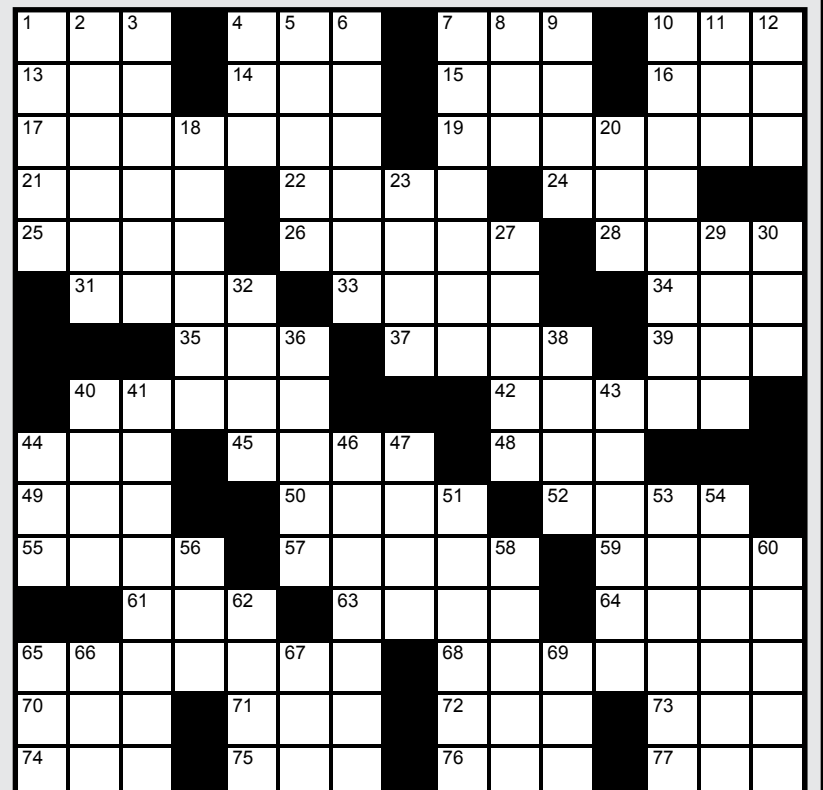
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- 59 "The Dukes of Hazzard" spinoff
- 61 Listening device
- 63 1948 Hitchcock thriller
- 64 "Cheers" regular
- 65 Venice sight
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- 71 Oversized
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- 1 Agrippina the Elder, e.g.
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- 5 Mustang
- 6 Warning
- 7 Gin cocktail
- 8 Pub pint
- 9 Quarrel
- 10 Army noncom
- 11 Stock follower
- 12 Dupin's creator
- 18 Iroquois tribe
- 20 Dawn deity
- 23 Touch on
- 27 Audacity
- 29 Three-toed bird
- 30 Little lie
- 32 Feathered missile
- 36 Savage
- 38 Cork's place
- 40 Puncture
- 41 Large estate in Mexico
- 43 Good dice rolls
- 44 Athos, to Porthos
- 46 Type of cabinet
- 47 Japanese wrestling
- 51 Family man
- 53 Sufficient
- 54 Foray
- 56 Pathetic
- 58 Paris divider
- 60 Makeup problem
- 62 Choir attire
- 65 Driver's need
- 66 Dedicated lines
- 67 Cover
- 69 Hightailed it

Answers on Page 23



NEED EXTRA COPIES??

Registration Forms, Contest Entries and Monthly Puzzles are available to download at [FCSU.com/community/events](https://www.fcsu.com/community/events)

a 9am Mass. Mass will be followed by a social and complimentary breakfast buffet located in St. Helen's Hall in the basement of the church. All are welcome to attend. See our ad on page 14.

Please RSVP by June 30 to one of the following officers with your name, phone number and number of attendees for breakfast.

Contact Patty Speshock, President, at 724-564-5764, 724-317-3763 (cell) or email chasesgrammie@gmail.com; Rose Roskovensky, Vice President/Secretary at 724-564-5700 or 304-266-8921 (cell) or Kathryn Baranek, Treasurer, at 724-569-1006. We hope to see you there!

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PA

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, President

The Officers and Picnic Committee of SS. Cyril & Methodius Society have scheduled its Summer Picnic for Saturday, August 22, 2026, from Noon to dusk. All Branch 382K members and guests are cordially invited to join them for an afternoon of good food and friendly socializing in the beautiful outdoors of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Attendees will gather at the Pavilion on the grounds of the Holy Family Social and Welfare Club, 486 Jubilee Road in Covington Township, PA. A catered lunch will be served. Members and guests will enjoy beverages and snacks throughout the afternoon. A late-afternoon cook-out and corn roast will end the day.

Reservations are required by Friday, August 14! To RSVP, contact Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Branch President, at 570-344-3854. Messages can be left on Voice Mail.

The cost of the event for Branch 382K members is \$10 per person. The price for a guest is \$25 per person. Children ages 10 and under are free. Your check guarantees your reservation and should be received by Tuesday, August 18. Make checks payable to FCSU Branch 382K and mail to: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, 505 Emmett Street, Scranton, PA 18505-1016.

Members of the Picnic Committee are

Laura Christianson, Becky Czankner, Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., Michael J. Czankner and John J. Slovenkai, Sr.

BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PA

Geraldine Buchheit, Rec. Secretary

The SS. Peter and Paul Society will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 1:30pm at the Highland House, 92 West Main St., Uniontown. All members are encouraged to attend. RSVP by Monday, August 3 by calling 724-425-2576.

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PA

Joanne Fibbi, President

Our semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2026, at the home of Branch President Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh. The meeting will begin at 2pm followed by a belated 4th of July cookout. Topics for discussion include a recap of the 53rd Quadrennial Convention and fraternal activities. Please bring your ideas for our Christmas season FIA project.

FRATERNALISM IN ACTION: Our FIA project will support the Angel Ridge Animal Rescue with donations of the most needed items from their Amazon Wishlist. Please purchase and bring your donations to the meeting. Delivery will be made to the rescue on August 1. Kindly RSVP by July 12 to JFibbi@gmail.com or call or text 412-953-4721. We look forward to seeing you soon.

BRANCH 628 – WEST HOMESTEAD, PA

Sylvia Vehec, Recording Secretary

St. Michael the Archangel Society will meet on Thursday, July 16, 2026, following the Slovak Day Mass at Kennywood, 4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin. We will gather at the pavilion for a report from our two attending delegates summarizing the recent 53rd Quadrennial Convention in Greenville, SC.

BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PA

Maureen Massafra, Recording Secretary

We welcome all Branch 670 members to join us for the following events. Please RSVP to Maureen at branch670secretary@gmail.com. If you RSVP for any event and are unable to attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing the branch/district for associated costs.

July 16, 2026 - 103rd Annual American Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin. The cost for this event is \$33 (ages 4+). Branch members are free. Guests pay \$33. RSVP before June 17 for tickets.

July 26, 2026 - District 12 picnic at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 17, 453 Evergreen Dr., Belle Vernon from 1-4pm. District members are free; guests pay \$20. RSVP so we can determine food/beverage needs.

August 7, 2026 - Washington Wild Things baseball game with District 12. Doors open at 6:05pm; game starts at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$30 (ages 4+). District members are free. Guests pay \$30. RSVP before July 23 for tickets.

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Monica Boone, President

Branch 853 join fellow district members at Kennywood Park on July 16 for the 103rd Slovak Day celebration. District photo at 1pm at the Slovak Kitchen pavilion. For tickets contact FCSUBranch853@gmail.com by June 25.

All Branch 853 members are invited to the 6th Annual District 12 Picnic on July 26th from 1-4pm at Cedar Creek Park (453 Evergreen Drive, Belle Vernon 15012). It's a free event for branch members; guests of branch members are \$20/per person to offset costs. RSVP to FCSUBranch853@gmail.com by July 20.

Join members of the Hlinka District as the Washington Wild Things host the Evansville Otters on Friday, August 7, 2026 for a fireworks night. Gates open 6:05pm, game starts at 7:05pm. The cost will be \$30

per ticket (for ages 4 and older). To order tickets contact FCSUBranch853@gmail.com. You will be required to submit payment for the tickets but when you attend the game, your payment will be returned to you so that your ultimate ticket cost for District 12 members will be free. If you bring a guest, cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by July 18. Questions contact FCSUBranch853@gmail.com

WISCONSIN**BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WI**

Mike Novak, President

Please join us on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 11:30am. The agenda includes donations, activities and convention highlights. Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own meal and beverages. The meeting location is Bandero County Wood Grill, N96W16865 Cumberland Court, Menomonee Falls. That is at Highway 41 North and County Q Exit. RSVP by August 10.

You MUST CONFIRM by calling me at 414-445-5382.

We encourage you to attend the 94th Annual Slovak-American Day Picnic on Sunday, July 26, from 11am - 6pm at the Croation Park, 9100 S. 76th St., Franklin. Admission is free. It will feature Holy Mass at noon and a cultural presentation featuring the Tatra Slovak Dancers.

CANADA**BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA, ON**

Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary

The Annual Picnic is on July 12, 2026, at the Croation Park in Norval, Ontario. Mass will be celebrated at 11am. Please see the ad on Page 30. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 yrs, free for children under 6 yrs. Members will be reimbursed the admission fee by signing the attendance sheet at the gate. Call Anne Mitro at 905-279-8154 or Mike Kapitan at 416-543-4111 for more details.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS to district@fcsu.com

DISTRICT 1 – REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – CT, MA

Deborah M. Nelson, Recording Secretary

The District will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on June 14, 2026, at 11:30am. We will discuss plans for the coming year and for the 53rd Quadrennial Convention. We look forward to hearing from our dedicated members.

Zoom Line: tinyurl.com/D1June26
Meeting ID: 892 6122 9353
Passcode: 769837

Branch 746 (Linden, NJ) cordially invites members, families, and friends to join us at the annual Jednota Region 1 Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 1pm at Al Kalla Park, 2801 Highland Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, delicious food, and family fun. Members are free to attend. Non-members are welcome to attend for a nominal fee of \$30 per person. RSVP is required to Joanne Tkach Polt at 732-762-3148 no later than August 1. We look forward to welcoming members and guests from across Region 1 for a memorable summer gathering. See the ad on page 25.

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT – NJ

Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director

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DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT – PA

Margaret A. Nasta, Recording Secretary

Announcements of local interest:

- WPSCA meets first Mondays 7pm at the Mt Lebanon Public Library.
- WPSCA sponsors scholarships and hosts various events such as wine tastings. Join the organization and get the newsletter.
- Slovak Day at Kennywood: Thursday, July 16, 2026.
- Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt: Sunday, November 1, 2026.
- Western PA Slovak Radio Hour: WPIT 96.5 FM/730 AM.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as social events and contests. Be sure your beneficiaries are up to date. FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at [FCSU.com](https://www.fcsu.com).

DISTRICT 9 – FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT – PA

Barbara A. Holly, Recording Secretary

The district will hold their next meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 1pm at Jamie Lynn's Café, 1618 Georges Fairchance Rd., Smithfield. RSVP by Wednesday, July 22 by calling Patty Speshock at 724-317-3763. President Speshock will be informing members of upcoming Jednota events. All members are urged to attend.

DISTRICT 12 – MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT – PA

Monica Boone, Recording Secretary

Join the Hlinka District for Fun in the Summer:

June: Hope to see you at the FCSU 53rd Quadrennial Convention in Greenville, SC.

July: The District welcomes all members and guests to the 6th Annual Hlinka District Picnic on July 26, from 1pm-4pm at Cedar Creek Park, in Belle Vernon. The cost for non-Hlinka District members is \$20 to help defray food costs. All members of branches 320, 670 and 853 are free. RSVP to your branch president or to the Hlinka District Secretary at Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com so we can have a count for seating and food.

August: Have a fun evening of baseball and fireworks with Hlinka District 12, at EQT Park, One Washington Federal Way, Washington, PA, as we watch the Washington Wild Things



**FRATERNALISM
IN ACTION**
— **GIVING BACK** —

**District 12 Donates to
Local Food Bank**

On April 12, 2026, the members of District 12, the Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District, altruistically brought items for the St. Katharine Drexel Church Food Bank to the district's semi-annual meeting held in Belle Vernon, PA. Michael Bertovich, Branch 853, delivered the items along with the FCSU Financial \$250 donation from the Fraternalism in Action program. Thank you FCSU and all who participated by donating and making the event a success.



District Announcements Continued

host the Evansville Otters on Friday, August 7 at 7:05pm. It's Fireworks night. Gates open at 6:05pm. Cost for anyone age 4 and over is \$30. The district will pick up the cost for members of branches 320, 670 and 853. District members who make reservations but do not attend will be responsible for the \$30 cost of the ticket. RSVP to Joe at tark918@gmail.com.

Join District 12 for fun summer events. Questions? Contact the Hlinka District Secretary at Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com. See you this summer!

DISTRICT 14 – REVEREND JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT – OH, PA

Jacquelyn Bobby, Recording Secretary

District 14 invites its members to attend the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. See the event details box on page 19. Several branches are offering their members funds to use at the festival! See your Branch announcement for more information.

All meetings will be at 6pm at the Fireplace Restaurant, 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd., Poland. Meeting dates are August 18 and November 17, 2026.

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT – NY

Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Financial Secretary

The district annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 1pm at St. John Nepomucene Church hall located at 411 E. 66th St. in New York City. The agenda will include a discussion of upcoming activities for year 2027. After our meeting, refreshments will be served. We are kindly asking all officers and members to attend.

Oznamujemo členom našho spolku, že sa uskutoční ročná členská schôdza Okresu č. 16 – Msgr. Stephen Krasula v New Yorku po slovenskej svätej omši v nedeľu 18. októbra, 2026 o 13:00 hodine v hale slovenskeho kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 66th Street a 1st Avenue, New York City. Láskavo žiadame našich členov o aktívnu účasť na tejto schôdzi.

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DISTRICT 17 – SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS DISTRICT – NY, PA

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Officer

Join us for a Baseball Game and Party Box Event on Friday, August 7, 2026 at PNC Field, Moosic, PA. The Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders will face off against the Rochester Redwings at 7:05pm. Attendees will gather at the Right Field Party Suite and Covered Deck. Admittance will be through the Mohegan Sun Club Entrance at approximately 6pm.

The cost for members is \$15. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$45. The price includes entrance to PNC Field, food and beverages on the covered deck, all the friendly socializing you can get, and fireworks after the game!!! Food will be available at 6:15pm.

Contact your Branch officer to RSVP and pay for tickets by Friday, July 31. Make your check payable to YOUR Branch! See our ad on page 25.

- Branch 5P Martha Zavada 570-954-3771
- Branch 166K Morgan Dendler 607-206-7243
- Branch 173K Carl Ungvarsky 570-868-6066
- Branch 382K Elizabeth M. Slovenkai 570-344-3854

**Msgr Andrew Hlinka
District 12
6th Annual Picnic**

Sunday, July 26, 2026

1:00 - 4:00pm

Cedar Creek Park

453 Evergreen Drive • Belle Vernon, PA

**The Hlinka District invites all Branch 320, 670
and 853 members to enjoy an afternoon
with their fraternal brothers and sisters.**

**District 12
Members are FREE
Non-District or Non-Members
are welcome for \$20 each**



RSVP by Sunday, July 19

To RSVP email Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com

**Branch 382K
Annual**

Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Noon to Dusk



**Holy Family Social & Welfare Club Grounds
486 Jubilee Road • Covington Township, PA**

**A catered lunch will be served. Members and guests will
enjoy beverages and snacks throughout the afternoon. A
late-afternoon cook-out and corn roast will end the day.**

382K Members: \$10 per person

Non-Members: \$25 per person • Children age 10 and under: Free

**For info and to RSVP contact Branch President
Elizabeth M. Slovenkai at 570.344.3854.**

Reservations close on Friday, August 14

Payment must be received by Tuesday, August 18

Your check guarantees your reservation!

**Make checks payable to FCSU Branch 382K and mail to:
Elizabeth M. Slovenkai • 505 Emmett St • Scranton, PA 18505-1016**



Branch 746 Scholarship

- ✓ Are you a member of Branch 746 with a paid-up life insurance premium of \$5,000 or more?
- ✓ Are you currently accepted and/or enrolled in full-time college, another post-secondary educational institution, or vocational institution?
- ✓ Are you active in Branch 746 or want to become active?

If you answered YES you may be eligible for a \$1,500 Scholarship!

For guidelines on how to apply go to: fcsu.com/membership/scholarships/
Email JednotaBranch746@gmail.com for more information.

**Deadline to Apply:
June 30, 2026**



Maura Blumer Earns Doctorate Degree

Submitted by Anna Schwanitz, Branch 731 Secretary

Congratulations to Dr. Maura Blumer, member of Branch 731 (Youngstown, Ohio), for earning her doctorate degree in Special Education from Slippery Rock University after successfully defending her thesis "Special Education Teachers' Knowledge of Special Education Laws, Processes, and Procedures and their Preparedness to Navigate the Legality of Special Education." We celebrate her remarkable achievement and wish her continued success in all future endeavors.



Samantha is pictured with Branch 682 President Drew Hirt.


Branch 682 Scholarship Winner Samantha Minno

Submitted by Drew Hirt, Branch 682 President

Struthers High School Senior Samantha Minno was the recipient of the 2026 Jednota FCSU Branch 682 Scholarship. While Samantha has excelled academically, her participation and leadership in many civic/club activities formed the basis of her selection. She was involved in the Rotary Interact Club, the National Honors Society and the Future Teachers Club and served on Student Council and as President of her Junior and Senior Classes.

Of Slovak heritage, Samantha was selected from among 12 applicants. She plans to study Early Childhood Education at Youngstown State University.

The \$1000 award was presented at a Scholarship Luncheon on May 13 hosted by the Struthers Rotary Club.



Kennywood Park's 103rd Slovak Day is Thursday, July 16!

Around Western Pennsylvania, June means the return of church festivals, barbecues, and picnics. And speaking of summer gatherings, we want to remind everyone to mark your calendars for the annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park! Slovak Day at Kennywood was established way back in 1923, meaning this year, we are celebrating the 103rd Annual Slovak Day! It is one of the oldest running ethnic days at Kennywood, which itself was established in 1898 on Anthony Kenny's old farm as a popular trolley park.

Slovaks from the Tri-State area and beyond will come together in Kennywood Park to celebrate our rich Slovak heritage with day long festivities on Thursday, July 16. Beginning at noon Slovak dishes will be offered, there will be games and prizes for the children, and souvenirs will be sold. All your favorite Slovak tunes will be presented by George Batyi and the Gypsy Stringz throughout the afternoon. A special presentation demonstrating how to make čeregi will take place at 2pm. In keeping with tradition at 4pm a con-celebrated Mass will be held in the Main Pavilion. This year the main celebrant will be Bishop Larry Kulick, Bishop of Greensburg. He will be joined by the clergy of the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses.

The Slovak Day Committee has discounted advanced tickets available. By purchasing your tickets in advance through the committee, you save significantly over the gate price, and the small profit goes directly to support Slovak cultural and religious activities in our community. **Discount tickets are now available:** Tickets will be sold in advance only, and will not be available for pick up at the park on Slovak Day. So send for your tickets early. **For more information or discount tickets contact Mary Lou at 412-462-1957 or Sue at 412-421-1204.**

TICKET ORDER FORM: Make All Checks Payable to **W. PA Slovak Day Assoc.**

Number of Slovak Day Tickets (VALID ON JULY 16 ONLY) _____ x \$33 = _____

Number of FLEX Day Tickets (Valid ALL Summer) _____ x \$40 = _____

Total = _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

MAIL TO: S. ONDREJCO • 234 ILION ST. • PITTSBURGH, PA 15207

When does a joke become a dad joke?
When the punchline is apparent.

Why do dads take extra socks when they go golfing?
In case they get a hole in one.

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Rest in Peace Our Departed Members



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

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
 Odpočinutie večné daj im, Pane, a svetlo večné, nech im svieti. Duše všetkých verných zomrelých, pre milosrdenstvo Božie, nech odpočívajú v pokoji. Amen

BRANCH	NAME	BRANCH	NAME
002K	Evelyn A. Dostalík	472K	Patricia Coleman
019K	Andrew J. Ferencak	484K	John Bichko
023K	Mary Zalucki	553K	Joseph Kingston
024K	Jean A. Majercik	553K	Kathlene Beck
024K	Phyllis Galvin	581K	Edward Vavrek Sr.
038K	Joan Skinta	581K	George J. Kelchak
040K	Juanita I. Cooper	586K	Michael John Smolka
045K	Anna S. Marcinek	595K	Edward M. Sanocki Sr.
045K	Rudolf Gaba	716K	Mary Ann Michlik
055K	Joseph S. Petko	716K	William V. Faturik
060K	Martin Haloda	731K	Joan Schiavello
075K	James L. Walsh	733K	Francis E. Stacho
085K	Ann Dupay	746K	Kathleen Gitke
085K	Lillian Kristunas	746K	Linda Vargo
112K	William A. Homa	780K	Margaret B. Cicinelli
162K	Patricia Mauser	796K	Joseph Stupak
173K	Anna C. Shields	831K	Elizabeth J. Walsh
173K	Anne T. McCormack	831K	Elvera Mary Richards
173K	Rosalie H. Simonitis	857K	Veronica G. Whalen
181K	Chris A. Adams	888K	John R. Kusnir
181K	Stephen J. Smith	890K	James A. Kriesak
199K	Janet Ulishney	890K	Winifred Luciene Peregrin
199K	Robert M. Patula	900K	Lawrence Peregrin
200K	Albert Humenik	904K	Lester T. Happel
200K	James W. Shiring Sr.	916K	Anna M. Basarich
260K	Elizabeth B. Miller	916K	Lorraine Real
292K	Thomas J. Pipon	916K	Roy W. Wasielewski
293K	Joseph Ondrus	924K	Rita Balberchak
322K	Dennis D. Ferut	924K	Sondra Doner
373K	Michael Krajcovic	926K	Jill Noah
382K	Mary Susan Giambone	926K	Terence J. Nowak
393K	Gerald D. Silk		
419K	Maryann Condo		

* Processed in the month of May 2026

1946, George served in WWII with the 88th Infantry Division in Italy and also in the Reserves after the war ended. He retired from Kraft Foods after 35 years as a Supervisor for NW Indiana. He was very proud of the many Sales awards that he received and was a mentor to many during his career.

George attended St. Ann of the Dunes Catholic Church and was active in the Church Council, choir, and many fundraising projects. A long time member of the Lion's Club, he served as President in 1979/80 receiving the Melvin Jones Honor in 2008. He was Financial Secretary for Jednota First Catholic Slovak Union for many years after assuming the position from his father. The ultimate 'Mr. Fix-It', he shared this talent with many. He golfed, bowled, traveled and hosted many destination vacations with his children and grandchildren and always had a story to tell. He will be missed by many who were fortunate to call him Dad, Grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend.

by her enthusiasm for bowling and golf. However, it was the companionship of her beloved dogs, Chipper and Petey, that brought her the greatest joy. Their presence filled her days with laughter and love, creating cherished memories that will forever echo in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

In honoring Charlotte's wishes, a private funeral ceremony was already held to allow family and close friends celebrate her life and bid farewell in an intimate setting. Though the service was private, the love and admiration for Charlotte extend far and wide encompassing all who are fortunate enough to cross paths with her.

Charlotte M. Morgan's life was a testament to the power of perseverance, compassion and joy. Her legacy will continue to inspire, reminding us all of the beauty and simple pleasures and the importance of cherishing the moments as we share with loved ones. She will be deeply missed, but fondly remembered, forever holding a special place in our hearts. May Charlotte rest in peace, now reunited with her dear grandparents and beloved pets, and a realm of eternal harmony.

Charlotte M. Morgan
Branch 857
Levittown, PA



It is with heavy hearts and profound respect that we announce the peaceful passing of Charlotte M. Morgan (nee Bicanovsky) on August 6, 2025 at the age of 96. Born on February 8, 1929, in Ford City, Pennsylvania, Charlotte was a beacon of warmth and resilience, touching the lives of many with her kindness and unwavering spirit.

Daughter to Mary E. Hika and Stephen Bicanovsky, Charlotte grew up being raised by her grandparents, Stephen and Isabella Bicanovsky with love and strong values that would guide her throughout her life. She embarked on her professional journey at Fairless Works, where she quickly moved from Carteen Food Truck servicer to a manager within her first year, a testament to her dedication and work ethic. Her career continued to flourish, ultimately leading her to a 25-year service at Lockwood's Electric Motor Service in Trenton, New Jersey, where she retired with pride and a legacy of hard work.

Charlotte was a woman of varied interests and passions. She was an avid traveler, exploring new places with an adventurous spirit that inspired those who knew her. Her love for reading and crossword puzzles was matched only

Joseph Stephen Petko
Branch 55
Philadelphia, PA



Joseph Stephen Petko, of Stuart, Florida, died on December 28, 2025 peacefully at his residence surrounded by his wife, three daughters and son. He had celebrated his 89th birthday on Thanksgiving Day (November 27). Joseph was the son of the late John Joseph Petko and Anna Maria Petko (nee Grosko), from Philadelphia, PA. He was the beloved husband of Frances Patricia "Pat" (nee Halfpenny) for 66 years, with whom he shared four children, and was lovingly called "Poppy" by his nine grandchildren.

He graduated from North Catholic High School for Boys, class of 1954, in Philadelphia, PA. He then served in the Army during the Korean conflict and returned to attend night school while raising his family. Joseph went on to graduate from LaSalle College in Olney, PA, class of 1965.

Early in his career, Joseph so strongly desired to take care of his growing family, he worked multiple jobs, including work as a plumber, worked in sales on jewelry row, worked in a furniture store, as well as working

Patricia A. Coleman
Branch 472
Caldwell, OH



Patricia A. Coleman, age 87, of Pleasant City, Ohio, died Friday, March 13, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born October 21, 1938, in Noble County, daughter of the late William Richard and Mary Garnet Murphy Fogle. Pat attended Caldwell High School. She was a member of Bethlehem Methodist Church in Trail Run and its' Wednesday Bible Study. Pat was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family, friends, and church were the center of her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Coleman, whom she married November 27, 1974, and who died September 24, 2006; two sisters, Minnie Wells and Debbie Nealey; a brother, Joseph Fogle and an infant brother, Robert Fogle.

Surviving are two daughters, Melissa A. (Larney) Lashley of Pleasant City and Brenda L. Macenko of Philo; two grandchildren, Tiara M. (Creed) Milner of Philo and Coleman L. Lashley of

Cambridge; two great-grandchildren, Carter and Hudson Milner of Philo; her siblings, Ruth Blair of Marietta, Mary Poland of Cumberland, and Greg (Judy) Fogle of Cambridge; four step-children; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. The family wishes to extend special thanks to Clara, Donna, Savannah and Kayla with Buckeye Hospice for their kindness and loving care.

George J. Kelchak
Branch 581
Porter, IN



George J. Kelchak, of Porter, IN passed away on April 6, 2026. He was born on April 10, 1927 to Michael and Mary (Jancusko) Kelchak in Gary, IN. He is survived by his children, Dan Kelchak (Renee), Kathy Demeter (Don), Karen Kelchak, Rick Kelchak (Rich Belmontez), and Jim Kelchak; 7 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and sister, Ann Buczek. He was preceded in death by Betty Kelchak, his wife of 65 years, siblings Fr. Joseph Kelchak, Michael Kelchak, and Marge Simko.

Graduating from Froebel High School in

in real estate. As Joseph's career advanced, he worked for Honeywell Inc., General Electric/Lockheed Martin, Space Systems Division in King of Prussia, PA for 32 years, retiring in 1994.

Dad loved volunteering within the St. Ann's church community (Phoenixville). Upon retirement, he remained heavily involved in the community by helping senior citizens with their taxes through AARP in Hazleton, PA. Dad remained active in local sports. He served as a Valley Forge Jr. Ski Club co-chairperson in King of Prussia, PA and a Phoenixville YMCA Baker Park Swim Team co-chairperson. Additionally, he served as both President and Treasurer on the Board of Directors at Beech Mountain Lakes, in Hazleton, PA.

Poppy was our superhero – he gave his whole heart and soul to love and provide for us. He taught us to respect and love one another, unconditionally. His family and friends enjoyed visits to Poppy's and Patty's homes in Wildwood, NJ and Beech Mountain Lakes, PA. He always prided himself on having everything any guest would desire for their visits! Watching his family celebrate holidays and large family events always gave him so much joy. His quiet love and strength will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Throughout the years, Joe and Patty resided in Phoenixville, PA where they attended St. Anne's Catholic Church; Hazleton, PA where they attended Good Sheperd church; and, North Wildwood, NJ where they attended Notre Dame de la Mer Parish. They are current members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Stuart, FL.

In addition to his wife Frances, Joe is survived by his daughter, Pam Sacha (Donnie); his daughter, Linda Breitingner (Jim); his daughter, Karen Webb (Don); and, his son, Steve (Michelle). He is also survived by his nine grandchildren: Dustin, Katie, Jordan, Haylee, Kylie, Michael, Ashley, Emily, and Casey. His first great-grandson, Liam Joseph, was born February 26, 2026.

**Ann C. Shields
Branch 173
Mountain Top, PA**

Ann C. Shields, age 94, of Wilmington, DE., passed away at home on Saturday, March 28, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.



Ann was born and raised in the Wilkes-Barre, PA area, the daughter of the late Thomas Onzik and Anna Washko Onzik. She met the love of her life, John J. Shields, on a visit to the Jersey shore. They married less than a year later. On their second anniversary they welcomed their first child, Karen, soon to be followed by Suzanne, Cynthia, and John Jr. After her husband died in 1991, Ann worked with her children, watching her grandchildren, until the family business closed.

The faith which had sustained her throughout her life brought her back to daily mass at St. Mary Magdalen. She and her fellow members of the Sodality became known as the Sisters of the Golden Arches because of their visits after mass to McDonald's, where they would sit and share both coffee and life. When she stopped driving, different

friends drove her until age made it difficult. While she started watching the daily mass on EWTN, she still attended Saturday night mass up until recently. As a faithful friend she called her remaining friends regularly, keeping them up on news about the parish and about each other. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Ann was predeceased by her husband, John, and her daughter, Suzanne. She is survived by her daughters Karen S. Yasik and Cynthia A. Scully, as well as her son John J. Shields, Jr. and daughter-in-law Loretta, her grandchildren Christine Shields, Will Boucher (Mandee), John Scully (Alyssa), Jackie Beaston (Zach), Tom Scully, Caitlyn Scully, Anna Shields, Elena Shields, Sylvester Shields (Valerie) and great-grandchildren Liam, Gavin and Oliver Scully, and Lilah Beaston. She is also survived by her sister, Florence Kiluk of Binghamton, NY and sister-in-law, Antoinette Onzik of Dallas, PA, and many nieces and nephews.

**James L. Walsh,
Esquire
Branch 75
Shamokin, PA**

James L. Walsh, Esquire, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by loved ones on January 13, 2026, at the age of 78.



Born on August 24, 1947, in Shamokin, he was the son of the late Leon and Emma (Palko) Walsh. A proud alumnus of Our Lady of Lourdes High School

(1965), University of Scranton (1969), and Dickinson Law School (1972).

A distinguished professional, James served as the Associate Director of the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau, and practiced law in Harrisburg with notable partners, Herschel Lock and Steve Nicholas. James was a member of the Dauphin County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. His military service as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard reflected his commitment to his country and community.

James found joy in the simple pleasures of life, whether it was his passion for golf, traveling the country to play the sport he loved, or cheering for Notre Dame football. He was a cherished member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, the Palko Jug Club, and a dedicated participant in the Knights of Columbus. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and the impact he made on the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Susan Walsh

James is survived by his loving wife, Tawna (Bauer), his son Matthew; many cousins, including Lisa Bradley (Patrick), William Gilger (JoAnne), Mark Gilger (Paula), Julian Burgess, Maryann Anderson, Susan Barrett, and many nieces and nephews. His cherished dog, Bella, was always at his side.

He also cherished the memories created with friends, especially with George Savitske, who was always ready for the next adventure, whether it was attending appointments or embarking on spontaneous trips together.

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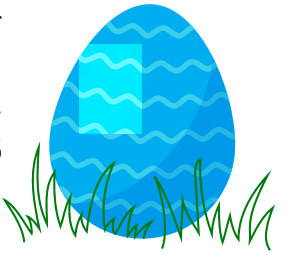
Easter Coloring Contest Winners

We had an outstanding response to our new Easter Coloring Contest and are pleased to announce the names of the 99 finalists by their FCSU Regions.

Once again, our adult participants created stunning images -- this time with their renditions of our Easter Bunny Mosaic, Lamb of God and Easter Greetings images. The competition was fierce and required tie breaker votes in several regions.

In the children's and teens categories, Regions 4, 5, and 7 submitted the most entries, which made it particularly challenging to select the finalists.

Adult finalists will receive a \$100 prize. Our 4-17 year olds have the option of receiving a gift card or check. First place - \$50, second place - \$35 and third place - \$25. Congratulations to our finalists, and thanks to all who participated and made the contest a success. We hope you enjoyed the Easter activity and look forward to you joining in the friendly competitions we have planned for later this year.



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6

Owen
Ranahan

Region 1 / Branch 746



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9

Jan
Vasil

Region 1 / Branch 45



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9

Benjamin
Ranahan

Region 1 / Branch 746



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9

Kellie
Ranahan

Region 1 / Branch 746



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12

Jack
Ranahan

Region 1 / Branch 746



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12

Madison
Shenloogian

Region 1 / Branch 716



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17

Kaitlyn
Shenloogian

Region 1 / Branch 716



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6

Claire
Herman

Region 2 / Branch 857



2ND PLACE
Ages 4-6

Zoey King

Region 2 / Branch 796



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9

Benjamin Herman

Region 2 / Branch 857



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9

Eva Sterling

Region 2 / Branch 112



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9

Emerson Mihalcik

Region 2 / Branch 796



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12

Charleigh Gross

Region 2 / Branch 857



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12

Sydney Mihalcik

Region 2 / Branch 796



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12

Greyson Mihalcik

Region 2 / Branch 796



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17

Kaitlyn Mihalcik

Region 2 / Branch 796



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6

Arden Pluto

Region 3 / Branch 173



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9

Jack Hammes

Region 3 / Branch 166



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9

Nora Hammes

Region 3 / Branch 166



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9

Helen Pechmann

Region 3 / Branch 166



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12

Stella Costantino

Region 3 / Branch 173



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12

Adelaide Carone

Region 3 / Branch 173



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12

Sofia Costantino

Region 3 / Branch 173



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17

Giada Carone

Region 3 / Branch 173



2ND PLACE
Ages 13-17

Nadia Pluto

Region 3 / Branch 173



3RD PLACE
Ages 13-17

Leila Pluto

Region 3 / Branch 173



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6

Brady Creak

Region 4 / Branch 484



2ND PLACE
Ages 4-6

Wells Patty

Region 4 / Branch 181



3RD PLACE
Ages 4-6

Annleigh Barton

Region 4 / Branch 367



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9

Joseph Stas

Region 4 / Branch 199



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9

Evelyn Creak

Region 4 / Branch 484



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9

Blake Ann Kavlick

Region 4 / Branch 367



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12

Eliot Adams

Region 4 / Branch 181



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12

Pex Raymond

Region 4 / Branch 367



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12

Luke Petrus

Region 4 / Branch 670



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17

Brandon Robbins

Region 4 / Branch 670



2ND PLACE
Ages 13-17

Sarah Rose Rush

Region 4 / Branch 181



3RD PLACE
Ages 13-17

Jenna Lawrence

Region 4 / Branch 181



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6

Macy Skoloda

Region 5 / Branch 254



2ND PLACE
Ages 4-6

Sophia Vecchio

Region 5 / Branch 35





3RD PLACE
Ages 4-6
Ethan Hodge
Region 5 / Branch 35



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9
Gabriella Nixon
Region 5 / Branch 213



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9
Harper Pelikan
Region 5 / Branch 38



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9
Natalie Kroniser
Region 5 / Branch 38



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12
Isabella Nixon
Region 5 / Branch 213



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12
Braden Skoloda
Region 5 / Branch 254



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12
Eli Hodge
Region 5 / Branch 35



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17
Camille Berg
Region 5 / Branch 276



2ND PLACE
Ages 13-17
Morgan Skoloda
Region 5 / Branch 254



3RD PLACE
Ages 13-17
Zachary Skoloda
Region 5 / Branch 254



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6
Josephine Instone
Region 6 / Branch 24



2ND PLACE
Ages 4-6
Wyatt Lingenfield
Region 6 / Branch 855



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9
Walter Instone
Region 6 / Branch 24



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12
Nolan Kandra
Region 6 / Branch 1



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12
Valerie Kandra
Region 6 / Branch 1



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12
Lucia Kobulsky
Region 6 / Branch 450



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17
Lukas Scally
Region 6 / Branch 450



2ND PLACE
Ages 13-17
Josephine Brady
Region 6 / Branch 24



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6
Oliver Whittington
Region 7 / Branch 40



2ND PLACE
Ages 4-6
Callie Krzan
Region 7 / Branch 40



3RD PLACE
Ages 4-6
Catharine Tisak
Region 7 / Branch 313



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9
Michael Tisak
Region 7 / Branch 313



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9
Atticus Whittington
Region 7 / Branch 40



3RD PLACE
Ages 7-9
Cole Krzan
Region 7 / Branch 40



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12
Rylin Bobo
Region 7 / Branch 313



2ND PLACE
Ages 10-12
Emmett Whittington
Region 7 / Branch 40



3RD PLACE
Ages 10-12
Patrick Tisak
Region 7 / Branch 313



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17
Macie Bobo
Region 7 / Branch 313



2ND PLACE
Ages 13-17
Juliana Oost
Region 7 / Branch 313



3RD PLACE
Ages 13-17
Margot Mokosaik
Region 7 / Branch 153



1ST PLACE
Ages 4-6
Julian Fazzolari
Region 8 / Branch 785



1ST PLACE
Ages 7-9
Grace Oakes
Region 8 / Branch 785



2ND PLACE
Ages 7-9
Oscar Fazzolari
Region 8 / Branch 785



1ST PLACE
Ages 10-12
Maxim Kapitan
Region 8 / Branch 785



1ST PLACE
Ages 13-17
Landon Kapitan
Region 8 / Branch 785



YOUNG AT HEART WINNERS!



ADULT 18-34

- (R1) **Darlyn Rodriguez**.....Branch 290
- (R2) **Nicole Nasta**Branch 857
- (R3) **Maya Pluto**Branch 173
- (R4) **Jordan Heydt**.....Branch 96
- (R5) **Patrick Sullivan**.....Branch 35
- (R6) **Megan Hoffman**.....Branch 1
- (R7) **Evan Jurcenko**Branch 153
- (R8) **Rachel Chadwick**Branch 785

ADULT 35-69

- (R1) **Shannon Givens**Branch 290
- (R2) **Mary S. Estright**Branch 55
- (R3) **Lynne Mylet**.....Branch 5P
- (R4) **Richele Wittman**Branch 320
- (R5) **Kristin Wescoe**.....Branch 2
- (R6) **Pamela Kelly**Branch 855
- (R7) **Nelsy Jurcenko**Branch 153
- (R8) **Diane Chadwick**Branch 785

ADULT 70+

- (R1) **Carol Galinsky**Branch 746
- (R2) **Agnesann Kurtz**Branch 796
- (R3) **Colleen Matthey**Branch 5P
- (R4) **Irene Egan**Branch 410
- (R5) **Don Koncsol**Branch 35
- (R6) **Barbara Shedlock**.....Branch 855
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News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

Slovak Illustrator Bohuslav Argaláš Wins Prestigious Hollywood Art Award

From the small Slovak city of Ružomberok to the bright lights of Hollywood, illustrator Bohuslav Argaláš, known artistically as „Bafumi,” has achieved a milestone few young artists could imagine. The Slovak illustrator earned international recognition after winning the prestigious Illustrators of the Future Contest in the United States and ultimately being named the contest’s 2026 Grand Prize winner.

The Illustrators of the Future competition marked his first major international breakthrough. Now in its 43rd year, the contest is considered one of the world’s leading competitions for emerging science fiction and fantasy writers and artists. Each year, judges select 12 writers and 12 illustrators from thousands of international entries. The winning illustrators are paired with selected stories and create artwork published in the bestselling anthology *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future*. Bohuslav’s illustration appears in Volume 42, released in April 2026.

Argaláš was assigned to illustrate the story *Saffron and Marigold*, a project he immediately connected with emotionally. „I tried to put as much emotion into the illustration as the writer had put into the story itself,” he said.

Winning the contest earned him a trip to Los Angeles for an intensive week-long workshop and awards ceremony — his first trip outside Europe.

„Traveling to Los Angeles was both exciting and intimidating for me,” he recalled. „I had never left Europe before and was traveling alone, so I was definitely nervous, but also genuinely thrilled.”

The week-long workshop brought together aspiring artists and writers from across the globe to learn directly from some of the top names in speculative fiction and fantasy illustration. Contest judges and mentors included internationally acclaimed artists known for their work in books, comics, gaming, and film.

During the workshop, contestants learned directly from internationally acclaimed artists and writers while forming friendships with fellow creators from around the world. The experience became even more meaningful when his father and uncle traveled to Los Angeles to support him during the awards ceremony.

The Grand Prize, known as the L. Ron Hubbard Golden Brush Award, is presented annually to the top illustrator among the year’s winners and is considered one of the highest honors for emerging fantasy and science fiction artists. „I definitely did not expect to be the one who would win the Grand Prize for illustration,” Argaláš said. „Being chosen among artists I deeply respect felt almost unreal to me.”

Back home, the young artist studies fine arts at FaVU VUT in Brno, Czech Republic, while creating illustrations and comics filled with humor, emotion, coziness, and what he describes as „a touch of the strange.” He has contributed artwork to magazines while building an online following through his original illustrations and comics.

„Drawing has felt natural to me ever since kindergarten,” Argaláš said. „I loved drawing characters from my favorite books and cartoons, and that eventually motivated me to start creating my own stories.”



Argaláš is currently developing his original comic series *Jasper Haunted Home*, a cozy-horror comedy about a stubborn young man and a grouchy ghost battling over a haunted house. He says the experience taught him one important lesson: „More than anything, this experience taught me to trust my own work more.” You can learn more about Bafumi and his artwork by visiting bafu.art.



Slovenský ilustrátor Bohuslav Argaláš získal prestížne hollywoodske umelecké ocenenie

Od malého slovenského mesta Ružomberok až po žiarivé svetlá Hollywoodu dosiahol ilustrátor Bohuslav Argaláš, umelecky známy ako „Bafumi”, úspech, o akom mnohí mladí umelci môžu iba snívať. Slovenský ilustrátor získal medzinárodné uznanie po víťazstve v prestížnej súťaži Illustrators of the Future v Spojených štátoch a napokon sa stal aj držiteľom hlavnej ceny Grand Prize pre rok 2026.



Súťaž Illustrators of the Future predstavovala jeho prvý veľký medzinárodný úspech. Dnes, vo svojom 43. ročníku, patrí medzi najvýznamnejšie svetové súťaže pre začínajúcich autorov a ilustrátorov science fiction a fantasy. Každý rok porota vyberá 12 spisovateľov a 12 ilustrátorov z tisícov medzinárodných prihlášok. Víťazní ilustrátori sú následne sporení s vybranými poviedkami, ku ktorým vytvoria ilustrácie publikované v bestsellerovej antológii *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future*. Bohuslavova ilustrácia sa objavila vo Volume 42, vydanom v apríli 2026.

Argaláš dostal za úlohu ilustrovať poviedku *Saffron and Marigold*, s ktorou si okamžite vytvoril silné emocionálne spojenie. „Snažil som sa vložiť do ilustrácie toľko emócií, koľko vložila autorka do samotného príbehu,” povedal.

Víťazstvo v súťaži mu prinieslo cestu do Los Angeles na intenzívny týždňový workshop a slávnostné odovzdávanie cien — vôbec prvú cestu mimo Európy.

„Cesta do Los Angeles bola pre mňa zároveň vzrušujúca aj trochu zastrašujúca,” spomína. „Nikdy predtým som nebol mimo Európy a cestoval som sám, takže som bol určite nervózny, ale zároveň aj úprimne nadšený.”

Týždňový workshop spojil začínajúcich umelcov a spisovateľov z celého sveta, ktorí sa učili priamo od niektorých z najvýznamnejších mien fantasy a science fiction ilustrácie. Medzi porotcami a mentormi boli medzinárodne uznávaní umelci známi svojou tvorbou pre knihy, komiksy, hry a film.

Počas workshopu sa účastníci učili od renomovaných ilustrátorov a autorov a zároveň si vytvorili priateľstvá s tvorcami z rôznych krajín sveta. Celý zážitok bol ešte výnimočnejší vďaka tomu, že jeho otec a strýko pricestovali do Los Angeles, aby ho podporili počas slávnostného ceremonálu.

Hlavná cena, známa ako L. Ron Hubbard Golden Brush Award, sa každoročne udeľuje najlepšiemu ilustrátorovi spomedzi víťazov daného ročníka a patrí medzi najvyššie ocenenia pre začínajúcich fantasy a science fiction umelcov. „Vôbec som nečakal, že práve ja získam hlavnú cenu za ilustráciu,” povedal Argaláš. „Byť vybraný medzi umelcami, ktorých si veľmi vážim, pôsobilo takmer nereálne.”

Doma mladý umelec študuje výtvarné umenie na FaVU VUT v Brne a zároveň vytvára ilustrácie a komiksy plné humoru, emócií, útulnosti a, ako sám hovorí, „jemnej zvláštnosti”. Prispieval ilustráciami do časopisov a zároveň si buduje publikum prostredníctvom vlastných ilustrácií a komiksov.

„Kreslenie mi bolo prirodzené už od škôlky,” povedal Argaláš. „Miloval som kreslenie postáv z mojich obľúbených kníh a rozprávok a práve to ma motivovalo vytvárať vlastné príbehy.”

Argaláš momentálne pracuje na vlastnej komiksovej sérii *Jasper Haunted Home*, útulnej hororovej komédii o tvrdohlavom mladíkovi a nevlrom duchovi, ktorí bojujú o strašidelný dom. Hovorí, že celá skúsenosť ho naučila jednu dôležitú vec: „Najviac zo všetkého ma táto skúsenosť naučila viac veriť vlastnej tvorbe.” Viac o Bafumim a jeho tvorbe sa môžete dozvedieť na stránke bafu.art.



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June Word List

LAKE	LÚKA (Meadow)
BEACH	JAHODA (Strawberry)
PARTY	DIVOČINA (Wilderness)
SOLSTICE	LEVANDUL'A (Lavender)
LEMONADE	SLNEČNICA (Sunflower)
SANCTUARY	TÁBORISKO (Campsite)



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Search-A-Word Rules

Five monthly winners will receive \$50!

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting April 27, 2026 • Teleconference

OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 9 am and asked Damian Nasta to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members Attending:

- Kenneth A. Arendt National President, Present
- Damian Nasta National Vice President, Present
- Kevin J. Collins Executive Secretary, Present
- John Tokarsky..... Treasurer, Present
- Sabina Sabados..... Regional Director, Present
(by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Kevin Collins to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report to the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for their review. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions. During this report, Larry stated there are potential write-downs in investments due to the present economic condition.

Larry White reviewed possible new investment opportunities that the Executive Committee can take advantage of. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky submitted a detailed Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions.

ANNUITY RATES:

Following an extensive review with the Executive Committee, the President confirmed that the current rates will remain in effect. The Executive Committee will revisit the rates at its May meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Investment Updates

The President and the Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. The Committee discussed the report, and the Executive Secretary answered the Committee's questions.

Financial Report

The President presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for Quarter 1 of 2026 and answered the Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

The President and the Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank. Everything was found in order, and they answered the Committee's questions. The President stated he will invite representatives from MAI, UBS and Clutterbuck to attend a future Executive Meeting to review our investment portfolios.

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The President and the Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of March for the Committee's review and answered their questions. The President led a discussion regarding new mortgage investments and answered the Committee's questions.

Monthly Disbursements

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of March:

Death Benefits & Accumulations.....	\$200,867.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations.....	\$57,898.68
Matured Endowments & Accumulations.....	\$0.00
Trust Fund.....	\$11,375.61

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report.

The Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements, and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

The President led a review of our FHLB advances and their current rates for possible future advancements.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Executive Secretary presented a detailed report to the Executive Committee about the Districts and Branches that had participated in the available incentive programs that the Home Office offers. These programs include Fraternalism in Action, Branding Bucks, and the District/Branch Reimbursement Program. He is encouraging all Districts and Branches to participate in these programs as tools to get more youth involved. If a District or Branch has any questions, they can reach out to the Home Office.

The Executive Secretary will continue the Virtual Calls. He is encouraging everyone to participate in these educational calls. Further details and topics will be on the website and published in the newspaper.

The Executive Secretary stated we are amidst a major campaign to recruit agents for all 38 states in which we are licensed. We have hired a National Sales Director; she will be working on recruiting agents in all 38 states that we are licensed in.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The Executive Secretary stated that the Bowling Tournament was well organized and a success this past weekend. He stated the Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio July 24 – 26, 2026. He stated that we are working on dates for the National Picnics. In addition to the Golf Tournament, all Fraternal Activities will be published on the website and in the newspaper.

CONVENTION UPDATE:

The President stated that preparations are in full swing for Convention. The Bylaw Committee has met to review the current Bylaw changes that have been proposed. Once the Bylaw changes are finalized, a copy of the Bylaw changes will be sent to all delegates prior to the Convention. Additional general information for the convention will be published in the *Jednota* newspaper and posted on our Convention page of the website.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President reminded the Executive Committee that the Home Office has started to go paperless. Outgoing checks for withdrawal and claims will be processed through direct deposit ACH.

The President stated the Home Office staff will continue soon with their training on topics including cybersecurity, anti-money laundering, and fraud.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Kevin Collins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Damian Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt
President, CEO

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Executive Secretary, COO

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