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Message From The President: Father's Day – 2014

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers.

Most children seem to have a closer relationship with their Mother than their Father. Perhaps because of the birth bond or because most children spend more time under the care of their Mothers.

In our modern world where often both parents work or in some cases where there is a stay-at-home dad this relationship is changing in more instances. In any event, I urge you to honor your own Father, whether living or deceased, on his special day in a special way.

First Quarter Financial Results

I am pleased to announce that the First Catholic Slovak Union has reported another record in assets and surplus for the period ending March 31, 2014. Assets as of March 31, 2014 were \$343,107,420 and surplus was at \$23,561,437 both all-time record highs. [Editor's note: please see pages 6 - 8 of this issue for the quarterly financials]

As a comparison when I became President in 2007 FCSU assets as of January 1, 2007 were \$197,310,824 and surplus was \$11,355,594.

In the last seven years our assets have increased \$145,796,596 or 74% and more importantly our surplus has increased \$12,205,843 or 107%.

This was accomplished despite the near financial melt-down and threat of a new Depression in 2007 and 2008. We continue to provide our Members with competitive insurance products and some of the best annuity rates in the fraternal and insurance world while also continuing our policy of paying dividends.

What does this mean to you, our Members?

First of all, financial strength is critical. Current members and new Members want to feel confident their money is safe. As I have said many times and in the many places I have visited, "Many current Members and prospective new members, especially younger people, are sophisticated investors and ask two main questions before they invest their hard earned money:

1. Is my money safe?
2. What rate of return can I receive?"

If an organization can give a positive answer to these two questions, then the fact of Slovak kinship may be considered. It is a bonus.

I can confidently say, and our financial results prove, that we are doing the job. I know many of you remember less than twenty years ago when our surplus was less than \$3 million and our assets only \$100 million. Our Executive Committee consisting of myself as chair, Mr. Harcar, Mr. Arendt and Mr. Matta, with the support of the Board of Directors, has operated under the guideline that we must be a solid financial organization in order to provide fraternal benefits for our Members. We control expenses. We invest wisely. Our expense ratio is one of the lowest of all fraternal organizations. We also continually review and adjust our investment programs as well as review and improve our marketing program. Our Society is growing in strength.

Turning around the trend of slowly declining membership is a task that I take very seriously and is being addressed, however, as we all know, there is no magic bullet. Our current Members are a large part of the solution.

Incidentally, this trend has been going on for over 40 years in our Society. Almost all the ethnic fraternal organizations, and I include our other Slovak brothers, are facing the same issues.

A very few people falsely claim that the Society is doing nothing. Unfortunately, some of these same people have done nothing themselves for their own Branch or local Slovak parish for years.

We recognize the future and have taken and continue to take positive actions to improve the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Some actions go relatively unnoticed, i.e. the dramatic improvements we made in obtaining medical information for insurance applicants through our new blood testing procedures, the changes we made in the content of our own Jednota, adding cross-word puzzles and other contests, adding color to the Jednota or enlisting over 180 independent agents to sell for the FCSU while at the same time retaining our valued Recommenders, or having a program to contact and help local Officers to revive their Branches or help

them to merge with nearby Branches if possible, etc. The list could go on and on. We have enhanced and updated our website. We also have a new Facebook page. We will use social media to expand our marketing. Social media presence is important but not a panacea. We have a brand "Jednota" and we will continue to expand on it. Our current Members are our best salesmen. Positive word of mouth is like gold. We will use social media to expand our marketing presence.

A few people claim that just signing up independent agents would solve all our membership issues. They have very simplistic answers to very complex issues. Would those people agree to our requirements that agents carry errors and omissions insurance? How much more in commissions would we have to pay them? Would we have to reduce our annuity rates to cover the added commission costs? How much annuity premium do we want and how much and how fast can we profitably invest the money? Do they suggest we change the ideals of our Society?

And very important, who is going to handle the Branch business and Branch activities? How do we maintain our Slovak, Catholic identity, ideals and culture?

I have researched these issues and have worked with and are working with our actuaries, asset manager and others, including our Members, to implement solutions. We have also held discussions with other Slovak fraternal organizations regarding our common issues and possible strategic actions.

As I reported previously we are now licensed in 27 states up from 15 just 3 years ago. Just having a fancy marketing slogan does not guarantee success. Remember the "NEW COKE"?

Our Management Team has addressed these issues and are continually addressing more as we proceed. We want managed, profitable growth for our Society while preserving our Slovak Catholic heritage and providing excellent and very competitive insurance and annuity products to our Members.

Just a short update on the 2014 Convention. Look for more detailed information and planning in the upcoming Jednota issues. We plan a productive and enjoyable Convention.

Z Bohom!

Fraternally,
Andrew M. Rajec



Andrew M. Rajec

Happy Father's Day from the First Catholic Slovak Union

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St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B., Father Killian Loch, O.S.B.

June 22, 2014

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

John 6: 51 - 58

This Gospel is part of a larger portion of John known as the Bread of Life Discourse. It begins with the multiplication of the loaves and ends with many disciples leaving Jesus, followed by Peter's beautiful profession of Faith, "Lord, to whom



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy one of God." There is a lot happening in this chapter of John's Gospel, and for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear the center piece of the chapter when Jesus teaches that He is the Bread of Life.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves satisfied the hunger of the crowd that had gathered to hear the Sermon on the Mount. It was amazing that thousands were fed from the five loaves and two fish, and in addition to that there were twelve baskets of leftovers. After this miracle a large crowd continued to closely follow Jesus. Were they following Jesus because of who he was, or because they found the ticket to free meals? Jesus challenges them on and four times tells them that he is the bread of life, or the living bread. He is even clearer when he tells them that his flesh is real food and his blood is real drink. It is at the end of this discourse that some made the decision to stop following Jesus for they found this teaching too hard. And it was then that Jesus questioned the Apostles and reminded them that they also had the freedom to leave, but Peter, speaking on their behalf, made the beautiful profession of faith.

Today we celebrate the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. The bread and wine become for us the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. How can this be? It is by transubstantiation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1376) tells us, "Transubstantiation: The scholastic term used to designate the unique change of the Eucharistic bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. 'Transubstantiation' indicates that through the consecration of the bread and the wine there occurs the change of the entire substance of the bread into the substance of the Body of Christ, and of the entire substance of the wine into the Blood of Christ – even though the appearances or 'species' of bread and wine remain." Yes, his flesh is real food and his blood real drink, and he gives it to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

A friend of mine studied in Japan and her host asked many questions about the Catholic Faith and was amazed at the belief in the real presence. As she was preparing to leave the host told her that he still did not understand this "Real Presence." He said that if he believed that the host and wine were God he would not be walking up the aisle, but crawling on his belly. We are blessed in that we have the ability to receive the Body and Blood of Christ every week, if not every day, and of praying before the Tabernacle. Jesus is the Bread of Life, and in the Eucharist he gives us himself so that we may have life. Do we take the Real Presence for granted? Maybe we could be more mindful of his presence when we enter a church or chapel. Maybe as we walk up the aisle for Holy Communion we can be more mindful, not of what we are about to receive, but of who we are about to receive.

June 29, 2014

Saints Peter and Paul

Matthew 16: 13-19

As is appropriate for two men who were constantly in danger during the course of their apostolic ministries, the Lord's desire and ability to rescue those in trouble is made clear in each of the readings and in the responsorial Psalm on the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The passage from the Acts of the Apostles describes how Peter miraculously escaped from imprisonment when an angel appeared to him and: "The chains fell from his wrists... they passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself". Thinking over this remarkable series of events Peter concludes, "I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod" (Acts 12:7-10).

In the responsorial Psalm we apply the Lord's power to rescue the weak and vulnerable to ourselves as we pray: "The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him" (Ps 34:8). Paul too feels the reassuring strength of God's rescuing hand; he writes: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom" (2 Tim 4:6-7, 18).

Peter and Paul, and all of us, thus fall under the providence of God which saves and protects us. At the same time we all have experienced moments when we were not "rescued" when we would have liked, and even long periods when we feel entirely bereft of God's salvific power. If we read the scriptures for today once more, and think about the lives of those mentioned, we might come to a more realistic, or even cynical, assessment of God's ability to rescue his people.

Peter is indeed dramatically rescued from jail, but the words spoken of him in John's gospel: "You will stretch out your hands, and someone else will bind you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:19) would be fulfilled a few years later, when Peter was crucified in Rome during the reign of Nero.

The Jewish people praise God for his saving power in the Psalm, though they have not always experienced such definitive victory over their foes, as the horror of the Shoah silently witnesses.

For his part Paul "fought the good fight" and won for the moment—but eventually was killed by his persecutors.

The key to this seeming tragic contradiction is that which is the ultimate instrument and goal of God's saving activity: the kingdom of heaven. Paul foreshadows this in his words: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom", and Matthew makes it clear that Jesus' mediation of God's rescuing power is manifested in the same way: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church... I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt 16:18).

Just as the authority of the keys which was conveyed to Peter and the proclamation of the gospel made by Paul were both empowered by and directed toward the kingdom of God, so too all of our human expectations of salvation and renewal in God must have their definitive and final aim in the kingdom rather than in the present world.

As the Church commemorates these two great heroes of the faith, who were central to the foundation of the early Church, and who were closely united to the person and mission of Christ, we have the opportunity to renew within ourselves our hope in the God who saves his people not along the lines of our desires, but according to his own gracious will and providence, bringing us home to our true home, the kingdom of heaven.



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

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Andrew M. Rajec, National President Announces Candidacy for Re-election

I PLEDGE THAT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO I WILL CONTINUE TO DEVOTE MY ENERGIES, USING OVER 40 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN LAW, FINANCE AND INSURANCE TO BENEFIT THE JEDNOTA AND ITS MEMBERS.

Please read my "Message from the President" on the front page of this issue.

PERSONAL

- Married 41 years to Idka Rajec (Riecan – born Ruzomberok, Slovakia)
- 3 children
- Life time Jednota member
- President FCSU 2007 – present
- General Counsel FCSU 2003 – 2006
- President Branch 89 17 years
- Regional Director FCSU 1996 - 1998
- President Jednota, Inc. and Jednota Properties, Inc. 1995 – 1998



Andrew M. Rajec

EDUCATION

- Marquette University, B.S., Accounting
- Marquette University Law School, J.D.

MILITARY

- US Army – Armor 1964 – 1966 2 years active duty
- 1st Lt. – Troop XO, Company Commander

EXPERIENCE

- Price Waterhouse - International CPA firm – Accountant
- Arthur Young - International CPA firm – Tax Accountant
- Blue Cross of Wisconsin - Assistant Vice-President
- Association Life – Vice-President & General Counsel
- The Mutual Group - Vice-President, General Counsel, Treasurer

COMMITMENT

Committed to move to Cleveland. Moved December 30, 2006. Sold home, purchased home in Cleveland suburb with my wife.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Pledged to protect the financial strength of the FCSU. With approval of the Board hired an Investment Manager. As reported in Jednota, verified by outside accountants and actuaries, FCSU reached historic records in assets, \$343,107,420, and surplus, \$23,561,437, as of 3-31-2014, despite the worst world financial crisis since the Great Depression in 2007 and 2008. Continue to offer competitive insurance and high annuity rates.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Honored our Slovak, Catholic heritage in many ways including, retaining and improving Jednota newspaper including the Slovak section; participated in many Slovak functions, locally and nationally; supported many Slovak and religious causes.

I personally visited many Districts and Branches and Slovak events across the country, many on weekends. 2010 Convention was a tribute to our Slovak heritage, as will the 2014.

JOINT VENTURES

Continue meetings and events with other Slovak fraternal to explore common ground for joint ventures or "marriages". Stronger we are financially the more other fraternal want to join us.

PROPERTIES

Holdings in Middletown are profitable but demand continued management. New memorial constructed in 2014.

OPERATIONS

Made many changes in operations - i.e. automatic premium payment, credit card acceptance, updated website, streamlined application approval, etc. Expenses are controlled.

MEMBERSHIP

180 new independent agents; new illustration system to sell products. Continue to recruit, continue to encourage recommenders. More agents will be added in planned, managed time frame. Instituted email campaigns and enhanced website increased new visitor traffic 71%; leveraged latest social media tools like Facebook. Controlled, managed growth remains my goal. Financial strength attracts new members and agents.

SUMMARY

Society is strong and my plan is to get stronger. I look forward to your support at the 2014 Convention.

"HONOR THE PAST – WORK FOR THE FUTURE".

Z Bohom!

Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice-President, Announces Candidacy for Re-election

It has been an honor to serve as your National Vice President, and I am seeking re-election to that office. Here is a synopsis of my service in overseeing the sales and marketing functions of our Society.



Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

Strengthening 180+ Sales Force in 27 States

As more recommenders reach retirement age and more states tighten licensing requirements, we have created proactive plans to offset potential challenges to our membership and premium income – FCSU mainstays – by actively recruiting insurance agents to complement our existing 180 independent agents and expanding the states in which we are licensed to 27. We now have two in-house agents to help coordinate home office communications with agents and branches.

Adding 184 New Members Myself

My own sales efforts speak to my continued commitment to our Society. During my tenure as an FCSU officer, I personally signed 184 new insurance members, with a total face value of \$2,803,000. I also brought in a total of \$3,289,676 in annuities. As of this year, my Branch 40 has 793 members, and has qualified for stipend every year.

Better Marketing through Technology

I'm proud of our email campaigns – increasing not only the number of people receiving them (an email database up 100% over last year), but also more than doubling the standard rate at which people open the emails (our 44% v the industry's 18%). We've increased new viewers coming to the website by 71%, and we're prioritizing and leveraging the best social media tools such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Conducting 71 Seminars in Person

Of course, nothing replaces the personal touch. As your marketing executive, I have set up and chaired 71 insurance and annuity seminars throughout our Society. I, along with our President and Executive Secretary, voluntarily set up and man FCSU information booths every year, including: the Fest in Wickliffe, OH; Slovak Day at Kennywood Park in PA; the Slovak Festival in Parma, OH; and the New Jersey Slovak Festival.

Supporting Tremendous Financial Success

I sit on the FCSU Financial Committee, where I work diligently to support our Society through the approval of new investments – part of an overall financial strategy that has yielded tremendous success the past four years. We hit a new record in assets of \$336,438,256.00 at the end of 2013, an increase of over \$102,143,344 since 2009. We achieved another new critical record at the end of 2013 – this time in surplus (our rainy day "reserves") of \$22,681,610, an increase of \$2,035,039 or a gain of 58.06% since 2009. In annuity sales alone, we exceeded our planned goal of \$20 million.

Our Society is doing great. With your help, I look forward to being a key member of your executive team that will keep it strong and solid for years to come. I ask for and appreciate your vote for my re-election as National Vice President at the upcoming Convention.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
National Vice President

Robert J. Kristofik for Vice President

Brothers and Sisters,

120 years ago, Father Stephan Furdek gave us his vision: improve the moral, mental and social conditions in sickness or death; perpetuate the doctrines of the Holy Roman Catholic Faith; and provide for the care and maintenance of aged and infirmed members. While these important and lofty goals remain at the core of our Society's mission, in modern America they seem merely quaint. No longer does our membership live in ethnic neighborhoods where the Catholic fraternal provides the social and financial underpinnings for the traditional family. Over the past century, this Society has spread near and far across a nation that has experienced unprecedented prosperity. Ironically and sadly, that very prosperity has left our membership greatly diminished. FCSU leadership for years has quietly consolidated branches.



Robert J. Kristofik

With challenge comes opportunity. As a lifelong member who has seen this Society do great things, I am compelled to fight for its future. Today the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada must forge a new identity. We require new leadership willing to renew the FCSU's traditional values using 21st century technology within a changed culture that Father Furdek could not have imagined. We need bold thinkers who will pump new life and energy into Father Furdek's vision. After much prayer and discussion with my family, I announce my candidacy as national Vice President. I will do everything in my power to revitalize and help this organization grow again. Our first task must be to immediately expand membership. If elected I will launch an emergency program to assess the FCSU's current fiscal and organizational condition with the goal of revitalizing our branches where it makes good business sense to do so. Re-energizing every branch's community outreach will give this, and future generations, a reason to embrace and rally around our Society. To ensure that our voice is heard, we must commit ourselves to using modern electronic marketing tools and social media as a way to address untapped markets.

I am a parishioner in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Previously I worked for four years as paid Secretary to a former F.C.S.U. National President. Currently I am working as the duly elected President of Branch 633 and President of Michigan District 5. I understand this organization's strengths and weaknesses. My education in Finance, Marketing and Computer Electronics gives me the experience to take on today's business challenges like rebranding this organization. My award winning career as a residential and commercial real estate sales and development executive, where I have managed 250 dedicated professionals, has provided me the skills and confidence to take the Society's marketing reins and help transform this organization into a leading 21st century Fraternal. To accomplish that, I ask for your prayers, your support, and most importantly your vote for Robert J. Kristofik for national Vice President at the F.C.S.U. National Convention this August. God bless you, your family, and our First Catholic Slovak Union.

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary Announces Candidacy for Re-election

For the past 20 years, it has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Executive Secretary. I am now announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office. While I have worked diligently for the betterment of our Society throughout my tenure, our 2013 annual results speak more clearly to the financial security and successes of the FCSU than in any other time in recent memory. Specifically, we achieved a new record in assets of \$336,438,256.00 at the end of 2013, an increase of over \$102,143,344 since 2009; and yet another new critical record was reached in the all-important area of surplus of \$22,681,610, an increase of \$9,512,598 or a gain of 58.06% since 2009.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I have worked hard to ensure this economic success. Serving on the Membership and Marketing Committee, I have focused on the effective sale and promotion of our insurance and annuity products to increase premium income, as well. I have directed initiatives to make our sales seminar presentations more interactive, help recommenders get licensed, and extend the states in which we are licensed to 27, almost double the number over last year. I am in constant contact with all state Departments of Insurance to ensure that the FCSU is at all times in compliance with state regulations. We continue to meet all federal requirements. I also attend many seminars regarding current insurance trends and pending state and NAIC regulations.

Under my watch, we have continued to control operating expenses through procedural enhancements like automatic premium payments and annuity check deposits, as well as acceptance of credit cards for premium payments, annuity deposits, and loan payments. Finally, as membership is so vital to us as a fraternal, I have continued to investigate new and innovative ways to reach our members and attract new ones. I meet in person with as many Jednotars and other fraternalists as possible – representing the Society at branch and district meetings and FCSU-sponsored seminars throughout the year as well as attending the annual American Fraternal Alliance Annual Convention. I also have directed our staff to employ the latest electronic and social media tools to communicate information about branch meetings, annuity and insurance policies, and other vital information. As a result of constantly updating and refining our website, we've increased new viewers coming to the website by 71%. Our email campaigns have experienced much success; we have more than doubled the standard rate at which people open the emails (our 44% v the industry's 18%). We are using social media tools such as Facebook and LinkedIn to their best advantage as well.

My family and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me as your current Executive Secretary and I ask for your support at the upcoming Convention to continue to build a strong future together.

Fraternally,



Kenneth A. Arendt

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

President Rajec, National Officers, Regional Directors and members of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United State and Canada, please accept this letter to announce my intention to seek the office of National Treasurer of our fraternal.

Many of you have gotten to know me over the last 30 some years from attending our National Conventions as a Delegate and then as the Vice-Chairman/Chairman for the past 12 years at our National Conventions. I along with many of my family members have been life long members of the FCSU fraternal family. My wife Cathy, son Bradley and daughter Brittany are also members of Branch 38. My father currently serves as our National Treasurer. I have attended many fraternal and Slovak Cultural events.

As I seek this position I would like to share with you my qualifications, educational and professional background which I believe makes me an extremely qualified person for this position and to serve you and the FCSU.

Currently, I am a Managing Partner with Fusion Investment Group, LLC, serving as Vice President of Government Services in Pittsburgh Pa. We are a privately owned asset management firm emphasizing a global perspective to managing long and alternative tactical strategies. Prior to joining Fusion, I was Director of Business Development and Community Relations with Rivers Casino. In this position I was a part of the opening team that developed and implemented all policies and procedures for the gaming and employee aspects of the organization. I have been elected the Controller and for two terms Mayor of the City of Duquesne. As Mayor I oversaw a 10M yearly balanced budget and was one of the first cities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to implemented policies to address the underfunded pension crisis. I was the first mayor to be elected to a second term in over 40 years in the city. I was a two term elected Clerk of Courts for Allegheny County where I oversaw a staff of over 60 professional employees and was responsible for all monetary collections for the Criminal Court System. I implemented a system to address the collection of over \$160,000,000.00 in uncollected court costs making my office the number one office in collection for the Commonwealth.

I hold a Master of Science from Penn State University in Business Administration and received my Master of Business Administration from Saint Francis University.

I currently serve as the President of District 6 - Pittsburgh District of the FCSU. I have served in numerous positions on a variety of boards serving Social, non-profit and business related organizations and businesses.

My understanding of business practices, investment policies/procedures and investment philosophy make me well rounded and equipped to be able to serve as our National Treasurer. It would be of great honor to serve you and the FCSU in this position and to be able to step in the steady shoes of my father. I ask you for your support and vote to continue growing the FCSU.

Fraternally,

George Matta, II

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

John J. Leskovyansky, Jr. Auditor

First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada

Objective: Continue as one of the Auditors providing team continuity, working together, improving the quality and depth of audits, rotating areas for a revolving look at each area. Continue to apply objective review of practices during audits while providing recommendations for the improvement of the organization from prior knowledge and experience when indicated.

Education:

M.B.A., Accounting, March 1978:

Youngstown State University, 1975--1978. Graduate School, concentration in accounting.

Youngstown State University, 1973--1975, General business and accounting courses preparing for the MBA program.

B.A., March 1973: Youngstown State University, 1967-1973. History Major; Political Science Minor; extensive coursework in Psychology and Philosophy. Gamma Pi Chapter, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

Professional: Retired after over 30 years in governmental sector (over 26 years) and private, or corporate accounting, finance, and management.

- Completed various Auditor of State auditing and investment seminars including Commercial Paper and Banker's Acceptance; Treasurer of State continuing education investment classes.
- Audit experience includes cash, loans, collateral, fixed assets, income and expense items, checking and savings accounts, internal control reviews, embezzlement investigation, and consolidation of affiliated bank year end income statements during audits of affiliated banks and branches throughout Ohio.
- Adept at reading, interpreting, and applying local, state and federal statutory and regulatory laws, codes, and rules.
- Experienced in analyzing financial and trend information, and financial forecasts; determine and identify potential challenges; plan and recommend changes and alternative courses of action.
- Performed City Administrator duties nearly four years in addition to responsibilities as Director of Finance.
- Experienced in reviewing, analyzing, and negotiating contracts.

2007 – Present Auditor, First Catholic Slovak Union

2011 – 2014 Accountant/Budget Analyst, Portage County, Ohio, Department of Budget and Financial Management, Ravenna, Ohio

2003 – 2009 Director of Finance, City Of Campbell, Campbell, Ohio

1986 – 2003 Project Accountant, Auditor of State of Ohio, Local Government Services Division

1984 – 1985 Trust Operations Officer, Second National Bank, Warren, Ohio

1982 – 1984 Accounting Manager, Woods Of America, INC., Lordstown, Ohio

1979 – 1982 Cost, Budget, Warranty Analyst, E. W. Bliss Division, Gulf + Western Manufacturing Co., Salem, Ohio

1978 – 1979 Staff Auditor, Internal Audit, Huntington Bankshares, Inc, Columbus, Ohio

Military Service: Enlisted in U.S. Army Reserves December 1969. Received an Honorable Discharge after completing twenty-four qualifying retirement years of reserve service. Placed in Retired Status, effective April 21, 2009. Twelve years with a Petroleum Unit (six years as Assistant Petroleum Operations Sergeant and Unit Training NCO). Three and a half years as (8" SP Howitzer) battalion S1 NCO, PAC (Personnel Action Center) Supervisor; responsible for soldiers' personnel actions, strength accounting and analysis, and battalion headquarters office administration and coordination. Five years in a Quartermaster Supply Company (Petroleum Platoon Sergeant, additional duties as Mobilization NCO and Movement NCO). An instructor for two and one-half years with the 2077th USARF School and 84th Division (Training), teaching Petroleum Supply Specialist and Motor Transport Operator (Truck Driver) Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Courses.

*jednota mansignor shuba district and
sto. cyril and methodius parish present*

slovak family day picnic

**Sunday July 6, 2014
11am**

**Creditvale Park
1720 Barbertown Rd,
Mississauga, ON, CANADA**

slovakparish.ca

Joseph C. Rimarcik for National Treasurer

Dear FCSU Convention Delegates,

As required by section 8.02(c) of the FCSU By-laws this letter represents my announcement of candidacy for the position of National Treasurer.

My involvement with the FCSU comes from a long standing history of family service to the Society. My father, Joseph Rimarcik Sr. who was born in Czechoslovakia, served as an Officer of Branch 743, and a National Officer. He was active in the FCSU his entire adult life and was both proud and committed to further our Society.

As his son I too recognize the value of service and my Slovak heritage. Consequently I have contributed to the FCSU Society in the following ways:

Officer of Branch 743KJ and 370MO for over 50 years
 President of Branch 743 since 1988 as well as Financial Secretary since 2001 of Branch 743, Sterling Heights, Mi.
 Branch 743 has consistently maintained a membership of over 550 members
 Michigan District President 2010 and 2011
 Michigan District Treasurer since 2012
 Member of the Convention By-Law Committee in 2006 and acted as By-Law Chairman at the Convention

My formal education along with my Slovak upbringing include:

University of Detroit (B.S. Accounting)
 Oakland University (B.S. Management)
 Wayne State University (M.B.A. Marketing)

My work experience in the financial and managerial arena include:

Confection Division Controller, Marketing Specialist Corporation
 Paul Inman Associates, Vice President Accounting, Controller, Chairman of the Management Operating Group
 Vlasic Foods Corporation, Corporate Controller and Assistant Treasurer
 City of Sterling Heights, MI member of the Zoning Board of Appeals 2007/2010
 Sussex Park Homeowners Association Treasurer since 2008

After graduating from the University of Detroit, I began my business career in public accounting and later in the auto industry. At Vlasic Foods my responsibilities expanded to include Risk Management and Corporate Financing along with my Corporate Controller responsibilities. The company was national in scope with over 1,000 employees and sales exceeding one hundred fifty million dollars.

With my broad business background, I switched to the Food Brokerage Industry when I joined Paul Inman Associates as Corporate Controller. Over the years, management promoted me to Vice-President of Accounting and entrusted me with the position of Chairman "Management Operating Group" (MOG). As chairman of the MOG it was my responsibility to keep the focus on the Company's Strategic Vision, control costs and to upgrade operations. In 1999, the Inman Company was acquired by Marketing Specialist, a corporation of 6,000 employees and national sales, where I became Controller of the Confection Division.

In all, I bring over 50 years of dedicated service and commitment to the FCSU.

I sincerely believe that my education, financial and managerial experience will allow me to provide a substantial contribution to our Society as the National Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee.

I ask for your support and vote for Joseph C Rimarcik for the position of National Treasurer at the upcoming FCSU National Convention, August 2014.

God Bless the FCSU and its members.

Fraternally,



Joseph C. Rimarcik

Joseph C Rimarcik

- From the Office of The Vice President – Attention All Recommenders: Win up to \$500 in the FCSU's Convention Cash Drawing



Each new contract on which you are the recommender for any FCSU product – insurance or annuity – between May 1, 2014 and August 15, 2014, will automatically enter you into our Convention Cash Drawing.

What's a recommender? For those of you unfamiliar with the term, a recommender is simply an FCSU member who recommends, or sells, an FCSU product. It's not that hard to do. The FCSU has an excellent portfolio of insurance and annuity products that you can tell family, friends, neighbors, church and club members about. FCSU forms and applications are available on line at www.fcsu.com/forms.

Now, for a limited time, you have the possibility of getting an additional cash bonus when you sign them up. Your name will be entered into the Convention Cash Drawing as many times as you produce a signed contract. Names will be drawn at random, but the entries are limitless.

The more you sell, the more chances you have to win one of 5 cash prizes:

- First name drawn - \$500
- Second name drawn - \$250
- Third name drawn - \$100
- Fourth name drawn - \$100
- Fifth name drawn - \$100

The names will be drawn during our 50th Quadrennial Convention, which will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from August 23 – 27, 2014. You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be announced from the convention floor and also published in a post-convention issue of Jednota.

All contracts need to be postmarked to the Home Office no later than **August 15, 2014**. No exceptions. All contracts must be approved and issued to be eligible to receive prizes.

So start today, and keep those entries coming! Send in your signed contracts to:

FCSU Corporate Center
 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300
 Independence, OH 44131

Until next time, good luck and God Bless,

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
 National Vice President

Experience Counts

Joe Senko For National Treasurer

The First Catholic Slovak Union has over 330 million dollars in investments. This is the largest asset on the balance sheet and a primary source of revenue. It is the responsibility of the National Treasurer, as a member of the Society's Executive Committee, to invest these funds in a sound portfolio and produce an above average return. With my educational background and years of financial experience, I can perform both of these functions. As a Certified Financial Planner since 1990, I have had 25 years of professional experience in investing large sums of money.



Joe Senko

Education

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting -Duquesne University
- Master's degree in Taxation -Robert Morris University

Professional Licenses/Credentials

- Certified Public Accountant (Pennsylvania, Ohio and D.C.)
- Certified Financial Planner since 1990
- Personal Financial Specialist since 1995
- Chartered Global Management Accountant

Prior Employment

- Internal Revenue Service -Agent (Pgh) and Tax Law Specialist (D.C.)
- Duquesne University -Adjunct Professor
- Certified Public Accounting Firms o KPMG (International)
- Chiurazzi & Senko
- Joseph T. Senko & Associates (President) o McKeever Varga & Senko (Retired)

Additional Financial Experience

- Treasurer of Brother's Brother Foundation for the past 18 years (Volunteer)
- Over 250 million dollars in annual revenue
- 34th largest foundation in the U.S.
- Ranked among the five most efficient non-profit organizations by Forbes magazine
- During my professional career, I have served as Treasurer and/or President of over 20 different non-profit organizations.
- Treasurer of Western PA Slovak Day Association (Pgh.)

FCSU Involvement

- Chairman of the Auditors (1995-2006)
- Treasurer of Jednota Properties (1995 to present)

Slovak Activities

- Slovak Honorary Consul for Pennsylvania since 1997 (Volunteer)
- Founder and Executive Director of "Western PA Slovak Cultural Association"
- Presented over 135 Slovak Programs in the past 16 years
- Chairman and Treasurer of "Friends of Slovakia" (D.C.)
- Honored as Slovak-American of the Year (2012) by Slovak Embassy
- Received Presidential Medal (2013) from the Slovak government
- Jankola Library and Slovak Museum -Board of Directors

Fraternal History

- President of Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh (1995)
- Fraternalist of the Year (2008) -Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh

Other Pertinent Facts

- Married to Albina Senko (59 years)
- Six children, eight grandchildren
- Member of the Duquesne University Accounting Advisory Board
- Distinguished Accounting Alumnus (2006) - Selected by Duquesne University accounting faculty
- Member of Beta Alpha Psi -National Accounting Honor Society
- Member of Beta Gamma Sigma -National Business Honor Society
- Member of Knights of Columbus (fourth degree)
- Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion - St. Bernard Parish

Please help elect me to the office of National Treasurer of the First Catholic Slovak Union at the 50th Quadrennial Convention in Philadelphia. Thank you.

General Counsel Gary J. Matta, Esquire Announces His Intent To Seek Re-election

President Rajec, National Officers, Regional Directors, Members, and Delegates of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, please accept this letter as my official notification in accordance with the First Catholic Slovak Union bylaws section 8.02 as my publication to announce my intentions to seek reelection to the position of General Counsel of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada.

It is with extreme pleasure that I again contacted all of you to announce my intent to seek reelection to the position of General Counsel. As I began to create this publication I took the opportunity to reflect on the last eight years that I have served in the capacity of General Counsel. During those eight years the society has continued to grow and prosper. The Board of Directors has worked tirelessly together as a team in the best interests of the society. I believe that I've assisted the Board of Directors and provided the appropriate legal guidance that has positioned the society in its current favorable financial and fraternal status.

In addition to being General Counsel for the First Catholic Slovak Union, I also hold the position of partner with the law firm of Dodaro Matta and Cambest. My firm provides legal advice and services to various public and private entities as well as individuals within Western Pennsylvania. Being a partner in my own firm provides me the abilities to service the first Catholic Slovak union when the need arises.

I am licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I received my Juris Doctorate degree from Duquesne University School of Law. Duquesne University is located in the City of Pittsburgh and is one of the flagship Catholic Universities in the nation. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

In the past I have served the society in various positions at the branch and district levels including President and Fraternal Activities Director.

In closing I would like to first thank the Delegates from the two previous conventions for providing me the honor and privilege to serve as your General Counsel. I would also like to thank our current President, National Officers and Regional Directors for their cooperation and hard work over the past eight years. I would ask the Delegates of the coming convention for their support and vote to continue being your General Counsel. I can assure you that I will continue to strive to make the First Catholic Slovak Union the best fraternal organization it can be.

Fraternally,

Gary J. Matta
 General Counsel

Statement as of March 31, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**
ASSETS

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	304,289,553		304,289,553	300,535,784
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....	200,000		200,000	200,000
2.2 Common stocks.....	5,909,483		5,909,483	5,756,573
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	1,372,235		1,372,235	1,416,745
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	994,599		994,599	1,009,340
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	763,065		763,065	772,830
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	562,675		562,675	562,675
5. Cash (\$.....13,437,373), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0).....	13,437,373		13,437,373	11,129,071
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,063,640		1,063,640	1,046,960
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	10,400,932		10,400,932	10,133,875
9. Receivables for securities.....			0	
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	338,993,554	0	338,993,554	332,563,852
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	4,087,677		4,087,677	3,840,970
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	22,833		22,833	26,470
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums.....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	2,806	2,806	0	
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	343,107,420	3,356	343,104,064	336,431,292
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	343,107,420	3,356	343,104,064	336,431,292

Statement as of March 31, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	265,958,000	261,839,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	40,557,854	40,717,575
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	317,057	286,787
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	839,879	609,141
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	16,445	7,223
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	57,942	65,127
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	22,835	22,835
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	5,551,936	6,010,086
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	9,511	9,511
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,467,609	2,461,429
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....	1,947,592	
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	1,095,967	1,020,967
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	319,542,627	313,749,681
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	319,542,627	313,749,681
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	23,561,437	22,681,610
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	23,561,437	22,681,610
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	343,104,064	336,431,291

Statement as of March 31, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	4,952,887	5,547,549	22,216,307
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	3,635,809	3,162,851	14,149,981
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	125,000	75,000	380,661
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	1,485	1,535	203,442
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	8,715,181	8,786,935	36,950,391
10. Death benefits.....	776,444	670,224	2,430,466
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			3,270
12. Annuity benefits.....	2,277,307	1,946,225	9,947,089
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	129,456	189,251	823,140
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	42,030	64,703	211,732
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	4,119,000	4,957,000	18,690,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	7,344,237	7,827,403	32,105,697
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	42,006	58,935	263,752
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	758,179	915,449	2,840,415
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	65,637	99,216	127,719
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	0	(285,014)	(247,883)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	8,210,059	8,615,989	35,089,700
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	505,122	170,946	1,860,690
28. Refunds to members.....	65,566	64,205	405,055
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	439,556	106,741	1,455,635
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....		3,027	553,505
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	439,556	109,768	2,009,140
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	22,681,611	20,646,573	20,646,573
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	439,556	109,768	2,009,140
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	419,965	230,331	192,118
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	3,608	(1,489)	(22,573)
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	(6,179)	38,883	(111,361)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	22,876	(79,162)	(32,287)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	879,826	298,331	2,035,037
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	23,561,437	20,944,904	22,681,611



Accent on Activities

Susan Ondrejco, National Fraternal Activities Director

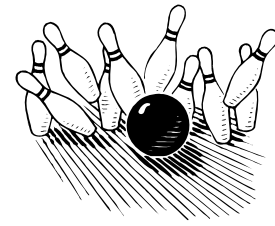


Bowling Tournament

The 3rd Annual United Slovak Fraternal International Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament was held the weekend of April 25 - 26 in Pittsburgh, PA. Bowlers from Mon Valley, Pittsburgh, Akron, Levittown, and Toronto arrived at the Mount Lebanon Lanes to meet and compete in the tournament. Friday night, men's and women's teams tried to knock over the most pins. Saturday, the men and women competed in doubles and singles events. We had approximately 140 participants from the Jednota, National Slovak Society, and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Saturday evening, Fr. Tom Nasta concelebrated Mass at St. Thomas Moore Parish. At the conclusion of Mass, the bowlers attended a buffet dinner in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The current standings were announced and two special awards were presented to the men's and women's team who put their best foot forward and played with utmost enthusiasm, even though it wasn't reflected in their final scores. The winner of the "Better Luck Next Year Award" was South Side Ladies and the winner of the "Don't Stand a Chance Award" was Da Boys.

Additional pictures from the 2014 Bowling Tournament are posted at www.fcsu.com.



June 2014

Mixed Prize Amounts	
Place	Doubles
1	\$175.50
2	\$104.00

Men's Prize Amounts					
Place	Teams	Doubles	Singles	All Events	Seniors
1	\$584.00	\$205.00	\$94.00	\$65.00	\$55.00
2	\$484.00	\$182.00	\$89.00	\$53.00	\$45.00
3	\$382.00	\$162.00	\$84.00	\$47.00	\$35.00
4		\$144.00	\$79.00	\$43.00	
5		\$124.00	\$74.00	\$38.00	
6			\$69.00		
7			\$64.00		
8			\$59.00		
9			\$54.00		
10			\$49.00		
11			\$44.00		
12			\$39.00		

Women's Prize Amounts					
Place	Teams	Doubles	Singles	All Events	Seniors
1	\$522.00	\$185.00	\$83.50	\$68.00	\$45.00
2		\$159.00	\$73.00	\$58.00	\$20.00
3			\$69.00		
4			\$65.00		
5			\$61.00		
6			\$57.00		

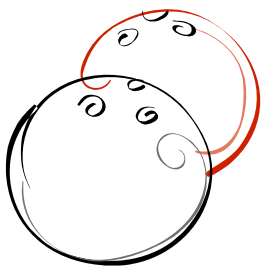


50/50 Winners:

- Rick Toth, NSS
- Georgann Siesky, Jednota
- Cathy Szabo, Jednota
- Randy Schwab, Jednota

Bowling Poker Winners:

- Mike Kolecky, NSS
- Paula Suess, NSS
- Amanda Schneider, NSS
- Tom Silay, Jednota
- James Shank, Jednota
- Derek Johnston, Jednota



Super Sweepstakes Winners:

- Milos Mitro, Jednota
- Emil Jursa, Jednota
- Ed Emory, Jednota
- Dave Lejeune, Jednota

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20, 2014. The *Jednota* sponsors the tournament Friday through Sunday and a banquet Saturday evening.

This year we are looking for skill contest sponsors: (Longest Drive, Longest Putt, etc.)

Skill Contest Sponsor: \$100 – a sign will be placed on the hole where the skill contest will occur with your Branch, District, or Region name.

If you are interested in being a skill contest sponsor, please send the wording for your sign and your check payable to "FCSU Activities" to:

Susan Ondrejco
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 30, 2014.

2014 Golf Tournament

Come Join Us!



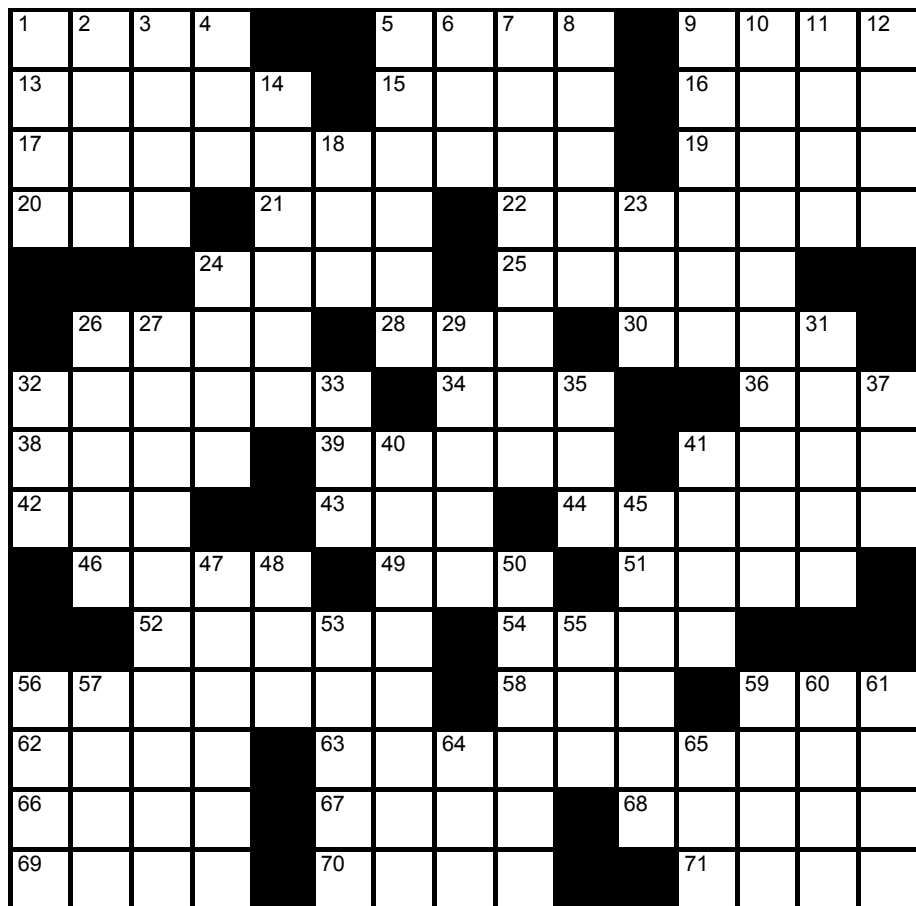
July 19 - 20, 2014
Chestnut Ridge and Tom's Run Golf Courses
Blairsville, PA

Hampton Inn & Suites Blairsville
62 Pine Ridge Rd.
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-5920

Further details and registration forms can be found at www.fcsu.com.
Deadline for Registration is June 19, 2014

Room Rates: \$129 + tax per night - indicate you are with the
FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
Deadline for Reservations is June 19, 2014

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Coral ridge
5 Faction
9 Bullets, e.g.
13 Before
15 Balm ingredient
16 Utah national park
17 Profit or loss, e.g.
19 Land measure
20 Compass point
21 Is no longer
22 Prowler
24 Carotene beginner
25 Trio
26 Biz VIP (Abbr.)
28 Lady's man
30 Hall of Fame's Willie
32 Weather conditions
34 Bubble source
36 Away's partner
38 Garish
39 British ____
41 Supreme Court count
42 Commercials
43 *The Matrix* hero
44 Shells out
46 Ancient colonnade
49 Extinct flightless bird
51 Possesses
52 Ouzo flavoring
54 Civil wrong
56 Gas clouds, in space
58 Pillbox, e.g.
59 Health resort
62 God of love
63 Vocalizations
66 Chill
67 Advertising sign
68 Minimal

- 69 Infants
70 Nevada's ____ 51
71 Venezuela copper center

Down

- 1 Bumpkin
2 Son of Seth
3 Diminutive suffix
4 In excellent shape
5 Mexican chip condiments
6 Certain Ivy Leaguer
7 Interpret
8 Choppers, so to speak
9 Flowering shrub
10 Knockout drops
11 "Encore!"
12 Humdinger
14 Most inferior
18 "Welcome" site
23 Branch
24 Give but don't break
26 Moves along
27 Stevedore
29 Ice house
31 ____ of time
32 Okeechobee's state (Abbr.)
33 Go astray
35 Editor's pile, for short

- 37 ____ gestae
40 Academic term
41 Colorful salamander
45 Entrance
47 Burdens
48 Suffer
50 Acropolis figure
53 Hot spot
55 Propel, in a way
56 Orderly
57 Hence
59 Stigma
60 Baja bread
61 Nick and Nora's pooch
64 Foot part
65 School org.

Branch 45's Indoor Soccer and Ping Pong Tournament in NYC

The St. Matthew Society, Branch 45, hosted an indoor soccer and ping pong tournament in the church hall of St. John Nepomucene in New York City on February 1, 2014. The main directors of the tournament were Jozef Korcak and Jan Zeman. The four competing teams were: Brooklyn, Fofu, Supermani, and Smetiari. Supermani was the winning team, and Smetiari the runner up. In the ping pong tournament, George Sikorjak was the winner, while second place went to Vladimir Sestak, and in third place was Jan Duch. The atmosphere and effort of all participants was excellent. After the tournament, everyone feasted on goulash soup, made by Sports Director Jan Zeman.

- Submitted by Jozef Jurasi, Sports Director



Sports Directors flank President of Branch 45 (L - R): Jan Zeman, Joseph Jurasi (President), and Jozef Korcak.

Winning team Supermani (L - R): Miro Hlinka, Mikulas Beno, Milan Derevanik, Vladimir Sestak Jr., Daniel Rusin, and Stanislav Petrik.



Runner-up team Smetiari (L - R): Jan Majernicek, Vladimir Sestak, Jan Zeman, Jan Forvasky, and Gabriel Pjatak.

Team Fofu (L-R): Jan Krafcik, Jozef Krafcik, Drahus Hetes, Laco Korcek, and Radoslav Rusin.



Winners of the Ping Pong

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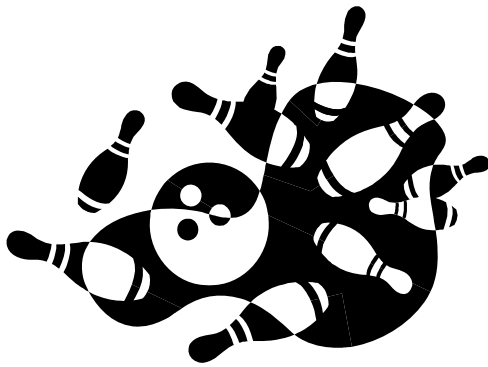
2014 National Bowling Tournament

3rd Annual United Slovak Fraternal Men's Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	All Money No Bling	2819
2	Magic Markers	2587
3	Easy Pickups	2547
4	Mon Valley #5	2463
5	DB & The Dollar Boys	2460
6	We Own These Lanes	2438
7	Mon Valley #10	2391
8	Akron Jednota	2381
9	Mon Valley #11	2345
10	The Professors	2342
11	Mon Valley #9	2318
12	Kapitan's Limousines	2313
13	Mon Valley #6	2305
14	Levittown Br. 857	2293
15	Mon Valley #4	2275
16	Gansta Bowlin' Boyz	2260
17	Mon Valley #7	2225
18	Silky Smooth Hobo Joe	2214
19	NSS #3	2213
20	Mon Valley #8	2200
21	Slavtastics	2186
22	NSS #4	2143
23	Oneida Services	2033
24	Mon Valley #3	2030
25	Da Boys	1903

Place	Doubles Partners	Total Pins
1	Collins Emory	1487
2	Johnston Adamcik	1272
3	Lako Silay	1234
4	Helman Greene	1225
5	Beattie Donovan	1218
5	Huber Siesky	1218
7	LeJeune Johnson	1216
8	Barron Roberts	1214
9	Krasonic Krasonic	1212
10	Strother Brashear	1203
11	Rowe Balogi	1192
12	Eller Kacsanek	1173
13	Schwab Frolo	1169
14	Jursa Mitro	1167
15	Nasta Nasta	1165
15	Sinagra Dunn	1165
17	Prpich Hunt	1164
18	Lako Walko	1162
19	Tokarsky Gry	1152
19	Sadler Healey	1152
21	Gmerek Wahl	1124
22	Rausch Newman	1122
23	Rice Lutes	1118
24	Durcansky Durcansky	1111
25	Hutzel Andresky	1110
26	Richnafsky Beckinger	1102
27	Kapitan Zoldak	1101
27	Deak Svec	1101
28	Topola Sir Louis	1087
30	Smith Smith	1085
30	Good Sir Louis	1056
32	Smith Smith	1038
33	Sanner Shank	1033
34	Bennett Resosky	1015
35	Barton Hickler	975
36	Nasta Nasta	956
37	Toth Elliott	910

Place	Singles Competition	Total Pins
1	Krasonic John Jr.	725
2	Greene Dick	668
3	Kolecky Donald	660
4	Kapitan Michael	659
5	Beattie Jeff	657
6	Dunn Alex	656
7	Shank Clarence Sr.	654
8	Richnafsky Nathan	645
9	Smith David	642
10	Huber James	641
11	Zoldak Milan	640
11	Barron Joe	640
13	Dunham Kevin	637
14	Lako Mike	622
15	Rice David	613
15	Balogi Mark	613
15	Collins Pat	613
18	Helman Tom	612
18	Schwab Randy	612
18	Adamcik John	612
21	Sadler Richard	611
22	Mitro Milos	607
23	Prpich Jack	605
24	Eller Terry	599
25	Strother Brent	598
26	Buckley Jim	597
27	Bright Richard	596
28	Burkhart Joe	593
29	Sir Louis Oliver	591
30	Smith Jim	589
31	Hunt Zach	588
31	Emory Ed	588
33	Walko Danny	585
34	Nasta Fr. Tom	584
35	Gmerek Len	583
36	Donovan Domenic	581
37	Frolo Robert	575
38	Rowe Don	574
39	Kacsanek George	570
39	Krasonic John Sr.	570
39	Silay Tom	570
42	Johnston Derek	569
43	Jursa Joe	564
44	Brashear Mark	563
45	Jursa Emil	562
45	Siesky Jeff	562
47	Lako Ray	561
48	Topola Richard	559
48	Shank James	559
48	Hutzel James	559
48	Deak Jim	559
52	Sir Louis Robert	554
53	LeJeune Dave	553
54	Beckinger David	550
55	Johnson Stu	549
56	Sanner James	548
57	Tokarsky John	544
58	Nasta Damian	542
59	Sulkowski Bernie	539
59	Durcansky Rich	539
61	Smith Vernon C	535
62	Wahl Mike	533
63	Bennett Bill Jr.	528
64	Barton Dave	527
65	Nasta Edward	523
66	Lutes Donald	520
67	Kopanic Robert	513
68	Healey Larry	508



Place	Seniors Competition	Total Pins
1	Greene Dick	668
2	Kolecky Donald	660
3	Kapitan Michael	659
4	Shank Clarence Sr.	654
5	Zoldak Milan	640
6	Mitro Milos	607
7	Prpich Jack	605
8	Eller Terry	599
9	Buckley Jim	597
10	Sir Louis Oliver	591
11	Gmerek Len	583
12	Kacsanek George	570
12	Krasonic John Sr.	570
14	Jursa Joe	564
15	Jursa Emil	562
16	Lako Ray	561
17	Topola Richard	559
18	Smith Vernon C	535
19	Wahl Mike	533
20	Barton Dave	527
21	Kopanic Robert	513
22	Healey Larry	508
23	Resosky John	507
24	Good John	506
25	Svec George	468
26	Andresky Michael	383

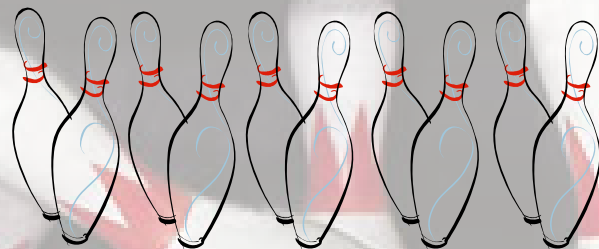


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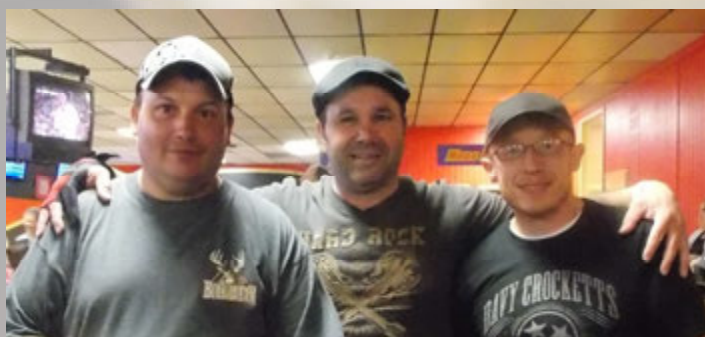
Place	All Events Competition	Total Pins
1	Emory Ed	2082
2	Krasonic John Jr.	2061
3	Collins Pat	1995
4	Huber James	1991
5	Adamcik John	1945
6	Dunn Alex	1931
7	Strother Brent	1926
8	Greene Dick	1920
9	Barron Joe	1902
10	Kapitan Michael	1898
11	Beattie Jeff	1879
12	Rowe Don	1866
13	Hunt Zach	1865
14	Lako Mike	1864
15	Mitro Milos	1846
16	Walko Danny	1839
17	Buckley Jim	1838
17	Helman Tom	1838
19	Johnson Stu	1827
20	Sinagra Dave	1826
21	Lako Ray	1822
22	Richnafsky Nathan	1806
23	Gmerek Len	1804
24	Sulkowski Bernie	1801
25	Eller Terry	1794
26	Rice David	1793
26	Sadler Richard	1793
28	Silay Tom	1791
29	LeJeune Dave	1776
30	Balogi Mark	1774
31	Burkhart Joe	1768
32	Nasta Fr. Tom	1767
32	Donovan Domenic	1767
34	Prpich Jack	1766
35	Kopanic Robert	1764
36	Dunham Kevin	1762
37	Kolecky Donald	1753
38	Nasta Damian	1751
39	Healey Larry	1750
40	Sir Louis Oliver	1749
41	Schwab Randy	1746
42	Kacsanek George	1725
43	Brashear Mark	1712
44	Smith Jim	1711
45	Durcansky Rich	1700
45	Shank Clarence Sr.	1700
47	Frolo Robert	1689
48	Tokarsky John	1687
49	Oswald Howard	1685
49	Smith David	1685
51	Krasonic John Sr.	1672
52	Grys Greg	1666
53	Shank James	1663
54	Jursa Joe	1660
55	Zoldak Milan	1657
56	Deak Jim	1654
57	Smith Vernon C	1651
58	Siesky Jeff	1644
59	Wahl Mike	1640
60	Johnston Derek	1639
61	Bennett Bill Jr.	1629
62	Sir Louis Robert	1610
62	Beckinger David	1610
64	Nasta Edward	1609
65	Topola Richard	1603
66	Rausch David	1579
67	Bright Richard	1577
68	Lutes Donald	1573
69	Good John	1572
70	Sanner James	1562
71	Roberts John	1553
72	Smith Vernon E	1550
73	Svec George	1545



Place	Singles Competition Cont.	Total Pins
69	Resosky John	507
70	Good John	506
70	Sinagra Dave	506
72	Nasta Andrew	503
72	Oswald Howard	503
74	Grys Greg	499
75	Blum Greg	486
76	Smith Vernon E	483
77	Rausch David	480
78	Kolecky Michael	469
79	Svec George	468
80	Newman Kyle	434
81	Roberts John	426
82	Andresky Michael	383



Place	Mixed Doubles	Total Pins
1	Dunn Sulkowski	1222
2	Burkhart Soose	1210
3	Shank Kopanic	1194
4	Oswald Oswald	1187
5	Buckley Buckley	1179
6	Kolecky Kolecky	1176
7	Schneider Kolecky	1157
8	Seese Shank	1081
9	Bright Bright	1068
10	Boehm Boehm	1066
11	DeMarco Dunham	1050
11	Mirt Mirt	1050
13	Nasta Blum	1027



Place	All Events Cont.	Total Pins
74	Kolecky Michael	1538
75	Resosky John	1536
76	Barton Dave	1504
77	Newman Kyle	1501
78	Nasta Andrew	1439
79	Jursa Emil	1287
80	Hutzel James	1111
81	Hickler George	1063



Bowling Tournament

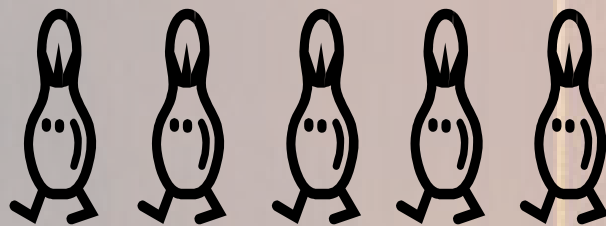
3rd Annual United Slovak Fraternal Women's Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	Mon Valley #2	2408
2	The Ragan Girls	2358
3	Four Striking Gals	2331
4	Canadian Girls	2307
5	Mon Valley #1	2260
6	Estrogen Enhanced	2215
7	The Jems	2168
8	NSS #2	2076
9	South Side Ladies	2046

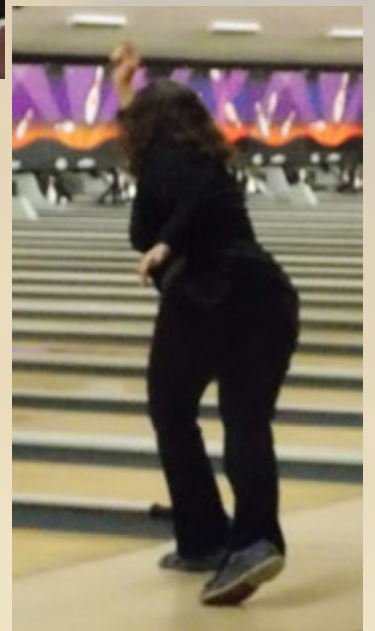
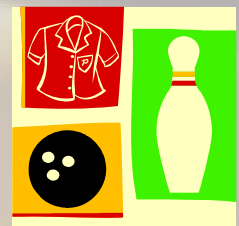
Place	Doubles Event	Total Pins
1	Bis Tomas	1254
2	Mitro Szabo	1196
3	Hunt Mavrovich	1175
4	Adamcik Siesky	1174
5	Tokarsky Ricciuti	1158
6	Rice Bright	1155
7	Ragan Ragan	1141
8	Barney Dotson	1119
9	Kruly Lako	1111
9	Erhardt Sadler	1111
11	Jursa Forma	1104
12	von Friedl Gorman	1098
12	Jursa Jursa	1086
14	Sir Louis Barret	951
15	Durcansky Bodnar	945
16	Lako Rowe	859

Place	Singles Event	Total Pins
1	Tomas Sharon	691
2	Ricciuti Denise	669
3	Kruly Ceil	665
4	Ragan Jara	661
5	von Friedl Helen	645
6	Tokarsky Christine	624
7	Oswald Bridget	620
8	Jursa Jan	619
8	Dunn Maurita	619
10	Kolecky Inky	611
10	Hunt Eileen	611
12	Ragan Joelyn	609
13	Forma Anne	607
14	Buckley Sandy	599
15	Schneider Amanda	593
16	Sadler Shannon	592
17	Bright Tracey	591
17	Mirt Janet	591
19	Lako JoAnne	585
20	Seese Christine	584
21	Shank Ginger	583
22	Mavrovich Mary	577
23	Bis Mary	576
24	DeMarco Marla	569
25	Adamcik Karen	568
26	Siesky Georgann	565
27	Rice Nancy	564
28	Mitro Anne	549
29	Nasta Nicole	547
30	Jursa Marilyn	532
31	Szabo Cathy	520
32	Soose Sheila	518
33	Barney Beth	513
34	Lako Carol	509
35	Bodnar Mary	508
36	Gorman Irene	505
37	Dotson Andrea	503
38	Erhardt Debbie	491
39	Sir Louis Stephanie	477
40	Genedick Marilyn	473
41	Jursa Christine	470
42	Bright Kim	387

Place	All Events Competition	Total Pins
1	Tomas Sharon	2055
2	Dunn Maurita	1881
3	Ragan Jara	1875
4	Kruly Ceil	1845
5	Tokarsky Christine	1832
6	von Friedl Helen	1811
7	Ricciuti Denise	1805
8	Siesky Georgann	1802
9	Mirt Janet	1795
10	Mavrovich Mary	1793
11	Oswald Bridget	1791
12	Buckley Sandy	1782
13	Forma Anne	1779
14	Jursa Jan	1776
15	Adamcik Karen	1759
15	Hunt Eileen	1759
17	Kolecky Inky	1752
18	Mitro Anne	1736
19	Bright Tracey	1735
20	Shank Ginger	1726
21	Bis Mary	1718
22	Szabo Cathy	1716
23	Ragan Joelyn	1707
24	Seese Christine	1694
25	Rice Nancy	1692
26	Erhardt Debbie	1683
27	Lako JoAnne	1675
28	Sadler Shannon	1665
29	Schneider Amanda	1656
30	Barney Beth	1644
31	Dotson Andrea	1634
32	Nasta Nicole	1624
33	DeMarco Marla	1607
34	Soose Sheila	1601
35	Jursa Christine	1564
36	Jursa Marilyn	1560
37	Gorman Irene	1541
38	Bodnar Mary	1496
39	Lako Carol	1465
40	Sir Louis Julie	1124
41	Bright Kim	1074



Place	Seniors Competition	Total Pins
1	Ragan Jara	661
2	von Friedl Helen	645
3	Kolecky Inky	611
4	Forma Anne	607
5	Shank Ginger	583
6	Bis Mary	576
7	DeMarco Marla	569
8	Jursa Marilyn	532
9	Bodnar Mary	508
10	Gorman Irene	505
11	Dotson Andrea	503
12	Genedick Marilyn	473



BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 2 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michael's Branch 2 will be holding our semi-annual meeting on Tuesday July 8th at 7 pm at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd. to discuss the upcoming convention. All delegates from Branch 2 should attend. For reservations please contact Joanne Lako at 412 766 3222.

Fraternally,

Joanne Lako, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 6 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The semi-annual activities and meeting of St. Stephen's Society, Branch 006K, will be held at 1:00PM on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at Chippers Restaurant, 1733 N. Bloomington St., Streator, IL. All members of Branch 006K are invited to attend. A meeting followed by a lunch and then activities are planned for the children. Please call 815-672-1764 or 815-822-8851 for details and directions, if needed.

Paul Chismar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 10 - OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, Pennsylvania invites all Branch 10 members, and their families, to attend the annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 22, 2014. The 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, PA, will be celebrated for all living and deceased members of Branch 10. Immediately following the Mass, a complimentary breakfast for members and their families will be held at the Regal Room, 212-218 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant. Reservations are requested, and may be made by phoning (570) 489-9819 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. no later than Friday, June 13.

Fraternally,

William Navelanko, Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at 9:00 AM at Denny's Restaurant, 653 Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. A report on the National Convention to be held in Philadelphia, PA, in August 2014 will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast for Father's Day. Call for reservations by June 10th, directions if needed, and for any address changes or questions to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 181 - UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold its annual family picnic on Sunday, June 29, 2014, from noon until 6PM, at Pavilion #14, Mammoth Park, PA. The pavilion is located by the lower ball field. The picnic will begin at noon, with lunch to be served starting at 1:00PM. All members and guests of the branch are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The branch will provide chicken, rigatoni, halupki, haluski, kolbasi, hot dogs, and drinks. There will be games and changes to win many door prizes. Entertainment will be provided. Come and enjoy an afternoon with fellow members and friends. For more information, please contact Gerry Kovacina at (412) 216-5527.

Fraternally,

Gerry Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 is proud to announce we are once again offering scholarships to 1st year students that reside in the Armstrong School District area.

You do not have to be a member of the branch. We know how important furthering an education is and how financially difficulty it can be. There is a great need for help and we hope to make some difference. This year we will be offering applications to all post high school persons that will be attending a college, university, vocational training, associate program, or trade school. Applications can be picked up at the C. U. Club 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 between noon and 9 pm daily or you can call Vicki Schaub @ 724-763-9229 to make arrangements to obtain an application. Leave a message if there is no answer. We will accept applications until July 31st. No applications will be accepted after that date. The scholarship committee will review all applicants and present to the Officers & Board of Directors at the regular meeting held on Thursday August 7th. Selected applicants will be notified by phone and asked to be at the C.U. Club for a social and photo. I would like our members to spread the word.

Blessings,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

St. Matthew Branch 260 Campbell, Ohio, will have it's next meeting Sunday, June 22, 1:30 At Bedford Trails Golf Course Restaurant. Located on Bedford Road, 1/4 mile of Route 422. Agenda will include arrangements with District bus trip. Main topic will be The annual Slovak Fest and information of FCSU Annual Golf Tournament, Blairsville, PA.

Paul Ritz, President

BRANCH 292 - WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 292 K.J., will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 22, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA, 15963, at 12:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual celebration of the feast of our patron, St. John the Baptist. A Mass will be celebrated on the feast day, June 24, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Windber, Pa. The Mass will be in remembrance of the living and deceased members of Branch 292. Members are asked to attend both events. A buffet dinner will follow the semi-annual meeting.

Edward T. Surkosky, F.I.C., President

BRANCH 372 - BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372 of Beaverdale, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 29, 2014, at 2:00PM at the home of President Michael P. Hudak Sr., located at 829 Cameron Ave., Beaverdale, PA. The agenda for the meeting will be a review of financial reports and conducting general business.

Respectfully,

Michael P. Hudak, Sr., President

BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Members of Branch 410 will meet at the Highland House in Uniontown, PA at 1:00pm on July 17, 2014. Convention information will be on the agenda.

Members are encouraged to attend.

Geri Buchheit, Recording & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Society, Branch 484, will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2014, beginning at 1:30PM at the home of Financial Secretary Joseph E. Rura, 43 Rugh

Road, Coral, PA, 15731. On the agenda will be a discussion of the May 18 district meeting of the Rev. John Martvon District, also the coming 50th Quadrennial Convention and any other branch business.

Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will have its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 17th, 2013. Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 624 N. Blackhawk Dr., Westmont, Illinois. At 1:30 pm, attendees will gather for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, with a delicious family-style dinner following. If you wish to attend, please call the branch financial secretary at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956 by Wednesday August 14, so that we'll have an accurate head count for the restaurant.

Sincerely,

**Robert Tapak Magruder
Branch Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 will be holding a Lodge meeting on Sunday, June 29, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311 at 2:00 pm. Convention information will be shared with members and upcoming events will be discussed. Join us for an informative afternoon combined with fellowship with other members.

Respectfully sub mitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 581 - GARY/WHITING, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Gary-Whiting Branch 581, will hold its semi-annual meeting at the Lake Ridge Park Restaurant, 7 East Old Ridge Rd., in Hobart, IN on Sunday, June 22, at

1 p.m.

The agenda will include discussions on a possible outing to see the Whiting Oilers or Gary's Railcats baseball game, convention in Philadelphia, PA., and our future donations to Sharing Meadows in Valparaiso, run by Fr. Blaney, Saviour of the World in Africa and the Sojourn Truth House, which is run by the Sisters of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Gary. A yearly walk will be done to raise money for battered women to be held by the Sojourn Truth House.

RSVP to Ann Buczek, 947-2793 or George Kelchak, 926-2410 if you plan on attending.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 735KJ PORTLAND, OREGON

Branch 735KJ Annual Family Picnic will be Sunday, July 27, 2014, at Oaks Amusement Park (Area 11, same location), 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, Oregon 97202 (www.oakspark.com) beginning at 12:00 noon to 6:00pm. Admission to the Park and parking is free! Invite all of your family and Slovak friends!! No reservations necessary.

Hot Dogs, Soda Pop, Coffee and Beer will be available. Suggested Donation:

Hot Dogs	50¢ each
Soda Pop	50¢ can
Beer	\$2.00 glass

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages. The Park has strict rules about alcoholic beverages brought into the Park. Discounted ride tickets will be available for purchase.

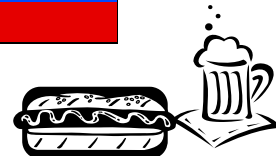
COME AND ENJOY THE DAY BY THE WIL-LAMETTE RIVER WITH YOUR SLOVAK FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!

For more information contact: Cindy Ďuriš Hirst, P.O. Box 220, North Plains, OR 97133-0220 503-647-4600 (h); 503-314-5065 (c); 503-647-5840 (f); e-mail: hirst@q.com or chirst811@gmail.com.

Cindy Ďuriš Hirst., Social Secretary

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

On April 6 Branch 38 hosted the spring meeting of the Pittsburgh District at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall in West Mifflin, PA. District President George Matta II was elected as the District Delegate to the upcoming convention. A meeting for all delegates is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 PM at the Holy Trinity church hall in West Mifflin.

Branch 254 will host the annual Fathers Day Mass & Luncheon on June 15, 2014, at Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin, with assistance from Branch 2. Members are asked to attend a 9 AM Liturgy at the church. Immediately following Mass, members are invited to the church hall for a meal and socializing. The cost of the brunch is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 & under. Reservations must be made in advance no later than Monday, June 9. No tickets will be sold at the door. Prices for the ad booklet are: full page \$75, half page \$40, quarter page \$25. This deadline is also June 9. Contact jtsenko@aol.com or 412-531-2990 (day) 412-343-5031 (evening). Checks should be made payable to FCSU Pgh District and sent to 230 Thornberry Circle, Pittsburgh PA 15234. If possible, use the orange form distributed at the meeting.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meetings, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in Spring and Fall. Call Joe Senko at 412-531-2990 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** Slovak Day at Kennywood – Thursday, July 17. Discount tickets will be available at our Fathers Day Brunch on June 15 or email Sue at smosr@verizon.net.

** The McKeesport International Village at Renzi Park, August 12-14, features ethnic foods and dancing from many countries, including Slovakia.

** The Pitt Slovak Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, November 2, at the Cathedral of Learning, noon to 5 PM.

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is open Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations at 412-421-1204 or by email to smosr@verizon.net. The web address is www.nsslife.org/Museum.php.

** The 15th Genealogical & Cultural Conference of the CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International will be held on Oct 21-24, 2015 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. See www.cgisi.org. Cedar Rapids is the home of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. See www.ncsml.org.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

** If you're interested in study abroad, the University of Presov has a number of interesting programs, including the study of Rusyn Language and Customs. Check out www.unipo.sk/en/.

** Western PA Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730

Anyone with additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice should send information to manasta@verizon.net

Faternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 29,



Branch 313's May Meeting

Branch 313 held a meeting on May 17, 2014 at the home of 313 Branch Auditor Darlene Johnson in Orland Park, IL. After the meeting the members enjoyed lunch together at a nearby restaurant.

2014, at 1PM in the meeting room of K-2 Engineering Building on Pittsburgh St. All branches are encouraged to attend. The meeting will provide information regarding the forthcoming 50th Quadrennial Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union to be held in Philadelphia, PA on August 23 – 27, 2014. Other reports also will be given.

Faternally,

Barbara Holly, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 14 - REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Rev. Kostik District will hold it's next meeting, Tuesday June 17, 2014, 6:00 PM at St. Matthias Church. On the agenda will be discussion of the FCSU Convention and bus trip to Philadelphia. Also on the agenda will be discussion of District part of annual Slovak Fest.

Carlie Peshek, President

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District cordially invites you to celebrate Father's Day and meet others in the Slovak community on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 710 Sultana Ave, Ontario, CA, where Fr. Pavol Sochulak, SVD serves as pastor. Following the liturgy at 3:00 PM there will be light refreshments in the cafeteria, where we invite all Slovaks and Slovak friends, even those not attending the Mass, to enjoy a pleasant afternoon of fraternalism and listening to Slovak music.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 19 – MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT

Region 8 Annual Family Day Picnic- It is a Great Day !

Sunday, July 6, 2014 at Creditvale Park in Mississauga, ON. Mass at 12:00pm (noon) Lunch for purchase following the Mass. Entertainment for the kids, ice cream, races, inflatables etc.

Any questions call Mike Kapitan 416-621-1534

Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary



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Sunday, June 22, 2014

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Sunday, July 13, 2014, starting at 11:00AM

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2:30PM Program: Singing of the National Anthems

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

Everyone welcome! A very special invitation to Branch 89, Knights of Sts Mary and Joseph!



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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



Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Margaret Barbarino	153K	Philip Kloster Jr	294K	Johanna V Belusko	731K	Mary T Kozak
001K	Edward J Kozma	153K	Irene M Kramer	313K	George J E Michuda	735K	Miller Michael Duris
002K	Frank Mikula	156K	Joseph A Nemchik	315K	Bernard J Kurpiewski	738K	James N Andres
003P	Robert Otto Yori	157K	Barbara A Lynch	324K	Joseph Contala	743K	Patricia M Hrabovsky
006K	Atha Ator Manasco	164K	George Paul Stefan	324K	William J Makoski Sr	743K	Louis E Kratky
016P	Paul A Kopicki	166K	Andrew Michael Baluch	324K	Michael Paslowsky	746K	Ann M DeHanes
016P	Frances Millo	166K	Rosemary F Buza	327K	Paul F Koval	764K	John M Prebish
016P	Anna M Romano	166K	Velma Gerlock	367K	John Plishka	796K	Margaret E Halko
024K	Thomas George Jacobs Sr	166K	Richard Joseph Vanyo	419K	Mary Simonik Shutta	796K	Thomas William Hudak
040K	Edith M Burash	169P	Frank Joseph Oravec	484K	George P Sholtis Jr	831K	Betty Rose Lovasik
040K	Mary Lynn Henderson	173K	Eleanor P Emershaw	484K	Edward Thomas Yasick	831K	Violet A Lukac
040K	Bernice B Safarcyk	181K	Michael F Bankovich	493K	James Hepner	831K	Elizabeth S Manga
060K	Stephen R Oley	181K	Paul Cornelius Lazor	543K	Margaret F Miraglia	831K	Helen Rzeczkowski
075K	Edward D Zajac	189K	Julie Bertanzetti	567K	Robert J Lesko	853K	Martha L Chmura
085K	Lorraine M Imbt	200K	Edward F Marcinek	567K	Robert J Yandrisevitz	855K	Julia M Bilko
085K	George J Yanisko	260K	Helen Pearl Rudy	587K	Michael E Varecha	888K	Wilfred E Salley
086K	William L Patnesky	266K	Kerri Ann Gretchen	615K	Mary Ann Makowski	890K	Joseph Curran Knapik
089K	Margaret F Filo	280K	Lawrence L Ballay	618K	Jane R Miskanic	907K	Ardis A Mc Alpine
102K	Josephine Durcanin	292K	Rita M Baer	670K	Robert E Ermlick		
128K	Richard G Yancik	292K	Ruth M Elias	670K	Freda Marie Ferretti		
136K	George S Kakalecik	293K	Joseph A Lisicky	701K	Julia Blanciak		

*Processed through the month of May 2014

OBITUARIES

MARTHA M. KONA BRANCH 313 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Martha M. Kona, 84, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Toledo, Ohio.

She gave generously of her time and heart to her large circle of family and friends and lived a full life filled with travel, church, music, and dedication to her work.

Predeceased by her husband, William Kona and parents, Albert and Anna Mistina; she is the beloved mother of Olivia Kona, MSMC (Antonio Mancini) and Dr. Lindy A. Kona (Dr. Bradley J. Stanciu), and devoted grandmother of Genevieve and Milan Kona-Mancini, and Jessica and Rebecca Kona-Stanciu.

Born in Banovce, Slovakia, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1950 on the USAT General Hersey landing in NYC. Then she attended Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, IL on a full-ride scholarship and received a BA in Economics and German. Afterwards she continued at the college and graduated with an MA in Library Science (MALS).

She went on to become a medical librarian at Rush University Medical Center formerly known as Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, research librarian (Central Soya), information specialist, lecturer, associate professor at the University of Illinois, consultant liaison for and representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago's European-American Advisory Board, and member of Gesu Parish.

Professor Kona wrote several books including Ph.D Dissertations in Slovakiana in the Western World; Slovak Americans and Canadians in American Catholic Who's Who; Rush Medical College Library Cataloging Manual, and Kona-Mistina Family in



the USA; and is the co-author and editor of Arcibiskup Dr. Karol Kmetko.

She was an active member of numerous associations and orders including the American Association of University Women; American Association of University Professors (chair bylaws committee), Catholic Library Association, Special Library Association, Midwest Library Association, Medical Library Association (membership committee), Tri-state Hospital Assembly, Health Sciences Library (honorary life member), Illinois Audio Visual Association (president), Slovak World Congress (chair heritage and culture committee), Matica Slovenska (medal of distinction in Martin, Slovakia), Slovak Institute (second vice president, Rome), the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), Slovak Catholic Falcon and Slovak League of America (second vice president), Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Grand Cross and Order of Merit), Imperial Order of Constantine the Great and St. Helena (board member), Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Women's Club of Wilmette (philanthropy chair).

From 1966 to the present, she was listed 23 times in numerous biographical publications including the 31st edition of the Marquis Who's Who in the World and the 68th edition of Marquis Who's Who in America. As stated by the publisher, entries are "limited to the individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their fields of endeavor and who have thereby contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society".

She enjoyed reading, traveling around the world, hosting dinner parties, classical music, physical fitness and beachcombing.

Memorial services were held in both Toledo, OH and Hillside, IL (Chicago area).

- Submitted by Dr. Lindy Kona and Olivia Kona, MSMC, Branch 313

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

When Harry Connick Jr.

Kicked into Dad Mode

With June's focus on fathers and how they influence young people's lives, I couldn't help but think of a few moments on "American Idol" this season in which judge Harry Connick Jr. twice kicked into, what I call, "Dad mode."

During the show's early auditions, Connick—who is the married father of three daughters—questioned a 15-year-old contestant who sang a song with sexually-charged lyrics. Specifically, he said he was "creeped out" by someone so young singing that song.

Well, that song was sung again a few weeks later by 18 year old contestant Emily Piriz, who explained in the video package leading into her performance that she didn't choose it because of the lyrics, but rather because of the music's emotion and female empowerment feel.

After Piriz finished, Connick was respectful and congratulated her on a good performance, but then he asked her to speak the first two lines of the song because he wanted to verify that she understood the sexual message that the lyrics convey. Connick then said, "Okay, is that really what you want to sing? I know you said you're not interested in the storyline. But you're a singer. This is your choice now; you're 18-years-old. Is that really what you want to be singing about? I'm just curious. Is that what you want to do?"

Perhaps a little flustered by Connick's challenge, Piriz answered, "I just chose the song because...I mean, yeah, it's a woman getting what she wants and being powerful, and this is what I want." The audience cheered Piriz's statement, and Connick responded, "Okay, it's your choice. I just wanted to learn a little bit more."

Singer Keith Urban—who was also a judge this season and is the father of two daughters—then said he wants to make sure that Piriz is being true to the singer they see her as, which was expressed by a more soulful and personal performance a few weeks earlier. He saw that kind of performance as her strength, not the current one. Though he expressed his opinion a little differently than Connick, the two men seemed to be on the same page.

Some websites criticized Connick for "shaming" Piriz, but it seems to me that he was simply trying to treat her like an adult and force her to think about the decision of who she wants to be musically. Though his feelings are likely the result of having two teenage daughters and one pre-teen himself, it may go beyond that as well.

Connick has built a successful and long-lasting career on singing standards and jazz, among other genres. When you're singing the songs of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, there's a level of class to the lyrics that most modern songwriters don't achieve. And on his latest album entitled "Every Man Should Know," Connick's singing about women is refreshingly old-fashioned. The title track, for instance, includes the chorus: "Every man should know how to love her. Every man should know how to care. Every man should recognize what she's saying with her eyes, and help with her burdens to bear."

Connick didn't try to humiliate Piriz or tell her she shouldn't sing that type of song. He just challenged her to consider who she wants to be because he knows young people can get lost in the lure of money and fame. That's not a sign that he wants to shame her; it's a testament to the fact that he cares about her. It's something any good dad would do.

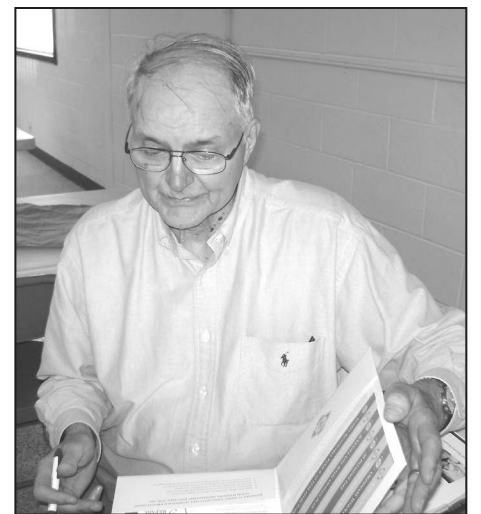
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Scenes from the Latest Sales Seminar in Beaverdale, PA



An FCSU Sales Seminar was held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the Beaverdale Fire Station, 411 Cedar Street, Beaverdale, PA. The seminar, conducted by the Membership & Marketing Committee of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), was held directly after District 17's meeting and luncheon, starting around 2:30PM. Members of District 13 also were invited.



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Interested in learning more about FCSU insurance and annuity products to recommend them to family and friends?

The following FCSU Sales Seminar has been finalized... All Are Welcome!



An FCSU Sales Seminar will be held on **September 28, 2014** at Tatra Hall, at 2526 Sixth Street, Muskegon Hts., MI, 49444. The seminar, which gives an overview of FCSU insurance and annuity products, will be held directly after Branch 595's meeting at 2:00PM (Editor's note: please watch for details of the Branch 595 meeting in upcoming issues of Jednota).

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



Slovak Sports Scoop –Latest Ice Hockey News

Tichomir Miko

Slovakia at the Worlds



One of two arenas used in Minsk when it hosted the 2014 IIHF World Championships from May 9 – 25, 2014

Team Slovakia ended its play at the 2014 78th IIHF World Championships in Minsk on May 20, 2014, on a positive note, defeating feisty Denmark 4-3. Speedy winger Tomas Tatar of the Detroit Red Wings scored twice, including the winning goal. Both teams had already been eliminated from advancing to the quarter-final round, and the game only helped to determine final placement. As a result of the victory, Slovakia finished 9th at these championships. Canada finished 5th.

"It was a pretty good game," said Tatar. "It was hard to find motivation for it. We didn't really have much to lose, but still, it does make a difference ending up the world championships with a win than to going home with a loss. It makes a difference for the ranking as well."

"We knew since yesterday that we wouldn't be in the quarter-finals and the players were disap-

pointed," said head coach Vladimir Vujtek. "But they showed character and they wanted to win, and we got the three points."

"Looking back, the Czechs score with two minutes left," said Ladislav Nagy of his team's opening 3-2 overtime loss to its neighboring rival. "We could have had three points there. Ten minutes left, we're up 3-1 against France, and we take a lot of penalties and they come back [to win 5-3]. We've got a lot of new guys on the team. Fourteen players are playing in their first World Championship. We have a lot of guys with talent. It's a really good experience for them."

The two North Americans teams qualified for the quarter-finals but failed to advance to the medal round; the USA lost 4-3 to the Czech Republic and Finland eliminated Canada 3-2 resulting in an all-European semi-final. On Saturday, May 24, Russia handled the defending champion Sweden 3-1 and the Finns blanked the Czech Republic 3 – 0.

Sunday, May 25 was medal day. Sweden, last year's champions, defeated the Czech Republic 3-0 to take home the Bronze. Russia, undefeated throughout the entire tournament, had little trouble with Finland routing the Finns 5 – 2. It is Russia's 5th gold medal at the IIHF tournament since the dissolution of the Soviet

Union. The USSR won the tournament 22 times before then. Canada has won gold 24 times, the last one in 2007.

Next year's World Championships will be held in Prague and Ostrava from May 1 to May 17. Slovakia will be part of the group that plays its preliminary round in Ostrava, making those games more accessible for Slovak fans. It is only 69.82mi / 112.36km from Zilina to Ostrava.

Best Jersey at Worlds? – Slovakia!

Slovakia may not have impressed the world with its hockey play at this year's IIHF World Championships, but the 'chalani' would have won gold had there been a medal for hockey fashion. According to Paul Romanuk, writer on the IIHF website, the best looking jerseys at the World Championships in Minsk belong to Slovakia. "To have imprinted on the jersey the words of the national anthem is something incredible!" he writes. "From a distance it looks like a gray strip, but up close one can see all the words of the anthem; very ingenious, I think."

Slovakia introduced the new version of jerseys just before the Sochi Olympics. Slovak National



The latest Slovak hockey jersey incorporates the words to the Slovak national anthem in its design.

Teams will be donning the jerseys with the words of the national anthem "Nad Tatrou sa blýska" for the whole four-year Olympic cycle.

"Some countries have similar special symbols on the inside of their jersey, but to be wrapped from the outside in the words of one's anthem is fascinating. And the words of your anthem are among the most beautiful," said Romanuk on the website of the Slovak Hockey Federation.

In partnership with the Ice Hockey Federation of Slovakia, Nike unveiled the Slovakian Ice Hockey National Team jersey for 2014 winter competition last November. The new jersey was launched with the help of Milan Bartovic, of the Men's Slovakian National Ice Hockey Team, and features a clean, modern design.

The design of the Slovakian National Team jersey is striking," said Bartovic, "I hope that all of our players and fans like the new jersey as much as I do. I really enjoy the new fit and material. It is lightweight, breathable and very comfortable."

The new design pays homage to the nation with an enlarged crest at the center front of the jersey that symbolizes Slovakia's heritage. The Slovakian national anthem is scripted through the jersey creating clean-cut lines, which flow symmetrically on the upper half of the jersey. The predominant use of white, blue and red represents the Slovakian flag and allows players to have their nation close to their heart as they play with pride.

Slovak Hockey Legend Retires

Team Slovakia's last game at the 2014 IIHF World Championships in Minsk on May 20th was also the last game in the illustrious career of hockey legend Miroslav Šatan. Following the 4-3 victory over Denmark, the native of Jacovce, a municipality in the Topoľčany District of the Nitra Region, made his announcement. He had to repeat his decision to leave international and club competition several times to the incredulous media scrum.

"It was my last match. I already announced earlier in the season that this would be my last competition. I find it hard to believe myself, but I think it is the right decision. I stand by it," said the 39 year old veteran. In the immediate future, Šatan wishes to devote himself to his family and to some well-deserved rest. At present, he cannot even imagine life without hockey, never having had the experience; since childhood to this day, hockey has been a large part of his life. "I hope to do some catching up with my family – making up for what I missed during the last six weeks, since I started preparing for these world championships. My daughter (Victoria) asks me every day, when I will be finally back at home," he added.

Miroslav Šatan was born Nov. 12, 1974 in Topoľčany where he grew up playing hockey. At 18 years of age he joined Dukla Trenčín with whom he won the Slovak Championship in 1994. Since then he has won two more national titles while wearing the Bratislava Slovan jersey (2005 and 2012). He was drafted 111th by the Edmonton Oilers in 1993. He went on to play for five NHL franchises; in addition to Edmonton he played for Buffalo, New York Islanders, Pittsburgh Penguins (with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 2009), and the Boston Bruins. He amassed an impressive 363 goals and 372 assists in 1050 NHL games. He played six games for Dynamo Moscow of the KHL in the 2020-2011 season. Since 2011 he has been playing for Slovan Bratislava.

In international play he has played at four Olympics (1994, 2002, 2006, 2010) and twelve IIHF World Championships. He was a member of the Slovak teams that won the gold medal in 2002, silver in 2000 and 2012, and a bronze in 2003. Šatan has played in 183 international matches, scoring 86 goals. He was the top scorer (9 goals) at the Olympics Games of 1994. He was also the top scorer at the World Championships in 2002. He was awarded the Golden Puck three times (2000, 2001, 2004) as Slovakia's Hockey Player of the Year.

"I cherish getting the gold medal from the Worlds in 2002 and winning the Stanley Cup with Pittsburgh in 2009 as the biggest achievements of my career," Šatan said.



Miroslav Šatan when he was with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. (telephonically).

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, June 20, 2014.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office prior to June 9, 2014.

For any additional information contact the Home Office at (216) 642-9406 or (800) JEDNOTA.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Recalling the Centennial of the Ordination of Monsignor Stephen J. Krasula, P.A.

Daniel F. Tanzone, Branch 41

June 5, 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the late Monsignor Stephen J. Krasula, P.A. of New York City. He was one of the most prominent pioneer Slovak priests in America. He was an active Slovak fraternalist throughout his priesthood. Our New York District of the First Catholic Slovak Union is named for Msgr. Krasula. In addition, Msgr. Krasula is also the patron of Group 1 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol which includes Sokol lodges in southern New York state and New Jersey.

A native of Namestovo, located in the region of Orava in north-central Slovakia, he was born there May 23, 1887. In the summer of 1907, at the invitation of the Rev. Francis Vlossak of Bethlehem, Pa., the twenty-year-old left his homeland and emigrated to the United States with the intention of serving as a priest among the Slovaks. That fall, he entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. to complete his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 5, 1914. He celebrated his first solemn Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, N.Y. on June 6, 1914, where his friend and fellow Slovak, the Rev. John J. Kubasek was pastor. A week later, on June 13, 1914, he celebrated a second solemn Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Torrington, Conn. where many of his fellow countrymen from Orava resided. On that occasion, the Torrington Slovaks presented him with a chalice which he used throughout his priesthood.

His first assignment was as an assistant to Father Kubasek in Yonkers, N.Y. The assignment was brief, since in November 1915, he was sent to St. John Nepomucene Church, then located on East 57th Street in Manhattan, to assist the ailing Rev. John Kropac. Following the death of Father Kropac on February 14, 1916, Father Krasula was appointed pastor of the New York City Slovak parish. His tenure there was historic. He was pastor for a total of 52 years, until his retirement in September 1968.

In 1923, Father Krasula purchased property at the corner of First Avenue and East 66th Street where a new church, school and rectory were built. The new church, often referred to as "the Slovak Basilica in New York," was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1925. During his early years in the parish, he actively supported the work of the local lodges of our Slovak fraternalists. He became a member of the former Assembly 60. He also took an active interest in the plight of the Slovaks in their ancestral homeland. In addition to our Slovak fraternalists, Father Krasula was active in the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation, where he served in a number of positions. He was the first editor of *The Good Shepherd - Dobry Pastier* and later served as national president. He also actively promoted the work of the Slovak League of America, establishing Assembly 1 in 1916, serving as its first president and later as a national officer. On September 21, 1917, Father Krasula helped to organize a dinner hosted by Slovak Catholic priests in the Northeast honoring General Milan R. Stefanik at New York's famed Plaza Hotel. General Stefanik was in America seeking the support of President Woodrow Wilson and the U.S. Congress for the newly proposed Czecho-Slovak Republic. The Slovak priests assured General Stefanik of the American Slovaks support for the liberation of the Slovaks and Czechs from Austro-Hungarian rule. The priests wanted to learn what position the Catholic Church would have in the new republic.

In 1926, he served as the chairman of the first New York-New Jersey Slovak Day observance at Fordham University which attracted more than 25,000 participants. That year, he welcomed the noted Slovak patriot, Msgr. Andrew Hlinka along with four bishops from Slovakia who came to the United States to participate in the International Eucharistic Congress in Chicago. He was also active in promoting the work of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius and through the *Matica Skolska* project helped to establish two Slovak high schools in America, the former St. Cyril Academy in Danville, Pa. and Benedictine High School in Cleveland, Oh.

Father Krasula's dedication and leadership were recognized early when on November 20, 1929, Pope Pius XI named him a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Monsignor, only the third Slovak priest in the United States to receive papal honors. Throughout his priesthood, Msgr. Krasula took an active interest in every major Slovak project in America. In 1937, he was again recommended for papal honors when he was named a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XI.

When Slovakia declared its independence on March 14 1939, most of the American Slovak community hailed this event. Msgr. Krasula was a member of a 10-member delegation of American Slovak leaders who met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House on October 18, 1940 seeking U.S. recognition for Slovakia. Sadly, the Slovak Republic 1939-1945 never received official diplomatic recognition from the United States.

Following World War II, Msgr. Krasula served as a director of the American Relief Fund for Czecho-Slovakia and worked closely with the Refugee Resettlement Committee of the American Bishops. Through his efforts, thousands of Slovak refugees came to the United States to build a new life for themselves and their families, many of whom settled in the New York - New Jersey metropolitan area. With the advent of Communism in the then Czecho-Slovakia., Msgr. Krasula alerted the American public to the persecution the Church was enduring in that country. Many Slovak bishops were imprisoned and seminaries and convents closed. He organized many Masses and rallies to acquaint the American public with the atheistic government which had gained control of Czecho-Slovakia.

Msgr. Krasula and his parishioners hosted the 31st National Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union in New York City, August 25-29, 1952. Msgr. Krasula was celebrant of the opening convention Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on August 24 in the presence of Francis Cardinal Spellman the Archbishop of New York. Msgr. Krasula was a long-time member of St. Matthew's Society, Branch 45 of the Jednota in New York City. It was this society which founded St. John Nepomucene Parish.

In the late 1950s, he was an early supporter of the project to build a Slovak spiritual center in the Eternal City of Rome. He helped raise large sums of money in support of the new Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. During the jubilee year of SS. Cyril and Methodius, marking the eleventh centenary of their arrival in Slovakia, he organized a great celebration at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 22, 1963. Later that year, he headed the pilgrimage to Rome for the dedication of the Slovak Institute or Ustav at it was known. On September 15, 1963, served as the deacon of honor to His Eminence, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the College of Cardinals, who dedicated the new Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius, now known as the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius. On that occasion, he was introduced to Pope Paul VI



Father Stephen J. Krasula, seated center, is shown following his first solemn Mass celebrated on June 6, 1914 at Most Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers N.Y. Flanking him are Monsignor Albert Lings, V.F., Dean of Westchester County and the Rev. John J. Kubasek, pastor of the Yonkers Slovak parish, as well as Slovak clergy, family and friends of the newly ordained from Olyphant, Pa. The tall gentleman with mustache (top row center) was Valentin Novajovsky. Mr. Novajovsky was a founder of Branch 10 of the Jednota in Olyphant, Pa. and was a delegate to the 2nd National Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union in 1891. At that convention he was elected the organization's financial secretary and in 1905 was elected national vice president. His son, Msgr. Andrew A. Novajovsky, would later serve as an assistant at the Yonkers Slovak parish from 1919 to 1923 and then pastor from 1950 to 1969.

as "the patriarch of Slovak priests in America". During the special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on September 16, 1963, he preached in Slovak.

Upon his return to New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman announced that Pope Paul VI named him to the dignity of Prothonotary Apostolic, the highest rank of Monsignor. He celebrated his first Solemn Pontifical Mass on December 8, 1963. In 1964, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. In the spring of 1965, he served as the chairperson of the 43rd National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation and was chairman of the Slovak Day observance held at the New York World's Fair.

In the spring of 1966, Msgr. Krasula was feted at a truly unique event in the life of a priest - the 50th anniversary of his service as pastor of St. John Nepomucene Parish. More than 700 guests turned out to honor him at a gala dinner held at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel. With his strength and vigor waning, he quietly retired as pastor in the fall of 1968.

Msgr. Krasula passed away peacefully on March 14, 1970. His funeral, presided over by New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke, was held on March 18. It was one of the largest tributes given a Slovak priest. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Queens, N.Y.

We reverence the memory of Monsignor Stephen J. Krasula on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Throughout his ministry, he beautifully mirrored our ageless motto of "For God and Nation" - *Za Boha a narod* - in the best traditions of our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith.

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 10

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**First Catholic Slovak Union
2014 National Golf Tournament
July 18 – 20, 2014**

**Chestnut Ridge and Tom's Run Golf Courses
Blairsville, PA**

Deadline for Entry Forms is June 19, 2014

	Sat. Banquet (X)	Sunday BBQ (X)	9 Holes Only* (X)	Name	Address	Phone or E-Mail	Branch and Certificate Number
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*For women or seniors age 75+. 9-hole players must play together; no 18-hole player and 9-hole player foursomes allowed.

GOLFERS (fees are listed per person):	
18-Hole Players	\$100.00
9-Hole Players	\$55.00
Tournament Fee	\$ 8.00
Prize Fee	\$12.00
Saturday Banquet	\$15.00
Sunday BBQ	\$15.00

NON-GOLFERS:	
Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending	
_____	Will attend Hospitality Night @ \$0.00
_____	Guest Banquet Dinners @ \$35.00
_____	FCSU Member Banquet Dinners @ \$15.00
_____	Will attend Sunday BBQ @\$15.00

Mail Entry Fee Payable to: FCSU Activities Mail to: FCSU Golf 234 Ilion St. Pgh. PA 15207
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Room accommodations provided by

Hampton Inn & Suites Blairsville
62 Pine Ridge Rd.
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-5920

Room Rates: \$129 + tax per night - indicate you are with the FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
Check in time: 3 PM

Deadline for Reservations is June 19, 2014

\$ _____ **TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM**

2014 Golf Tournament Info Sheet	
Friday, July 18	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Night, Hampton Inn Blairsville, 6:00 - 9:30 PM 	
Saturday, July 19	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration begins at 7 AM. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM. Chestnut Ridge Golf Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 132 Pine Ridge Road Blairsville, PA Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes Mass begins at 5:00pm at the Chestnut Gardens Pavilion Cocktails at 6 PM with buffet dinner at 6:30 PM at the Chestnut Gardens Pavilion 	
Sunday, July 20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shotgun starts at 8:30 AM. Please arrive no later than 8:00 AM. Tom's Run Golf Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 132 Pine Ridge Road Blairsville, PA Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes Awards Barbeque to begin at 1 PM at the Chestnut Gardens Pavilion 	
Code of Conduct and Dress Code (per Chestnut Ridge Resort)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper conduct is expected by players while on the golf course. Players should adhere to cart path rules, replace divots, repair ball marks, and rake sand traps. Unruly behavior, foul language, golf cart abuse, club throwing, and hitting into groups will not be tolerated. Proper attire required. Collared shirts preferred. No cut off shorts. Soft spikes are MANDATORY. 	
Hotel Information	
Prices have been negotiated at the following hotel: Hampton Inn and Suites Blairsville 62 Pine Ridge Rd. Blairsville, PA 15717 724-459-5920 Room Rate: \$129/night +tax Suite Rate: \$139/night + tax	
** Cut off date June 19, 2014, for Group Rate** ** Mention the First Catholic Slovak Union to receive the Group Rate ** Hotel check in time is 3 PM. Checkout time is 11 AM.	

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Villa Sacred Heart
Danville PA 17821

Summer Festival
July 12
Saturday, 2014
10:30 am - 5:00 pm
Fun·Food·Baked Goods·Games·FleaMarket·Dinner
Saturday Mass for Sunday 5pm in the Basilica

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours



The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014, in observance of Independence Day.

Správy zo Slovenska

Slováci patria k Európanom, ktorí EÚ vnímajú viac pozitívne ako negatívne

Brusel/Bratislava 12. mája (TASR) - Väčšina Európanov, 34 percent, tvrdí, že o Európskej únii má všeobecne pozitívnu predstavu. Negatívne vníma úniu 26 percent respondentov. Vyplyva to z dnes zverejneného prieskumu Eurobarometra s názvom Európania 2014. Slováci zdieľajú na EÚ 34-percentný pozitívny názor, negatívne ju vníma 23 percent Slovákov a neutrálny postoj k únii má 42 percent občanov SR.

Prieskumy z jesene 2013 naznačovali iba 31-percentnú pozitívnu predstavu Európanov o EÚ. Rastúci optimizmus nameral prieskum Eurobarometra aj pokiaľ ide o ekonomický výhľad v Európe a ďalšie smerovanie EÚ. Európania v 20 z 28 členských štátov uviedli, že už v priebehu roka očakávajú zlepšenie ekonomickej situácie vo svojej krajine.

Slováci sú skeptickí, čo sa týka súčasného stavu ekonomiky svojej krajiny, keď za dobrý ho označilo 15 percent a za zlý 84 percent. Podľa prieskumu 19 percent Slovákov verí, že sa za jeden rok situácia slovenskej ekonomiky zlepší, 52 percent si myslí, že situácia bude rovnaká a 27 percent predvída zhoršenie stavu.

Eurobarometer naznačil, že Slovákov v roku 2014 najviac trápi nezamestnanosť (61 percent), zlá ekonomická situácia (34 percent), rastúce ceny a inflácia (28 percent), zdravotná a sociálna starostlivosť (16 percent), zločinnosť (12 percent), dôchodky (9 percent) a vysoké dane (7 percent) a až potom stav vzdelania (4 percentá), klimatické otázky (2 percentá) otázka imigrácie (1 percento).

Podľa Slovákov hodnoty, ktoré najviac reprezentujú EÚ, sú mier (46 percent), demokracia (32 percent), solidarita so slabšími (29 percent), ľudské práva (26 percent), rešpekt pre ľudský život a tiež individuálne slobody (po 14 percent), právny štát a aj rešpekt pre iné kultúry (po 13 percent), potom tolerancia (9 percent), rovnosť (8 percent) a nakoniec sebarealizácia (7 percent) a otázky náboženstva (4 percentá).

POLITIKA: Súčasný prezident

Ivan Gašparovič sa stretol so svojim nástupcom

Bratislava 22. mája (TASR) - Nastupujúci prezident SR Andrej Kiska sa dnes stretol v Tatranskej Javorine s úradujúcou hlavou štátu Ivanom Gašparovičom. TASR o tom informoval Kiskov tím, podľa ktorého stretnutie inicioval Gašparovič a trvalo približne dve hodiny. Potvrdil to aj hovorca súčasného prezidenta Marek Trubač. Gašparovič je na pracovnom výjazde na východe Slovenska.

Témou rozhovoru boli praktické otázky spojené s inauguráciou nového prezidenta 15. júna a fungovaním prezidentského úradu v období prechodu. Hovorili aj o niektorých otázkach zahraničnej politiky, ako napríklad o samite prezidentov V4 a nemeckej hlavy štátu v Budapešti 16. júna.

Kiska sa na Gašparoviča obrátil listom so žiadosťou o stretnutie 7. apríla. Odchádzajúci prezident však nevidel nutnosť osobne meritórne posudzovať politické otázky, o ktorých Kiska priebežne informoval prostredníctvom médií. Zároveň však nevylúčil, že sa s ním pred jeho inauguráciou neformálne stretne.

EUVOLBY14: Zvíťazil Smer, v EP sú

aj KDH, SDKÚ, Most, SaS, OĽaNO, NOVA a SMK

Bratislava 25. mája (TASR) - V novom europarlamente budú za Slovensko sedieť poslanci strán Smer-SD, KDH, SDKÚ-DS, SaS, NOVA, OĽaNO, Most-Híd a SMK. Vyplyva to z oficiálnych výsledkov volieb do Európskeho parlamentu (EP), ktoré dnes zverejnila Ústredná volebná komisia.

Smer-SD získal 24,09 percenta, čo znamená štyri mandáty. To je o jeden menej, ako má strana v súčasnosti. KDH má 13,21 percenta, obsadí dva mandáty. Nasleduje SDKÚ-DS (7,75 percenta), tiež tak získala dva mandáty. OĽaNO so 7,46 percentami hlasov získalo jeden mandát. Strany NOVA (6,83 percenta), SaS (6,66 percenta), SMK (6,53 percenta) a Most-Híd (5,83 percenta) získali vďaka volebnému výsledku po jednom mandáte.



Medzinárodný letný tábor Matice slovenskej

Nezabudnuteľné zážitky a bohatý dvojtýždenný program ponúka letný tábor Matice slovenskej, ktorý už po 23-krát otvára svoje brány.

Nielen oddych, krásnu tatranskú prírodu, ale aj atraktívny program si vychutnajú všetci tí, ktorí sa rozhodnú stráviť prvé dva júlové týždne v stredisku Detský raj Tatranská Lesná vo Vysokých Tatrách. Tábor Matice slovenskej navštevujú deti zo všetkých kútov Slovenska i zo zahraničia. Na početných prechádzkach a túrach ani v tomto roku neobídeme kaskádové Vodopády Studeného potoka, čarovné tatranské horské chaty a útulne, Štrbské, Popradské, Jamské, či Hincové plesá. Vodu okúsime aj v neďalekom popradskom Aquacity. Povožíme sa na Kométe, historickej železnici, vyberieme sa do zoolgickej záhrady i na hrad. Navštívime Važeckú jaskyňu s kost'ami jaskynného medveďa, absolvujeme skvelé adrenalínové jazdy na motokárach.

Nebol by to matičný tábor, keby doň opäť nezavítal remeselník s ukázkami tradičného slovenského remesla. Tento raz deťom predvedie svoje zručnosti drevorezbár. Toto krásne, tradičné remeslo si deti budú môcť aj vlastnoručne vyskúšať.

Zábavné popoludnie si pre deti pripravili profesionálni hasičskí záchranári a ako prezradili, nenechajú na nás ani nitku suchú. So svojimi zážitkami a skúsenosťami sa prídeme podeliť skúsený horský vodca a jedno popoludnie bude patriť našim štvornohým kamarátom – psíkom z tréningovej stanice v Štrbe. Bobová dráha, lezecká stena, športové turnaje, hry a diskotéky sú samozrejmosťou. No a večer si posedíme pri táborovej vatre, opečieme špekáčiky.

Ak máte deti vo veku od 7 do 16 rokov a chcete, aby prežili zábavné prázdniny, nezabudnite poslať čo najskôr prihlášku. Ten tohtoročný tábor začína už 29. 6. 2014. Ďalšie informácie nájdete na internetovej stránke www.matica.sk. Tešíme sa na Vás.

Mária Sokolíková



V eurovoľbách volilo na Slovensku opäť rekordne málo ľudí. Účasť bola nižšia ako v predchádzajúcich voľbách pred piatimi rokmi, a to 13,05 percenta.

Trinást miest slovenských europoslancov v Európskom parlamente obsadia: Maroš Šefčovič, Monika Flašíková Beňová, Boris Zala, Vladimír Maňka (všetci Smer-SD), Anna Záborská, Miroslav Mikolášik (oba ja KDH), Ivan Štefanec, Eduard Kukan (obaja SDKÚ-DS), Branislav Škripek (OĽaNO), József Nagy (Most-Híd), Richard Sulík (SaS), Pál Csáky (SMK) a Jana Žitňanská (NOVA, KDS, OKS).

Oficiálne výsledky volieb do EP sa začali zverejňovať rovnako ako v ostatných štátoch EÚ dnes o 23.00 h v sídle Informačnej kancelárie Európskeho parlamentu na Slovensku na bratislavských Palisádach.

Ako uviedla zapisovateľka Ústrednej volebnej komisie (ÚVK) Eva Chmelová, voľby mali bezproblémový priebeh. Noví europoslanci sa ujmú svojich funkcií 1. júla na prvom plenárnom zasadnutí Európskeho parlamentu.

R. Fico: SR má jediného kandidáta na eurokomisára, a tým je Maroš Šefčovič

Brusel/Bratislava 28. mája (TASR) - Slovensko má jediného kandidáta na komisára v novej Európskej komisii (EK), a tým je súčasný podpredseda EK Maroš Šefčovič. Po utorkovom stretnutí lídrov EÚ v Bruseli to na tlačovej konferencii vyhlásil premiér Robert Fico. Verí, že Šefčovič si svojou prácou za posledných päť rokov získal také renomé v EK, že sa mu podarí vybojovať takú pozíciu, ktorá zodpovedá nielen jeho dobrej povesti, ale aj tomu, ako sa Slovensko správalo v EÚ v poslednom období.

Premiér Fico zároveň deklaroval pripravenosť na diskusie s novým šéfom EK o obsahových otázkach, týkajúcich sa agendy, ktorá je pre Slovensko zaujímavá. Mandát súčasnej EK sa končí 1. novembra. Ako v rozhovore pre TASR uviedol Šefčovič, vždy inklinoval k ekonomicko-politickým témam, takže túto oblasť by preferoval aj v budúcom päťročnom období novej komisie.

Eurokomisár bol lídrom kandidátky Smeru-SD v nedávnych voľbách do EP. K tomuto kroku sa rozhodol preto, aby získal demokratickú legitimitu od občanov vo svojom ďalšom pôsobení v EK. Vo voľbách získal najvyšší počet preferenčných hlasov zo všetkých kandidátov do europarlamentu. Preferenčným „krúžkom“ ho označilo 66.966 voličov.

J.BLANÁR: Rozhodnutie Krakovčanov

odmietnuť kandidatúru treba rešpektovať

Žilina 26. mája (TASR) - Predseda Slovenského prípravného výboru Zimných olympijských hier (ZOH) Krakov 2022 a zároveň predseda Žilinského samosprávneho kraja (ŽSK) Juraj Blanár dnes listom oficiálne požiadal predsedníčku poľského prípravného výboru, viceprimátorku Krakova Magdalenu Srokovú o stanovisko k odmietnutiu olympijskej kandidatúry Krakova v referende.

Výsledok referenda podľa neho jasnou rečou potvrdil, že obyvatelia odmietli kandidatúru Krakova. Poľské mesto Krakov dnes oznámilo odstúpenie od kandidatúry na usporiadanie zimných olympijských hier v roku 2022. Mesto stiahlo projekt krátko po tom, čo boli známe oficiálne výsledky nedelňajšieho referenda. V ňom sa obyvatelia Krakova vyslovili jasne proti kandidatúre poľského mesta na usporiadanie ZOH 2022. S kandidatúrou nesúhlasili vyše dve tretiny zúčastnených voličov, presne 69,7 percenta. Volebná účasť na referende, ktoré prebiehalo súčasne s voľbami do Európskeho parlamentu, dosiahla 35,96 percenta. Keďže účasť bola cez 30 percent, výsledky referenda sú platné a záväzné pre orgány mesta, informoval server gazeta.pl.

Krakov kandidoval na zimnú olympiádu v roku 2022 spolu so Zakopaným a slovenským strediskom Jasná, kde sa mali uskutočniť súťaže v alpskom lyžovaní. Po jeho odstúpení zostávajú v hre už iba Almaty, Peking, Lvov a Oslo. Exekutíva Medzinárodného olympijského výboru (MOV) rozhodne 8. - 9. júla v Lausanne, ktoré mestá postúpia do záverečnej fázy výberu. Dejisko olympiády pridelia 31. júla 2015 na zasadnutí MOV v Kuala Lumpur.



Minister Čaplovič prišiel povzbudiť detské súbory v New Yorku

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

a školkám Slovákov v zahraničí dodaním učebníc a iných učebných pomôcok.

Prvé vystúpenie mal súbor Limboráčik z New Yorku, ktorý sa predstavil viacerými tancami a spevmi. Je to kvalitný a dobre nacvičený súbor, ktorý spestruje národné programy v New Yorku a na okolí už 10 rokov pod vedením odborných učiteliek Marty Finkovej a Dany Podzubanovej. Limboráčik má 70 členov.

Potom sa predstavil zmesou slovenských piesní s titulom Spievanky, spievanky detský súbor zo slovenského gréckokatolíckeho kostola Sv. Márie v Hillsboro, N.J. Je to nový súbor, ktorý bol založený v r. 2013 pri slovenskej škole a postupne rozširuje svoje členstvo a svoj repertoár pod vedením Zuzany Maziarz.

Obecenstvo ocenilo vystúpenia súborov vďačným potleskom. SAKS plánuje pokračovať aj v budúcnosti s predstavami detských tanečných a speváckych súborov, ktorých je v New Yorku a New Jersey niekoľko.

Na záver predsedníčka Z. Krčmárová oboznámila prítomných s novou symfonickou skladbou majstra Petra Breinera „Slovenské tance“ a vyzvala ich, aby si prečítali podrobné informácie na webovej stránke www.slovakdances.com. SAKS podporuje túto akciu a vedie na jej realizáciu zbierku. O tomto projekte krátko prehovoril aj Sasha Santiago.

Po predstavení nasledovalo spoločenské posedenie so slovenskými pochúťkami, pri ktorom minister Čaplovič a jeho sprievod mali možnosť sa oboznámiť s kultúrnym prostredím a aktivitami v oblasti New Yorku.



Detský súbor z Hillsboro, NJ s ministrom školstva SR, D. Čaplovičom. Vpravo je vedúca súboru Zuzana Maziarz.



Newyorský súbor Limboráčik. Vľavo sú učiteľky Martina Finková a Dana Podzubanová a vpravo je konzulka Zuzana Kapustová. V strede je minister Čaplovič.

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine do West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v New York City Vás pozýva na tradičnú slovenskú katolícku púť v nedeľu dňa **10. augusta 2014** do **Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, New York 10993**. Spoveď bude pred slovenskou svätou omšou, ktorá bude o 11.00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed bude nasledovať o 12.30 hodine odpoľudnia. Ružencová procesia začne o 2:30 hodine odpoľudnia. Bližšie informácie Vám podajú: Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922. Kto má záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, ktorý bude prístavený pri kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, má sa prihlásiť u Márii Božekovej (347)612-1934. Autobus bude k dispozícii ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov.

Zájazd do divadla Sight & Sound Lancaster, PA

Zájazd na divadelné predstavenie s náboženskou tematikou „Mozes“ do divadla **Sight & Sound Lancaster, Pennsylvania** (pravdepodobne 2-dňový s nocľahom) **jeseň 2014** – presný termín bude oznámený – podľa záujemcov.

Bližšie informácie Vám podajú: Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922; Mária Božeková (347) 612-1934.

Na prestížnej súťaži v Los Angeles Slovenka získala medailu

Na prestížnej svetovej súťaži vedeckých projektov stredoškôľakov Intel ISEF získala mladá Slovenka zlatú medailu. Súťaž sa tento rok konala 11. až 16. mája v Los Angeles v štáte Kalifornia.

Slovensko na súťaži v USA reprezentovala výprava štyroch mladých nadaných vedcov. „V hlavnom hodnotení sa spomedzi viac ako 1700 žiakov stredných škôl z celého sveta na nádhernom prvom mieste v kategórii Astronómia umiestnila 17-ročná Michaela Brchnelová z Bratislavy,“ uviedla Bronislava Czinegeová z Asociácie pre mládež, vedu a techniku (AMAVET), ktorá spolu so združením Mladí vedci Slovenska, nominuje slovenských účastníkov do súťaže.

Brchnelová sa na súťaži Intel ISEF zúčastnila už po druhýkrát. Vlni získala špeciálne ocenenie Priscilla and Bart Bok vydávané Pacifickou astronomickou spoločnosťou a Americkou astronomickou spoločnosťou za svoj projekt X-ray merania dynamiky vybraných pozostatkov supernov. Okrem toho sa vtedy umiestnila na druhom mieste a okrem ceny získala odmenu 500 dolárov a lístok a letenku na udeľovanie cien v americkom Washington. Tohtoročné umiestnenie a odmenu 3,000 dolárov za prvú cenu, 1,500 dolárov za špeciálnu prvú cenu Koalície pre plazmovú vedu a výlet do švajčiarskeho CERNu v hodnote 5,000 dolárov získala za svoj projekt O urýchľovaní častíc v Tychovom pozostatku po supernove.

Intel ISEF (Intel International Science and Engineering Fair) je podľa Czinegeovej najväčšia a jediná celosvetová súťaž pre študentov stredných škôl, ktorú od roku 1950 organizuje Spoločnosť pre vedu a verejnosť. Ide o program, ktorý patrí pod Spoločnosť pre vedu a verejnosť a jeho cieľom je inšpirovať študentov k riešeniu náročných otázok vedy a problémov blízkej budúcnosti. ISEF oceňuje najslubnejších mladých podnikateľov, inovátorov a vedcov. Finalisti sú nominovaní stovkami národných združení a tieto projekty následne na mieste posudzuje priamo na mieste viac ako 1200 porotcov spomedzi všetkých vedeckých disciplín, pričom každý z nich by mal mať titul Ph.D., alebo ekvivalentných šesť rokov súvisiacich profesionálnych skúseností v jednej z niektorých vedeckých disciplín. Tento rok sa ho zúčastnilo viac ako 1700 študentov stredných škôl z približne 70 krajín, pričom súťažili o takmer päť miliónov amerických dolárov.

Michaela Brchnelová, ktorá si zo súťaže odniesla trofej v podobe zlatej medaily, bola víťazkou Festivalu vedy a techniky, ktorý na Slovensku organizuje AMAVET.

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IN MEMORIAM

Jožko Smák odišiel na večný odpočinok

Náš popredný jednotársky pracovník a prispievateľ do slovenskej časti JEDNOTA Jožko Smák dňa 28. apríla 2014 vo veku 93 rokov odovzdal svoju dušu Pánovi. Nebohý zomrel v Hospice Archdale, North Carolina, kde svoje posledné dni trávil. S drahým zosnulým sa rozlúčila rodina, priatelia a známi svätou omšou v piatok 2. mája 2014 v Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church 4145 Johnson Street High Point, North Carolina.

Jožko Smák sa narodil 13. apríla 1921 v Majcichove pri Trnave, kde aj vychodil ľudovú školu. Ako vojak Slovenskej armády absolvoval dvojročnú Obchodnú školu v Bratislave. V roku 1948 emigroval najprv do rakúskeho Salzburgu, kde pobudol 6 mesiacov a odtiaľ odišiel do exilu. Krátky čas trávil vo Veľkej Británii, Kanade a nakoniec však trvalo sa usadil v Spojených štátoch v New Yorku. Tu sa zoznámil so Slovenkou Juditou Višňovskou z Púchova. V roku 1956 v Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého uzavreli manželstvo. Jožko s manželkou vzorne vychovali troje detí, ktoré neustále zapájali do slovenských kultúrnych podujatí.

Nebohý najprv pracoval v oblasti inžinierstva a stavebných sietí pre firmu Amman Whitney Consulting Eng. Corporation a viac ako 40 rokov pre Civil Consulting Corporation v Harrisburgu, PA. Slovenské srdce, ktoré v ňom bilo sa prejavovalo už po svojom príchode do Anglie, kde sa stal členom Združenia slovenskej mládeže vo Veľkej Británii. Jožko nikdy neodmietol pomoc, ba naopak, bol iniciátorom mnohých slovenských aktivít. Krátky čas pracoval aj v Jednote v Middletowne, PA. V Pensylvánii bol vedúci chlapčenského Skautu a členom Združenia Slovenských katolíkov. Viac ako 20 rokov úspešne viedol funkciu predsedu Spolku č. 278 IKSJ v Middletowne, PA. Jožko s manželkou Juditou robili nespočetné množstvo výstav slovenských prác, z ktorých najväčšia bola v Štátnom múzeu v Harrisburgu, PA. S týmito výstavami putovali do rôznych štátov na podujatia, kde sa propagovala slovenská kultúra. Na každej výstave sa predstavili tzv. „Slovenskou dedinou“. Pre krásu týchto prác a pre ich zachovanie pre budúce generácie, „Slovenská dedina“ bola sfilmovaná Štátnym Departmentom na výstave „Slovak Day in New York State Park“ a je uložená v USA Dept. of Interior vo Washington, DC. Podobne s veľkým úspechom zorganizoval a osobne pripravil s manželkou výstavu aj na Svetovom festivale mládeže v Mount Airy Lodge, PA. Od svojho odchodu nebohý navštívil Slovensko dvakrát.

Zosnulý nepretržite pracoval v publikačnej činnosti a hlavne potešoval až do konca svojho života, čitateľov JEDNOTY svojimi básničkami, v ktorých vyjadroval svoj vrúcny vzťah k rodnému Slovensku. Nebohého výnimočnosť ostane žit navždy v srdciach čitateľov a známych. *Odpočinutie večné daj mu Pane a nech mu večné svetlo svieti! Česť jeho pamiatke!*

Kultúrna pracovníčka Marta M. Kona skonala

V apríli t.r. skonala v Toledo, Ohio známa slovenská kultúrna pracovníčka, autorka a profesorka emeritus Marta M. Kona. Viac termínov zastávala aj funkciu podpredsedníčky Slovenskej ligy v Amerike a bola tiež členkou Užšieho predsedníctva Svetového kongresu Slovákov.

Narodila sa v Bánovciach na Slovensku. S rodičmi prišla do Ameriky v roku 1950. Rodina sa usadila v Chicagu, kde sa jej otec Albert Miština stal známym spolkovým pracovníkom. Do slovenského života v tomto veľmeste sa dostala aj Marta ešte v mladom veku.

Marta získala diplom v ekonomike na Dominikánskej univerzite v River Forest, Illinois. Stala sa však odborníčkou a knihovníčkou v odbore medicíny a neskoršie profesorkou na University of Illinois. Je autorkou viacerých publikácií, medzi nimi Slovakiana in the Western World a Slovak Americans and Canadians in American Catholic Who s Who. Bola tiež spoluautorkou a redaktorkou knihy Arcibiskup Dr. Karol Kmeťko.

Prof. Marta Kona bola členkou vo viacerých slovenských fraternalistických a národných organizáciách a združeniach. Najviac sa však venovala práci v Slovenskej lige v Amerike, kde bola podpredsedníčkou a hlavnou poradkyňou v otázkach amerického cenzusu. V Svetovom kongrese Slovákov zastávala funkciu predsedníčky Komisie pre kultúru a národné dedičstvo. Mala však viaceré funkcie aj v americkom kultúrnom a vedeckom živote. Uvedená je vo vyše 20 Who s Who publikáciách.

V posledných rokoch jej choroba znemožnila aktívnu účasť v slovenských daniach. Zomrela vo veku 83 rokov. Jej pohreb sa konal 29. apríla v Gesu Catholic Church v Toledo, Ohio. Pochovaná je v miestnom cintoríne. Slovenská Amerika v nej stráca jednu z najúspešnejších a najaktívnejších Sloveniek. R.I.P.

Dr. Ervin Lepko vo večnosti

Dňa 3. mája 2014 sa navždy zastavilo srdce drahého, vždy usmievaného priateľa Dr. Ervina Lepku. Bol dobre známym slovenským lekárom v New Yorku a v New Jersey a slovenská verejnosť v ňom stráca štedrého podporovateľa mnohých kultúrnych a národných podujatí.

Dr. Lepko sa narodil 11. februára 1928 v Bratislave na Slovensku, kde ukončil svoje štúdiá na Vysokej lekárskej škole v roku 1952. Pracoval ako gynekológ v Michalovciach, kde sa stretol so svojou manželkou Juditou, ktorá je aktívnou členkou Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty. V decembri 1963 manželia Lepkovi emigrovali do Anglie, potom do Holandska a nakoniec v roku 1968 prišli do Spojených štátov amerických.

Dr. Lepko v Amerike najprv pracoval v Mt. Sinai Hospital v New Yorku a a neskoršie sa stal asistentom a profesorom na Downstate Medical School. Po čase si otvoril vlastnú prax ako anesteziológ v Lenox Hill Hospital v New Yorku, kde pracoval až do svojho dôchodku v roku 1998. Dr. Lepko s manželkou Juditou boli mnoho rokov aktívnymi účastníkmi a štedrými podporovateľmi slovenského kultúrneho života v New Yorku.

17. októbra 2004 arcibiskup arcidiecézy Newark John J. Meyers udelil Dr. Lepkovi Zlatú medailu (Archdiocesan Sesquicentennial Cathedral Golden Jubilee Medal) v Basilica Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark za jeho záslužnú prácu pre arcidiecézu a finančnú podporu jej podujatí. V tejto Bazilike oslávili manželia Lepkovi 50 jubileum svojho manželstva.

Pohrebnú svätú omšu dňa 7. mája 2014 v kostole Svätej Cecílie, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey odslúžil Rev. George Torok za koncelebrácie kňazov Rev. Vladimír Chripko, Rev. František Čonka, Rev. Martin Kertýs, Rev. Roman Palečko a Rev. Štefan Chanas, za spevu organistu a známeho speváka Radoslava Lesayho. Slová rozlúčky s rodinou, priateľmi a všetkými prítomnými predniesol krstný syn nebohého, Dr. Pavol Jendrek. Záverom svätej omše nebohému prítomní zapievali: „Blíž k Tebe Bože môj“. Nebohého Dr. Lepku pochovali na blízkom cintoríne v Englewood Cliffs, N.J. *Nech odpočívá vo svätom pokoji!*



Na snímke Rev. George Torok vyjadruje úprimnú sústrasť manželke nebohého, Judite Lepko.



Dr. Ervin Lepko.

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



Záver z pohrebnej sv. omše v kostole Sv. Cecílie Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Zľava: Judita Lepko so svojimi dvoma sestrami a neterou. Vzadu druhý zľava krstný syn nebohého, Dr. Pavol Jendrek.

Zomrel páter Šebastián Labo SJ

Slovensko sa v utorok rozlúčilo s kňazom P. Šebastiánom Labom SJ, ktorý zomrel vo veku nedožitých 83 rokov 22. mája uprostred rehoľnej komunity seniorátu Spoločnosti Ježišovej v Ivanke pri Dunaji. Na vzácneho človeka, na ktorého zostane trvalou spomienkou jeho sympatický humor a životný elán, spomínala rodina, priatelia, stovky známych a veriacich. Záušnú svätú omšu za zosnulého kňaza celebraval v jezuitskom Kostole Najsvätejšej Trojice v Trnave Mons. Ján Orosch, trnavský arcibiskup, koncelebrovali prešovský arcibiskup Mons. Ján Babjak a desiatky diecéznych i rehoľných kňazov z viacerých častí Slovenska i zo zahraničia. Superior trnavských jezuitov, P. František Gábríš SJ prečítal prítomným časť z obsiahleho duchovného testamentu otca Šebastiána. Nitriansky biskup Mons. Viliam Judák celebraval o 16.00 pohrebnú svätú omšu vo Valaskej Belej, rodisku P. Šebastiána Laba, spolu s ním koncelebrovali opäť desiatky kňazov.



P. Šebastián Labo SJ

Homíliu pri obidvoch pohrebných svätých omšiach mal P. Emil Váni SJ, jeho posledný rehoľný predstavený v komunite seniorátu slovenských jezuitov. Istotu večného života podložil slovami Svätého písma o pšeničnom zrne, ktoré musí odumrieť, aby prinieslo bohatú úrodu. So životopisom prítomných oboznámil P. Peter Girašek SJ a bohatú činnosť pátra Šebastiána v zahraničí najmä po boku biskupa Pavla Hnilicu SJ dosvedčil vo svojom príhovore Jozef Rydlo. Starosta Valaskej Belej Miloš Čúcik v mene občanov poďakoval P. Šebastiánovi za jeho vrúcny vzťah k rodnej obci a za šírenie jej dobrého mena vo svete a pripomenul, že v roku 1999 mu bolo udelené čestné občianstvo obce Valaská Belá, čestný doktorát Trnavskej univerzity i štátne vyznamenanie Pribinov kríž III. triedy. Miestny farár, vdp. Štefan Nižník a P. Peter Dušička SVD rodák z Valaskej Belej, a provinciál jezuitov P. Rudolf Uher SJ poďakovali pátrovi Labovi za jeho príklad kňazského života, ktorý vzbudil nové povolania k Bohu zasvätenému životu.

Páter Šebastián Labo SJ pochádzal z obce Valaská Belá (okr. Prievidza), kde sa narodil 19. júna 1931. V roku 1951 zmaturoval na Slovenskom gymnáziu v Kláštore pod Znievom. Na Slovenskej univerzite v Bratislave študoval archívnicstvo a historické vedy. V rokoch 1956–1963 pracoval v Bratislave, a to v Štátnom slovenskom ústrednom archíve. Keď v ňom dozrela túžba stať sa kňazom, kvôli jej splneniu musel emigrovať. V Ríme na Pápežskej Lateránskej univerzite študoval filozofiu a teológiu a dňa 1. marca 1969 bol biskupom Pavlom Hnilicom SJ vysvätený za kňaza. Potom vstúpil k jezuitom a stal sa blízkym spolupracovníkom biskupa P. Hnilicu v jeho diele Pro fratibus, ktorého zameraním bolo pomáhať prenasledovaným kresťanom v komunistických krajinách. V roku 1971 v nemeckom Koblenzi začal vydávať časopis Pro fratibus – Stimme der schweigenden Kirche.

Na literárnom poli sa stal známym svojou knihou Zabijem pastiera, ktorá vyšla najprv po nemecky (Das Attentat auf den Papst) v roku 1982 a po tom neskôr aj v ďalších siedmich jazykoch. Popri vyše tridsaťročnej redaktorskej práci a rozsiahlej kazateľskej činnosti v Nemecku, Rakúsku, Taliansku, Švajčiarsku a Luxembursku, kde sa prihovril bezmála miliónu veriacich, je autorom dvadsiatich kníh, najmä o apoštolských cestách pápežov: dnes už svätého Jána Pavla II. a žijúceho emeritného pápeža Benedikta XVI. Lietajúci pútnik 20. storočia mapuje všetky zahraničné cesty sv. Jána Pavla II. má osem zväzkov. Návštevy Jána Pavla II. na Slovensku sú zachytené v osobitných publikáciách a kniha Utrpenie, smrť a pohreb Jána Pavla Veľkého približuje posledné dni tohto svätca našich čias.

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Sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého - Turíc

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Židia dať tomuto sviatku duchovnú podstatu a začali ho označovať ako „deň vydania Zákona“. Pri tejto jednodennej slávnosti bola predčítaná kniha Rút. Pre kresťanov je v prenesenom zmysle tento sviatok takisto vďakvydaním za úrodu – Kristovú žatvu je založenie Cirkvi a Turíce sú jej zrodom – teda „narodeninami“. Už tradične sa na Svätodušnú nedeľu udeľovala sviatosť birmovania mladým ľuďom. Dnes sa udeľovanie sviatosti birmovania rozťahlo na mnohé týždne a nebirmuje sa už len v dóme ale, aj vo farských spoločenstvách. Prijatie sviatosti birmovania má urobiť z mladých uvedomelých a zodpovedných kresťanov. Sviatosť birmovania (lat. confirmatio = posilnenie) dokonáva a spečatňuje krst a má byť vedomým súhlasom mladých ľudí s vierou a so spojením s Cirkvou. Sviatosť birmovania udeľuje biskup alebo ním poverený kňaz pomazaním krizmovým olejom a vkladáním ruky.

Sväté písmo chápe Ducha Svätého ako tvorivú silu všetkého života. Podľa učenia Cirkvi je Duch Svätý poslaný do sveta ako Oživovateľ, aby neustále oživoval osobu, slovo a dielo Ježiša Krista. Biblia hovorí o Svätom Duchu v mnohých obrazoch a volí na to výraz, ktorý má súčasne význam „dych, vánok, vietor“. Jeho pôsobenie je popísané ako „oheň“, alebo „živá voda“. Až neskôr sa symbolom Ducha Svätého stala holubica. Takzvaný zátrak jazykov nám pripomína, že hlásanie posolstva Ježiša Krista má pre celý svet význam presahujúci jazykové bariéry. Duch Svätý je tretia božská osoba Svätej Trojice, ktorému sa vzdáva tá istá poklona a sláva ako Otcovi a Synovi, lebo je tej istej podstaty a velebnosti. Duch Svätý je stredobodom teológie sv. Pavla. Nicejsko – carihradské vyznanie viery pôvodne hovorilo, že Duch Svätý pochádza od Otca. Ale v roku 675 koncil v španielskom meste Braga túto vetu rozšíril a pridal, že pochádza od Otca i Syna. Východne cirkvi odmietali toto rozšírenie prijať. Všeobecný Lyonský (1274) a Florentský (1439) koncil potvrdil platnosť a vieroučnú správnosť náuky, že Svätý Duch pochádza od Otca i Syna. Duch Svätý je vlastne meno toho, ktorému sa klaniame a ktorého oslavujeme s Otcom a Synom. Výrazom „Duch“ sa prekladá hebrejské slovo Rúach, ktoré podľa pôvodného významu znamená dych, vzduch vietor.

Vnuk, František: Príručný slovník kresťanstva, Smaragd, Bratislava, 2003



Pápežský biblický inštitút bude mať rektora slovenského pôvodu

Svätý Otec František menoval P. Michaela Kolarčíka SJ za rektora Pápežského biblického inštitútu (Biblikum). Do trojročného funkčného obdobia nastúpi 17. septembra. P. Michael Kolarčík sa narodil v roku 1950 v Britskej Kolumbii. Popri iných jazykoch ovláda aj slovenčinu. Je Kanadčan slovenského pôvodu, jeho rodičia sa do Kanady prisťahovali zo Špiša.

Páter Michael Kolarčík je členom anglofónnej kanadskej jezuitskej provincie Canada Anglica. Od roku 1989, keď dosiahol doktorát na Bibliku, je profesorom Teologickej fakulty na Regis College v rámci Torontskej univerzity. Ako hosťujúci profesor vyučoval okrem iného aj na teologických fakultách Spoločnosti Ježišovej v Bratislave a Nairobi. Jeho odbornou doménou je biblická exegéza Starého zákona, najmä Žalmov a sapienciálnych kníh.

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Košice sa dostali medzi desať európskych cestovateľských pokladov

Americký cestovateľský server smartertravel.com zaradil Košice medzi desať európskych pokladov, ktoré by mali cestovatelia navštíviť. Košice sa dostali do spoločnosti zaujímavých turistických miest ako historické francúzske mesto Carcassonne, nemecké mesto Trier, grécky ostrov Naxos, albánske Porto Palermo, čiernohorský Kotor, švajčiarsky Appenzell, talianske Bolgheri, chorvátsky ostrov Korčula a rumunské Sibiu.

Článok vyzdvihuje atmosféru Košíc a upriamuje pozornosť na baletné, operné a divadelné predstavenia v historickej budove Štátneho divadla. Pripomína dlhé kultúrne tradície Košíc, ako aj fakt, že v minulom roku sa hrdili titulom Európske hlavné mesto kultúry. Z historických pamiatok poukazuje na chránené objekty vrátane Spišského hradu, ktorý patrí medzi najväčšie v strednej Európe. Krásu okolia Košíc zvyrazňuje aj príroda, najmä Národný park Slovenský raj s Dobšinskou ľadovou jaskyňou.

„Teší nás, že Slovensko a jeho turistické atrakcie sa v takejto miere dostávajú do svetových médií. Počet amerických turistov na Slovensku v minulom roku stúpol o takmer 20 % a prezentácia našich miest, ich kultúry či pamiatok UNESCO tiež pomáha pritiahnúť ďalších návštevníkov,“ povedala Marta Kučerová, generálna riaditeľka Slovenskej agentúry pre cestovný ruch.

Košice a ich okolie majú veľký potenciál na ďalší rozvoj cestovného ruchu aj vďaka rozširovaniu priameho leteckého spojenia s Londýnom, Prahou, Viedňou a Bratislavou. Organizácia Košice turizmus každý mesiac pre návštevníkov pripravuje špeciálny víkendový pobytový balíček spojený so zaujímavými podujatiami ako napríklad Gurmán fest, Medzinárodný maratón mieru či Košické slávnosti vína.

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Slovenské chrámy privítali Noc kostolov

Desiatky kostolov sa na Slovensku v piatok 23. mája vo večerných hodinách mimoriadne otvorilo pre verejnosť. Už po štvrtýkrát sa uskutočnila akcia Noc kostolov. Najviac chrámov sa otvorilo v Nitrianskej diecéze. Mimoriadne prístupné kostoly pripravili pre záujemcov zadarmo prehliadky i do inak neprístupných miest. Okrem katolíckych kostolov sa do tohtoročnej akcie zapojili aj ďalšie kresťanské cirkvi.

Tohtoročnú Noc kostolov pozdravil aj nitriansky biskup Mons. Viliam Judák. „Noc kostolov chce osloviť nielen historickou pravdou o sakrálnom umení našich chrámov, ale predovšetkým ich umeleckým prejavom a silou jednoduchej krásy a pravdy, chce vzbudiť a viesť vnútorný dialóg s návštevníkom ako súčasťou súčasného interpretom „minulého“ a upozorniť ho na hodnoty, ktoré nezahŕňajú ani v čase ani v priestore dávnosti,“ uvádza biskup Judák v pozdrave na stránke nockostolov.sk.

Projekt Noc kostolov je založený na dobrovoľnej spolupráci farností, reholí a spoločenstiev, ktoré spoluvytvárajú program. Podobne, ako vlani, ani tento rok nemá svojho garanta, preto sa koná len na miestach, kde chcú v tomto projekte pokračovať. Mottom vizuálneho štýlu je každý rok iný biblický verš, ktorý odkazuje práve na noc alebo je slovo noc jeho súčasťou. Tohto roku bol to verš z knihy Genezis: „Nech sú svetlá na nebeskej oblohe, aby oddeľovali deň a noc a označovali obdobia, dni a roky.“ (Porov. Zach 14,7).

Medzinárodnú akciu Noc kostolov prvé zorganizovalo Rakúsko v roku 2005, od roku 2009 prebieha v Česku, pripojili sa aj Nemecko a Holandsko. Pre rok 2014 je v Česku prihlásených až 1414 kostolov, záštitu má i arcibiskup pražský, predseda Českej biskupskej konferencie kardinál Dominik Duka.

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Hovorcom novozvoleného prezidenta Kisku bude novinár Petrus

Hovorcom novozvoleného prezidenta Andreja Kisku bude reportér TV JOJ Peter Petrus. Kiska o tom nedávno informoval počas svojho vystúpenia v Rádiu Expres. Je to šesť poradcov a jeden hovorca. Hovorcom bude pán Peter Petrus,“ uviedol Kiska v relácii Naživo moderátora Braňa Závodského.

O tom, že bude mať siedmich poradcov, informoval Kiska už na tlačovej konferencii 14. mája. V médiách sa už skôr objavili mená bývalého šéfa Ústavného súdu SR Jána Mazáka a niekdajšieho diplomata Martina Bútoru. Kiska potvrdil, že títo odborníci s ním pôjdu do paláca.

Ďalšími poradcami novozvolenej hlavy štátu sú niektorí členovia jeho volebného tímu z prezidentskej kampane. Kiska v Rádiu Expres menoval Tomáša Lehotského, Rada Baťu a Sergeja Michaliča. Bývalý novinár Baťo bol šéfom Kiskovej volebnej kampane a v minulosti bol hovorcom a poradcom premiérky Ivety Radičovej. Michalič v minulosti pracoval pre SDKÚ-DS.

Posledným poradcom Kisku bude novinár, bývalý zástupca šéfredaktora v denníku Sme a neskôr poradca bývalého ministra zdravotníctva Ivana Uhliarika Roman Krpelan. Kiska vysvetlil, že Bútoru mu bude radiť v oblasti zahraničnej politiky, očakáva však od neho aj sociologické stanoviská týkajúce spoločnosti. Mazák bude jeho expertom pre oblasť práva a justície.

S Michaličom a Baťom chce Kiska v budúcnosti rozoberať otázky vnútroštátnej aj zahraničnej politiky. Lehotský, ktorý je pri Kiskovi už desať rokov, bude mať na starosti podľa slov novozvoleného prezidenta manažment a riadenie. Krpelan bude pre hlavu štátu zabezpečovať komunikáciu s verejnosťou.

Kiska bude mať zrejme aj ďalších externých poradcov. „Okrem toho, že mám ľudí, ktorí so mnou do paláca idú, hlási sa mi aj široký tím veľmi špičkových ľudí, ktorých na Slovensku máme, a ktorí mi chcú radiť a chcú mi pomôcť zmeniť naše Slovensko,“ uviedol v Rádiu Expres bez ďalších podrobností.

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Andrej Kiska



Prezident SR ocenil apoštolského nuncia na Slovensku

Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič 29. mája v Prezidentskom paláci udelil apoštolskému nunciovi Mons. Mariovi Giordanovi Rad Bieleho dvojkříža II. triedy za rozvoj dobrých vzťahov medzi Slovenskou republikou a Svätou stolicou a za významné zásluhy o šírenie dobrého mena Slovenskej republiky v zahraničí.

Prezident Ivan Gašparovič vo svojom príhovore vysoko vyzdvihol prácu apoštolského nuncia na Slovensku, jeho blízky vzťah k našej krajine i všetko, čo počas svojho pôsobenia urobil pre to, aby vzťahy medzi SR a Vatikánom boli čo najlepšie. Mons. Mariovi Giordanovi sa poďakoval aj za dlhoročnú prácu doyena v diplomatickom zbere. Hlava štátu osobitne vyzdvihla úsilie a prácu, ktorú predstaviteľ Svätej stolice vykonal počas osláv 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na naše územie, ktoré podľa prezidenta aj jeho zásluhou získali dôstojnosť.

Mons. Mario Giordana sa hlave štátu poďakoval za vysoké štátne vyznamenanie, ktoré vníma nielen ako ocenenie svojej osoby a práce ako apoštolského nuncia na Slovensku, ale aj ako ocenenie dobrých vzťahov, ktoré sú medzi SR a Svätou stolicou. Poukázal na to, že biely dvojkříž, stvárnený na vyznamenaní, je dlhoročným symbolom Slovenska a zvyrazňuje hlboké kresťanské korene, históriu a kultúru Slovenska, informovalo Tlačové oddelenie Kancelárie prezidenta SR.

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On May 29, 2014, Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic presented the Papal Nuncio Mons. Mario Giordano the Order of the Double White Cross for his efforts in developing good relations between Slovakia and the Holy See and spreading the good name of the Slovak Republic abroad.



Sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého - Turíc

V nedeľu 8. júna toho roku Katolícka cirkev slávi sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého – Turíce (Svätodušná nedeľa), ktorý sa slávi 50 dní po Veľkej noci. Skončí sa tak 50-dňové veľkonočné obdobie (grécky Pentekoste – 50). Skutky apoštolov opisujú, ako Ježišovi učeníci boli pri zázraku Turíc naplnení Duchom Svätým a začali hovoriť rôznymi jazykmi: „Keď prišiel deň Turíc, boli všetci vedno na tom istom mieste. Tu sa náhle strhol hukot z neba, ako keď sa ženie prudký vietor, a naplnil celý dom, v ktorom boli. I zjavili sa im akoby ohnivé jazyky, ktoré sa rozdelili, a na každom z nich spočinul jeden. Všetkých naplnil Duch Svätý a začali hovoriť inými jazykmi, ako im Duch dával hovoriť. V Jeruzaleme boli Židia, nábožní ľudia zo všetkých národov, čo sú pod nebom. Keď sa teda strhol tento hukot, mnoho sa ich zbehlo a boli zmätení, lebo každý ich počul hovoriť svojím jazykom. I střípli a udivení vraveli: 'Nie sú títo všetci, čo tu hovoria, Galilejčania? A ako to, že ich každý z nás počuje vo svojom vlastnom jazyku, v ktorom sme sa narodili? My, Parti, Médi, Elamčania, obyvatelia Mezopotámie, Judey a Kapadócie, Pontu a Ázie, Frýgie a Pamfýlie, Egypta a líbyjských krajov okolo Cyrény, prístáhovani Rímania, Židia aj prozelyti, Kréťania i Arabi: počujeme ich vo svojich jazykoch hovoriť o veľkých Božích skutkoch.'“ (Sk 2, 1-11)

V deň Turíc (po skončení siedmich veľkonočných týždňov) sa Kristova Veľká noc završuje vyliatím Ducha Svätého, ktorý je zjavený, daný a udelený ako božská osoba. V ten deň je plne zjavená Najsvätejšia Trojica. Od toho dňa je Kráľovstvo, ktoré ohlasoval Kristus, otvorené pre tých, čo v neho veria. Vyliatím Ducha Svätého v deň Turíc bola Cirkev zjavená svetu.

Do 4. storočia slávil kresťania na Turíce nielen koniec veľkonočného obdobia, ale aj nanebovstúpenie Pána uvedené v Skutkoch apoštolov. Keď sa vyvinulo na ďalší sviatok, začali sa Turíce sláviť samostatne. Podobne ako Vianoce a Veľká noc dostal tento sviatok ďalší deň sviatku – Svätodušný pondelok. Korene sviatku Zoslania Ducha Svätého spočívajú v židovstve. V knihe Levitikus 23,15-21, sa uvádza tento deň ako slávnosť žatvy alebo ako deň potravín. Sviatok trval len jeden deň. Žatva sa začínala po Veľkej noci a končila sa Turícami. Podľa knihy Exodus 23,16 bola to slávnosť žatvy (Dt 16,9), teda po našom dožinky. Slávnosť sa konala na 50. deň po Veľkej noci. Ináč sa tento sviatok nazýval aj sviatok týždňov, kedy sa obetovali prvotiny úrody, preto aj deň „prvotín“ (Nm 28,26). Až neskoršie sa snažili

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Minister Čaplovič prišiel povzbudiť detské súbory v New Yorku

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko pre New York a okolie (SAKS) usporiadalo v nedeľu 18. mája popoludňajší program s tanečnými a speváckymi vystúpeniami dvoch detských súborov. Program sa konal s dobrou účasťou verejnosti v spoločenskej hale slovenského kostola Sv. Jána Nepomuckého.

Na predstavenie prišiel aj minister školstva SR Dušan Čaplovič, ktorý bol v tom čase na služobnej ceste v New Yorku. Prišiel v sprievode veľvyslanca SR pri Spojených národoch Františka Ružičku a zástupcov Gen. konzulátu SR v New Yorku.

Program otvorila a viedla predsedníčka SAKS-u Zuzana Krčmárová. V krátkom príhovore povedala, že SAKS usporiadaním koncertov s detskými súbormi chce povzbudiť najmladších členov našej národnej pospolitosti, aby si cenili a zachovali národné dedičstvo, slovenské tradície a slovenský jazyk. Vyslovila tiež vďaka organizátorkám detských súborov a predstavila a privítala hostí zo Slovenska a zo zastupiteľských úradov SR.

Nasledoval krátky príhovor ministra Čaploviča, ktorý vyslovil potešenie, že počas svojej krátkej návštevy v New Yorku mal možnosť byť prítomný na tomto podujatí. Ďakoval SAKS-u a podobným združeniam za udržiavanie slovenského národného povedomia a slovenskej reči a propagovanie slovenskej kultúry. Tiež prisľúbil pomoc detským súborom

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Minister školstva SR, Dušan Čaplovič s predstaviteľmi SAKS-u. Zľava: pokladníčka Zuzana Harris, Ema Stašková, Peter Krajňák, tajomníčka Sabina Sabadoš, minister Dušan Čaplovič, predsedníčka Zuzana Krčmárová, Rosemary Golia, Judita Lepková, Eta Jendreková, Maria Šefčíková, Mary Lou Lindenthal (v pozadi) a Sylvia Lepková.

Všetko najlepšie ku Dňu otcov

Keď dnes vyslovujeme vďaka otcovi za všetko, čo pre nás vykonali, predovšetkým chceme vysloviť vďaka Pánu Bohu za jeho požehnania, ktorými našich otcov obdarúva. Otče na nebi, ktorý si našim spoločným Otcem, živ a požehnávaj našich otcov!

Deň otcov, ktorý v tomto roku pripadá na nedeľu 15. júna, nie je oveľa mladší ako sviatok matiek. O jeho "zavedenie" do kalendárov sa postarala Sonora Smartová Doddová zo Spokane v americkom štáte Washington v roku 1910. Reagovala tak na Deň matiek, ktorý sa slávi z iniciatívy Anny Marie Jarvisovej.

Smartová Doddová bola presvedčená, že má mimoriadneho otca. Henry Jackson Smart bol veteránom občianskej vojny a keď jeho žena po pôrode zomrela, sám vychoval šesť detí. Podľa Doddovej bol jej otec odvážny, obetavý a milujúci muž.

Otec Smartovej Doddovej sa narodil v júni, preto voľba na oslavy prvého Dňa otcov v meste Spokane pripadla na 19. júna 1910. Jednotlivé štáty USA a organizácie začali robiť nátlak na Kongres, aby oficiálne vyhlásil Deň otcov so zámerom sláviť ho každý rok. V roku 1924 americký prezident Calvin Coolidge z tejto myšlienky urobil celonárodnú záležitosť, aby vznikli užšie vzťahy medzi otcami a ich deťmi a upozornil otcov na plnenie si záväzkov voči ratoľestiam.

Oficiálnym sa tento sviatok stal až za vlády prezidenta Lyndona B. Johnsona. Ten v roku 1966 podpísal prezidentský výnos, ktorým sa zaviedli oslavy každú tretiu nedeľu v júni. Odvtedy sa vyjadruje úcta otcovi od ich rodín v USA aj v európskych štátoch vždy tretiu nedeľu v júni.