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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada extend their most sincere Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes to all Fathers and Members on Father's Day!

Thank you for keeping the tradition alive.

- Rev. Thomas A. Nasta.....Chaplain
- Andrew M. Rajec.....President
- Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.....Vice-President
- Kenneth A. Arendt..... Executive Secretary
- George F. Matta.....Treasurer

Fun & Fraternalism at the FCSU: Successful Second Annual Bowling Tournament



For tournament details, see pp 7 - 9 inside. Go to www.fcsu.com for more photos.

FCSU Kids:
See p 3
For
New
Activity!



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Message From The President Father's Day - 2013



Andrew M. Rajec

Summer has finally arrived in the Northern States. Unfortunately in the Central Plains, especially in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas it has been accompanied by devastating storms, including tornados. Our prayers go out to all the victims.

I hope you had a pleasant Memorial Day and also paid homage to those who served our Country in past and current wars. Father's Day is coming on June 16th.

How did Father's Day start?

The driving force behind the modern holiday in the United States is often credited to Sonora Dodd. It was first celebrated in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA on June 19, 1910. The observance did not spread until in the 1930's Dodd started to promote the observance again, raising awareness on a national level. She was helped by trade groups that would benefit from the holiday. Since 1938 she had the help of the Father's Day Council, founded by the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion. There was initial resistance from the public.

A bill was introduced in Congress in 1913 to recognize the day; it failed. Presidents Wilson and Coolidge also made failed attempts. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Finally, six years later the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Father's Day is recognized in different forms on different dates by many other countries around the world.

I urge you to honor your Father, both living and deceased, on his special day in a special way.

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Have I got a deal for you!!!

Only \$14.00 a year to protect us kids.

- **Lock in a low premium now:** you can get \$10,000 in term life insurance coverage to age 25, for children ages 0-21 — for only \$14.00 a year. Contact your branch officer or the home office for larger amounts.
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Insights and Viewpoints



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

June 30, 2013

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 9:51-62

Gospel Summary

The first verse of today's gospel is a major marker in Luke's story of salvation. Jesus is now ready to be "taken up," i.e. to move toward the final stage of his mission which must happen in Jerusalem. For that reason, "he resolutely determined (lit. set

his face) to journey to Jerusalem." For the next ten chapters, Jesus will be on this journey during which he will illustrate the meaning of the journey of faith on the part of his followers of every age. This is clearly a spiritual journey in which theology trumps all merely historical considerations.

This arrangement also reveals Luke's recognition of Jerusalem as a kind of powerful magnetic force that draws Jesus to the climax of his mission. For it is in Jerusalem that he will reveal the whole purpose of his life, namely, to die out of love for others. Then, in Luke's second book, the Acts of the Apostles, he will show how the saving power of the Risen Lord radiates out from Jerusalem to transform the whole world.

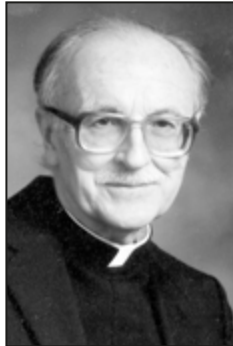
Life Implications

The first lesson for those who would travel with Jesus is to put aside all initiatives prompted by anger and prejudice. Thus, Jesus rebukes the disciples who want to repay the hostility of the Samaritans with fiery destruction. The second lesson is one of Luke's favorites, namely, that those who would follow Jesus must be willing to let go of all previous attachments. Half-hearted discipleship simply will not be acceptable.

When Luke shows us how Jesus began his career with signs of power in Galilee only to let go of all that as he gave up his life in Jerusalem, he is offering us a dramatic expression of the profound paradox that lies at the heart of Christianity. Jesus freely gives up his power to control as his loving makes him vulnerable and seems to lead only to defeat. But that same loving concern for others releases the power of God within him—a power that easily conquers death and eclipses by far all the earthly power that he had manifested in Galilee.

Our secular culture teaches us to value the power of wealth and politics and intelligence as the ultimate achievement in human life. This kind of power is not to be despised but it must always be subordinated to the only power that is ultimately effective, that is, the power of loving concern. We too may revel in the success of the "Galilean" period of our lives, usually marked by strength and success, but we must come to understand that the only lasting success in life comes from being loved for ourselves and from loving others for their good. This exchange of loving concern has the potential to transform the world, as we see the Book of Acts being written over and over again.

This wisdom will also enable us to put aside anger and violence as ways to solve problems. We will be able to accept Jesus' reminder that to "call fire down from heaven" is not the Christian way to deal with difficult people. Moreover, when we really begin to trust the wisdom of Jesus, we will gladly let go of unworthy attachments as we trust more and more the promises of God and begin to run joyfully toward the future. There we will discover that, as the wise adage says: The only gift we can ever keep, is the one we give away!



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

June 23, 2013

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 9:18-24

Gospel Summary

Jesus asks his disciples what the crowds were saying about him. Then he asked his disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replies, "The Christ of God." Thereupon, Jesus says, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly...be killed and on the third day be raised." Then Jesus says that anyone who wishes to follow him as a disciple must also be ready to give up his life for his sake.

Life Implications

In this gospel passage, Jesus defines what the mission of the Christ (Messiah) and subsequently of Christian disciples will be. Contrary to popular expectations, Jesus the Messiah will not be the conquering hero who will fix everything that has gone wrong in the world because of human deceit and violence. Certainly Jesus recognizes human suffering, and responds to it with compassion. He provides food for the hungry, he cures the sick, he drives out demons. However, his mission as Messiah is to address the human dilemma on a deeper level. He will address the inauthentic human condition that is the source of the world's injustice and suffering. Jesus will do so as the Son of Man.

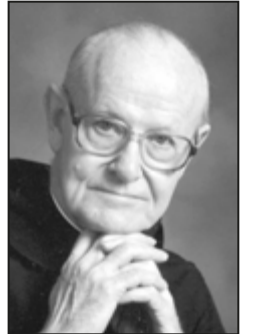
To understand what Jesus means by identifying himself as the Son of Man (the Son of Adam or the Human) we have to see it in the context of the entire biblical narrative about the reality of the human condition. In the beginning God creates humans in his image: children of God, not part of God, but like God. Sadly, we do not get a chance to see what authentic human existence looks like. What we do see is inauthentic human existence soon after the beginning. The first humans reject their truth as creatures. Their children continue to kill and to deceive each other until the human is barely recognizable as being and acting like God. "In the eyes of God the earth was corrupt and full of lawlessness" (Gn 6:11).

Born into a corrupt and lawless world, humans do not have much chance of knowing, much less of living an authentic existence as God's image. Through revelations and covenants with the Hebrew people, we first hear the good news that God does not abandon his estranged children, but will liberate them from their state of inauthentic existence. This dramatic, divine liberation came to be identified with the appearance of an enigmatic figure called Son of Man (Dan 7:13-14).

Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man. Jesus is the Human created in the divine image as the beginning of a New Genesis. In the gospel narratives we now are able to see in Jesus what authentic human existence looks like. Jesus faithfully lives in a relation of covenant love as Son with his Heavenly Father. He overcomes every temptation. He acts in complete union with the Father's love for all of the human family, estranged in exile.

The expectation of the crowds then and now is that Jesus as Messiah would do a quick-fix of the mess that we humans have made for ourselves. This expectation is similar to that of an avaricious, deceitful person who has hurt people and has also gotten himself in debt, and now hopes that the hurt and his debt will be taken care of by some messiah figure. It did not take Jesus long to realize that unless inauthentic human existence is created anew in the divine image, humans will continue to make a mess of things. The avaricious, deceitful person, unless transformed inwardly with a new heart, would soon be repeating his destructive actions.

Jesus the Son of Man fulfills his mission as Messiah by authentically living his human existence as Son of God. The Church now proclaims the good news that the Risen Son of Man and Messiah is present among us to create us anew in his own image. In that renewed image of God, we too are enabled to live an authentic human existence as God intended in the creation of the first humans. We learn what that means in the unique circumstances of our lives through the life and teaching of Jesus. By doing so, we will be able to help fix the corruption and lawlessness that fills the earth, rather than adding to it.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

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Message From President

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FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

I am pleased to announce that the First Catholic Slovak Union has again reported record assets and record net surplus for the period ending March 31, 2013. The full quarterly financial report is printed on pages 4 – 6 of this issue of Jednota.

The Society's assets during the first Quarter of 2013 increased to a record \$313,864,800. In addition, the Society's surplus now stands at a record \$20,731,021.

We have done this while at the same time providing very competitive life insurance products and providing some of the highest yielding annuities in the country while also continuing the policy of paying dividends to our Members. We check our competitors' rates monthly, both fraternal and banks. Have you compared our rates lately? Note that these results were obtained in spite of the continuing low interest rate environment we face, and the requirement that we invest at least 85% of our assets in bonds, that are at historically low yields.

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.

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. Our Society is growing in strength.

I can report we are now licensed in 12 additional states, including Texas, with California close to approval, in addition to our original 15.

In 2007 and especially in 2008 I and our Team had to address and work through the toughest, most dangerous financial crisis (remember "sub-prime" and "meltdown") since the Great Depression of 1929. While the overall economy appears to be recovering, there are serious concerns regarding the continuing Federal budget deficits and the Treasury "printing" money that could lead to another "bubble".

Our Management Team is continually addressing all business issues. We want managed and profitable growth for our Society, while preserving our Slovak Catholic heritage and providing excellent and very competitive insurance and annuity products to our Members. Tell your family and friends what a good thing we have.

Z Bohom!
Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
President



New Venture for Jednota Youth

By Karen Hunka, Chairman of Auditors

Jednota is excited to announce a new program to help integrate the energy and vibrancy of young Jednota members into our organization.

Jednota currently supports two adult sporting activities, bowling and golf. Each year we hold the National Bowling Tournament and the Golf Tournament. These events bring a sense of camaraderie and joy to our adult members; the next step must be taken to extend this kind of community activity to our youth. As our President reminded us in his Annual Report for the Year 2012, presented at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held Friday, March 15, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA, "Many years past, the Society, through its Branches, supported Jednota baseball teams, gymnastics events, etc. Times changed after World War II and most of those activities ceased."

The Board of Directors agrees that the time has come to involve our youth once again, to support and guide the future of Jednota with an activity that will bring them together. We would like to form Jednota-sponsored soccer teams with the help of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), a nationwide Premier youth soccer organization.

AYSO will celebrate its 50th anniversary in August 2014, and with nearly 600,000 youth players spread over the entire United States, AYSO is capable of helping our branches form teams across the country. AYSO is not only about soccer, but also the ideals of child-first and child focused. They are a soccer organization with happy, healthy kids as their passion. Every decision, every rule and every program has "what's good for kids" as its basis. Every girl and boy stepping on a soccer field for the first time can have fun. AYSO's child-first approach also makes it one of the finest player development programs. Everybody likes to win, but developing successful players and people is the main fundamental in AYSO. In AYSO, every child plays at least 50% of every game. In fact, their motto is, "Everyone Plays!" The six philosophies of AYSO are: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development. These positive morals mirror the integrity and values of Jednota and will benefit both members young and old.

The Home Office has approved financial assistance to help establish this soccer program. If any member, branch or district would like more information about this exciting venture, please contact me at: karenhunka@hotmail.com, or call me at: (717) 658-4765. I will be working closely with our Fraternal Activity Director, Susan Ondrejco, to get our first youth sports activity in decades under way.

Jednota looks forward with high hopes of involving our young members in wholesome activities that will help our youth and attract more interest in our Society.



Year of Faith: Christian Education

Dear Friends,

Another Document from the Second Vatican Council that was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965 was The Declaration on Christian Education (Gravissimum educationis). The main message one takes from reading this Declaration is that there are several rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations associated with education. First and foremost among them is the inalienable right of every person to an education. The Declaration goes on to describe the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations concerning education that fall upon (in no particular order):



Rev. Thomas Nasta

1. Young people have the right to be taught moral values together with a properly informed conscience that would lead them to always choose the good. They must be helped, with the aid of latest advances in psychology and the arts and sciences of teaching, to develop their physical, moral and intellectual endowments so they may gradually acquire a mature sense of responsibility. As they advance in years, children and young people are also to be given a positive and prudent sexual education.

2. Parents have a most serious obligation to educate their offspring and are to enjoy true freedom in choosing the schools they want for their children. This is to be accomplished by public officials and other leaders arranging the necessary subsidies as a matter of distributive justice. Catholic parents have the duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever and whenever it is possible, of supporting these schools to the best of their ability, and of cooperating with them for the education of their children.

3. The state is to direct what is required for the common good. It is to protect the duties and rights of parents and others who share in education and give them aid, to protect the rights of children to in making sure they receive an adequate school education, to check on the ability of teachers and the excellence of their training, and to look after the health of the pupils.

4. The school is to not only to develop intellectual faculties, but also to form students in the ability to judge rightly, to hand on cultural legacy of previous generations, to foster a sense of values, and to prepare one for life.

5. All Christians have a right to a Christian education, one which leads the baptized to learn how to worship God and conform their lives to the person of Christ.

6. The Church has a role in the progress and development of education because of the mandate given her by Christ to evangelize. The church has the right to freely establish and conduct schools of every type and level (i.e., grade schools, high schools, special education schools, schools of higher learning).

7. Pastors of souls have a serious obligation to see that all the faithful, especially young people, enjoy their right to a Christian education. They are also to spare no sacrifice in helping Catholic schools fulfill their function, especially in caring for the needs of those who are poor.

8. The Catholic school community is to be animated by the Gospel and thereby exude a special atmosphere. While open to the situation of the contemporary world, the Catholic school leads its students to promote efficaciously the good of the earthly city and prepares them for service in the spread of the Kingdom of God.

9. Teachers are to be carefully prepared both in secular and religious knowledge. By their lives they are to bear witness to Christ, the unique teacher. They are to work with parents, to stimulate their students to act for themselves and even after graduation continue to assist them with advice.

The next summary will be from the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta National Chaplain

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Kenneth A. Arendt,
Executive Secretary

Statement as of March 31, 2013 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.....	283,571,500		283,571,500	281,561,350
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....	200,000		200,000	700,000
2.2 Common stocks.....	3,470,506		3,470,506	3,178,369
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	1,545,834		1,545,834	1,587,886
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,007,390		1,007,390	1,020,772
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	802,125		802,125	811,890
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	562,675		562,675	562,675
5. Cash (\$.....12,303,629), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0).....	12,303,629		12,303,629	7,916,511
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,033,506		1,033,506	1,014,147
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	5,859,808		5,859,808	3,746,150
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).....	310,356,972	0	310,356,972	302,099,750
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	3,460,206		3,460,206	3,361,023
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	19,574		19,574	18,788
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).....	8,761	8,761	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.....	19,287	19,287	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	313,864,800	28,048	313,836,752	305,479,561
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	313,864,800	28,048	313,836,752	305,479,561

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LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	248,106,000	243,149,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	32,422,194	29,587,520
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.....	316,268	293,109
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).....	30,389	171,618
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	15,863	14,903
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	633,870	562,268
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.....	21,858	21,858
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	6,847,534	7,022,497
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.....	2,311,185	2,350,068
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.....	1,201,211	535,709
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	275,967	414,927
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	292,891,848	284,832,989
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	292,891,848	284,832,989
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.....	20,944,904	20,646,572
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	20,944,904	20,646,572
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	313,836,752	305,479,561

Statement as of March 31, 2013 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.....	5,547,549	3,499,903	19,650,874
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	3,162,851	3,796,746	13,393,552
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	75,000	75,000	310,954
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.....	1,535	1,680	79,911
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	8,786,935	7,373,329	33,435,291
10. Death benefits.....	670,224	574,807	2,696,560
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	1,946,225	2,888,824	10,003,697
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	189,251	165,178	659,904
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	64,703	71,047	273,274
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....		46,673	
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	4,957,000	1,889,000	15,544,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	7,827,403	5,635,529	29,177,435
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	58,935	52,295	216,199
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	915,449	903,097	2,639,407
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	99,216	58,866	141,005
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.....	(285,014)	0	(457,377)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	8,615,989	6,649,787	31,716,669
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	170,946	723,542	1,718,622
28. Refunds to members.....	64,205	63,025	397,288
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	106,741	660,517	1,321,333
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....	3,027		198,857
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	109,768	660,517	1,520,191
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	20,646,573	18,984,017	18,984,017
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	109,768	660,517	1,520,191
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	230,331	(28,280)	364,955
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	(1,489)	(2,456)	9,823
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.....	38,883	11,491	(205,060)
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.....	(79,162)	1,314	(27,352)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	298,331	642,586	1,662,556
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	20,944,904	19,626,603	20,646,573



Accent on Activities



Bowling Tournament

The 2nd Annual United Slovak Fraternal International Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament was held the weekend of May 3 - May 5 in Buffalo, New York. Bowlers from Mon Valley, Pittsburgh, Akron, Levittown, and Toronto arrived at the Airport 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 celebrated Mass at the Millennium Hotel. At the conclusion of Mass, the bowlers attended a buffet dinner. 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 The Jems and the winner of the "Don't Stand a Chance Award" was FCSLA Team 1.

Additional pictures from the 2013 Bowling Tournament are posted at www.fcsu.com.



50/50 Winners:

Jim Hutzel, NSS
Christine Seese, Jednota
Jim Hutzel, NSS
Dave Erdhardt, Jednota

Bowling Poker Winners:

Greg Grysz, Jednota
Greg Grysz, Jednota
James Hutzel, NSS
John Roberts, Jednota
Derek Johnston, Jednota
Derek Johnston, Jednota

Super Sweepstakes Winners:

Sharon Tomas, Jednota
Chris Tokarsky, Jednota
Tracey Bright, Jednota
Howard Oswald, Jednota

Photo Contest

June 2013

Get your cameras ready! We are having a photography contest for all members. There will be a 12 - 18 age group and an over 18 age group.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

People
Nature or Environment
Travel or Destinations
FCSU Fraternal Activity

Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned. Judging is based on creativity.

For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

\$50 - First Place
\$30 - Second Place
\$20 - Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, Branch number, age, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a **separate sheet of paper**. DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE

Mail your entry to:

Susan Ondrejco
Photo Contest
234 Iliion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

postmarked by October 1, 2013.



Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 19, through Sunday, July 21, 2013. 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 Iliion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 30, 2012.

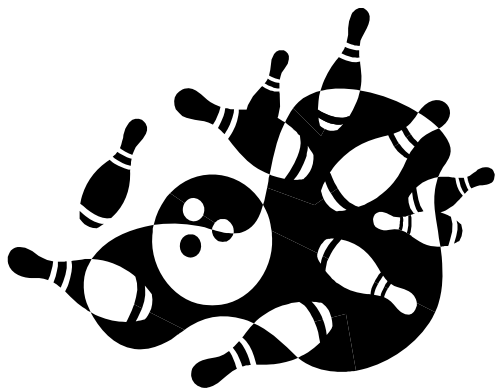


2nd Annual United Slovak Fraternal Men's Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	Keeping It Real	2735
2	Mo Money	2693
3	Mon Valley #10	2551
4	The Terminators	2518
5	Mon Valley #7	2511
6	Kapitan's Limousines	2500
7	Mon Valley #12	2472
8	Old & Bold	2464
9	Mon Valley #8	2402
10	Mon Valley #6	2347
11	Jednota Br. 857	2333
12	Mon Valley #11	2330
13	NSS #4A Men	2292
14	Akron Jednota	2286
15	Mon Valley #4	2271
16	NSS #4 Men	2257
17	Oneida Services	2239
18	The Professors	2236
19	Mon Valley #9	2205
20	The Incredibowls	2196
21	Mon Valley #5	2061
22	FCSLA Team 3	1995
23	FCSLA Team 2	1934
24	FCSLA Team 1	1856

Place	Doubles Partners	Total Pins
1	Buckley Barton	1399
2	Nasta Nasta	1367
3	Durcansky Durcansky	1358
4	Smith Smith	1341
5	LeJeune Johnson	1339
6	Rowe Hickler	1331
7	Sinagra Donovan	1327
8	Oswald Tokich	1315
9	Lako Silay	1275
10	SirLouis Good	1273
11	Siesky Adamcik	1269
12	Lako Walko	1263
13	Burkhart Balogi	1262
14	Shank Shank	1229
15	Strother Bruno	1226
16	Johnston Johnston	1213
17	Jandrokovic Deak	1208
18	Barron Roberts	1207
19	Sanner Pesi	1201
20	Kapitan Zoldak	1192
21	Eller Kacsanek	1189
22	Brashear Rausch	1183
23	Nasta Nasta	1169
24	Forma Jursa	1160
25	Schwab Frolo	1156
26	Prpich Kopanic	1153
27	Smith Smith	1147
28	Tokarsky Gryś	1126
28	Duda Duda	1126
30	Rice Lutes	1115
30	Healey Tretinik	1115
32	SirLouis Topolas	1099
33	Jursa Mitro	1096
34	Richnafsky Beckinger	1090
35	Wasilewski Pasnik	1070
36	Sadler Erdhardt	1069
37	Gmerek Wahl	1058
38	Hutzel Shick	999

Place	Singles Competition	Total Pins
1	Adamcik John	767
2	Tokich Jake	765
3	Good John	723
4	Silay Tom	709
5	LeJeune Dave	688
6	Donovan Domenic	684
7	Shank James	683
8	Jandrokovic Tom	680
9	Roberts John	671
10	Johnson Stu	670
11	Brashear Mark	666
12	Johnston Derek	665
13	Healey Larry	662
14	Johnston Lynn	659
15	Pesi George	658
16	Deak Jim	655
17	Siesky Jeff	653
18	Barron Joe	652
19	Buckley Jim	650
19	Shank Sr. Clarence	650
21	Jursa Emil	649
22	Eller Terry	648
23	Nasta Damian	646
24	Burkhart Joe	645
25	Smith Vernon E.	642
26	Bright Richard	637
27	Nasta Fr. Tom	636
28	Rowe Don	631
29	Kolecky Donald	630
30	Gryś Greg	629
31	Erdhardt David	628
32	Durcansky Richard	627
32	Gmerek Len	627
34	Richnafsky Nathan	626
35	Tokarsky John	622
35	Balogi Mark	622
37	Smith Jim	621
38	Schwab Randy	620
39	Bruno Donald Jr.	619
40	Walko Danny	618
40	SirLouis Robert	618
42	Lako Ray	611
42	Sadler Richard	611
44	Duda Ron Sr.	610
45	SirLouis Oliver	608
46	Barton Dave	607
47	Rice David	603
48	Dunham Kevin	601
49	Lako Mike	598
50	Sinagra Dave	597
51	Frolo Robert	595
52	Forma Ed	594
53	Zbin Steve	593
54	Nasta Edward	588
55	Topolas Richard	584
56	Kopanic Robert	581
56	Smith Vernon C.	581
58	Gajewski James	580
59	Zoldak Milan	572
59	Wahl Mike	572
61	Lutes Donald Jr.	571
61	Tretinik Robert	571
63	Oswald Howard	569
63	Beckinger David	569
65	Sanner James	565
66	Rausch David	564
67	Shick Earl	557
68	Mitro Milos	556



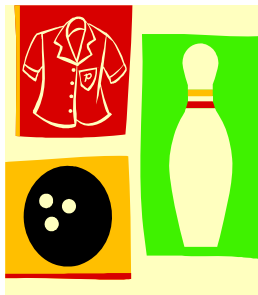
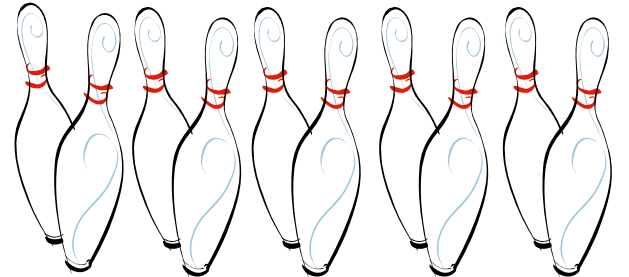
Place	Seniors Competition	Total Pins
1	Good John	723
2	Healey Larry	662
3	Johnston Lynn	659
4	Shank Clarence Sr.	650
5	Jursa Emil	649
6	Eller Terry	648
7	Kolecky Donald	630
8	Erdhardt David	628
9	Gmerek Len	627
10	Lako Ray	611
11	Duda Ron Sr.	610
12	SirLouis Oliver	608
13	Barton Dave	607
14	Forma Ed	594
15	Topolas Richard	584
16	Kopanic Robert	581
16	Smith Vernon C.	581
18	Wahl Mike	572
18	Zoldak Milan	572
20	Kacsanek George	556
20	Mitro Milos	556
22	Jursa Joe	545
23	Kapitan Michael	519
23	Prpich Jack	519



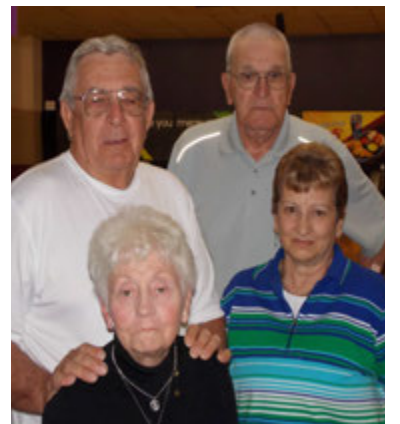
Place	All Events Competition		Total Pins
1	Nasta	Damian	2152
2	Donovan	Domenic	2080
3	Tokich	Jake	2073
4	Silay	Tom	2062
4	Johnson	Stu	2062
6	LeJeune	Dave	2016
7	Barton	Dave	1981
8	Sinagra	Dave	1973
9	Nasta	Fr. Tom	1971
10	Roberts	John	1965
11	Smith	Vernon E.	1952
12	Rowe	Don	1938
13	Shank	Clarence Sr.	1934
14	Adamcik	John	1933
14	Burkhart	Joe	1930
16	Siesky	Jeff	1922
17	Barron	Joe	1919
17	Jandrovic	Tom	1919
18	Walko	Danny	1917
20	Durcansky	Richard	1915
21	Bright	Richard	1909
22	Good	John	1908
23	Oswald	Howard	1907
24	Johnston	Derek	1902
25	Smith	Jim	1886
26	Bruno	Donald Jr.	1884
27	Shank	James	1880
27	Pesi	George	1866
29	Jursa	Emil	1865
30	Tokarsky	John	1852
30	Balogi	Mark	1852
32	Buckley	Jim	1851
33	SirLouis	Robert	1847
34	Healey	Larry	1845
35	Brashear	Mark	1842
36	Rausch	David	1829
37	Smith	Vernon C.	1828
38	Lutes	Donald Jr.	1821
39	Dunham	Kevin	1806
40	Schwab	Randy	1805
41	Richnafsky	Nathan	1803
42	Lako	Mike	1800
42	Rice	David	1800
43	Johnston	Lynn	1799
43	Grys	Greg	1795
46	Eller	Terry	1794
47	Zoldak	Milan	1791
48	Strother	Brent	1790
49	Hickler	George	1789
50	Kacsanek	George	1786
51	Lako	Ray	1781
52	Deak	Jim	1762
52	Kolecky	Donald	1758
54	Frolo	Robert	1742
54	Sanner	James	1737
56	Tretinik	Robert	1729
57	Kapitan	Michael	1722
58	Shick	Earl	1719
59	Forma	Ed	1716
60	Gmerek	Len	1699
60	Kopanic	Robert	1699
62	Topolas	Richard	1696
63	Duda	Robert	1692
64	Mitro	Milos	1684
65	Beckinger	David	1681
66	Sadler	Richard	1678
67	Duda	Ron Sr.	1667
68	Wahl	Mike	1657
69	Prpich	Jack	1648
70	Erdhardt	David	1636
71	Smith	David	1607
72	SirLouis	Oliver	1606
73	Kolecky	Michael	1581



Place	Singles Competition Cont.		Total Pins
68	Kacsanek	George	556
70	Hickler	George	547
71	Jursa	Joe	545
72	Strother	Brent	536
73	Duda	Robert	528
74	Kapitan	Michael	519
74	Prpich	Jack	519
76	Hutzel	James	518
77	Kolecky	Michael	508
78	Smith	David	469
79	Nasta	Andrew	451



Place	Mixed Doubles		Total Pins
1	Bright	Bright	1310
2	Rausch	Dunham	1160
3	Zbin	Zbin	1155
4	Kolecky	Kolecky	1086
5	Kolecky	Nasta	1048
6	Gonsioruk	Zakowicz	919
7	Hoeglmeier	Hoeglmeier	831



Place	All Events Cont.		Total Pins
74	Nasta	Edward	1571
74	Jursa	Joe	1571
76	Hutzel	James	1544
77	Nasta	Andrew	1496



Congratulations Alex and Alice Dobrik on 55 Years of Marriage



Alexander and Alice Dobrik celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 7, 2013. The couple is very active in the First Catholic Slovak Union. Alex is president of the Prince Pribina District, District 20, of Montreal, and Alice has served as president of Montreal's Branch 784 since 2008 and is on the Jednota Bowling Committee.

We wish to congratulate them, not only on their anniversary but also on the blessings of two fine sons and their families: Steven, his wife and three daughters; and Robert, his wife and their three children. All the children are, or are planning on, attending university.

God bless them with good health and happiness for many more years together.

- From their many friends



Branch 153's John Jurcenko Completes 10 Miler

John Jurcenko and 12,000 others completed the Soldier Field 10th Anniversary 10 Miler on May 25. All participants started outside Soldier Field and finished on the 50 yard line inside Soldier Field. John also did this event in 2007 and 2008.

John is President of District 2 and Branch 153 and is 75 years young.

Dorothy Jurcenko



Branch 785's M. Mark Stolarik Awarded Goodwill Envoy



(R-L) On May 25, 2013, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Miroslav Lajcak, conferred the title "Goodwill Envoy" of the Slovak Republic upon M. Mark Stolarik, Branch 785 Member.



Annual July Pierogi Fest in Whiting IN



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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH ROUND-UP

Branch 38's Audrey-Marie Winn among Prestigious Scholarship Winners

Eight University of Pittsburgh students and one 2013 Pitt graduate will study abroad as award recipients in two prestigious national scholarship programs designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language skills. Between them, they will learn Hindi, Mandarin, Persian, Turkish, and Swahili.

Audrey-Marie Winn is among the undergraduate students in Pitt's Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences who have received David L. Boren Scholarships. A junior double majoring in Chinese and English writing, Audrey-Marie will study Mandarin in China. She is aiming to become a lawyer for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. "In August of 2008, I injured my wrist during a volleyball scrimmage and was permanently benched. My mother started bringing me magazines and books to distract me from losing volleyball. A New York Times article titled 'Dynamic Young Engines Driving China's Epic Boom' changed my life. Soon, the Chinese labor force was my new passion," she says. Winn is from Pine Grove, PA, and is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 38.

Branch 40's Emma Jill Graves Receives First Communion

Emma Jill Graves received her First Communion on Sunday May 5th at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Streator, Illinois. She is the daughter of Tim and Theresa Graves and the granddaughter of National Vice-President Andrew R. and Maria Harcar. Emma is a member of St. Clement Society Branch 40 in Streator, IL.

- Submitted by Theresa Graves, Branch 40



Branch 153's Emily Bernath Chosen Prom Queen

Emily Bernath, a member of Branch 153 in Chicago, was recently chosen Prom Queen of her Junior Class at Resurrection High School in Chicago.

- Submitted by Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director

Branch 162 Welcomes New Member Garlow Patricia Marmol

Garlow Patricia Marmol was born at the Uniontown Hospital on Dec. 26, 2012 to Jennifer and Michael Marmol of Washington, PA. Maternal grandparents are Debbie and Tom Anderson of Hopwood, PA. Paternal grandparents are Patty and Regional Director James Marmol of Uniontown, PA. Garlow became a member of the St. Wendelin Branch 162 earlier this year and is the first grandchild for both grandparents.

- Submitted by James Marmol,
Branch 162 Member, Region 4 Director



Reminder...

All English and Slovak articles should be sent directly to the editor Teresa Ivanec, First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398. The email address for articles is fcsulifeeditor@gmail.com. Articles may also be sent by Fax at 216/642-4310. Teresa Ivanec can be reached by

phone at 216/642-9406 or 1/800-533-6682.

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

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

THINK ABOUT IT!



Môj Tato (My Dad)

A Father's Day Poem by Chewy Čuvač

When I was but a tiny dog,
Living high up the mountainside,
You'd lead our little litter pack,
Through forests tall and wide.

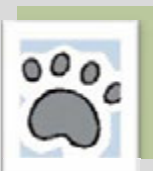
Yet when we fetched in human games,
(tho you could catch things faster)
Every time the stick was thrown,
You let me "win" with Master.

Time's changed your handsome muzzle now,
Your snow-white fur is gray,
Your gait's become a little slow,
Your best command is "stay."

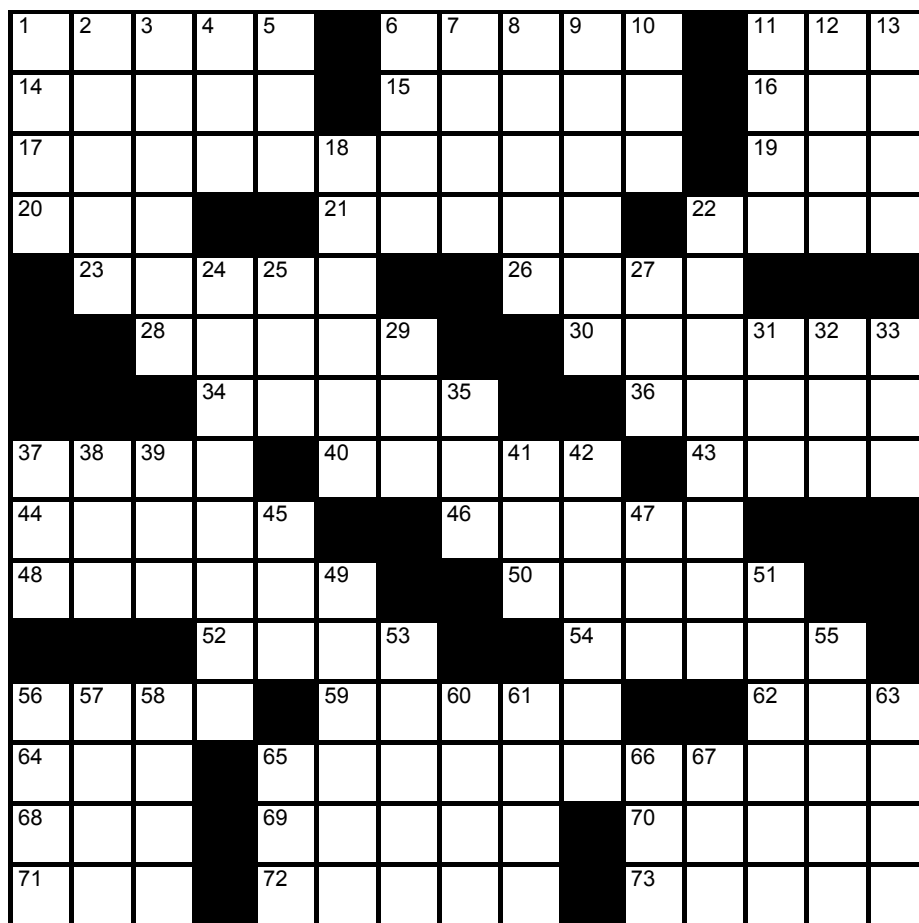
Oh, how I thirst for years gone by,
To be that carefree pup,
Re-living all my Slovak days,
Of you, and growing up.

So ... that's how I feel about my Dad (or, in Slovak, môj Tato).
How about you?

Perhaps we'll meet one day and swap stories ...
Until then, keep your ears up and your tail waggin',
Tvoj priateľ (your friend),
Chewy



Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Brag
- 6 Rank
- 11 Starchy tuber
- 14 Coincide
- 15 Muscat native
- 16 Flightless bird
- 17 Male heir apparent to a throne
- 19 French possessive
- 20 Skirt part
- 21 Release me words
- 22 Sty cry
- 23 Seasonal visitor
- 26 Black cat, maybe
- 28 Take by force
- 30 High regard
- 34 Stockpile
- 36 Rip up
- 37 Rush inits.
- 40 Kind of infection
- 43 Rabbit ____
- 44 Devilfish
- 46 Mild oaths
- 48 Number one Hun
- 50 Traffic sign
- 52 Uses a spade
- 54 Synthetic fabric
- 56 Chip's cartoon chum
- 59 Relaxed
- 62 Actress Scala
- 64 Gr. letter
- 65 Sharpshooter name
- 68 Fall mo.
- 69 Utopian
- 70 Chessman
- 71 Watering hole
- 72 School ____ (Pl.)
- 73 Borders

Down

- 1 Ger. composer
- 2 Monsters
- 3 Bouquets
- 4 Stitch up
- 5 Gymnast's goal
- 6 Golfer's cry
- 7 Discharge
- 8 Argentine dance
- 9 Salary
- 10 Expire
- 11 Himalayan legend
- 12 Prayer word
- 13 Perfume scent
- 18 Public squares
- 22 Furtively or secretly
- 24 Ocean feature
- 25 Allen of *The Santa Clause*
- 27 Sharp curve
- 29 Time zone
- 31 Historic period
- 32 Always, in verse
- 33 Docs, for short
- 35 Dejected
- 37 33 Down's group
- 38 Convened
- 39 Emmet
- 41 Jimmy
- 42 Coiffure

- 45 ____ Baba
- 47 Caffeine source
- 49 Docket
- 51 Golf course feature
- 53 More rational
- 55 Fem. relative
- 56 Animal shelters
- 57 Above
- 58 Etna output
- 60 Thailand, once
- 61 Congers
- 63 Some votes
- 65 Goal
- 66 King Kong, e.g.
- 67 Young goat



From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – July Holiday Hours

The Home Office and the Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 – Friday, July 5, 2013 in observance of the July 4th Holiday.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

HOME OFFICE
(TELECONFERENCE)
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013

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 29, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. (telephonically).*

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, 2013.

All correspondence relative to the Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt, and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to June 21, 2013.

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

See Solution on Page 19



Come Join Us



FCSU National Picnic
 Sunday, August 11, 2013
 12 PM – 6 PM

Frogbridge
 7 Yellow Meeting House Road
 Millstone Township, NJ 08510

The Great American Picnic Menu (served continuously for five hours)

Off The Grill

- Angus Beef Hamburgers & Cheese Burgers
- All Beef Sabrett Hot Dogs
- Rubbed and Sauced Barbecue Chicken
- Grilled Garden Burgers

Specialty Stations Menu Items

- Street Fair Sweet Sausage & Peppers Station
- Philadelphia Cheese Steak Station

Hot Spectacular Sides

- Dutch Oven Vegetarian Baked Beans
- Sweet Corn on the Cob
- Cast Iron Beef and Bean Chili

Side Salads

- Frogbridge Signature Salad
- Country Potato Salad
- Creamy Cole Slaw
- Macaroni Salad
- Primavera Pasta Salad

Sweets & Treats

- Ice Cream Novelties
- Chilled Sliced Watermelon
- Freshly Baked Cookies

Beverages

- Soft Drinks
- Iced Tea
- Bottled Water

Amenities and Sports Fields (all sports equipment is provided)

- 14 Bay Golf Driving Range
- 18 Challenging Holes of Miniature Golf
- 3 Full Court and 6 Half Court Basketball Courts
- 4 Tennis Courts
- Multiple Softball / Baseball Fields
- 3 Soccer Fields
- 6 Gaga Courts
- 2 Beach Volleyball Courts
- Regulation Bocce and Horseshoe Courts
- Whiffle Ball Stadium
- Children's Playground Complex
- Hockey Rink
- Heated Pool, waterslides, towel service
- Kayaks and Paddleboats on the Lake



12 PM – Registration Opens
 12:30 – Mass in the air-conditioned Gym
 1:30 – Food Service Begins
 2 - 4 PM – Soccer Workshop**
 3 – 5 PM – Bingo

Music provided for your listening and dancing pleasure by Kontakty.

** Soccer Workshop will be led by the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO).

All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and all ages, 6 to 14, are welcome.

- A \$15 admission fee will be charged to each non-member attending the picnic. Mail your check by July 11, made payable to FCSU Activities, with the registration form.
- Absolutely **NO** alcohol or pets are allowed at the Frogbridge Resort.
- The first 200 members to register will be entered in a drawing to win a Chewy Čuvač stuffed animal, complete with "official" certification and dog tag.

Picnic Registration: On-line at www.fcsu.com or Clip the Registration form below and mail to:

FCSU Activities
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Deadline for Registration is July 11, 2013
Advance Registration is REQUIRED – No one will be admitted without advance registration

Yes! I am attending the 2013 National Picnic.

Name	(if a non-member, write non-member)	Check the box for your age category:			Will participate in Soccer Workshop* (X)
		Over 10	4 - 10	3 & under	

Phone Number or Email Address: _____

*Be among the first 20 to sign up and receive free SCORE soccer ball!



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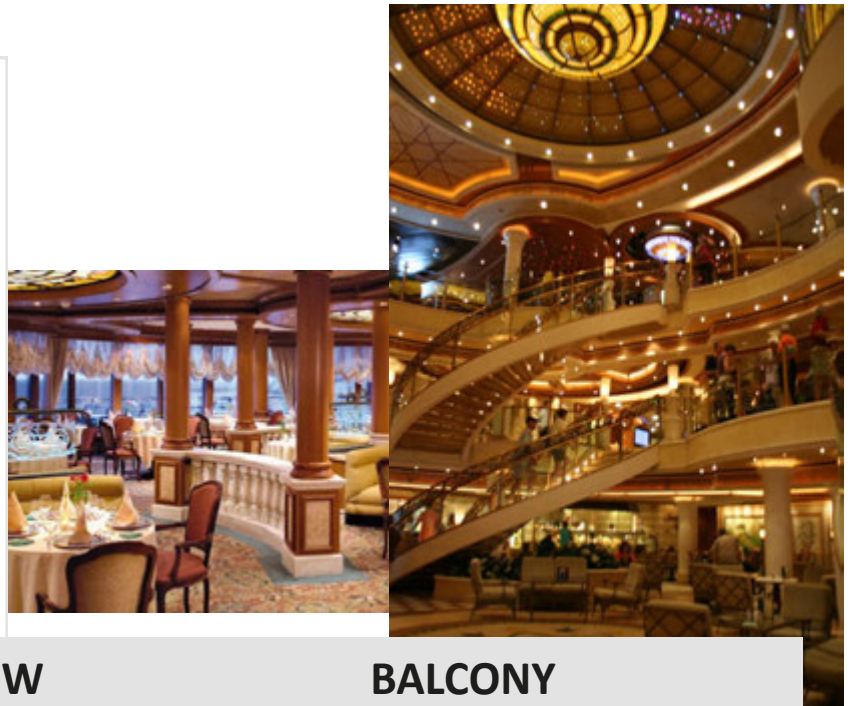
Crown Princess – Cruising at its Best—The FCSU has planned its 2013 Membership Meet aboard the Crown Princess. A premier ship in a line awarded “Best Itineraries” nine consecutive years, cruising aboard the Crown Princess ensures you a magnificent experience from the moment you board her. From her nearly 900 balconies, you can enjoy sweeping views of lush Caribbean landscapes and dazzling seascapes.

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

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 6, invites all its members and their families to attend the semi-annual meeting and activities event on Sunday, July 7, 2013, at Chippers Grill, 1733 N. Bloomington St., Streator, IL, at 1PM. The meeting starts at 1:00PM, followed by a luncheon and fraternalism provided by the branch. Why not come and see all the new policies and annuities the First Catholic Slovak Union has to offer? Please call 815-672-1764/815-822-8851 if you plan to attend.

Thank you.

Paul Chismar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 10 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, invites all Branch 10 members, and their families, to attend the annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 23, 2013. The 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish, Delaware Ave. at Grant St., Olyphant, will be celebrated for all living and deceased members of Branch 10, FCSU. 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 14.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

We encourage you to attend the upcoming summer event, the American Slovak Zemplin Club Picnic. It will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2013, at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Road, Broadview Hts., OH, from noon until 8PM.

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

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

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

Fraternally,

Maria Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55 – BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch 55 K.J. is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the home of President Helena T. Gaydos, 137 Cypress Drive, Philadelphia, PA. A short business meeting will be conducted and to discuss plans for attending the FCSU National Picnic on August 11th at the Frogbridge in Millstone, NJ; and any other business that will come up. Refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please bring non-perishable food for Aid to the Church in Need.

We are planning to have a bus to the Picnic. Please call the President at

(610) 356-7956 if you are interested in transportation.

Fraternally yours,

Helena T. Gaydos, President

BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 75KJ will hold its next meeting on July 14, 2013, from 10:00AM to conclusion, at the residence of the Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. On the agenda: general items of business. For more information, please contact the Financial Secretary at the above address or by calling 570-648-7012 or emailing chrison@ptd.net.

Fraternally,

Ronald M. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 would like to invite everyone to the 83rd Annual Slovak-American Day on Sunday, July 14, 2013. Held at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, WI, 53132, this special event is sponsored by the Federated Slovak Societies of Wisconsin and supported by members of Branch 89.

The program begins at noon with an outdoor Catholic Mass, a features dance performances by the Slovak Tatra Dancers and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers; refreshments of hot food, homemade bakery, Slovak beer, and cotton candy; music for dancing and listening pleasure; plenty of children's activities such as face painting, fames, and crafts; Slovak and Czech handmade glass ornaments, crafts and artifacts on sale; and a raffle drawing at the conclusion of the day's events at 6:00PM. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased in advance from Branch 89, or any Slovak Society, prior to the event. Admission to the park is free. Complimentary golf cart transportation is available for the "young at heart."

For more information, call Branch 89 President Michael Novak at 414-445-5382.

Fraternally,

Michael Novak, President

BRANCH 112 – MAHANAOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 112 will hold a meeting and family picnic on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at Knoebels Grove in Elysburg, PA. The meeting will begin at noon followed by the picnic in the park. Please call 570-640-1796 for more information.

Karen Sterling, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Branch 132 will hold a meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 2 PM, at the home of President, Susan Salko. Plans will be finalized for our Slovak Union National Picnic on Sunday, August 11, 2013, in Frogbridge, NJ. The picnic is free to all members. Three of our members have won in the Christmas Contest. "Congratulations." Also, we had a winner last year in our scholarship contest. We are an active, participating group. Please, join us for our next meeting. For directions, call Sue in Whippany.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. at D'Agostino's Restaurant, 742 West Higgins, Park Ridge, IL. D'Agostino's is 2 blocks East of Cumberland Avenue. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at 9:00AM at Denny's Restaurant, 653 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations and for any address changes or questions to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 169 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Society, Branch 169P, Johnstown, PA, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013, at 1:30PM at the home of the president, Joseph Slivosky, 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, PA. All members are welcome.

Betty Slivosky, Secretary

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold its Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, June 29, 2013, at Pavilion #14. As in the past, the branch will provide the main course and drinks. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish with some extra to share with guests. We will have many door prizes and games for the children. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with fellow members and friends. A branch meeting will be held after the picnic.

Gerry Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, regularly holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December

meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 16, 2013. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. I appeal to our younger members to become active in our lodge to help direct our branch as well as becoming involved with the Slovak Club and the United Slovak Societies. The First Catholic Slovak Union will conduct another convention next year and we will be sending delegates to voice our local's concerns. Input from any and all members is appreciated. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

Branch 260's semi-annual meeting will be held Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Bedford Trail Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

Fraternally,

Paul J. Ritz, President

[Ed. note: Branch 260: see p 15 for more]

BRANCH 290 – RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

St. John the Baptist, Branch 290, will hold a meeting on June 26, 2013, at 7:30PM. Please call Joe at (732) 469-5256 after 6PM for the location of the meeting.

Fraternally,

Joe Minarovich , President

BRANCH 292 – WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 12:30 p.m., Branch 292 St. John the Baptist Society will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA, 15963. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the celebration of the feast of our patron, St. John the Baptist. A buffet dinner will be held following the meeting.

On Monday, June 24, 2013 a Mass will be celebrated at SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, Windber, PA, 15963. The Mass will be in remembrance of the living and deceased members of Branch #292.

All members are asked to attend both events.

Edward T. Surkosky, President

BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph's Society, Branch 293, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 6:00PM at the home of the Financial Secretary Robert Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA, 18232. Anyone needing more insurance or service should call 1-510-645-4872 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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

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

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

John J. Slovenkai Sr.

Financial Secretary

FCSU Branch 382KJ

318 Fourteenth Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

18504-2512

John J. Slovenkai, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Uniontown PA. All members are invited to attend.

Gerl Buchheit, Recording/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 17, 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, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 will be holding a Steak Fry on the first official day of Summer, Friday, June 21st at the Slovak J. Club. You must purchase your tickets at the club in advance of the event. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Help us kick off the summer and purchase your tickets early. Join us for good food and great fellowship!

Mark your calendar – for June 23rd and November 24th and attend the lodge meetings scheduled. All meetings will start at 2 pm and will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. Take an active roll in your Branch and attend the meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 587 – ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 2:00PM at the home of Albert Valo, 1835 Brodhead Rd., Aliquippa, PA. New insurance rates will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKOGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Branch 595 would like to thank all the people that came to our "All you can eat Breakfast". We will resume them in the fall. Please remember we will have Karaoke on the 1st and the 3rd Saturday of every month. Come down and enjoy the music. Keep June 29th open for our Fund Raiser - "Hotter Than Hades" party. We are raising funds for the hall to install air conditioning. Our members meeting will resume in the fall. Hope everyone has a safe and pleasant summer.

Laura Karafa - Recording Secretary

BRANCH 628 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Sincerely,

Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

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

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 735 – PORTLAND, OREGON

The Branch will sponsor the Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Oaks Park, 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR, 97202, from 12:00 noon until 6:00pm, in picnic area #11. Park admission and parking are both free. Bring your own picnic lunch and meet with your fellow FCSU brothers and sisters, and Slovak friends. Food and refreshments also are available at reasonable prices. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages; the Park has strict rules about alcoholic beverages brought into the

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 60 will host the Pittsburgh Fathers' Day Brunch on Sunday, June 16. Mass will be offered at 9AM at St Anselm Church of Word of God Parish in Swissvale. St Anselm is located at 7446 McClure Ave. Brunch will be served at 10:30 at the St Barnabas Hall in Swissvale. Please RSVP by May 31 to Ann Wargovich (412-351-1089). The price for the brunch is \$10 per person. Annie is going to make her famous ceregi!

District vice-president Karianne Barnes of Branch 628 is doing the ad booklet. Contact Kari at kvehec@hotmail.com. Prices for ads remain the same as last year: \$75 full page, \$40 half page, \$20 quarter page.

There will be a short business meeting at the brunch. The national FCSU picnic will be held at Frogbridge in Millstone, NJ on Sunday, August 11. This year advance reservations are required for the picnic. Forms were distributed at the district meeting. If you weren't at the meeting, check the FCSU website at www.fcsu.com/fraternal-events. We must decide whether the district will sponsor a bus. We must also decide whether this should be a day-trip or an overnight stay. Either way, there are extra costs involved. Estimated one-way travel time is 5-6 hours, not including any necessary rest stops. If you might want to ride the bus, but won't be at the brunch, email the secretary.

Branch 2 will host the Fall meeting on Sunday, November 24 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in West Mifflin. New this year – the meeting will include a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Supper or Vilija. The Pittsburgh Slovaks will perform. The meeting will start at a later time – 3 PM. Reservations will be required. More information will follow. Come and learn your Slovak traditions.

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

** Check out the FCSU Caribbean cruise at www.fcsu.com – November 9-16.

** Consider a visit to Slovakia. Five tours are described at www.fcsu.com.

** WPCSA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: June 3: 'Slovak Folklore & Crafts', Larry Kosloski; Summer Break: July, August, September; October 7: 'Andy Warhol', Dan Warhola; November 4: 'History of Slovak Immigration', Karin Melis; December 2: 'Slovak Dolls', Sue Stafura.

** 10th Consular Tour of Slovakia – August 24 to September 3. Call Joe Senko at 412-956-9000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** Slovak Language Classes will be held Tuesdays in the spring. Call Joe Senko at 412-956-9000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** Saturday programs at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum in McMurray: September 21: Christmas in September. Guided tours of the NSSHM are available by appointment. Call 1-800-488-1890.

** Slovak Day at Kennywood Park is Thursday, July 18. Tickets will be available at the Fathers' Day Brunch or through Holy Trinity Parish in West Mifflin.

** The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble will be performing at Slovak Day and at the McKeesport International Village on August 13, 14, & 15. Look for their booth at the craft pavilion.

** 22nd Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning: Sunday, November 3.

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

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

Fraternally Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – THE FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, July 14, 2013, at the K2 Engineering Building, 234 Pittsburgh St., Uniontown, PA, at 1:00PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you.

Barbara Holly, Secretary

STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT 10 ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 15 -PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District cordially invites you to celebrate Father's Day and meet Slovak friends on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 710 Sultana Ave, Ontario, CA, where Fr. Pavol Sochulak, SVD, serves as pastor. Following the liturgy at 3:00PM, there will be light refreshments in the cafeteria, along with Slovak music playing.

We have worked hard to make this new location on Ontario a pleasant experience for all, and we welcome everyone to join us, including those not attending the Mass.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT – MONTREAL

Prince Rastislav District will hold its semi-annual meeting on June 23, 2013, in The Parish Hall of Sts Cyril and Methodius following the Mass.

Branches 784 And 810 are encouraged to send their representatives. Social Calendar for 2013 will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President



An Open Letter to Branch 260 Members

Our branch recently suffered the loss of our branch president Charles Terek. In the wake of his passing, I have assumed the duties of acting branch president. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me, as well as to reacquaint myself with all our members. Like a great many Slovaks, I grew up in the Mahoning County area of Ohio and attended St. Elizabeth Slovak Catholic Church and School. I later graduated from Campbell Memorial High School near Youngstown, and served my country in the Korean Conflict from 1952-53 as a Sgt. Combat Engineer.

The steel mills where many Slovaks found work is also where I spent the majority of my professional career. I retired from LTV Steel after 35 years. I was married to Ceil Hudran Ritz, 15 years. Ceil passed July 1, 2006, and I have continued to volunteer at the Humility House Nursing Home in her memory.

A lifelong member of Jednota, I have stayed very active in Our Society over the years. I served as National Fraternal Activities Director for 11 years, and as the former Secretary of our National Bowling and Golf Tournaments. I am the current District Fraternal Activities Director as well as the current District Golf League Secretary; I continue to serve on our Society's Athletic Fraternal Committees. I have attended eight national conventions, and look forward to the upcoming 50th National Convention next year. I have been an officer within our own Branch 260 for the past 40 years, which brings me to the present moment in which I have the honor of acting as your branch president.

My focus for St. Matthews Branch 260 moving forward is – I hope – the same focus as all of you who care about our Society. That is, to attract and retain members. Entice younger family members and friends to become active in the FCSU. How? If they are already members, invite them to a branch meeting or FCSU-sponsored event. If they aren't members, share with them the great products the FCSU has for protecting their families and their financial futures – like our single premium insurance and JEP policies and great rate annuities – as well as the benefits of membership like access to scholarships.

I am welcoming all members and future members to Branch 260's semi-annual meeting. It will be held Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Bedford Trail Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

**Paul J. Ritz
Branch President**

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Park. Reduced-rate ride tickets are available for purchase. Come early to claim your table as this our most highly-attended event of the year. No reservations are necessary.

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

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

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

The next regular meeting of Branch 735 is scheduled for 1:00pm on Sunday, December 8, 2013, in the St. Patrick's Church hall, NW 19th and NW Savier Streets in Portland, Oregon. This is our annual meeting where there will be the election of officers for 2014. All Slovaks are welcome to join us in a party celebrating the Christmas season after the meeting.

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

**Cindy Ďuriš Hirst, Secretary
Henry J. Pochily, President**

BRANCH 769 – ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 769,

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

Henry J. Pochily, President

BRANCH 855 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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

Linda Kolesar, Secretary

BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 in Levittown, PA will be held on Wednesday June 19, 2013. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

Fraternally,

Damian D Nasta, Recording Secretary



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	Veronica Ann Hudak	166K	Judith M Martin	484K	John P Hrubochak Jr	784K	John Kofira
002K	George Duda	181K	Walter R Lucas	512K	Josephine M Chulik	784K	Michael Lashanik
002K	Rachelle H Ivanoff	189K	Mary Skorupa	514K	Josephine C Switzer	784K	Emil Piacek
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*Processed through the month of May 2013

OBITUARIES

President Emeritus of the Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Passes

Stephen J. Kavulich, Clarks Summit, died Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Inpatient Hospice Unit of Regional Hospital of Scranton after a brief stay. His wife of 61 years, Anne, died in October 2006.

Born in Taylor, son of



the late John and Elizabeth Popcun Kavulich, he was a businessman for many years, operating a grocery business in Taylor as well as assisting in various hotel and food service businesses. He was an active member of St. John the Baptist Church and a community leader, serving as president of the Lions Club of Taylor. Also active in politics, he served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and was elected tax collector of Taylor. Additionally, he had an avid

interest in Slovak heritage and was involved in several national societies, including the Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, serving as president and president emeritus, respectively, of each organization.

Surviving are a son, Stephen and wife, Joanne, Clarks Summit; two grandsons, Stephen and wife, Alexandra; and Mark, New York City; two brothers, Francis, Clifford; and Thomas and wife, Dorothy, Clarks Summit; a brother-in-law, Joseph and wife, Helen Darlak, Cresco; a sister-in-law, Josephine Wnuk, Wilkes-Barre; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Michael, John, Andrew, Joseph, George and Paul; and two sisters, Anna Kavulich and Elizabeth "Betty" Godoski.

Friends called Tuesday, May 21, 2013, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Semian Funeral Home, Taylor. The funeral was Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Clarks Summit. Interment followed at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Taylor.

MARTHA M. MURANSKY BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Youngstown, OH, with the Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Polando and Father Timothy O'Neill concelebrating for Martha M. Muransky, 89, of Poland, who passed away early Friday morning, April 26, 2013 with her beloved son by her bed side.

Martha will always be remembered and loved by her family and friends for her dry sense humor, frankness, and sharp mind. Although she did not have a college education she read voraciously and displayed keen intelligence.

She was born May 28, 1923 in Campbell, OH, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Koly) Kukura and was a lifelong area resident.

Martha was a January 1940 graduate of Campbell High School and an active member of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church where she be-

longed to the Altar and Rosary Society and the Infant Jesus of Prague Guild.

She was employed with G.E. Mazda Lamp Company and operated the family produce store on Federal Street, the State Market until 1957. She also worked at the Union Bank as an Executive Assistant and the Home Savings and Loan Company in the computer department.

Martha was a Precinct Committee Woman working on election days, and a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), including a past president of Branch 25.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother who put in endless time babysitting, never refusing a request, as well as an excellent cook and baker.

Martha was a big sports fan especially of Michigan Football and enjoyed playing cards and reading. She traveled extensively with her husband, sister and brother-in-law for the Jednota Conventions along with following her son Ed's football career.

Her husband Edward William Muransky whom she married June 29, 1946 died September 25, 1994.

She leaves behind to hold on to her precious memories: her daughter Elaine (Robert) Mulichak of Farmington, MO; a son Ed (Christine) Muransky of Poland, OH; five grandchildren: Brian (Penny) Mulichak, Melissa (Dan) Kellgren, Eddie Muransky, Deloran Muransky and Donielle Muransky; three great grandchildren: Luke, Paige and Karter; and two brothers: Larry (Gilda) Kukura of Brookfield and Ray (Ida) Kukura of Pittsburgh.

Besides her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a sister Ethel DeNicholas and two brothers: Infant Frank and Joseph Kukura.

Friends called on Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm and again on Monday, April 29, 2013 from 9:00 am until 9:50 am all at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Youngstown, OH.

Burial took place at Lake Park Cemetery, Youngstown, OH. Arrangements were entrusted to the professional care of the Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home, Boardman, OH.

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

Submitted by Joseph T. Scavina, Branch Financial Secretary



Branch 735 Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner Serving Line. (R - L): President Herb Hirst; Eli Stofko; and Recording Secretary John Kovach

Branch 735 Serves Up Annual Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner in Oregon

On April 14, 2013, St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 735, enjoyed their 33rd Annual Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Portland, OR. After conducting business at their biannual meeting, over 50 Members and their families enjoyed the excellent meal prepared by the Social Committee. Members brought Slovak desserts to share including several different types of homemade kolaches. Since 1971, the Branch has been meeting at St. Patrick's, Portland's oldest Catholic Church. Before then, meetings were at St. Birgitta's Catholic Church in Linnton, five miles north of Portland, where many of the Slovaks immigrated in the early 1900's. [Editor's note: See Branch 735 listing in this issue for upcoming activities.]

Submitted by Cindy Ďuriš Hirst, Secretary

Scenes from Sales Seminar in Pittsburgh

The First Catholic Slovak Union Membership and Marketing Committee held a Sales Seminar on Sunday, April 14, 2013 immediately following the Pittsburgh District 6 Meeting at 1:00PM at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in West Mifflin, PA.

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



Editor's Note: See page 20 for upcoming Sales Seminars

Commemorating the 1,150th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Evangelization Mission of SS Cyril and Methodius

Slovak Catholic Federation Hosts Historic Year of Faith Pilgrimage to the Eternal City of Rome and Slovakia

Daniel F. Tanzone

The year 2013 is filled with a number of milestones which the Church celebrates. It is the Year of Faith as proclaimed by our now Pope emeritus, Benedict XVI to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, a monumental event which in many ways has enabled the Church to be reborn. 2013 also marks the 20th anniversary of the publication of The Catechism of the Catholic Church by Blessed John Paul, II. In addition, to those of Slovak ancestry, the year commemorates the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius among our ancestors in Slovakia. What St. Patrick is to the Irish, St. Boniface to the Germans, St. Augustine to the English, that is what SS. Cyril and Methodius are to the family of Slavic nations, including the Slovaks. And finally, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. As the representative body of American Catholics of Slovak ancestry, the Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) felt it appropriate to mark the jubilee year with a pilgrimage to Rome and Slovakia.

Thus on Sunday, April 14, an enthusiastic group of 28 individuals from various parts of the country departed from the Philadelphia International Airport on pilgrimage, a sacred faith journey. The group was led by our spiritual leaders, namely the Rev. Philip

A. Altavilla, national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation and rector of St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, Pa.; Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, SCF national first vice president who is pastor of the Parish of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa.; and the Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Derzack, national spiritual director of the SCF and pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Walnutport, Pa. The flight was en route to Frankfurt, Germany with the second link to Rome. The somewhat tired, yet enthusiastic group arrived in the Eternal City on Monday, April 15 to begin their spiritual adventure.

With their hotel just walking distance from the Vatican, the pilgrims had a wonderful opportunity to visit the many interesting and historic sites. Each day, Mass was celebrated for the benefit of the pilgrims at the nearby Church of the Sacred Heart or at the various Roman basilicas. On Tuesday, April 16, the pilgrims had the opportunity to visit the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius located on the outskirts of the city in the La Storta region. Msgr. Vladimir Stahovec, the rector, welcomed the pilgrims and gave them a tour of the facilities. More than a half century ago, it was the generosity of the four Slovak Catholic fraternals united in the Slovak Catholic Federation which raised the funds to build what was then known as the Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius, or Ustav as it was known in Slovak. The First Catholic Slovak Union was the first of the four Slovak fraternals to support the project with a gift of \$100,000 authorized by the 1961 convention.

Cardinal Jozef Tomko, retired prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and a founder of the Slovak Institute; joined the group and individually welcomed each pilgrim. His Eminence was principal celebrant of a 5 p.m. liturgy in the college chapel which was celebrated in English. Joining him were the three American priests along with all the priest students at the college.

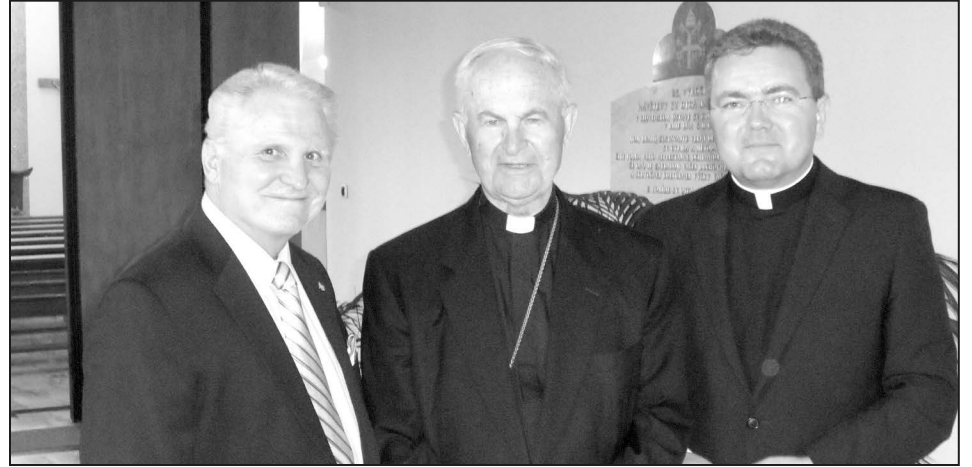
Following the liturgy, the pilgrims were hosted at a wonderful dinner. Cardinal Tomko and Msgr. Stahovec recalled the history of the college and the rector welcomed all and thanked the American Slovaks for their continued support of the college's ministry. Father Philip Altavilla spoke of the continued interest and support of the college on the part of the SCF. Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic also spoke at the dinner and thanked Msgr. Stahovec for his hospitality. It was noted that Father Hvozdovic serves as the coordinator of the annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal of the SCF which raises funds for the Pontifical Slovak College. Also speaking at the dinner was Andrew M. Rajec, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Union who presented a commemorative plate to the Slovak college. He assured the audience of the continued support of the members of the Jednota in the ministry of the Slovak college. Greetings were also extended by Mary Ann S. Johaneck, past president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association who brought greetings on behalf of that organization. Daniel F. Tanzone, president of the Slovak League of America and editor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, spoke reviewing the history of the college and the role played by the American Slovak community in its establishment. The wonderful evening came to a close with the closing prayer and blessing offered by Msgr. Stahovec.

The highlight of the Rome portion of the pilgrimage came on Wednesday, April 17 with the Papal audience with Pope Francis. The group joined the more than 60,000 pilgrims from around the globe in St. Peter's Square for the audience which began at 10 a.m. It was only the second general audience of Pope Francis since his election as the 266th pontiff of the Catholic Church. The pilgrims were inspired by the words of the Holy Father whose personality and charism came across in his address. Our pilgrims had excellent seats and thoroughly enjoyed the historic, spiritual gathering where one experiences the true universality of the Church. The Holy Father addressed the crowd and the Slovak Catholic Federation was announced among the groups present from the English speaking world. It was truly an historic occasion for the American pilgrims.

Early in the morning on April 18, the pilgrims walked to St. Peter's Basilica where they were privileged to attend a 7:15 a.m. Mass over the tomb of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles. It is a rare privilege for a group to attend Mass at this sacred place. Rev. Andrew

S. Hvozdovic served as principal celebrant of the liturgy. Concelebrants included Rev. Philip A. Altavilla and Msgr. Thomas Derzack. During the day, the pilgrims enjoyed a tour of ancient Rome and included stops at the major Basilica of St. Mary Major, Christendom's principal church dedicated to the Mother of God and the major Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral as Bishop of Rome.

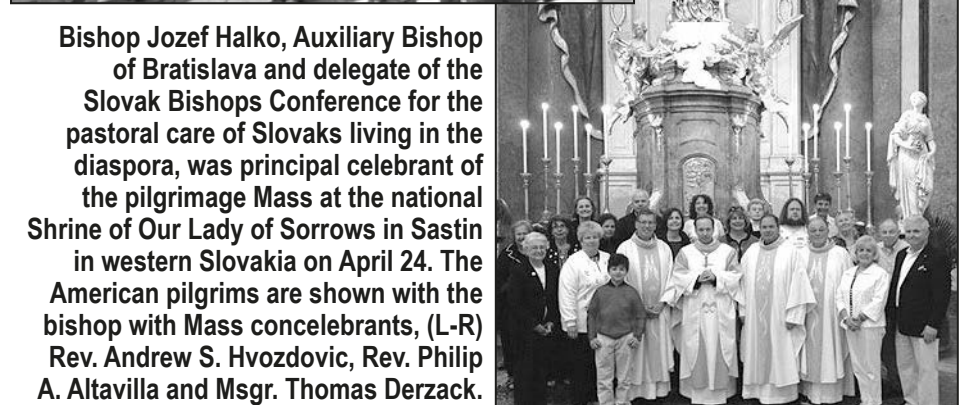
On Friday, April 19, the group visited the Basilica of St. Clement. Here in this ancient church is the grave of St. Cyril, who died in Rome on Feb. 14, 869. Father Altavilla was principal celebrant of the liturgy celebrated in the main upper church. He recalled how appropriate it was that the pilgrims gather in this church so close to the Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. This historic church contains many beautiful frescoes depicting the lives of SS. Cyril and Methodius. Following the liturgy, the group visited the grave of St. Cyril located in the lower church. The altar over the grave bears the inscription in Latin: "Restored by the sons and daughters of the Slovak nation." It was the Slovak Catholic Federation which raised funds to restore the altar above the grave which was rededicated during a pilgrimage hosted by the SCF in 1952. Our former Jednota National Chaplain, the late Msgr. Andrew R. Biros who celebrated the first liturgy on the restored altar during the 1952 pilgrimage. Of course, throughout their stay in the Eternal City, the pilgrims had the opportunity to savor the great Italian cuisine with evening meals enjoyed at a variety of restaurants.



(L - R) First Catholic Slovak Union President Andrew M. Rajec meeting with His Eminence, Cardinal Jozef Tomko and Msgr. Vladimir Stahovec, Rector of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius.



Pilgrims from the Slovak Catholic Federation in the United States pose for a photo in St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal audience of Pope Francis on April 17. It was just the second general audience given by Pope Francis.



Bishop Jozef Halko, Auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava and delegate of the Slovak Bishops Conference for the pastoral care of Slovaks living in the diaspora, was principal celebrant of the pilgrimage Mass at the national Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Sastin in western Slovakia on April 24. The American pilgrims are shown with the bishop with Mass concelebrants, (L-R) Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Rev. Philip A. Altavilla and Msgr. Thomas Derzack.

Saturday, April 20 was departure day for the next leg of the pilgrimage. The pilgrims flew from Rome to Vienna, Austria. Upon arrival in the Imperial City of Vienna, the group was met by our Slovak guide, Jana Patoprsta. Jana would serve as guide for the pilgrims during their stay in Slovakia. The group then traveled by bus to Slovakia's shining capital city of Bratislava located on the Danube River. Since Slovakia and Austria are members of the EU, there were no longer border crossing security inspections. For most, it was a first-time emotional visit to the land of their ancestors.

On Sunday, April 21, the group attended morning Mass at the historic Cathedral of St. Martin. Msgr. Jozef Formanek was principal celebrant along with our American spiritual leaders and local priests at the liturgy assisted by many seminarians from the nearby SS. Cyril and Methodius Theological Seminary. Dating to 1221, St. Martin's Cathedral is one of Slovakia's most important churches. The pilgrims had the opportunity to visit the cathedral treasury and learn about its rich history. During the Turkish invasions when Hungary's capital was transferred from Budapest to Bratislava, St. Martin's became the Hapsburg coronation church. From 1563 to 1830, 19 men and women were crowned King or Queen of Hungary in this church including Empress Maria Terezia in 1741. The cathedral has been beautifully restored in recent years made possible in part through the support provided by the Slovak Catholic Federation following the fall of Communism in 1989.

After enjoying an afternoon tour of the city's historic old town section, the pilgrims gathered for dinner at the Parlamentka Restaurant overlooking the scenic Danube River. Members of Slovakia's parliament which is located nearby, are regulars at this restaurant. Joining the group for dinner was the Most Rev. Jozef Halko, auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava and delegate of the Bishops Conference of Slovakia for the pastoral care of Slovaks and those of Slovak ancestry residing outside Slovakia. SCF President, Father Philip Altavilla welcomed Bishop Halko and was pleased that he was able to join the pilgrims for dinner. The Bishop was pleased that the SCF continues to promote our rich Slovak faith traditions in the United States and noted that he looked forward to his first visit to the United States in August 2013. On that pilgrimage, Bishop Halko will bring the relic of St. Cyril to several American and Canadian cities in honor of our Cyrilo-Methodian Year of Faith.

On Monday, April 22, the group visited the city of Trnava, known as "The Rome of Slovakia" due to its many churches. The group visited the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the seat of the Archdiocese of

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Sr. Mary Anita Tapocik Celebrates 60th Jubilee



Sister Mary Anita Tapocik, OP, is celebrating 60 years of religious life as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois. The Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois are a congregation of vowed Catholic women who have dedicated their lives to prayer, studying and proclaiming the Word of God and leading simple lives in community with one another. She entered the Dominican community on June 27, 1951 and made her first profession of vows on January 4, 1953 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. Born in Springfield and baptized at St. Barbara Church, Sister holds a BA in Education/English from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, IA and M-Ed. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. She has certification: K-12, Gen. Adm.

Sister Mary Anita ministered in Catholic Schools in the Springfield, Peoria, Joliet, Rockford and Chicago Archdiocese. Schools where she taught or served as principal include: Our Lady of Grace, Chicago; St. Joseph, Bradley; St. Thomas, Crystal Lake; St. Mary, East Moline; Little Flower, Springfield, and Our

Saviour, Jacksonville. Out of state schools include: Holy Rosary and St. Michael, Duluth, MN and Sacred Heart, Redlands, CA. She also was a pioneer Sister and spent a short period of time at Bourbonnais Alfred Fortin Villa. Sister is presently ministering at St. Malachy Parish in Rantoul, IL as a Pastoral Visitor.

Sister Anita's parents were born in Slovakia and ensured that all eleven children were members of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

A congregation celebration is planned for her and the Community jubilarians in August at Sacred Heart Convent.



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Trnava and other noted churches. The headquarters of the Society of St. Adalbert (Spolok Sv. Vojtecha), the oldest Slovak Catholic publishing house is located here. In the 1930s, the SCF raised funds for a new press for the society. During the visit, the Most Rev. Jan Sokol, Archbishop-Emeritus of Trnava received the group and provided a wonderful reception. In his traditional magnanimous manner, Archbishop Sokol prayed and sang with the pilgrims. He recalled his many visits to the United States and the invaluable support given by the Slovak Catholic Federation in helping to restore the Church in Slovakia after the fall of Communism.

On Tuesday, April 23, the group visited the historic city of Nitra. This city was the center of the Cyrilo-Methodian mission in the ninth century and the seat of Slovakia's oldest see. Established in 880, Nitra is the oldest diocese on the territory of the western Slavs. Nitra's Bishop Viliam Judak had originally planned to be principal celebrant for the pilgrims in the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Emeran, however unfortunately he was hospitalized. In his stead, he asked Monsignor Stefan Vallo, Ph.D., rector of the cathedral to serve as principal celebrant of the pilgrim liturgy. The three priest-spiritual leaders of the pilgrimage joined Msgr. Vallo at the beautiful Mass. Msgr. Vallo was impressed with the beauty and richness of the Slovak hymns sung by the Americans. Msgr. Vallo then led the pilgrims on a tour of the historic cathedral complex. He led the pilgrims to the Chapel of Prince Pribina. Dedicated in 833, this is the oldest Christian church in Slovakia. Following the liturgy, the pilgrims were hosted at a special brunch in the Bishop's Residence. Again, the gratitude of the Church in Slovakia for the work of the SCF was much in evidence. The bells of the great cathedral tower pealed out their welcome to the Americans both before the liturgy and following the brunch. It was a touching and memorable moment for the Americans. The pilgrims were able to purchase many beautiful souvenirs commemorating the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Nitra, including a newly minted gold medal commemorating the jubilee year of the Apostles of the Slavs along with the image of our newly elected Pope Francis.

On Wednesday, April 24 the group traveled throughout western Slovakia including a stop at Bradlo at the monument honoring General Milan R. Stefanik one of the greatest Slovak sons and co-founder of the first Republic of Czecho-Slovakia. The group then traveled on to Sastin to visit the national Shrine of Our Mother of Sorrows. The great basilica honors Our Mother of Sorrows, Slovakia's patroness. The shrine has been a center of pilgrimage since the first half of the thirteenth century. Bishop Jozef Halko joined the pilgrims and was principal celebrant of a Mass with our pilgrimage spiritual directors. To the delight of the pilgrims, at the liturgy, Bishop Halko offered a wonderful homily in English. Touring this great shrine to the Mother of God was a wonderful opportunity for the pilgrims. After Mass, Bishop Halko gave an interesting and informative presentation on the shrine's history. On the way home, the pilgrims stopped off for a wonderful meal sampling some of the region's great wines in Svaty Jur. With wonderful Slovak cuisine and delightful wines along with talented musicians and singers, the evening was certainly memorable and the pilgrimage day complete.

On Thursday, April 25, the pilgrims visited several western Slovak villages on their way to Velehrad located in the Czech Republic. This colorful village located in eastern Moravia is home to the Basilica of the Assumption of the Mother of God. Tradition has it that St. Methodius died here in 885. Monsignor Derzack was principal celebrant of the liturgy in the great basilica. The pilgrims had the opportunity to visit the two great centers of Nitra and Velehrad both associated with the evangelization mission of SS. Cyril and Methodius. That evening, a wonderful farewell dinner was enjoyed in Bratislava.

Then early on Friday, April 26, the pilgrims began their return trip to the United States. From Vienna, they flew to Frankfurt and then on to the City of Brotherly Love. The journey was truly a memorable pilgrimage of faith. Each pilgrim was renewed in faith, enlightened by the many historical sites they visited and confirmed in their love and appreciation of their Slovak heritage. The Slovak Catholic Federation is to be commended for hosting this historic pilgrimage in this great Year of Faith.

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius invite you-- Saturday

10:30 am - 5:00 pm

July 13

Summer Festival

Villa Sacred Heart, Danville PA

food fun arts & crafts baked goods games flea market Mass for Sunday in the Basilica 5:00 pm

Answer to Puzzle

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013 • INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer
Henry Hassay, Regional Director (By invitation of the President via teleconference)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the March 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer presented a written report and answered all the Executive Committee's questions.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., gave his extensive Investment Portfolio transaction report by teleconference and WebEx. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

INVESTMENT UPDATES:

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

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee. The report gave a complete update of the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB).

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

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

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

CURRENT ANNUITY INTEREST RATES:

The President led an extensive review on the current annuity interest rates and it was decided the new rates will begin May 1, 2013. The new rates are as follows:

Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.60% APY
Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.25% APY
With the "cash interest" Option	3.00% APY
New Six-Year Fixed Rate Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.25% APY
New "Park 2 Annuity" (not available in the state of NY)	2.25% APY
New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA – 1st year guarantee	1.90% APY

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report for the different regions and the report of our independent agents. This report is always mailed to our Regional Directors for their information. The Vice President stated we are still continuing to recruit new agents. Following the report, the Vice President answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President reviewed the 2013 seminar schedule. He is asking the Regional Directors for their assistance in setting up additional seminars for 2013.

The Vice President announced the special JEP Promotion will end March 31, 2013.

The Vice President stated the 2013 Membership Meet will be a 7-day Caribbean Cruise on the Crown Princess from November 9 – 16, 2013. You may either call the home office or go to the website for Reservation Forms and cruise information.

ADVERTISING:

The Executive Secretary stated he will continue advertising our products and annuity rates in our Jednota newspaper, mailings, and on our website. The Executive Secretary further stated we will continue to add new addresses as we receive them and using the cur-

rent e-mail addresses we have on record to advertise our products and inform our members of updated information. The Executive Secretary stated he is reviewing costs of advertising in the small local newspapers and possibly advertising in a few as a test trial.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

The President updated the Executive Committee on the joint activities planned with the other Slovak fraternal groups. He reminded everyone of the FCSU Bowling Tournament on May 3-5, 2013, in Buffalo, New York, and the Golf Tournament on July 20-21, 2013, in Canton, Ohio. The President stated he is encouraging the Fraternal Activities Director to explore activities with the other Slovak fraternal groups.

The President updated the Executive Committee on the National Picnic which will be held on August 11, 2013 at FROGBRIDGE Picnics & Special Events Entertainment Park in Millstone Township, New Jersey. The picnic will be advertised on our website, newspaper, and included in the branch mailing. The President stated on-line registration has been set-up through our website for the convenience of our members. The President stated we are expecting around 300 members to attend the picnic.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES**

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of March for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

Disbursements for the month of March 2013:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 146,006.73
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 61,993.08
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 1,233.42

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

The request for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The President asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to close the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



Mark Your Calendars:

The following FCSU Sales Seminars have been finalized...

June 23, 2013 - Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2. The seminar will be held at the Benedictine Convent 5900 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest. The seminar begins at 2 P.M.

August 25, 2013 - Rev. Stephen Furdek Ohio District 10. The seminar will be at the home office - 6611 Rockside Road in Independence, Ohio. The seminar begins at 2 P.M.

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

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

Putovanie po regiónoch Slovenska

(Pokračovanie)

Hont

Región hraničiaci s Krupinskou planinou a Štiavnickými vrchmi sa nachádza v údolí riek Štiavnica a Krupinica.

Jeho hospodárskym a kultúrnym strediskom sú Šahy, ktoré ležia na rozhraní Podunajskej a Juhoslovenskej nížiny na brehu Ipľa pri slovensko-maďarskej hranici. V r. 1238 tam založili kláštor premonštrátov, ktorý v r. 1546 premenili na protitureckú pevnosť.

V revolučnom roku 1848 tam väznili národovca - básnika, Janka Kráľa, známeho revolučnou básňou *Jarná pieseň*, z ktorej uvádzam niekoľko veršov:

*Zakukala kukulienka jarnú, čerstvú nótu,
Vývolala zas celý svet ospalý k životu.
Slobody hlas mocný budí zase všetky zeme:
A my chlapi podtatranskí či sedieť budeme?
Tajná sila všetky hate a prekážky borí:
A nás slabých majú vysmiať naše zrutné hory?*

Na rieke Krupinica sa nachádza aj Krupina. Aj sem prichádzali v 12. – 13. st. baníci z nemeckého Saska. Usadili sa tam a založili si aj obec Sása. Mesto sa stalo dôležitou protitureckou pevnosťou a v 16. st. ho ohradili. Nad ním na návrší postavili aj pozorovaciu baštu Vartovku, ktorá sa zachovala podnes a stala sa symbolom mesta. Počas tureckých nájazdov si mešťania ohradili aj trojloďový kostol z 13. storočia.

V Krupíne sa narodili: spisovateľka Elena Maróthy Šoltéssová a básnik Andrej Braxatoris Sládkovič, známy nádhernou básňou *Marína* o veľkej láske k žene spájajúcej sa s veľkou láskou k vlasti. Tu je úryvok z nej:

*Vlast' drahú ľúbiť v peknej Maríne,
Marínu drahú v peknej otčine
a obe v jednom objímať.*

Z okolitých obcí je pozoruhodná Dobrá Niva s romantickým kostolom sv. Michala z 13. storočia, ale aj pestrým krojom, ktorý tam podnes nosia.

Len na skok od nej sú Hontianske Nemce, najstaršia obec Hontu. V 12. st., po tatárskom pustošení, povolal tam kráľ Belo IV. nemeckých kolonistov, ktorí sa tam usadili a založili si ju a pomenovali výstižným názvom. Zaujímavá je ľudovou architektúrou starých domov z kameňa so slamenými strechami a ozdobnými vchodmi do dvorov. Zaujímavé sú tam aj domy vysekané v andezitových masívoch, ktoré slúžili obyvateľom ako úkryty počas tureckých nájazdov. Prípadom nám jaskyne z prehistorických dôb.

Vinica, jedna z najstarších obcí Hontu je známa pestovaním vinnej revy už od r. 1156.

Lákadlom s príťažlivým a veľmi zaujímavým podujatím je každoročný folklórny festival piesni a tancov v Hrušove pod názvom *Hontianska paráda* doplnený ukázkami dávnych remesiel ako: debnárstvo, kolárstvo, košíkárstvo, pečenie chleba v peciach, tkanie plátna a koberecov na krosnách, mlátenie obilia cepmi i v mláčačkách, zabíjanie brava a výroba mäsových maškát (klobása, jaternička, tlačienka...)

Neďaleká obec Lišov je známa obľúbenou žartovnou pesničkou *o lišovskej neveste*. Tu je úryvok z nej:

*Tá lišovská nevesta
Tá lišovská nevesta, recefire - bum!
Šaty z mesta doniesla, recefire - bum!
Keď ich ona obliekla, do mesta sa vyvliekla,
ange cingé bunge háje, recefire - bum!*

Andrej Štelmák, Sliach



Nevesta z Hontu.



Pečenie domáceho chleba v Honte.



Dom so vstupnou bránou v Dobrej Nive.



Krupinská Vartovka.



V týchto dňoch vyšlo letné číslo Magazínu Slovensko. Nájdete v ňom články z matičného diania, články krajskej problematiky i články o krásach Slovenska. Staňte sa i Vy jeho predplatiteľom.

Objednávka poštou: Matica slovenská, Vydavateľstvo Matice slovenskej, Mudroňova 1, 036 52 Martin, Slovak Republic. **Objednávky do zahraničia:** USA, Austrália – 30 dolárov (vrátane poštovného), Európa – 20 € (vrátane poštovného) **Objednávka emailom:** periodika@matica.sk

Na Slovensku pripravili nový dokumentárny film o kardinálovi Jozefovi Tomkovi

Pod názvom "Kardínal Jozef Tomko" pripravili Pápežské misijné diela (PMD) na Slovensku a katolícka televízia Lux nový dokumentárny film o tejto osobnosti s významným postavením v Katolíckej cirkvi a vo Vatikáne. Film mapuje cesty a život 89-ročného kardinála. Režisérom filmu je Marek Poláček, kameru a strih mal na starosti Ľuboslav Polák. Film vyrobil tím štúdia Lux communication, informovala o tom Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (TK KBS) v Bratislave.

Ako priblížil režisér filmu Poláček, s myšlienkou nakrútiť dokumentárny film o kardinálovi Tomkovi prišiel riaditeľ Pápežských misijných diel Viktor Jakubov začiatkom roku 2012. Kardinál si želal, aby bol film čo najviac o jeho misiách vo svete a aby boli využité zábery z ciest z jeho bohatého archívu. Tvorcovia filmu však chceli priblížiť aj kardinálovu menej známu tvár. Napríklad turistiku kardinála Tomka v Alpách, či jeho záľubu vo fotografovaní a filmovaní. "Zhodli sme sa na tom, že musíme vo filme zachytiť čo najviac skúseností z bohatého života Jozefa Tomka, zachytiť rozmer jeho osobnosti," povedal režisér a zdôraznil zámer tvorcov filmu pripraviť tento dokument netradične. "Na filmovačkách s otcem kardinálom v Dolomitoch, v Tatrách, v Bratislave a v Ríme sme strávili spolu 20 dní. Bolo to pre mňa veľkým zážitkom a skúsenosťou," uviedol Poláček. Verí, že film o kardinálovi Tomkovi môže byť pre diváka poučný, zaujímavý a inšpirujúci. Priblíži im jeho vieru v život, vďačnosť voči Bohu, jeho odvahu, húževnatosť, usilovnosť, humor a zdravý životný štýl.

Film obsahuje hlboké myšlienky kardinála Tomka, jeho skúsenosti, ale aj viaceré humorné situácie počas turistiky v Alpách, na Lomnickom štíte, či v chause rímskej dopravy, dodal režisér dokumentu.



Kardínal Jozef Tomko

TASR

Blíži sa Svetové stretnutie Slovákov

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

sa vo Walkreiburgu. Následne sa pravidelne každé tri roky festival konal na rôznych miestach, no až v roku 1992 sa Svetový festival Slovenskej mládeže uskutočnil v Martine, v centre národnej kultúry a v sídle Matice slovenskej.

Pozvaní sú všetci tí, ktorí ešte nikdy nenavštívili naše malé a krásne Slovensko, ale aj tí ktorí už v starej vlasti boli, no najmä tí, ktorí zo svojich rodokmeňov vedia, že domovom ich predkov bolo Slovensko. Veríme, že určite túžia vidieť krajinu, v ktorej majú svoje korene, kde mali svoj domov rodičia, starí rodičia či ešte staršie generácie...

Túžba poznať miesta a život svojich predkov je v každom človeku zakotvená. Viem to posúdiť z osobnej skúsenosti, i keď v mojom prípade nešlo o odsťahovanie sa do zahraničia, išlo „len“ o to, že obec Slanica – rodisko môjho otca a mimochodom aj Antona Bernoláka, prvého kodifikátora slovenského jazyka (na čo som mimochodom veľmi hrdý), musela byť z dôvodu výstavby Oravskej priehrady vysťahovaná a zatopená. Na malom ostrove ostal stáť len kostol a malý cintorín. Spomínam, ako rád som ako dieťa spolu s otcem chodil na ten ostrov, v čase keď sa tam pravidelne stretávali rodáci. Ako rád som počúval ich príbehy z detstva, ktoré tam prežili... Možno práve táto ľudská túžba poznania aj Vás privedie k nám. Svetový festival Slovákov sa stane miestom nových stretnutí, zážitkov a poznania.

O mesiac neskôr, presne od 1. – 4. augusta sa budeme mať možnosť stretnúť znova. Tentoraz v Martine, v meste centra národnej kultúry a sídla Matice slovenskej pri príležitosti osláv 150. výročia vzniku Matice slovenskej. Aj tu na vás čaká množstvo podujatí a stretnutí. Jedným z nich bude II. Európsky kongres Matíc slovanských národov, na ktorom chceme prijať Memorandum o ďalšej spolupráci našich Matíc, ale i vecne príslušných inštitúcií.

Spoločne sa môžeme tešiť i očakávať naše blízke stretnutia. Verím, že sa nám v roku 2013 podarí uskutočniť to, čo sme si predsavzali, to, čo Matica pripravila pre všetkých nás – pre hrdých Slovákov. Tak teda, milí krajanovia: „Do spoločného stretnutia v Košiciach!“

Daniel Zemančík

Blížšie informácie o programe Svetového stretnutia Slovákov nájdete na strane 23.

Oznamy a spoločenské podujatia

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

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

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

Vynikajúci výkon Luby Greguš Mason

vo veselohre Boeing - Boeing

Slovenská verejnosť v Amerike už dlhší čas nečítala v slovenskej tlači, či speváčka a herečka Luba Mason ešte účinkuje vo veselohrách a muzikáloch. Niektorí jej fanúšikovia sledujú jej kariéru a z času na čas informujú pisateľa v ktorých hrách a kde účinkovala. Dozvedeli sme sa, že nedávno zožala veľký úspech vo veselohre Boeing - Boeing. Táto komédia mala debut v roku 1965 v New Yorku, ale s malým úspechom. Tentokrát ožila v John W. Engeman Theater v Northport, Long Island, N.Y.

Celá hra bola opísaná v reviews ako báječná produkcia, skvelý výkon účinkujúcich, kde fyzická komédia je pomešaná a pekne harmonizuje s talentom hercov a herečiek. Prítomní sa pevne držali sedadiel, aby nespádli na podlahu lebo ich žalúdok bol napnutý vo dvoje od burácajúceho smiechu a humoru, ktorý trval od začiatku až do konca hry vo vypredanej divadelnej miestnosti.



Luba Greguš Mason

Aby čitatelia mali aký taký obraz o hre, spomeniem v krátkosti dej tejto veselohry.

V hre vystupuje starý mládenec a tri milenky – letušky. Jedná je Američanka a je letuškou TWA, druhá je Talianka pre Alitalia a tretia Nemka (Luba Mason), tá je letuškou pre Lufthansa. Všetky hľadajú romantiku a manželstvo. Majú odlišné lety a nevedia jedna o druhej. Každá má individuálny čas pre starého mládenca, kým tie druhé lietajú po nebi. Každá si myslí, že ona je tá jediná pre starého mládenca, ktorý majstrovsky žongluje s „air hostesses“.

Kritici a komentátori uvažujú v reviews čo je príčina, že táto komédia sa stala najpopulárnejším divadelným predstavením v John W. Engeman Theater v Northport od 21. marca do 5. mája 2013. New York Times v review čítame, že výkon Luby Mason pozdvihol produkciu predstavenia. Samotný jej príchod na javisko sa stretol s búrkou smiechu a burácajúcim potleskom.

Blondína, žlté šaty, traky, vlasy učesané nahor, teutónsky komander, nemecká helma (nepotrebovala oštep alebo kopiju) a mosadzná podprsienka, vždy hotová urobiť poriadok vo svojom „dome“. Tak volala apartament ako aj druhé letušky, pretože všetky majú kľúče.

Ďalšie review hovorí, že Luba Mason „steals the show v úlohe: Nemecká Gretchen. Jej zvučný a úplný hlas, bojovný postoj, obrovská výraz v tvári len komplimentujú jej komickú ale pôvabnú a súcitnú príťažlivosť.“

V inom review kritik pochvaľuje jej pôvabný hlas a pohyby veľmi prívetivé, „ale ak futbalové mužstvo v Baltimore – RAVENS potrebujú silného obrancu (defensive tackle) nemusí ísť ďaleko“.

Mc Nicholl, direktor hry si zaslúži vďaka a pochvalu, že vedel využiť talent účinkujúcich do krajnosti. Skript hry časom bude viac a viac nekultivovaný, ale nikdy nestratí milovníkov divadla a kvalitu hercov a herečiek. Slová na papieri môžu znieť pekne a pochválne, ale tvorivosť, talent a obrazovnosť hercov a herečiek v hre Boeing - Boeing pozdvihli hru do ďalších brilantných predstavení.

Lubka je stále činná vo veselohrách a muzikáloch. Čo nás veľmi teší, že pracuje na svojej vlastnej hre. Blahoželáme Lubke k úspechom a prajeme jej mnoho ďalších a úspešných do budúcnosti.

Fanúšikovia

Svätý Otec František vymenoval pápežského legáta na Slovensko

Svätý Otec František vymenoval svojho mimoriadneho vyslanca - pápežského legáta, ktorý sa zúčastní na vyvrcholení osláv 1150. výročia príchodu svätých Cyrila a Metoda na naše územie 5. júla 2013 v Nitre. Stal sa ním slovenský kardinál Franc Rodé, C. M., emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre inštitúty zasväteného života a spoločnosti apoštolského života. Súčasťou pápežskej delegácie budú aj ďalší dvaja cirkevní predstavitelia, ktorých mená budú zverejnené týždeň pred 5. júlom 2013.

V Nitre vyvrcholia celonárodné cyrilo-metodské oslavy na Slávnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda, ktorý si Slováci pripomínajú práve 5. júla. Očakáva sa účasť najvyšších cirkevných a štátnych predstaviteľov. Pred vyvrcholením Jubilejného roka bude od 2. do 4. júla 2013 v Nitre aj plenárne zasadnutie Konferencie biskupov Slovenska.

TK KBS



Kardinál Franc Rodé, C. M.

Medzinárodný letný tábor Matice slovenskej

30. 6. 2013 – 14. 7. 2013

čo deti v XXII. ročníku tábora čaká a určite neminie :-)

- výlet k vodopádom Studeného potoka a Rainerovej chate
- návšteva Európskeho hlavného mesta kultúry 2013 - Košice (koncerty, technické múzeum, ZOO)
- Podďte s nami na Liptov (čarovný svet podzemia s čelovkami v Stanišovskej jaskyni)
- kúzelnícka a balónová show profesionálneho kúzelníka (malá škola kúzla a modelovanie z balónov)
- lanovkou na Skalnaté pleso a pešia túra na Hrebienok
- opekačka a posedenie pri táborovom ohni
- Zabavte sa s nami (Milujem Slovensko, Talentmáňa)
- návšteva remeselníka - drótkára

- turnaje vo volejbale, futbale, tenise, stolnom tenise, šípkach, NERF
- vĺčikom na Štrbské Pleso a túra na vodopád Skok
- športové hry a súťaže
- ukážky z výcviku psov, praktické ukážky z práce záchranárov
- ělnkovanie na Štrbskom Plese
- na troch kolesách okolo Tatier (sajdkári a hasiči)
- Deti varia deťom (gulášovanie)
- beseda a premietanie s profesionálnymi záchranármi
- táborové Olympijské hry
- diskotéky
- osvieženie v Aquacity Poprad
- turistické výlety k plesám (Zelené, Popradské, Štrbské, Skalnaté a Hincové plesá)

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Kanadský „Štefan Furdek“ – Mons. František J. Fuga

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Mons. František J. Fuga je však verejnosťou vnímaný najmä ako národovec a širiteľ slovenskej kultúry na americkom kontinente. Do slovenského kultúrneho diania zasahoval vlastnou účasťou na podujatiach, mnohými článkami, ktoré publikoval v *Slovákov v Amerike*, *Kanadskom Slovákov*, *Márii* či *Jednote* a rádiovými vysielaniami na kanadských rádiových stanicách. V slovenskom rozhlase Niagara Falls od roku 1962 mával päťminútové výstupy ako jeden z prvých Slovákov žijúcich v Kanade. To však bola iba predzvesť jeho vrcholných zásluh v rozvoji slovenskej otázky v Amerike.

Popri práci kňaza si dobre uvedomoval silu printových médií – časopisu i knihy. Vedel, že by bolo nanajvýš vhodné, keby Slováci mali vlastný časopis i vydavateľstvo. Preto jedným z jeho najdôležitejších činov bolo vybudovanie nakladateľstva v Hamiltone. Tu postupne začal tlačiť pohľadnice, kalendáre, časopisy i knihy. Sám publikácie pripravoval do tlače, sádzal, tlačil i expedoval... A robota to bolo ozaj náročná. Takto vytlačil i prvú modlitebnú slovenskú knihu *Spas svoju dušu* (1959).

Azda najviac ho preslávilo vydanie monumentálneho trojzväzkového diela *Slovenská Otčina*, do ktorého prispelo 29 autorov na 1652 stranách.

Dobre rozbehnutú pronárodnú činnosť Mons. F. Fuga korunoval v marci 1974, keď sa stal tretím predsedom Zahraničnej Matice slovenskej (ďalej len ZMS). Zahraničnú Maticu slovenskú na čele s J. C. Hronským Slováci založili 30. augusta 1959. Pod jeho vedením ZMS mala záruky, že sa bude vyvíjať správnym smerom tak v kresťanskom, ako i národnom duchu. Avšak po jeho smrti a po smrti jej druhého predsedu – S. Mečiara sa v Argentíne na predsednícku stoličku nenašiel ani jeden vhodný kandidát. Po mnohých úvahách sa sídlo ZMS prenieslo z Argentíny do Kanady a na jej čelo sa postavil F. Fuga.

Medzi jeho najvýznamnejšie činy patril návrh na slovenskú zástavu. Aj keď nápadov vyrobiť slovenskú zástavu bolo mnoho, Fuga si ako prvý dal zostaviť jej umelecký návrh – trikolóru so slovenským znakom uprostred – a následne ju dal schváliť. Zástavu odsúhlasil o dr. Conrad – redaktor Kolégia York Herald of Arms v Londýne. Na počet Slovákov a ich zviditeľnenia na americkom kontinente poslal americkému prezidentovi Ronaldovi Reganovi obraz dr. Jozefa Cincika, ktorý sám vytlačil ako vďaka za obranu Slovákov v Amerike.

V rokoch 1983 – 1984 bola Zahraničná MS uznaná štátom za slovensko-kanadskú organizáciu. Takto mala právo bytia aj po odchode vtedajšieho vedenia a mala právo dedenia, v prípade, že pre ňu niekto zanechá majetok.

Fuga obdivoval i prácu Tisa. Na jeho fare v Hamiltone mal nielen jeho obrazy, ale i portréty Hlinku, Štefánika a Rázusa. Spolupracoval s Kanadskou slovenskou ligou i slovenskými kanadskými periodikami. Túto činnosť vykonával bezprostredne až do svojej smrti.

Keďže Mons. Fuga pracoval vo svojom vydavateľstve často i sám, z výparov a chemikálií dostal rakovinu hrdla i vnútorných orgánov. Aj napriek tomu, že mu lekári predpovedali iba 2 roky života, žil dlhšie takmer o 13 rokov. Bol presvedčený, že božia sila mu zastavila jej priebeh, pretože orodoval a modlil sa za Dr. Jozefa Tisa. Dňa 9. novembra 1987 vo veku 64 rokov Mons. František J. Fuga umrel. Na jeho poslednej ceste mu hrali hymnické piesne Hej, Slováci a Kto za pravdu horí.

Na Slovákov nezabudol ani po svojej smrti. Kanadskej slovenskej lige chcel darovať 48-akrovú farmu, aby sa mohla úspešne rozvíjať. To sa však nepodarilo uskutočniť, i keď dnes nesie názov Park Msgr. Fuga.

A ani Slováci naň nezabudli... V 1994 sa počas dvoch dní 17.-18. júna uskutočnila konferencia, kde bol predstavený jeho život i dielo za účasti významných činníkov, umelcov i jeho rodiny. Na jeho pamiatku bola 17. júna 1994 odhalená pamätná busta a o tri roky neskôr vznikla v jeho rodnej dedinke pamätná izba.

Za všetkých maticiárov a Slovákov – česť jeho pamiatke!

Zuzana Pavelcová

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Vlani** sa zo Slovenska vyviezol tovar v celkovej hodnote 62,8 miliardy eur. Potvrdilo sa pritom, že slovenský export je výrazne koncentrovaný na niekoľko málo odvetví. Sú nimi predovšetkým autá, televízory a ropné oleje, ktoré majú na slovenskom vývoze až takmer 30-% podiel. Vyplýva to z analýzy Poštovej banky. Export automobilov vlani dosiahol hodnotu 10,3 miliardy eur a tvoril tak z celkového vývozu takmer šestinú. Záujem o ne vlani prejavili najmä Nemci, Francúzi, Číňania a Briti. V roku 2011 na čele najvýznamnejších odberateľov zo Slovenska pochádzajúcich automobilov bola po prvýkrát v histórii Čína. Vlani to však bolo už Nemecko a predstihlo ju na druhom mieste aj Francúzsko.

• **Ústav** pamäti národa (ÚPN) a rakúsky Inštitút Ludwiga Boltzmana pre výskum následkov vojen budú spolupracovať, navzájom si poskytovať prístup k dokumentom, výsledkom výskumov a realizovať spoločné výskumné programy a projekty, semináre, konferencie, školenia a stáže. Umožní to zmluva, ktorú nedávno za účasti veľvyslancov Rakúskej republiky na Slovensku Markusa Wuketicha podpísal predseda ÚPN Ondrej Krajňák so svojim rakúskym partnerom Stefanom Karnerom. Zmluva medzi oboma inštitúciami sa zrodila na základe doterajších kontaktov a spoločného záujmu o výskum pôsobenia zložiek bývalej československej štátnej bezpečnosti na území Rakúskej republiky, ktoré tam vyvíjali intenzívnu aktivitu. Výmena skúseností a poznatkov pomôže obojstranným stranám pokročiť ďalej vo svojich výskumoch.

• **Čoraz** viac nakupujúcich začína pred návštevou obchodov s potravinami či iným tovarom uprednostňovať klikanie na webe. Napríklad donáškovú službu spoločnosti Tesco, ktorá bola spustená iba približne pred polrokom, už využilo asi 7,000 domácností z Bratislavy a okolia. Podľa generálneho riaditeľa Martina Dlouhého sa však k Bratislave už čoskoro majú pridať aj hypermarkety v ďalších krajských mestách. Webových obchodov, ktoré doručujú čerstvé potraviny, sú na Slovensku už v súčasnosti desiatky. Presné obchodné výsledky však nezverejňujú. Podľa viacerých odborníkov sa však zatiaľ ani zďaleka nepribližujú k tržbám klasických obchodov. Tesco má so svojimi 62 hypermarketmi najväčší podiel spomedzi sietí slovenských hypermarketov. Nasledujú ho Kaufland, Hypernova a Carrefour.

• **Tisíce** ľudí bez práce, ktorí sú tesne pred dôchodkom, sa dnes ocitajú v bezvýchoďovej situácii. Prácu si už pre vyšší vek ťažko nájdu, tak môžu uvažovať len nad predčasným dôchodkom, za cenu doživotného krátenia vyplácanej dávky. Je tu však nápad, ktorý by im pomohol. Česi ho pomenovali - preddôchodok. A ten je šancou pre budúcu generáciu. Umožňuje totiž občanovi urýchliť odchod do penzie až o päť rokov. A tak si užiť dlhšiu aktívnu starobu. Bez toho, aby sa mu neskôr vypočítaný riadny starobný dôchodok z prvého piliera podstatne znížil. Slovenská vláda by sa týmto príkladom mohla inšpirovať pri príprave reformy tretieho dôchodkového piliera. Ten má byť opäť daňovo zvýhodnený. "Spomínaná česká verzia preddôchodku je určite zaujímavá dôchodková dávka. V rámci reformy slovenského tretieho piliera zvažujeme zavedenie podobnej, ako jednej z viacerých atraktívnych alternatív", uviedla Barbora Petrová z tlačového oddelenia ministerstva práce.

• **Už** dva roky nemusia mať Slováci na prácu v Nemecku a Rakúsku pracovné povolenie. Odvtedy sa podľa portálu Profesia.sk počet ponúk pre Slovákov z týchto krajín zdvojnásobil. Vlani zverejnili na pracovnom portáli firmy takmer 2,200 ponúk do Nemecka a 2,052 ponúk do Rakúska. Po zjednodušení pravidiel sa podarilo vyplniť medzery na trhu práce v týchto krajinách, hovorí riaditeľ Stredoeurópskeho inštitútu pre výskum práce Martin Kahanec. Slováci tam najčastejšie robia v obchode, službách a stavebníctve.

• **Zjednodušiť**, zrýchliť a uľahčiť styk občanov so Sociálnou poisťovňou (SP) pri vybavovaní potrebnej agendy má za cieľ realizácia projektu Elektronizácia služieb Sociálnej poisťovne. Podľa informácií z posledného stretnutia predstaviteľov SP s novinármi by jeho realizácia mala byť ukončená v závere roka 2015. V skutočnosti je na Národný projekt č. 1 vyčlenených 34 miliónov eur a na Národný projekt č. 2 12 miliónov eur. Uvedené prostriedky sú nenávratným príspevkom v rámci realizácie Operačného programu informatizácia spoločnosti (OPIS). Na náklady Sociálnej poisťovne pôjde prevádzka a udržiavanie systému vrátane jeho aktualizácie. V súčasnosti je realizácia projektov v štádiu verejného obstarávania. Cieľom implementácie nového integrovaného informačného systému je transformácia súčasného agendového spracovania na systém poskytovania elektronických služieb.

• **Nemocnica** Košice-Šaca, a.s., 1. súkromná nemocnica, získala nedávno už štvrtýkrát ocenenie Slovak Gold Exclusive. Predĺženie práva na používanie tejto prestížnej značky kvality je platné na ďalších 24 mesiacov. Košická súkromná nemocnica získala Slovak Gold Exclusive v roku 2006 ako prvá nemocnica na Slovensku a doteraz je jediným zdravotníckym zariadením, ktorému tento certifikát udelili. Nadácia Slovak Gold jej ho udelila na základe udržania výborných hospodárskych výsledkov a stability, významných investícií do ľudských zdrojov, ochrany zdravia a životného prostredia, korektných obchodných vzťahov, ako aj samotného verejného prospechu. Nemocnica Košice-Šaca, patriaca do skupiny zdravotníckych zariadení Unipharm, disponuje popri Slovak Gold Exclusive aj Certifikátom integrovaného systému manažérstva kvality a environmentálneho manažérstva, Cenou primátora mesta Košice a Certifikátom rodovo zodpovednej organizácie. Vďaka kvalitnému novorodeneckému oddeleniu získala nemocnica aj certifikát Baby Friendly Hospital.

• **Najbohatším** Slovákom je majiteľ skupiny Agrofert Andrej Babiš. Jeho majetok odhadol časopis Forbes na 1,54 miliardy eur. Pri zostavovaní rebríčka najbohatších ľudí na Slovensku vychádzal magazín z oficiálnych údajov firiem, ku ktorým sa ich majitelia priznávajú. "Bohatstvo ľudí z nášho rebríčka je takmer výlučne viazané v spoločnostiach, ktoré vybudovali a predstavuje hodnotu, ktorú by získali, ak by sa teoreticky rozhodli svoje podiely predat," uviedol časopis, ktorý zostavil aj spoločný rebríček 30 najbohatších ľudí v Čechách a na Slovensku. Druhým najbohatším Slovákom je podľa magazínu Ivan Chrenko (600 miliónov eur) zo spoločnosti HB Reavis, tretím Jaroslav Haščák z Penty (480 miliónov eur) a na štvrtom mieste sa umiestnil majiteľ viacerých železiarní Tomáš Chrenek (440 miliónov eur). Prvú päťku uzatvára Martin Kúšik (420 miliónov eur) z Penty.

• **Nedeľný** obed s rodinou minulý rok z pracovných dôvodov vynechávala takmer pätina (19,1 %) zamestnaných na Slovensku. Ešte väčší podiel zamestnaných Slovákov strávi v práci sobotu. Vo všetkých krajinách EÚ sú pracovné soboty častejšie ako pracovné nedele. Víkend strávený v práci sa na Slovensku týka viac mužov ako žien. Soboty trávi pracovne pravidelne každý štvrtý zamestnaný muž aj žena, podiel žien pracujúcich v sobotu z času na čas (22 %) je však podľa údajov Eurostatu nižší ako v prípade mužov (35 %).

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Program Svetového stretnutia Slovákov v Košiciach 4. – 7. júla 2013

Matica slovenská organizuje v trojročných intervaloch Svetové stretnutie Slovákov – Matičný svetový festival slovenskej mládeže. V roku 2013 sa toto významné podujatie uskutoční v Košiciach a bude sa niesť v znamení 150. výročia vzniku najstaršej kultúrnej a vedeckej ustanovizne Slovákov. Srdečne vás pozývame do Košíc, kde bude v dňoch 4. – 7. júla pripravený bohatý multizáňrový program za aktívnej účasti krajských súborov a telies z 8 krajín.

Štvrtok 4. júla 2013

- Sv. Cyril a Metod – patróni Slovenska : Vernisáž výstavy venovanej 1150. výročiu príchodu solúnskych bratov na naše územie .
- Východné Slovensko v slovenských dejinách: Vedecká konferencia
- Slávnostné prijatie zahraničných i domácich hostí .
- Ekumenické slávenie: V spolupráci so všetkými cirkvami na území Košíc .
- Otvárací ceremoniál: Vystúpenie domácich a zahraničných umeleckých kolektívov – živé pozvánky, odovzdanie štafetového posolstva .
- Kapura: Spoločenský večer

Piatok 5. júla 2013

Cyrylo-metodské tvorivé dielne

- Škola tanca : Ľudové tance východného Slovenska.
- Škola spevu: Ľudové piesne regiónov Abov, Zemplín, Gemer a Šariš.
- Škola ornamentu podľa Štefana Leonarda Kostelnička.
- Slávnostné kladenie vencov pri pamätníku Štefana Moyzesa.
- Staromestské činohranie: Model pouličných predstavení.
- Otváranie pečatí: Multimediálna inscenácia (netradičné prepojenie žánrovo rozdielnych umeleckých smerov.

(Počas dňa budú zahraničné súbory z USA, Kanady, Rakúska, Srbska, Chorvátska, Bulharska, Česka a Ukrajiny účinkovať v okolitých obciach a mestách Košického a Prešovského kraja.

Sobota 6. júla 2013

- Škola tanca: Ľudové tance východného Slovenska.
- Škola spevu: Ľudové piesne regiónov Abov, Zemplín, Gemer a Šariš.
- Scénický sprievod centrom Košíc: Tri výjavy z dejín slovenského národa.

Hlavný sobotňajší program

- Detský svet (vystúpenie domácich a zahraničných detských kolektívov)
- Rodostrom (vystúpenie zahraničných a domácich seniorských kolektívov.
- Slovensko a slovenský svet (galaprogram). Pozdrav hostí, vystúpenia domácich a zahraničných umelcov. (Počas dňa budú zahraničné súbory účinkovať v okolitých obciach a mestách Košického a Prešovského kraja).

Nedeľa 7. júla 2013

- O Haluštičke, zbojníckej dievčičke: Predstavenie Divadla Maškrtá.
- Prehliadka pamätihodností mesta Košice (s kvalifikovanými sprievodcami)
- Slovenská pieseň je vzácny dar (vystúpenie zahraničných a domácich speváckych kolektívov).
- Slávnostné ukončenie Svetového stretnutia Slovákov v Košiciach 2013.

V dňoch 1. – 3. júla sa vo všetkých samosprávnych krajoch uskutoční štafetové posolstvo Svetovému stretnutiu Slovákov v Košiciach 2013. Aktívnu účasťou vyjadrite svoju podporu spolupatričnosti.

Hlavní organizátori podujatia: Matica slovenská, Mesto Košice, Košický samosprávny kraj, Košice 2013 – Európske hlavné mesto kultúry.

An art museum is under construction in Kosice. It is a leading investment project of the European Capital of Culture Kosice 2013.



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Mesto Košice nedávno prevzalo stavbu Kunsthalle (Na snímke), jeden z kľúčových investičných projektov Európskeho hlavného mesta kultúry 2013. Projekt za vyše sedem miliónov eur je premenou starej krytej plavárne na centrum umenia a kultúry.

Na Slovensku Medzinárodné cvičenie príslušníkov ozbrojených síl

Približne 1800 príslušníkov ozbrojených síl z 37 krajín, 20 organizácií NATO a Európskej únie sa zúčastní cvičenia Capable Logician 2013 (CL13), ktoré sa v júni uskutoční na Slovensku. Scenár cvičenia bude vychádzať z fiktívneho konfliktu medzi dvoma krajinami, keď o nasadenie vojsk NATO do konfliktného regiónu požiadajú svojou rezolúciou Bezpečnostná rada OSN.

Podľa námetu budú počas operácie na podporu mieru musieť mnohonárodné sily riešiť komplexné logistické zabezpečenie koalíčných jednotiek, ako aj humanitárnu asistenciu v súvislosti so živelnou katastrofou, čo preverí schopnosť spojencov vzájomne kooperovať pri riešení neočakávaných situácií počas nasadenia v priestore operácie. Cieľom cvičenia je tak podľa nej koordinácia a rozvoj spoločných logistických postupov medzi zúčastnenými štátmi v súlade so štandardami NATO, ako aj overenie vzájomnej použiteľnosti logistických systémov a prostriedkov.

Najviac príslušníkov ozbrojených síl bude zo Slovenskej republiky, Francúzska, Českej republiky, Nemecka a Poľska. Do cvičenia sa rovnako zapojí približne 600 kusov rôznej vojenskej techniky. Okrem cvičiacich bude podľa Ballekovej slovenská strana poskytovať pre cvičenie CL13 aj logistickú podporu s počtom okolo 600 osôb.

Príslušníci ozbrojených síl budú od 3. do 28 júna cvičiť vo Výcvikovej priestore Vojenského obvodu Lešť, na Leteckej základni Sliač a v Centre výcviku a kynológie Vojenskej polície Vlkanová – Hronsek. Rezort obrany napriek zvýšenému pohybu vojakov a vojenskej techniky neočakáva, že by obyvateľom okolitých obcí cvičenie spôsobilo obmedzenia. Organizátorom cvičenia je Medzinárodné logistické koordinačné centrum (Multinational Logistics Coordination Centre – MLCC) so sídlom v Prahe.

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O. Štefan Furdek
Náš zakladateľ

Kanadský „Štefan Furdek“ – Mons. František J. Fuga

(1923 – 1987)

Venované 90. výročiu narodenia Mons. F. J. Fugu

Významný slovenský rodák, kňaz, vydavateľ, agitátor slovenského života na severoamerickom kontinente, tretí predseda Zahraničnej Matice slovenskej, autor návrhu dnešnej slovenskej zástavy, no najmä silný národovec Mons. František J. Fuga sa narodil 9. júna 1923 na Zemplíne, v okrese Michalovce, v dedinke Vinné. V týchto dňoch si budeme pripomínať 90. výročie jeho narodenia. Je dôležité, aby sme si spomenuli nielen na jeho osobu, ale i jeho životnú dráhu, ktorú zasvätil Bohu, národu a Slovensku.

Mons. František Fuga si zo svojho rodičovského prostredia odnášal silné náboženské presvedčenie i hlboký pronárodný cit. Od ranného detstva inklinoval k náboženstvu, rád chodil do kostola, ministroval a oslavoval cirkevné sviatky. Takto orientoval i svoj profesijný život, vďaka čomu svoju prácu pretavil na srdcumilé celoživotné poslanie.

Základné vzdelanie získal vo Vinnom, strednú školu vychodil v Michalovciach. Vysokoškolské štúdiá (filozofiu a teológiu) absolvoval najprv v Bratislave, Košiciach a neskôr ich dokončil v Taliansku, kde bol v roku 1950 vysvätený za kňaza. Hneď na druhý deň samostatne viedol omšu. Na oslovenie profesora Michala Lacka sa rozhodol, že bude ochotne pomáhať gréckokatolíkom v Kanade. Postupne si osvojil byzantský obrad a od 25. apríla 1954 začal organizovať slovenský grécko-katolícky život v Hamiltone. Tu odštartoval celú svoju národnú misiu.

Budoval ju doslova od základného kameňa. Najprv vlastnými silami vystaval Osadu Uspenia Panny Márie, neskôr za pomoci 35 slovenských rodín zriadil pútnickú svätyňu a angažoval sa vo výstavbe slovenského kostola i fary.

Už v tomto čase boli u neho cítiť pronárodné snahy, pretože v hale pod kostolom usporadúval stretnutia Kanadskej Slovenskej ligy, oslavy štátneho sviatku prvej Slovenskej republiky či festivaly slovenskej mládeže. Pod jeho rukami sa kanadský Hamilton premenil na slovenské kultúrne centrum.

Keď bol prvým gréckokatolíckym biskupom, O. Michalom Rusnákom, prijatý do torontskej diecézy, stretol sa v januári 1957 s nábožensky orientovaným časopisom *Mária*. Počas prvých dvoch rokov do časopisu prispieval a redigoval ho, neskôr sa stal jeho šéfredaktorom, ba dokonca ho začal i tlačiť. Dalo by sa povedať, že *Mária* bol jeho osobný časopis.

Pokračovanie na str.22



Mons. František J. Fuga

Blíži sa Svetové stretnutie Slovákov

O tom, že Matica slovenská v roku 2013 organizuje množstvo malých i veľkých podujatí ste sa už určite dozvedeli prostredníctvom médií. Vo februári sa uskutočnila Medzinárodná vedecká konferencia, v apríli Slovesná jar a dnes môžeme hovoriť o pripravách dvoch veľkých podujatí. Prvým z nich je Svetové stretnutie Slovákov v Košiciach (4.–7. júla 2013), a tým druhým je oslava 150. výročia príchodu Konštantína a Metoda na naše územie a 150. výročia vzniku Matice slovenskej (1.–4. augusta 2013).

Hostia oboch slávností si budú mať možnosť vybrať z ponuky hlavných i sprievodných akcií podľa ponúkanej programovej sklady. No možno práve tu si mnohí z vás pokladajú otázku: ísť či neísť na tieto podujatia? Budem rád, ak vám pri vašom rozhodovaní pomôže niekoľko inšpirácií.

Košice, mesto, v ktorom sa svetové stretnutie Slovákov bude konať, je druhým najväčším mestom Slovenskej republiky. Prvá písomná zmienka pochádza z roku 1230. Vďaka obchodu a strategicky výhodnému postaveniu sa Košice rýchlo rozmáhali. Z roku 1307 sa zachovali najstaršie cechové stanovy Slovenska a v r. 1369 dostali Košice ako prvé mesto v Európe vlastný mestský erb.

Práve v roku 2013 bolo mesto Košice vyhlásené za hlavné Európske mesto kultúry. Matica slovenská sa teda rozhodla Svetové stretnutie Slovákov organizovať v tomto meste, v čase najväčších osláv 150. výročia príchodu vierozvestcov na naše územie. Svetové stretnutie Slovákov, ktoré usporadúva Matica slovenská spolu s ďalšími štátnymi i neštátnymi inštitúciami, je pokračovateľom myšlienky Štefana Romana, predstaviteľa Svetového kongresu Slovákov, ktorí organizoval prvý Svetový festival Slovenskej mládeže. Pretože sa tento festival v r. 1980 ešte nemohol konať v starej vlasti, uskutočnil

Pokračovanie na str.21

Spomienka na otca

Pamätám na to dávnodávne aprílove ráno,
na otcov mocný stisk mojej mladej ruky,
keď ma privinul k svojej hrudi a povedal:
Nežiaľ synku, veď ja sa vrátim v piatom roku,
buď dobrý, poslúchaj svoju starostlivú mamku.
Sadol na vlak, bolestne zavolať zbohom
a odišiel do Nového sveta za mäčším chlebom
a slzy rosili starú zem pod slovenským nebom.

Päť rokov minuli i ďalšie pribudli,
otec sa nevrátil, len domov odkázal:
Nie ja tam, ale vy tu žíte v pokoji a mieri,
pokiaľ svet neohlúši Európa horí.

Vitajte! Ženo, deti v dobrej zemi slobody,
snáď dá Boh, že sa ešte domov vrátíme,
keď minie zloba a za stôl nová nádej sadne.

Matka po domove túžila, návratu sa nedožila,
svojeť, dom a úrodné polia viac nespatriła,
mrcha choroba jej nádejný život skrátila.
Otec odišiel, do lona rodiny viac sa nevrátil,
tam v jeho domovine osud život mu skrátil.
Hľa, aká to života nevyspytateľná irónia,
matka tu a otec tam už dlhé roky prachnivia.

Krajan môj, pohľadni na otcov hrobný pomník
a pod ním na symbol s javorovým listom,
bo tam odpočívá v tvrdej zemi rodnej hrudy
tvoj navrátený rodný brat z ďalekej Kanady.

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Spring flood waters from the Danube cover part of the Europea shopping district in Bratislava, June 4, 2013.