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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.

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Insights and Viewpoints



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

June 18, 2017 - Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Moses opens the scripture readings on this feast of Corpus Christi, commanding the Israelites: "Remember...do not forget" the providence of the Lord God during the many years of the desert wanderings of the people. The act of remembering is essential to our faith and to the liturgy that

marks the place of faith in our lives and draws us further into it.

The gospel sequence (an ancient hymn which precedes the gospel on this and other festive occasions) urges us to remember as well, with lyrics that play on the theme of old and new, promise and fulfillment, as the Eucharist is beautifully described: "Truth the ancient types fulfilling..." In fact, in the midst of every celebration of the mass we consciously pause to remember the truth of what God has done for us in Christ as together we proclaim the memorial acclamation. This is our way of obeying Moses' precept and recalling God's providence today just as the Israelites did centuries ago.

By contrast with all of this, we often try to forget things that we do not want to confront; this is understandable and very human, yet it can be dangerous for us. It is better to remember honestly the difficulties and demons that face us than to let them slip into oblivion, where they keep working on us while we are blissfully unaware. Such forgetfulness pulls us away from genuine recognition of our problems and keeps us from finding healing and redemption.

So powerful was God's desire that we not forget what he has done for us in Christ, and that we partake of the goodness of Christ's salvation continually, that we have been given the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial. We celebrate the Eucharistic presence of our Lord in a special way on today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, commonly called Corpus Christi. Historically many parishes held Corpus Christi processions on this day, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a procession with great solemnity around the interior of the parish church or even through the streets near the church.

Such ritual actions help us to remember the immense value of the Eucharist and its place at the center of our faith. Just as the Israelites were tempted to forget how God had so graciously provided manna for them in the desert, so too we are tempted at times through simple neglect or distraction to forget what God has done for us. The powerful actions that commemorate the Eucharist sacramentally on Corpus Christi and at each mass are supported by the equally powerful words of our Lord in today's Gospel reading. There he causes division among his disciples by telling them: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (John 6:56-57).

Every time we partake of the Eucharist we not only remember what God has done for us in Christ, we also enter into the very reality of which our Lord speaks. By sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi—we affirm our desire to share in Jesus' life and resurrection as surely as we share in his passion and death. Though this belief and commitment cause division in our time as in Jesus' own day, by remembering his abiding presence



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

with us in the Eucharist may we find the courage to stand firm in our faith, rejoicing in the goodness the Lord has worked for us and treasuring the Eucharist as the sign and seal of his life within us.

June 25, 2017 - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

This past Wednesday, June 21st, was the official beginning of summer and sometimes called the longest day of the year. The day had twenty-four hours like every other day, but what makes it long is that it was the day on which those of us in the Northern hemisphere experienced the longest period of daylight. As the days and weeks led up to the solstice it was noticeable how early the sun rose each morning and how late we had sunlight into the evening. On the other side of the solstice the amount of sunlight will slowly decrease. These are times when we enjoy a lot of daylight for our work or leisure. Most people prefer the light to darkness, the long days of summer to the short days of winter.

In the Gospel for this weekend Jesus uses the image of darkness and light to make his point that in the presence of God everything will come to light. Those who live in darkness and work to destroy the message of Christ will be, in the end, disappointed. The person who walks in the light of Christ, even if the evil hidden in darkness attacks and destroys the body, the soul will live on. For the person who is of the light has a soul sanctified and fortified by Christ himself. In the book of Revelation the heavenly Jerusalem is described as a "city that has no need of the sun or moon, for the glory of God gave it light." Rev. 21,23 How is it possible for one to have such a personal presence of God and His protection in our lives? It is possible and it is a reality because of God's personal love for us. In Psalm 139 we have the beautiful verse that tells us, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb." God is with us at our creation, for God is our creator. He knows us better than we know ourselves. We are more precious to him than all his other creations to the point in which the hairs on our head are counted.

God is involved in our lives from the very beginning and continuously pours out his love into our lives. His presence is a light that outshines any darkness, and when it reveals the darkness of sin, Jesus responds with mercy and forgiveness. Ultimately it is a love and relationship that calls us to him in eternal life. However, as great as God's love is it does not force us to receive his love or to love him in return. A constant in our relationship with God is the free will given to us so that we make the decision to accept God or not to accept him. In accepting God into our lives we open ourselves to receive all that comes with His presence; the light that overcomes any darkness in our lives, the peace that surpasses anxiety and fear, and ultimately his Sacramental Presence that nourishes us on our journey to eternal life.

The Lord cares for us in ways that are difficult for us to comprehend. How can he have every hair on our head counted? Which I see as a way of saying he knows every cell of our bodies, he knows every thought that enters our minds, and he knows all the emotions that flow through our hearts. God's knowledge of us is not merely information that God can use against us, it is the intimate understanding of our bodies, minds and hearts that he can respond to in ways that invite us to open our hearts more to him. May we give God permission to draw closer to us and help us live peacefully in his light.



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

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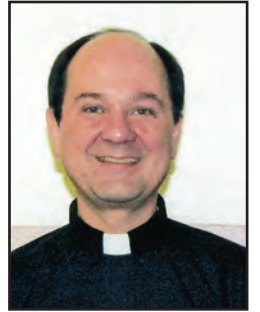
(L-R) Br. Igor Hajas, OSB; Milan Kasan; Father Ján Dolný; Sister Jana Polakova, SCM; Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M.; Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.; Father Vladimír Kasan, OSB.

Slovak Benedictines Visit Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius were recently blessed with visitors from the Slovak Republic. Father Vladimír Kasan, OSB, Prior of the Monastery of the Transfiguration of Jesus in Sampor, Slovak Republic, and several Benedictine monks visited the Motherhouse of The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA. The Benedictines were traveling from Catholic University in Washington DC where they celebrated the PhD graduation of Father Dolný. They stopped in Danville on their way to Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, OH, where they visited the Benedictines there.

- Submitted by Sister Barbara Sable

Message from the National Chaplain: A Summary of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Encyclical God Is Love - Part II



Rev. Thomas Nasta

The second of a three part summary of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI's first encyclical, God is Love, continues with biblical images of love.

The story of creation and the creation of humanity in Genesis demonstrates that, from the beginning, a monogamous bond of exclusive and definite love mirrors the relationship between God and his people, and vice versa. God's manner of loving becomes the measure of human love. The images of marriage and betrothal are used by the Prophets, especially Hosea and Ezekiel, to show God's love for his people. On the other hand, adultery and prostitution were portrayed as images of idolatry. God's eros (sensuous love) is totally agape (self-less love) because it is a love that forgives.

Benedict then brings Jesus to the discussion by first going to a common image of ancient philosophers, the Logos, or eternal wisdom, or Word. The ancient world saw the Logos as that what truly and ultimately gives nourishment to the human person. However, our faith tells us the same Logos, Jesus, the Word of God, becomes food for us, as love.

The image of a marriage to describe the union of love between God and his people is changed. Whereas in the Old Testament the union conveyed a mere contemplation of standing in God's presence, through Jesus union with God is achieved through sharing in his self-gift of his own Body and Blood. Union with Jesus is also a union with all to whom he gives Himself. We truly become one body.

Benedict refers to two very familiar parables of Jesus to illustrate his point that love of God and neighbor is not to be an abstract concept, but rather a concrete, lived reality. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25:37) calls for one's practical commitment to love in the here and now. In the parable of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25: 31:46), love of God and of neighbor have become one and the same. In the least of our brethren, we find Christ himself and, in Christ, we find God.

Also, Benedict brings in 1 John 4:20 to show the unbreakable bond between love and God and love of neighbor. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." Benedict says St. John's words should be interpreted to mean that love of neighbor is a path that leads to the encounter with God.

The first part of the encyclical concludes with Benedict offering a few practical reminders about love. Love is not merely a sentiment, for sentiments come and go. Love is never "finished" and complete, for it changes and matures throughout one's life.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Living a Braveheart Life

In one sense, Randall Wallace knows what it means to live a Braveheart life. He was, after all, nominated for an Academy Award over 20 years ago as the screenwriter of "Braveheart," which told the story of William Wallace's (Mel Gibson) battle and eventual martyrdom for the cause of Scotland's freedom. The movie's lessons left Randall asking several questions: What does it mean to live a Braveheart life? Can anyone do it, even those who aren't on a literal battlefield? Can joy be found through "faithful suffering?"

The answers he found to all his questions were, "Yes." And he didn't have to look far for examples. Specifically, Randall saw his father exemplify the five pillars of a Braveheart life: 1) Have a father and be a father, even if you don't have a biological child, 2) Develop a warrior spirit, 3) Have a teacher and be a teacher, 4) Find a holy man, a priest or sage to offer spiritual guidance, 5) Find your outlaw spirit.

During a "Christopher Closeup" interview about his memoir "Living the Braveheart Life," Randall explained, "[My father's] father died before he was born, of typhoid fever. So my father grew up without a direct biological father to teach him what it was like to be a father, and yet he became the greatest of fathers to me. He knew how important a father was because he didn't have one directly in his life." Randall also noted that his father became a broken man when he lost his job at age 38: "His wounds...prodded him, shaped him, and taught him how to be a greater warrior. He was also a sacred figure in my life. My father showed me what prayer really meant and what love really meant."

To this day, Randall's faith remains a cornerstone of his life, grounded in the fact that "God manifested Himself in the person of Jesus Christ. I don't know what God is or looks like without Jesus." He has also come to respect the different roads that people take to grow closer to Jesus: "I grew up Baptist, and Baptists are totally evangelical. We almost never had a religious gathering in which there was not some effort to have conversion. I also want to say that there are times when I go to church with Catholic friends and I love the sacredness of the Mass. I love the sanctity that we experience there and the understanding that everyone comes to God."

Two of Randall's college professors, Hilda and Mikhail Pavlov, taught him other important lessons, about joy being a choice, along with an "outcome of faithful suffering." The Pavlovs survived the siege of Leningrad during World War II and experienced other periods of unimaginable hardship, so Randall was surprised they lived with such vibrance.

One day, he asked Mrs. Pavlov if she had been able to take anything with her when she left Russia. She paused and said, "Three times in my life, I have been somewhere where someone ran into the room where I was sitting and said, 'If you don't get up and run that way right now, you'll die.' I could take nothing with me. Three times in my life. I have no regrets."

Randall said, "It caused me to think about what we consider the necessary stuff in our lives - I need this or that to be happy. But she had gone through the crucible of knowing that those things were unnecessary, that what made a life was love."

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius
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2017 **Summer Festival**
Saturday July 8th

10:30 am - 5:00 pm

fun food games
flea market
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Saturday Mass for Sunday

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FCSU 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Deadline for entry forms is June 28

Deadline for hotel reservations is June 30

Friday, July 28 -- Hospitality Night

6 - 9 PM At the Tam O' Shanter Clubhouse Patio
Pizza, Wings and other snacks will be served.
Cost is \$5 to reserve your spot



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Hotel Information

Prices have been negotiated at the following hotel:

Holiday Inn Canton (35 Rooms)
4520 Everhard Rd.
Canton, OH 44718
330-494-2770
Room Rates: \$124.00 + tax per night

** Cut off date June 30, 2017, for Group Rate**

** Mention First Catholic Slovak Union to receive the Group Rate **

Hotel check in time is 4 PM. Checkout time is 12 PM.

Saturday, July 29 - DALES COURSE

7 AM Registration 8 AM Modified Shotgun Start

Responsible for your own food and Beverages throughout the day
Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes

Mass begins at 5:30pm in Birch Room of Holiday Inn Canton

Buffet dinner at 6:30 PM in the Walnut Room of Holiday Inn Canton

Chicken Marsala, Pork loin with shallots and bleu cheese, carved tenderloin of beef, seasonal vegetables, house salad, rolls and butter, chef's choice dessert, Cash Bar
Door Prizes

Sunday, July 30 - HILLS COURSE

7:30 check -in 8 AM Modified Shotgun Start

Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes

1 PM HILLS COURSE PAVILION LUNCHEON

We are looking forward to a great fraternal weekend and hope that you can share it with us.
If you have any questions contact Rudy Ondrejco at (412) 421-7967 or rudy.ondrejco@gmail.com

First Catholic Slovak Union National Golf Tournament

Men's And Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU).

2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play. Improve your lie anywhere, except for hazards. Out of bounds shot, drop where ball went out and 1 stroke penalty

3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:

A. All golfers will compete as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he has completed 54 holes of play in the FCSU National Golf Tournament. The handicap will be recalculated each year based on 54 holes of FCSU National Tournament play. From the latest 5 rounds, the highest and the lowest will be discarded and 90% the average of the remainder will be the handicap assigned for the tournament. 90% of an official USGA handicap may be substituted if a golfer does not have an FCSU Tournament handicap. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.

B. Any golfer who has not completed 54 holes of tournament play in the FCSU National Golf Tournament will be entered in a separate division using the FCSU version of the Callaway scoring system.

C. Male golfers, competing in the 18-hole event, age 65 or over and with a handicap larger than 10 may use the forward tees.

D. Any male golfer competing in the 9-hole event may hit from the forward tees.

4. Classifications:

A. A medal play champion will be determined in each of the following Divisions:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Men's A flight (0-10) | 5. Women's Flight |
| 2. Men's B flight (11-17) | 6. Callaway Flight |
| 3. Men's C flight (17-30) | 7. 9-hole Senior Flight |
| 4. Men's D flight (31 +) | |

B. Winners will be determined by low net score in each flight after 36 holes of medal play or 18 holes of play in the senior flight.

5. The division between the men's A-D flights may be adjusted to equalize the flights. A second women's flight may be added if entries warrant such addition.

6. In case of tie for first place in any Flight, tie will be broken by match of cards using gross score starting on #1 handicap hole followed by #2 handicap hole, #3 handicap hole and so forth until the tie is broken.

7. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third place prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)

8. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the FCSU for all golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries.

9. The tournament manager will schedule pairings. Both Saturday and Sunday schedules will be e-mailed to participants prior to the tournament.

Entries absolutely close on June 28, 2017

Branch 670 Awards Five \$1,000 Scholarships to Members

Branch 670 (District 12) has recently awarded five (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships to members of our branch who are high school seniors to assist in their college education. The winners are: Daniel Frederick Barbieri who will attend St. Vincent College, Alexandra Bedner who will attend the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown campus, Cayla Lynn Cavaris who will attend Ohio University, Stefanie Jakela who will attend California University of Pennsylvania, and Cole Veliky who will attend the University of Pittsburgh. We are very proud of our young members. We congratulate and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



(L - R) Cayla Cavaris, Dorothy Rudinec (Br 670 Auditor), Stefanie Jakela, John Curcio (Br 670 Auditor), Joseph Matinko (Br 670 Treasurer), Alexandra Bedner, Daniel Barbieri, and Larry Healey (Br 670 Auditor).

- Submitted by Cheryl Hyatt, Branch 670 Recording Secretary

SLOVAK CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO

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ROSARY PROCESSION AT 2:30 PM

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Pilgrimage is organized by the St. Stephen Society no. 716 of the First Catholic Slovak Union with the support of the St. John Nepomucene Church

For more information please call Mária Božeková at 1-347-612-1934 or Lisa Calabrese at 1-212-734-4613

If you are interested in going to the pilgrimage by bus, please let Lisa or Mária know as soon as possible. If there is enough interest we will reserve a bus.



**First Catholic Slovak Union
2017 National Golf Tournament
July 28 – 30, 2017**

**Hills and Dales Golf Courses
Canton, OH**

Deadline for Entry Forms is June 28, 2017

Hospitality Night (X)	Sat. Dinner (X)	Sunday BBQ (X)	9 Holes Only* (X)	Name	Address	Phone or E-Mail	Branch Number
1							
2							
3							
4							

*For women or seniors age 75+. 9-hole players must play together; no 18-hole player and 9-hole player foursomes allowed.

GOLFERS (fees are listed per person):

18-Hole Players	\$82.00
9-Hole Players	\$50.00
Tournament Fee	\$11.00
Prize Fee	\$12.00
Hospitality Night	\$ 5.00
Saturday Dinner	\$15.00
Sunday BBQ	\$15.00

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

_____ Will attend Hospitality Night @ \$5.00

_____ Guest Dinners @ \$35.00

_____ FCSU Member Dinners @ \$15.00

_____ Will attend Sunday BBQ @ \$15.00

Make Entry Fee Payable to:
FCSU Activities
Mail to:
FCSU Golf
234 Ilion St.
Pgh. PA 15207

Whole Golf Package: \$140.00
Includes: 2 Rounds of 18 holes, Tournament Fee, Prize Fee, Hospitality Night, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday BBQ

Room accommodations provided by

Holiday Inn Canton
4520 Everhard Rd.
Canton, OH 44718
330-494-2770
Room Rates: \$124 + tax per night - indicate you are with the FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
Check in time: 4 PM

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

Deadline for Reservations is June 30, 2017

Golf rules and entry forms also can be downloaded by going to <http://www.fcsu.com/events>

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 28, through Sunday, July 30, 2017. The *Jednota* sponsors the tournament Friday through Sunday and a dinner 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:

Rudy Ondrejco
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 30, 2017.



Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance 2017 Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is announcing that the 2017 applications are now available for the annual Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained by going to fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/ or by contacting the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Secretary-Treasurer at Theresa@lpacu.org or 888-834-6614.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2017 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade

- school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2017 as a full time student (twelve semester credits).
 - Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.
 - Submit a 500-word essay on: "What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternal to you and your peers?"
- Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2017.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Virginia Holmes at 412-672-1565 or e-mail holmes7732@aol.com.



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Msgr. Larry J. Kulick Jr., center, stands with his parents, Larry J. Sr. and Myrna Dolores Coleman Kulick, at a reception in Crabtree, PA, after a Mass on May 21st at St. James Parish, New Alexandria, PA, celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Greensburg. Photo courtesy of the Catholic Accent/Diocese of Greensburg.

Msgr. Larry J. Kulick Celebrates Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Msgr. Larry J. Kulick Jr., who is active in Slovak cultural and fraternal organizations in the Diocese of Greensburg and nationally, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination with a Mass on May 21, 2017, at St. James Parish, New Alexandria, PA, where he serves as pastor.

Msgr. Kulick, vicar general of the Diocese of Greensburg, was the celebrant and homilist for the Mass, which was attended by three bishops: Greensburg Bishop Edward C. Malesic, Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt of Greensburg and Erie Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, former pastor of St. James Parish and former vicar general of the Diocese of Greensburg. The Mass was followed by a reception.

Msgr. Kulick was born in Leechburg in 1966 to Larry J. Sr. and Myrna Dolores Coleman Kulick. The family was parishioners of the former St. Martha Parish, a Slovak parish that was later suppressed with two other parishes when Christ the King Parish was formed in Leechburg.

Msgr. Kulick graduated from St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, in 1984. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, in 1988. He attended Saint Vincent Seminary and received a master's degree in systemic theology in 1991 and a master of divinity degree in 1992. Msgr. Kulick earned a licentiate in canon law in 2012 from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Msgr. Kulick was ordained a priest May 16, 1992, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco. His pastoral appointments have been: parochial vicar, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg (1992-95) and Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1995-97); pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent (1997-2002), St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington (2002-08); and St. James Parish, New Alexandria (2012-present). His diocesan appointments have been: Priests' Council; consultant on priestly vocations (1999-2004); Board of Consultors; co-director of vocations (2004-08); director of clergy vocations and episcopal master of ceremonies (2008-10); co-director, Office for Clergy Vocations (2010-12); co-director of the permanent diaconate (2012); co-episcopal master of ceremonies (2010-12); acting chancellor (2012-13); and vicar general and moderator of the curia (2012-present). He received the title of monsignor by virtue of his office as vicar general on May 21, 2014.

Msgr. Kulick is chaplain of the George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union as well as a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies' Association and the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

His family ancestry is rooted in the villages of Nova Bystrica and Stara Bystrica in north-west Slovakia.

- Submitted by Jerry Zufelt, Managing Director, Office for Communications, and Editor, The Catholic Accent, Diocese of Greensburg



Emil Jursa (C), recipient of the inaugural award, being congratulated by Branch 785 President Milan Zoldak (L) and Reverend Father Vano (R), Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Parish, Mississauga, Ontario.

Branch 785 Creates a Lifetime Achievement Award

At the January 2016 Annual Meeting of Toronto's Branch 785, a motion was made and passed to recognize members of the branch who have displayed long-term service with a Lifetime Achievement Award. It has been initiated to recognize those individuals who continue to support the ideals of fraternalism through their participation in the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) as well as our Christian values through their participation in our Slovak parish. It was proposed that nomination of a candidate be made by members of the branch ahead of each annual meeting. The accepted recipient will be awarded a modest honorarium as a gesture of gratitude and their name will be engraved on a plaque identifying the annual winners, which will be posted proudly at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Emil Jursa was the recipient of the inaugural award in 2016. For many years, Emil has continued to actively participate in every function associated with the Jednota and Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish. He always offers to help, initiates fund raising activities and can always be counted on to participate in all events. He has been a long-term supporter of both the Jednota and the church.

Thank you and congratulations, Emil!

The award recipient for 2017 is Michael Kapitan. Mike has done a lot of work behind the scenes for many events associated with both the church and the Jednota. He has been the president of District 19, the Msgr. Michael Shuba District (Okres) for many terms, and is a strong supporter of Christian values and fraternal goals. Along with organizing the activities and scheduling volunteers for the annual picnic for the past decade, he participates in all activities and events for both the parish and the Jednota and lends a hand whenever and wherever needed.

Thank you and congratulations, Mike!
- Submitted by Sharon Tomas, Branch 785 Recording Secretary



The award - with a plaque that reads "In recognition of your long-term support of the Christian Values of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish and the Fraternal Goals of Jednota Branch 785" - is presented to Mike Kapitan (L) by the Branch 785 President Milan Zoldak (R).

Branch 716's Semi-annual Spring Meeting

Branch 716 held its semi-annual meeting on April 30, 2017, at St. John Nepomucene Church, New York, NY. Dur-

ing the meeting members discussed branch business and planning for future events in 2017. Afterwards, everyone

enjoyed an afternoon of refreshments and good fellowship.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Secretary





2017 Easter Coloring Contest Winners



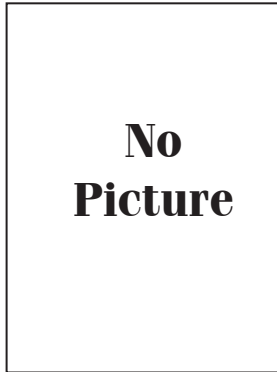
The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II For Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin

The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II has announced the winners of the 2017 Easter Coloring Contest. Prizes were awarded for First, Second, and Third places, and Honorable Mentions for ages 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. We wish to thank all of our young branch members of District II for their participation and their creative drawings. The winning entries were chosen by the members of the Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II on April 30, 2017.

Ages 4-6



1st PLACE
Alexander Jurcenko



2nd PLACE
Juliana Oost

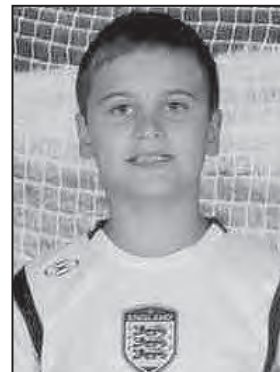


3rd PLACE
Macie Bobo

Ages 7-9



1st PLACE
Nicholas Jurecenko



2nd PLACE
Peter Jurcenko



3rd PLACE
Asha Basu

Ages 10-12



1st PLACE
Ayden Fayta and Riley McAllister
(tie)



2nd PLACE
Emma Graves



3rd PLACE
Regina Turner

Honorable Mentions

Ages 4 - 6

Maya Bobo, Brent Oost, Arianna Lazzara, Kellan Hacker, and Margot Mokosaik

Ages 7 - 9

Miles Mokosaik, Logan Lazzara, and John Turner

Ages 10-12

Madison Mokosaik, Evan Jurcenko, Kaiden Hacker, and Maya Mokosiak

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Barbara Fayta, Chairperson, Easter Coloring Contest

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish and Jednota present

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Join Us for Food - Fun - Music Games for the kids! Performance by Vychodna & Sokol Dancers

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Creditvale Park, Mississauga
1720 Barbertown Road, Mississauga L5M 6J2

Gates Open: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Mass: 11:00 am
For more info call:
Anne Mitro: 905-279-8154

Admission: \$10
Students 13-18: \$5
Children Under 12: Free
Food Available for purchase

Join us for our 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia and its Neighbors

July 29 - August 11, 2017



Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko and his Slovak-born wife, Albina, have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia which includes history-rich cities of Bratislava, Šaštín, Skalica, Trenčín, Bojnice, Rajecké Teplice, Rajecká Lesná, Čičmany, High Tatras, Levoča, Kežmarok, Ždiar, Stará Ľubovňa, Košice, Bardejov, Jedlinka and Prešov. As you travel through

the various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives or family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some of the highlights of our tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting between Slovakia and Poland, and a welcome reception with the Mayor of Prešov.

At no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included a tour of Vienna and Poland. While in Poland, we will visit the famous shrine of Czestochowa, Zakopane and Krakow, including tours of Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The total price for this complete tour is just \$3,798 per person (double occupancy). The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, air conditioned bus, a professional guide and more. For a copy of a detailed daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000.

- Submitted by Joe Senko, Branch 254

6th Annual United Slovak Fraternal Men's Te

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	The Horsemen	2801
2	Mon Valley #10	2781
3	Mon Valley #7	2749
4	Striking Power	2733
5	Mon Valley #9	2703
6	Mon Valley #5	2605
7	Leather and Lace	2592
8	Antique Bowlers	2569
9	Wacko Goes to Tournament	2560
10	Mon Valley #11	2556
11	Foo King Good	2539
12	Will Strike if Provoked	2536
13	Mon Valley #6	2529
13	Mon Valley #2	2529
15	Mon Valley #4	2505
16	Mon Valley #1	2481
17	Moonshine De-Luxe	2461
18	4 Kolečky's	2443
19	Mon Valley #3	2437
20	Preemptive Strikes	2404
21	Mon Valley #8	2403
22	You Wish You Was Us	2391
23	NSS #2	2327
24	Marked Again	2304
25	The Oddballs	2282
26	The Leftovers	2241
27	NSS #3	2235
28	Branch 857	2118
29	NSS #1	1997
30	Steel Valley	1942
31	Mon Valley #12	1859
32	The Bowlers	1681

Place	Seniors Competition		Total Pins
1	Smith	Vernon C.	741
2	Boden	David	723
3	Beattie	Jeff	681
4	Svec	George	666
5	Andresky	Michael	664
6	Buckley	Jim	656
7	Johnston	Lynn	655
8	Kolečky	Donald Sr.	646
9	Sulkowski	Bernie	643
10	Zoldak	Milan	634
11	Tatton	Willy	631
12	Nasta	Fr. Tom	630
13	Krasonic	John Jr.	627
14	Prpich	Jack Jr.	623
15	Flatt	Joe Sr.	614
16	Barton	Dave	608
17	Lako	Ray	573
18	Kapitan	Michael	558
19	Teman	Dave	548
20	Jursa	Emil	546

Place	Doubles Partners		Total Pins
1	Smith	Pesi	1409
2	LaVelle	Donovan	1405
3	Johnston	Johnston	1377
4	Ashcraft	Ashcraft	1376
5	Fertal	Krasonic	1332
5	Rausch	Newman	1332
7	Bright	Bright	1328
8	Nasta	Nasta	1326
9	Tokarsky	Grys	1325
10	Boden	Prpich	1314
11	Ashcraft	Moravec	1312
12	Nowacki	Nowacki	1310
13	Parnell	Fine	1307
14	Kolečky	Kolečky	1301
15	Silay	Oswald	1288
15	Gaydos	Laird	1288
17	Simkovich	Saul	1270
18	Strom	Czarney	1266
19	Kruly	Barton	1265
19	Lako	Dorsch	1265
21	Roberts	Casey	1264
22	Svec	Deak	1263
23	Hunt	Hunt	1259
24	Walzl	Walzl	1257
25	Walko	Lako	1251
26	Lako	Beattie	1246
27	Barron	Bakaysza	1245
27	Andresky	Andresky	1245
29	Kapitan	Zoldak	1238
30	Columbus	Howell	1235
31	LeJeune	LeJeune	1228
32	Suhan	Newman	1219
33	Tatton	Tatton	1210
34	Sinagra	Henson	1205
35	Collins	Emory	1199
36	Dunham	Goga	1183
37	Blum	Helman	1182
38	Grottenthaler	Silay	1180
39	Schwab	Frolo	1179
40	Flatt	Shank	1161
41	Dunn	Sulkowski	1156
42	Rice	Lutes	1155
43	Kolečky	Kolečky	1152
44	Tonkovich	Jursa	1146
45	Buckley	Buckley	1141
46	Teman	Smith	1117
47	Siesky	Tretinik	1088
48	Boone	Boone	1027
49	Nasta	Nasta	1010
50	Payerchin	Ondrejco	918
51	Boone	Bertovich	844
52	Drake	Hyatt	821

Place	Singles Competition		Total Pins
1	Nowacki	James	768
2	Fertal	Justin Paul	763
3	Smith	Vernon C.	741
4	Howell	Chris	737
5	Pesi	George	728
6	Boden	David	723
7	Fine	Dan	716
8	Shank	James	702
9	Nowacki	Joel	698
10	Gaydos	Ryan	683
11	Walzl	Paul	682
12	Beattie	Jeff	681
13	Silay	Ron	677
14	LaVelle	Matt	669
15	Svec	George	666
16	Grottenthaler	John	665
17	Andresky	Michael	664
18	Tonkovich	Rick	662
19	Kolečky	Donald Jr.	657
20	Buckley	Jim	656
21	Johnston	Lynn	655
22	Hunt	Zach	652
23	Kolečky	Donald Sr.	646
24	Suhan	Jon	645
25	Simkovich	Paul	644
25	Laird	Tom	644
27	Nasta	Edward	643
27	Sulkowski	Bernie	643
29	Lako	Mike	642
29	Rausch	David	642
31	Johnston	Derek	641
32	Goga	Nick	639
33	LeJeune	Dave	638
33	Kolečky	Peter	638
35	Ashcraft	Alan	636
36	Zoldak	Milan	634
36	Tokarsky	John	634
38	Tatton	Willy	631
38	Lutes	Donald	631
40	Nasta	Fr. Tom	630
41	Newman	Kyle	629
42	Newman	Kevin	628
43	Krasonic	John Jr.	627
44	Oswald	Howard	625
45	Kolečky	Michael	624
46	Prpich	Jack Jr.	623
47	Grys	Greg	622
48	Donovan	Domenic	621
49	Tretinik	Robert	620
50	Silay	Tom	619
51	Rice	David	617
52	Roberts	John	616
53	Walko	Danny	614
53	Flatt	Joe Sr.	614
55	Columbus	Mike	611
56	Frolo	Robert	610
57	Bakaysza	Nick	609
58	Barton	Dave	608
59	Schwab	Randy	605
60	Deak	Jim	602
61	Ashcraft	Harry	601
62	Parnell	Dwayne	599
63	Collins	Pat	595
64	Saul	James	590
65	Tatton	Troy	586
66	Barron	Joe	576
67	Lako	Ray	573
68	Bright	Rick	572



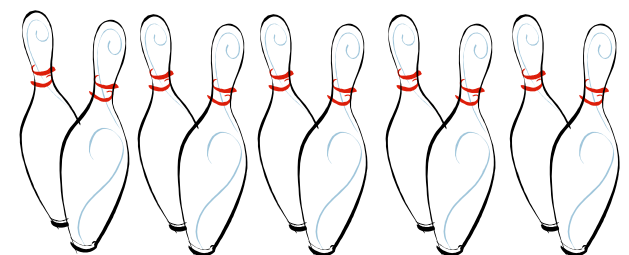
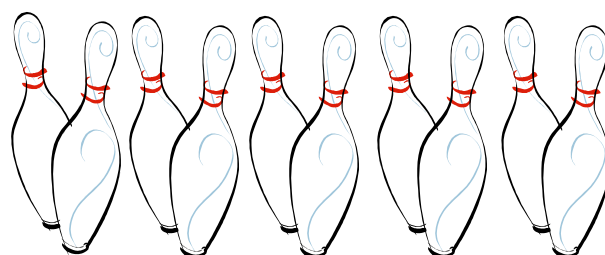
Open Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	All Events Competition	Total Pins
1	Fertal Justin Paul	2248
2	Pesi George	2210
3	Smith Vernon C.	2169
4	Donovan Domenic	2075
5	Nowacki Joel	2062
6	Johnston Derek	2054
7	Fine Dan	2039
8	Beattie Jeff	2038
9	Silay Ron	2032
10	Grottenthaler John	2011
11	Boden David	2008
12	Howell Chris	2006
13	Ashcraft Alan	1998
14	LaVelle Matt	1989
15	Oswald Howard	1986
16	Johnston Lynn	1977
17	Newman Kevin	1964
18	Walko Danny	1963
18	Gaydos Ryan	1963
20	Nasta Edward	1947
21	Frolo Robert	1946
22	Rausch David	1942
23	Collins Pat	1939
24	Bright Rick	1924
25	Laird Tom	1923
26	Hunt Zach	1921
27	Kolecky Michael	1918
28	Parnell Dwayne	1916
28	Prpich Jack Jr.	1916
30	LeJeune Dave	1905
31	Bakaysza Nick	1903
32	Zoldak Milan	1899
32	Flatt Joe Sr.	1899
34	Krasonic John Jr.	1897
35	Buckley Jim	1886
36	Ashcraft Harry	1885
37	Lutes Donald	1883
38	Nasta Fr. Tom	1881
39	Simkovich Paul	1877
40	Silay Tom	1876
41	Tokarsky John	1873
42	Shank James	1870
43	Newman Kyle	1869
43	Deak Jim	1869
45	Kolecky Donald Sr.	1868
46	Grys Greg	1867
47	Tatton Troy	1862
47	Walzl Paul	1862
49	Saul James	1861
49	Kolecky Peter	1861
51	Lako Mike	1854
52	Suhan Jon	1849
53	Barton Dave	1835
53	Tonkovich Rick	1835
55	Columbus Mike	1830
56	Tatton Willy	1825
57	Moravec Michael	1823
57	Goga Nick	1823
59	Helman Tom	1820
60	Schwab Randy	1818
61	Kolecky Donald Jr.	1814
62	Sulkowski Bernie	1797
63	Lako Ray	1783
64	Casey Rich	1777
65	Rice David	1768
66	Svec George	1765
67	Kapitan Michael	1763
68	Roberts John	1762
69	Barron Joe	1742
70	Teman Dave	1737
71	Tretinik Robert	1705
72	Sinagra Dave	1694
73	Smith Mark	1669



Place	Singles Competition Cont.	Total Pins
69	Kapitan Michael	558
70	Nasta James	555
71	Helman Tom	552
72	Casey Rich	549
73	Teman Dave	548
74	Jursa Emil	546
75	Moravec Michael	545
76	Sinagra Dave	532
77	Smith Mark	519
78	Payerchin John	474
79	Hyatt Andrew	396
80	Nasta Anthony	394

Place	All Events Competition	Total Pins
74	Jursa Emil	1613
75	Nasta James	1524
76	Strom Ryan	1368
77	Nasta Anthony	1324
78	Emory Ed	1208
79	Hyatt Andrew	1080
80	Geiger Joe	939



6th Annual United Slovak Fraternal Men's Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

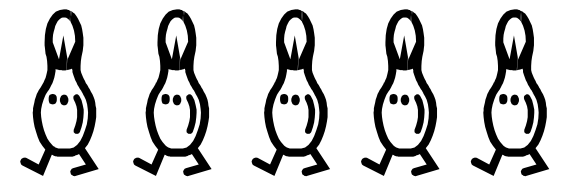
Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	Four Striking Gals	2463
2	Canuck Girls	2410
3	The JEMs	2376
4	The Ragan Girls	2351
5	Levittown Ladies	2184
6	Thelma & Lola	2035
7	The Defenders	1825

Place	Seniors Competition		Total Pins
1	Kolecky	Inky	649
2	Dunn	Maurita	624
3	Mitro	Anne	610
4	von Friedl	Helen	605
5	Buckley	Sandy	594
6	Gorman	Irene	545

Place	All Events Competition		Total Pins
1	Ashcraft	Debbie	2020
2	Walzl	Allison	1973
3	Kolecky	Inky	1937
4	Oswald	Bridget	1921
5	Hunt	Eileen	1910
6	Mitro	Anne	1905
7	Tomas	Sharon	1896
8	Lutes	Beth	1890
9	Dunn	Maurita	1869
10	Soose	Shiela	1857
11	Rice	Nancy	1853
12	Tokarsky	Christine	1847
13	Fine	Debbie	1844
14	Nasta	Nicole	1839
15	Buckley	Sandy	1831
16	Lako	JoAnne	1829
17	Ragan	Joelyn	1826
18	Bright	Tracy	1822
19	Kruly	Ceil	1818
20	Bright	Kim	1815
21	Szabo	Jessica	1803
22	Siesky	Georgann	1794
23	Ricciuti	Denise	1780
24	von Friedl	Helen	1772
25	LeJeune	Mary	1768
26	Dunham	Kerrie	1763
27	Henson	Melody	1743
28	Kolecky	Lisa	1721
29	Gorman	Irene	1654
30	Hyatt	Cheryl	1617
31	Nasta	Anna Mae	1597
32	Kaye	Alyssa	1594
33	Smeltzer	Catrina	1559
34	Drake	Olyvia	1464
35	Massafra	Maureen	1453
36	Geiger	Patty	981

Place	Doubles Event		Total Pins
1	Mitro	Ragan	1362
2	Fine	Bright	1317
3	Kolecky	Kolecky	1289
4	Rice	Lutes	1266
5	Ondrejco	Tomas	1258
6	Soose	Oswald	1234
7	Tokarsky	Ricciuti	1210
8	Gorman	von Friedl	1153
9	Kucinski	Kaye	1125
10	Ragan	Szabo	1120
11	Nasta	Nasta	1101
12	Massafra	Hyatt	1023
13	Korte	Winfield	867

Place	Singles Event		Total Pins
1	Oswald	Bridget	690
2	Ashcraft	Debbie	655
3	Nasta	Nicole	652
4	Kolecky	Inky	649
5	Lutes	Beth	648
6	Hunt	Eileen	641
7	LeJeune	Mary	635
8	Ragan	Joelyn	628
8	Tomas	Sharon	628
10	Rice	Nancy	625
11	Dunn	Maurita	624
12	Soose	Shiela	611
13	Mitro	Anne	610
13	Siesky	Georgann	610
15	Walzl	Allison	607
16	von Friedl	Helen	605
17	Lako	JoAnne	598
18	Ricciuti	Denise	596
19	Buckley	Sandy	594
20	Bright	Kim	589
21	Tokarsky	Christine	587
22	Szabo	Jessica	582
23	Hyatt	Cheryl	576
24	Kruly	Ceil	575
25	Bright	Tracy	562
26	Dunham	Kerrie	559
27	Fine	Debbie	555
28	Kolecky	Lisa	547
29	Gorman	Irene	545
30	Henson	Melody	543
31	Smeltzer	Catrina	535
32	Nasta	Anna Mae	502
33	Kaye	Alyssa	490
34	Drake	Olyvia	480
35	Massafra	Maureen	459



Slovak CU Scholarships Available



The Slovak CU will be offering scholarships to first time post high school students living in Armstrong County, PA that have been accepted to furthering education programs. This is NOT limited to graduating high school seniors. Applications will be available June 1st and may be picked up at the CU Club, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 or contact Vicki Schaub @ 724-763-9229. NO applications will be accepted after July 15th. Scholarships will be reviewed by the committee. Recommendations will be decided by the Board of Directors at the August 3rd meeting. All applicants will be notified.

- Vicki L. Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary



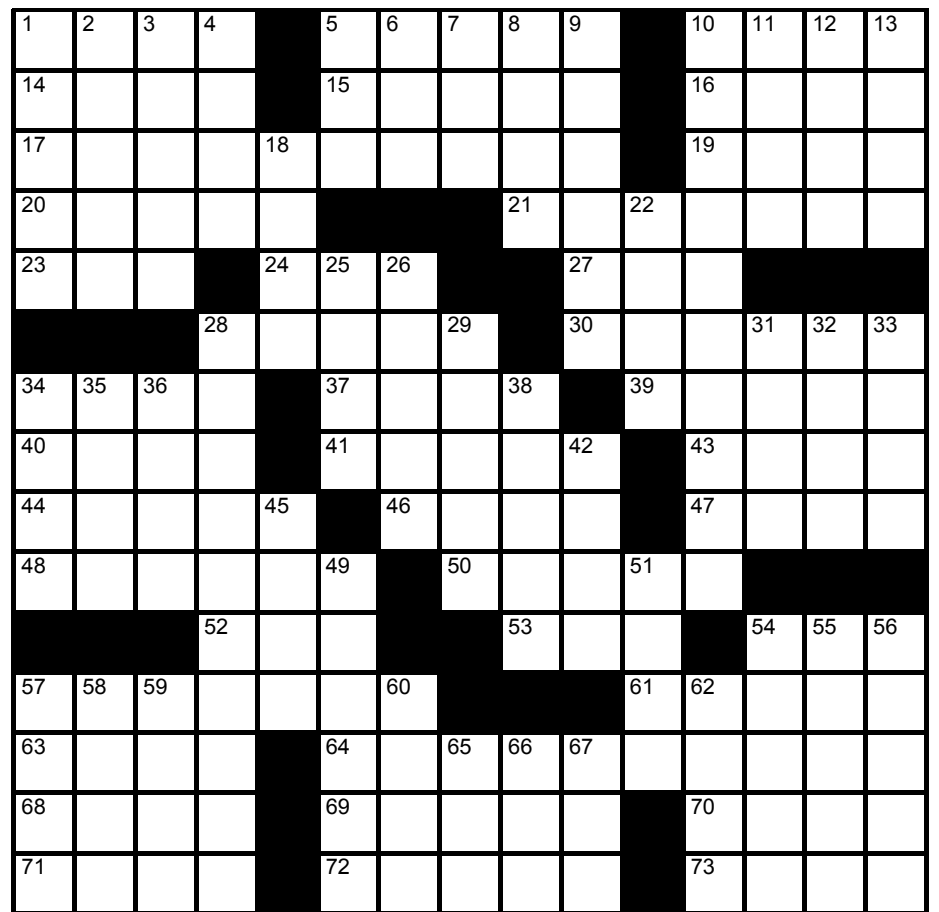
Western PA Slovak Cultural Association Honors US Ambassador to Slovakia

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) honored Adam Sterling, US Ambassador to Slovakia, on his recent visit to Pittsburgh, PA. At a reception in his honor attended by approximately 50 people, the Ambassador presented an overview of contemporary Slovakia – discussing Slovakia's political, economic and social progress since independence in 1993.

Ambassador Sterling arrived in the Slovak Republic in August, 2016. As a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he has served in the Netherlands, Azerbaijan, Israel, Kazakhstan, Belgium and Peru.

- Submitted by Joseph Senko, WPSCA Executive Director, Slovak Honorary Consul, and Branch 254 Member

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Piecrust ingredient
- 5 Terra ____
- 10 Major-leaguers
- 14 Mishmash
- 15 Parting word
- 16 Hard to find
- 17 Fantasies
- 19 Fairy tale start
- 20 "____ which way but loose ..."
- 21 Catnaps
- 23 Buddhist discipline
- 24 Youngster
- 27 Small intake
- 28 Celebrates
- 30 Stereo knob
- 34 Roll call misser
- 37 Give off, as light
- 39 Plaudits
- 40 Prima donna
- 41 Western show
- 43 Former Yugoslav leader
- 44 Starches
- 46 Pants part
- 47 Dentist's order
- 48 Club associate
- 50 More cunning
- 52 Vein contents
- 53 Storm heading (Abbr.)
- 54 Alias
- 57 Bright-colored beetle
- 61 Typo
- 63 Realm
- 64 Danseuses
- 68 Pottery oven
- 69 Fencing swords
- 70 Venus de ____
- 71 Touch up an article

- 72 Must-haves
- 73 Astin of *Lord of the Rings*

Down

- 1 Jennifer of *The Cell*
- 2 Not dead
- 3 Mature
- 4 Activist
- 5 After cable or baggage
- 6 Poetic paean
- 7 Spanish aunt
- 8 Male turkeys
- 9 Help out
- 10 Explorer, of sorts
- 11 Diatribe
- 12 Sea predator
- 13 Gets the picture
- 18 Milldam
- 22 Hibernia
- 25 Roman road
- 26 Audition tapes
- 28 Grandiose
- 29 Factions
- 31 Radar signal
- 32 Overdue
- 33 Harrow rival
- 34 TV's *Batman* West
- 35 Fencing materia
- 36 Egg cell
- 38 Dabbling ducks
- 42 Mayberry sot
- 45 Novi Sad native
- 49 Certain sandwich
- 51 Water carrier
- 54 Golfer Palmer, to pals
- 55 Australian marsupial
- 56 Torcher's misdeed
- 57 Superior, e.g.
- 58 Desiccated
- 59 Supermarket section
- 60 Rubberneck
- 62 Edges
- 65 General in gray
- 66 Preceded
- 67 Double curve



From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Monday, July 3, 2017, and Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day.

JEDNOTA Publication Schedule for 2017

Issue Date	Deadline to Receive
July 19	July 10
August 16	August 7
Sept 13	Sept 5
October 4	Sept 25
October 18	October 9
November 1	October 23
November 15	November 6
December 6	November 27

See Solution on Page 18

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society-Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michaels Branch 2 will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, to discuss upcoming fraternal activities. The meeting will be held at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd at 7 pm. We will also have a meeting on October 10, 2017, at Kretzlers for the election of officers and to discuss other fraternal activities as well. Please RSVP to Joanne Lako at 412 715 5577.

Joanne Lako, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 13, 2017, at 9:00 AM at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin Street, Houtzdale, PA. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Joseph C. Cervenak, President

BRANCH 10 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10 invites its members and their families to attend the annual Mass for living and deceased Branch 10 members on Sunday, June 25, 2017. The 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church at Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant. Immediately following Mass, the semi-annual business meeting will be held at the parish's Kelley Hall.

William F. Nalevanko, Secretary

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St Andrew Society, is providing special members-only pricing for the District 10 Rubber Ducks Baseball/All-You-Can-Eat Picnic Event at Canal Park in Akron, OH, starting at 6PM on Saturday, August 12, 2017 [Editor's note: please see page 17 of this issue for details].

Ticket prices are \$10 for branch members, \$25 for non-members. Advanced tickets only. Please call Activities Director Susan Lang at 216/577-9699 to reserve your seat(s), then send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Susan Lang, 27020 Cedar Rd., Apt. 614 Beachwood, OH 44122. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew Society. The deadline is Friday, July 21, 2017.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

We encourage you to attend two summer events: the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, June 25th; The American Slovak Zemplin Club's picnic is on Sunday, July 16th. Both are at the American Slovak Sokol Camp, 2096 Royalwood Rd. in Broadview Hts, OH, from 12 to 8 PM. {Editor's note: please see pages 17 and 20 respectively, for details on these picnics}. Join your Jednota Branch 24 members and friends for delicious Slovak food, refreshments, music and dancing.

Please support our fine Slovak organizations.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 – BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's, Branch 35, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at 1987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The agenda will include officers' reports and a discussion of district and branch activities.

Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 30, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, IL. All members of Branch 40 are urged to attend the meeting. Lunch will follow. Please make reservations by calling (815) 672-6682 before July 2, 2017.

Maria Harcar, Secretary

BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the BVM Society, Branch 75KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, July 16,

2017, at 10:30AM at the residence of Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. Agenda items will be those normally associated with our semi-annual meeting. All interested members should make an attempt to attend this meeting.

Ronald. M. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St Stephen Branch 153 will have its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue in Harwood Heights. All members are invited to attend. A fraternal luncheon will be served after the meeting.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 173 - GREATER WILKES-BARRE- WYOMING VALLEY AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Baptist Society, Branch 173, located in will hold its semi-annual meeting on July 16, 2017 at Norms, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, beginning at 12:00 pm.

General business and activities of Branch 173 will be discussed, and insurance, annuities and fraternal activities of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Please make every effort to attend and notify Dorothy A. Ungvarsky at 570-4032067, so arrangements can be made.

Fraternally,

John A. Ungvarsky, President

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

All Branch 181 members are invited to the annual family picnic to be held at Mammoth Park, Mammoth, PA, at Pavilion #14 on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Registration begins at noon and the picnic starts at 1:00 p.m. Each member is asked to bring their favorite covered dish. Beverages and main entrée (chicken, kolbasi, halupky, haluski, and rigatoni) will be provided by branch. All members are asked to bring their favorite dish to share. The spectacular Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. A branch meeting will be held directly after the picnic. For more information or directions, please call 724-547-0803.

Vicki Hricik, Secretary

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 invites you to attend our monthly branch meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of every month (except June & July) in the upstairs Social Hall, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. So for the rest of 2017: Aug. 2nd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd with Nomination of Officers, & Dec. 7th with Election of Officers.

We look forward to your presence at the monthly meetings held in the banquet hall directly following the BOD's meeting at 7pm. If you are not local to attend, please send your ideas to me @ vschaub123@gmail.com as we are compiling memorabilia for our 125th Anniversary in 2020.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 221 - TOLEDO, OHIO

Attention Branch 221 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 221 and its 41 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than July 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 228 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 228 is providing special members-only pricing for the District 10 Rubber Ducks Baseball/All-You-Can-Eat Picnic Event at Canal Park in Akron, OH, starting at 6PM on Saturday, August 12, 2017 [Editor's note: please see page 17 of this issue for details].

Advanced tickets only. Please call Len Zilko at 440-988-3236 for more information and to reserve your

seat(s). Please make checks payable to Branch 228. The deadline is Friday, July 21, 2017.

Tom Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228 holds its meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club. Delicious food is served by Theresa Arendt at the last meeting of each calendar quarter. 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 18, 2017. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

The 2018 FCSU National Convention will be here before we know it. I put out a challenge for our younger members to consider being a convention delegate and becoming even more involved in our organization. It is a great experience that is interesting, fun and gives a sense of accomplishment knowing that you are directly contributing to the future of the FCSU. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Please come to our meetings. You will be happy you did.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

The branch will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 1:00PM at Bedford Trails Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. On the agenda: general branch business.

Fraternally,

Paul Ritz, President

BRANCH 292 - WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, FCSU, Branch 292 KJ will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA, 15963, at 12:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual celebration of our patron, St. John the Baptist. A Mass will be celebrated at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Windber, PA, Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All members are asked to attend both events. A buffet dinner will be served.

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

BRANCH 319 – MANSFIELD, OHIO

Attention Branch 319 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 319 and its 66 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than August 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 401 - EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 401 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 1:00pm. Location will be at the home of Patrick Froncek, Branch Secretary, 1223 Wysocki Ave. North Apollo, PA. Agenda will include discussion of proposed motion to absorb those FCSU Branches within District 11 that have been inactive for the past several years. Also, plans for a Fall 2017 Slovak wine/beer tasting party will be addressed. Contact can be made at 724-664-8216. Hope to see YOU there.

Peace & Fellowship to all,

Patrick Froncek, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 1:30PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. All members of Branch 410 are invited to attend. Call for reservations by Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 724-425-2576.

**Geri Buchheit,
Recording & Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 484 – CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 484KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2017, beginning at 2:00PM. It will be held at the home of Financial Secretary Monica Rura, 819 Power Plant Road, Coral, PA, 15731. All members are cordially invited to attend and to participate in a discussion of obtaining new members.

Monica Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The Meeting will start at 2:00 pm. Afterwards, the attendees will enjoy a delicious fraternal lunch, paid for by the branch. If you plan to attend, please contact the branch financial secretary at (502) 244-6643 OR (773) 558-5956 by Wednesday, July 26 so that we can give a head count to the restaurant beforehand.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

The Annual Kielbasa Open will be held on July 29, 2017, Mayfair Country Club 2229 Raber Rd, Uniontown, OH, 44685. Breakfast from 6:30 to 8AM. Shot Gun start at 8AM sharp. George's famous sausage at the turn, lunch buffet followed by presentations and prizes. Refreshments on the course all day long. Cost \$65 per person \$260 per foursome. [Editor's note: see page 18 for information as well]

Call the club office at 330-773-4978 to reserve your spot. Funds must be in by July 15th.

Reserve the date for our Winefest on August 18, 2017, beginning at 6PM. Food will be available for purchase, no cover charge to attend. Call the office at 330-773-4978 if you want to reserve a table for your group.

And don't forget the "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner for \$8 with two dates remaining - July 5 and Aug 2.

Sandie Klucar, Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HTS, MICHIGAN

Sunday, June 4 Polka Dance 3pm-6pm, food available for purchase.

Sunday, July 2 Polka Dance 3pm-6pm, food available for purchase.

Saturday, July 29 Hard Times Party 4pm please bring your items for auction.

Sunday, August 6 Polka Dance 3pm-6pm, food available for purchase.

Refreshments every Tuesday and Thursday .50 off. Hours are Mon-Fri 1pm - 8pm Sat. 12noon - 8pm.

Come down and enjoy yourself.

All events take place at Tatra Hall 2536 Sixth St. Muskegon Heights, MI 231-733-7525.

Sue Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 706 – DYER, INDIANA

St. Anthony Society, Branch 706, will hold its next meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the residence of Branch Treasurer, Barbara Fayta, at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing the Slovakia Christmas Tree exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, the Easter Coloring Contest, and the recent election of new officers along with their duties. We will also be celebrating Memorial Day and praying for those who we have lost in our Branch, especially Shirley Uram and Arthur Fayta.

Lynda Tanis, Vice President

BRANCH 714 – DAYTON, OHIO

Attention Branch 714 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 714 and its 64 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 6 – THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 38 will host the Father's Day Brunch at the Holy Trinity Church on June 18 in West Mifflin. Mass is at 9:30 with brunch at 11:00. Tickets are \$13. RSVP to Flo Matta at 412-466-7460. District VP Karianne Barnes of Branch 628 is doing the ad booklet. Prices for the ad booklet are: full page \$75, half page \$40, quarter page \$25. Checks should be made payable to FCSU Pittsburgh District.

Sue Ondrejco of Branch 2 will have tickets for Slovak Day at Kennywood available on Father's Day. Slovak Day is Thursday, July 20.

Branch 2 will host the next Fall/Winter meeting at a date to be determined. More information will appear later.

The District Activities Director Annie Ondrejco is organizing summer events: July 15 – baseball game "Pirates vs Cardinals" starts at 7:05 PM; cost is \$45. Contact her via the Jednota Pittsburgh District Activities Facebook page. Notices of these events were also emailed to branch officers.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. The April 19 issue has a list of the requirements for the Branch Stipend. The national convention is coming next year; be careful to fulfill all requirements for sending delegates.

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

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library; Meetings resume in October. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net. Fall classes are directed toward intermediate and advanced students. Spring classes are for beginners.

** 94th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood: Thursday, July 20. Tickets available from Sue Ondrejco at sueondrejco@gmail.com.

** 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia – Bratislava, Trencin, High Tatras, Kosice, and more: July 29 to August 11. Contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com.

** NSS Septemberfest at the National Slovak Society Museum, 351 Valley Brook Road in McMurray PA. See the famous animated wood carving – Saturday, September 23, 11 AM – 4 PM. Parking available at St Benedict the Abbot Church.

** Pittsburgh Pierogi Festival – Kennywood – Sunday, September 24, 1-6 PM. Select rides will be open.

** Slovak Heritage Day at the Pitt Cathedral of Learning – Sunday, November 5 – noon to 5. Slovak entertainment, food and vendors.

** Don't forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730. The program is also streamed live at www.wpitam.com.

** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids also has a Facebook page. Check out your family's hometown in Slovakia. Even a small village may have a Facebook page.

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

** If you're interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakia.com/study-in-slovakia/

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nsslife.org/Museum.php.

** The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting on October 18-21, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Your correspondent will be giving a presentation on Slovak Alias Names. Further information can be found at www.cgisi.org.

** FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com. Many interesting Slovak-related links may be found at fcsu.com/resources.

If anyone knows of additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice, they should email information to the secretary. Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, District Secretary
manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

The election of officers for the Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District was held, December, 2016. The results are as follows: President, Barb Hosa; Vice President, Nancy Scavina; Treasurer, Selma Bolash; Secretary, Joe Scavina; Auditor, Jackie Bobby; Fraternal Activity Director, Paul Ritz. The following dates are the scheduled district meetings for 2017: July 18, 2017; November 21, 2017; and December 19, 2017.

Joe Scavina/Secretary

DISTRICT 15 – THE PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday July 29, 2017. It will be held at 11:00 AM at the Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: activities focused on our membership drive, preparation for the 2017 picnic, and the search for a kitchen sponsor for our fraternal gatherings after the Slovak Masses. All branches in our area are encouraged to attend. The Prince Pribina District also cordially extends an open invitation to our Father's Day Celebration with a Slovak Mass on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 1:30 PM at John Paul II, Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Schulak, SVD from San Bernardino.

Paul Skuben, District President

DISTRICT 19 – THE MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT

The annual picnic will be held on July 9 2017 at the Creditvale Slovak Park in Mississauga, Ontario. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am. Lunch for purchase will be served after the Mass. [Editor's note: please see page 7 of this issue for details.]

Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary



*Hi, Kids
(and All Those Young at Heart).*

As all us good Slovaks know, Tato (or, Dad, in English) is the one who knows everything, the one we all turned to when we were growing up to tell us stuff and explain our world. There's even a krásna pieseň (beautiful song) about it. Povedz mi otec (Tell me, Father), the first verse of which goes like this:

Povedz mi, otec,
ty predsa všetko vieš
a všetko poznáš,
to, čo je vôkol nás.

Tell me, Father,
You who know everything,
And you who always will know
Everything that has to do with us.

For sure, those words fit my tato who taught me and my littermates everything we know growing up on our Slovak mountainside. I've shared some of the finer points of his teachings below.

So my friends, on this Father's Day, give your dad a big hug if you're lucky enough to still have him with you. Let him know how special he's been to you in your life, won't you?



Until next time, keep your ears up and your tail waggin'
Tvoj priateľ' (your friend)
Chewy

Top 10 Things My Dad Taught Me By Chewy Čuvač

1. LEASH: A strap that attaches to your collar, so you can lead your person where you want them to go.
2. DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as a white bedspread in the guest room or newly upholstered couch in the living room.
3. DROOL: A liquid you produce that, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food.
4. SNIFF: A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.
5. THUNDER: A signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans really don't get it, so you've got to warn them by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly and following at their heels.
6. BATH: A degrading form of torture used most often when you've found something stupendously aromatic to roll in. Upon exiting the torture tub, be sure to shake only when next to your person or their furniture.
7. LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!" particularly if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.
8. BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention especially if holding a full cup of coffee or tea.
9. CHILDREN: Short humans of optimal height to pet you and boundless energy to fetch the ball when you're tired.
10. LOVE: A feeling of intense affection, given freely and unconditionally. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

FCSU Night at PNC Park

Cheer on the Pirates **July 15, 2017** as they take on St.Louis at 7:05pm.

We will be in Section 203, rows A, B, and C. Which are "All-you-can-eat" seats! This is also a "Free Shirt Saturday", and receive a "Scratch and Win" ticket upon entering.

Seats are \$45 and will be reserved on a first-come-first serve basis.

To register, please email Annie at aondrejco@gmail.com.
In your email, please include the names of all people attending, their branch, and your name and branch.

Be a Part of the Jednota Memorial



A Site Dedicated to Members & their Families

The First Catholic Slovak Union dedicated a Jednota Memorial site in September 2016 for our members and their families. The site is on a permanently dedicated 3 1/2 acres of land of Jednota property fronting on Rose-

dale Avenue in Middletown, PA. The land was once occupied by the Jednota Orphanage, purchased at the urging of our founder Fr. Štefan Furdek for just such a purpose. A rebronzed "Doughboy" statute is a key high-

light of this Memorial, honoring those who served in any wars and also giving the opportunity for our Members to honor and remember their ancestors and family members who have made and make our Society great.

Jednota Memorial Granite Bricks are still available for purchase

It is important, however, to remember that this memorial is not restricted to veterans or families of veterans. You can remember a loved one, a branch or a district in our Society. These are just some of the completed granite panels found throughout the Memorial. All those who purchase a "brick" or "bricks" will receive a photo of the panel on which their brick or bricks are mounted.

These are just four of the panels that have been completed. To view more complete panels, or if you haven't yet ordered your "brick" you can go to Jednota Memorial to read: fcsu.com/about/jednota-memorial to download your order form. Or you can request an order form by calling the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.

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DEDICATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF BRANCH 382K	TO HONOR MY PARENTS STEPHEN EUGENE MATULA AND MARY (KOPKAS) MATULA STEPHEN C MATULA COLONEL USAF (RETI)	FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT 9 UNIONTOWN, PA	HONOURING THE DECEASED CANADIAN MEMBERS OF MSGR MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT 19	
THOMAS M HRICK FCSU PRESIDENT EMERITUS US ARMY LOVING MEMORY	J.C. KRAJSA FAMILY EDITOR JOSEPH C MGR PRESS JOSEPH J.	MARTIN JANCO BRANCH 55 WW2 25 YEARS OLD	HONOURING THE DECEASED REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF DISTRICT 19 JOHN ŠTIMEC MIKE DOBIS SR	
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DEDICATED TO STEVEN JACOB GERBA WWII VETERAN US NAVY BY HIS WIFE JOSEPHINE AND THEIR SON STEVEN	PHILIP A. HROBAK A GREAT AMERICAN SLOVAK FROM HIS FAMILY		DEDICATED IN THE MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. CLEMENT SOCIETY BRANCH #40 IN STREATOR, ILLINOIS	
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7				OUR TRIBUTE TO JOHN S. GAYDOS PRESIDENT BRANCH 55 FCSU 1961-1993 HUSBAND OF MARY PROUDLY REMEMBERED BY THEIR 6 CHILDREN. JOSEPHINE, MARY, CYRIL, HELENA, ANNAROSE, JOHN
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MICHIGAN DISTRICT #5 FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION	JOSEPH & MARY ISKRA, AND FAMILY WILKES-BARRE, PA	IN HONOR OF EMERICH AND JOSEPHINE WALLA YOUR SON		
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IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. HOVANEK BRANCH 292 WINDBER, PA	SANT ANDREW SOCIETY BRANCH 24 CLEVELAND, OHIO	IN MEMORY OF BROTHER JOHN A. HOVANEK BR. 292 WINDBER, PA		
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6				STEPHAN J PATOPRSTY VERONICA V SIVAK MARRIED SEPT 30 1950	IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANDREJKO AND VIZVARY FAMILIES	NEVER FORGET YOUR ROOTS HVIZDOS-LESSO-SMEDO
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARMY AIR CORPS S.SGT ROBERT J. SABOL KILLED IN ACTION IN WWII, MAY 24, 1945	ANDREW S. LUKASKO ELDER JR BRANCH 374 HUSBAND OF ANNA ELIZABETH FATHER OF ANNA MAY, EDWARD, JOSEPH, ANDREW	IN LOVING MEMORY JOHN MILES WHITE 1925-2005 FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE WORLD WAR II THE WHITE FAMILY	IN LOVING MEMORY JOSEPH & IRENE MATUSCHAK	IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND JOSEPH J. DUTKO		
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER CYRIL FERENCZAK, JR.	IN LOVING MEMORY OF CYRIL & WILMA FERENCZAK	IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BEST GRANDMOTHER PIROSKA MERAI	REST IN PEACE CYRIL GREGORICKA 1925-1998			
IN MEMORY OF BRANCH 838		IN MEMORY OF BRANCH 354	IN MEMORY OF BRANCH 835			
RICHARD J. SLIFKA CORPORAL U.S. ARMY HUSBAND, DAD, PAPA	IN HONOR OF ALL PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF MSGR HLINKA DIST 12	IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR PARENTS M&M ANDREW M CHUBA	JOSEPH AND JULIA KRHLA BRANCH 19			
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LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS BRANCH 276 MCKEESPORT, PA	IN MEMORY OF MIKE AND MARGARET DRAPCHO BR 553	V MILOVANEJ PAMATI IGNAC & MARIA DLABIK PERTH AMBOY, N.J.	STEPHEN FERKO PRESIDENT BRANCH 55 FCSU 1950-1980			
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN J. SKLENCAR PRESIDENT FCSU BR374	ROBERT LOUIS HILPL ROBERT ANDREW HILPL FATHER AND SON	PEACE LOVE CHARITY BRANCH 401 E VANDERGRIFT, PA				
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*Processed through the month of May

OBITUARIES

MARIE C. SHEDLOCK

BRANCH 7 - HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Marie C. Shedlock, 81, of Morann, PA, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2017, at UPMC Hospital in Altoona, PA.

Born on January 5, 1936 in Morann, PA, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Bacher) Shedlock. Marie graduated from H-W-B High School. She worked at the General Cigar Co. and was a member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 7 of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Marie is survived by a sister, Patricia Moyer and four brothers, Andrew, John, Martin, and Patrick.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 17, 2017, at 11:00 AM at Christ the King Catholic Church by Reverend Marc J. Solomon. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Marie was a longtime secretary of Branch 7K, serving in that capacity since 1972. She also served as a trustee of the Jozef Cardinal Tomko District 13 of the First Catholic Slovak Union since 1980.

Thank you, Marie for your many years of dedicated service to Branch 7K and District 13.

- Respectfully submitted
by the officers of Branch 7

STEPHEN LALKA BRANCH 55 - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen Joseph Lalka, age 96, formerly of Atco and Hammonton, NJ, died on Friday, April 7, 2017, in Chatham, NY, surrounded by loving family. Born July 17, 1920, in Brehy, Slovakia, he was one of five sons of Anna (Slavka) and Kalman Lalka. He came to America at age 16 and lived and worked in New York City. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Anna (Selep) Lalka, son George Lalka, great granddaughter Eva Longo, and his four brothers. He resided in New York City, Brooklyn NY, Atco and Elm NJ, and in his later years, Chatham NY.

Stephen enlisted in the US Navy in 1943, using his critical skills as Aviation Metalsmith First Class in the production of Navy warships in New Jersey and California. He was a fighter pilot in training at the end of World War II. Following the war, Stephen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Fordham University in New York, with graduate education at the Graduate School at New York University Graduate School of Busi-



ness. Stephen and Anna raised five beautiful children, and his most productive years came after moving to South Jersey in 1959. He used his skills and knowledge again in the shipbuilding industry working for New York Shipbuilding of Camden NJ, and the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. In mid-career and to retirement in 1988, he was employed as an auditor for the State of New Jersey assigned to Camden County.

He was proud of his Slovak and Catholic heritage, and loved his adopted country, the United States, which had given him many opportunities. In New Jersey, Stephen was a member of St. Joseph Church, Hammonton and Assumption Church in Atco, and the St. James Church in Chatham New York. Stephen loved gardening, mechanical work, and general tinkering and inventing. He gloried in his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their accomplishments.

His memory lives on with his children, Stephen (Carol), Joseph (Teresa Ribadaneyra), Victoria Tauer (Charles), Nancy Longo (Jeff). His pride beamed in his 11 grandchildren: Carolyn (Dan) Waidelich, Brian (Marylee) Tauer, Linda Tauer Menne, Jeff (Kelly) Longo, Susan Lalka, Matthew (Laura) Longo, Kevin Longo, Emily (Ben) Almich, Michael (Emily) Lalka, Kelsey Lalka and Nicole Lalka, as well as 14 great-grandchildren, whom he called his "grand-grands".

He will be missed by many. Family and friends were invited to attend his viewing Wednesday, April 12, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Marinella Funeral Home, Hammonton NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:00 PM at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish - St. Joseph Church, Hammonton, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hammonton.

MARGARET K. "MARGE" MIDILE BRANCH 169P - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Margaret K. "Marge" Midile, 90, of Millersville, PA, formerly of Richland, PA, passed away on April 3, 2017 in Millersville. She was born on November 10, 1926, in Johnstown. Daughter of John J. and Veronica A. (Kulbak) LaBuda. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. "Joe" Midile Sr.; sisters, Anna Vargo and Frances L. Sabo; brothers, Robert V., John Jr., Edward, Vincent, August and William; and sister-in-law, Catherine "Dolly" Rizzo. She is survived by her loving children, Patrick married to



the former Jeannie McGarry, Halifax, PA; Barbara Anne wife of Robert Simpson, Lancaster, PA; Joseph Jr. and Becky, Medina, OH; and Michael, Rocky Mountain, NC; grandchildren, Michelle, Russ, Melinda, Bridget, Lynn, Brian, Jennifer, Magan, Shawn, Michael Jr., Amber and Brett; great grandchildren, Justin A., Dakota, Lakelyn, Tyler, Kyler, Brooklyn, Sierra, Sara, Zachary, Leonard, Madison, Hunter, Austin, Alyssa, Jacqueline, Gabriel, Justin J., Andreanna, Bradyen, Lienn, and Paityn; great great grandson, Bryson; sister, Delores wife of Paul Greisk, Johnstown; brother Bernard married to the former Martha McGilvey, Johnstown; sisters-in-law, Constance LaBuda, and Georgetta LaBuda, Josephine "Feenie" Midile, and Mary Jane Pinna all of Johnstown; and numerous nieces and nephews. Marge retired from Hills Department Store, where she was employed as a sales clerk. She was a former member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown, Legion of Mary and the parish reunion volunteer. Marge was a current member of St. Phillips Catholic Church, Millersville, PA. She was a former member and past President of the former Geistown-Richland Lioness Club and for 25 years was an Inspector for the Richland Precinct #5, Board of Elections. Marge and her husband were members of the Walk and Stride Club for 20 years. Marge enjoyed crocheting, crafts, gardening and playing bingo. She loved traveling with her husband and spending their winters in St. Petersburg, FL. Marge cherished her time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandson. Friends were received from 3-7 P.M. on Monday, April 10, 2017, at the Harris Funeral Home, Richland, where Vigil for the deceased was held. Funeral Mass was held at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Fr. David S. Peles, Pastor. Committal followed at St. Anthony's Cemetery.

- Submitted by Barbara Simpson

MICHAEL J. CVEJKUS BRANCH 580 - WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Michael J. Cvejkus, age 91, a lifelong resident of Duquesne, PA, was embraced by God in the early morning of April 24, 2017, after a brief illness. He was born in Duquesne on February 25, 1926, to the late Michael and Helen (Koval) Cvejkus and was predeceased by his loving wife, Bess (Pakan); beloved daughter, Arlene Pastrick; and two sisters, Mary Perun and Anna Mae Ondechek. Michael was an English teacher in the Duquesne school system for 35 years, President of the Duquesne Teacher's Association and a proud member of the PSEA and NEA. He often had past students tell him how grateful they were

for his tough teaching that benefited them in life. He was an active member of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) Branch 580, serving as its President and most recently Vice President. He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, West Mifflin. Michael was happiest in his later years spending time with family and took pride in leading the family in prayer for all holidays. We will remember him ending his Christmas prayer with Vesele' Vianoce! He leaves behind his son, Kenneth (Judy); son-in-law, David Pastrick; and his grandchildren, Meghan (Joe), Melissa (Tom), Jeremy, Justin (Taylor), Samantha, Ryan, Evan; and seven great-grandchildren. Family and friends were received on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the William S. Skovranko Memorial Home, Duquesne. A Blessing was offered on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church with Rev. Thomas Lewandowski as celebrant. Burial followed in Holy Trinity Cemetery, West Mifflin.

- Submitted by Virginia Jasek,
Branch 580 Secretary

JOHN E. KAVULIC BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

John E. Kavulic, 80, passed away in Florida on March 29, 2017, surrounded by his loved ones.

John was born Dec. 25, 1936, in Youngstown, a son of John and Mary (Biroschak) Kavulic. He graduated in 1955 from Wilson High School and upon graduation enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Afterward he worked at Republic Steel until being hired by Youngstown Police Department, where he served 32 years. He worked on patrol for 16 years and then was in charge of the record and evidence rooms. After retiring in 1996, John worked as a U.S. deputy marshal.

John married his wife, Grace (Yavorsky) on April 25, 1998. Together they shared their love of golf and dancing.

John enjoyed his family, as well as golf, baseball, bowling, hunting, and fishing. He could often be found outside gardening or doing yardwork. John loved to cook, especially making cheesecake or his special garlic stuffed bacon.

He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) Branch 731 and served as branch auditor, Sokol's, FOP Lodge No. 28 and Eagles Aerie 3298. He was a lifelong member of



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Branch 595 members, family & friends: Come to Muskegon Polish Festival Labor Day Weekend

Perfect blue sky weather, excellent temperatures, the smell of kielbasa, kapusta and pierogi cooking, polka music and dancing in the shaded park, children having so much fun in the game area - All make up the Muskegon Polish Festival. Our very first annual festival brought nearly 7,000 people to Hackley Park in Downtown Muskegon, MI on Labor Day weekend. The second annual event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 1st and 2nd, 2017. We end our festival on Sunday at the 11 AM Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1716 Sixth St. Muskegon, MI 49441, followed by a purchased authentic Polish Dinner served in the gymnasium.

A special thank-you goes out to our FCSU Branch 595 in Muskegon Heights, MI. The lodge and members are very supportive of our festival by helping with monetary donations, volunteering, and attending our monthly meetings to make our ethnic festival the best in West Michigan! Tatra Hall was very supportive by donating the kitchen use for our catering personnel who needed the facilities to make all the wonderful food. Thank you to people like Joane Southland, Diane Scott, Jim & Pat Bishop, Rich & Barb Werner, Joyce Kelley, Dawn Goodman,



Stella Muma, David Cooper, Cora Garcia, Ed Sanocki, Karen Edens, Rose Sanocki, David & Sandy Ferski, Steve Poe, Ann Vos, Jack Aerts, Doug Zuidema, Sue Hornik, and the entire board of directors. Thank you Tatra Hall, and both auxiliaries, for all you do for the community.



Our cost to get in is only \$5.00 per person over 21 years of age; and if you are 20 or younger, your cost is FREE for the weekend. We encourage families to stay in the Muskegon area for Labor Day weekend as our festival can be very cost effective for all families. Authentic Polish beer and wine plus domestic and craft beer, and plenty of

Faygo Pop, lemonade and water available for all. Festivities end at 11 PM both Friday and Saturday evening.

Food will be served starting at noon on both days, with Polish vendors, plus American and dessert vendors, all to accommodate your taste buds in every way. Non-Food vendors will consist of Polish artifacts, home-made wood products, wood carvings,

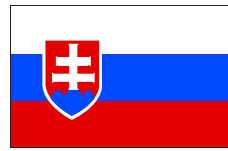
t-shirts, hats, scarves, buttons and plenty of fun things for the young and the young at heart. The children's area consists of games for all ages, coloring contest, face paintings, balloon sculptures, exercise area, and play area, all under supervision from our qualified staff as required by the State of Michigan.

Polka Bands will entertain us throughout the entire day, starting at noon with: Stan Mroz, The Kielbasa Kings, Duane Malinowski, Steve Meisner, Tony Blazonczyk New Phaze, and Box On Polka Bands. We will have many donated items to raffle off and to keep the excitement going throughout the day. A special thank you to all of our sponsors who helped to make our festival successful.

We invite you to Muskegon, MI for the Muskegon Polish Festival on Labor Day weekend 2017. Please check out our website at: www.MuskegonPolishFest.com Our festival is held at: Hackley Park, 350 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon, MI 49440 on Friday and Saturday, September 1-2, 2017. Don't forget to attend our beautiful special Mass at 11 AM on Sunday at St. Michael Church. For more information, please contact Tom Sanocki at 231-375-5271 or sponsors@muskegonpolishfest.com

- Submitted by Tom Sanocki,
Muskegon Polish Festival President

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For additional information, feel free to call me at Tel: (440) - 885-5702.
Fraternally,

George Carny, President

Attention Rev. Stephen Furdek Ohio District 10 Members: Food, Fun, Fireworks – And Minor League Baseball - At Canal Park in Akron, OH on August 12, 2017



On Saturday, August 12, 2017, join other FCSU members in District 10, the Rev. Stephen Furdek District, for a fun evening of minor league ball as the Akron Rubber Ducks take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies; enjoy an all-you-can-eat picnic style buffet; and watch spectacular "Bob Seger" fireworks – plus, if you are among the first 1,000 attendees – you'll receive a tin lunchbox giveaway.

All branches in District 10 are eligible to participate, including: 1, 24, 228, 319, 425, 450, 553, 714, 754, 777, 852, 855, and 862. A \$25 value, **discounted tickets** are available for District 10 members through participating branches. Non-members are welcome at the \$25 price.

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

Come early, stay late

District 10 members will enjoy a two-hour, all-you-can-eat **picnic buffet** that begins when the gates open at **6:00PM**. Then, from the great vantage point of the Canal Park picnic area along the left base line, you can enjoy the game that starts at 7:05PM when the Akron Rubber Ducks take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. The evening ends with a spectacular pyrotechnic fireworks display with a "Bob Seger" theme.

The all-you-can-eat buffet, served picnic style, includes:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- BBQ Pulled Chicken
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Potato Salad
- Potato Chips
- Cookies
- Iced Tea/Lemonade/Water

How to Reserve Your Seats

Reservations must be made by **Friday, July 28, 2017**. To reserve your tickets and for more information, please contact your local branch officers* or District President Greg Petrasek at (330) 398-1888.

*All branches in District 10 and their branch contact info can be found at fcsu.com/districts/ and clicking on District 10.

August 12 Highlights:

- Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017**
- Place: Canal Park, Akron, OH**
- Gates open at 6:00PM with lunchbox giveaway to first 1,000 attendees**
- All-you-can-eat, 2-hour buffet starting at 6:00PM**
- Akron v Binghamton game, starting at 7:05PM**
- Fireworks after the game**
- Discounts on \$25 tickets through participating branches in District 10**

September in Slovakia: Lively Harvest Festivals and Bountiful Countryside

September is the perfect time to travel to Slovakia...the summer tourist season is over: warm days turn into cool evenings; the fruit and nut trees lining the roads are bountiful; fields of sunflowers and corn are ready for harvest; and the grapes are picked and slowly fermenting to Burčiak, the new wine... a main-stay of the many fall festivals that spring up in cities and villages across the countryside.



For Slovaks, it's a time to gather outdoors, to dance, and celebrate traditional customs as well as new ways. In the spirit of our country fairs, the Fall Festivals bring out extended families, all ages, to renew ancient craft and music traditions as well as enjoy today's pop culture.

On this fall's Slovakia Heritage Tour (September 8-17, 2017), travelers will enjoy Slovakia's beautiful culture and countryside through its lively festivals, charming small cities, picturesque country villages and mountain peaks, music, and food with plenty of time to meet the people and discover your own family roots.

square of this central Slovakia city, Unlike the summer craft and music festivals which focus on tradition, the Harvest Festivals brim with life, blending deep folk art and music traditions with modern ways. On stage, a group of village folk dancers perform with the traditional violins, accordions and cymbal followed by a local teenage hip-hop group. In the many craft booths, a traditional woodworker demonstrates his crafts and wares next to a contemporary jewelry booth.

- Modra Wine Festival, Sept. 15-17. Dating back to the 13th century, the Modra Festival celebrates the long history of vineyards and wine production in the small Carpathian Mountain region, a short drive from Bratislava. After strolling the charming ancient town and taking in the musical performances, travelers soon find themselves elbow-to-elbow with Slovak families at long tables, sampling lokša, guláš, a wide variety of grilled meats, sausages and onions, and other festival specialties. Lokša, a potato pancake made with goose fat, comes in a dizzying array of flavors... hazelnut, apricot, poppy-seed and many more. And all the hearty food is washed down with local beer and the new wine, Burčiak. Na zdravie!

Join us to discover your Slovak roots and celebrate the September harvest on the small-group 2017 Slovakia Heritage Tour, September 8-17. You can see the detailed itinerary and all the information on our web site www.slovakiaheritage.com, or call or email Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours at 978-544-5144 or slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com to discuss your personal travel plans.

- Submitted by Judith Northup-Bennett, Branch 918

The 2017 Slovakia Heritage Tour will visit a few of the most popular festivals:

- Salamander Days, Banská Štiavnica, Sept. 8-10, nestled in a tree-filled valley, this World Heritage medieval town is a perfect setting for this combined harvest and mining festival. It's an annual gathering of European mining fraternities who commemorate the old mining traditions and the international ties to the prosperous silver mine, the largest in Europe in the 16th century. It's a fun combination of a traditional country festival with men and women gathering in 19th century uniforms to relive a vibrant history.



- Radvanský Jarmok, Banská Bystrica, Sept. 8-10. The Slovakia Heritage Tour group will be in town for this 360th Market Celebration of the harvest which fills the beautiful central

St. Thomas A' Becket Parish to Hold Festival on June 22 – 24



St. Thomas A' Becket's Parish Festival is a fun-filled event for the whole family featuring a variety of music, live entertainment, delicious food, baked goods, a flea market and more. St. Thomas A' Becket's Parish Festival - 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025 - kicks off June 22 from 6:00 – 11:00 PM and runs through June 24, 2017.

Each evening of the festival features special entertainment and dinner menus:

June 22, 2017 6:00PM – 11:00PM

"Sky Jump Lottery" at 7:00PM (Rain Date –June 23)

Musical performances by Shot O-Soul from 7:00PM – 10:00PM

Dinner special includes Stuffed Cabbage Dinner & Chicken Planks with Fries

June 23, 2016 6:00PM – 11:00PM

Musical performances by The South Searchers from 7:00PM – 10:00PM

Dinner special includes Fish Fry and Pierogi Dinner

June 24, 2016 6:00PM – 11:00PM

Abilene Band and Gas House Annie (country music) from 7:00PM – 10:00PM

Dinner special includes BBQ Ribs

Additional food items available every evening include: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Hot Sausage, French Fries, Pizza, Soft Pretzels, Homemade Donuts, Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream.

- Submitted by Carrie Lekse, PR Advisor



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First Time to Slovakia Creates Wonderful Memories

Last July, we visited Slovakia for the first time, and also went to Prague in the Czech Republic. As FCSU members, we receive the Jednota newspaper, and we chose to travel with Treasures of Slovakia Tour by Helene Cincebeaux that we saw advertised there. Since Helene lives about 45 minutes from us, we visited her before making our decision. She was a most gracious and knowledgeable hostess and we were convinced that she would give us a great tour of Slovakia – which she did. The tour took us north to south and east to west throughout Slovakia. We marveled at the beauty of the country with its breathtaking mountains and rolling fields as well as the friendly people. We will have many fond memories of our visit but the most memorable was when we were guests of honor at a reception attended by over 40 of Laurie's mom's relatives. Another highlight was visit to Our Lady of Victory Church in Prague to see the original Infant of Prague statue.

- Dennis & Laurie Tepper, Branch 923



Rafting on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park



Dennis and Laurie Tepper pose before the Singing Fountains in Košice



Slovensky Betlehem in Rajecka Lesna



A reception at the Salas restaurant in Spišská Nová Ves with Laurie's Slovak relatives was a particularly memorable part of the trip.



Dancers at the Detva Folk Festival



A re-enactment of a Rusyn wedding in Nižné Repaše

Helene Baine Cincebeaux, Branch 278, has traveled to Slovakia with her tour group Treasures of Slovakia for 29 years. This July, she will lead her 90th Treasures Tour to Slovakia. For more information on the 2017 tour, phone 386-264-2757 or e-mail helenezx@aol.com.

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St. Matthias Church.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his beloved wife, Grace; children Kim Marshall, Denise Yavorsky and James (Tammy) Yavorsky; grandchildren Ryan Yavorsky, Abbigail Yavorsky and Michael Thornton and seven other grand-

children; two great-grandchildren; his sister Rose (John) Klarich; his nieces, Lori MacGregor, Caroline Herb, Michele Zitko, and Kristin Elbautouty; and a nephew, Mark Klarich.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Philip Kavulic.

The family entrusted John's care to the Kubina-Yuhasz-Wasko Funeral Home, Boardman, Oh where the family received friends on Friday

evening, April 7, 2017, and again on Saturday morning, April 8, 2017, at the church, prior to the Mass of Christian Burial which was held at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at St. Matthias Church, celebrated by the Rev. John Jerek, concelebrated by the Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando. Burial took place at Calvary Cemetery, where military honors were rendered.

- Submitted by Grace Kavulic



Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com

A great source for the latest information about our Society - and events in the greater Slovak community.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Interested persons should respond no later than August 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Branch 716, St. Stephen Society, invites all their member and friends to attend the annual Slovak

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY, on Sunday, August 13th 2017. Mass will be at 11 AM followed by a 12:30 PM lunch and the traditional recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 PM. [Editor's note: please see page x for more information]. For further details, call Maria Bozekova 347-612-1934 or Lisa Calabrese 212-734-4613. Bus will be available if there enough interested people, please contact us as soon as possible.

Jan Skrkon, President

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Branch 721 will have their summer meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 2:00PM. It will be held at the home of Julius Remenar, Financial Secretary, located at 8977 S. Mason Road, Bannister, MI. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Members of Saint Joseph Branch 731 will meet on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at Noon. We will gather at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Plans for summer events will be on the agenda. Please try to attend.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746 cordially invites you to a picnic on Sunday, July 16, 2017. The picnic will take place at Alcalá Park in Linden, New Jersey (2801 Highland Ave – the covered picnic area is next to Highland Avenue School #10) from 2:00 pm to 7:00 PM. There will be a brief meeting at 2pm to discuss upcoming Fall events/activities. For non-members, there will be a \$15 charge and \$5 for non-member kids over 12. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this wonderful gathering! Kindly RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt at 732-762-3148 by July 9th if you plan on attending.

Sabina Sabados, President

BRANCH 748 – NILES, MICHIGAN

Attention Branch 748 (now Branch 919) members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of the Branch and its 48 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than July 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 754 – ELYRIA, OHIO

Attention Branch 754 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. Currently, all branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 754 and its 199 members is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than August 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Branch members and friends are invited to a special event on June 28, 2017, at the home of George Beck, 6460 Bazetta Road, Cortland, OH, 44410 [the residence is a slight drive north of Rt 88 on Bazetta Road (Hoagland-Blackstub); look for low stone walls on the east side of the street]. Beginning at noon until about 1:30PM, all are invited to take a tour of Mr. Beck's museum which includes a large assortment of Civil War memorabilia as well as Slovak items. Mr. Beck is quite knowledgeable in Slovak history and customs. For more information, you may contact him at 1-330-637-8379.

William Hrusovsky, Secretary

BRANCH 777 – BEDFORD, OHIO

Attention Branch 777 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include:

President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 777 and its 83 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than August 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold their annual Fathers' Day Mass and meeting on Sunday, June 18, 2017, at John Paul II Polish Center 3999 Rose Drive, Jorba Linda, CA, 92886. The Slovak Mass will begin at 1:30PM Slovak lunch will be served after Mass. Come and join us in celebrating the Slovak spirit of Fathers' Day. We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special and safe Fathers' Day.

Fraternally yours,

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Branch 844 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The meeting will begin at 11:00AM at the Slovak American Center, 1690 Platenacia Ave, Fullerton, CA, 92831. On the agenda will be activities focused on our membership drive, preparations for the 2017 picnic, and the search for a kitchen sponsor to support the fraternal gatherings hosted by the branch after the Slovak Masses. All branches in our area are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 852 – MENTOR, OHIO

Attention Branch 852 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017. All branch officer positions are open. These include: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 852 and its 39 members are greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information about the general duties of a branch officer, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than July 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

Attention all members of Branch 855 Holy Name of Jesus Society. We are pleased to announce our participation in the District 10 fraternal event at the Akron Rubber Ducks game Saturday August 12th. Come join us for baseball, food, fun and fireworks! [Editor's note: please see page 17 of this issue for details].

Ticket information: Tickets are \$25.00. The branch will reimburse the ticket price of \$25.00 for the first 25 members who reserve a ticket with our Fraternal Activities Director, Barbara Sutula at 440-864-4744. Non-member ticket price is \$25.00. Deadline to reserve tickets is July 21st. Please call Barbara for details. Hope to see you there!!!

Michael Kolesar, President

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 21, 2017. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

Fraternally,

Damian D Nasta, Recording Secretary

Branch 24's James Von Pless Helps City of Fairview Park, OH Safety Town

Congratulations to Fairview Park High School Senior James Von Pless and Boy Scouts from Troop 225 in an Eagle service project at the Fairview Park Gemini Center.

James Von Pless and his Scout Troop helped fix and freshen up the City of Fairview Park Safety Town.

Led by James, thirty volunteers repaired roofs, mortared bricks, and repainted six of the model buildings at Safety Town to get it ready for this Summer. Troop 225 is sponsored by St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Westlake, Ohio and counts many boys from Fairview Park --



most of whom attended Safety Town when they were Kindergartners! James has been in Scouting since the first grade and has satisfied the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout and looks forward to his receiving the award at his Board of Review in June.

James is from Branch 24 and the son of Doreen and David Von Pless of Fairview Park, OH. James is attending The Ohio State University in the fall and plans on majoring in Sports Journalism and Marketing.

- Submitted by Doreen Von Pless



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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

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MILAN KOBULSKY 330-239-2256

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., 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 II, Treasurer
 Henry Hassay, Regional Director via teleconference
 (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the March 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by George F. Matta II and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report by telephone to the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Committee's questions.

Larry White led a discussion regarding new investment opportunities that we may take advantage of in the future.

The President asked Larry White to look at the possibility of increasing our investments in the municipal bond market.

UBS:

Sean Hardy representing UBS gave an extensive review of our investments with UBS and new investment opportunities the FCSU may want to take advantage of.

After giving his review, Mr. Hardy answered the Committee's questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a report on the investment update to the Executive Committee and answered the Committee's questions.

The Treasurer led a review of the investment opportunities presented by Larry White of AQS and Sean Hardy of UBS and led a discussion about the possible investments we may want to take advantage of.

The President led a discussion of the possibility of obtaining a AMB Rating. The President stated he will research this and see what the requirements are.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**Investment Updates**

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clut-terbuck Fund. Following the report, 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, found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions.

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 2017:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 290,204.19
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 43,827.62
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

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.

The Executive Secretary stated we are finalizing the 1st Quarter financial statements and once they are completed they will be published in the Jednota for review.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**Annuity Rates:**

The President led an extensive review of the current annuity rates. It was decided the rates

remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting in May.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting and adding new agents, and at present have over 270 agents. The Home Office is sending the independent agents monthly updates on our products, in addition to frequent phone contacts.

The Vice President stated he is in the process of establishing a new sales quota for the districts. Once his study is complete, he will present it to the Executive Committee for review.

The Vice President stated that our marketing firm will be developing a training video that can be viewed at our branch and district meetings. He hopes to have this completed in the near future. The marketing firm is also creating new sales brochures to be handed out.

The Executive Secretary stated we have started a recruitment program to increase our number of independent agents. Emails are being sent to possible agents in the states we are licensed in to inform them who we are, our rates, and the products we offer. We are waiting to analyze the results and see how successful we are.

The Executive Secretary stated we are waiting on IRS approval to be a non-bank trustee for the Coverdell Fund. We are hoping to get final approval shortly so we can make this fund available to our members in 2017.

MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY:

The President gave an update on the property in Middletown. The President stated we have received several offers which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

The President stated he will contact the potential buyers and ask for a 45-60 day extension on offers so we will have time to fully review the offers.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President led a discussion on the possibility of having a national picnic in 2017. The President stated we are looking at several possible sites that are centrally located and available dates.

The President stated he hopes it will be possible to put together a picnic in 2017 and will keep the Committee informed with his findings.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

The President stated he received a request from a Regional Director for the Home Office to sponsor a regional picnic and to donate to a bus trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The President will review the request.

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

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

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

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

NOTICE



Attention All First Catholic Slovak Union Members:

The 2016 Annual Reports of the Regional Directors as well as the Chair of Auditors will be in the July 19th issue of Jednota and are posted on line at fcsu.com/about/board-of-directors/

Statement as of March 31, 2017 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.....	349,127,210		349,127,210	342,319,430
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....			0	
2.2 Common stocks.....	2,435,361		2,435,361	2,436,201
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	779,366		779,366	834,868
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	878,337		878,337	894,327
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	645,884		645,884	655,649
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	755,821		755,821	755,821
5. Cash (\$.....15,293,924), cash equivalents (\$.....999,552) and short-term investments (\$.....6,996,423).....	23,289,899		23,289,899	23,961,405
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,135,690		1,135,690	1,118,825
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	4,974,254		4,974,254	4,752,203
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).....	384,021,822	0	384,021,822	377,728,729
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	4,479,953		4,479,953	4,632,409
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	22,479		22,479	18,990
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) and contracts subject to redetermination (\$.....0).....			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).....	9,973	9,973	0	(0)
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	388,534,777	10,523	388,524,254	382,380,128
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	388,534,777	10,523	388,524,254	382,380,128

Statement as of March 31, 2017 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	305,455,688	302,291,581
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	43,727,349	41,098,805
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.....	54,765	60,668
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).....	693,205	753,160
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	34,303	19,208
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	58,023	67,352
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.....	18,072	18,072
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	5,600,885	5,292,048
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.....	2,675,708	2,607,558
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.....		521,933
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	890,835	840,835
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	359,918,344	354,280,731
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	359,918,344	354,280,731
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.....	28,605,910	28,099,397
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	28,605,910	28,099,397
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	388,524,254	382,380,128

Statement as of March 31, 2017 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.....	6,781,180	5,763,382	21,457,823
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	3,685,131	3,723,442	15,527,524
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	106,189	125,000	584,693
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.....	1,230	4,227	56,936
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	10,573,730	9,616,051	37,626,976
10. Death benefits.....	776,000	657,108	2,386,321
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	4,994,283	3,390,698	14,573,618
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	135,835	116,656	503,013
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	40,109	37,746	154,320
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	3,164,107	4,117,253	14,671,464
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	9,110,334	8,319,461	32,288,736
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	119,705	74,172	273,703
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	934,872	860,494	2,923,796
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	30,629	32,747	127,367
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.....	(54,700)	(32,491)	(390,690)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	10,140,840	9,254,383	35,222,912
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	432,890	361,668	2,404,064
28. Refunds to members.....	71,092	69,469	413,708
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	361,798	292,199	1,990,356
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....			(164,465)
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	361,798	292,199	1,825,891
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	28,099,397	26,397,416	26,397,416
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	361,798	292,199	1,825,891
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	221,211	(68,592)	358,567
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	730	73	2,919
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.....	(68,150)	(67,323)	(415,908)
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.....	(9,076)	3,824	(69,488)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	506,513	160,181	1,701,981
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	28,605,910	26,557,597	28,099,397

Správy zo Slovenska

Narodilo sa najviac nemanželských detí

Rodí sa viac detí, sobáš sa viac ľudí, rozvádza sa menej párov. Údaje o populačnom vývoji v roku 2016, ktoré zverejnilo Výskumné demografické centrum, potvrdzujú doterajšie trendy v reprodukčnom správaní obyvateľstva. Odborníkov neprekvapuje ani to, že pribúda detí narodených mimo manželstva. Vlni sa nezozobášaným párom alebo osamelým ženám na Slovensku narodilo vyše 23.000 detí a ich podiel prvý raz prevyšil 40 percent.

I. Radičovú zvolili za dekanu Paneurópskej vysokej školy v Bratislave

Akademický senát Fakulty masmédií Paneurópskej vysokej školy v pondelok 15. mája v tajnej voľbe schválil navrhnutú kandidátku na pozíciu novej dekanu. Stala sa ňou Iveta Radičová. Informovala o tom Katarína Holetzová z Paneurópskej vysokej školy v Bratislave. Iveta Radičová bola v minulosti ministerkou práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny, poslankyňou Národnej rady SR a v rokoch 2010-2012 predsedníčkou vlády SR. Pôsobila na Slovenskej akadémii vied, Univerzite Komenského a viacerých zahraničných univerzitách.

Cyklistika: Peter Sagan triumfoval v tretej etape na Okolo Kalifornie

Slovenský cyklista Peter Sagan triumfoval v polovici mája 2017 na 3. etape pretekoch Okolo Kalifornie. Na podujatí si celkovo pripísal šesťnásť etapových prvenstiev, keď v záverečných 400 metroch odrazil atak Taylora Phinneyho a v cieľovej destinácii Morro Bay prešpurtoval aj Ricka Zabela.

Úsek viedol z Pismo Beach a meral 193 kilometrov. "Nepamätám sa, čo sa stalo v závere. Ešte v predposlednej zákrute som bol veľmi vzadu, potom som sa začal tlačíť dopredu. Po poslednej zákrute to bolo vpredu neprehľadné, proste som špurtoval a išiel vpred," citoval Sagana portál cyclingnews.com.

Na čele priebežného poradia sa udržal jeho poľský kolega z tímu Bora-Hansgrohe Rafal Majka.

Počet turistov z Číny narastá, vlni Slovensko navštívilo 41.000

Počet turistov z Číny, ktorí sa rozhodnú navštíviť Slovensko, narastá. Kým v roku 2015 ich na Slovensko zavítalo približne 28.000, v roku 2016 to už bolo 41.000 návštevníkov. Znamená to teda nárast o 46,8 %.

Konštatuje to ministerstvo hospodárstva v koncepcii rozvoja hospodárskych vzťahov medzi Slovenskou republikou a Čínskou ľudovou republikou na roky 2017 až 2020, ktorú v apríli prijala vláda. Zvýšený počet čínskych turistov by mal totiž podľa rezortu vplyv aj na nárast počtu charterových letov z Číny na slovenské letiská, využitie ubytovacích kapacít v turistickom priemysle a zvýšenie príjmov štátneho rozpočtu.

Tuhá zima, kúrilo sa až o 30 percent viac

Takmer o tretinu viac prekúrili ľudia z dôvodu tuhej tohtoročnej zimy. Extrémne studený bol najmä tohtoročný január. Teploty sa držali pod nulou počas celého mesiaca s výnimkou jedného dňa. Vykurovacie obdobie sa práve končí. Konečné platby za tento rok tak môžu byť výrazne vyššie. Mierne zníženie cien za teplo zo začiatku tohto roka tak v peňaženkách veľmi Slováci nepocítia. Zvrátiť by to mohol iba prípadný výrazne teplejší záver roka. Vyúčtovanie tepla za minulý rok budú správcovské spoločnosti či spoločenstvá vlastníkov bytov rozposielať do konca mája.

Košický gigant je na druhej koľaji. Jeho predaj stojí

Intenzita rokovanií medzi Američanmi a čínskym oceľarským gigantom He Steel Group o prevzatí východoslovenských oceľární U. S. Steel klesá na minimum. Dôvodom sú podľa informácií turbulencie, s ktorými zápasi támojšia oceľarska korporácia z Pittsburghu. Pozíciou spoločnosti United States Steel Corporation otriasajú nedávno zverejnené finančné výsledky. Oceľari totiž skončili v prvom kvartáli tohto roku v strate 180 miliónov dolárov (USD), čím nenaplnili očakávania trhu. Zmena majiteľa fabriky na východe Slovenska preto aktuálne nie je na programe dňa.

Zvažujú odškodné za pokazenú dovolenku

Ľudia, ktorým sa nevydarí dovolenka, zrejme dostanú nové páky na získanie odškodného. Kým doteraz mohli cestovnú kanceláriu žalovať napríklad za hygienu v izbách, po novom by im stačilo uviesť, že z dovolenky nemali dostatočnú radosť. Navrhujú to viacerí právnici a akademici z komisie, ktorá pripravuje nový Občiansky zákonník. Predseda komisie Marek Števček, ktorý je expertom na občianske právo, na rokovaní pripomenul, že podobné odškodňovanie funguje vo viacerých európskych krajinách. Majú ho napríklad Nemci, Rakúšania, Belgici či Estóni. Cestovné kancelárie si myslia, že dovolenkujúci budú nové možnosti zneužívať.

SMS lístok a rýchlejšie IC vlaky

Cestujúcich vlakmi čakajú novinky. Od 11. júna prichádza Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko (ZSSK) s viacerými zmenami. Okrem skrátenia cesty medzi Bratislavou a Košicami plánujú obnoviť niektoré spoje a tiež zaviesť jednoduchú kúpu lístka na osobný vlak prostredníctvom SMS. Okrem spustenia celoslovenského SMS lístka na všetky osobné vlaky bude k dispozícii aplikácia „Slovakrail SMS lístok“ pre smart zariadenia s operačnými systémami Android a iOS dostupná v Google Play a iTunes Apple.

Nechcem len bezmocne čakať na smrť

Smrteľne chorá lekárka Janka Matavovská (40) z Prešova prosí o súcit. Opätovne prosí o eutanáziu. Už nemôže ani vycestovať do zahraničia, kde by mohla legálne ukončiť svoje trápenie. Už nedokáže chodiť ani sedieť. Neumyje si ani zuby. Nevládze. Svaly jej nefungujú. Príznaky sklerózy multiplex sa u radiologicky objavili, keď mala 22 rokov. Choroba sa postupne rozvíja a pripravila ju aj o jej lekársku prax. Zdravotný stav sa ustavične zhoršuje, ochorenie sa nedá liečiť. Lekárka svoj stav, v ktorom sa nachádza, cíti ako nedôstojný. Preto chce eutanáziu, no na Slovensku nie je povolená. A to ju hnevá.

V mariánskej Levoči oslávia už 770. výročie púti na Mariánsku horu

Na jednom z najstarších pútnických miest na Slovensku - na Mariánskej hore v Levoči - aj tento rok chystajú tradičnú mariánsku púť. Celý odpustový týždeň sa ponese v znamení modlitieb, mariánskej úcty, pokánia a zmierenia. Program, ktorý práve v týchto dňoch zverejnili, bude v znamení 770. výročia púti na Mariánsku horu. Záverečnú slávnosť bude celebrowať hlavný pápežský penitenciár kardinál Mauro Piacenza.

Mladí Slováci získali druhé miesto v súťaži Intel ISEF 2017 v Los Angeles

Šedemnástroční slovenskí študenti Miriam Feretová a Samuel Smoter z Gymnázia sv. Mikuláša v Prešove získali na svetovej projektovej súťaži Intel ISEF 2017 v Los Angeles druhé miesto. V kategórii „Animal Sciences“ uspeli so spoločným projektom Prírodné éterické oleje v prevencii pred kliešťami rodu Dermacentor. Okrem stříbornej pričky získali aj špeciálne ocenenie a cenu od China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) s finančnou odmenou. Osobitou súčasťou ocenenia je i pomenovanie asteroidov ich menami. V Los Angeles súťažilo spolu 1800 súťažiacich v 17 kategóriách z viac ako 70 krajín sveta.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

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venskej ligy v Amerike. Seminár sa bude konať 7. júna t.r. v Dome Jozefa C. Hronského v Martine.

Na seminári vystúpia so svojimi prednesmi poprední historici a kultúrni pracovníci:

Prof. Robert Letz, PhD, prof. Marta Dobrotková, PhD, Dr. Jozef Rydlo, Milica Majerčíková-Molitoris, PhD, Dr. Ferdinand Vrabec a Mgr. Lubica Hroncová.

Na seminári sa aktívne zúčastia aj predstavitelia Slovenskej ligy v Amerike –

podpredseda Dr. Mikuláš Halko, gen. tajomníčka Nina Holá a čestný tajomník Ján Holý.

Ján Holý

Po stopách mužských reholí na Slovensku

Po narodení Ježiša Krista v Betleheme začalo sa popri pohanských náboženstvách ako: budhizmus, hinduizmus, šintoizmus, islam... šíriť aj kresťanstvo a prenikať postupne do blízkych a neskôr aj do vzdialenejších krajín, ba aj do Európy. Začali sa stavať kostoly, chrámy, katedrály, kaplnky... Na Slovensku sa objavil prvý kostol v Nitre, ktorý dal postaviť v r. 829 knieža Pribina.



Kláštor benediktínov v Svätom Beňadiku.



Kláštor sv. Dominika vo Zvolene.



Kláštor premenenia Pána Sámor.

Keď na jeho pozvanie prišli neskôr zo Solune (v r. 863) dvaja bratia, Cyril a Metod, aby šíрили kresťanstvo v slovanskom jazyku, začalo prenikať aj do okolia Nitry (Trnava, Bratislava, Šaštín, Piešťany...), a neskôr (v 12. - 15. storočí) sa postupne rozširovalo aj do iných regiónov. Objavovali sa ďalšie chrámy, kostoly, kaplnky a popri nich aj kríže pri cestách...

V 11. storočí začali vznikať v Európe, a teda aj na Slovensku, prvé rehole. Niektoré sa udržali iba niekoľko rokov, iné boli v období náboženského útlaku v období socializácie (Barbarská noc – z 13 na 14. apríla 1950) zrušené, mníši boli zatvorení a budovy sa využívali na iné ako cirkevné účely a viaceré sú už v ruinách. Poniektoré boli v II. sv. vojne natoľko poškodené, že už neboli obnovené. K revitalizácii rádov a výstavbe nových kláštorov dochádza až po rozpade Československej federatívnej republiky (1992), po vzniku Slovenskej republiky (1993) a znovunastolení demokracie.

Všimnime si, kde všade, a aké kláštory, vznikali na Slovensku, ktoré sa zaplňali rehoľníkmi, osobnosťami s hlbokou vierou v Boha, ktorí sa prisahou zaviazali slúžiť mu, zriecť sa osobného vlastníctva, hlásať pokoj, lásku, vzájomné porozumenie, pomáhať opusteným, aktívne sa podieľať v charitatívnej činnosti, žiť a odievať sa skromne... S ich vznikom sa objavovali aj obce s názvom mních alebo kláštor ako: Mníšek nad Hnilcom, Mníšek nad Popradom, Mníchova Lehota, Kláštor pod Znievom, Kláštorisko...

Benediktíni

Patria medzi najstarších rehoľníkov na Slovensku. Rád založil Benedikt z Nursie (Taliansko). Prišli k nám v 11. storočí. Majú svoje kláštory: vo Sv. Beňadiku, Pukanci, Skalici, Hlohovci, Veľkom Krtíši, Bacúrove, Trenčíne, Nitre Diakovciach, a Hronovciach... V r. 2010 k nim pribudol nový v Sámore.

Kláštor benediktínov vo Svätom Beňadiku, terajší Hronský Beňadik z roku 1075 patrí k najstarším na Slovensku.

Cisterciáni

Tento rád dostal pomenovanie podľa kláštora Cistercium v meste Cîteaux vo Francúzsku. U nás sa objavili v 13. storočí. Boli vynikajúcimi staviteľmi. Usadili sa v Spišskom Štiavniku, v Bardejove. Lelesi a v Bzovíku.

Kartuziáni

Táto prísna rehoľa, vznikla podľa mesta Chartreuse (Francúzsko). Na Slovensko prišli v 13. storočí a majú kláštory v Červenom Kláštore, Letanovciach – Kláštorisko.

Premonštráti

Rád je pomenovaný podľa mesta Premontré (Francúzsko). Na Slovensku sa začali usadzovať koncom 12. storočia. Ich kláštory sú v Jasove, Kláštore pod Znievom, Lelese, Rožňave, Bini, Bzovíku, Ružomberku, Rožňave a Šahách.

Františkáni

Najviac rozšírená rehoľa, ktorej zakladateľom bol František z Assisi (Taliansko). U nás sa objavili v 12. storočí a ich kláštory sa nachádzajú v Bratislave, Malackách, Spišskom Štiavniku, Nitre, Stropkove, Bardejove, Humennom, Hlohovci, Skalici, Žiline.

Piaristi

Objavili sa u nás oveľa neskôr, až v 17. storočí. Usadili sa v Podolinci a Trenčíne a Nitre.

Kapucíni

Sú u nás od 17. storočia. Ich kláštory sa nachádzajú v mestách: Bratislava, Žilina, Holič, Pezinok.

Salezáni

Majú pomenovanie podľa zakladateľa Františka Saleského. Rehoľa sa venuje práci s mládežou. Kláštory: Bratislava – Petržalka, Bratislava – Ružinov, Banská Bystrica, Šaštín

Celestíni

Ich zakladateľom bol pápež Celestín V. a u nás majú kláštory v: Humennom, Žiline, Trnávke, Nitre, Košiciach, Prešove, Bardejove.

Dominikáni

Zakladateľom bol Dominik Guzmán. Ich heslom bolo Veritas (Pravda). Ich kláštory sa nachádzajú: v Košiciach, Žiline. Pribudol aj nový vo Zvolene.

Baziliáni

Rád založil Bazil Veľký. Jeho členom bol aj blahoslavený biskup Pavol Gojdič v Čerenčej hore (Ukrajina). Jediný kláštor na Slovensku, v Medzilaborciach bol v II. svetovej vojne úplne zničený.

Karmelitáni

Pomenovanie majú podľa pohoria Karmel v Palestine. Na Slovensko prišli koncom 14. storočia. Kláštory sa nachádzajú: v Prešove, Prievidzi, Skalici, Banskej Bystrici.

Redemptoristi

Pôvod ich názvu pochádza z hebrejského Jochánán (Boh je milostivý). Kláštory sú: v Kostolnej, Bratislave, Stropkove, Michalovciach.

Trinitári

Ich zakladateľom bol Ján z Mathy (Francúzsko). Rehoľníci vykupovali kresťanských zajatcov z tureckého zajatia. V Bratislave sa objavili koncom 17. storočia. Cisár Rakúsko – Uhorska, František II., však tento rád v roku 1782 zrušil.

Právom možno povedať, že Slovensko je religióznou krajinou, o čom svedčia aj uvedené skutočnosti.

Andrej Štelmák, Sliač, Slovakia

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Schôdza okresu Princa Pribinu v Los Angeles California

Okres Princa Pribinu IKSJ bude mať schôdzu v **sobotu 29. júla 2017**. Schôdza začne o 11:00 hod. v Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Na programe je orientácia na aktivity zamerané na získanie nových členov, príprava pre picnic 2017, a riešenie zabezpečenia pohostenia pri krajanskom posedení po sv. omšiach. Pozvaní sú členovia všetkých spolkov v okolí.

Pozývame vás na oslavu **„Dňa otcov“** v **nedeľu 18. júna 2017**. Slovenskú sv. omšu o 13:30 hod. v kostole John Paul II, Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886 bude slúžiť Fr. Pavol Sochulak, SVD, zo San Bernardina.

Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine, Stony Point

Spolok svätého Štefana č. 716 IKSJ pozýva verejnosť na Slovenskú katolícku púť do Marian Shrine v 174 Filors Lane Stony Point, 10980 ktorá bude v **nedeľu 13. augusta 2017**. Omša bude o 11. hodine dopoludnia, obed o 12:30 hodine a Ružencová procesia o 2:30 popoludní. O informácie volajte Máriu Božekovú č. 347-612-1934 alebo Lisu Calabrese 212-734-4613. Kto má záujem cestovať na túto púť autobusom, nech sa prihlási u Márii Božekovej.

Ján Škrkoň, predseda

Aktivity v Slovenskej záhrade vo Winter Park, Florida

Slovenská záhrada (SZ) v mestečku Winter Park, v blízkosti Orlanda, je v tomto čase jediným centrom slovenského života vo Floride. Každoročne usporiada niekoľko kultúrnych a spoločenských podujatí, ktoré prilákajú Slovákov aj zo vzdialenejších miest vo Floride, ba aj z iných amerických štátov. Počas prvého marcového víkend sa v SZ konal v poradí už 65. Slovenský deň s bohatým programom. Host'ujúcim folklórnym súborom bola tanečná a spevácka skupina Pittsburgh Slovaks z Pittsburghu. Slovenský deň bol spojený aj s valným zhromaždením SZ, na ktorom bol za predsedu znovuzvolený Thomas Kravetz. Podpredsedom ostáva Brano Bujnak a do Zboru direktorov boli zvolení Ján Volosin, Lubomir Haluska a Peter Salling.

V **nedeľu 13. mája** oslávili v SZ Deň matiek a Deň otcov na spoločnom obede a spoločenskom posedení.

Na Deň americkej nezávislosti, v **sobotu 4. júla**, budú mať v SZ tradičnú spomienku a bohaté Independence BBQ. Na **sobotu 14. októbra** majú na programe Slovakfest-zábijacku s bohatým výberom slovenských pochúťok. Na **sobotu, 9. decembra** pripraví vedenie SZ bohatú predvianočnú večeru (viliu) s tradičnými štedrovečernými pochúťkami. Začiatok o 2. hod. popoludní. Slovenská záhrada pozýva na tieto podujatia širšiu slovenskú verejnosť, vrátane sezónnych návštevníkov zo „severu“. Informácie o týchto podujatiach a o členstve v SZ možno dostať na tel. č. 407-677-6894, alebo cez e-mail: slovakgarden@centurylink.net

„Ženská Jednota“ osláví 125. výročie 29. júla v Clevelande, v meste jej vzniku

Prvá katolícka slovenská ženská jednota (IKSŽJ) sa dožila v januári t.r. 125. výročia jej vzniku. Toto vynikajúce jubileum osláví 29. júla v Clevelande, v hoteli Cleveland Marriott, v strede mesta, ktoré bolo kedysi najväčším „slovenským“ mestom na svete, lebo v ňom sídlilo viac Slovákov ako v hociktorom meste na Slovensku.

Oslava sa začne sv. omšou o 4:30 popoludní v katedrále sv. Jána Evanjelistu. Recepčia pre účastníkov bude v hoteli o 6.hod. a slávnostný banket je plánovaný na 7. hod. večer.

Nasledujúci deň, 30. júla bude v hlavnom sídle IKSŽJ Deň otvorených dverí, kedy si návštevníci budú môcť prezrieť hlavné sídlo organizácie.

IKSŽJ (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) je treťou najstaršou slovenskou fraternalistickou organizáciou v Amerike. Jej súčasný majetok sa približuje sume 1. milióna dolárov (v slovenčine – trilióna). Svoje sídlo má v predmestí Clevelandu na adrese 24950 Beachwood Blvd, Beachwood, Ohio. Na jar tohto roku sa s IKSŽJ zjednotili dve menšie poľské organizácie, čím IKSŽJ dosiahla Počet 115,000 členov.

ZSK bude mať 59. konvenciu v septembri v Boardman, Ohio

Združenie slovenských katolíkov rozhodlo na zasadnutí Predsedníctva dňa 4. apríla t.r. vo Wilkes Barre, že 59. konvencia ZSK sa bude konať v meste Boardman, v štáte Ohio, v dňoch **18. a 19. septembra** t.r. Miestom konvencie bude Holiday Inn v Boardman, Ohio.

Pri tejto príležitosti ZSK vydá Pamätnicu. Zaujímaví, ktorí by chceli publikovať svoje meno a mesto na strane pozdravov, môžu poslať svoje meno a mesto spolu s šekom na adresu: Theresa M. Kluchinski, 710. Washington St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18701 v obnosoch: platinový \$100, diamantový \$75, zlatý \$50, strieborný \$25 a bronzový \$10.

Na zasadnutí Predsedníctva vo Wilkes Barre, prvý podpredseda ZSK o. Thomas Nasta oznámil, že vlnajšia zbierka pre potreby programov ZSK vynesla \$51,000. Z výnosu tejto výročnej zbierky ZSK podporuje rehole na Slovensku a udržiavanie Slovenského Ústavu v Ríme.

Zbierka sa koná aj tohto roku. Dary možno poslať na adresu: Dolores M. Evanko, 173 Brenner Ave, Hazleton, PA 18201. Všetky dary pre Združenie slovenských katolíkov sú odpočítateľné na daňových priznaniach.

Slovák Štrba zahynul pod Everestom

Slovenský horolezec Vladimír Štrba zahynul v druhej polovici mája **podvečer nepálskeho času** vo štvrtom výškovom tábore pod Mt. Everest (8848 m n. m.). V sobotu sa mu bez použitia prídavného kyslíka podarilo dosiahnuť južný predvrchol (8749), na ktorom sa otočil veľmi neskoro a začal zostupovať.

Na pomoc sa mu vydala skupina šerpov, ktorá postupovala k vrcholu. Mali preňho kyslíkovú fľašu a jeden zo šerpov sa mu mal venovať. Jeho evakuácia z výšok nad 8400 metrov trvala veľmi dlho, priniesli ho do Južného sedla (7906) v kritickom stave a s omrzlinami na rukách a na nohách. Jeho situácia bola po treťom dni pobytu v zóne smrti natoľko zlá, že evakuácia do nižších táborov už nebola možná.

Štrba mal 48 rokov. Vyštudoval geológiu a geofyziku, preliezol Vysoké Tatry, Alpy (Mont Blanc), Dolomity (Marmolada) či Veľký Atlas (Djabal Toubkal) v Maroku. V máji 1997 vystúpil na šiesty najvyšší vrch sveta Cho Oju (8201). Bol súčasťou expedícií na Aconcaguu (6962), Broad Peak (8047), Makalu (8463), dvakrát na Annapurnu (8091), Elbrus (5642), Mera Peak (6463), Baruntse (7129) a Dhaulágiri (8163). O Mt. Everest sa pokúšal aj v roku 2016 so Zoltánom Pálom v expedícii Everest Hardway 2016. Informovala o tom stránka Everest, Hard Way, Slovak expedition 2016 + 2017 na facebooku.

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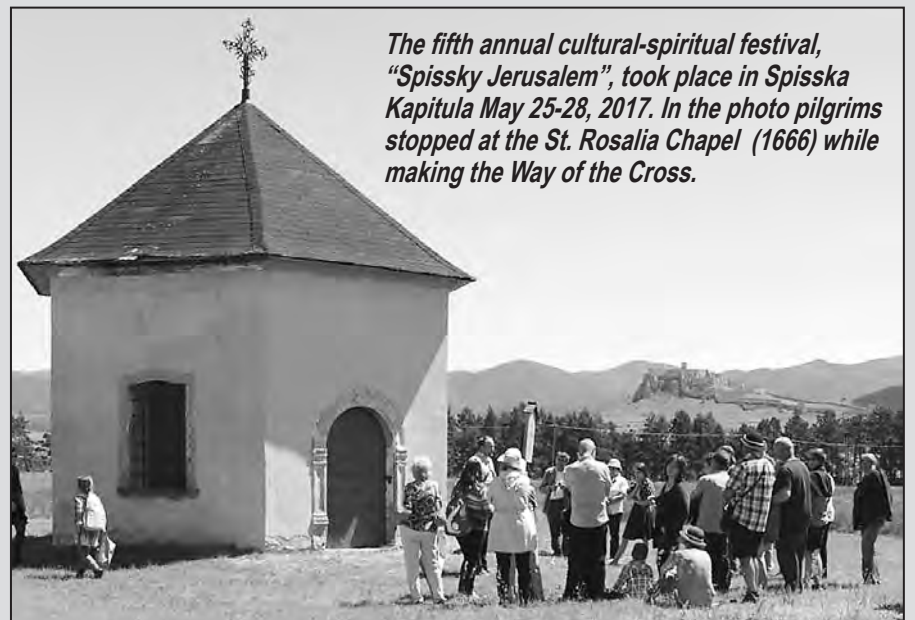
Nová publikácia Slovákov v Maďarsku

Druhú májovú stredu sa v centre Budapešti uskutočnila prvá prezentácia novej dvojazyčnej publikácie – *Slovenské písomníctvo v Maďarsku po roku 1989* s podtitulom *Bibliografia slovenských a dvojazyčných publikácií*. Rozsiahla, viac ako 400 stranová práca, pod ktorej autorstvo sa podpísala hlavná vedecko-výskumná pracovníčka Výskumného ústavu Slovákov v Maďarsku (VÚSM) Alžbeta Uhrinová, dostala priestor na dôstojnú prezentáciu v Celoštátnej knižnici cudzojazyčnej literatúry v centre maďarskej metropoly. Kniha je výsledkom celoštátneho kultúrno-historického a lingvistického projektu, ku ktorému prispela aj referentka Krajanského múzea Matice slovenskej, Gabriela Hamranová. Pracovníčka Matice slovenskej publikáciu odborne posúdila a recenzovala. V príhovore zhodnotila bibliografiu z viacerých hľadísk a vyzdvihla jej význam pre súčasnosť a budúcnosť. Z kulturologického pohľadu podala hodnotenie Anna Divičanová, titulárna vedecká pracovníčka VÚSM.

Projekt sa začal realizovať v roku 2013 s cieľom zaznamenať publikačné a vydavateľské aktivity Slovákov v Maďarsku od roku 1989 takmer do súčasnosti. Rozsiahla publikácia disponuje zoznamom diel, prináša ich bibliografické informácie, krátky popis obsahu a tiež fotografiu titulného listu konkrétnej jednotky. Postupná a najmä precízna práca autorky priniesla vo výsledku veľmi potrebnú publikáciu, ktorá vykryla prázdne miesto v oblasti bibliografie krajanskej tlače. Zaslúžnú činnosť autorky a tiež prácu kolektívu spolupracovníkov ocenil svojou prítomnosťou i veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v Maďarsku, Rastislav Káčer.

V budúcom roku sa VÚSM chystá pripraviť publikáciu s názvom *Kapitoly z minulosti a súčasnosti Slovákov v Békešskej Čabe*. Publikácia by mala vzniknúť pri príležitosti 300. výročia od znovuzaloženia Čaby. Krajanské múzeum Matice slovenskej bolo pri tejto príležitosti pozvané do riešiteľského tímu vedeckej úlohy.

Zuzana Pavelcová



The fifth annual cultural-spiritual festival, "Spissky Jerusalem", took place in Spisska Kapitula May 25-28, 2017. In the photo pilgrims stopped at the St. Rosalia Chapel (1666) while making the Way of the Cross.

Spíšsky Jeruzalem 2017, piaty ročník kultúrno-duchovného festivalu sa konal v Spišskej Kapitule a v Spišskom Podhradí 25. – 28. mája 2017. Na snímke účastníci exkurzie po krížovej ceste Spišského Jeruzalemu pri Kaplnke sv. Rozálie (Palác Herodesa) z roku 1666. V pozadí vpravo je Spišský hrad.

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voličov, keď lídri prejavia odhodlanie nájsť riešenia a politickú odvahu brániť spoločné zásady a hodnoty.

Vo svojom prejave neopomenul ani summit NATO, ktorý sa konal 25. mája v Bruseli, na ktorom sa nový americký prezident Donald Trump zúčastnil po prvý raz. "Bud' me úprimní, mnohí z nás sa obávajú, čo možno očakávať. Našťastie, náš transatlantický vzťah je taký silný, ako vždy. Držíme spolu, kryjeme sa navzájom. Aliancia zostáva základom našej bezpečnosti. Navyše máme nového spojencu – Čiernu horu," konštatoval. Podľa neho ľudia potrebujú žiť bez strachu. Akékoľvek prostriedky, ktoré budú vynaložené na obranu, nebudú nikdy dostatočné.

Medzinárodná bezpečnostná konferencia GLOBSEC sa konala v dňoch 26. až 28. mája 2017 v priestoroch Grand Hotelu River Park, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Bratislava. Celkovo sa podujatia zúčastnilo viac ako 1 300 hostí z vyše 70 krajín sveta. Hlavnou témou konferencie bola Adaptácia na budúcnosť, respektíve v budúcnosti (Adapting (to) the Future). Tematicky bola rozdelená na štyri kľúčové oblasti – na štvrtú priemyselnú revolúciu, globálne zmeny a trendy, na to, či demokracia je schopná prežiť informačnú revolúciu, na budúcnosť Západu a západných inštitúcií, nové prostredie a na globalizáciu.

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4. ročník Prehliadky slovenského folklóru v New Yorku

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Keď sa rozozvučali kedysi dávno zvony v nedeľňajšie popoludnie, ľudia sa schádzali, zaspievali si, ba i zatancovali. V nedeľu, 21. mája sa rozozvučali zvony v priestoroch Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku. Aj tentokrát sa zišli ľudia zabaviť, zaspievať, i zatancovať si počas Prehliadky slovenského folklóru.

Slovensko – Americké Kultúrne Stredisko (S-AKS) zorganizovalo už po štvrtýkrát folklórne podujatie so zaujímavým programom zameraným na spoznávanie a prezentovanie krásy a rozmanitosti slovenskej kultúry. Program ponúkol piesne a tance z rôznych regiónov Slovenska. Navyše návštevníci podujatia si mali možnosť pochutnať na tradičných slovenských jedlách, zakúpiť si slovenské výrobky, cukrovinky a nápoje.

Jedna z najznámejších slovenských piesní „Na Kráľovej holi“ v podaní primáša ľudovej hudby Pajtáši, Branislava Briňarského, zaznela ako prvá. Po slávnostnom otvorení podujatia Zuzanou Maziarz, sa ujala slova predsedníčka S-AKS, Sabina Sabados. Pozvanie prijala generálna konzulka SR v NY, pani Ladislava Begeč spolu s pánom manželom. Publiku sa prihovoril aj duch. otec Donald Baker (Cardinal representative, the Dean of the Eastside Deanery), duch. otec Richard D. Baker (Pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucena & St. Frances X. Cabrini) a zástupiteľ slovenského duchovenstva – otec Martin Kertys (Parochial Vicar of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucen & St. Frances X. Cabrini).

Mladý operný spevák slovenského pôvodu, Andrew Pulver účinkoval v programe už po tretíkrát. Predstavil sa s nádhernou slovenskou piesňou "Rodný môj kraj" zo slovenskej operety "Keď rozkvitne máj", ku ktorej zložil hudbu Gejza Dusík. Na klavíri ho dopre-



vádzala jeho mamka, Tanya Pulver.

Dvojicu úspešných mladých talentov slovenského pôvodu doplnila huslistka Isabella Valčuhová, ktorá získava skúsenosti a reprezentuje sa nielen v Spojených štátoch ale aj na Slovensku. Za doprovodu Pajtášov zahrála Cigánske skladby a Verbunk.

Zastúpenie slovenských škôl reprezentovala Lipka Academy z Linden, Slovenská škola pri Kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, Hlas a Limboráčik zastupovali Českú a slovenskú školu v New Yorku.

Lipka Academy bola založená pred štrnástimi rokmi pri Kostole sv. Rodiny v Linden, NJ. Žiaci predviedli scénu: "Ako sa Maťko z Ameriky vrátil" a tanec Mariša.

Slovenská škola pri hosťujúcom kostole, sv. Jána Nepomuckého sa zamerala na vzdanie vďaky rodičom, a to prostredníctvom básne od Milana Rúfusa: Modlitba za rodičov. Taktiež v ich podaní odzneli ešte kresťanské detské ukážovky.

Detský folklórny súbor Limboráčik bol založený v roku 2003 a pôsobí v Astoria, NY. Svoje tanečné umenie predviedli v tanci Gorale, Malé hušare a Zemplinským tancom.

Spevácku zložku Českej a slovenskej školy tvorí detský spevácky zbor: Hlas. Za hudobného doprovodu Pajtášov zaspievali blok ľudových piesní (Či ne tota, A dze idzeš Helenko, A ja taká dživočka, Dunaj, Dunaj, Tancuj, tancuj). Rytmizovaním priblížili publiku pranie plátna na potoku.

Počas predstavenia sa diváci preniesli na niekoľko minút do jedného z východoslovenských regiónov – na Šariš a neskôr na Zemplín. A to prostredníctvom folklórneho súboru Limbora, ktorý na americkej pôde pôsobí už 50 rokov.

Počas prehliadky sa oslavovala nielen krása a pestrosť slovenského folklóru, ale aj krása dievčat a krojov. V Spojených štátoch sa tento druh krásy oslavuje aj na súťažiach ako je Miss Czech – Slovak Pageant. Publikum potleskom privítalo bývalú Miss Czech – Slovak Missouri Pageant (Queen 2014-2015) a zároveň Miss Czech – Slovak US Pageant (Queen 2014-2015): Morgan McMichen. Morgan svojim prejavom podnietila slovensko-americkú mládež k prechovávaniu a prezentovaniu krásnych folklórnych tradícií, jazyka aj odevu.

Najmladšia účinkujúca prehliadky, Olivia Maziarz, sa predstavila v Piešťanskom kroji, a zaspievala jej najobľúbenejšiu slovenskú pieseň: Tenká som ja, tenučká.

Na záver programu zazneli zo sláčikov Pajtášov tie najrezejšie folklórne melódie, ktoré roztancovali nielen účinkujúcich, ale aj publikum.

Každoročné stretávanie sa amerických Slovákov na takomto podujatí svedčí o tom, že slovenský jazyk, kultúra a tradície majú veľký potenciál pretrvávajúť aj za hranicami nášho malého domova.

Slovensko – Americké Kultúrne Stredisko ďakuje za účasť a teší sa na 5. ročník!

Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka S-AKS



Deň otcov: Sviatok tých, ktorí si to zaslúžia

„On obráti srdce otcov k synom a srdce synov k otcom...“ (Mal 3,24)

Tretia nedeľa v mesiaci jún je „venovaná“ všetkým mužom, z ktorých sa stali oteckovia. V túto nedeľu sa v mnohých krajinách oslavuje otcovstvo a pripomíname si dôležitosť otca v rodine a pri výchove detí.

Tento sviatok vďačí za svoj zrod s najväčšou pravdepodobnosťou Američanke s menom Sonora Smart Dodd, ktorá cítila potrebu uctiť si všetkých otcov ako bol jej otec, veterán občianskej vojny William Smart. Bol to vskutok aj otec-hrdina, pretože po smrti jeho manželky sám vychovával a staral sa o ich päť detí. Jeho dcéra Sonora Louise vníma svojho otca naozaj ako hrdinu a chcela, aby tak ako aj matky majú svoj deň, mali takýto sviatok aj všetci otcovia. Každé dieťa vie ako urobiť radosť svojmu otcovi. Ak hľadáte tip na niečo kreatívne, čo tak potešíť otca pohľadnicou, smskou, alebo záložkou do knihy s vhodným biblickým textom? Našli sme pre vás pár pekných veršov na inšpiráciu:

Jozue 1, 9

Buď silný a udatný, neboj sa a neľakaj sa! Veď Pán, tvoj Boh, je s tebou pri všetkom, čo podnikneš!

Deutoronómium 1,29-31

Nebojte sa a nestrachujte sa! Pán, váš Boh, ktorý vás vedie, bude za vás bojovať takisto, ako to pred vašimi očami urobil kvôli vám v Egypte a potom na púšti, kde si sám videl, ako ťa Pán, tvoj Boh, nosil ako muž, ktorý nesie svojho syna; (niesol ťa) po celej ceste odvtedy, keď ste vyšli, až kým ste nedošli na toto miesto.

Žalm 23

Pán je môj pastier, nič mi nechýba: pasie ma na zelených pašienkach. Vodí ma k tichým vodám, dušu mi osviežuje. Vodí ma po správnych chodníkoch, verný svojmu menu. I keby som mal ísť tmavou dolinou, nebudem sa báť zlého, lebo ty si so mnou. Tvoj prút a tvoja palica, tie sú mi útechou. Prestieraš mi stôl pred očami mojich protivníkov. Leješ mi olej na hlavu a kalich mi naplníš až po okraj. Dobrota a milosť budú ma sprevádzať po všetky dni môjho života. A budem bývať v dome Pánom mnoho a mnoho dní.

Všetkým otcom na ich vzácny sviatok prajeme krásny deň v kruhu svojich najbližších



Vzdelávanie krajanov

Centrum ďalšieho vzdelávania UK v Bratislave okrem cieľových skupín uvedených na našich jednotlivých stránkach sa zaoberá aj vzdelávaním našich krajanov Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí. Ich vzdelávanie je pod odbornou garanciou našej inštitúcie a realizované pod finančnou záštitou MŠ VVaŠ SR. Obsah jednotlivých vzdelávacích podujatí pripravujeme na základe predchádzajúcich požiadaviek našich krajanov, ale tiež sa im snažíme pripraviť pestrú ponuku v návaznosti na inovatívne vzdelávanie v školstve SR. Počas celého kalendárneho roka sa striedajú záujemcovia na:

Metodicko- vzdelávacích podujatiach, ktoré sú určené učiteľom MŠ, ZŠ a SŠ škôl s vyučovacím jazykom slovenským v zahraničí; Záujmovo- vzdelávacích letných podujatiach pre študentov stredných škôl s vyučovacím jazykom slovenským v zahraničí (vek 15-18 rokov); Záujmovo - vzdelávacom podujatí pre folkloristov – tanečníkov a vedúcich slovenských folklórnych súborov v zahraničí; Záujmovom podujatí na spoznanie predvianočnej atmosféry na Slovensku pre deti 11-15 rokov.

Všetky tieto aktivity majú niekoľko konkrétnych cieľov závislých od obsahu podujatí, ale jedným spoločným je napomáhať udržiavať slovenský jazyk a slovenskú kultúru Slovákov v krajinách v ktorých žijú , pretože našich krajanov považujeme za integrálnu súčasť našej krajiny.

Prihlásiť sa na jednotlivé vzdelávacie aktivity budete môcť cez web stránku MŠ VVaŠ SR: www.eduabroad.sk – Kalendár udalostí

Mobilná učebňa slovenského jazyka pre krajanov

Vážení krajanovia, radi by sme Vás pozvali na vzdelávací program organizovaný Útvorom Jazykovej a odbornej prípravy cudzincov a krajanov Centra ďalšieho vzdelávania Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave „Mobilná učebňa slovenského jazyka pre krajanov“, ktorý sa uskutoční v štúdiom a kongresovom stredisku v Modre-Harmónii a vo vybraných častiach Slovenska, v termíne 18.06. – 23.06.2017. Vzdelávací program je určený krajanom vo veku 15 – 18 rokov, žijúcim v zahraničí, ktorí majú záujem spoznávať národné, kultúrne a prírodné pamiatky Slovenska a zdokonaľovať sa v slovenskom jazyku. Viac informácií na našej web-stránke, prípadne kontaktujte p. Plekancovú, e-mail: plekancova@cdv.uniba.sk, tel. č: +421 2 54410902, +421 911911700. Prihlášky akceptujeme len elektronicky cez portál eduabroad.sk. Ďalšie programy pre krajanov nájdete na stránke vzdelávanie krajanov a na portály eduabroad.sk. Tešíme sa na vašu účasť.

Mgr. Tatiana Ilavská, PhD. manažérka marketingu

O. Štefan Furdek
Náš zakladateľ

The security conference GLOBSEC 2017 Forum opened in Bratislava on May 26, 2017. Attending the conference were, L-R organizer of the international security conference GLOBSEC 2017 Milan Solár, Slovak President Andrej Kiska, and president of the international security conference GLOBSEC 2017 Robert Vass.



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Na snímke zľava organizátor medzinárodnej bezpečnostnej konferencie Globsec 2017 Milan Solár, prezident SR Andrej Kiska a prezident medzinárodnej bezpečnostnej konferencie Globsec 2017 Róbert Vass počas otvorenia bezpečnostnej konferencie GLOBSEC 2017 Bratislava Forum, 26. mája 2017 v Bratislave.

Grand Hotel River Park v Bratislave hostil bezpečnostnú konferenciu GLOBSEC

Bratislava bola koncom mája najstráženejším miestom na Slovensku. V Grand Hoteli River Park sa totiž po siedmykrát konala medzinárodná bezpečnostná konferencia GLOBSEC. Slávnostne ju otvoril prezident Andrej Kiska a medzi najvýznamnejších hostí patrili predseda Európskej rady Donald Tusk či zástupkyňa generálneho tajomníka NATO Rose Gottemoellerová.

Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska vo svojom prejave na bezpečnostnej konferencii zdôraznil tri skutočnosti, ktoré v ňom vyvolávajú v súčasnosti obavy – skutočná demokratickosť inštitúcií Západu, zasahovanie nepriateľov do našich záležitostí a voľby, ktoré sa stali hrou o prežitie demokratického osudu. Kiska si myslí, že spoločné hodnoty sú našou najsilnejšou zbraňou proti nepriateľom. Sú dôvodom, prečo dokážeme konať globálne ako obhajcovia ľudských práv a rešpektovať dôstojnosť každej ľudskej bytosti.

Podľa jeho slov nie je potrebné hrať "ruskú ruletu" o zánik NATO, EÚ alebo celej západnej civilizácie zakaždým, keď ľudia uplatňujú svoju slobodu hlasovať. Výsledky voľieb v Holandsku, Rakúsku či Francúzsku podľa neho ukázali, že sa môžeme spoliehať na

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M. Lajčáka zvolili za predsedu 72. Valného zhromaždenia OSN

Minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslav Lajčák sa stal predsedom 72. zasadnutia Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN. O tomto rozhodnutí zástupcov členských štátov OSN informoval nedávno tlačový odbor Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí (MZVaEZ) SR. Šéf slovenskej diplomacie oficiálne prevezme funkciu 12. septembra, mandát má na obdobie jedného kalendárneho roka.

Zástupca SR získal takúto vysokú pozíciu v systéme OSN vôbec po prvý raz. Predseda Valného zhromaždenia OSN je protokolárne najvyššou funkciou v systéme Organizácie Spojených národov, v ktorej reprezentuje všetkých 193 členských krajín.

„Je to česť a pocta byť zvolený do tejto vysokej funkcie. Som vďačný za podporu, ktorá sa mi dostala v mojej vlasti - od prezidenta, vlády aj bežných občanov -, a aj za vašu dôveru, ktorú ste prejavili pri dnešnej voľbe,“ uviedol Lajčák vo vystúpení bezprostredne po voľbe. „Ako predseda Valného zhromaždenia OSN budem dbať rovnakou mierou na všetky tri piliere, o ktoré sa táto organizácia opiera: mier, ľudské práva a udržateľný rozvoj,“ dodal, pričom zvýraznil, že za svoju osobnú prioritu pokladá najmä predchádzanie konfliktom a mediáciu ako prostriedky pre udržanie mieru vo svete.



Miroslav Lajčák

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Slovenská liga oznamuje

110. výročie Slovenskej ligy v Amerike

Slovenská liga v Amerike sa dožila 30. mája 2017 svojho 110. výročia existencie. Založená bola 30. mája 1907 na desaťtisícovom zhromaždení v Clevelande. Jej hlavným cieľom v tom čase bol boj proti maďarizácii Slovenska, za uznanie slovenskej národnosti a za samosprávu.

Nasledovali desaťročia zápasov a bojov nielen za oslobodenie Slovenska spod maďarskej nadvlády, ale neskoršie aj za autonómiu, konfederatívne spoložitie s Čechmi a v konečnom štádiu za samostatnosť. Slovenská liga a jej zakladajúce a členské organizácie finančne aj politicky podporovali tento dlhý zápas a na jeho financovanie viedli nespočetné zbierky, ktoré vyniesli milióny dolárov. Ďalšie milióny boli vyzbierané na podporu katolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku a na založenie Slovenského ústavu v Ríme.

Nepreháňame, keď povieme, že v dlhom boji o samostatnosť Slovenska Slovenská liga pomáhala stvárať novodobé dejiny slovenského národa.

Tento boj sa skončil 1. januára 1993, keď sa Slovensko definitívne dostalo na mapu Európy ako samostatný štát. Čelní predstavitelia Slovenskej ligy a viacerých významných americkoslovenských organizácií boli účastní na slávnostnom vyhlásení samostatnosti na centrálnom námestí v Bratislave v 1. minúte roka 1993, ako aj na slávnostných bohoslužbách v historickom Dóme sv. Martina a na slávnostnom zasadnutí slovenského parlamentu. A tiež aj na nasledujúcich spoločenských programoch.

Boli to slávnostné dni, ale aj dni piety, dni vďaky a úcty padlým bojovníkom a mnohým státisícim národovcom, ktorí trpeli a sa obetovali v boji za samostatnosť slovenského národa.

V tento deň, 1. januára 1993 aj Slovenská liga v Amerike dosiahla svoje historické poslanie. Samostatnosť slovenského národa bola už pri jej vzniku jej vyhláseným cieľom, jej nádejou a jej programom.

Pri tejto príležitosti vyslovujeme veľkú vďaku a úctu našim pracovníkom v Slovenskej lige počas celých 110 rokov jej existencie. Rovnako ďakujeme a vzdávame poctu organizáciám a združeniam, ktorí nás v dlhom boji podporovali finančne i morálne. A vzdávame vďaku a úctu tisícim funkcionárom a rôznym spolupracovníkom, ktorí pomáhali pri zbierkach a pri organizovaní národných programov a podujatí.

Vo vzájomnej spolupráci s národom vo vlasti a sme aj my v Amerike pod vedením Slovenskej ligy dobojovali víťazný boj a dožili sme sa vytúženého cieľa.

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4. ročník Prehliadky slovenského folklóru v New Yorku



Pre milovníkov folklórnej hudby, dávnych slovenských zvyklostí a tradícií pripravila pre slovensko-americkú komunitu nezisková organizácia Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko (S-AKS) v New Yorku v nedeľu 21. mája v poradí už štvrtú Prehliadku slovenského folklóru v spoločenskej hale kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC. Na obrázku usporiadatelia a vzácní hostia podujatia zľava: člen S-AKS, Jozef Venglar; predsedníčka S-AKS a riaditeľka oblasti-1 IKSJ, členka Zboru riaditeľov (FAS) Sabina Sabados; predsedníčka programu podujatia a pokladníčka S-AKS, Zuzana Maziar; direktorka komunikácií S-AKS, Julie Ann Gurega; druhá sprava: generálna konzulka SR v NY, Ladislava Begec a tajomník S-AKS, Peter Krajňák. Na obrázku chýba členka organizačného tímu podujatia, Mrs. Zuzana Krcmar.

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