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Update from the President

We are finally on the home stretch of the winter season and starting to get outside more to bask in the warm weather. Speaking of good weather, thankfully here at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio, the skies were clear for us to experience a total eclipse. It truly was an incredible experience! I hope everyone had a chance to watch the eclipse, whether it was partial or the full experience, and enjoyed wherever you watched at. Also, thank you to those who shared photos of your Branch Members watching this celestial event with us.



Kenneth A. Arendt
 President

As we are gearing up for the warmer weather, don't forget all our summer fun coming soon for the FCSU. Our National Picnics at Knoebels Amusement Park and Wiegand Lake Park are just around the corner. Not to mention, our Golf Tournament is approaching soon for some fraternal comradery. I encourage everyone to attend and join your fellow Members in fellowship and fun. You can find more information on all our upcoming events online at www.fcsu.com/events/ or stay up to date on the latest by following FCSU Financial on Facebook.

Now that we are entering May, I wanted to take the time to talk about my sincere appreciation for the people we honor in May.

First, every second Sunday of May, this year on May 12th, 2024, we celebrate someone nearest to our hearts, our mothers. This established holiday, like many people, holds a special place in my heart. It is a day to sit with mothers and express our true appreciation for them. For all their warm hugs and compassion when we needed them most, to their sacrifice of always putting her children first, mothers across the world are recognized. I wish all a happy Mother's Day and thank you for all you do.

In May we not only recognize mothers, but we also remember those who have fallen in battle. Recognized on the last Monday of May every year, the holiday Memorial Day is another powerful holiday where we reflect on some of the most strong and selfless people.

In particular, I would like to recognize those who were Members of the FCSU who died while in active service during the World War. I also would like to share a photo of the first Slovak Catholic cadet regiment founded January 31st, 1915, in Cleveland, OH. Under the direction of Commander Štefan Laško and Vice-Commander Stefan Mrovec, these cadets served from the following Branches:

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MEMBERS OF THE
 FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
 OF THE
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 IN THE
 WORLD WAR 1917-1918
 TOTAL IN ACTIVE SERVICE - 2607
 WITH THE
 U.S. ARMY, NAVY & MARINE CORPS - 2486
 WITH THE
 CZECHO-SLOVAK ARMY 121
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May Reflection

May is truly a beautiful month to dedicate and honor God's Mother Mary. In Slovak we call her Maria, meaning in Greek, "chosen one." As our hymn addresses her, she is above all the beauties of nature, respected and chosen by God.

Mary, in turn, offers her life to God at the moment of Gabriel's Annunciation of Conception and accepts mothering Jesus, God's own Son. Faithfully, Mary fulfills her mission to the ultimate painful end. Standing beneath the Cross on Calvary she witnesses her Son's perfect love-gift of His life as a visible sign of God's merciful love. At this point, Christ's salvific mission is complete and He bestows His Mother into the care of John, the Beloved Disciple.

Mary's maternal care now extends to the new reality of the Church. She mothers us as her children through this valley of sin and tears. Confirming her maternal care and witness as Mother of the Church, on February 11, 2018, Pope Francis decreed that votive Masses in honor of Mary as Mother of the Church "be inscribed in the Roman calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and now be celebrated every year." Our Mother directs our gaze to the blood and water which mercifully flowed from her Son's side. With her loving heart she leads us to a sacred union with Jesus in His Eucharistic Presence and reception. Let us come to Him.

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.

MÁRIA, MÁRIA

1. Mária, Mária, nad slnko jasnejšia,
Nad mesiac svetlejšia,
Nad hviezdy krásnejšia, ó Mária!
Meno tvoje ctené,
Nech je oslávené
Od nás pozdravené, ó Mária!
2. Mária, Mária, pros Boha večného,
Otca, Syna Jeho
I Ducha Svätého, ó Mária!
Bud' pri nás v žalosti,
V potrebe, úzkosti,
Dlha svojej milosti, ó Mária!
3. Mária, Mária, pros Ježiša Syna,
By nám naša vina
Večne neškodila, ó Mária!
Vypros na výsosti
Nad hriechom ľutosti,
Pravej skrúšenosti, ó Mária!

MÁRIA, MÁRIA

1. Maria, Maria, more brilliant than the sun,
More radiant than the moon,
More glorious than the stars, O Maria!
Your sacred holy name,
Forever be acclaimed,
By us who honor you, O Maria!
2. Maria, Maria, implore the eternal God.
Our Father and His Son
With the Holy Spirit one, O Maria!
Be with us when we grieve,
In poverty and trials,
Bless us mercifully, O Maria!
3. Maria, Maria, please ask Jesus your Son,
That faults which we have done
Not bring us deadly harm, O Maria!
Inspire us from on high
With sorrow for our sins,
And heartfelt penitence, O Maria!

(The melody for Mária, Mária is the same as Ježišu, Ježišu. You can view an organ rendition of Ježišu, Ježišu by going to: tinyurl.com/Jezisu)

Message from the National Chaplain

Formally issued on April 2 and released to the general public on April 8, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith wrote On Human Dignity (Dignitas Infinita), a document presenting Church teaching on the dignity of human life in light of the many ongoing offenses against it taking place throughout the world. Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery, states that this document result of a nearly 5 year effort.



Rev. Thomas Nasta
Chaplain

Contrary to the coverage and impression given by the secular media that On Human Dignity solely focused on abortion, surrogacy, gender theory and sex change, in reality, the first part of the 17-page document is a theological reflection on the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. The second part concerns itself with a total of 13 Grave Violations of Human Dignity, a list that the document does not claim to be exhaustive. The violations are presented here in the order they are addressed, with direct quotes from the document:

- Poverty – Pope St. John Paul II emphasized, "...the ones who possess much are relatively few and those who possess almost nothing are many." ... Benedict XVI recognized that "...some groups enjoy a sort of 'super-development' of a wasteful and consumerist kind, which forms an unacceptable contrast with the ongoing situations of dehumanizing deprivation." ... Pope Francis: "[Poverty] can take a variety of forms, such as an obsession with reducing labor costs with no concern for its grave consequences, since the unemployment that it directly generates leads to the expansion of poverty."

- War – [W]ar attacks human dignity in both the short and long term.... No war is worth the tears of a mother who has seen her child mutilated or killed, ...the loss of the life of even one human being, ... the poisoning of our common home, the despair of those who are forced to leave their homeland and are deprived, from one moment to the next, of their home and all the family.

- Hardship of Migrants – No one will ever openly deny that they are human beings; yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human.

- Human Trafficking – [W]e need to be increasingly aware that "human trafficking is a crime against humanity." It essentially denies human dignity in at least two ways: "Trafficking profoundly disfigures the humanity of the victim, offending his or her freedom and dignity. Yet, at the same time, it dehumanizes those who carry it out."

- Sexual Abuse – [T]hose who suffer sexual abuse experience real wounds in their human dignity. These are "sufferings that can last a lifetime and that no repentance can remedy."

- Violence Towards Women – "Nor can we fail, in the name of the respect due to the human person, to condemn the widespread hedonistic and commercial culture which encourages the systematic exploitation of sexuality and corrupts even very young girls into letting their bodies be used for profit."

- Abortion – [T]he Church's magisterium has always spoken out against abortion.... But today, in many people's consciences, the perception of its gravity has become progressively obscured.... Given such a grave situation, we need now more than ever to have the courage to look the truth in the eye and to call things by their proper name, without yielding to convenient compromises or to the temptation of self-deception.... Nowadays, efforts are made to deny [unborn children] their human dignity and to do with them what-

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ever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.”

- Surrogacy – *The Church also takes a stand against the practice of surrogacy, through which the immensely worthy child becomes a mere object. On this point, Pope Francis’s words have a singular clarity: “... I deem deplorable the practice of so-called surrogate motherhood, which represents a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child, based on the exploitation of situations of the mother’s material needs. A child is always a gift and never the basis of a commercial contract.” ... First and foremost, the practice of surrogacy violates the dignity of the child... [T]he child has the right to have a fully human (and not artificially induced) origin and to receive the gift of a life that manifests both the dignity of the giver and that of the receiver.... Considering this, the legitimate desire to have a child cannot be transformed into a “right to a child” that fails to respect the dignity of that child as the recipient of the gift of life. Surrogacy also violates the dignity of the woman, whether she is coerced into it or chooses to subject herself to it freely.*

- Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – *Certainly, the dignity of those who are critically or terminally ill calls for all suitable and necessary efforts to alleviate their suffering through appropriate palliative care and by avoiding aggressive treatments or disproportionate medical procedures.... However, an effort of this nature is entirely different from – and is indeed contrary to – a decision to end one’s own life or that of another person who is burdened by suffering.... Indeed, there are no circumstances under which human life would cease from being dignified and could, as a result, be put to an end.... Therefore, helping the suicidal person to take his or her own life is an objective offense against the dignity of the person asking for it, even if one would be thereby fulfilling the person’s wish..... Life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered.*

- Marginalization of People with Disabilities – *[T]he condition of those experiencing physical or mental limitations warrants special attention and concern.... [T]he truth is that each human being, regardless of their vulnerabilities, receives his or her dignity from the sole fact of being willed and loved by God. Thus, every effort should be made to encourage the inclusion and active participation of those who are affected by frailty or disability in the life of society and of the Church.*

- Gender Theory – *[I]t should be denounced as contrary to human dignity the fact that, in some places, not a few people are imprisoned, tortured, and even deprived of the good of life solely because of their sexual orientation.... Regarding gender theory,...the Church recalls that human life, in all its dimensions, both physical and spiritual, is a gift from God. This gift is to be accepted with gratitude and placed at the service of the good. Desiring a personal self-determination, as gender theory prescribes... amounts to a concession to the age-old temptation to make oneself God.... Another prominent aspect of gender theory is that it intends to deny the greatest possible difference that exists between living beings: sexual difference.... [A]ll attempts to obscure reference to the ineliminable sexual difference between man and woman are to be rejected.*

- Sex Change – *Pope Francis affirmed that “creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created.” It follows that any sex-change intervention, as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception.*

- Digital Violence – *[T]he advancement of digital technologies... increasingly tends toward the creation of a world in which exploitation, exclusion, and violence grow, extending even to the point of harming the dignity of the human person. Consider, for example, how easy it is through these means to endanger a person’s good name with fake news and slander.... Digital media can expose people to the risk of addiction, isolation, and gradual loss of contact with concrete reality.... New forms of violence are spreading through social media, for example, cyberbullying. The internet is also a channel for spreading pornography and the exploitation of persons for sexual purposes through gambling.... “Digital communication wants to bring everything out into the open.... Respect for others disintegrates, and even as we dismiss, ignore, or keep others distant, we can shamelessly peer into every detail of their lives.” Such tendencies represent a dark side of digital progress.*

On Human Dignity was issued in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). With this document, the Church ... ardently urges that respect for the dignity of human person beyond all circumstances be placed at the center of the commitment to the common good and at the center of every legal system. It concludes with this statement: Even today, in the face of so many violations of human dignity that seriously threaten the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every person, regardless of their physical, mental, cultural, social, and religious characteristics.

**Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2024

- 1 **Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Deadline**
- 2 Br. 162 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA (RSVP)
- 7 Br. 746 – Mass in Linden, NJ
- 9 Br. 19 – Zoom Meeting
- Br. 213 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- Br. 484 – Meeting in Indiana, PA
- Br. 581 – Meeting in Hobart, IN (RSVP)
- Br. 587 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA (RSVP)
- Dist. 1 – Zoom Meeting
- Dist. 9 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA
- 13 Br. 410 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA (RSVP 6/10)
- Br. 785 – Meeting in Mississauga, ON (RSVP)
- Dist. 19 – Meeting in Mississauga, ON (RSVP)
- 15 Br. 153 – Meeting in Harwood Heights, IL (RSVP 6/8)
- 16 **Father’s Day**
- 17 Br. 228 – Meeting in Lorain, OH
- 19 Br. 682 – Meeting in Struthers, OH
- 22 Br. 112 – Meeting in Elysburg, PA
- Br. 393 – Picnic in Mount Pleasant, PA (RSVP 6/10)
- National Picnic – Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA**
- 23 Br. 35 – Zoom Meeting
- 30 Br. 181 – Picnic in Mammoth, PA

For more info go to the Branch and District announcement pages.

SS. Cyril and Methodius May Appeal

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 46th year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. Today, the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and previous donors.

As of April 29, 153 donors have given \$21,787.94 for the 2024 Appeal. Among the 39 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 1, Branch 3, Branch 35, Branch 45, Branch 85, Branch 96, Branch 112, Branch 213, Branch 320, Branch 382, Branch 484, Branch 743, Branch 746, Branch 796, Branch 853, District 9 and the Home Office of the FCSU have donated a combined total of \$4,090. Donations have also been received from 6 churches, 24 clergy and religious and 84 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2024 Appeal but did not receive a letter asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2024 will be credited toward the 2025 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harvey’s Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Penn- del, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Ap- peal Coordinator.

46th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Slovak Catholic Federation
Our Lady of Grace Church
225 Bellevue Avenue
Penn- del, PA 19047-4052

Chewy's Corner

Oh, hi guys! Boy, it's been a while! It's me, Chewy, your old friend from the First Catholic Slovak Union. I sure have been on a lot of adventures since I last touched base with you all and a lot has changed since then. I have got to catch you up on all that's been going on! First, I think I should re-introduce myself to refresh your memory, and introduce myself to all the new Members!

My name is Chewy Čuvač (pronounced Chew-votch in English). I was born in Slovakia, high in the mountains. My brothers, sisters, mom, dad and I are all a breed of dog called Čuvač. We have a long, shaggy white coat and our build is pretty big - I'm talking 99 pounds like my dad!

We loved playing in the mountains and saw the most beautiful horizons. I even spent some time with the bears, wolves and other creatures I came across. Along with all the fun, we had a job to do. We helped our human friends, the Slovak Alpine farmers, herd their sheep and cattle. And, if I may add, we were pretty good at it! Plus, we loved playing with the human children, the Čuvač is a great companion dog.

Anyway, I loved being in the mountains with my family, but I always dreamed of different things beyond the grassy peaks. I wanted to travel across oceans and explore places I have never been to before outside of Slovakia. That's when it struck me, hey, what about that human, Fr. Stephen Furdek, who was born in Trstená in the 1800's? He travelled across oceans too, and went to a place called America (Cleveland, Ohio, to be more specific). That got me wondering, maybe I could go visit where he went. And sure enough I did! I came to Independence, Ohio, accompanied by some human friends, and came to meet all the lovely people at the First Catholic Slovak Union, which Fr. Stephen Furdek founded.

Oh man, did I go on some adventures with the FCSU! I travelled across America meeting all the lovely humans and I got to go to all their fun events including Baseball games, Slovak events and picnics. Not to mention, they were more than willing to accompany me on trips back to Slovakia where I could visit my family!

Everything was going great, then the pandemic, COVID-19, happened. Well, I practiced my social distancing by taking a break from exploring the world and hunkered down at the FCSU Home Office in Independence, Ohio.

I made sure to stay busy and cross some things off my to do list. I went through all the Slovak artifacts the FCSU has and I even read all the archived Jednota books! I tried my hand at a few new things, like painting the scenery outside or knitting a new sweater, although I wasn't very good at everything. What did you spend time doing at home during the pandemic?

I almost forgot to tell you the most exciting thing I have been up to... my own logo! Look it's me on a sticker! What do you think? Pretty neat, huh? This is just the beginning of my vision. Pretty soon, you'll be seeing that sticker everywhere! Would you wear a Chewy sticker?

Anyways, I heard there are a lot of fun FCSU events coming up, including some national picnics. Will you be attending this year? I hope to see you there! We are going to have so much fun at Knoebels, I can't wait to ride all the rides with you! I'm also looking forward to playing at Wiegand later this summer, and all the ice-cream, yum!

I'd love to chat more, but I have got to get going. There is so much to do! Until next time!

Your friend,
Chewy



WELCOME TO OUR JEDNOTA FAMILY!

Deacon Paul Henry Bitner, newest member to Branch 181, born January 9th, 2024, to proud parents Christopher and Natalie Bitner who reside in Mount Pleasant, PA.

Deacon is the grandson of Paul and Mary Bitner and Henry and Barbara Yohman, all of Mount Pleasant, PA.

Welcome to the First Catholic Slovak Union!
May God bless you and your family!
Vitaj!



If you have a child or grandchild who recently became a member of the FCSU, please send us their photo to editor@fcsu.com so that we can feature them in an upcoming issue.

March Madness Winners



Thank you to all the FCSU Members that participated in the 2024 March Madness Contest!

This year we had 173 Members participate in this event.

The number of participants based on Region goes as followed:

REGION	PLAYERS
1	9
2	26
3	7
4	30
5	23
6	60
7	9
900 Branches	8

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Place – Robert Gavenda (Region 7)
- 2nd Place – Mark Dobrosky (Region 4)
- 3rd Place – Charles Smith (Region 5)
- 4th Place Tie – John Murray (Region 3)
- 4th Place Tie – Leonard Javor (Region 6)

Thank You again for a great event!

FCSU Event Staff

BRANCH 181 YOUTH MEMBER SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE

For the Fall 2024 start of the academic year, the St. John the Baptist Society – Branch 181 of United, PA, will be offering \$500.00 scholarships to eligible high school senior members planning to attend college or career/technical school. These will be one-time scholarships selected by an independent panel that will evaluate each application. The number of scholarships awarded is dependent on the number of eligible applicants.

Youth members may be eligible to qualify for a scholarship if the following requirements are met:

- You are a member in good Standing of the First Catholic Slovak Union, St. John the Baptist Society – Branch 181.
- You have been a member of Branch 181 for 4 years prior to applying with a minimum \$5000 insurance policy.
- You are a high school senior preparing to graduate in 2024 and have applied for the 2024 Fall term at a qualifying Educational institution.



To obtain an application and more information, please contact Vicki Hricik by phone 724-547-0803 or email vicki15@zoominternet.net.

***Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2024 to be eligible.**

These scholarships are solely funded by your local Branch 181 and are independent of the First Catholic Slovak Union National Office

2024 Hockey Night in Cleveland with District 10

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 7:00pm at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in downtown Cleveland, OH, some 145 members and guests of District 10 of the First Catholic Slovak Union –including Branches 1, 24, 228, 450, 553 and 855 - watched the Cleveland Monsters face the Hershey Bears. The FCSU Officers in attendance were National President Ken Arendt, Executive Secretary Kevin Collins, Region 6 Director Tom Ivanec, District 10 President Greg Petrasek, National Supreme Court Member Henry Horvath, National Auditor Ann Sutilla, Branch 450 President George Carny, and Branch 855 President Barb Sutilla. Many who came to enjoy the night of fun fraternalism represented three generations of membership in our Society including grandparents, parents and grandchildren.

We had a great time and a great turnout this year from all the branches in District 10. I personally want to thank the FCSU which continues to support this event and everyone who attended 2024 Hockey Night in Cleveland. Even though the Monsters didn't pull out a win, our members made sure the event was another success!

Submitted by Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director



Msgr Andrew Hlinka District 4th Annual Picnic



Date: May 19, 2024
Time: 1pm-4pm
Location: Cedar Creek Park
Cost: District 12 members – Free
Non-District 12 members - \$5

Fraternalism in Action:

Bring at least 2 shelf stable food items, OR
Donate at least \$3
For the St. Andrew the Apostle Food Bank

As we are enjoying the food, friends and fun at this 4th Annual Picnic, let us remember and help others who are experiencing food insecurities at this time. Please be generous in your donations.

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

Questions contact: Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com or 412-341-1577

Please RSVP by 5/17/2024 to 412-341-1577.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Districts 4 (NJ) and 16 (NYC) are organizing a fun evening at the Somerset Patriots Baseball game and BBQ on Sunday, July 28. Tickets are free for members; all others are \$36 per person/child. Local Branches are encouraged to participate in this fun event! RSVP required. For details, contact Jo Anne Peppe at gsmgjap@aol.com before June 20th.

The Somerset Patriots Welcome First Catholic Slovak Union - Jednota! District 4 (NJ) & District 16 (NYC)



Ballpark BBQ Group Event

Members - Free | Non-Members - \$36/ticket

When: Sunday, July 28, 2024 - First Pitch at 5:05pm

Where: TD Bank Ballpark | 860 E Main St, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

What: Guests will have access to the Ballpark BBQ, with a 90-minute Buffet, Cash Bar and designated Picnic style seating.



Please RSVP to Jo Anne Peppe gsmgjap@aol.com no later than Thursday, June 20th

BRANCH 393 PICNIC

Pavilion #10 Mammoth Park



RSVP 724-539-2764

@fcsu.branch393



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June
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BRANCH 181'S ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 30th, 2024, at Mammoth Park in Mammoth, PA, at Pavillion #13.

Registration begins at 12:00PM and the picnic will begin at 1:00PM.

Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch.

Please contact Vicki Hricik for more information or directions at: 724-547-0803



JOIN US FOR THE First Catholic Slovak Union REGION 1 PICNIC SAT, AUG 3rd at 1PM

Al Kalla Park
2801 Highland Ave., Linden, NJ

RSVP by July 28 to Joanne: 732-762-3148
Members FREE; Non-Members: \$20

The 2024 Slovak Ball in New Jersey

The 30th Slovak Ball, held on Saturday, January 27th, at The Royal Manor in Garfield, New Jersey, was a spectacular affair hosted by the Slovak-American Cultural Center (S-ACC). The highlight of the evening was the Slovak Fashion Night, organized by the +421 Foundation, showcasing designs by renowned Slovak designers including Atelier 71, Monika Lacekova (MoLa Couture), Eva Benova, Oldrich Voyta, and David Demovic. Adding to the ambiance, world-renowned operatic soprano Julia Radosz from Bratislava serenaded the crowd with her mesmerizing voice.

With a record-breaking attendance of 484 guests, the evening kicked off with the enchanting sounds of violinist Ladi Smigura during the cocktail hour. Live entertainment throughout the night was provided by the Express Band, led by Marek Soltis, accompanied by the talented drummer Martin Valihora, captivating the audience with their performances. The atmosphere was imbued with glamour, sophistication, and high fashion.

The Grand Ballroom was adorned with geometric artistic candle holders, casting a unique glow and enhancing the sophisticated ambiance. Guests indulged in traditional Slovak delights during the cocktail hour, including "Slivovica" and a variety of specialties such as open-faced sandwiches, "bryndzové halušky," and mini breaded cutlets. The night concluded with a midnight buffet featuring roast pig, potato pancakes, and an array of delectable accompaniments, keeping the festivities alive until 2 am.

The success of the event was attributed to the dedicated volunteers of the S-ACC Board under the leadership of Region 1 Director, Sabina Sabados (Branch 746), First Catholic Slovak Union, and the Jednota members who steadfastly support the event annually. For a glimpse of the memorable evening, including photos and videos, visit SlovakAmericanCC.org.

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



Region 1 members from Branch 45, 716, and 746 pictured with Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, FCSU. A few members missed the photo – we will recreate again next year!



Slovak-American Cultural Center Board members of which many are also very active FCSU members.



Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, presents a FCSU gift basket to the lucky winner! A big thank you to Executive Secretary Collins for the personal donation!



First-time attendees Kristina and Joseph Parimuca (Branch 45) traveled a considerable distance to join The Slovak Ball, making the evening even more memorable. Both FCSU scholarship recipients are pursuing their academic careers with great success and enthusiasm.



FCSU Shows up for Branch 24 Member Lexi Glova



On Saturday April 20, 2024, over 90 members of the Greater Cleveland Slovak-American community, including 42 members of FCSU District 10, enjoyed the Tamburitzan's latest show, "Reflections." The performance was held at the Eastlake North High School Performing Arts Center in Eastlake, OH. The Tamburitzans are a multicultural song and dance company of full-time college students in the Pittsburgh, PA, area. The show is comprised of songs and dances from around the world. This year it highlighted a medley of songs and dances from Eastern Slovakia, much to the delight of the many Slovak-Americans in attendance. Branch 24's Lexi Glova, a student at the University of Pittsburgh and longtime member of the Lúčina Slovak Folklore Dance Ensemble of Greater Cleveland, was featured. Way to go, Lexi!

Submitted by Tom Ivanec, Region 6 Director

District 12, Msgr. Andrew Hlinka, Holds Meeting



L-R: Fran Tarquinio, Charles Boone, Marianne Rodacy, Monica Boone, Cheryl Hyatt, Maureen Massafra, Joe Tarquinio, Joseph Matinko, Kathy Jakela, Dorothy Rudinec, Regional Director Marmol, John Curcio, Larry Healey, Nicole Hyatt, Darla Hubert

Msgr Andrew Hlinka District held a productive lunch meeting on April 14, 2024 in Cansburg, Pennsylvania, which also proved to be an afternoon of community and friendship.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Secretary

Invitation to the 59th Anniversary of the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel



Branch 856 has again arranged to have a mass to celebrate the 59th anniversary of our Slovak chapel Our Mother of Sorrows in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 14, 2024. We will begin with the rosary in English and Slovak at 1:00pm and mass at 1:30pm. Let's keep this tradition going. Come to see our beautiful chapel. It is one of the most visited Chapel in the Basilica. For more information call Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Submitted by Katherine Nowatkoski, President

2024 Total Eclipse



Branch 112, Mahanoy City, PA, Members in Alexandria Bay, NY, enjoying the Total Solar Eclipse. L-R (front row): Eric Austin, Karen Sterling and Joanne Austin. L-R (backrow): Steve Engle, Hank Sterling and Stephen Engle.

Branch 112, Mahanoy City, PA, Members Oliver, Garrett, Jonah, Matt and Erin Sterling in West Orange, NJ, watching the Total Solar Eclipse.



Members of Branch 24K, 450K and 855K, Cleveland, OH, gather in Brunswick, OH, to watch the Total Solar Eclipse.



District 16, NYC, Semi-annual Meeting

The District 16 – Msgr. Stephen Krasula District in NYC held a semi-annual meeting after the Slovak mass on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 1:00 PM at rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 E. 66th Street and 1st Avenue, New York City. Present at the meeting were members of St. Matthew's Society, Branch #45, St. Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch #716, and the Director for Region 1, Sabina Sabados. During the meeting, refreshments were prepared by Anna Korcak of St. Matthew's Society, Branch #45.

Submitted by Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Financial Secretary



District 16, NYC, Polročné Stretnutie

Oznamujeme, že sa uskutočnila polročná schôdza Okresu č. 16 – Msgr. Stephen Krasula v New Yorku po slovenskej svätej omši v nedeľu 7. Apríla, 2024 o 13:00 hodine na fare slovenskeho kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 411 E. 66th Street a 1st Avenue. Na tejto polročnej schôdzi sa zúčastnili členovia spolkov sv. Matúša #45, sv. Štefana #716, a Krajskej Riaditeľky Regionu č. 1, Sabiny Sabadoš. Na schôdzi sa pojednávalo o ďalších plánoch, ktoré sa uskutočnia do nasledujúcej schodze. Chutné občerstvenie pripravila Anna Korčák, členka spolku sv. Matúša #45.

Autorka textu Renáta Jurášiová-Vasí, Pokladnička



FCSU at the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, Ohio

SIMPLY SLAVIC, the festival created specifically to celebrate Youngstown's Slavic community, will take place on Friday, June 14th, 2024, from 5pm to 11pm, and Saturday, June 15th, 2024, from Noon to Midnight on Federal Plaza East and the Central Square in Downtown Youngstown. The event will include live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, and ethnic vendors. A full weekend of entertainment and education is planned. Admission is \$5.00. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge on both days. The Simply Slavic Heritage Festival showcases the rich traditions of the Slavic ethnicities present in the Mahoning Valley. The modern-day European nations representing the origins of our region's Slavic ancestors are Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. In addition, they also have many descendants of Carpatho-Rusyn immigrants present in our area, who are represented at the festival. Individually, each group's numbers may not seem large, but together, they represent a powerful presence. By enhancing the community's knowledge of these lively peoples through a joyful, family-friendly experience, they hope to honor the shared past of our beloved ancestors by educating and enriching the lives of a future generation. Please explore their site to see photos, maps and information regarding not only the festival but also general information which may begin your journey learning more about your ancestry and the beautiful places in Europe from which your Slavic ancestors originated. They also work year-round to provide information regarding local and regional Slavic ethnic performances, picnics, and festivals on our Simply Slavic Facebook page. See: <https://www.simplyslavic.org>. Be sure to stop by the FCSU table at the event! We would love to meet you!

Cleveland Slovak Radio Club

is HOSTING

SLOVAK FESTIVAL



Saturday JUNE 22nd

12 pm to 11 pm

Admission-\$1

ST.SAVA SERBIAN CHURCH PROPERTY

2151 W.Wallings Road, Broadview Heights
(Between State Rd and Broadview Rd)

Serving Traditional Slovak Food, Full Bar & Pastries,
Anthony Culkar Band & Dancing

Bake Sale



SPONSORED BY FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Villa Sacred Heart
Danville PA

Summer Festival

Saturday July 13th '24

10:30 to 5:00 pm

A Variety of Food Trucks
Flea Market
Baked Goods
Furniture
Art's Cloths
Books
Silent Auction
Religious Articles
Bingo
Saturday Mass for Sunday 5:00 in the Basilica

Save the Date

Family Fall Festival

DATE: Saturday, October 5, 2024

TIME: 12:00 - 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Simmons Farm, McMurray, PA 15317

Fall Fun for Everyone

Hayrides, Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, Children's Games,
Petting Zoo, Food, Music and More!

Also available: apple picking, flower picking, farmer's market



**Free to
FCSU members
of all ages.**

Watch for more
details coming soon.

FCSU Untold Stories

Helene Cincebeaux –

“There’s no way to truly describe how magical it was.”

Helene Cincebeaux, Branch 888, has a true passion and dedication for Slovak culture. Author of five books, host of yearly Slovak tours, contributor of many Slovak exhibits, a magazine publisher and a well-known speaker, Helene’s life has been quite the adventure.

Although not fully Slovak herself, Helene developed an interest for Slovakia and felt their culture, craftsmanship and beauty should be shared with others. Through her numerous folk exhibits and tour of Slovakia, she is able to share that passion and accomplish her goals of having people come to understand their heritage.

Q: When did you develop an interest in Slovakia?

Just before I graduated from Syracuse University in 1959, I saw a little sign that said “live with a family abroad for the summer.” So, I applied for it. It was the Experiment in International Living. I went to Warsaw, Poland for the summer to live with a family. We climbed the tallest mountain in the Tatras on the Polish side. When I got to the top, everything was in clouds. You couldn’t see anything. Then for one moment the clouds parted and I looked down. There was a green and gorgeous land below. It was Pieniny National Park on the Dunajec River. I totally fell in love. Then 10 years later, after I went home and got married and had two kids, I finally got to travel to Slovakia in 1969.

At first, I went to Moravian Slovakia, my ancestral home, and then my mother and I traveled around to other villages. We had our Atlas and every winter I would sit and mark out all the places I wanted to go. We just fell in love with villages at the end of the road where time stood still.

I loved the people; they were so welcoming. They would invite us in their homes and feed us homemade rye bread and butter and just tell us stories from long ago. They talked about their lives, the christenings, the weddings, the funerals, the traditions, and their work, it was just so fascinating. Someone would say I have a picture and somebody else had an apron. And before you knew it, they were dressing us up. There’s no way to truly describe how magical it was.

Q: How did you start collecting old folk dress costumes?

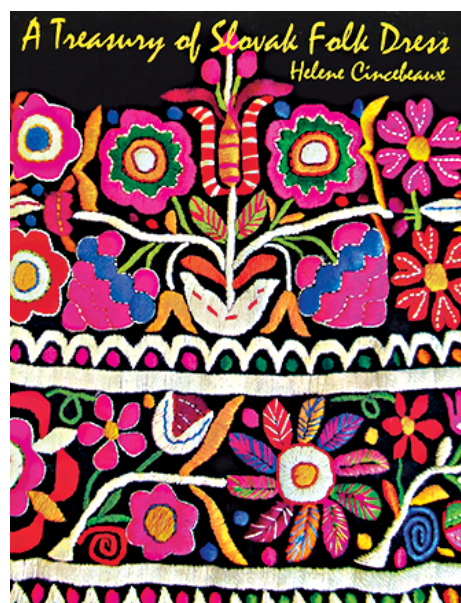
One day in Horny Vadicov we approached a lady who was leaning on her stick fence, and we got to talking. She gave me a little piece of embroidery and that was the start. I decided I was going to collect a piece of embroidery from every village.

When I started collecting pieces of folk dresses, the men would say, oh, that garbage throw it away! The tradition was to burn things in the courtyard when someone died. So, some of my things were rescued off a burning pile.

One day in Western Slovakia, I sat with some ladies who showed me their headdresses. They liked to have me try on things and take pictures. I also knew they loved these kerchiefs that came from Japan, and it was something they could not buy anywhere. So, my mother and I would bring them kerchiefs. The ladies would be trying them on and I would be trying on the headdresses and we would trade. They would be thrilled and I would be thrilled. It was so funny; we just fell into it.

Q: What was your motivation for sharing Slovak customs and folk wear with others?

When I came back home to Rochester, New York, I started doing programs and I did an exhibit on folk dress and traditions. I realized that what



we were experiencing was so unique. Few Americans in 1969 traveled to Czechoslovakia behind the Iron Curtain!

I was totally blown away by the fact that these were simple village women and men who created this beauty. It is so stunning and artistically gorgeous, and it came from their hearts and souls. It was amazing to me that they weren’t trained to be artists, yet created such beauty and techniques. People came to the exhibits and looked at the beauty these people fashioned and marveled. So, I felt it was my mission to share it and let people know the artistry in the hearts and souls of Slovak village people.

Villagers would give me something and they would smile and say it’s going to America! It’s like they were going too, and I think they appreciated that it was going to be shared among many people.

Q: What were some of your exhibits and people’s reactions?

I love the exhibits. People come and they marvel at the intricacy and the incredible beauty that these people created, that lives long beyond them. The embroidery just sings and, of course, it’s different in every village. The many kinds of lace, the leather applique, the varied motifs, the incredible beading and weaving – amazing!

For 50 years my mother, Helen Zemek Baine, and I traversed Slovakia aiming for the remote villages where time stood still. The Baine/Cincebeaux Collection of Slovak Folk Dress & Folk Art has been exhibited in 20 major museums around the country. My photos of Slovakia – its people and its treasures from icons, folk dress and wooden churches to natural wonders have been exhibited in a dozen countries. And I’ve done hundreds of talks, I’ve lost track of how many.

I did an exhibit in San Diego in the really prestigious Mingei International Museum of Folk Art. It was supposed to be up for two months, and they kept it up a year. They even had some famous folk person’s funeral wake in my exhibit.

We had an exhibit in Ohio one year at Kent State and we didn’t know if anybody would come. It was way back before people did exhibits. But 1,000 people came. Some clutching letters from the old country!

We had an exhibit a few years later at the Cleveland Science Museum, and we arranged for people to come in and talk about their programs and their groups. We had folk music and folk dance performances and I presented a slide show “Treasures of Slovakia”. They expected 100 people and 3,500 people came. Would you be-



lieve it and that was March! People stood in the snow to get in! It was so heartwarming, because it was sharing all the things I love. It felt good to be able to inspire other people to go forward and learn what they could do with their heritage.

I belong to the Czech and Slovak Genealogical Society and do programs at their bi-annual conferences, plus a parade of folk dress. I just had a big exhibit at the National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library in Iowa on headdresses. I had 170 Slovak headdresses on display and it was just gorgeous. Then some traveled back to the old country to be on display!

Q: Why do you think it is important to share Slovak culture?

There are few places in Slovakia you can go where people are still wearing folk dresses, telling stories, legends and customs. But nowadays, there’s a huge interest in folk dress and everybody wants it. Many are having it made and people are wearing it. 7,000 people showed up in folk dress last September for an event in Banska Bystrica! It’s a huge Renaissance and so magical.

In many of the Western countries, the folk culture is reconstructed, but in Slovakia, it’s alive and a part of their lives. I started doing the trips to take people to learn about the richness of their heritage, from folk dress and folk motifs to artistic treasures, fantastic museums and historic town squares. I’ve enjoyed sharing it.

Everyone needs to know about their heritage and their roots in their village. I’ve taken some 2,000 people to Slovakia on Treasures of Slovakia tours over the past 35 years. I want people to know that their ancestor’s lives were not just hard work on their land, but filled with beauty and they created treasures that live long beyond them.

I have 30,000 Slovak Pride surname and villages database and help people find their long-lost families. When I started, nobody knew where they were from, but they knew it was Czechoslovakia. My mother and I visited some 2,000 villages, so, sometimes, I can even guess somebody’s village from the family names. My database has helped many people find their long-lost family and that, to me, is the most exciting thing. Often there is such a strong family resemblance and many times they



have similar occupations, fascinating!

Q: What’s next for your future?

I’m leading my last tour to Slovakia this summer. I have led tours for over 35 years and have loved every minute. I love our village parties where we experience legendary Slovak hospitality, learn the old customs and enjoy superb Slovak specialties!

Every other year we have a big parade of folk dress with the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society. And also, in Pittsburgh at the Slovak festival. We dress people up and talk about the old ways. So, I just guess I’m going to keep going.

I would love to have a museum to put my things in, but that’s more than I can handle myself. The collection deserves to be kept together and I’m still trying to decide now what’s going to happen to it. Maybe a Virtual Museum!

Helene has published 5 books on Slovakia. Her masterpiece is “Slovakia! Traditions Old & New”, which contains things she learned from village people across Slovakia. Then “A Treasury of Slovak Folk Dress”, eastern, central and western folk dress: “Crowning Glory” - headdresses, wreaths, crowns and married women’s bonnets; “Treasures of Slovakia” photos of the people, folk dress, icons, wooden churches and folk motifs; and “Slovak Pride” which deals with genealogy.

Helene has published the quarterly “Slovakia” magazine for the past 35 years, maintains the 30,000 Slovak Pride data base and has an amazing 7,700 followers on her Slovak Pride Facebook page.

“It’s just been fun and it’s my crazy life,” Helene said. “It’s not at all what I planned and I love it.”

Helene said throughout all her adventures in Slovakia she had her supporter and adventure partner with her through everything, her mother, Helen Zemek Baine. Together they danced their way across the country, met incredible people and enjoyed every minute! People from across the 2,000 villages the pair visited would recognize the mother daughter duo. At first it was an unusual sight but many came to know their friendly faces or knew stories of them visiting. Helene said her mother, young at heart, explored until the youthful age of 93. She said she hopes to still be doing what she enjoys at 93 as her mom did.

This interview has been edited and condensed

(You can read more about Helene’s exhibit “Crowning Glory: A Feast of Slovak & Moravian Headdresses” in the August 11, 2021, issue of the Jednota on pages 8 and 9)

2024 FCSU *International Golf Tournament*



July 12-14, 2024
465 Lodge Dr.
Wheeling, WV 26003



Join the FCSU for an exciting 2-day tournament, exclusively for our members and their guests. Play the Robert Trent Jones and Arnold Palmer designed courses. Shotgun start 8:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. We are offering a Stay and Play package, with all reservations made through the FCSU. Call 800.533.6682 ext. 122.

Practice rounds are available on Friday for \$90, please contact the Oglebay golf pro directly at 304.243.4050 to schedule tee time and make payment.

Competition will include A, B, C, Callaway, Seniors' and Women's Flights. If you do not have a current USGA handi-cap, and did not compete in the 2023 Joint Fraternal Golf Tournament, your handicap will be determined by the modified Callaway System. Cash prizes will be awarded in all flights. Optional side contests will be available, at an additional cost.

7.12.24 Practice Rounds if desired • Welcome Cookout 7:30 pm serving Angus Burgers/Chicken/Ribs

7.13.24 Breakfast Buffet 7:00-8:30 am • Round #1 8:30 am • Mass 4:00 pm • Cocktails 5:00 pm • Dinner 6:00 pm

7.14.24 Breakfast Buffet 7:00-8:30 am • Round #2 8:30 am

ENTRY DEADLINE: We strongly encourage you to submit your entry now.

Room type accommodations will be assigned on a first received basis. Official deadline is June 12, 2024.



Accommodations

Left: Wilson Lodge offers king bed or 2-double bed rooms. Double occupancy.

Right/Below: Four-bedroom cottages for groups of eight.



2024 FCSU International Golf Tournament Official Entry

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

Please select your golfing options ↓

FCSU Member Golfer . . . Stay and Play Package . . . \$398.00 per person x _____ golfers = \$ _____

Non-Member Golfer . . . Stay and Play Package . . . \$410.00 per person x _____ golfers = \$ _____

Package includes: One round on Robert Trent Jones Course, One round on Arnold Palmer Course, Golf cart rental, Prize pool contribution, Two nights lodging, based on double occupancy.

FCSU Member or Non-Member 2-Day Golf Package (No lodging) . . . \$240.00 per person x _____ golfers = \$ _____

List your twosome or foursome partners here

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

Please select your dining options ↓

FCSU Member Golfer Meals are compliments of the FCSU

- Friday Welcome Cookout 7:30 - 9:00 pm _____ # attending
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet 7:00 - 8:30 am _____ # attending
- Saturday Dinner Buffet & Cocktails (2) 6:00 – 9:00 pm _____ # attending
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet 7:00 - 8:30 am _____ # attending

Non-Member Golfers and/or FCSU Guests – Reduced meal costs compliments of the FCSU

- Friday Welcome Cookout 7:30-9:00 pm \$30.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet 7:00-8:30 am \$15.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
- Saturday Dinner Buffet 6:00-9:00 pm \$35.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
- Sunday Plated Breakfast 7:00-8:30 am \$15.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Please select your lodging options ↓

Golfer room charges are included in the Stay and Play Package

Non-golfing Guests - Lodging (2-nights, based on double occupancy) \$213.08pp x _____ guests = \$ _____

- Wilson Lodge Room two double beds** **Wilson Lodge Room one king bed**

Please list both names

1. _____ Golfer Guest 2. _____ Golfer Guest

Cottage – Four Bedrooms/2 double beds per bedroom, two baths, kitchen, living room, fireplace. **Requires Eight Guest Occupancy.**

Please list all eight names.

1. _____ Golfer Guest 2. _____ Golfer Guest
 3. _____ Golfer Guest 4. _____ Golfer Guest
 5. _____ Golfer Guest 6. _____ Golfer Guest
 7. _____ Golfer Guest 8. _____ Golfer Guest

Use this form to enter one or two golfers. Submit early for best accommodations. Deadline June 12, 2024

<p>Golfer #1 Information</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FCSU Member Branch # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member</p> <p>Age: _____ USGA Handicap _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Flight 62+ <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Flight</p>	<p>Golfer #2 Information</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FCSU Member Branch # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member</p> <p>Age: _____ USGA Handicap _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Flight 62+ <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Flight</p>
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<p>Payment Information</p> <p>Stay and Play Package Total \$ _____</p> <p>Non Member/Guest Dining Total . . . \$ _____</p> <p>Non-Golfer Lodging Total \$ _____</p> <p>Total Amount Due. \$ _____</p>	<p>Fill out the form online at: www.fcsu.com/events/ and email to events@fcsu.com or mail to:</p> <p>FCSU Golf Tournament, 6611 Rockside Rd. Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payment: Call 800.533.6682 ext. 122.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to FCSU with Golf Tournament on the memo line. Mail to:</p> <p>FCSU Golf Tournament, 6611 Rockside Rd. Suite 300 Independence, OH 44131</p>
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National FCSU Events

National Picnic, Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA
June 22



International Golf Tournament, Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, WV
July 12-14



August 10
 National Picnic – Wiegand Lake Park, Novelty, OH



October 5
 National Picnic - Simmons Farm, McMurray, PA



NATIONAL PICNIC
Saturday, June 22, 2024
 Knoebels Amusement Resort
 391 Knoebels Blvd, Elysburg, PA. 17824

FREE Park Admission for All.

Each pre-registered member will receive 1 free book of tickets (\$20.00 value). Rain or shine event.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Wanted: Adults and kids if you are interested in a scramble golf game on a par 3 course before the picnic begins please contact Kevin Collins at 800-533-6682 ext.120 or email kcollins@fcsu.com before 5/31/2024. Open to all ages and skill levels.

AMUSEMENT PARK

- Check in begins at 11:00am (Pavilion R)
- Park hours: 12:00pm-8:00pm
- Pool hours: 11:00am-6:00pm (pool day pass adult \$8.50, kids 2-11 \$6.50)
- Complimentary lunch served from 3:00pm-3:45pm (Pavilion R)
- MASS at 4:00pm celebrated by Fr. Tom Nasta (Pavilion R)
- **MUST register** to the Home Office by 6/3/2024: email events@fcsu.com or call 800-533-6682 ext. 110

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Hampton Inn, 137 Old Valley School Rd, Danville, PA 17013, (570)-271-2500
- Room rate: 2 queen beds \$155.00 per night. **Book before 5/21/2024.** (limited block of rooms)
- **Members must make their own hotel reservations** at <https://tinyurl.com/fcsuknoebels>

OTHER FREE ATTRACTIONS

- Bald Eagle Habitat, Carousel Museum, Knoebels History Museum, Mining Museum, The Main Street Cruiser band entertainment



To register for the picnic, call the Home Office at 800 533 6682 ext. 110 or email events@fcsu.com by 6/3/2024.



FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

May Word List

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- FLOWERS LÚBIM ŤA (LOVE YOU)
- KISSES VYCHOVAŤ (RAISE)
- COMFORT ÚSMEV (SMILE)
- GUIDANCE MÚDRA (WISE)
- PROTECTIVE LÁSKAVÁ (KIND)
- FORGIVING POČÚVAŤ (LISTEN)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email: _____
 Branch #: _____ Phone: _____

RULES

All FCSU members are eligible to enter. **One entry per member!**
 Complete the word puzzle and email it along with your name, address, email and branch number to contest@fcsu.com or mail it :

FCSU PUZZLE

6611 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

Entries must be received by **June 27, 2024**.

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

Each winner will receive \$50.

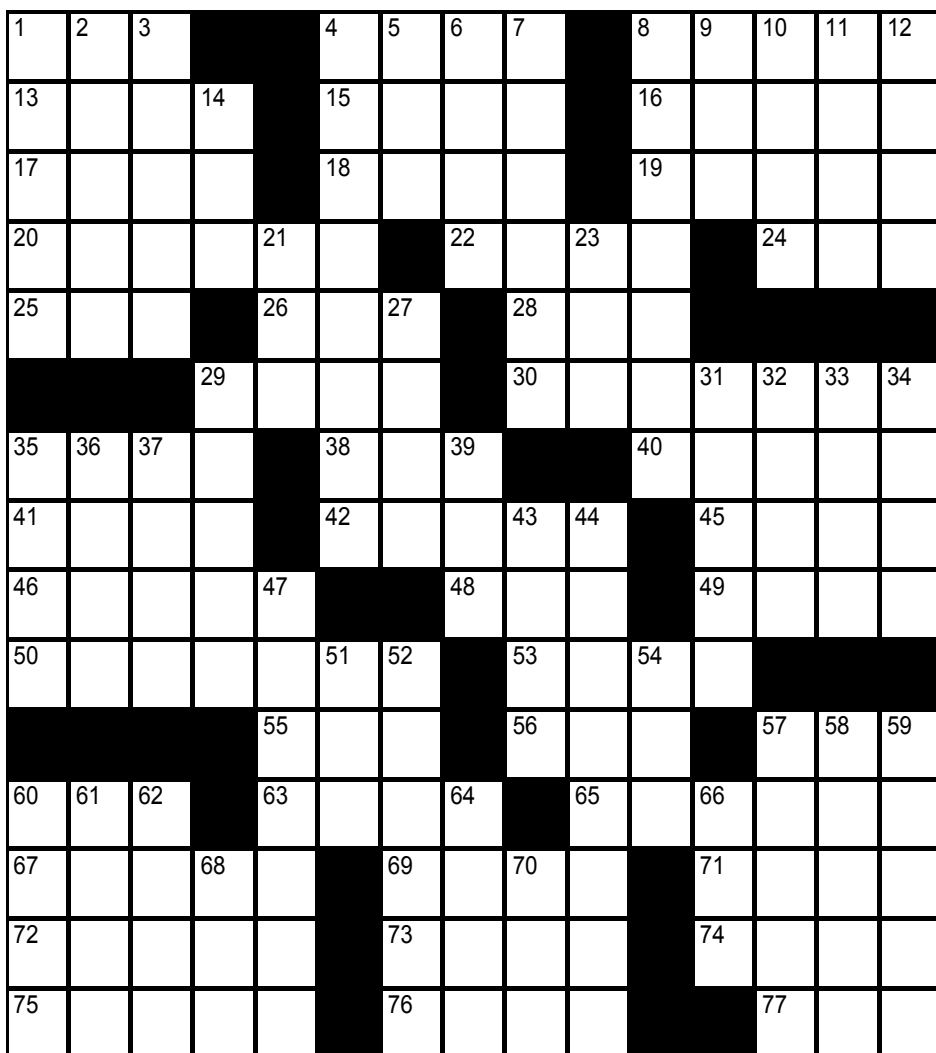
Congratulations to

MARCH PUZZLE WINNERS

- Theresa Campbell Br 450 Lewis Dreier Br 553
- Judith Dendler Br 166 Alexander Kaczor Br 200
- Diane Sobota Br 181

CONGRATULATIONS & KEEP PUZZLING!

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 "Polythene ___" (Beatles song)
- 4 Multivitamin supplement
- 8 California's San ___ Bay
- 13 Made a touchdown
- 15 Pews' place
- 16 Once more
- 17 Lady Macbeth, e.g.
- 18 Prepare to swallow
- 19 Wheel on a spur
- 20 Martial art
- 22 Sheet music symbol
- 24 Foxy
- 25 Hoosier humorist
- 26 Camel hair fabric
- 28 Kind of tax
- 29 Face-to-face exam
- 30 Vine support
- 35 Frock
- 38 Harbor craft
- 40 Poker ploy
- 41 Part of the eye
- 42 Be theatrical
- 46 Excavation find
- 48 Calendar square
- 49 How Phileas Fogg traveled
- 50 Falsehood
- 53 Like Jack Sprat's diet

Down

- 55 Grassy area
- 56 Medium claim
- 57 Chicken ___ king
- 60 Before now
- 63 Prefix with legal
- 65 Leaning to the right
- 67 Drudgery
- 69 Popeyed
- 71 Habit
- 72 Thin pancakes
- 73 No ___ thing
- 74 Apple's apple, e.g.
- 75 Source of strength
- 76 Candidate's goal
- 77 Supporting
- 27 Astringent substance
- 29 Walking ___
- 31 Weighed down
- 32 Turkish dough
- 33 Mother of Horus
- 34 Fall mo.
- 35 Know-it-all
- 36 Pizzeria fixture
- 37 Whip mark
- 39 Pantheon member
- 43 Something to spin
- 44 Vision
- 47 Perpetrator
- 51 Darjeeling or oolong
- 52 Needle continuously
- 54 Pertinent
- 57 Standoffish
- 58 Vernacular
- 59 Part filler
- 60 Terra ___, finely pulverized gypsum
- 61 Misses
- 62 Waist circlers
- 64 Fit of fever
- 66 Punching tool
- 68 Formula ___
- 70 Wood sorrel
- 1 Winter wear
- 2 One way to read
- 3 Pooh's creator
- 4 Sit on eggs
- 5 Encouraging word
- 6 Walkie-talkie word
- 7 Most up-to-date
- 8 Associate
- 9 I, to Claudius
- 10 Birds noted for thievery
- 11 Cambodian money
- 12 Orbison tune, "___ the Lonely"
- 14 Two-year-old sheep
- 21 Wide's partner
- 23 Knight's title

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Stephens Society, branch 006K, Streator, Illinois, will hold a SEMI-ANNUAL meeting on Saturday, July 27, 2024, 11:30am at the Eastwood restaurant, 2000 Eastwood Ave., Streator, Illinois.

The members attending will discuss the branch's scholarship awards for college bound students and a fall fraternal activity for its members. We welcome all members to attend our meeting and enjoy a meal and fraternalism. Please contact Paul Chismar, 815-822-8851 if you plan on attending the meeting.

Submitted by **Paul Chismar, Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

At this meeting, we will announce the recipients of the Margaret Evancho award. This award was established in recognition of the many years Margaret Evancho dedicated to the youth of Branch 19.

We cordially invite interested members to contact me at csteacher3@gmail.com to obtain a link for the meeting. We look forward to reconnecting with our members.

Submitted by **Deborah M Nelson, Secretary**

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 24 encourages our branch members to attend the June 22, 2024, Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Picnic. The picnic will be held at the outdoor pavilion on the grounds of St. Sava Church, 2151 West Wallings Road, Broadview Hts, OH. The picnic opens at noon and runs until 11:00PM. Admission is \$1.00.

Members of the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will serve traditional Slovak food and pastries for purchase; there also will be a full bar, and music for dancing and listening pleasure by the Anthony Culkar Band.

Adult members of Branch 24 will receive \$10.00 in food/beverage tickets. Children (10 and under) who are members of Branch 24 will receive \$5.00 in food/beverage tickets.

Submitted by **John Moynihan, President**

BRANCH 35 – BRADDOCK PA

St Michaels, Branch 35 will hold their semi-annual meeting via Zoom, on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include officers' reports, branch business and a discussion of upcoming events. Branch members who are interested in attending the meeting are asked to call Janet Sullivan at (412) 824-4185.

Submitted by **Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK CITY, NY

The St. Matthew's the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold a semi-annual meeting after the Slovak mass on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM in St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and 1th Avenue, New York City. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Submitted by **Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

ČLENSKÁ SCHŔDZA SPOLKU SV. MATÚŠA Č. 45 1KSJ V NEW YORK CITY

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že sa uskutoční polročná schôdza sv. Matúša č. 45 1KSJ v New Yorku po slovenskej svätej omši v nedeľu 19. Mája, 2024 o 13:00 hodine v osadnej hale slovenskeho kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 66th Street a 1st Avenue. Láskaovo žiadame našich členov o aktívnu účasť na tejto schôdzi.

Submitted by **Mária Juráší – pokladníčka**

BRANCH 112 – MAHANAY CITY, PA

St. John the Baptist, Branch 112, Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania will hold a semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 AM at Knoebel's Grove. The meeting will be held at Pavilion R prior to registration for the National Picnic.

The meeting will include officers' reports and new business. We would like to propose the creation of an annual scholarship for one male and one female member of Branch 112.

All Branch 112 members who register with the home office and attend the picnic will be offered \$35. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Sterling at karenenglesterling@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our National Picnic and the branch meeting.

Submitted by **Matthew Sterling, Secretary**

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, IL

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold the Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11:30 am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL. Charitable donations and future activities will be on the agenda. Members will enjoy a fraternal luncheon after the meeting. Reserve your place by calling Dorothy Jurcenko at (708) 995 7378 before June 8, 2024.

Submitted by **John Jurcenko, President**

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Branch 162 will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Shoneys Restaurant, 285 McClellandtown Road, Uniontown, PA. All members of the branch are invited to attend by calling Secretary Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 for reservations for yourself and your guest. Officers' reports will be given and discussion will follow regarding branch activities, charitable donations and upcoming FCSU events for 2024.

Submitted by **Dolores Marmol, Secretary**

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PA

All St. John the Baptist Society Branch 181 members and their guests are invited to attend the Annual Family Picnic to be held at Mammoth Park, Mammoth, PA at Pavilion #13 on Sunday, June 30, 2024. Registration starts at noon with the picnic beginning at 1:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch. Contact Vicki at 724-547-0803 for more information or directions.

Applications for the 2024 Branch 181 Scholarship for high school seniors planning to attend college or technical/trade school in the Fall are still being accepted through May 31. Email Vicki at vic15@zoominternet.net to receive an application.

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

Submitted by **Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Sharkeys Cafe, 3960 Lincoln Highway, Latrobe, PA. The agenda will include planning of summer activities. Lunch will be provided by the branch. See you there!

Submitted by **Barbara Patula, Secretary**

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PA

It's so wonderful to see flowers blooming and Robins singing. I am enjoying a Dove in my basket. She is not shy at all and I can't wait to see her babies. With nice weather, many kids have already been enjoying the nice weather recently. School will be out soon, so please use caution when driving in you areas. Kids don't always think about what they are doing.

We welcome all members to attend our meetings the 1st Thursday of each month except June & July. The meetings are held at 7:00pm at the Slovak CU at 910 Sixth Ave in Ford City. Call me @ 724-763-9229 or email me @ vschaub123@gmail.com for any details or suggestions of what you would like to see happen in 2024.

Submitted by **Vicki Schaub, Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 213 - PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 213, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024. It will be held at 1:00 pm at 306 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. If planning on attending or joining the meeting via phone, please contact weaz1958@aol.com.

Our agenda will include Officer's reports, old business, current business, and new Branch business. We will also discuss upcoming Branch and District events and activities.

Submitted by **Anita Nixon, President**

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228 will hold their next meeting on Monday June 17, 2024 at 7 P.M. IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio.

Please pray to our Lord God to calm the environment and unite the world leaders to strive for peace among all the nations. Father God, please hear our prayers.

Submitted by **Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 260 – COITSVILLE, OH

The officers of Branch 260 invite all of our members to join us this year at any or all of our meetings. Our meetings for 2024 will be as follows: Thursday September 12th and Thursday December 5th (this will be our election of officers meeting and holiday celebration). All of our meetings begin at 5:00pm and are held at Belleria Restaurant in Struthers, Ohio. Hope to see all of you in the coming year and God Bless!

Submitted by **Carlie M. Peshek, Vice President**

BRANCH 276 - MCKEESPORT, PA

The meeting scheduled for March has been postponed. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Tillie's Restaurant at 308 36th Street, McKeesport PA. We will hear officers' reports and discuss district events. The Fall meeting is planned for November 17, 2024.

Submitted by **Margaret A. Nasta, President**

BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

All are welcome to join Branch 320, American Legion Post 949, and Sons of the American Legion Post 949 to honor our local veterans with a flag ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Please reach out to Joseph Tarquinio, Vice-President at 724-929-9788 for details.

Branch 320 members are invited to our District 12 annual picnic. Hope to see everyone on May 19 at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Twp.

Wildthings Baseball. All are welcome....

Watch for details on all these events in the next issues of the Jednota and on the FCSU website.

Submitted by **Joseph Tarquinio, Vice-President**

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PA

Saint Joseph Lodge #367 of Fairchance, PA 15436 will hold a meeting on Wednesday July 10th, 2024 at 12:30 PM. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Mountain View Café, 1618 Georges Fairchance Road, Smithfield, PA 15478. If planning on attending please call Kathryn Baranek at 724-569-1006.

Submitted by **Kathryn Baranek, Secretary**

BRANCH 372 – BEAVERDALE, PA

After the 10:00AM Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27th at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel - 100 Stone Road - Beaverdale, PA - Branch 372 will be serving traditional Slovak food.

Branch 372 will have their spring meeting after that about 12 noon. We will be discussing what to do and how to handle some historic items and records. Please plan to stay and be a part of this conversation.

If you can't attend but can participate through the phone please let me know and I will assist in setting you up. (I do pick up my voicemail but can't always answer the phone). Please phone or text me at (814) 533-1826. Thank you.

Submitted by **Ruth Ann Gerko, Secretary**

BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PA

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting and picnic lunch on Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 AM. It will be held in Pavilion #10 at Mammoth Park in Mt. Pleasant, PA.

It is necessary to RSVP to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Please call Eileen at 724-539-2764 with the number of people planning to attend by June 10, 2024. All members and their families are invited to attend.

For updates, follow the branch on Facebook or Instagram at FCSU Branch 393 (@fcsu.branch393).

Submitted by **Eileen Myers, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The SS. Peter and Paul Branch 410 of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Thursday June 13, 2024 at 1:30 at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street. Uniontown, PA

All members are encouraged to attend. Please call for reservations by June 10, 2024 at 724-425-2576.

Submitted by **Geraldine Buchheit, Financial & Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PA

St. Joseph Society Branch #484 KJ will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at Eat 'n Park Restaurant, 2301 Route 286 South, Indiana, PA. All members are welcome! The agenda will include a discussion of the District Meeting, which Branch 484 will have hosted in April; responses to the year-end financial donations made by our branch to organizations; FCSU scholarship inquiries; and any other matters concerning our branch. May we all enjoy a Healthy and Happy Spring and Summer!

Submitted by **Monica Rura, Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 581 – PORTER, IN

The FCSU Branch 581 will hold their meeting Sunday, June 9, 2024, at noon at the Paragon Restaurant, 1701 E. 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342. The agenda will include new donations and future business. Please join us for a fine dinner and a chance to meet some of the members. RSVP Ann Buczek, 219-947-2793.

Submitted by **Ann Buczek, Secretary**

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PA

Branch 587 will hold its semi-annual meeting at the home of the branch president on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served followed by a regular business meeting. Discussions to include scheduled summer fraternal activities, new activities for the remainder of the year, and any new business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Joanne, at jfibbi@gmail.com or 412-953-4721.

Meeting Address: Home of Joanne Fibbi 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Submitted by **Joanne Fibbi, President**

BRANCH 628 – W HOMESTEAD, PA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel, will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 PM at 141 Bellevue Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. The agenda will include upcoming events in the branch and district activities.

Submitted by **Sylvia Vehec, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PA

On behalf of the officers of Branch 670 – we

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

All new DISTRICT Announcements should be sent to district@fcsu.com

DISTRICT 1 - REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – CT, MA

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District will conduct its semi-annual meeting via Zoom on June 9, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

At this meeting, we will discuss plans for the coming year. Interested members are encouraged to contact me at csteacher3@gmail.com to obtain a link for the meeting. We look forward to hearing from our dedicated members.

Submitted by Deborah M. Nelson, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 4 - MSGR. JOHN E RURA DISTRICT - NJ

Districts 4 and 16 are organizing an outing to the Somerset Patriots Baseball game and BBQ on Sunday, July 28. Tickets are free for members of District 4. Non-members are welcome to join for \$36 per person/child. The price includes entrance to the ballpark, 90-minute Buffet, and designated picnic style seating. Come join us for a fun evening of fraternalism and baseball! RSVP is required. For details, contact Jo Anne Peppe at gsmgjp@aol.com by June 20th. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend!

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director

DISTRICT 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT - PA

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, 575 West Main St., in Uniontown, PA

Regional Director James Marmol will be informing the members of upcoming Jednota events.

Submitted by Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – REV JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – OH, PA

Following are the currently Scheduled District Meetings for Calendar Year 2024.

1. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.; Fireplace. (Semi-annual meeting).
 2. Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.; Fireplace.
 3. Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. (Annual Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers for 2024); Fireplace.
 4. Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. (Short Meeting and Christmas Dinner); Location TBD
- An Additional meeting might be called/scheduled if needed for fraternal activities. Meetings will be held at The Fireplace 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH 44514; unless

otherwise specified, indicated, or announced. For questions or additional information please contact John L. Leskovyansky Jr. at home (330) 549-3788 or by cell (330) 559-5981.

Submitted by John L Leskovyansky, Jr., President

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT - NY

Districts 4 and 16 are organizing an outing to the Somerset Patriots Baseball game and BBQ on Sunday, July 28. Tickets are free for members of District 16. Non-members are welcome to join for \$36 per person/child. The price includes entrance to the ballpark, 90-minute Buffet, and designated picnic-style seating. Come join us for a fun evening of fraternalism and baseball! RSVP is required. For details, contact Jo Anne Peppe at gsmgjp@aol.com by June 20th. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend!

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director

DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT – NY, PA

All members of District 17 from Branches 005P, 166K, 173K and 382K are invited to attend the FCSU National Picnic on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Knoebels Amusement Resort, 391 Knoebels Blvd, Elysburg, PA 17824. Check-in time begins at 11:00 A.M. at Pavilion R.

All Branch 005P, 166K, 173K and 382K members who register with the Home Office by June 3, 2024, and attend the picnic will receive a stipend of \$25.00 for members 18 years of age and older. Members under 18 will receive \$15.00. Stipends will be available at Pavilion R from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by Elizabeth Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director

DISTRICT 19 – MSGR MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT – CANADA

Monsignor Michael Shuba District 19/Region 8 Semi Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm. Location will be Sts Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church Hall at 5255 Thornwood Dr, Mississauga Ont. We will discuss the upcoming events to be held until the end of the year. Please RSVP your attendance to Mike Kapitan at 416-621-1534.

Submitted by Anne Mitro, Secretary

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wanted to update you on the activities for 2024 and inform you of opportunities for high school seniors.

Members are invited to participate in any and all activities of the Branch and are encouraged to bring along guests (fee for attending guests)

May 19, 2024 District 12 Picnic – 1:00p until 4:00p

Location: Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 17
453 Evergreen Drive
Belle Vernon, PA

June thru October Other extracurricular activities (i.e., Polka Party, Festivals, FCSU Pirates game, Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, etc.)

Branch 670 has a Facebook page. Please log on and follow to see activities and events for the Branch. Facebook page: FCSU Financial Br 670, Donora.

If you would like to get emails regarding the activities of the branch, or if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to: Joseph Matinko (Branch President) at 724-565-5150 or matinko305@comcast.net, Maureen Massafra (Branch Secretary) at branch670secretary@gmail.com, or Nicole Hyatt (Activities Coordinator) at branch670activities@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us.

Submitted by Maureen Massafra, Secretary

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

The next regular meeting for Branch 682 is scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 at Materials Research Laboratories, 290 N Bridge St. in Struthers, OH 44471. The meeting will address planning for the remainder of the year.

Submitted by Drew Hirt, President

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731's next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 5:00pm at Cafe 422 (8586 South Ave, Youngstown, OH 44514). All members of Branch 731 are welcomed to attend.

Submitted by Anna Schwanitz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

Branch 746 is hosting a Summer Picnic in the Park for Region 1. Join us on Saturday August 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Al Kalla Park (2801 High-

land Avenue, Linden, NJ) to gather for food and fun. Branch scholarships will also be presented this afternoon. Food will be provided by Julie Rada Catering. Members are free. Non-members are welcome to attend for a nominal fee of \$20. Please RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt @ 732-762-3148 by July 27th if you plan to attend.

Save the Date - The annual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC will be on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

Members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7:00 PM (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Masses are offered for the intention of all Branch members living and deceased as follows: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 8th, and December 6th.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA, ON

Branch 785- Semi Annual Meeting to held on Thursday June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Location will be Sts Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church Hall at 5255 Thornwood Dr, Mississauga Ontario. We will discuss the upcoming events to be held until the end of the year. Please RSVP your attendance to Milan Zoldak 647-350-0604.

Submitted by Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON DC

Plans for the 59th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on September 14, 2024 starting a 1:00 with the rosary and 1:30 with the mass. Would like to see more of our branch members come to our meetings and the mass. For more information call Katherine Nowatkoski at 919 -651-0363.

Submitted by Katherine Nowatkoski, President and Financial Secretary

Branch 716, NY, April Birthday Celebration

On Sunday, April 28th, 2024, members of Branch 716 gathered in the event hall at St. John Nepomucene church to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Andrej Sulak, as well as the birthdays of Serafina Sulak, Maria Bozekova, and Anna Billik. Members and parishioners from our community socialized and had lunch prepared by our members.

From branch 716 we would like to wish a happy 80th Birthday to Andrej Sulak, wishing you abundant blessings and joy as you celebrate this milestone. Warmest birthday wishes also to his beloved wife Serafina Sulak, Maria Bozekova, and Anna Billik, may your special days be filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Submitted by Emily Lysakova, Recording Secretary



Branch 716 members along with Father Stefan Chanas and Father Martin Kertys.

Group Photo with Andrej and Serafina Sulak along with branch members and attendees of the birthday celebration.



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001P	John P Wersinger	228K	Andrew P Dziak	419K	Stephen Carl Nalewajko	831K	Patricia A Magoc
003P	Fred Kobrick	254K	Agnes L Celedonia	429K	Stanley Paytas	844K	Ray J Plutko
004K	Ellen T Bongartz	254K	Ann V Matey	484K	William P Mehalko	855K	Geraldine Joecken
005P	G Edward Petro	259K	Rosemarie E Yuhas	543K	Lorraine Sana	855K	John Richard Daymut
005P	Michael J Hudacek Sr.	260K	Clifford Paul Chuey	670K	Mary Diane Ercegovich	855K	Joseph A Golier
007K	James Cervenak	260K	Francis George Maticcik	682K	Joseph J Sieman	856K	John A Shanoskie
023K	Anna M Seminsky	260K	Paula L Young	682K	Richard Gregg	900K	Andrew Branicky
024K	Ronald J Stefanik	266K	Anna Marie DeLeonardis	731K	Alex Sepesy	900K	Renee E Friedman
038K	Andrew C Billy	276K	Paul R Toth	731K	William G Ferenchak	904K	Delmar R Meyer
038K	Joyce Donovan	290K	Jeffrey Krachun	743K	Doris Jean Sadowski	907K	Althadene A Placek
040K	David Alan Frickey	293K	Rose Wernett	743K	Eleanore Hausner	916K	Christopher Cavan
060K	Robert Stephen Ondechek	313K	William M Siska	746K	Gregory Klimek	924K	Robert F Burns
075K	Veronica Palkovic	321P	Robert Francis Mihalik	764K	Frank Pavlik	926K	Paul H Fehlo
157K	Gregory Soltis	367K	Anthony Morgovich	764K	John Patrick		
162K	Kathryn Rishel	367K	Rose Marie Kvartek	796K	Bernard Busovne		
173K	Vera McAdam	382K	William A Spegar	796K	Joseph Tanzosh		
199K	Matthew Arandas	403K	Joseph Andalikiewicz	796K	Michael J Regeg		

* Processed in the month of April 2024

Nekrológy – Obituaries

VERA BRAZINA, BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

Vera Brazina, a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and sister, passed away peacefully in Saint Petersburg, Florida on 18 June 2022 at the age of 101 while being cared for by her eldest daughter. She was the only daughter of Matthew and Mary Urban, although she did have 3 half-sisters, and 2 half-brothers from her parent's previous spouses. Both of her parents lost their prior spouses due to illness. Her parents immigrated to the USA from Slovakia in the early 1900's. Her mother came from the village of Dubovica located in the eastern part of Slovakia, and her father came from the village of Lubela in the central part of Slovakia.

Vera Brazina was born on 28 February, 1921, in Lorain Ohio where she lived until 2004 before moving to Saint Petersburg, Florida. The great depression started when she was only 8 years old, and shaped her life. She was only able to attend school until the age of 14 when her father passed away leaving her mother alone. Vera had to go to work in order to support herself and her mother. She started off doing housework for the upper-class families of Lorain. Vera told many stories about growing up during the great depression. She spoke of walking the railroad tracks close to her house with her mother, gathering up bits of coal, so they could have heat in the winter. Raising chickens and keeping a garden were necessities during the great depression to ensure the family would have enough to eat. Life was very hard during those times, and you definitely learned to live within your means.

She was married to Joseph Brazina on 31 October 1942 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lorain Ohio. She was a devoted wife and mother to 4 children. Vera was dedicated to her family, and an active member of Holy Trinity church. She ensured all her children attended the church school through 8th grade, immersing them in their Slovak Catholic faith. All of her children were taught



to speak Slovak by both herself and her husband.

Vera worked as a nurse's aide at Autumn Ages nursing home in Lorain for many years, and at the Lorain steel stamping plant during WW2 in support of the war effort. But her best job was being a homemaker. As a homemaker, she could do the thing she loved to do the most, which was to cook. She was an expert at making traditional Slovak dishes especially for Christmas Eve (Stedry Vecer). First, she would make a delicious sauerkraut mushroom soup, followed by poppyseed bobalky, pirohi, smoked fish, oplatky, and finally her poppyseed and nut rolls. Anyone who was lucky enough to eat dinner at Vera's house knew how wonderful of a cook she was.

She took great pride in her Slovak heritage, and visited Slovakia on many occasions, ensuring she went with each of her children at least once. Her last visit was in 2015 when she was 94 years old!

Vera was laid to rest at Cavalry cemetery in Lorain on 24 June 2022 next to her loving husband who preceded her in death by 44 years. She is survived by her 4 children, Susan Banasik, Annette Houriet, Dr. Ernest Brazina, Gregory Brazina, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Scott Rush

JOE T. TANZOSH, BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PA

Joe was born in Allentown, PA on November 5, 1952, the 3rd child of Joseph and Elizabeth Tanzosh. He would later move to Ohio growing up in Garfield Heights where he attended St. Monica Grammar School and St. Peter Chanel High School. This was also the beginning of two very important things in his life, his love of his religion and his love/hate relationship with the Cleveland Indians and the Cleveland Browns.

He attended Notre Dame University and loved every moment. He was incredibly smart, graduating with high honors and a Domer devotion, only those who experienced it will understand. In his junior year of college, he became very ill and was later diagnosed with Crohn's disease. He faced a life-long health battle which he fought

bravely but eventually lost.

After graduation he moved to New Jersey to be near his parents and met Joann Oddo whom he would later marry. He became the proud father of three girls, Jo-Rene, Lucy and Eden and one boy, Rob. The family moved to Arizona, and it was there that he found his true calling as a teacher. He completed his teaching certification and started teaching mathematics at the high school level. Although Joe and Joann parted ways, they remained friends.

He loved the beauty of algebra, calculus and statistics as many would agree only he could. His students learned valuable lessons, especially that you never plug in numbers, you insert them. He opened many eyes to a subject most students feared but some of the lucky ones learned to love. He was voted Teacher of the Year at Desert Mountain High School, an honor that humbled him.

Ultimately, he met Robin Good and when the opportunity arose to return to South Bend and the Notre Dame promised land, they relocated. Joe got a teaching job at Marian High School from which he retired in May 2023. He loved the combination of teaching along with daily participation in his faith. His last year at Marian was filled with many health issues but he persevered. His health took a turn for the worse in August 2023, but he continued to fight the good fight until the end.

He never met a cloudy day that wasn't beautiful, always answered great when asked how he felt and looked forward to each minute of every single day. He was smart, kind, funny and quirky with a dry sense of humor and a devotion to life, his religion and prime numbers. Joe leaves his wife, Robin, with a broken heart but a far better person for having known him.

Joe is survived by his wife Robin Good, three daughters, Lucy Tanzosh of Phoenix, Arizona, Eden (AJ) Auriemma of Phoenix, Arizona, Jo-Rene (Andrew) Jones of Phoenix, Arizona, one son, Robert (Natalie) Slack of Breinigsville, Pennsylvania, six grandchildren, two sisters, Beth (Bill Santoro) Tanzosh of Clinton, New Jersey, Jane (Lou) DeNardo of Middlesex, New Jersey, one brother, James (Marlette) Tanzosh of

Silver Lake, Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his parents Joe was also preceded in death by one brother Mark Tanzosh.

Submitted by Robin Good and Beth Tanzosh

ANNA (VRABEL) SEMINSKY, BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

Seminsky - Anna, 95, of Johnstown, PA passed away on February 12, 2024. Born on September 12, 1928, in Czechoslovakia, she is the daughter of the late John and Mary (Handlovic) Vrabel-Seminsky. Preceded in death by parents; husband Frank; sister, Mary Fatula; great-grandsons, Logan, and Franklin Teplitza; and son-in-law, Benjamin Gribble. Survived by children, Carol Gribble, Marion (Timothy) Michaels, Daniel (Dianne), Thomas (Regina), and Kenneth; grandchildren, Bonnie (Joseph), Melissa (Chad), Michael (December), Brian (Jennifer), Joshua (Amber), Leanna (Andy), Justin (Cara), Danielle (Jeremy), Baylee, Melanie, and Justin; great-grandchildren, Mark, Alexander, Matthew, Eric, Christopher, Shawn, Jade, Sydnee, Nathan, Cash, Jacob, Presley, Blaise, Casey, Cody, and Celeste (Jake); brother, George (Eileen) Seminsky of California; sister-in-law, Jeannie Seminsky; and numerous nieces and nephews. Over the years Anna worked at Consolidated Vending Company, The Pyramids Lounge who she considered her second family, and was a Judge of Elections for Cambria County for over 30 years. Anna was a member of the Ladies Guild at the former St. Stephen's Church and was a lifelong member of Resurrection Parish. She was a faithful Steelers fan and enjoyed cooking for family gatherings, going to the casino, and playing bingo. Annas dedication in life was faith, family, and food. Anna will be sadly missed and will forever remain in our hearts and memories.



Submitted by Daniel Seminsky

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District 4 Semi-annual meeting: Food, Friendship and Fun

On Sunday, March 3, 2024, the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey, District 4 convened for its bi-annual meeting at Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey. Hosted by Branch 746, the gathering was a lively affair, marked by the delightful presence of delicious homemade Slovak cuisine catered by Julie Rada and Steve Rada, complemented by a fantastic cake with strawberry filling. Amidst this culinary indulgence, members enthusiastically discussed and agreed upon plans for an exciting summer event scheduled for July 28th, featuring a trip to the Somerset Patriots, a New York Yankees Double-A affiliate, baseball game. Invitations are extended to all District 4 members, with further details available in the District 4 announcements.

The meeting also served as an occasion for the District to celebrate two remarkable birthdays of Mrs. Mary Tkach



(Branch 746) and Mrs. Lilian Minarovich (Branch 290), who turned 97 and 86 respectively. Wishing them much health and God's blessings! Additionally, the District joyously welcomed its newest member, Caden James, born to proud parents Stephanie and Michael Daley (Branch 290). Heartfelt congratulations were extended to District Fraternal Activities Director Jo Anne Peppe, who celebrated her first-time Grandma status amidst the warmth and camaraderie of the District gathering.

Mr. Milan Kohani was the "big winner" of the 50/50!

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



District Officers: Steve Minarovich, Sabina Sabados, Jo Anne Peppe, Emilia Filak, and Mary Kapitan (via Zoom)



"Happy birthday" was sung in 4 different languages for our celebrants Mrs. Mary Tkach (Branch 746) and Mrs. Lilian Minarovich (Branch 290). May the Lord bless them with good health for many more years.



Milan Olexa, Mary Olexa, Emil Filak, Julie Rada, and Steve Rada pose for a quick snap!



George Kapogiannopoulos, Lucia Kollarova Kapogiannopoulos, Sabina Sabados, Marianna Fecova, and Oliver Feco.

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JAMES CERVENAK, BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PA

James Andrew Cervenak, 81, of Morann, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at UPMC Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Jim was born on Nov. 19, 1942 in Morann at the same residence he resided. He was the son of the late Valentine and Anna (Gulash) Cervenak.

On Oct. 8, 1966 he married Rosemary Diane Rakar in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Houtzdale.

As a member of the IBEW Local 126 since 1966, he worked as a union lineman and foreman for many years as he traveled throughout Pennsylvania. He would reminisce on his travels of all the substations, towers and traffic lights he installed throughout the state.

A parishioner of Christ the King Catholic Church in Houtzdale, he served as a lector and dedicated volunteer for the Labor Day Parish festivals, and third-degree knight in



the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley Council 10376. Jim's passion for gardening, evident in the annual harvest of bountiful vegetables he proudly shared with family, friends, and neighbors. Jim loved local sports, including Moshannon Valley, Penn State, and Pittsburgh teams. His appreciation for the outdoors, coupled with moments spent admiring nature and wildlife while listening to Polka music, reflects a deep sense of joy in simple yet meaningful pleasures.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Cervenak, Magdelene Vild, and Marvine Zazworsky.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, he will be dearly missed by his children, Lori (Scott) Coleman of Carlisle, James A. Cervenak, Jr. of Morann, Katherine (Ty) Gingrich of Dillsburg, and Cheryl (Bryan) Chadderton of Aldie, Va.; three sisters, Helen Kost of Michigan, Irene Bailey of Florida, and Frances Clancy of New York; one brother, Joseph Cervenak of Morann; two grandchildren, Vanessa (Fred) Caruso of Sinking Springs and Derrick Coleman of Philadelphia; and one great-granddaughter, Kora Caruso.

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephew, and great nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Rosemary Cervenak

Branch 45, NYC, Palm Sunday and Easter Basket Blessing

Members of St. Matthew's Society Branch # 45 celebrated Holy Palm Sunday at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton, NJ, on Sunday, March 24, 2024. During the mass, Father Frantisek Conka also celebrated his 50th birthday. We wished him all the best, happiness and a lot of strength in services for our Slovak community.

Members also blessed traditional Easter baskets at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton, NJ, and St. John Nepomucene Church in NYC, on Saturday, March 30, 2024. A lot of joy was brought to children and families of; Korcak family, Vasil family, and Gurega-Koval family.

Submitted by Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary



News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

P. Pellegrini by sa mal ujať prezidentského úradu 15. júna

Bratislava 7. apríla (TASR) - Novozvolený prezident SR Peter Pellegrini by sa mal ujať prezidentského úradu 15. júna, keď je naplánovaná jeho inaugurácia. V tento deň uplynie funkčné obdobie prezidentky SR Zuzany Čaputovej.

Ústava SR hovorí, že zvolený kandidát sa ujíma funkcie prezidenta zložením sľubu. Sľub skladá pred Národnou radou SR do rúk predsedu Ústavného súdu SR napoludnie v deň, v ktorom sa má skončiť volebné obdobie predchádzajúceho prezidenta.

Sľub znie: "Sľubujem na svoju česť a svedomie vernosť Slovenskej republike. Budem dbať o blaho slovenského národa, národnostných menšín a etnických skupín žijúcich v Slovenskej republike. Svoje povinnosti budem vykonávať v záujme občanov a zachovávať i obhajovať ústavu a ostatné zákony". Odmietnutie sľubu alebo sľub s výhradou má za následok neplatnosť voľby prezidenta.

Oficiálnym víťazom druhého kola prezidentských volieb je Peter Pellegrini s celkovým ziskom 53,12 percenta hlasov. Pellegriniho volilo 1.409.255 voličov. Ivan Korčok získal 46,87 percenta hlasov, dôveru mu dalo 1.243.709 voličov. Volebná účasť v druhom kole dosiahla 61,14 percenta.

Slováci si šiestykrát v histórii Slovenskej republiky volili prezidenta v priamych voľbách. Slovensko malo dosiaľ piatich prezidentov. Prvým bol Michal Kováč, ktorého však volil parlament. Priamo si občania volili hlavu štátu prvýkrát v roku 1999, vybrali si Rudolfa Schustera. Po ňom bol dvakrát na čele štátu Ivan Gašparovič. Nasledoval Andrej Kiska a dosiaľ poslednou prezidentkou je Zuzana Čaputová.



In the picture, Peter Pellegrini reacts to the preliminary unofficial results at the election headquarters on Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Bratislava. Photo: TASR - Martin Baumann

Pellegrini is expected to take office on June 15

Bratislava, April 7 (TASR) - Newly elected Slovak President Peter Pellegrini is expected to take office on June 15, when his inauguration is scheduled. On this day, the term of office of the President of the Slovak Republic Zuzana Čaputová expires.

The Slovak Constitution states that an elected candidate assumes the office of president by taking the oath. He takes the oath before the National Council of the Slovak Republic in the hands of the President of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic at noon on the day on which the term of office of the previous President is to end.

The promise reads: "I pledge allegiance to the Slovak Republic on my honor and conscience. I will take care of the welfare of the Slovak nation, national minorities and ethnic groups living in the Slovak Republic. I will perform my duties in the interests of the citizens and preserve and defend the Constitution and other laws." Rejection of the oath or taking the oath with reservation shall result in the nullity of the election of the President.

The official winner of the second round of the presidential election is Peter Pellegrini with a total of 53.12 percent of the votes. Pellegrini was elected by 1,409,255 voters. Ivan Korčok won 46.87 percent of the votes, 1,243,709 voters gave him confidence. Voter turnout in the second round reached 61.14 percent.

For the sixth time in the history of the Slovak Republic, Slovaks elected a president in direct elections. Slovakia has had five presidents so far. The first was Michal Kováč, who was elected by parliament. Directly citizens elected the head of state for the first time in 1999, they chose Rudolf Schuster. After him, Ivan Gašparovič was twice at the head of the state. He was followed by Andrej Kiska and so far the last president is Zuzana Čaputová.

Slovensko a Česko by mali uzavrieť novú zmluvu o štátnej hranici

Bratislava 17. apríla (TASR) - Slovensko a Česko by mali uzavrieť novú zmluvu o štátnej hranici. Nové znenie má priniesť zjednodušenie schvaľovacieho procesu a sprístupnenie aktualizovaných údajov o štátnej hranici v hraničnom dokumentárnom diele, ktoré je verejne prístupné. Uzavretie zmluvy v stredu odsúhlasili poslanci Národnej rady (NR) SR.

Hraničné dokumentárne dielo, ktoré je v súčasnosti možné aktualizovať až po ukončení komplexného preskúšania celej štátnej hranice, viac nebude súčasťou medzinárodnej zmluvy. Vyhotovené bude aj naďalej, ale ako technický dokument hraničnej komisie. "Tým sa zjednoduší a výrazne urýchli zverejňovanie aktualizovaných údajov o štátnej hranici," vysvetlilo ministerstvo vnútra, ktoré návrh predložilo.

Prílohou novej zmluvy má byť prehľadná mapa a zoznam súradníc



Pictured plenary during the meeting of the National Council of the Slovak Republic in Bratislava. Photo: TASR

hraničných bodov. Uvedené prílohy považujú podľa materiálu obe zmluvné strany za dostatočné, pretože charakter hraničnej čiary je od roku 2011 nepohyblivý.

Zmluva si po súhlase parlamentu vyžaduje ratifikáciu prezidentom SR.

Slovakia and Czechia should conclude a new state border treaty

Bratislava, April 17 (TASR) - Slovakia and the Czech Republic should conclude a new state border treaty. The new text is intended to simplify the approval process and make available updated data on the state border in a border documentary that is publicly available. The conclusion of the contract was approved on Wednesday by members of the National Council (NR) of the Slovak Republic.

A borderline documentary work, which can currently only be updated after a comprehensive examination of the entire national border has been completed, will no longer be part of an international treaty. It will continue to be produced, but as a technical document of the Border Commission. "This will simplify and significantly speed up the publication of updated data on the state border," explained the Interior Ministry, which submitted the proposal.

The new treaty is to be annexed to a clear map and a list of coordinates of border points. According to the material, the annexes are considered sufficient by both Contracting Parties since the nature of the boundary line has been stationary since 2011.

The treaty requires ratification by the President of the Slovak Republic after the consent of Parliament.

Vláda: Pre výskyt medveďa by sa mohla vyhlásovať mimoriadna situácia

Bratislava 17. apríla (TASR) - Pre výskyt medveďa hnedého by sa mohla vyhlásovať mimoriadna situácia ako pri zemetrasení či teroristickom útoku. Po jej vyhlásení by malo byť zakázané vytvárať vlniská, ktoré by mohli prilákať veľké šelmy. Zároveň by samospráva mala byť povinná odstrániť už existujúce vlniská na území s vyhlásenou mimoriadnou situáciou. Vyplýva to z návrhov noviel zákona o ochrane prírody a zákona o civilnej ochrane, ktoré v stredu schválila vláda. Zároveň odporučila parlamentu, aby návrh schválil v skrátenom legislatívnom konaní.

"Cieľom tejto povinnosti je, aby v prípade, ak sú v príčinnej súvislosti výskyt veľkej šelmy a vlniská, likvidácia týchto vlnísk prispela k návratu veľkej šelmy do jej prirodzeného miesta výskytu," vysvetlil envirorezort v materiáli.

Ak vlniská nebudú príčinou výskytu medveďa, návrh umožňuje povoliť výnimky na elimináciu problémových jedincov, ktoré svojím výskytom a správaním predstavujú potencionálne ohrozenie života, zdravia a škody na majetku.

"Vzhľadom na to, že pri výskyte a riešení situácie veľkých šeliem je potrebné postupovať aj v súčinnosti s inými subjektmi, navrhuje sa právna úprava, na základe ktorej bude Ministerstvo životného prostredia SR oprávnené povoliť výnimku pre tieto subjekty, a to v prípade, ak je vyhlásená mimoriadna situácia," poznamenal.

Rezort doplnil, že na odstrel medveďa by sa správny poriadok nemal uplatňovať na proces povolenia výnimiek. Cieľom je, aby sa v čo najkratšom čase vydali výnimky na odstrel problémového jedinca.

Minister životného prostredia Tomáš Taraba (nominant SNS) priblížil, že vyhlásenie mimoriadnej situácie sa bude týkať všetkých veľkých šeliem. Mimoriadnu situáciu bude môcť vyhlásiť len okresný úrad na základe presne určených dôvodov. Zmena zákona je podľa Tarabu v súlade s Európskou úniou. Tvrdí, že je s Úniou všetko odkomunikované a žiadny problém tam nie je. "Verím, že to bude schválené veľmi hladko," podoťkol s tým, že "každý príčetný opozičník toto podporí".

Ústavný zákon o odstrel medveďov budú podľa Tarabu riešiť potom, čo by tento normálny zákon pripravený s KDH bol zablokovaný napríklad na ústavnom súde.

Government: Bear emergency could be declared

Bratislava, April 17 (TASR) - An emergency situation such as an earthquake or terrorist attack could be declared due to the presence of brown bears. After its proclamation, it should be forbidden to create baits that could attract large carnivores. At the same time, the municipality should be obliged to remove already existing nesting grounds in the territory with a declared emergency situation. This follows draft amendments to the Nature Protection Act and the Civil Protection Act approved by the government on Wednesday. It also recommended that Parliament approve the proposal under an expedited legislative procedure.

"The aim of this obligation is that if the presence of a large carnivore and baits are causally related, the destruction of these baits will contribute to the return of the large carnivore to its natural habitat," the environment ministry explained in the document.

If the nesting grounds are not the cause of the bear's appearance, the proposal allows exceptions to be allowed to eliminate problem individuals that pose a potential threat to life, health and property damage due to their occurrence and behavior.

"Given that it is necessary to proceed in cooperation with other entities in the occurrence and resolution of the situation of large carnivores, legislation is proposed, on the basis of which the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic will be entitled to allow an exemption for these entities in the event that an emergency situation is declared," he noted.

The ministry added that for shooting bears, the administrative code should not apply to the process of allowing exemptions. The aim is to issue exemptions for shooting a problem individual as soon as possible.

Environment Minister Tomáš Taraba (SNS nominee) explained that the declaration of an emergency situation will apply to all large carnivores. Only the district office will be able to declare an emergency on well-defined grounds. According to Taraba, the change in the law is in line with the European Union. He claims that everything has been communicated with the Union and there is no problem. "I believe it will be approved very smoothly," he said, adding that "every sane opposition will support this."

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OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth Arendt called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present:

Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain – present;
Kenneth A. Arendt, National President – present;
Damian Nasta, National Vice President – present;
Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary – present;
John Tokarsky, National Treasurer – present;
Gregory Maurer, Chairman of Auditors – present;
Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director – present;
Sabina Sabados, Regional Director, Region 1 – present;
Nicole Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2 – present;
Martha Zavada, Regional Director, Region 3 – present;
James Marmol, Regional Director, Region 4 – present;
Bradley Matta, Regional Director, Region 5 – present;
Thomas Ivanec, Regional Director, Region 6 – present;
Timothy Graves, Regional Director, Region 7 – present;
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Region 8 – present;
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel – present.

READING OF THE CALL:

The Call to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union was posted on our website and published in the Jednota newspaper.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA:

President Arendt presented the agenda for the Annual Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by James Marmol and seconded by Bradley Matta to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary, as he presents each item on the agenda with appropriate comments or recommendations. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2023:

A motion was made by Timothy Graves and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held December 16, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES:

The President appointed the following committees:

DONATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Ivanec
Rev. Thomas Nasta

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Timothy Graves
Rev. Thomas Nasta
Martha Zavada

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:

The President welcomed the Board of Directors to the 2024 Annual Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:

President Arendt presented his Annual Report for review and answered the Board's questions. The President's report will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

AQS REPORT:

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, presented an extensive PowerPoint presentation detailing our Investment Portfolio Transaction Report to the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his or her review. During and after the presentation, Larry White answered questions from the Board.

Mr. White reviewed our investment policy and suggested that the allocation to section 144 investments should be raised to 50% based on current economic conditions. A motion was made by Bradley Matta and seconded by Damian Nasta to raise the allocation percentage. Motion carried.

OUTSIDE AUDITORS REPORT:

Stephen Niedenberger, CPA, of the accounting firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, joined the meeting. Mr. Niedenberger presented his annual report to the Board. He indicated the scope of his work and found all FCSU financial reports in excellent order. Mr. Niedenberger answered all the Board's questions to its satisfaction.

ACTUARIAL REPORT:

Nick DePersis of ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, Inc., presented his Management's Discussion and Analysis Report and the actuarial report for 2023 from Edward Cowman of Miller & Newburg. Mr. Cowman was available to join the meeting and answer questions,

if necessary. Mr. DePersis stated that since each Board member received a copy of both reports, he will not read the entire report, but will just give the highlights. He gave a very extensive positive report for 2023. The FCSU continues to be a well-run profitable fraternal with outstanding financials as noted in our excellent RBC (Risk Based Capital) rating. A motion was made by Gregory Maurer and seconded by Bradley Matta to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

A report prepared by Mr. DePersis regarding the FCSU pension plan was distributed to the Board for any questions. The report indicated the plan is in compliance with federal regulations.

Our Actuary, Edward Cowman, recommended that a dividend be paid in 2024 using the same format as used in 2023. A motion was made by Bradley Matta and seconded by Martha Zavada to pay the dividend. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2023:

Executive Secretary's Report

President Arendt presented the financial summary report for the year ending 2023 and answered the Board's questions.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati

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

Portfolio Custodian

The Executive Secretary updated the Board of Directors on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank. Everything was found in order, and he answered the Board's questions.

Investment Updates

The President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer led a review on the investments and transactions with the UBS Fund, MAI Fund, and the Clutterbuck Fund.

Following the reports, the President and the Executive Secretary answered the Board's questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented a detailed Treasurer's Report for 2023 summarizing all the financial reports. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITORS REPORT:

Chairman of Auditors Gregory Maurer presented the 2023 Auditors' Annual Report and found everything in excellent order. Following the report he answered the Board's questions.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The President recognized the Executive Secretary Kevin Collins, who presented his annual report to the Board of Directors.

The Executive Secretary stated that our trademark of the new FCSU logo has been approved for use on new business cards and letterhead. He presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on rebranding our new website, a new seminar presentation for the Branches/Districts to use at their meetings and changes in our newspaper.

The Executive Secretary stated that we are on Facebook.

The Executive Secretary stated that we are launching a television commercial to test run on the local Fox 8 TV station in Cleveland.

The Executive Secretary stated that we are advertising on the Slovak radio station and during the Cleveland Guardian baseball games.

The Executive Secretary presented an update to the Matching Funds Program. Once all the details are finalized, the program will be printed in our Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

The Executive Secretary presented a new Fraternalism in Action program to help Branches get more involved in fraternalism. Once all the details are finalized it will be printed in our Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

The Executive Secretary stated that we are working on getting licensed in 11 additional states to expand our marketing base.

The Executive Secretary stated that we are looking for better ways to recruit independent

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agents to sell our products.

The Executive Secretary's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The President recognized Director of Fraternal Activities Joanne Fibbi, who presented a detailed report of all the 2023 activities to the Board of Directors.

The following activities are upcoming in 2024: the FCSU Bowling Tournament on April 26-27, 2024, the FCSU Golf Tournament July 12-14, 2024, and two National Picnics: one at Knoebels Amusement Resort and Golf Tournament in Elysburg, Pennsylvania on June 22, 2024 and the other at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio on August 10, 2024. She is also working on a fall festival to be held in early October.

Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi stated that the FCSU bowling and golf tournaments will not be a joint venture with other fraternal societies.

Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi stated that she is working on an activity calendar listing all of our fraternal activities to be published in our Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

She also thanked Rev. Thomas Nasta for holding the online Easter basket blessing.

The Director of Fraternal Activities Report will be posted on the FCSU website at <https://www.fcsu.com/>.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:

The Regional Directors and the National Chaplain presented their annual reports and answered the Board's questions.

All reports will be posted on the FCSU website at <https://www.fcsu.com/>.

ACTUARIAL FIRM:

The President requested a motion to re-appoint Edward Cowman of Miller & Newberg as our Actuary. A motion was made by Thomas Ivanec and seconded by Bradley Matta. Motion carried.

JEDNOTA INC.:

The President requested a motion to re-appoint himself, Kevin Collins, James Marmol, Gary Matta and Damian Nasta to the Jednota, Inc. Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Rev. Thomas Nasta and seconded by Bradley Matta. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Executive Committee Meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Executive Committee meets monthly and whenever else it is necessary to take care of the business of the Society.

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members work very closely with the Society's Investment Advisor, AQS Asset Management.

Pension Committee

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the current FCSU Pension Plan which was passed out to the Board of Directors for review. He stated that we are in full compliance with all federal regulations and answered the Board's questions.

Scholarship Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of three independent professionals led by Father Gerard Gonda, OSB. Applications for the current FCSU scholarship program are being received and they will be sent to the Scholarship Committee. The Executive Secretary also gave a report on the Jednota Benevolent Foundation and answered the Board's questions.

MIDDLETOWN MEMORIAL:

The President stated that he has been in contact with the landscapers for the Memorial in Middletown, Pennsylvania. They will work on planting new flowers, trim overgrown shrubs, and power wash the Memorial.

BUDGET COMPARISON:

The President led a review of actual expenditures vs. what was budgeted for 2023. Everything was all inline as budgeted. He answered the Board's questions.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

General Counsel Gary Matta gave his 2023 report and answered the Board's questions.

OFFICE RENOVATIONS:

The President stated that the office renovations have been completed and gave a tour of the office to the Board of Directors. The Board was very pleased with the results.

The President stated that he will publish an article with pictures in the Jednota newspaper on the office remodel.

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM FOR 2024

The President stated that we are receiving applications for the 2024 FCSU Scholarships. The applications will be sent to the scholarship committee for review. The winners will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

DONATION COMMITTEE:

All donation requests were reviewed. A motion was made by Thomas Ivanec and seconded by Sabina Sabados to accept the recommendations of the committee. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

A motion was made by Nicole Nasta and seconded by Gregory Maurer to pay all the bills associated with the meeting. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:

A motion was made by James Marmol and seconded by Milos Mitro to accept all the reports as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Milos Mitro and seconded by Martha Zavada to adjourn. Motion carried.

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with a Mass and memorial service for our deceased members and officers.

Kenneth A. Arendt
President

Kevin J. Collins
Executive Secretary

2024 FCSU International Bowling Tournament

Our recent bowling tournament was a great example of fraternalism at its best.

Thanks to all for a successful two-day event in Pittsburgh, PA.



It was wonderful to see many familiar faces on the lanes. We appreciate your continued support.

A special thanks to our first time participants, we hope to welcome you back next year.

Watch for a complete recap of the tournament in the June issue of the *Jednota*.

Save the Date

2025 FCSU International Bowling Tournament

April 26-27, 2025



Minutes Of The Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Home Office

OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 4:30 PM and asked Rev. Thomas Nasta to lead the prayer. The meeting is being held following the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Kenneth A. Arendt, National President
 Damian Nasta, National Vice President
 Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary
 John Tokarsky, Treasurer
 Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain
 (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the February 16, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by John Tokarsky and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Investment Updates

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

Financial Report

The President and the Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the fourth quarter of 2023 and answered the Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

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

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The President and the Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of February 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 February:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 210,821.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 49,566.00
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report.

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

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented his monthly written Treasurer's report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

The President presented a summary of the year-end financial statement.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Executive Secretary presented an extensive sales and marketing report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors

OFFICE REMODEL:

The President presented a report on the office renovations to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. A tour was given of the office.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi gave an update of all the activities to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. All activities will be published in the Jednota and posted on our website.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

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

Rev. Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 President

 Kevin J. Collins
 Executive Secretary

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

**FCSU HOME OFFICE
 6611 ROCKSIDE RD
 INDEPENDENCE, OHIO, 44131
 MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024**

The *QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING* of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on:

**Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00pm
 Virtual Meeting**

All Officers are requested to consult Section 6.03(b) and Section 6.03(c) of our Bylaws for further information concerning officer participation and the conduct of this meeting.

Officers who are required to give reports at the Quarterly Meeting should send them to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office on or before Friday, June 7, 2024.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to June 7, 2024.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held following the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024.

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

Kenneth A. Arendt
 National President

Kevin J. Collins
 Executive Secretary

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 15

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Stephen C. Matula **SCHOLARSHIP**



FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION announces
STEPHEN C. MATULA SCHOLARSHIP
for **10 college students** of Slovak heritage

Who can apply?

Applicants of Slovak heritage are eligible to apply as high school seniors, or during any year of **full-time enrollment** in an accredited College/University. Applicants can apply each year in college (up to 4 years).

Applicants must complete and sign an official Scholarship application obtained from a branch officer, the Home Office or www.fcsu.com and mail it to: Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131. Applicants must provide a high-resolution headshot photo and also email it to scholarship@fcsu.com.

Winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee and checks will be payable to the winner's educational institution after submitting proof of college enrollment.

Winners must provide a report on their progress in college, including transcript and a summary of use of the funds by the end of the school year.

What to provide?

- Completed application
- Photo
- Official transcript
- Essay
- 3 Letters of recommendation (obtained in the last 12 months)

10 scholarships
\$4,000 each

Deadline to apply June 1, 2024

Find Scholarship Applications at WWW.FCSU.COM (www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships).

For more info call us at 800-533-6682 ext. 114 or email scholarship@fcsu.com.