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October, Month of the Most Holy Rosary



Pope Leo XIII (1878–1903), also known as “the Rosary Pope,” first instituted daily rosary prayer during the month of October. As a young man, he walked past the Church of the Gesu in Rome on his way to school every day. He would spend hours there in the small chapel of the Madonna Della Strada that housed this famous painting, sometimes missing lunch. His mother asked: “what are you doing in the chapel all the time?” He responded: “I pray and tell Mary everything.” Later, as Pope, Leo XIII would explain the importance of the rosary as the one road to God – from the Father to the Son, to his mother, and from her to the human race. He emphasized the rosary as a vital means to participate in the life of Mary and to find the way to Christ.

Year of Faith: Sacred Liturgy, Part II

Dear Friends,

We continue with a summary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum concilium), the first document of the Second Vatican Council promulgated by Pope Paul VI .

The document calls a bishop the high priest of his diocese. Since it is impossible for a bishop to be everywhere in his diocese to attend to the pastoral and spiritual needs of his people, a diocese is divided into parishes which are locally cared for by pastors who are named by the bishop and act on his behalf in ministering to the people of God.

The importance of the participation of the laity at Mass is mentioned. People are not to be passive or silent spectators, but rather an active assembly who, with full mind, heart, voice, and devotion, actively participate as a prayerful community before almighty God. Also, in order for one to obtain the spiritual benefits associated with attending and participating at Mass, one needs to be present for the entire Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, for both are so closely interconnected that they form one act of worship.

The homily at Mass is to contain the mysteries of faith and provide guiding principles of Christian life from the Scriptures. The homily is to be preached by an ordained minister of the church (bishop, priest, or deacon) and is not to be omitted on Sunday or a holy day except for a serious reason.

The Council asked for the liturgical books to be revised as soon as possible. The revision was to also include the translation of the sacred texts from Latin into the vernacular. The translations are to be approved by competent church authority before they can be used. Because the Sacred Liturgy is a public act of worship of the universal Church, by the Church and for the Church, no one has the authority to add, remove, or change anything in the liturgical texts.

Some believe that the Second Vatican Council, and in particular Sacrosanctum concilium, eliminated its use of the Latin language at Mass and de-emphasized devotional prayer. A careful reading of this document reveals that this is not true. The Council Fathers advocate the use of Latin at Mass, mainly because Latin is the official language of the Church. Underscoring this is the encouragement the Council Fathers give for the faithful to sing or say in Latin parts of the Ordinary of the Mass, such as the Sanctus (Holy) and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

In regards to devotional prayer, the Council Fathers highly recommend popular devotions for the prayer life of the faithful. Devotions are to harmonize with the Liturgical season and to

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What's Chewy Doing Now?



Chewy gives some background on the čuvač breed of dog ... and how many more pages inside this issue can you spot Chewy?

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From the Office of the Executive Secretary Sabina Sabados Appointed Secretary of the Supreme Court



On behalf of the First Catholic Slovak Union, I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Sabina Sabados to Secretary of the Supreme Court. The position of Secretary of the Supreme Court of the First Catholic Slovak Union had become vacant due to the death of Stephen J. Whisdosh.

Sabina holds a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations and works for the United Nations in the Office of Internal Oversight Services, specializing in Internal Audits. Extremely active in the Slovak community, she is the President of Branch 746 and President of the Msgr. John E. Rura District. She also has served on the Slovak Heritage Festival Committee and as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Slovak-American Cultural Center, among her many volunteer activities.

The Officers and Executives of the FCSU are grateful to the applicants, all of whom were eminently qualified. Our sincerest congratulations go out to Sabina.

Insights and Viewpoints



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

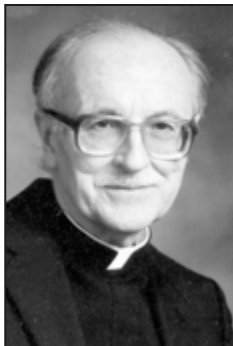
October 21, 2012

Mark 10:35-45

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

James and John ask that when Jesus enters his glory he would grant them positions of honor and power. Jesus responds that they do not understand the cost of what they are asking. When the ten hear about the ambitious request, they become



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

indignant. Jesus then summons the twelve and reveals the meaning of the divine mission for the kingdom that he has come to fulfill. Those who are rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them and make their authority felt. Among his disciples, however, whoever wishes to be great will become a servant, and whoever wishes to be first will be the slave of all. Then follows perhaps the most radical and most revealing saying of Jesus about himself and about discipleship in the entire gospel: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Life Implications

Peter, James and John are especially close to Jesus. They are with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane. In these turning points of his life, Jesus sees clearly that his commitment to do his Father's will would entail suffering and death. Peter, James and John (representing all of us) do not see how the failure of suffering and death could have anything to do with God's plan. In this gospel James and John are more concerned with the success of having highest positions of honor and power in the kingdom. Shortly before, Jesus had called Peter a Satan because Peter rebuked him when he began to talk about the suffering and death he would soon undergo.

It is obvious why Mark immediately after the episode of this gospel tells us about the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. We are all blind when it comes to seeing what Jesus is talking about because his teaching is so contrary to our instinctively self-centered way of understanding the meaning of being the greatest and being first. When we hear the words of Jesus, we may even feel the instinct to ignore them as foolish and impractical in our world. We can only ask for the grace to recognize our blindness and to pray with the blind beggar: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me...I want to see." Only when we see with the seeing of faith can we follow Jesus on the way to the glory God has prepared for him and for us.

When we pray for the miracle of understanding the meaning of our lives in the way that Jesus understood the meaning of his life, we are seeking to know what it means to be "servant" in the unique, particularity of each of our lives. The beauty and completeness of God's kingdom will not be realized without the unique service of each disciple, regardless of how exalted or how lowly the service may be in the eyes of the world. What is essential to see is that the service Jesus invites us to do is the way of love.

To be servants in the way that Jesus was servant means to live in complete trust that God loves us in the way that God loved Jesus during his earthly life. Jesus was not servant out of servile fear of a tyrant Father, but as beloved Son, who in turn loved as he was loved. It is

a free service of love, not of fear. When the Apostle Paul was cured of his blindness, he was able to say in a letter to the Christians of Ephesus: "Be imitators of God...and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over as a sacrificial offering to God..." And to the Galatians he wrote: "I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me...You were called for freedom...do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love...But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another."



October 28, 2012

Mark 10:46-52

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

The curing of a blind man in today's gospel passage is remarkable for several reasons. First of all, it is quite unusual in the gospels to give a name to the person healed and this suggests that Bartimaeus was a recognizable member of the early Christian community from which Mark's gospel came.

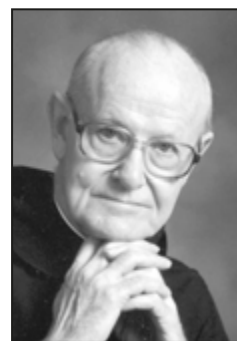
Secondly, the blind man refers to Jesus as "son of David," a clearly Messianic title, but Jesus does not correct him, as he does elsewhere in Mark's gospel out of concern that he be seen as a political Messiah. No doubt the fact that he has by now made it clear that "the Son of man must suffer many things" (8:31), there is less danger of mistaking him for one who will lead them in a war of liberation against the Romans.

Finally, it is worth noting that this is the last miracle of Jesus in Mark's gospel prior to his death and resurrection. As such, it forms a kind of book-end with another curing of a blind man in 8:22ff. This may very well be intended as a way of highlighting the transfiguration of Jesus (9:2ff). These blind men receive their sight just as Jesus is illuminated as he discovers the full meaning of his messianic mission. He has been sent to save the world through his loving rather than through violence. In all three cases, though in very different ways, an enlightenment is portrayed. This suggests that the real cure of blindness, for Bartimaeus and for all of us, involves a discovery of the true purpose of our human existence, namely, that we, like Jesus, must "die" for others by loving them to the end.

Life Implications

All of the miracles of Jesus have symbolic as well as historical significance. They certainly have an historical basis and certainly did establish the credibility of Jesus for those who were open-minded. At the same time, they represent the healing through Jesus of various spiritual maladies. Christians of all ages are in danger of spiritual blindness because they do not "see" that human life is primarily for loving concern and not for acquiring power or for building monuments. Jesus also cured paralytics, whose muscles were non-functional, just as he is prepared to heal the far more dangerous spiritual paralysis of cynicism and negativity. In a similar way, Jesus is prepared to "drive out the demons" in our lives by helping us to experience the presence of God and thus to be delivered from the chaos of a life of confusion and disorientation.

Of course, there are many who are too "practical" to allow for this kind of divine influence in their lives. They are represented by the crowd in today's gospel who "rebuked" the blind man, telling him to be silent. We note with wonder that they nonetheless respond to Jesus' command to "call him" by saying to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." We would all be much happier people if we also could bring ourselves, in faith, to offer this same encouragement to the people in need whom we meet every day.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

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Jerry Costello for The Christophers

The Wedding Ring in the Trash

"Hello," the note began. "I believe my wedding ring is in this truck."

Well, that's an opening likely to bring you up short, and that's just what it did to Gary Gaddist. What's more, the truck in question was a garbage truck, and Gaddist was its driver. There has got to be a lot more to this story, he reasoned, and oh, was he right. And because it's a story that makes such a beautiful point, I'd like to pass it along to you. Here it is:

It all began on a summer Sunday in lower Manhattan's Battery Park, where Danielle Carroll was teaching a painting class. As Corky Siemaszko told it in New York's Daily News, Carroll, 45, brought along a clear plastic garbage bag for the rags that she and her students would use when they were finished for the day. As usual, she wiped her hands off "with a slippery hand cleaner"--and never noticed that her wedding ring had found its way, along with the rags, into the bag. Not until 3:30 the next morning, in fact, when she awoke with a start and realized that the ring was gone.

She and her husband, Steve, swung into action right away. They drove back to Battery Park and found the container where she had dumped the bag, but it had already been emptied. Then, at about 5 a.m., Steve spotted a Parks Department trash truck and told his wife, "I'll bet you anything it's in there." That's when Danielle got busy with her note-writing.

"Hello," she wrote. "I believe my wedding ring is in this truck. It is in a bag that was put in a trash bag in the park at the end of the day Sunday. It is 5 a.m. and I came down to the park to look for it and then saw this truck with trash in it. PLEASE call me to tell me where this truck is going and I will come ASAP. Thank you, Danielle."

That, of course, was the note that Gary Gaddist found, at about 7:30 in the morning, when he showed up to take the truck to Randalls Island to get rid of his load of trash. And how lucky the Carrolls were that he was the one who came upon it.

"I found this note and it was great, just so honest," he said. "So I called and she explained everything, about how she lost the ring and how she couldn't sleep after realizing it was gone." He promised to help look for it, but realized that finding it would be an iffy project. Parks Department coworkers reinforced that conclusion when Gaddist reached Randalls Island. "If you want to look for a needle in a haystack," they told him, "go ahead."

He did just that, plowing through thousands of pounds of garbage, packed into hundreds of black plastic bags. And then, miraculously, that needle in a haystack turned up.

"Luckily," Gaddist said, "it didn't take me long to find the one with the clear plastic bag inside. I took a shot and it was there."

He called Carroll, who burst into tears. "I was ecstatic," she said.

Gaddist, a 42-year-old Brooklynite who's a dad himself, didn't have to go to all the trouble of looking for the ring. But he did so nonetheless--because, as he put it, "it was a love thing."

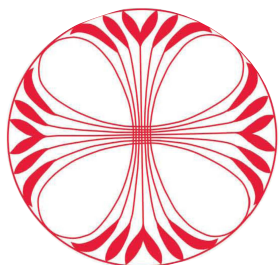
"She sounded like a nice person," he concluded, "and I could tell she and her husband love each other. I'm glad I could help."

End of story, and a happy ending it is. Who says they don't write 'em like that anymore?

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The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey 2012 Benefit



THE BENEDICTINE MONKS
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The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will host their annual Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

"Celebrating the 90th Year Anniversary of Our Foundation" is this year's theme. The benefit will celebrate the significant events marking the 90 years of service the Benedictine Monks have provided in the Cleveland area and throughout Ohio.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

Entertainment will be provided by The John Pastirik Band -- "The Slovak Polka King." Catering will be provided by Billy Hricovec of Tom's Country Place. The beautiful flower arrangements are donated by Orban's Flowers. There will be a silent Slovak Auction held after the main program. The benefit concludes around 4:00 p.m. with the Monks singing The Ultima.

Your support of our Abbey Benefit is a very important part of the monks' present and future ministry. Please join us in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you can not attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated.

The ticket price is \$65.00 with additional sponsorships available, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions. For reservations and additional information please contact Rose Stiffar at Saint Andrew's Abbey at 216-721-5300 ext. 0 or Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179. Please make **reservations by October 22, 2012.**

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lead people to a deeper spirituality. However, there is a proper time and place for devotional prayer. Because the Mass is, as the Council described earlier, the summit to which activity in the church directed and from which all power flows, it is not proper, for example, to pray a devotional prayer, such as the Rosary, to oneself while attending Mass.

The third installment of summaries of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy will be in the next issue of the Jednota. We will examine what the Council had to say regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals.

Fraternally,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta National Chaplain

Christmas Oplatky 2012

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers are available from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 19, 2012.

The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$3.00. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$5.75 and upwards depending upon the number of packets ordered and the rising costs of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before receiving an order.

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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012 HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

(TELECONFERENCE)

OPEN MEETING

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and asked the National Chaplain, Fr. Thomas Nasta, to offer the opening prayer.

ANTHEMS

The President asked Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Directors, to lead in the singing of the anthems.

ROLL CALL

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary, read the roll call:
Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain – present via telephone;
Andrew M. Rajec, National President – present;
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President – present
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary - present;
George F. Matta, National Treasurer – present;
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors – present via telephone;
Susan M. Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director – present via telephone;
Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director, Region 1 – present via telephone;
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2 – present via telephone;
Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3 – present via telephone;
James Marmol, Regional Director, Region 4 – present via telephone;
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5 – present via telephone;
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6 – present via telephone
Rudolph Bernath, Regional Director, Region 7 – present via telephone;
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Regions 8 – present via telephone;
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel – present via telephone;

All present and accounted for.

READING OF THE CALL

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Quarterly Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2012

A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to accept the minutes of the March 22 & 23, 2012 Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting which had previously been sent to all the Board members and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order if necessary. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President led a lengthy discussion on the current interest rates credited to our annuitants. It was decided at the Executive Committee Meeting the interest rates will remain the same at the present time, and the rates will be reviewed and adjustments will be made as needed for the future.

President Rajec reported that he and Executive Secretary Arendt along with the Regional Directors are continuing to merge inactive branches with the active branches.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2012

Executive Secretary's Report

Secretary Arendt presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the first quarter of 2012. After his report he answered the Board's questions. The Executive Secretary stated that the 2012 first quarter Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati

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

Matlin Patterson (MPAM)

Executive Secretary Arendt presented the Matlin Paterson Report and answered the Board's questions. The President stated at this time we are in the process of significantly reducing our investment with MPAM and will consider other investment opportunities that are also within our investment policy guidelines.

Portfolio Custodian

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

The President led a discussion on our Single Premium Whole Life Insurance Policy. It was decided to consult with our Actuaries and have them review this policy. It was determined that after the review, it will probably be necessary to make a pricing adjustment beginning January 2013. Until this review is completed, the new directive will limit the Single Premium Life Insurance product to a cap of \$50,000.00 face amount on all future insurance applications.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Director of Fraternal Activities, Susan Ondrejco, presented her report on the joint bowling tournament with the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the National Slovak Society and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union held on May 4-6, 2012. Director Ondrejco stated there were 100 bowlers present from the First Catholic Slovak Union and 150 bowlers present from the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the tournament. Fraternal Director Ondrejco further stated plans were in place for the joint golf tournament with the National Slovak Society July 14-15, 2012. Director Ondrejco stated there were 65 golfers already registered.

The President has requested Director Ondrejco to pursue possible sites for the FCSU National Family Picnic in 2013 and asked the Regional Directors to help secure a site. We will inform the Board as more information becomes available.

AQS – ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC.

Larry White, of AQS Asset Management Company, LLC, presented his report to the Board via WebEx and teleconference. A copy of his presentation was distributed to each Board Member prior to the meeting. Following his report, he answered all the Board's questions.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed the sales production by Districts and also by General Agents and Independent Agents and answered the Board's questions.

The Vice President updated the Board on the recruiting process for independent agents to sell our products. He informed the Board we already have 100 agents.

The Vice President further led a discussion regarding seminars for 2012 and encouraged the Regional Directors to contact him regarding seminars within their region. The Vice President will update the Board of Directors with the dates of scheduled seminars for 2012. He further stated he is also scheduling for 2013.

The Vice President stated he is looking into developing an incentive program for the recommenders to proceed with obtaining their state insurance license. The Home Office is checking into the cost and location of classes needed; once completed this information will be available to all members.

The Executive Secretary stated work is being completed to update our PowerPoint presentation program for our seminars.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman of Auditors Karen Hunka presented the Auditor's Report for the first quarter of 2012 and answered the Board's questions. She stated that the Internal Auditors conducted a thorough audit and found everything was in order.

GENERAL COUNSEL

Gary Matta, General Counsel, gave a report and answered all the Board's questions.

PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE 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.

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Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the directives adopted by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee members work very closely with AQS Asset Management Company and all investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Scholarship Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Scholarship Committee, comprised of professional educators, and stated the selections have been completed, applicants have been notified, and the winners have been published in the Jednota newspaper.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT

Jednota, Inc. The President of Jednota, Inc., George Matta, gave his report to the Board of Directors and, after answering the Board's questions, he turned the meeting over to the President of Jednota Properties, Inc., Regis Brekosky, who presented his report to the Board.

The reports of Jednota, Inc., and Jednota Properties, Inc., are informational in nature.

A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept all reports as presented. Motion was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

The President and Regional Director James Marmol are working on finalizing the plans for the Middletown Monument Project. The President stated a decision would be made soon.

The President asked the Board of Directors to review possible sites for the FCSU Convention to be held in 2014 and to present their suggestions at the September Board Meeting.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Damian Nasta to pay all the bills associated with the meeting. Motion carried.

DONATIONS

Donation requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Andrew Harcar to adjourn. Motion carried.

It was announced the next Board Meeting will be at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio on September 21 and 22, 2012.

The President asked Father Thomas Nasta to end the meeting with a prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the July 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT:

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

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

The President reviewed the 2012 Golf Tournament which was held jointly with the National Slovak Society on July 14-15, 2012 in Sharon, Pennsylvania. The President stated Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director, will have a complete report at the Quarterly September Meeting.

The President stated he was informed the SNPJ (Slovenia National Benefit Society) has 500 acres in Enon Valley, Pennsylvania with picnic facilities similar to the Wiggand Lake Park where our last FCSU National Family Picnic was held in 2011. The President stated SNPJ leases their picnic grounds to other fraternal for their various activities. The President plans to drive to Enon Valley and investigate the site as a possibility for our 2013 picnic. As information becomes available, the Executive Committee will be informed.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White and Byron White, representing AQS Management, Inc., gave their monthly presentation by Teleconference and WebEx. They presented the monthly transactions report and briefed the Executive Committee on our Investment Portfolio. After the report, Mr. Larry White and Mr. Byron White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President reviewed the current annuity interest rates and it was decided that the rates will remain the same. The annuity interest rates will be reviewed again at the next Executive Committee Meeting in September.

SALES AND MARKETING:

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

The Vice President reported we are still receiving an excellent response on our Special Program directed towards our youth; this very successful program will continue through December 31, 2012.

The Vice President reviewed the 2012 seminar schedule. He is asking the Regional Directors for their assistance in setting up the seminars for 2013.

Vice President Harcar and Executive Secretary Arendt have completed the arrangements for the Membership Meet for 2012 which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. All information is in the Jednota newspaper, website, and has been sent in the branch mailing and to our recommenders. Reservations deadline has been extended to September 28, 2012.

ADVERTISING:

The Executive Secretary stated he will continue advertising our products and annuity rates in our Jednota newspaper, mailings, and on our website.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK**

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

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of July 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 July:

Disbursements for the month of July 2012:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 226,628.65
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 47,974.70
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated the new gas line has been installed and completed to the Printery Building. The President informed the Executive Committee that he will begin interviewing a new Real Estate Agent to handle the leasing of the Printery Building.

The President updated the Executive Committee on the Jednota Monument on the Estates Project in Middletown, Pennsylvania. The President stated the final stages are being completed and he is anticipating the project to begin early in 2013.

The President asked the Executive Committee to consider possible sites for the next convention in 2014 and to be ready to share their ideas at the September Board Meeting. The Executive Secretary is beginning to gather information on possible sites that will accommodate our convention body.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

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

ADJOURN:

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

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

 Andrew M. Rajec
 President

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary



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Father Larry J. Kulick prepares to take on major administrative roles in Diocese of Greensburg

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GREENSBURG — Father Larry J. Kulick described his new roles succinctly. As the vicar general, acting chancellor and moderator of the curia, he will “under the leadership of Bishop Brandt, assist him in his day-to-day administration of the diocese.”

While that basic explanation doesn't reveal the multiple responsibilities and many tasks and details he will have to handle, Father Kulick sees parallels to his previous experiences as a pastor at Church of the Good Shepherd Parish in Kent, St. Joseph Parish in New Kensington and his current diocesan responsibilities, “although on a larger and broader scale.”

“It's all about helping fulfill the mission of the Diocese of Greensburg in drawing all of the faithful in our four counties into a closer relationship with God,” he said.

With the pending departure of Bishop-elect Lawrence T. Persico from the Diocese of Greensburg to become 10th bishop of Erie on Oct. 1, Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt on Aug. 28 announced the appointment of Father Kulick as vicar general, acting chancellor and moderator of the curia for the diocese. In addition, Bishop Brandt appointed him pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria.

The appointments are all effective Sept. 25.

Since the announcement, Father Kulick, who recently completed the course work for a licentiate degree in canon law from The Catholic University of America, Washington

(he will receive his diploma next month), has been working with Bishop-elect Persico to ensure there will be a seamless transition in the offices.

Father Kulick said he is especially excited to be taking on the new responsibilities as the church's Year of Faith begins. He is also looking forward to being a pastor again and believes his role as pastor of St. James Parish will also be an opportunity to give him experiences that will be beneficial in his diocesan responsibilities, as well.

It also will help him in his working relationships with other priests because “I will face the same joys and challenges in a parish that they do.”

Father Kulick expressed his appreciation for Msgr. Persico's leadership at both the parish and diocesan levels.

“I'm going to watch, listen and learn and take the time to understand all of the dimensions of these offices,” he said when asked about his first weeks in the jobs.

“I'm privileged and grateful to have a job where I can interact with the priests and people of the diocese, who all have a deep faith and devoted work ethic.

“I am grateful to Bishop Brandt for the confidence he has shown in me in appointing me to these positions,” Father Kulick said.

“I know that you will support Father Kulick in his new responsibilities,” Bishop Brandt said in a letter to the diocese announcing the appointments. “Again, I thank Bishop-elect Persico for his dedication and hard work over these many years for the Diocese of Greensburg. Our prayers are with him as he prepares for his new ministry in the Diocese of Erie.”

Father Kulick is a Leechburg native and the son of Larry J. Sr. and Myrna Dolores (Coleman) Kulick. He was a parishioner of the former St. Martha Parish there; gradu-

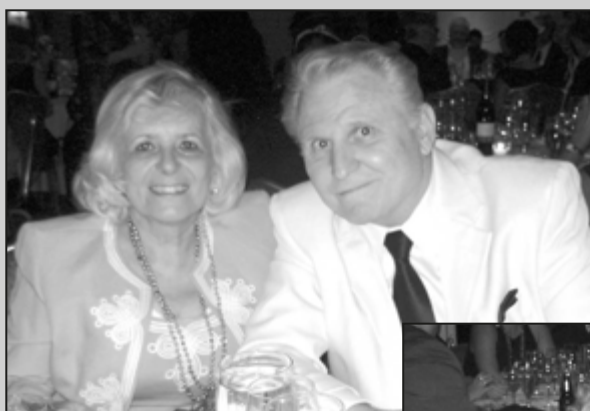


Father Larry Kulick serves as Chaplain of the George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union

ated from St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights; earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe; and master of divinity and master of arts degrees from Saint Vincent Seminary. He was ordained a priest May 16, 1992, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

In addition to his pastorates in Kent (1997-2002) and New Kensington (2002-08), he served as parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, (1992-95) and Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1995-97). He has also served in a variety of roles in clergy vocations, including co-director of the Office for Clergy Vocations (2004-present) and co-director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate, an appointment he received in March 2012. He has been an episcopal master of ceremonies since 2008.

Father Kulick's current responsibilities will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary to accommodate the new appointments, Bishop Brandt said in his announcement.



Mrs. Idka Rajec and FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec



Mrs. Maria Harcar and FCSU National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.



Mrs. Theresa Arendt and FCSU Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt



National Treasurer George F. Matta and Mrs. Florence Matta

FCSU Attends American Fraternal Alliance

National President Andrew M. Rajec, National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt, and National Treasurer George Matta represented the First Catholic Slovak Union recently at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance. The Alliance's mission is to strengthen and support members and the fraternal benefit system by providing advocacy, information and public policy development. The 2012 Annual Meeting, held September 6 – 8, 2012, in New Orleans, LA, offered presentations for future decision-making and strategic planning for fraternal. Take-aways from this event were information about changing requirements in governance, advocacy, marketing, and the latest technology.



Branch 200 Honors Joseph “Gish” Gispanski, Sr.

On September 9th, 2012 Ford City, PA C.U. Branch 200 honored Joseph “Gish” Gispanski Sr. with a “surprise” open house for his continued dedication and service as head trustee for more than 35 years. Over 100 friends, family, and members shared in fellowship with an open bar, music, and a delicious spread of food donated by the auxiliary, board members, members, friends, and families. A friend and member, D.J. Stevie Hefner donated his music services. Everyone was in disbelief the event was totally kept a “surprise”. He had no clue and thought he was coming to the club for a meeting. Many stories were told of past events that had happened at the club. Recently the front yard was landscaped by members of the club. The officers and directors dedicated this to Gish. Board member and district secretary, Grace Charney presented him with a plaque. We hope and pray for many more years of service in the future. Blessings and thanks to all who helped with this special event planned by committee head and son in law, Scott Emmonds.



Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch Sec/Treas.

Scenes from 35th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival

The New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival once again was held at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J. on Sunday, September 23, 2012.

One of the largest Slovak festivals of its kind in the country, this year celebrated the 35th anniversary. Chaired by W. Nina Holy and John G. Duch, it opened at 10:00AM, and featured many exhibits and vendors of imported arts and crafts from Slovakia. There also were stands where attendees could learn more about Slovak folklore and genealogy. The First Catholic Slovak Union was there, as well, greeting the many visitors and offering information about the Society's products and the benefits of membership. One very special guest to the Festival this year was Slovak President Ivan Gašparovič.

The formal program began with a Slovak concelebrated Mass at 11 a.m. in the huge outdoor tent. Music for the liturgy was provided by the choir of Holy Family Slovak Parish in Linden, N.J. along with other area Slovak parishes. Following the liturgy, an array of traditional Slovak foods and pastries were available for sale.

The cultural program began at 2:00PM. This year, it featured lively music and dance from around Slovakia performed by PAS - Pittsburgh Area Slovak Dance Ensemble. Another feature of the cultural program was the Parade of Slovak Fashions in which adults and children donned colorful ancestral dress known as kroj.

Music for dancing and listening pleasure was provided throughout the Festival by the popular band, Kontakty which is led by Joseph Jurasi and features the artistry of the Jurasi family who are active members of Branch 45 in New York City.

A traditional soccer tournament also was held, with local soccer teams competing from across the northeast.



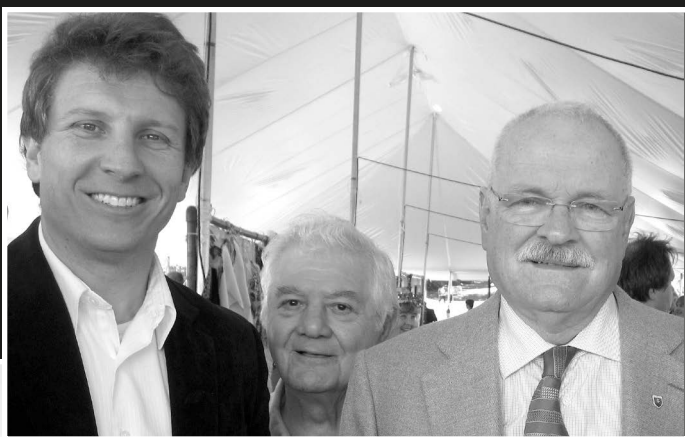
Above, the 2012 New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival began its formal program with Pontifical Divine Liturgy concelebrated by the Most Rev. Peter Rusnak, Bishop of the Byzantine Eparchy of Bratislava. Right, opening ceremonies for the 35th Anniversary of the Festival began at 10:00AM on Sunday, September 23, 2102



The First Catholic Slovak Union sponsored a booth to offer the many festival attendees information about the Society's products and membership. Right-facing photo (L - R): Joseph F. Minarovich, Region 1 Director; Joseph A. Minarovich, Branch 290; Andrew P. Rajec, Branch 89; Chewy Čuvač; Sabina Sabados, Branch 746 President; and Stephen J. Minarovich, Branch 290 Secretary. Left-facing photo: Chewy takes a break at the FCSU booth with Joseph and Stephen Minarovich



(L - R) Andrew P. Rajec and Joseph F. Minarovich are among the FCSU members to welcome Slovak President Ivan Gašparovič to the Society's booth.



Large crowds are typical of the New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival, known as one of the largest Slovak festivals in the country

Soccer teams from across the northeast competed at a traditional tournament held during the Festival hours.



Dances and songs from the Pittsburgh Area Slovaks - PAS - highlighted the Festival's cultural program.

Summer School Studia Academica Slovaca – A Memorable Immersion in Slovak Culture

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr. Ph.D.

For any Americans or foreigners wishing to immerse themselves in Slovak culture and the Slovak language, the summer school at Comenius University offers a wonderful opportunity. Faculty of Philosophy at Comenius University (Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Komenského – FFUK) in Bratislava sponsors this annual program. For the past 48 years, Studia Academica Slovaca – the Center for Slovak as a Foreign Language, has regularly offered the course of study for three weeks in August. Known to participants as SAS, it offers a rigorous program of Slovak language study which includes small class sizes, lectures on the Slovak linguistics, history, and culture, and three days of enjoyable excursions around the country. Attendees include Slavic linguists, university students, professors, retirees, and just about anyone interested in fine-tuning and honing their Slovak language skills.

In 2012, 158 frekventati (participants) from 28 foreign countries attended the SAS summer session, which took place from August 5 to August 25, 2012. Participants stayed at the Družba dormitory on Botanická ulica, about 3 miles from the center of Bratislava. Each room had internet access, which facilitated communication and enabled participants to keep in touch with family at home. All classes and lectures took place at the Philosophical Faculty building of Comenius University in the center of Bratislava, adjacent to the Danube River.

Participants hailed from a variety of countries -- Japan, India, China, Egypt, Malaysia, South Korea, Israel, Russia, Georgia, Moldavia, Ukraine, Belarus, Croatia, Serbia, most every European Union country, and of course, the USA, which sent 8 participants, including yours truly, Professor Michael Kopanic. Thus SAS constitutes not only a Slovak experience, but also a multinational one. While participants learn Slovak, they also acquire a truly global exposure to other peoples and their customs.

Except for formal ceremonies, dress for daily classes was very casual, and that was welcoming, especially considering the humid heat wave (horúčava) that engulfed all of Slovakia for most of August. Temperatures averaged above 30 degrees Celsius, or above 90 degree Fahrenheit.

Organization of SAS

SAS accepts applicants who wish to learn Slovak at all levels of study, from beginner to advanced learners. There are three main levels: začiatčníci (beginners with little or no knowledge of Slovak), stredníci (intermediate learners with some background and training in Slovak), and pokračujúci (advanced learners). The application process determines which category one belongs to, and then each group is divided into classes of about 10-15 students based on performance on a timed test given on the first day.

Starting on day 2, participants attended daily language classes in the morning until 12:30 pm, from Monday through Saturday. After lunch, beginners returned to language lessons, but intermediate and more advanced learners could attend a variety of lectures, mainly in Slovak, but a few were in English as well. For instance, Martin Vašš Ph.D. delivered a lecture on 20th Century Slovak History in the Slovak language, while Alžbeta Sopusková, Ph.D. (who was this author's adviser in 1982-83 when doing doctoral research) lectured on the same topic in English. A few of the other interesting topics included Professor Marta Botíková's presentation on "Ethnological Studies in Slovakia," Dr. Ľuboš Kačírnek's lecture on the New School of the late 19th century national movement, Docent Marek Rybář's analysis of the 2012 elections in Slovakia, and many other talks on Slovak culture, literature, and linguistics.

One of the most popular presentations, which nearly all at-



Comenius University poster

Dr. Kopanic talking with SAS director Dr Jana Pekarovicova



Dr. Kopanic in Advanced Slovak class taught by Dr. Marriana Sedláková



Opening ceremony at Studia Academica Slovaca



Dr. Kopanic the photographer at SAS opening ceremony



Mgr Martin Vašš Ph.D lecturing on 20th Century Slovak History

tended, demonstrated various Slovak folk instruments. Other very interesting sessions included a workshop teaching several Slovak folk tunes and another singing more modern and popular Slovak songs.

In addition to class and lectures, SAS also organized a number of afternoon and evening events for education and entertainment. After opening ceremonies in the main university building, the professional Slovak singer Janais dazzled the audience with her amazing voice. Afterward, all enjoyed a scrumptious meal at the university's indoor glass-covered courtyard and danced to a variety of Slovak folk songs. Day 2 featured the premier of Slovak movie, Tanec medzi črepinami (Dance on Broken Glass), directed by Marek Ťapák, who also starred in the film. Day 4 offered another film, Eštebák, about someone compelled to join in assisting Slovakia's secret police (Štátna bezpečnosť) during the years of the totalitarian communist regime.

In the afternoon of day 3, SAS led a jaunt to Bratislava Castle, where all could relish a beautiful view of the whole city and visit the Castle Museum. Saturday afternoon offered an opportunity to visit the Slovak ceramic factory in Modra and a modern-equipped Slovak winery. The first Friday ended with an evening meal from the Slovak Kitchen (Slovenská kuchyňa) and the folk music of Maroš Mikuš to dance to. Other evenings also featured a concert of modern music by the group In Vivo, a puppet theater (bábkové divadlo), and a concert at the Reduta symphony hall, put on by the visiting Asia-Pacific United Orchestra.

At the end of week 2, four excursions traveled to different places across Slovakia so that all would see more of the whole country, and not just Bratislava. Participants signed up for whichever excursion they preferred. The 2012 SAS trips traveled to Banská Bystrica, the old mining town of Banská Štiavnica, Bojnice castle, the Tatra Mountains, the Renaissance gem of Levoča, Spiš Castle, the skanzen (Folk Village Museum) in Prybylina or in Orava, the Demanová and Dobšina ice caves, Stará Ľubovňa Castle, Trenčín Castle, and Košice. All groups stayed 2 nights in Poprad, and many of us danced the night away at the local diskotéka.

During the final week, SAS arranged a series of afternoon creative workshops (tvorivé dielne) which each individual signed up for based on his/her interests. The list of choices included the following: theater, film, photography, folk dance, folksong, creative writing, and

Luncheon Sales Seminar held in District 14



Members of the Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District, District 14, recently attended a Luncheon Sales Seminar presented by the Membership and Marketing Committee of the First Catholic Slovak Union, represented by National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt.. The seminar was held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 1:00PM at Bruno's Restaurant & Catering in Boardman, OH. It was attended by district officers, branch officers, and recommenders in the Ohio district – as well as any members interested in learning more about the Society's insurance and annuity products.



Fall Humor

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start that spring cleaning.

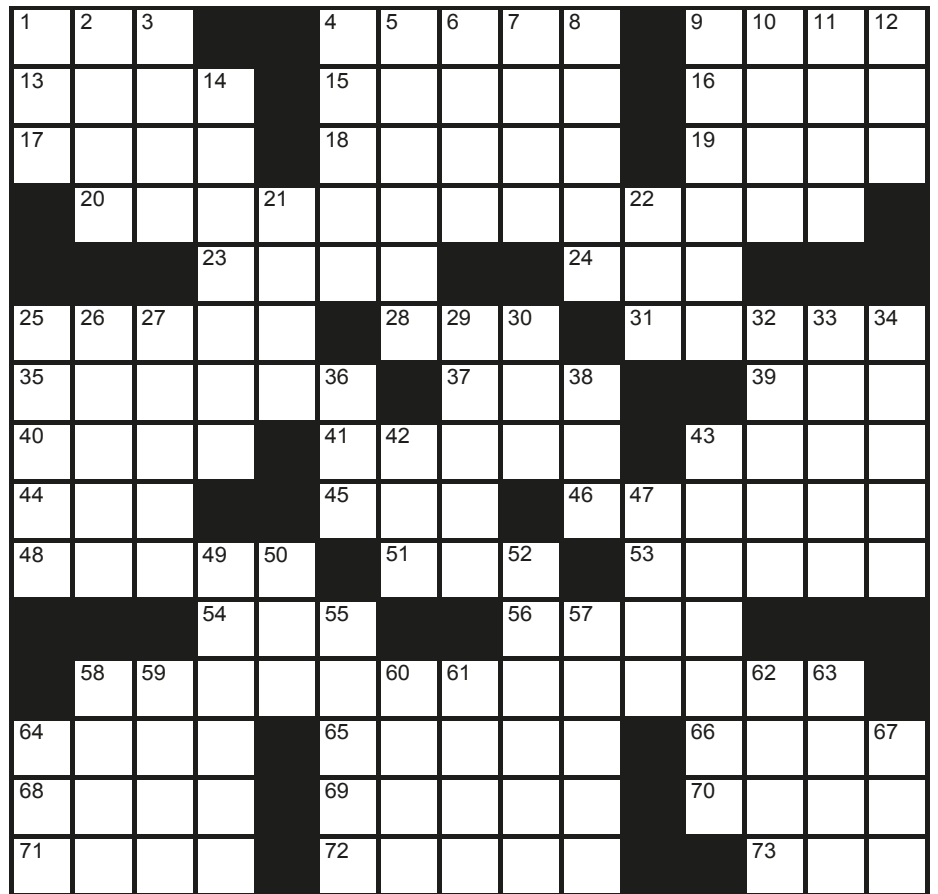
I got tired of looking at all those leaves in my yard, so I got up off the couch and went into action. I closed the curtains.

I can hardly wait until all the leaves turn brown to match the grass.

Autumn leaves are a lot like raising kids. First they turn on you, and then they fly away. And next thing you know, you look out the window and they're back!



Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Chair part
- 4 Fraternity letter
- 9 Exhausts
- 13 Police action
- 15 Leg joints
- 16 Building block
- 17 Farm division
- 18 Runs in neutral
- 19 Shot glass
- 20 Music style
- 23 Gaul
- 24 Food container
- 25 Cay
- 28 Lizard, old-style
- 31 Annoyances
- 35 Picturesque
- 37 Mentalist Geller
- 39 Chop (off)
- 40 Hourglass contents
- 41 Below
- 43 Fly high
- 44 Half of dos
- 45 Dowel
- 46 Slip by
- 48 Op-ed piece
- 51 Diminutive
- 53 Narrow ridge
- 54 Blackguard
- 56 Alliance acronym
- 58 "Hey, this isn't ___!"
- 64 Transient
- 65 Swamp snapper, for short
- 66 Swallow hard
- 68 Aroma
- 69 Love, in Roma
- 70 Ego
- 71 Garden intruder
- 72 Stitched
- 73 Dry, as wine

Down

- 1 Macaw
- 2 Dash
- 3 Actress Sorvino
- 4 Expertise
- 5 Compose
- 6 Hardens
- 7 Encounter
- 8 Strong point
- 9 On one's back
- 10 Soon, to a bard
- 11 Engine knock
- 12 Piggery
- 14 Fall
- 21 Himalayan legend
- 22 Bite
- 25 Hand out
- 26 CAT maneuvers
- 27 TV's Jay and family
- 29 Soft creamy candy
- 30 Three, in Sardinia
- 32 Incline
- 33 Salute
- 34 Fling
- 36 Trophy
- 38 Anger
- 42 Just out
- 43 Some beachwear
- 47 Overdue
- 49 Agreement
- 50 Wild ox

- 52 "More!" at a concert
- 55 French impressionist painter
- 57 Broadcast
- 58 Was a passenger
- 59 Symphony member
- 60 Gentle
- 61 Pack
- 62 Hints
- 63 Fashion magazine
- 64 "___ do you do?"
- 67 Army rate (Abbr.)



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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The 2012 annual meeting of THE Saint Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:15 am on Sunday November 11, 2012 in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Election of officers for 2013 will be conducted followed by a short update on local branch activities. New ideas for branch activities will be entertained and any changes of address or beneficiaries can be submitted at this meeting. Refreshments will be served. Come join us to offer your input for future success of our society.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting of Sunday, October 12, 2012, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Ave. N.E. & 2nd Street. The agenda will include officers' reports, schedule of activities for 2013, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, Vice President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and the election of officers.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Marion Rubino, Vice President

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19K, will hold its breakfast meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2012. A Mass will be offered by Msgr. Joseph Pekar for our members at 8:30AM in St. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. Following the Mass, members are invited to return to the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall in the lower level of the church for our regular meeting and breakfast.

At this meeting, the John A. Zahor Scholarships will be awarded to the following college freshmen:

Sydney Ann Ciejak
Paul Kavanewsky
Adam Kocurek
Paul Joseph Monks
Emily Maria Nelson
Christopher Skolka

This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years John A. Zahor served as President of the St. Joseph Society and of his commitment to the education of its members.

Also, the Andrew J. Imbro Grant will be given to the following college juniors for their college expenses:

Lauren Bruchansky
Daniel Kowalsky
Nicholas Kurec
Elise Kapitancek
Stephanie Johnson
Meredith Lorys
Lisa Quagliaroli

This grant was established in honor of Andrew J. Imbro for his many years as Financial Secretary of the St. Joseph Society.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2012, at 9:30AM in St. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of officers will take place at this meeting.

We cordially invite our members to attend these meetings and enjoy seeing their friends.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24 CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will have a branch meeting/luncheon at 1:00PM, Sunday November 18, 2012 at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd. (Rt. 21) in Independence. Parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square. The agenda will include the election of officers for 2013.

Please phone Activities Director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00PM before Thursday November 15th, if you plan to attend.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 27P - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 27P

and 5P. All members of Branch 27P will now hold membership in Branch 5P. This merger has taken place as of October 3, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Martha Zavada-Wojcik, 101 Jean Street, Exeter, PA, 18643-1513.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 38 – DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 38, the Holy Trinity Society, will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at the home of Secretary Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM.

On the agenda will be a review of the financial report through September 30, 2012, branch activities for the year 2013, and any other discussion items that may develop. The annual election of officers for the year 2013 will be held.

Fraternally yours,

Florence K. Matta, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 60 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 60 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of President Ann Wargovich, 58 Lilmont Avenue, Swissvale, PA. On the agenda will be officer's reports and discussion of branch activities. All members are urged to attend.

Fraternally,

Julie Perla - Branch Secretary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 20 at 12:00 Noon. At this meeting, we will elect officers for 2013, discuss charitable donations and other business. The meeting and the fraternal luncheon will be held at a local restaurant. The location has not been finalized. Please call Dorothy (773) 763-0810 for the location and directions.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 166 – BINGHAMTON, CAPITAL AREA, PEEKSKILL, POUGHKEEPSIE, AND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at 1:15 P.M., at Ponderosa Steak House, 1261 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, New York. On the agenda will be a discussion of Branch business and the Election of Officers. All members are encouraged to attend. Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8034, or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 25, 2012, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 would like to announce Nomination of Officers will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at our regular meeting. Election of Officers will be held Thursday, December 6, 2012 at our regular meeting. All meetings are held in the club's Social Hall at 910-912 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA. Members are encouraged to attend the meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of each month except June or July. The regular meeting follows the officers and directors meeting which begins at 7:00pm. In the event of a holy day, the meeting will be held the 2nd Thursday of that month. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The annual meeting of Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday November 11, 2012 at 9:15 am in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Officers will be elected for 2013, and suggestions for branch activities for next year will be discussed. Please spread the word so more of our members will attend and become involved in branch activities. Light refreshments will be served. Join us for a relaxing and hopefully refreshing experience.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 380 – CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Ignatius Society, Branch 380KJ, will hold its annual meeting and lunch on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at 2:30PM at Kings Restaurant, Canonsburg, PA.

Fraternally,

Margaret Graytok, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382 of Scranton, Pennsylvania, will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Members will gather at noon in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

On the agenda will be Officers' reports, District 17 report, information from the home office, donations, and future activities. Election of officers for 2013 will take place. Refreshments will be served.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 401 – EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of branch 401k, St. Anthony of Padua, will be held at 1223 Wysocki Ave, North Apollo, Pa. on Sunday October 21, 2012 at 11:00 am. The agenda will consist of branch reorganization and nomination of officers. Recent 2012 graduates of high school or college are urged to contact Patrick Froncek, PO Box 178, N. Apollo, Pa. 15673 (ph # 724-664-8216) for financial rewards.

Look forward to seeing you at the scheduled meeting.

Fraternally,

**Patrick Froncek, President
Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 419 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Branch 419, will hold its semi-annual meeting at Norm's Restaurant on Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at 1:00PM. Election of officers will be held. Discussions will be held pertaining to sales and annuities. All members are urged to attend. For more information, please call 570-824-4125. A light lunch will be served.

Fraternally,

Marie Gryczko, President

BRANCH 450 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph branch 450 will hold its semi-annual meeting, Friday, October 26, 2012 at 7 pm at the home of Jozef Valencik at 13501 Park Drive, Brook Park, OH 44142.

Margaret M. Valencik, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, with the branch Christmas Luncheon following, on Saturday, November 24th, 2012. Location: Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459.

At 1:30 pm, members will gather for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, with a delicious dinner following.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at (773) 558-5956 or (502) 244-6643 by November 20. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 is very thankful that our founding church has been reopened. We are reviving our tradition of a special Mass, Communion Breakfast followed by a lodge meeting.

The Mass to honor the living and deceased members of Branch 553 will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church located on Brown Street in Akron, Ohio.

Following the Mass we will hold a Communion Breakfast at The Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311. Following the breakfast we will hold a lodge meeting.

All members of Branch 553 are invited to attend all three events. The lodge meeting will include election of officers for 2013. Anyone wishing to run for office must submit a letter of intent and state the office for which they are running to the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Vera Thomas. Letter must be received by October 21st.

We request that all who plan to attend the Communion Breakfast call Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 or contact her via email at Lhanko@neo.rr.com or call the Slovak J Club at 330-773-4978 so we may adequately prepare refreshments. Please contact her by Thursday, October 25, 2012.

Also, mark your calendars and save the date of Sunday, December 2, 2012 when Branch 553 will be holding our Annual Vilija Celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on October 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2012, after the 9:30 mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. All Members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2012, at 2:00PM at Alexander's Restaurant, 720 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA.

The election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. For reservations, call 1-724-375-2287 by October 29, 2012.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 633 – FLINT, MICHIGAN

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 633, will hold its annual meeting at 1:00PM Saturday, November 17, 2012, at Teppanyaki Gril & Buffet at G-3583 Miller Road in Flint (former Old Country Buffet) by the Target store. All members are asked to attend.

Eva Craine, Secretary

BRANCH 706 - ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

The St. Anthony of Padua Branch 706 will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, October, 26th, 2012, at 3:00pm at the home of the President Shirley Uram, 13861 S. 86th Avenue, Orland Park, IL. If you plan to attend please call Shirley at 1-708-349-9049, so arrangements can be made for refreshments. The meeting will start at 3:00pm sharp. Insurance selling new policies are on the agenda along with the Election of Officers for the coming year. If any member has moved or changed telephone numbers please call Shirley Uram to update our records. Dinner will follow the meeting.

Barbara Fayta, Vice-President

BRANCH 716 - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2012, at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, NYC.

On the agenda will be a financial report, election of officers for the year 2013, and discussion of plans for next season. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 12:30 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. The agenda will include election of officers for 2013, as well as discussion of activities for the next year. A holiday get together will follow the meeting. Please call Mary Karch @ 732-572-2331 if you plan on attending.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 held their monthly meeting on May 30, 2012 at Bella Women's Center. We discussed the upcoming breakfasts scheduled at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Newton Falls on September 16, 2012 following the 8:00am Mass and also the breakfast at St. Cyril & Methodius in Warren on October 28, 2012. We scheduled a Mass at St. Cyril & Methodius on No-

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at the Missionary Benedictine Sisters Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, IL. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments starting at 1:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm.

Attendees will enjoy a scrumptious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates; individual FCSU members who wish to learn more about becoming active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call District President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810, so enough food and beverages can be ordered for the meeting.

Robert Tapak Magruder

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT – NEW JERSEY

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries are asked to RSVP to Joe Minarovich @732-469-5256 by November 4th. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, **October 28, 2012**, at St. Patrick's Ryan Church Hall in Merrill, MI.

A Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11:00AM, and the business meeting will begin at 1:00PM. The Church Hall is located at 4708 South Meridan Road (M30).

Branch 774 is hosting this meeting. Please notify Katherine Stevens at (989) 835-9895 by October 23, 2012 of the delegates attending from your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, election of officers will be on the agenda along with new events for the coming year. Our District President Robert Kristofik encourages all branches to send delegates to represent their branch.

Remember, branches must attend these meetings in order to get branch compensation from headquarters.

Anna Magusin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District of the FCSU will hold its annual Fall/Winter meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2012. The meeting will include officers' reports, discussion of district business and planning for 2013. Officers for 2013 will be elected at this meeting. Please note that there is a time change - the business meeting will start promptly at 12:00 noon. Luncheon will be served at 1:30. You won't miss the game. The Steelers play at Baltimore & the kick-off is at 4PM.

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

** 30th Annual Dinner-Dance benefiting the Western PA Slovak Radio Hour, on Saturday, October 6, at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Center on Carson Street in Pittsburgh's South Side. The event features a "Ties with Tradition" Apron Parade. Donations of prizes or baked goods are welcome. Tickets are \$35 per person if purchased by September 12, or \$40 afterward. Cash bar opens at 5 PM. Contact Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204 for more information. Don't forget to listen to the Slovak Radio Hour Sundays 3-4 PM at WPIT AM73.

** 29th Slovak Language Classes, every Tuesday, September 4 through October 30, at the Brashear Association, 2005 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh. Call Joe at 412-956-9000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** WPSA monthly meetings will start again after the summer recess on Monday, October 1 at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month. Margaret Nasta will be speaking on December 3 on "Finding Your Slovak Immigrant Before and After World War One."

** 2nd Slovak Beer Tasting on Saturday, October 13 at 1 PM at Penn Brewery on Pittsburgh's North

Side. Tickets are \$30 per person & attendance is limited to 50. Call Joe at 412-956-9000 during office hours for information.

** 22nd Annual Slovak Heritage Festival will take place on Sunday, Nov 4, Pitt Cathedral of Learning, 12-5 PM. Admission is free. The event features Slovak music and food, lectures on Slovak culture, and many vendors with Slovak items for sale.

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

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary Pittsburgh District

DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT – BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMERSET, AND BEDFORD COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of the Rev. John Martvon District will be held on October 28, 2012, at the Beaverdale Fire Station, 411 Cedar St., Beaverdale, PA. The meeting will begin at 2:00PM with St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, Beaverdale, as the host.

On the agenda will be the election of officers and other business pertaining to the district. Branches are reminded to be eligible for the annual stipend from the home office. The branch must have one delegate at one of the yearly meetings and have the dues current.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 8 - REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT- EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2012. The Mass will be at St. Joseph's Church, 604 N. Laurel St., Hazelton, Pa. 18201 at 11:15 AM. An ethnic dinner will be served at 12:30 PM. The meeting will take place at 1:30 PM. The dinner and meeting will take place in the church basement.

Donation for the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Branch 003. All checks and credentials must be returned by Saturday, September 29, 2012. PLEASE be prompt!!

Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610.432.8350. Thank You!

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2012, at 1PM, which will be at K2 Engineering Building, 234 Pittsburgh Road. Members are invited to attend.

Fraternally,

Barabara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 – THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District 10 meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 2 pm. The meeting will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311.

The meeting will include updates from the International Organization and election of officers for 2013. We ask that you contact Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 or via email at Lhanko@neo.rr.com if you plan on attending the meeting, so we may plan for refreshments.

We look forward to seeing all members of District 10 at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 - MSGR JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

Msgr Josef Tiso District (District 11) will hold its 2012 Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 28, at 2:00 PM at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City. Meeting location will be on the first floor (in the Bowling Lanes). All Branches are invited to send representatives; please call District Secretary, (724) 763-1104, to confirm participation.

Reminder: To qualify for membership reimbursement from HQ FCSU, each Branch must have at least one voting representative at one of the two District meetings (semi-annual meeting in Spring; annual meeting in Fall) each year; annual District attendance records are submitted in February.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

District 14, the Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District, will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2012, at 6:00PM, at St. Matthias Church Rectory. On the agenda will be general business items and planning for upcoming district events such as the Annual Christmas Party and a casino trip. All District Branch Members are urged to attend.

Carla Peshek, President

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Prince Pribina District will hold its All Saints and All Souls Mass on Sunday October 28, 2012 at St. John Bosco High School located on 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. Slovak mass at 2:00 PM will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak from Ontario. We will pray for All Saints and all belated departed Souls.

After mass will be a period of fraternal fellowship tuned to good Slovak music and coffee and donuts will be served. All Slovaks and Slovak friends are invited.

Thank you,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 - MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT - NEW YORK CITY

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2012, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. Nepomucene Church, NYC, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, NYC.

On the agenda will be a financial report of activities and election of district officers for the year 2013. Also after the meeting, the Membership & Marketing Committee of the FCSU will hold a sales seminar on the Society's insurance and annuity products.

After the seminar, Branch 716 will provide excellent refreshments prepared by Jan Skrkon.

We urge all district branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU - not only delegates - are welcome.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT – MONTREAL

The Prince Rastislav District will hold its annual meeting November 4, 2012 in the parish hall of Sts Cyril and Method following the 10.00 am Mass. Branches 784 and 810 are encouraged to send representatives. Election of officers and social calendar for 2013 will be discussed.

Refreshments will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November 4, 2012 at 9:30am for the living and deceased members of the Branch. Hope to see you there!

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 780 - SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The Saints Peter & Paul Society, Branch 780, will hold their next meeting on Tuesday October 16, 2012, at the home of the Treasurer, 4090 Emerick Street, Saginaw, Michigan, at 7:00pm. All members are invited to attend. On the agenda is the election of officers for 2013 and other branch matters.

Catherine Karlsen, Secretary

BRANCH 784 – MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Sts Cyril and Method Society, Branch 784, will hold its annual meeting on November 4, 2012, following the 10.00am Mass at Sts Cyril and Method Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. On the agenda will be election of new officers and the social calendar for 2013. Refreshments will be served. Please keep your date open for November 25, 2012. We will be having our annual Christmas dinner following the 10.00am Mass at the Parish Hall. All members and friends are invited. Please call the committee members by November 10, 2012 for reservations.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, will hold its Annual meeting on Sunday Nov. 11 at 1pm in the church basement of Holy Trinity R.C. Church Egypt, PA. All members are invited to attend. Sokol Branch 255 will also be in attendance for this meeting. We will be selecting delegates to attend the next district meeting and discuss charitable donations for the

upcoming year. Slovak food and drink to follow the meeting. God Bless.

Jerry Lloyd, Secretary

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

Branch 855 will hold an Officer's meeting on November 11, 2012 @ 1:30PM at the home of President Mike Kolesar. The agenda shall include preparations for the Annual Membership meeting, a review of current year activities, and a discussion of activities for 2013.

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 855 PARMA, OHIO

Branch 855 will hold its annual membership meeting on November 18, 2012 @ 2:00PM at Carrie Cerino's Ristaraunte; 8922 Ridge Road; North Royalton, Ohio. Agenda shall include a discussion of next year's branch activities, election of officers for 2013, and a report of 2012 activities.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Linda Kolesar at 440-886-0206 by November 11, 2012.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 888 – WEST PALM, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 5:15PM at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, FL, 33410. Contact David Rafaidus, President at (561) 776-0449 or jednota888@yahoo.com for directions and further information.

On the agenda will be future branch activities, election of officers, Treasurer's report, and items of mutual interest to the membership. All branch members are invited to attend.

David Rafaidus, President



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members



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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Helen Lachvayder	162K	Michael John Hillen	372K	Margaret A Hudak	743K	Charles L Nemeckay
001K	Joseph G Mravec	166K	Helen Guley Pechmann	382K	Elizabeth M Richnavsky	743K	Robert Novak
010K	Viola Paduck	181K	James J Zeigler	401K	Anthony Bolcar Jr	746K	Marianne Grasberger
016P	Clement Kubasek	200K	Nancy Ann Gray	404K	Agnes M Fowler	746K	Brandon D Hague
019K	Joseph C Yanak Sr	211K	John J Meholic	454K	Bernard P Shulik	746K	Edward M Mccue
038K	Michael Dojcak	228K	Andrew J Chonko	484K	Pauline Janosko	754K	Kristin Marie Diewald
038K	Mary L Kertis	240P	Cyril G Frankovich	497K	Stanley A Brindza	764K	Dolores J Casey
053K	Helen V Glancy	270K	Anna M Hoffman	567K	Joseph P Kerin	764K	Julietta Vardzel
055K	Charles P Krkoska	276K	Stella M Potemra	591K	Mary M Kringas	796K	Ernest Huber
055K	Joseph Papay	280K	Frank A Chelko	652K	Ronald J Kontura	796K	Joseph J Kush Jr
085K	Barbara A Czyzyk	293K	Bernard Andrew Utrata Sr	670K	Catherine Gray	831K	Catherine Bordell
090K	Mary T Gnull	294K	Michael J Palko Jr	670K	James A Martin	844K	Jeanne T Waskey
149K	Dorothy Ann Kondisko	313K	Robert R Holba	670K	George R Mihalic	862K	Sharynn A Kozenko
153K	Charles G Cernicka	322K	Michael G Volansky	670K	Jayne F Tordi	900K	Sylvester Misovy
157K	Mary B Groff	356P	Mary E Strocko	735K	John T Illias		

* Processed in the month of September 2012

OBITUARIES

STEPHANIE MAGOC BRANCH 831 – TARENTUM, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephanie “Do Do” Magoc, 82, of Tarentum, PA, passed away Friday, September 7, 2012, at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, PA, following a brief illness. She was born April 18, 1930, in West Natrona, PA, daughter of the late Frank Bandurak and Ksenia (Pityk) Bandurak. She was a homemaker and lived in Tarentum for the past 65 years. She was a member of Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum, and Tarentum Jednota (FCSU Branch 831), and attended Har Brack High School. She enjoyed cooking, baking, ceramics, and taking care of her grandchildren. Survivors include her

husband, Andrew E. Magoc, with whom she celebrated 64 years of marriage on Sept 5, 2012; children, Kathleen (Melvin) Persun, of Tarentum, Marsha (Robert) Adams, of Buffalo Township, Janice Magoc (Ron Lang), of Tarentum, Laurence Magoc, of Tarentum, Andrew (Kevin) Young, of Tarentum, and Timothy (Barbara Obid) Magoc, of Corapolis; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Walter, Stephen, and Raymond Bandurak; and four sisters, Mary Kominko, Ann Malecki, Sophie Mros, and Irene Evelyn. Relatives and friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8PM on Sunday, September 9, 2012, in the Duster Funeral Home, Tarentum. Blessing service was held at 9:30AM

on Monday, September 10, 2012, in the funeral home followed by a Christian Funeral Mass at 10AM in Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum, by the pastor, Rev. Aaron J. Kriss. Burial was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Frazer Township, PA.

Sister Mary Grace Yesko

A Sister of Charity of Nazareth, died peacefully at Vincentian Home, on September 3, 2012 at the age of 91. Sister was born in Rankin, PA and entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from St. Barnabas parish, Swissvale. She taught for 22 years in elementary schools throughout the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Youngstown, Ohio and Mobile, Alabama. Sister also served in

the diocese of Welland, Ontario, Canada as teacher and principal for 23 years. Upon her return to the United States, she ministered in Social Service, Pastoral Care, Medical Records, and prayer ministry. Sister Mary Grace was predeceased by her parents Anna and Andrew. She is survived by her sister-in-law Patricia Yesko; nephew Frank Yesko; niece Lorraine Grace Whited; and grandniece Francine Yesko; and by all her sisters in community. Friends were received at St. Louise Convent, Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, September 5, from 2-8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-3 p.m., followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. in the convent chapel.



A Taste of Autumn in Trnava

The new tourism headquarters of the Trnava region – Trnava Tourism – together with its partners have prepared for the 2012 Autumn tourist season with the very best that this destination has to offer. Value-added weekends which combine wine-making, history, art and seasonal gastronomic delights are just some of the highlights used to promote the Trnava region, or “brand.”



Alongside its rich history, the region boasts a rich wine-making tradition. During the weekends, it offers visitors the unique atmosphere of wine tasting in wine cellars such as Víno Mrva & Stanko, the champion of worldwide wine fairs, or the wine producer Terra Parna which combines modern architecture with romantic vineyards. All these experiences can be enhanced by a pleasant walk through the autumn vineyards or through the gardens of the fairy-tale Smolenice castle.

Trnava is a city in western Slovakia on the Trnávka River. The city has a historic center. Because of the many churches within its city walls, Trnava has often been called “parva Roma”, i.e. “Little Rome”, or more recently, the “Slovak Rome”.

- Reprinted based on information from www.slovakia.travel, which is the official tourism and travel portal of Slovakia



YOUTH ROUND-UP



Several members of FCSU Branch 382K traveled by train from the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, to participate in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Pictured near the nose of an Army helicopter that landed on the field of the installation are Briana Slovenkai and her brother Michael, children of Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr. Briana and Michael are members of Branch 382K, Scranton.

John J. Slovenkai, Jr. displays the trophy he recently received from the Frances Willard Elementary School PTA of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was recognized for his second grade art entry in the 2011-2012 “Diversity Means” Reflections Program. John is a member of FCSU Branch 382K, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and is the son of John J. Slovenkai, Sr.



Hi, Kids (And All Those Young at Heart)



It's me, Chewy. We got some smokin' good fotky (Slovak for photographs) here at the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU) from our friend Elisabeth Pisula. She's the president of the Slovensky Čuvač Dog Club here in the United States, and they will be hosting their annual October dog show where lots of my fellow čuvačy are shown off to great advantage and the people who love them come to talk, share, and compete. All the čuvačy in her club are strictly "top of the litter." I'm talking registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), people, and with breeding dogs imported from Slovakia. Which just happens to be where we hail from and the home of Yours Truly.

Hey, not for nothin' are we called the Slovak Čuvač. We were born to help our Masters high up in the Slovak mountains herd their sheep and other livestock. We are big and we are fierce. Rumor has it our ancestors were wolves. But even though we grow to be massive, we are really gentle giants with long white coats and big brown eyes. But, hey –don't tell the bears and other predators we protect our families livestock up in the Tatras. We may love our masters and their families, but we are super protective!

Until next time, keep your ears up and tails wagging!

Your friend,
Chewy



Elisabeth Pisula with her dog, Xenia vom Boehmerwald, who was a Memorial winner 2010 with a judge from Slovakia, Vlado Javorcik



President of the Slovensky Čuvač Club Finland, one of the international guests expected at the 30th Anniversary Čuvač Show USA, to be held Oct. 20, 2012, in Richmond, TX.



(L – R) Dennis and Elisabeth Pisula, with three of their Čuvačy female breeders imported from Slovakia; the middle dog is expecting a new litter in 2013

For more information on this event, the Club, its pups, contact Elisabeth Pisula, President of "Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America" by phone at 281 344 0027 or by email at slovenskycuvacusa@gmail.com, or visit the website: <http://slovenskytchouvatch.com>.

September Seminar in Chicago

Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, the Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic in Chicago, IL, recently attended seminar concerning Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery in the Chicago suburbs. The cemetery was intended primarily for the burial of persons of Catholic, Slovak descent and was consecrated in 1923 with the help of Slovak Monsignor Victor Blahunka pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Chicago.

Mrs. Wisnosky, being the Honorary Consul, has been invited to attend a consular meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia. She is also looking for volunteers to help with her programs in the Chicago area. She may be contacted at 630-816-1634 or Chicago@HonorarySlovakConsul.com.



Region 7 Director Rudy Bernath and Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic at a recent seminar about Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery near Chicago, IL.

- Submitted Rudy Bernath, FCSU Director Region 7



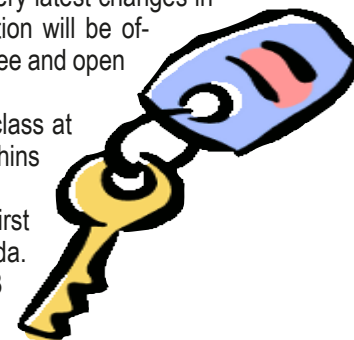
Keeping the Keys

[Helping Extend Your Safe Driving Career]

On Sunday, November 11th, 2012 between 1 and 3pm AAA Michigan safe driving experts will conduct a safe driving seminar. While this course is specifically designed for drivers 50 and over, it is helpful for all drivers as it teaches the very latest changes in highway safety and signage. Only classroom instruction will be offered and no test drives are required. This seminar is free and open to the public.

Sandra Maxwell of AAA Michigan will conduct this class at the St. Patrick Church Adult Meeting Room, 9086 Hutchins Street, White Lake, Michigan 48386.

This seminar is sponsored by Branch 633 of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Anyone needing more information can call Branch 633 President Robert Kristofik @ 248-444-9141.



Branch 24 Meeting in August

Branch 24 held a meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2012, at Porter's Restaurant in Beachwood, OH. The meeting began at 1:00PM, after which a luncheon was served. On-going branch business and the upcoming election of officers were discussed.



Clockwise: Branch 24 President Robert Kopco (L, standing) addresses the membership (L - R): Branch 24 Financial Secretary David Lang, with Branch Auditor Diane Fecko and Vice President Julius Fecko

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News From Slovakia

Tourism Needs Clear Vision and Co-ordinated Activities

Bratislava, September 27 (TASR) - Transfer of powers, lack of co-ordination, and an unclear definition of aims and methods are among the main reasons behind the low interest of foreign tourists in Slovakia.

This is according to Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development's tourism department head Ivana Magatova at 'The Future of Tourism in Slovakia' conference on Thursday.

Magatova also said that the tourism sector in Slovakia has long been neglected and underfunded. "Despite the option of using Euro funds, Slovakia hasn't taken up this opportunity sufficiently ... and we haven't been able to direct them [the funds we have received] appropriately," said Magatova.

"Within the strategy [of tourism development] until 2020 we'd like to concentrate on improving of the quality of the provided services and products, as well as on the promotion of the country via large campaigns mainly in our neighbouring countries, in Russia and in Germany," said Magatova, adding that tourists from these countries are among those who come to Slovakia most often.

Magatova thinks that Slovakia is a country capable of attracting visitors for short-term stays, as the competition with the neighbouring states in terms of long-term stays is too strong. "The long-term stays are our wish, but with regard to the strong rivalry, this wish won't probably be realised," she explained.

Defence Minister Decorates Slovak Troops Returning from Afghanistan

Sliac, September 26 (TASR) - A total of 123 Slovak soldiers returned home from a half-year ISAF mission in Afghanistan on Wednesday and were greeted by Defence Minister Martin Givac.

The minister decorated each man with an honour immediately upon landing at the airport. The army professionals served as part of a patrol unit tasked with protecting the military base at Kandahar.

"I'm incredibly glad to see them all return home alive and well," said Minister Givac. "We welcomed them directly at the airport in quite an unorthodox way, as we knew they would want to be reunited with their families right after the medical check-ups."

According to Givac, it will be decided in the near future whether Slovak troops will stay in Afghanistan in the same location as before or be moved to different regions. "At any rate, we should stay in the country until the end of the mission – meaning 2014."

Even though the mission is slated to terminate in 2014, allied troops won't leave Afghanistan completely, said Chief of General Staff Peter Vojtek. "The mission will shift its nature from military to that of support capacity. We already have teams there working in providing such support. For example, we train Afghan soldiers and policemen so that they will eventually be able to govern their own country in a responsible way," he added.

Slovakia a Gateway for Chinese Firms Entering Europe

Bratislava, September 26 (TASR) - China and Slovakia have consistently enjoyed cordial relations – a fact that has boosted mutual political and economic co-operation for a number of years, according to Chinese Ambassador to Slovakia Gu Ziping.

"Situating in the heart of Europe, Slovakia as an EU member boasts a stable political and economic situation. China and Slovakia mutually need each other and have a lot to share in terms of experience," stressed Gu Ziping, adding that Slovakia represents a gateway for Chinese companies entering the European market.

Bilateral trade balance between Slovakia and China reached €2.47 billion in the first half of 2012, with Slovak exports to China rising by 38.3 percent. "Slovakia and China should capitalise on the good opportunities ... mutually beneficial co-operation between China and EU, and to extend the pragmatic co-operation so as to maximise mutual profit and development," said the Ambassador.

Slovakia and China Agree to Intensify Economic Co-operation

Bratislava/Beijing, September 26 (TASR) - Slovak Trade and Industry Chamber (SOPK) head Peter Mihok and Chinese Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) vice-president Yu Ping have signed an addendum to the agreement on co-operation between the two institutions from 1994, thereby paving the way for more intensive economic collaboration, TASR was told by SOPK press secretary Bibiana Gunisova on Wednesday.

The document foresees the setting up of a joint Chinese-Slovak trade council and also provides the prerequisites for the further development of bilateral economic ties. It comes against the background of a 12-clause plan on strengthening co-operation between China and 16 countries from Central and eastern Europe, approved by the Warsaw summit in April 2012.

The proposed council will unite significant figures, enterprises and organisations representing individual branches of industry and trade in both countries that have been doing business together or are interested in doing so. Support and promotion of trade and investment activities, services, and technology transfers will also form part of the council's agenda.

Gasparovic: Slovakia Ready to Help Make UN More Effective

New York, September 26 (TASR) - Slovakia is ready to co-operate in making the UN more effective at the economic, social and environmental levels, stated President Ivan Gasparovic during the general debate at the 67th session of the UN General Assembly on Wednesday.

Gasparovic added that it's essential for the world economy for the strongest economies to be stable and to assume responsibility for global economic developments and the sustainability of social stability world-wide.

"We have to find a common goal - to make the UN an effective organisation playing a central part in a new international environment," said the president, adding that the political will of all UN members and a clear vision is needed in order for the organisation to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Gasparovic declared that Slovakia acknowledges its moral duty to help developing countries and countries in need. "Despite the tight budget, [Slovakia] has been setting aside more financial resources for foreign development assistance every year," he said.

In this relation, Slovakia is even planning to increase its contribution to Afghanistan, one of the three priority recipients of Slovak official development aid. "Afghanistan remains our top military foreign operative priority. Our forces will remain in the country while necessary," he said.

The president also broached the topic of arms control and disarmament, stating that these are key for the formation of a safe and stable world and would facilitate further global development.

Completion of Infrastructure Key for Developing Kosice Region

Bratislava, September 26 (TASR) - The potential for developing Kosice self-governing region (KSK) depends on better access to the region via the completion of infrastructure including motorways and express ways, reads a recently published analysis on the situation in Michalovce and Sobrance districts drafted by the Finance Ministry.

With the infrastructure completed, the two regions will be able to benefit from their location bordering Ukraine and enjoy the rich market opportunities that this neighbour provides. "The option of co-operating with Ukraine is one of the main comparative advantages leading to the initiation of development, mainly of the less-developed district of Sobrance," reads the document.

When it comes to economic development, focus should be put on the high unemployment rate. The Government wants to tackle the problem by constructing infrastructure, which would pave the way for enterprises and attract investments. Equally important is the revitalisation of agriculture.

The situation in the two districts is the key topic of Wednesday's away-from-home Cabinet session in Michalovce. The Government is set to approve financial assistance worth a total of €2 million for the two districts later in the day. Ministers are also expected to assign tasks aimed at remedying the current problems of the area.

Michalovce and Sobrance to Receive €2 million from Government

Michalovce, September 26 (TASR) - Michalovce and Sobrance, two district towns in Kosice region, will be given financial assistance worth €2 million in total, the Government is set to decide at its session on Wednesday.

Michalovce should receive €1.61 million, while Sobrance expects to get the remaining €387,000. The money should be used for reconstruction work (bus station, funeral hall, swimming pool). If the Government okays the transfer, Finance Minister Peter Kazimir should make the means available by mid-October.

The assistance should be allocated from financial means that are already included in the budget and will be deducted to the detriment of other budget entries.

U.S. Steel Kosice Opening Representation Bureau in Milan

Kosice, September 25 (TASR) - U.S. Steel Kosice is opening its new business representation office in Milan, Italy, the company's trade and marketing director Christian Korn announced on Tuesday.

The new office should specialise in searching for further business opportunities, as well as extending the steelworks' trade activities in Italy.

"Opening of this new trade bureau is another step forward in line with our new business strategy," said Korn, adding that the strategy is called 'Close to You'.

According to Korn, the goal set out by the management is to get closer to the customers not only via the opening of representation offices, which will make the company closer geographically, but also via intensifying mutual communication.

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

REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS October 2012

General Intention - New Evangelization

That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.



Have you ever heard news that made you so happy you couldn't wait to share it? That's the spirit behind the "new evangelization."

Evangelization is simply proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, the Gospel. The proclamation of the good news has been the Church's mission from the beginning. So why have Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI called for a "new evangelization"? The new evangelization has to do with bringing the Gospel to countries where Christianity was planted centuries ago, where it once flourished but is now dying. This new evangelization requires bold and convincing new ways of presenting the Gospel and includes using new communication technologies. Evangelization is such a deep concern of Pope Benedict that in October, 2010, he created the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New

Evangelization and made it the focus for the Thirteenth General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which is meeting in the Vatican this month. Pope Benedict said to the Pontifical Council that the new evangelization, though it involves new methods and new media, depends upon Christians whose lifestyle attracts others to Christ. It also requires new and different approaches for different cultures, not a new formula for all. And yet what all the Churches in what we used to call Christendom need, wrote the Pope, is "a renewed missionary impulse, an expression of a new, generous openness to the gift of grace." Ultimately the new evangelization depends upon God's grace. It depends upon the Holy Spirit filling believers with the knowledge of God's love—good news that they won't be able to keep to themselves.



Reflection: How may we make a new and enthusiastic proclamation of the Gospel in countries, like our own, that are falling away from the faith?

Reading: James 2:14-26 Faith, of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Mission Intention - World Mission Day

That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.



This month the Pope reminds us that proclaiming the Gospel is the main task and very identity of the Church. As we pray for others, we are challenged to renew our own commitment to evangelization. But evangelization has become something many Catholics don't want to talk about—much less do. Many seem embarrassed by our duty to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples. If we feel that way about evangelization, perhaps it's time to re-examine our own faith. Have we ever owned and rejoiced in our own baptism? Do we really know Jesus—in the Word, the Eucharist, and prayer? Do we truly feel that without Jesus we would be miserable, but with him we have everything?

Let us remember that evangelization is not a forcing of anything on anyone. It is just us extending God's free offer of love. In an address to the Pontifical Mission Societies last year, Pope Benedict said that "a fundamental condition for proclamation is to let oneself be completely grasped by Christ, the Word of God incarnate, because only those who listen attentively to the incarnate Word, who are intimately

united to him, can become his heralds." If we have actually been grasped by Christ, everything we do will be authentic evangelization. We will have Christ's love for all, even difficult people. We will pray for others. Rather than seek wealth and power, we will align ourselves, as Jesus did, with the poor, hungry, sick, and oppressed. We will do what we can to relieve suffering.

Reflection: How can I become a more authentic witness for Jesus Christ?

Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-16 Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear.



Prayer of the Month



"O Lord, accompany your missionaries in the lands to be evangelized, put the right words on their lips and make their labors fruitful." May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Star of Evangelization, accompany all Gospel missionaries. —from Pope Benedict's 2012 Message for World Mission Day, quoting Blessed John Henry Newman

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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creative art. On Thursday, each group performed to an enthusiastic audience in a cultural program called Sami sebe (About Ourselves), which took place in the grand Moyzesová sieň (Concert Hall named after the celebrated 20th century Slovak musician, Alexander Moyzes) of the Philosophical Faculty building.

On the final Friday, following morning, those who successfully completed the course of study received certificates in the Comenius University auditorium. Afterwards, all enjoyed yet another evening of culinary delights and could dance to the music of a lively folk band.

The following day, many participants left to return to their home countries, but all came away with wonderful memories, newly found friends, and a well-rounded educational experience.

The professors were first rate, and really aimed to improve the language capabilities of every individual participant. Student assistants were always on hand to help in any way possible with any concerns. SAS director, Professor Jana Pekarovičová, PhD., did a marvelous job in assuring that summer school would be an intellectually engaging yet enjoyable experience.



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Entertainment at SAS included concerts such as Slovak singer Janais, a former SAS participant



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I encourage others to try SAS if they are interested in learning Slovak, meeting new and interesting people from around the world, and enjoying themselves while expanding their horizons.

Those interested in attending SAS in the future may visit the website below or contact Comenius University at the address listed below, or see the website on www.facebook.com to view some photos.

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Rodáci Trstenej “Za veľkou mlákou”

Narodil som sa, a bývam v Trstenej, a som hrdý na to, že naše malé mestečko Trstená (www.trstena.sk), ktoré leží v malebnej časti Hornej Oravy a má teraz okolo 7 300 obyvateľov, dalo svetu významné osobnosti, ktoré boli činné a známe “Za veľkou mlákou”. A nebolo ich málo:

Štefan Furdek (1855 - 1915) - najvýznamnejší a najznámejší vedúci činiteľ slovenských organizácií v USA, založil fond na podporu národného života na Slovensku a organizoval protestné zhromaždenia amerických Slovákov a ostatných Američanov proti národnostnému útlaku Slovákov v Uhorsku. Jeho organizačná práca bola poznačená katolicizmom. Autor aktuálnych národno-politických a náboženských článkov, krátkych próz a básní s tematikou života amerických Slovákov. Zaslúžil sa o rozvoj slovenských škôl v USA a napísal pre ne niekoľko učebníc a čítaniek. Vydával a redigoval týždenník a kalendár Jednota, zábavný týždenník Šíp a náboženský mesačník Viera. Zakladateľ Prvej katolíckej slovenskej jednoty v USA (1890), spoluzakladateľ a prvý predseda Matice slovenskej v Amerike (1893 - 1904), Združenia slovenských novinárov v Amerike (1906) a prvým predsedom Slovenskej ligy v Amerike (1907).

Rudolf Dilong (1905 - 1986) - po absolvovaní štúdia katolíckej teológie ho v roku 1929 vysvätili za kňaza. Niekoľko rokov pôsobil ako stredoškolský profesor náboženstva. Po vypuknutí 2. svetovej vojny narukoval ako vojenský kňaz do armády. V roku 1945 odišiel do emigrácie. Najskôr sa usadil v Ríme, v roku 1947 odišiel do Argentíny, kde najskôr pôsobil ako kňaz slovenských vysťahovalcov v Buenos Aires. Redigoval periodikum Slovenské zvesti. Od roku 1965 žil v kláštore v Pittsburghu v USA. Tu pracoval ako redaktor Listov sv. Františka. Pracoval aj ako funkcionár Svetového kongresu Slovákov. Dilong dostal od literárnych kritikov mnoho prívlastkov – utajený mních, knieža básnikov, básnik uštipnutý slobodou, básnik stratenej slovenskej slobody.

Matúš Jankola (1872 -1916) - r. 1893 sa vysťahoval do USA, od r. 1895 r. k. kaplán v slov. osadách v Pittstone a vo Wilkes Barre, r. 1902 v Hazletone, r. 1907 farár v Bridgeporte. Popredný predstaviteľ krajanského hnutia v USA, medzi slovenskými vysťahovalcami pôsobil na cirkevnom, školskom, publicistickom a národnom poli. Vedúci funkcionár Prvej slovenskej katolíckej jednoty, zakladateľ Spolku sv. Antona združujúceho slovenských kňazov v USA a r. 1897 slov. ženskej reholy Šestier sv. Cyrila a Metoda, ktorý sa staral o cirkevné školy. Organizátor slovenského katolíckeho ľudového školstva v USA, inicioval vznik základny Pokladnica sv. Antona na podporu slov. študujúcej mládeže, budoval i večerné školy pre dospelých. Jeho publicistická činnosť v krajanskej tlači mala prevažne náboženský charakter (redaktor Jednoty), ale plnila aj národnouvedomovacie poslanie, najmä jeho zápisky z cesty po Slovensku (1901), ktorými upozornil na národnostný útlak v Uhorsku. R. 1899 založil so Štefanom Furdekom Národný fond a r. 1905 Ústredný slovenský národný výbor s poslaním podpory slovenského národného hnutia na Slovensku, r. 1914 spoluautor Memoranda Slovenskej ligy v Amerike s hlavnou požiadavkou autonómie Slovenska v rámci Rakúsko - Uhorska.

Ale teraz krátko o mojej misii v Clevelande - OHIO. Pred viac ako 100-rokmi sa traja súrodenci, z prvého manželstva môjho starého otca Štefana z Trstenej, odsťahovali do USA. Počas celého obdobia sa prerušili všetky kontakty, a medzi rodinami v USA a na Slovensku neboli žiadne väzby ani písomné. Obe strany vedeli, že majú obojstranne „za veľkou mlákou“, svojich blízkych, ale žili si svojim životom. Až 2.1.2007 dal môj príbuzný Florián z Middleburg Heights - OHIO, oznam na internetovú stránku, že hľadá rodinu svojej matky Kornélie, v Trstenej.

Ja som ten oznam na internete náhodou objavil, a keďže som sa v tom období zaujímal o rodokmeň po otcovej strane, hneď som vedel podľa uverejnených údajov, že je to naša pokrvná rodina. Napísal som teda na uvedený e-mail Floriána, že v Trstenej ešte žije Slovenská vetva nášho príbuzenstva. Bolo to presne 6.februára 2008 v deň 92. narodenín, jeho matky Kornélie. Keď Florián oznámil túto informáciu svojej matke, tá sa tomu veľmi potešila a na druhý deň tíško opustila tento pozemský svet. Dalo by sa povedať, že žila pre tento moment a čakala na tento deň, keď sa rodina opäť spojí dohromady. Odtedy začala medzi nami dosť čulá komunikácia, až sme od 4.9. do 10.9.2012 so synom Michalom, zavítali na osobnú návštevu do rodiny Floriána a Nancy, do Middleburg Heights - OHIO. Treba povedať, že sme našli obdivuhodných ľudí, ktorí sa o nás veľmi pekne postarali nielen pohostinnosťou vo vlastnom dome ale pripravili nám aj bohatý program: návšteva Slovenského inštitútu a stretnutie s pánom Hudakom jr., návšteva Benediktínskeho kláštora a stretnutie s opátom Christopherom Schwartzom, návšteva hlavného úradu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej jednoty v USA a Kanade, návšteva pamätných miest Štefana Furdeka, Jána Kollára, M.R. Štefánika, a pod. To bol tak trochu pracovno-národný program, ale nemej zaujímavý bol aj súkromný program, ktorý pozostával nielen z prehliadky mesta Clevelandu a jeho okolia (jazero Erie a jeho ostrovčeky), ale hlavne návšteva a obhliadka Niagarských vodopádov, v nás zanechali plno nezabudnuteľných dojmov. Veľmi nás potešila aj návšteva 94-ročnej tety Helen, s ktorou sme boli aj na spoločnom obede. A čo by sme to boli za Slováci, keby sme sa nezúčastnili na sv. omši. Boli sme spoločne, v kostole sv. Vendelína, kde sme si po omši urobili aj spoločnú fotografiu s celebrantom Fr. Robert Kropacom, ktorého rodina pochádza z Prahy. Ani doma sme u nich nezaháľali, kým Michal s Floriánom dopĺňovali chýbajúce údaje do rodokmeňov a vymieňali si fotografie, ja spoločne s Nancy, sme v kuchyni pripravovali tradičné slovenské jedlá ako napr.: cesnakovú polievku alebo kotlíkový guláš. Na záver sme sa spoločne obdarili darčekom a nás veľmi potešilo, že Goralské kroje, ktoré sme doniesli bez predchádzajúceho zisťovania mier, im sedeli ako uliaté. Už sa zase tešíme na spoločné stretnutie na Slovensku.



Ing. Jozef Fabry

Gorali: Florian a Nancy.



Počas návštevy Benediktínskeho kláštora v Clevelande, OH. Opát Christopher Schwarz (v strede) v spoločnosti zľava Jozefa Hudáka a Jozefa Fabryho.



Riaditeľ Slovenského inštitútu v Clevelande, Jozef Hudák ml., (v strede) prijal návštevu zo Slovenska z Trstenej ako aj ich príbuzných z Middleburg Heights, Ohio.



Stretnutie v hlavnom úrade Jednoty. V strede stojaci hlavný predseda IKSJ, Andrej M. Rajec.

Nadživotné sochy možno skrásli Bratislavský hrad

Sochy Cyrila, Metoda a Gorazda budú stáť buď na Gorazdovej ulici alebo na Bratislavskom hrade. Bronzové súsošie plánuje osadiť Spoločnosť sv. Cyrila, Metoda a Gorazda spolu s Maticou slovenskou a Radou konferencie biskupov Slovenska pre vedu, vzdelanie a kultúru. Tá ale žiadala Hurbanovo námestie, bratislavskí poslanci to 27. septembra zamietli.

“Hurbanovo námestie má ideálnu polohu, je tam sakrálna stavba. Bratislavčania tam súsošie budú vidieť a vnímať,” pripomenul poslancom tajomník Matice slovenskej Peter Mulík. Komisia kultúry a ochrany historických pamiatok odporučila, aby bolo súsošie umiestnené na Gorazdovej ulici pred Kostolom Panny Márie Snežnej alebo na východnej strane Bratislavského hradu pri veľkomoravských vykopávkach. Práve túto alternatívu schválili poslanci.

Osadiť súsošie chcú pri príležitosti jubilejného 1150. výročia príchodu Cyrila a Metoda na územie Veľkej Moravy. Vytvorí ho akademický sochár Anton Gábrik z Modry. Jeho návrh Rotunda vybrali spomedzi 24 ďalších. Bratislavčania ho už mohli aj vidieť. V marci bol totiž vystavený spolu s ďalšími v Justího sieni.

TASR

Nový portál o životnom štýle Webmagazin.sk

Tlačová agentúra Slovenskej republiky (TASR) spustila nový portál o životnom štýle Webmagazin.sk. “Našou ambíciou bolo vybudovať moderný portál, na ktorom si návštevníci budú môcť prečítať odľahčené témy a kde vytvoríme aj exkluzívne reklamný a PR priestor pre propagáciu vlastných produktov a služieb a tiež aj pre našich klientov,” povedal generálny riaditeľ TASR Jaroslav Rezník. Nový Webmagazin.sk má dnes sedem rubrik – móda, zdravie, cestovanie, príroda, autá, technológie, biznis. Ďalšie rubriky v budúcnosti pribudnú. Jeho cieľovou skupinou je celé čitateľské internetové spektrum. Na portáli tiež dominujú exkluzívne fotografie od fotoreportérov TASR a svetových tlačových agentúr.

“Po spustení spravodajského portálu Teraz.sk sme od čitateľov a návštevníkov pociťovali silný dopyt práve po magazínových témach. Keďže sme však chceli zachovať čisto spravodajský ráz portálu Teraz.sk, potrebovali sme pre odľahčené čítanie vytvoriť novú platformu. Chceli sme, aby mala moderný dizajn a kvalitný obsah, čo sa nám podarilo. Zároveň sme pre redaktorov TASR poskytli nový priestor na ich realizáciu,” zdôraznil J. Rezník.

TASR

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov IKSJ

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ, NYC

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 21. októbra 2012 o 9:30 hodine dopoludnia sa uskutoční Výročná členská schôdza vo farskej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

V programe schôdzy je podanie finančnej správy, voľby úradníkov na rok 2013 a diskusia o návrhoch na ďalšiu činnosť. Vyzývame všetkých členov, aby sa tejto dôležitej schôdzy zúčastnili. Po schôdzy sa bude podávať občerstvenie.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u, Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 21. októbra 2012 o 1:00 hodine dopoludnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, NYC po slovenskej svätej omši, ktorá sa začína o 11:00 dopoludnia.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Na programe bude podanie finančnej správy, budú prevedené voľby úradníkov na rok 2013 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie.

Po skončení výročnej členskej schôdzy bude SEMINÁR, ktorý usporiada Hlavný úrad Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty – predseda, alebo podpredseda, pravdepodobne aj sekretár Jednoty.

Po týchto dvoch podujatiach sa bude podávať bohaté občerstvenie, ktoré pripraví členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ. Variť bude Janko Škrkoň.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Posedenie Okresu Princa Pribinu v Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Okres Princa Pribinu pripravuje pri príležitosti sviatku Všetkých svätých slovenskú svätú omšu v nedeľu 28. októbra 2012. Oslava začne o 2:00 hodine poobede svätou omšou v kaplnke sv. Jána Bosku pri St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Bl., Bellflower, CA 90706, ktorú bude slúžiť otec Pavol Sochul'ak z Ontária. Pri tejto príležitosti si pripomenieme v modlitbách pamiatku Všetkých svätých a milovaných zosnulých. Po svätej omši bude nasledovať spoločné posedenie s priateľmi pri káve a šiškách a dobrej slovenskej hudbe. Všetky obvody v okolí pozývame na príjemné posedenie.

Pavol Skubeň, predseda

Prvá Októbrová zábava „Oktoberfest“ v NYC

Asociácia ACF „Big Apple Chapter“ a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty si Vás dovoľujú pozvať na PRVÚ OKTÓBROVÚ ZÁBAVU „OKTOBERFEST“ ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 14. októbra 2012 od 1:00 - 5:30 odpoľudnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

Budú sa podávať nemecké, slovenské a české špeciality bufetovým spôsobom. Tiež bude otvorený bar s čapovaným pivom, vínom a nealkoholickými nápojmi. K dobrej nálade prispeje aj slovenská kapela a nemecký harmonikár, ktorí budú hrať do tanca a na počúvanie.

Vstupné je 30.00 dolárov, v čom sú zahrnuté spomínané špeciality a otvorený bar. Platí sa v hotovosti, alebo money orderom. Každý účastník obdrží pamiatkový pohár na pivo.

Rezervácia vstupeniek: 1-877-556-4642 alebo Jozef Bilik 1-718-463-2084.

Srdečne vás všetkých vítame!

Benediktíni oslavujú 90. výročie pôsobenia v Clevelande

Benediktínski mníši z Opátstva sv. Andreja Svorada v Clevelande, OH usporiadajú dobročinné podujatie, ktoré je venované 90. výročiu ich pôsobenia v Clevelande. Podujatie sa začne v nedeľu 4. novembra svätou omšou vďaka vďačnosti o 12:15 hodine v Kostole Nanebovzatia Panny Márie na nasledovnej adrese: 9183 Broadview Road v Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

Cena vstupeniek je \$ 65.00 za osobu. Záujemcovia, ktorí sa podujatia nemôžu zúčastniť, môžu opátstvu venovať finančný dar. Šeky majú byť vystavené na St. Andrew Abbey a zaslané na adresu: 10510 Buckey Rd. Cleveland, OH 44104. Rezervácia vstupeniek do 22. októbra na tel. č. (216) 721-5300, ext.0, alebo (216) 228-8179.

Slovenský festival na Pittsburskej univerzite

Ako každoročne tak aj toho roku University of Pittsburgh Slovak Studies usporiada už v poradí 22. Festival slovenského dedičstva. Podujatie sa bude konať v nedeľu 4. novembra 2012 v Cathedral of Learning Commons Room v Oakland Pittsburgh, PA., od 1:00 hodine až do 5:00 hodine popoludní. Počas Festivalu sa budú predávať klobásky, halušky, pirohy a domáce koláče. Usporiadatelia odporúčajú tým, ktorí vlastia kroje aby v nich prišli oblečení.

V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia slovenské folklórne súbory Pittsburskí Slováci a súbor PAS. O bližšie informácie volajte Chris Matil na tel. čísle: (412) 624-5906

35. ročník Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey

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Kultúrno-zábavný program sa začal o 2.30 hodine poobede, kde všetkých prítomných privítal najprv v anglickej reči advokát Ján Duch a potom v slovenčine Nina Holá. Americkú a slovenskú hymnu zaspieval operný spevák Radoslav Lesay. Vrelý písomný pozdrav pre hostí a účastníkov festivalu poslal aj guvernér štátu New Jersey, Chris Christie.

Po hymnách mal krátky príhovor prezident Ivan Gašparovič v ktorom ďakoval pracovníkom festivalu, že pripravili také veľké podujatie v ktorom propagujú aj Slovensko.

Povedal tiež, že počas Generálneho zhromaždenia OSN bude mať spolu s ministrom zahraničných vecí viaceré stretnutia s prezidentmi a premiérmi iných štátov, lebo Slovensko aktívne participuje na viacerých aktivitách a vo viacerých misiách OSN a je rešpektovanou a aktívnou zložkou tohto medzinárodného spoločenstva.

Za tým nasledoval príhovor podpredsedu vlády a ministra zahraničných vecí Miroslava Lajčáka. Minister vyslovil potešenie, že má po prvý raz príležitosť sa zúčastniť slovenského festivalu dedičstva. Uistoval prítomných, že SR chce podporovať podujatia Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorí nimi propagujú aj Slovensko. Ďalej spomenul diplomatické aktivity Slovenska a vyslovil spokojnosť nad priateľskými vzťahmi SR a Spojených štátov amerických. Obaja ocenili aktivity amerických Slovákov pri šírení slovenského dedičstva, kultúry a tradícií v USA.

Kultúrny program moderovala Janka Konzelmánová a tradičnú prehliadku slovenských krojov viedla Renáta Juráši-Vasilová. Z dvoch detských súborov, ktoré sa predstavili na festivale bol aj Limboráčik z New Yorku, ktorý uviedol niekoľko ľudových tancov ako bol odzemok a akrobatický zbojnícky tanec.

Skvelé vystúpenie predviedli hudobno-spevácky detský súbor Llama Band z New Jersey, ktorý si získal publikum prevedením temperamentných slovenských a amerických piesní. Medzi hudobnými nástrojmi, s ktorými tento súbor vystupuje je aj cymbal. V oboch súboroch účinkujú len mladé talenty do veku 15 rokov. Mladý operný spevák, tenorista Rado Lesay si na svoje vystúpenie vybral kedysi veľmi populárne piesne z tvorby speváka Karola Duchoňa. Za tým javisko zaplnili tanečníci súboru PAS z Pittsburghu, ktorí predviedli tradičné ľudové tance. Tento súbor je známy bohatou históriou a vyrovná sa aj profesionálnym súborom. Vynikajúcimi tancami a hudbou zabávali obecenstvo až do konca programu, ktorý sa završil spevom hymnických piesní, pod vedením Renáty Juráši-Vasilovej: Hej Slováci a God Bless America.

Program festivalu pokračoval pod veľkým šiatrom, kde hrala do tanca hudobná kapela rodiny Jurášiovej. Skupiny mladších sa pobavili aj spoločným spevom. Na improvizovanom ihrisku sa v neskorých popoludňajších hodinách skončil futbalový turnaj, ktorého sa zúčastnili štyri slovenské kluby: Tatra Slovakia, Dukla Svidník, FC Litmanová a Slovan Staten Island. Víťazom futbalového turnaja sa stal klub Slovan Staten Island.



Slovenské medovníky zaujali pozornosť návštevníkov.



Hostia pri sledovaní programu zľava: podpredseda vlády Miroslav Lajčák s manželkou Editou, prezident Gašparovič, Nina Holá, veľvyslanec SR pri OSN František Ružička, Ján Holý, veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone Peter Kmec a gen. konzul Igor Pokojný.



Zľava sediaci: podpredseda vlády a minister zahraničia Miroslav Lajčák, prezident Ivan Gašparovič a prekladateľ. Stojaci: Henrieta H. Daitová, predseda SLvA Daniel F. Tanzone a spolupredsedovia festivalových výborov Nina Holá a John G. Duch.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Slovensko** v budúcom roku porastie pomalšie, ako očakávalo Ministerstvo financií (MF) SR ešte v júni. Kým vtedy predpovedali analytici rezortu rast hrubého domáceho produktu (HDP) o 2.6 %, momentálne je to už len 2.1 %. Vyplýva to z nedávno zverejnenej aktualizovanej prognózy. Odhad rastu na tento rok necháva ministerstvo na pôvodnej hodnote 2.5 %. Slovensko za to vďačí automobilkám, keďže nábeh ich nových exportných kapacít v prvom polroku bol podľa Inštitútu finančnej politiky (IFP) nečakane rýchly. Už budúci rok však dôjde k spomaleniu výkonu slovenského hospodárstva. Hlavným rizikom novej prognózy je naďalej neistota týkajúca sa dlhovej krízy v eurozóne.

• **Slovensko** v reakcii na problémy s otravami metylalkoholom zakázal dovoz českého alkoholu. Podľa ministra pôdohospodárstva Ľubomíra Jahnátka sa zákaz týkal alkoholu vyrobeného v Českej republike a alkoholu odtiaľ dovezeného. Metylalkohol si v Česku vyžiadala vyše 20 ľudských životov a ďalšie desiatky ľudí boli v nemocnici. Polícia už pre otravy obvinila viacerých ľudí.

• **Francúzsky** veľvyslanec Jean-Marie Bruno odovzdal v utorok 18. septembra večer vysoké štátne vyznamenanie Rad za zásluhy Francúzskej republiky liptovskomikulášskemu primátorovi Alexandrovi Slafkovskému. Toto vyznamenanie, ktoré je určené pre vzácných priateľov Francúzska, má zatiaľ iba niekoľko Slovákov.

• **Novovymenovaný** stály predstaviteľ Slovenskej republiky pri Rade Európy v Štrasburgu veľvyslanec Drahošlav Štefánek odovzdal 18. septembra 2012 do rúk generálneho tajomníka Rady Európy Thorbjorna Jaglanda poverovaciu listinu od prezidenta Slovenskej republiky. Drahošlav Štefánek je v poradí 6. stálym predstaviteľom SR pri Rade Európy. Generálny tajomník Rady Európy na stretnutí ocenil konštruktívnu spoluprácu s predstaviteľmi Slovenska a prínos Slovenskej republiky pre prácu rady, osobitne v rámci regiónu Východného partnerstva.

• **Slovenská** vláda v septembri odsúhlasila novelu zákona o vysokých školách, ktorá im predlžuje dĺžku bakalárskeho štúdia z troch na štyri roky a magisterského z piatich na šesť rokov. Vysoké školy budú môcť okrem toho po novom pýtať školné za poskytovanie programov v inom ako štátnom jazyku. Očakáva sa, že vysoké školy v tomto smere využijú príležitosť a vykonajú potrebné kroky na svoju propagáciu smerom do zahraničia a na získanie vysokoškolských učiteľov zo zahraničia, ako aj študentov – cudzincov. Novela vysokoškolského zákona by v prípade súhlasného stanoviska parlamentu a prezidenta mala platiť od januára 2013.

• **Úrad** pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí (ÚSZZ) dostal v roku 2011 celkom 993 žiadostí o vydanie osvedčenia Slováka žijúceho v zahraničí. Tieto služby na uplatnenie si práv a výhod držiteľa, ktoré sú ustanovené osobitnými zákonmi v SR. Úrad v tom istom období vydal 856 takýchto osvedčení pre krajanov zo 14 štátov. Vyplýva to z jeho správy o štátnej politike starostlivosti o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorú nedávno odobrili poslanci NR SR. V roku 2011 bol záujem Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí o vydanie osvedčenia teritoriálne nevyvážený. Najväčší záujem o ne mali krajanovia z okolitých krajín mimo Schengenského priestoru. Celkom 683 vydaných osvedčení smerovalo vlnou do Srbska a ďalších 135 na Ukrajinu. Za dvojicou spomínaných krajín nasledovalo s výrazným odstupom USA, kam však odišlo iba desať osvedčení.

• **Históriu** desaťročného pôsobenia Ústavu pamäti národa (ÚPN) v septembri sprístupnili na výstave v Justičnej sieni Primaciálneho paláca v Bratislave. Na paneloch je v dokumentoch zdôvodnený vznik tejto inštitúcie po totalitných režimoch nacizmu a komunizmu ako dedičstvo po nedemokratickej minulosti. Činnosti ÚPN predchádzal prípravný legislatívny proces. Okrem neho sa návštevník expozície dozvie o orgánoch, štruktúre a jej premenách, priestoroch, archíve i ako sa sprístupňujú dokumenty verejnosti. Tiež, že ÚPN vydal vyše 60 publikácií a 32 čísiel štvrťročníka Pamäť národa.

• **Nezamestnanosť** na Slovensku v auguste tohto roka medziročne vzrástla. Podľa štatistiky Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (ÚPSVaR) SR dosiahla 13.19 %, čo znamená v porovnaní s augustom 2011 nárast o 0.07 percentuálneho bodu. Pri medzi mesačnom porovnaní klesla o 0.08 bodu. Podľa zverejnených údajov evidovali v uplynulom mesiaci na úradoch práce celkovo 356,423 disponibilných uchádzačov o zamestnanie. Spolu bolo na úradoch evidovaných takmer 400,000 ľudí. V takom prípade sa do ich počtu započítavajú aj nepracujúci, ktorí nemôžu okamžite nastúpiť do zamestnania.

• **Na** tohtoročnej letnej dovolenke nebola tretina Slovákov. Naopak, viac ako jednu dovolenku absolvovalo zhruba 10 % opýtaných. Vyplýva to z prieskumu, ktorý realizovala výskumná agentúra NMS Market Research v spolupráci s portálom Heureka.sk.

• **Austráľania** pravdepodobne dajú prácu na východe Slovenska stovkám ľudí. Austrálska spoločnosť Bronx International, ktorá sa vďaka zvyšujúcemu počtu objednávok vo svete, rozhodla na Slovensku postaviť závod a ako tvrdí, chce na Slovensko dotiahnuť aj výskum. "Tým, že dopyt v Rusku, západnej Európe a najmä v Afrike rastie, sa výroba v Európe ukázala logická. Košice sú k týmto trom lokalitám v ideálnom zemepisnom strede", vyhlásil šéf slovenskej pobočky Bronx Proces Technologies Robert Idzes. Bronx International vyrába kontinuálne linky na úpravu plechov.

• **Skrachované** sklárne Slovglass z Poltára, ktoré sa do problémov dostali počas prvej vlny krízy, majú nového majiteľa. Stala sa ním akciová spoločnosť Convey, ktorá za ne dala najvyššiu ponuku. V tendri konkurzného správcu porazila zvyšných dvoch záujemcov, ktorí na rozdiel od víťaza pôsobia v sklárstve dlhodobo. Ide o nemeckú skupinu AHG a českého miliardára Otakara Mofku. Nemci ponúkli za Poltár 900,000 eur, čo však nestačilo. Firma Convey, ktorá je v oblasti sklárstva celkom neznáma a neskúsená, ponúkla 910,000 eur a súťaž vyhrala.

• **Slováci** na najväčšej svetovej súťaži vín AWC Vienna 2012 nemali konkurenciu. Spoločnosť, ktorá sa zaoberá pestovaním viniča a výrobou vína Elesko, do súťaže prihlásila desať vzoriek a všetky získali ocenenia. Ide o historický úspech. Navyše tri druhy vína získali zlatú medailu. Tie najlepšie sú Veterlín 2009, Slamová pálava 2011 a Frankovka modrá rosé. "Tieto vína sú zlaté!".

• **Google** už rozhodol. Nový cyklomost, ktorý spája Devínsku Novú Ves s rakúskym Schlosshofom, označili na mape ako Most Chucka Norrisa. Predbehli tak hlasovanie župných poslancov o názve mosta. V internetovom hlasovaní bratislavskej župy s veľkým predstihom zvíťazil názov Most Chucka Norrisa, ktorý Slovensko zviditeľnil aj v zahraničí.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Vo Zvolene bude digitalizačné pracovisko SNG

V uplynulých dňoch začala rekonštrukcia Kapitánskeho domu, ktorý je v rámci Zvolenského zámku jedným z najväčších a najvýznamnejších objektov. Budova už dlhší čas vlhne a pre narušenú statiku hrozí zrútenie múrov. Slovenská národná galéria (SNG), ktorá zámok spravuje, získala peniaze na obnovu z eurofondov, vďaka projektu Digitálna galéria.



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Zvolenský zámok

V Kapitánskom dome má vzniknúť digitalizačné pracovisko pre všetky zbierky SNG, ako aj všetky ostatné slovenské galérie.

Podľa kastelána zámku Petra Heneša, Kapitánsky dom, ktorý postavili v 16. storočí, vlhne v spodnej časti. V nej boli v minulosti pivnice ale napríklad aj väzenie. Za príčinu vlhnutia archeológovia a statici považujú aj nefunkčné žľaby na objekte, v dôsledku čoho voda stekala po múroch.

Na celý projekt digitalizácie získala galéria 15.5 milióna eur. Na stavebné úpravy Kapitánskeho domu pôjde približne 900.000 eur. Ako však Heneš upozornil, vysúťažila sa oveľa nižšia suma. Zhruba 2 milióny eur bude stať prístrojové vybudenie reštaurátorského a digitalizačného pracoviska a tiež fumigačnej komory na plynové ošetrenie galerijných zbierok pred ich digitalizáciou. Všetky práce by mali byť hotové do konca januára 2013.

Vo Zvolene sa má digitálne spracovať 110,000 umeleckých diel zo zbierok osemnástich galérií. Popri digitálnom snímaní sa tu budú umelecké diela aj ošetrovať a reštaurovať. Predpokladá sa, že práce potrvajú približne tri a pol roka. Po zdigitalizovaní galerijných zbierok chce pracovisko svoje služby poskytnúť aj iným inštitúciám.

Zvolenský zámok je národnou kultúrnou pamiatkou. Bol postavený v 14. storočí, pôvodne ako gotický poľovnícky zámok. Niekoľkokrát ho ale prestavali. Po druhej svetovej vojne sa stal súčasťou SNG. Na zámku sa okrem pravidelných výstav nachádza aj niekoľko stálych expozícií.

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Pamäti exprezidenta Michala Kováča

Michal Kováč: Pamäti – môj príbeh občana a prezidenta, 415 strán. Kniha vyšla v spolupráci Nadácie Michala Kováča (Štúrova ul. 6, 811 01 Bratislava) a Prvej stavebnej sporiteľne vo vydavateľstve Milanium v Dunajskej Lužnej. Predáva sa v kníhkupectvách na Slovensku.

Tieto PAMÄTI prvého prezidenta druhej Slovenskej republiky Michala Kováča sú autentickým obrazom rokov zahrňujúcich rokovania o rozdelení bývalej česko-slovenskej federácie a prvé roky samostatnosti Slovenska. Napriek skoro jednohlasnému rozhodnutiu slovenskej politickej elity o rozdelení vtedajšej ČSFR, prvé roky samostatnosti boli poznačené ostrými osobnými a politickými spormi, ktorých podstatou nebolo riešenie naliehavých hospodárskych a domácich i medzinárodných politických problémov, ale boj o moc a boj o majetky štátu v privatizácii.

Hlavnou politickou osobnosťou na Slovensku v tom čase bol Vladimír Mečiar, ktorý po vyhlásení samostatnosti vystúpil z československej koalície politických strán a spolu s národnými orientovanými politikmi, vrátane autora Pamätí, vytvoril politické hnutie HZDS (Hnutie za demokratické Slovensko). Toto hnutie dominovalo v slovenskej politike viac ako desať rokov.

Ako politik, Vladimír Mečiar sa tešil vysokej popularite. Verejnosť mu pripisovala – nie celkom zaslúžene najväčšie zásluhy za pokojné rozdelenie federácie a za vytvorenie novej štátnej administratívy. V. Mečiar však chcel mať všetkú moc vo svojej kontrole. Z vedenia HZDS čoskoro odstránil viacerých spoluzakladateľov a do prvých prezidentských volieb tlačil svojho kandidáta. Michal Kováč, minister financií v jeho prvej vláde, sa stal občianskym kandidátom na funkciu prezidenta proti vôli V. Mečiara. Prezidentské voľby vyhral bez jeho pomoci. To Mečiar ťažko znášal a keď prezident plnil svoju ústavnú funkciu nadstranícky, čoskoro sa dostal do ostrého sporu s Mečiarom, ktorý používal všetky jemu prístupné prostriedky, verejné i zákulisné a neraz v nesúlade so zákonom, aby dosiahol Kováčovu rezignáciu. Jeho konfidant Ivan Lexa bol šéfom tajnej služby SIS (Slovenská informačná služba). M. Kováč presvedčivo dokumentuje vo svojej knihe, že SIS inscenovala prepádnutie a únos prezidentovho syna Michala ml. do Rakúska, keď ho v Nemecku hľadali na vyšetrovanie v súvislosti s korupčnou kauzou Technopol. Tento incident a odhalované korupčné prípady poznačili Mečiarovo vládnutie v nasledujúcich rokoch a postupne uberali z jeho popularity. HZDS tiež strácalo priazeň slovenskej verejnosti, a po rokoch ju stratilo až do miery, že v čase, kedy sa Kováčove Pamäti dostali na knižný trh, HZDS sa prepadlo vo voľbách pod jedno percento hlasov.

Hoci pán ex-prezident Kováč venuje veľkú časť svojich Pamätí problémom a konfliktom s V. Mečiarom, jeho kniha opisuje realisticky problémy a výzvy, ktorým musel čeliť novozriadený slovenský štát, demokratická Slovenská republika. Sprístupňuje čitateľovi ako sa nový slovenský štát zaradil do európskej mozaiky štátov a do širšej svetovej politiky, či v rámci OSN alebo prostredníctvom bilaterálnych dohôd, a tiež ako zvládol úlohy, ktoré nový štát musí riešiť a akú úlohu v tomto procese zohral autor ako prvý prezident štátu. Kniha M. Kováča je bohato dokumentovaná fotografiami a archívnym materiálom z jeho prezidentských rokov. Aj preto je vítaným príspevkom do historiografie druhej Slovenskej republiky. -jh



V Bazilike svätého Emeráma objavili vzácnu fresku

V nitrianskej katedrále – Bazilike svätého Emeráma objavili prednedávnom reštaurátori vzácnu stredovekú fresku. Nachádzala sa pod vrstvou ďalších malieb a za oltárom Snímania z križa zo 17. storočia, umiestneného v Dolnej lodi chrámu. Freska pochádza zo 14. storočia a podľa odborníkov, je výnimočná.

A fresco was discovered during recent restoration work in the Basilica of St. Emmeram in Nitra. According to experts the fresco dates from the fourteenth century.



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35. ročník Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey



Prezident Gašparovič so súborom PAS z Pittsburghu.

Tradíciu Slovákov na festivale dedičstva prišli podporiť aj vzácní hostia zo Slovenska

Tradičný festival Slovenského dedičstva toho roku už po 35-krát sa uskutočnil v nedeľu 23. septembra 2012 v Holmdel, New Jersey. Tento rok usporiadatelia Festivalu privítali vzácnu návštevu zo Slovenska, prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča a podpredsedu vlády a ministra zahraničných vecí SR Miroslava Lajčáka. V ich sprievode boli viacerí úradníci z Kancelárie prezidenta SR, Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a vyslanectiev SR v USA.

Festival sa začal o 10. hodine ráno kedy prví návštevníci mali možnosť si prezrieť výstavné a potravinové stánky v ktorých boli na predaj rôzne pamiatkové predmety slovenskej ľudovej kultúry, knihy, výšivky, videá, kryštálové a keramické výrobky. Stánok s genealogickou poradňou ako aj poradňou o slovenských výšivkách vzbudil pozornosť u návštevníkov.

O 11. hodine sa pod veľkým šiatrom konala slovenská katolícka svätá omša, ktorú slúžili o. Roman Palečko, C.O. z Old Tappan, NY, spolu s koncelebrantmi: administrátorom slovenskej farnosti sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku o. Štefanom Chanasom, o. Vladimírom Chripkom, o. Františkom Čonkom s o. Martinom Kertesom. Peknú slovenskú homíliu predniesol o. Roman Palečko. Medzi prítomným kňazstvom bol aj pravoslávny kňaz, o. Jan Gido.

O 12:45 hodine prišiel na festival prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič. Spolu s ním prišiel podpredsa vlády a súčasne minister zahraničných vecí Miroslav Lajčák, ďalej veľvyslanec SR v USA Peter Kmec, veľvyslanec pri OSN František Ružička, odchádzajúci gen. konzul SR v New Yorku Igor Pokojný a nová konzulka Jana Trnovcová. Prezidenta Gašparoviča a jeho sprievod privítali spolupredsedovia festivalového výboru John Duch a Nina Holá, ako aj predseda Slovenskej ligy Daniel F. Tanzone a ďalší. Hostia si prezreli všetky výstavné a predajné stánky a potom sa zúčastnili spoločného obeda s členmi festivalového výboru.

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Sprievod na svätú omšu.

Nový veľvyslanec SR v USA Peter Kmec

Mimoriadny a splnomocnený veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v USA Peter Kmec odovzdal 19. septembra 2012 poverovacie listiny do rúk prezidenta USA Baracka Obama. Počas oficiálnej ceremónie v Bielom dome a zdvorilostného prijatia u prezidenta Obama sa partneri zhodli, že vzťahy medzi Slovenskou republikou a USA sú na vynikajúcej úrovni. Nový veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v USA Peter Kmec potvrdil zámer udržať najvyšší štandard bilaterálnych vzťahov a zároveň posilniť spojenecké väzby medzi Slovenskom a Spojenými štátmi. Veľvyslanec Kmec vyjadril odhodlanie Slovenskej republiky pokračovať v aktívnom pôsobení v oblasti zdieľania skúseností s demokratickou tranzíciou. Informácie poskytol Tlačový odbor Ministerstva zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky.



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Odhalenie busty jazykovedca Antona Bernoláka



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V Martine odhalili 2. októbra 2012 bustu jazykovedca a prvého kodifikátora spisovnej slovenčiny Antona Bernoláka pri príležitosti 250. výročia od jeho narodenia. Je to zároveň jediné tohtoročné slovenské jubileum, ktoré UNESCO zaradilo do svojho Kalendára výročí 2012. Bustu odhalil predseda Matice slovenskej Marián Tkáč a predseda Výboru NR SR pre kultúru a médiá Dušan Jarjabek (Smer-SD).

Na snímke autor busty Radko Mačuha (vľavo) a predseda Matice slovenskej Marián Tkáč stoja pri odhalenej buste Antona Bernoláka.

On October 2, 2012, a bust of Anton Bernolák, first codifier of the Slovak language, was unveiled in Martin on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth. This jubilee was the only Slovak jubilee accepted in the UNESCO calendar for 2012. In the photo are Radko Macuha, creator of the bust, and Marian Tkac, President of the Matica Slovenska.