



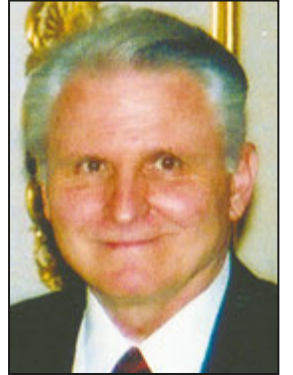
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National President Andrew M. Rajec's Address at the Memorial Dedication, Middletown, PA September 13, 2015



Andrew M. Rajec

The land we are sitting on today was purchased in 1909, by the Society, at the urging of Father Štefan Furdek, founder of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), totaling approximately 300 acres. It became known as Jednota Estates. The land was rich farmland, located near transportation provided by the Susquehanna River and the Pennsylvania Canal bordering our land on the south. The canal was filled-in when railroads replaced canals for cheap transportation in the late 1800s, early 1900's. The rail line is on this side of the river.

It was purchased for the expressed purpose of building an orphanage for the children of deceased or very poor Slo-

vaks. It was built in 1914 and staffed by the sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, whose motherhouse was on the ground until they moved to Danville, PA, about five years later.

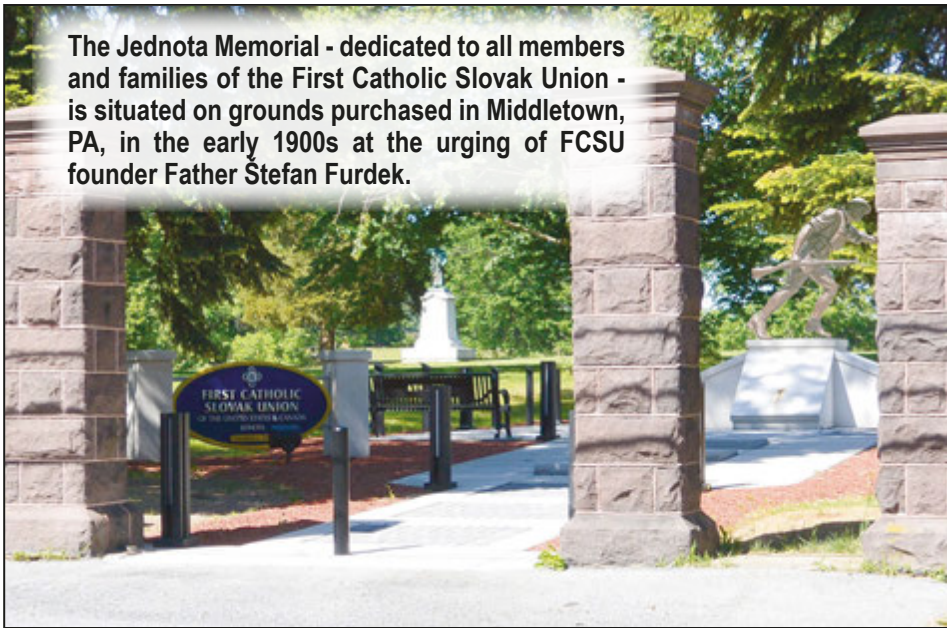
The orphanage housed and educated up to 150 orphans and children from the Middletown area at a time, and several thousand over years, at the Immaculate Conception school. Orphans were taught until the maximum age of 16. The orphanage grew its own crops and taught farming skills.

In the ensuing years the need for an orphanage declined, and it closed in 1969. The building because of age, the cost of maintenance and prohibitive cost of needed repairs was demolished in 1996 after a fund raising effort led by the late

Judge Leskovyansky, which raised only \$70,000 of an estimated almost one million dollars needed. The roof had a several large holes and the bricks of half of the north wall had collapsed.

In 1911 a building housing a facility to print the Jednota newspaper and other Slovak and English books and forms was built facing route 230 to the south. In 1975 a new \$2 million printery was built on these acres to print the society

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The Jednota Memorial - dedicated to all members and families of the First Catholic Slovak Union - is situated on grounds purchased in Middletown, PA, in the early 1900s at the urging of FCSU founder Father Štefan Furdek.

FCSU 125th Celebrations around the Society:



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Insights and Viewpoints



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

**October 25, 2015- Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Mark 10: 46-52**

The first reading this Sunday gives the people of Israel a reason to rejoice and place a renewed sense of hope in the Lord, as he proclaims through the prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst" (Jeremiah 31:8). These words have a particular resonance as they reveal that even the blind and the lame would experience the redemption and healing that the Lord would bring.



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

From a biblical perspective this gracious blessing was unexpected since from the time of King David the blind and the lame were regarded by many as deserving the burden of their suffering. An example of just such an attitude can be found in the gospel of John when a man born blind brings the disciples themselves to ask Jesus "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (John 9:2).

In a tragic episode in the life of David we see at least part of the origin for such contempt for the blind and the lame: after he was mocked by some opponents as being so weak that even the blind and the lame could defeat him David went on to capture his objective, Jerusalem, and then swore "The lame and the blind shall be the personal enemies of David" (2 Sam 5:6-8).

Turning from this lamentable moment of bitterness and vengeance—one which is perhaps repeated in each of our lives through the secret thoughts of our hearts—we find some resolution in the gospel account of Jesus and his encounter with the blind beggar Bartimaeus. Lying by the roadside Bartimaeus invokes the name of David in crying out: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" When Jesus responded "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus gives the obvious answer "Master, I want to see!" and Jesus tells him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Our faith teaches us that we find redemptive meaning in human suffering when we unite it to the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. The blind Bartimaeus seems to have been able to find hope in the midst of his deep suffering even prior to the full revelation of the Lord which would eventually be manifested through Christ's death and resurrection. Bartimaeus enunciates faith in God's promise to the "Son of David", perceiving in Jesus the perfection of God's pledge of salvation for Israel which was forecast in a partial and flawed way in David himself.

Bartimaeus clearly realizes that he is in the presence of someone much greater than David (cf. Matthew 12:42), since he asks Jesus to heal him of blindness, something that David himself never did. When he is healed, Jesus specifically says to him your faith has saved you. In other words, Bartimaeus was hoping for a physical remedy, but he received much more.

When we encounter suffering in the midst of our humanity, and cry out to the "Son of David" for healing, we must be open to a healing that goes beyond the physical (perhaps not including the dimension of the physical) and penetrates to the spiritual level—the level of faith. This level includes all those things that need to be healed that well up within us in the form of bitterness or a desire for revenge on our foes, just as David sought revenge against his perceived foes. Refusing to be caught up like David in this kind of bitterness and

opening ourselves to Christ's renewal heals us of our spiritual blindness and woundedness and gathers us into the joyful company of the redeemed of whom Jeremiah spoke—all made whole in the Son of David.

**November 1, 2015 – Solemnity of All Saints
Revelation 7: 2 – 4, 9 - 14
1 John 3: 1 – 3
Matthew 5: 1 - 12**

How do you define a Saint? Usually when we begin describing the qualities of a saintly person, they are at such a high level of holiness that few people could achieve it, and certainly not any ordinary Catholic. The Catechism speaks of a saint in this way, "By canonizing some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors." CCC 828. This definition points out two basic qualifications, heroic virtue and fidelity to God's grace as qualities of a saint. These set a high standard, but probably not as high as those that we might set.



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

Throughout the Church Year we celebrate specific days for saints. Men and women who were widely recognized for their heroic virtue and fidelity to God's grace, and whose causes went through the process of canonization, are those who are listed on the Roman Calendar. The process for canonization usually takes years and much scrutiny of the life, the works, and the writings of the person, and usually the need of two miracles attributed to their intercession. These are the saints who can be venerated with various devotions, whose names adorn church's and societies, and whose images can be found on holy cards and medals. We call upon them to intercede for us in our various needs, often they are patron saints for very specific needs or conditions that were part of their earthly life.

The early Christians began to commemorate the members of their communities who died as witnesses to the faith. The Greek word for witness is martyr, and refers to those who died for their faith. By the fourth century various Christian Communities aside a day to remember and honor the martyrs of their area: this observance was soon expanded to include other saintly people. In the Ninth century these observances became so widespread that Pope Gregory IV set November 1st as All Saints Day. It is a day to honor all who have gone before us as examples of heroic virtue and fidelity to God's grace.

By our Baptism each one of us is called to sainthood. In the First Letter of John we are reminded "what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." As God's children we are heirs to his kingdom. How are we to live so as to receive this inheritance of spending eternity in the midst of the glory of God in Heaven? We are called to live lives of heroic virtue and fidelity to God's grace. Whatever state of life is ours and whatever situations we find ourselves in each day, be mindful of who we are and what inheritance awaits us.

Jesus teaches us in the Gospel about those who will inherit the Kingdom. His list is, the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, the seekers of righteousness, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for righteousness, those insulted and persecuted for being a follower of Jesus. These will be blessed in many ways, and ultimately receive a great reward in heaven.

Most likely we all have known people who epitomized these qualities, and we can easily imagine them in heaven. We are all called to take on and accept these situations and qualities in our lives. This is the path to Sainthood, which is ultimately the path to Heaven.

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newspaper and serve commercial printing clients. It became a business.

With changing times in the Society and changes in the printing business, the operation was no longer needed or cost effective and the printing operation closed in 1995 and the Jednota newspaper was printed off-site at a cheaper cost.

From the original 300 acres purchased in 1909 the Society sold 20 acres to a developer along route 230. The Pennsylvania Turnpike took a swath of land thru the middle of the property and the state took another 45 acres for the airport connector to our east. The Society later bought 50 acres on the western edge of the property to again total 300 acres. In the late '80s the Society sold five acres to Jednota Properties Inc., a subsidiary the Society it still owns, to build a 50,000 sq.ft. office building.

The forming of the subsidiaries including Jednota Communications created a rift in the Society that for some never healed.

Over the years the land went from farmland to civil war encampment to farmland again, to be purchased by the FCSU to use for an orphanage, a printery, a site for fraternal picnics and a dozen soccer fields used by the local youth soccer club, to today, when we dedicate this Memorial.

Fr. Furdek could not foresee all the changes since he died in 1915; how his vision of a thriving Slovak community on this site in many ways would be unfulfilled and how the land would ultimately be used and the complex issues that would arise later such as sewer and pipeline easements and zoning issues, that the Society is dealing with and incurring costs to this day.

This Memorial and the two acres it sits on is a permanent memorial to honor Fr. Furdek, his vision and the people memorialized here, regardless of the future uses of the land.

**Za boha a národ.
For God and nation.**



*You are cordially invited to a
Gala Dinner
in celebration of the
125th Anniversary
of the
First Catholic Slovak Union
Saturday, November 7, 2015*

*Four o'clock celebratory Liturgy
Holy Family Church
210 Monroe St, Linden, New Jersey*

*Five o'clock Cocktail hour
Dinner, Dancing, & Open Bar
Msgr. Komar Hall
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The Gala Dinner for Region 1 is hosted by Jednota Branch 746 in collaboration with Districts 1, 4, and 16. The event will commence with a celebratory liturgy at 4pm, followed by cocktails, dinner, open bar and dancing until 1am.

Kindly reserve your tickets by October 28th to: Anna Balas (908-925-7430) or Anna Korcal (201-670-8162). Tickets are \$30 for FCSU members, \$50 for guests. Send payment to: First Catholic Slovak Union, c/o Anna Balas, 12 Rosewood Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036.

For Those Who Did Not Return



- Read aloud by Joe Trojcak, Branch 278, at the Jednota Memorial Dedication, Middletown, PA, on Sept 13, 2015.

Part One – Where They Came From

They came from the village of Hatteras, North Carolina or from as far away as the Marshal Islands.

From the Finger Lakes of New York state to the Florida Keys.

From Detroit City and the loop in Chicago

From Harlem and Brooklyn and the barr e os of Los Angeles, and hills of Central PA.

They heard the call

Their country needed them

And they stepped up for something bigger than themselves.

Part Two – Their Specialty

Many donned the khaki and olive drab of the Army.

In the infantry, the artillery or the engineers.

Some chose the Navy Blue to be on a battleship or a team leader in the Seals.

Those who wanted to fly and fight enlisted in the Air Force.

Some yearned to be a platoon leader in the Marines.

Others chose the Coast Guard or the Merchant Marine.

At home they worked in the steel mills, the defense plants and on the farm.

They all came to serve – each in their own special way.

Part Three – Suddenly They Are Gone

And suddenly ... they are gone.

From as long ago as the winter at Valley Forge to the heat at Gettysburg.

As the years pass, we read the headlines of far off places

Bell Lou, Guadalcana, D-Day, and finally, the Russians at the Elbe.

We turn our faces east to Iwo Jima, Okinawa, then 'the bomb' ends the war.

Korea comes next ending with the Peace Tent at Panmunjom.

But we answer the call once more in Vietnam, and for a TIME, we forgot their sacrifice for our country.

And with little wars in between we came to Iraq, Afghanistan, heat and desert sand.

And somehow ... it's never over.

The smiles on their faces are gone forever and all that is left are the memories ... and the letters

The flag draped casket ... and taps.

Part 4 – Our Tribute

For those who did not return, we pledge to live our lives to the fullest cherishing the freedom they so bravely preserved for us.

With your sacrifice..... you gave us the freedom to live our dreams.

We pledge to pass on the traditions you defended.....Faith in God. Freedom for mankind, Honor toward our country and the free will to build our dreams.

And we look forward to being with each of you again in the next life where there is no pain, no suffering and no sad good byes.

Editor's note: For Those Who Did Not Return is written by Joe Trojack/Bill Jackson c 2010

Christmas Oplatky 2015



Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 26 until December 18, 2015.

The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$6.00 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.

For more information or to place an order contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum 580 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

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

Region 8 Celebrates 125th Anniversary of Jednota

On Sunday August 23, 2015, Region 8 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, of which the Monsignor Michael Shuba District 19 and Branch 785 belong, held their local celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Union – Jednota.

The Celebration began with a Mass held at Sts Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Mississauga, celebrated by the National Chaplain of the Jednota Father Tomas Nasta. A coffee social after Mass was sponsored by the local “Jednotars” in the church hall. The early afternoon festivities were held on board the Enterprise 2000 on Lake Ontario with approximately 176 people attending.

Our special guests from the United States were as follows:

- Ken Arendt, National Executive Secretary and his wife Theresa
- Father Tomas Nasta, National Chaplain
- Karen Hunka, Chairman of the Auditors and her mother Florence Sprock
- Sabina Sabados, Regional Director of Region 1 and her mother Emilia Sabados.

Acknowledgements to everyone involved were given by Milos Mitro, National Regional Director, Ken Arendt, National Executive Secretary and Mike Kapitan, President of the Monsignor Michael Shuba District.

A hot lunch was served and dancing with music provided by the DD Band. The weather was perfect and view spectacular! Many thanks to the Karl and Anna Branicky and their crew for a lovely afternoon.

The Jednota Branch 785, in Toronto, was organized on August 10, 1927, and this is one of the oldest and most active of the Slovak organizations in Toronto Area today. It was these Branch members who approached the Supreme Chaplain of the time in the United States to look for a priest who would help establish the Slovak Parish in Toronto, Sts Cyril and Methodius.

The first president of the Branch 785 was Anton Harceg who was one of the 16 founding members of the First Catholic Slovak Union in Toronto. The current branch would like to acknowledge a few past and present executives of the branch: Jan Stimec, Michal Dobis Sr, Michael Dobis Jr, John Pastor Sr, Milos Mitro, Mike Kapitan and Milan Zoldak.

The Monsignor Michael Shuba District (Okres) was as formed on November 27, 1966. This concept was to enable the Ontario branches – Hamilton, Windsor, Cambridge, Sarnia and Thunder Bay – to collaborate together for different functions and various Slovak causes. The first President was George Banas Sr. A few past executives were Michal Dobis Sr, Ed Jursa, and today’s current President Mike Kapitan.

- Submitted by Anne Mitros, District Secretary



Region 8 Celebrates 125th Anniversary of Jednota





Book Corner

17th Printing of Slavic Cookbook Available



The Carpathian Cookery cookbook, has entered its 17th printing, having sold nearly 16,000 copies, is available for sale. This cookbook was requested by the Library of Congress to be in their ethnic cooking collection. The 330-page cookbook has a new look and features a protective plastic cover. The book includes sections on Christmas and Easter customs and recipes, traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other tried-and-true recipes of St. John's parishioners. There is a variety of paska bread and kolachi (filled roll) recipes, as well as meatless dishes

and Lenten recipes, suitable for the Great Fast, as well as the Pre-Christmas Fast. The cost of the cookbook is \$14.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling (\$17.00). If ordering from Canada, please send a \$25.00 U.S. Postal money order payable in U.S. dollars to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage cost.

To order please send a check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, or call from 9AM – 3PM at (724) 438-6027 for more information. You may contact us at: carpathiancookery@gmail.com.

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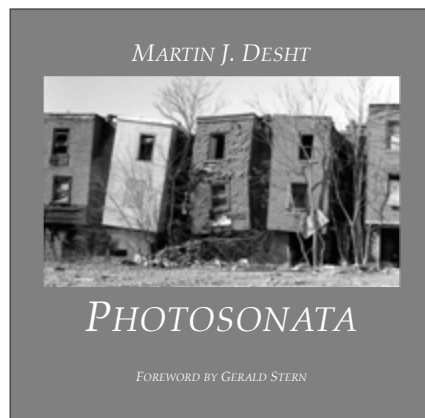
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The photographs in this book are from the author's nationally touring exhibit *FACES FROM AN AMERICAN DREAM*®, a documentary about Pennsylvania's post-industrial economic transition. For much of the twentieth century, Pennsylvania was the most heavily industrialized state in America. Pittsburgh was famous for black skies and thirty miles of steel mills. Philadelphia billed itself as "the workshop of the world." By the century's close, both cities were notorious for Rust Belt *de-industrialization* as America's economy shifted from blue-collar industrialism to service and information. *FACES FROM AN AMERICAN DREAM*® portrays how this transition re-defined the American industrial city and what it meant for skilled and unskilled workers in search of the American dream.



Former garment worker, Easton, Pa.

This work has been exhibited at Harvard University, Dartmouth College, New York University's Stern School of Business, United States Department of Labor, and many other venues. Desht's work is represented in collections at Harvard University, Lafayette College, Youngstown University's Center for Working-class Studies, and The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Desht is a former steelworker and the son and grandson of Pennsylvania coal miners. His father, Martin Stephen Desht (Děšť), 1906-1967, was for many years Second Vice-

president of the former Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, in Wilkes-Barre, and Secretary for Branch 53 in Allentown (now 567KJ).

Former industrial workers, southeastern, Pa.



Alan Trachtenberg, Professor of American Studies, Yale University, author of *Reading American Photographs: Images as History—Mathew Brady to Walker Evans*, has said: "Lewis Hine would surely recognize the aim and impact of these photographs. So would Walker Evans. He'd admire the complete sincerity of the pictures of people, their absence of condescension or falseness of feeling. The work is a significant accomplishment of social insight and human compassion."

Focus on Heritage

21st Century Armchair Genealogy

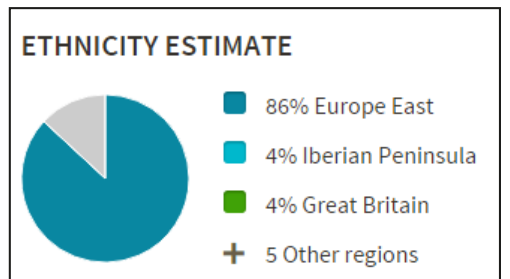
**Joanne Engle Austin,
Secretary of the FCSU Supreme Court;
Branch 112 Member**

It all started with wanting a genealogical DNA test for my husband. His family lore had him pegged at around 5 to 10% Native American and I wanted to see if his DNA could show more information. As I was already a subscriber to Ancestry.com I decided to go through them and then do my own DNA in the process. I ordered the tests online through Ancestry.com and the kits came quickly in the mail. We each had to spit into a small vial. And it was a LOT of spit! The results came faster than I thought and my husband was first. Lo and behold – no Native American DNA. He's fully British with a touch of Irish thrown in for good measure...and the family discussions continue!

A couple days later my results came in. I was pretty much dead-on with my guess of what I was because I know my father is 100% Slovak and my mother is 100% Polish. The results were 86% "Europe East" with 14% of what they call trace regions. 4% from Iberian Peninsula, 4% Great Britain, and a scattering of Western Europe, European Jewish and Russian blood among others. That is pretty accurate! I know people in Europe moved around the region so a piece of British here or a Western Europe there was no big surprise. Even though I knew where I came, from the results piqued my interest in finding out who I really am. Both sides of my family came over to America in the middle to late 1800's. Many of my ancestors didn't have educations beyond grade school and more often than not they couldn't read or write when they came over. Many came for better lives and took what jobs they could find. From census records I could track my relatives as being coal miners, laborers, and even workers for the WPA. They focused on speaking English for the children's sake so that they would blend in and succeed. Some history was passed down, but most was forgotten. I wanted to know more.

The really exciting part was that Ancestry DNA is able to find relatives for you! It tracked my mother's sister and my first cousins for me (since they had already taken the DNA test). Then it found a third cousin of mine located in Washington State. I contacted him and yes, we share the same ancestors. His grandfather was a brother to my great grandfather on my father's mother's side. I was able to get the Slovak name of the town my great grandfather hailed from: Ruska Nova Ves, Presov, Slovakia. We actually spoke on the phone for almost an hour. Even though my grandmother was born in Washington, she moved to Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania sometime before she was 10 and I don't recall ever hearing of relatives so far away. It was a joy to talk to someone who had the same questions about where they came from and the challenge of tracking down our history. We promised that if we ever found anything new to contact the other.

My search will continue online to track down more information. I've found that my maiden name, Engle, has also been intermittently spelled Engel as little as two generations ago. And there are people back in the 'homeland' that offer their services as Professional Researchers. Most will do some legwork and give you a preliminary report before you have to pay. Who knows?



Courtesy Ancestry.com

Joanne Engle Austin DNA Ethnicity Profile

Slovak League of America to Offer 10 Scholarship Grants This Year

Dan Tanzone, Branch 41 Member

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907 will offer ten(10), \$1,000 college scholarship grants to students of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled as full time students in a college, university or professional school. These grants are available to both students on the undergraduate and graduate level of study. The grants will be awarded in late December 2015 and made payable directly to the student.

These scholarship grants are given in memory of Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner of Rye, NY. Dr. Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner served for many years as the national first vice president of the Slovak League of America. A native of Slovakia, Dr. Hinterbuchner and his wife, Dr. Catherine Hinterbuchner were active in the work of the Slovak League as well as other Slovak American cultural projects over the years. This year's scholarship grants are designated as the Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner Memorial Grants.

Applicants are asked to prepare a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five, type-written double-spaced pages. Through the preparation of this paper, hopefully the applicant enjoys a learning experience acquiring a better appreciation of his/her rich Slovak heritage. The completed application, a head and shoulders photo along with the study paper in hard copy is to be returned by the deadline date of December 7, 2015. The scholarship grants will be paid directly to the individual student by December 30, 2015. For an application, write: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison St., Passaic, N.J. 07055, tel. daily Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (973)472-8993.

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1972 to assist American students of Slovak ancestry in their quest for a good education. To date, more than 200 students have received scholarship grants from this fund. Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make checks payable to: Slovak League Scholarship Fund and send same to the address listed above. We encourage students of Slovak ancestry to make application for this year's scholarship grants honoring the memory of Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner

First Catholic Slovak Union Helps Celebrate Slovak Heritage Day at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on September 26, 2015

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities, in conjunction with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, hosted a Slovak Heritage Day – featuring the work of Slovak landscape and nature photographer Filip Kulisev. The event helped honor the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Cleveland Agreement, which was the first time Slovaks and Czechs in America declared their wish to form an independent nation in post WWI Central Europe with a document signed at Bohemian National Hall in Cleveland. Speakers included dignitaries: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak, the Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec, and the retired American Ambassador to the Slovak Republic Theodore Sedgwick. The day was filled with performances by local groups, many of whom include members of the First Catholic Slovak Union: Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland, directed by Branch 24 Member Tom Ivanec; the musical group Harmonia, with featured singer Beata Begeniova-Fedorioiuk, Branch 24 Member and Assistant to the President and Marketing Coordinator for the FCSU; a presentation by Branch 278 Member Helene Cincebeaux; and a Slovak Folk Dress (Kroj) Exhibit by George Terbrack, who helps curate the FCSU Home Office Museum. The First Catholic Slovak Union was a sponsor.



Branch 1 Member and Director of the Slovak Institute in Cleveland Joseph Hornack and his wife Dolores. Photo courtesy of Joseph Hornack.



(L - R) Darrell Granite, George Terbrack, Mirka Rosenbergova, Helene Cincebeaux, and Louise Segursky present the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak with bread and salt, a traditional welcoming gesture of the Slovak people. Photo courtesy of the Slovak Embassy.



The First Catholic Slovak Union, represented by National President Andrew M. Rajec and Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec were among the prominent members of the Slovak-American community and distinguished Cleveland business leaders invited to a September 26th luncheon in honor of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak, hosted by retired United States Ambassador to the Slovak Republic Theodore Sedgwick. Photos courtesy of the Office of Miroslav Lajcak.



The Slovensky Mamicky, a local musical trio specializing in traditional Slovak folk songs, and Harmonia, a renowned folk band with featured singer Beata Begeniova-Fedorioiuk (shown in top photo on stage with her husband Alexander Fedorioiuk on cimbalom and their children Artem and Sofia, all members of Branch 24), performed as part of Slovak Heritage Day. Photos courtesy of Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Andrew P. Rajec



Retired United States Ambassador to the Slovak Republic Theodore Sedgwick (above) addresses the audience at a Sept 25th special presentation at the Cleveland Museum of Art: "How Art in Embassies linked Cleveland and Bratislava." Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak was a featured speaker at Slovak Heritage Day at the Museum of National History in Cleveland, OH. Photos courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec.

(L - R) Slovak landscape and nature photographer Filip Kulisev and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak. Photo courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec.



The Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble of Cleveland performed traditional folk dances from various regions of Slovakia during the afternoon of Slovak Heritage Day at the Museum of Natural History. Photo courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec.



An exhibit of traditional Slovak folk dress (kroj) was on display, courtesy of George Terbrack and Helene Cincebeaux. Photos courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec.



(L- R) FCSU's Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec, and FCSU's National President Andrew M. Rajec. Photo courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec



Slovak Villagers Took Advantage of Nature's Bounty to Survive and Thrive

By **Helene Baine Cincebeaux,**
Branch 278 Member

Slovak villagers long ago had almost no money, no doctors, no help and very little in the way of material goods except what they managed to make with their own hands; yet they lived well, survived, and created beauty by taking advantage of nature's bounty.

Forests provided wood to build furniture, homes and churches. Logs and kindling heated homes, helped cook food and bake bread. Soft woods were used to create carved shepherds' cups, decorated tools, spinning wheels, lace bobbins and ingenious musical instruments, as well as grave markers.

In several regions men floated logs on rivers to the Baltic or the Danube to earn a living, often gone six months at a time. Wood carvers created icons, shrines and statues for their beloved churches. Even the tops of the Christmas trees were stripped, dried and used to stir beverages.

Straw and hay fed the livestock. Straw also made charming decorations on Easter eggs. Cornhusks were fashioned into dolls. Reeds were used to make sturdy baskets of all sizes, and beehives and cradles. Fanciful constructions of straw and feathers were created for weddings and carried by a maiden, or used for good luck in the simple cottages. And long ago straw was bound in bundles and used to thatch roofs.

Clay was used for ceramics, for pots to hold water, crocks to make pickled cucumbers, or dishes to eat from. Even stones were put to use to make mill and grinding wheels, sharpen knives and make mini-weights for lace making.

Without doctors or medicines, plants were used for healing; wise women knew hundreds of uses. Plants were used to dye cloth, indigo was a particular favorite for the beloved batik or blueprint. Natural dyes were also used for Easter eggs, from onion skins wild plants.

Flax was grown in most of Slovakia and hemp planted where it was too warm to grow flax. Making linen and textiles was incredibly labor intensive, but with no stores to buy from, everything had to be made by hand. Spinning bees made winter evenings go faster. Slovak linen was considered to be as fine as Irish linen and was sold all over Europe.

Most villagers had fields behind their homes where they grew tomatoes, strawberries, corn and cabbage, right under the fruit trees to save space. Palenka, a cure all, was made from plums but cherries, peaches, pears and apricots were also used. Borovička came from fir trees. Grape vines could be found in every garden, loved for a shady arbor and wine-making. Apples were dried as well as linden tree flowers/flyers which made the beloved Lipa čaj (tea). Oil from sunflowers and rape seed was pressed, and sold all over Europe as well, as herbal remedies.

Bees' honey was used to sweeten food; the wax from the honeycombs was melted and made into votive figures to be hung at shrines and altars as petitions for healing - in the shape of a heart, leg or arm. The black



Nature provided the forests and thick logs for homes and churches. This home still stands in Bela-Dulice near Martin.

Wood was also used to make church statues and icons were painted on wood, this one depicts the Assumption and was found in Mikulasova SARIS.



Flax and hemp were grown to provide thread for clothing but it was a labor intensive process. A village demonstration at the International Crafts Festival held in Kezmarok.



Straw was used to thatch roofs, photo of a home in Dolny Lopasov almost a century ago.



Beds were "dressed" with pillows and feather ticks filled with goose down. You will see them airing out on house windows, fences and railings even today!

tarry substance in the hive, propolis, was a cure-all whether rubbed on or ingested; it is still highly regarded for its healing properties.

It's said that at one time Slovakia had more sheep than people. The flocks provided wool for clothing; sheepskins for warmth were made into sheep-lined vests and coats. Felt was fashioned into hats, warm winter pants and jackets, boots and gloves. Sheep also provided milk to drink and several kinds of sheep cheese.

Cows gave milk and the basis for cheese, too; cow horns held gun powder or a scythe sharpener or slivoviča. Bones were made into mini flutes and whistles. Goats provided milk and their stomachs were used to make bagpipes. Pigs were slaughtered in the fall and everything was used, ears to tail - "all but the squeal."

Doves, rabbits, fish and chickens were food. Chickens also gave eggs; roosters gave up their feathers for men's hats.

Motifs were protective and adopted from nature, an apron from Helpa in central Slovakia shows birds, pine trees and charming human figures intricately stitched along with protective wolves' teeth (zigzag) to prevent evil from entering in. Designs were incised on eggs, tools, dower chests, pottery, homes, etc.

House beams were embellished with protective motifs. Fertility was the main goal helped along with solar symbols and goddess figures that date back to the "Venuses" carved of bone or mastodon tusk 25,000 years earlier.

A fertile field motif had a seed in each corner; long ago the fields were ritually planted that way to begin the season and often there was a blessing of the animals and the fields with garlands of flowers placed on the horned cows.

Villagers created joy with the musical instruments they made from wood, reed, animal horn and sheep stomach. Remarkable fujaras, flutes, violins and bagpipes enlivened village events, everything from huge seven-foot alpine horns to tiny flutes of animal bone.

Slovak villagers lived lives filled with richness and enduring beauty. They knew when to plant and how to heal. Without money, without electronic devices, without any welfare or comforts - they figured it out and thrived. And Nature's bounty played a major role!

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Supreme Court Member and Branch 45 President Joseph Jurasi and Branch 45 Secretary/Treasurer Maria Jurasi perform for the Slovak Alliance picnic goers.



Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport's Summer Picnic

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport held its annual picnic at the Germania Schwa-ben Club in Bridgeport, CT on Sunday August 30, 2015. A beautiful summer day was filled with food, refreshments and traditional polka music provided by Kontakty Band.

- Submitted by Paul Misur – President, Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport



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(please donate cookies or pastries in support of this wonderful FREE festival. Bring them to the pastry table in the Commons Room)
For more information, call Christine Metil@ 412-624-5906 or email Slavic@pitt.edu

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Nun Brings Healing to Society's Untouchables

When American-born nun Sister Annie Credidio moved to Ecuador in the mid-1980s to be a teacher, she attended Mass at a local hospital and noticed that members of the congregation were missing fingers, toes, legs, and teeth. She discovered that this was a hospital for people with Hansen's disease (also known as leprosy). The more she explored the facility and talked to patients, the more she realized how deplorable conditions were.

During a "Christopher Closeup" interview, Sister Annie recalled that rats would crawl through broken sewer tops and bite the toes of the patients during the night. And food would be delivered with rat hairs and roaches in it. How, I asked, did she not get scared off by all that? "I'm from Brooklyn!" she answered. "I'm a tough girl from Brooklyn."

Well, that tough girl from Brooklyn had a heart as big as her courageous spirit, so with the full support of her order—the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—she gave up her teaching job to create a better life for those society deemed "the untouchables." The people of Ecuador made her transition to their culture easy because of their warmth. She said, "I am of Italian descent, and I felt like the Ecuadorians were very much like the Italians: friendly, open door policy, come in and sit down and have something to eat."

Sister Annie soon began making progress in improving conditions: covering up the sewer pipes, and providing decent meals, mattresses without holes, and mosquito nets during the rainy season. A cure for Hansen's had also come on the market so she worked to get treatment for those in the early stages of the disease. Sister Annie said, "When I first got there, they kept calling me this angel that fell from heaven. I told them, 'I'm far from being an angel.' But then I thought their prayers all those years must have been for someone [to really care for them]. They knew God was hearing them, and I really do believe that God taps us on the shoulder and puts us where we need to be when the time is right."

In 1994, Sister Annie achieved a milestone. Along with her friend Suzanne Belz, she co-founded a legal foundation to which donors could send much-needed money. They called it Damien House, after the sainted priest who cared for Hansen's patients on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. "There is no office," Sister Annie explained. "It's all run by volunteers. Every penny goes straight to Damien House. It provides the medicine, the food that they need, and the dignity and the respect that every human being deserves."

Nowadays, a group of doctors from the U.S., who've dubbed themselves "Annie's Angels," take a week's vacation every year, travel to Damien House, and perform free nerve decompression surgeries so patients can regain feeling in their limbs. These physicians feel overwhelmed by the gratitude they receive from their patients, who are able to return to a normal life because of their work.

Sister Annie found the faith of the Hansen's patients both shocking and personally transformative. She concluded, "They would always say, 'Si Dios quiere — if God wants.' I thought, 'Wow, these people are always mentioning God.' So many of them needed amputations or eye surgery, they were losing their teeth. Yet they say, 'If God wants.' Their spirituality shook me...I thought I knew what faith was about, but I found out that true faith is letting everything go and letting God take over."

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, LISTENING WHEN GOD SPEAKS, write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org

Upcoming Events by United Slovak Societies in Lorain, OH

A traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner hosted by United Slovak Societies will be held at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, on Sunday December 6, 2015. Cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:00p.m. Entertainment will be provided by violinist Jozef Janis and special guest Celebration Ringers. Advanced ticket sales only. \$20pp with cash bar. Please contact Len at 440/988-3236.



The American Slovak Club in Lorain OH, is seeking children and juniors to participate in their Bumper and Slovak Junior Bowling Leagues held at the Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH. For more information please contact the Alley at 440/244-1293 or visit their site, www.americanslovakclub.com.



- Submitted by Michele Mager
FCSU Branch 228
Secretary-United Slovak Societies
Board of Director Member,
American Slovak Club- Lorain, OH

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

From the Office of the Executive Secretary

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Home Office and Jednota Estates will be closed:

Thursday, November 26, 2014, and
Friday, November 27, 2015.



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Publication Schedule for 2015

Publication Date	Deadline to Receive Materials
November 4	October 26
November 18	November 9
December 9	November 30

The 2015 Lúčina Slovak Gala...

An Evening in the Heart of Europe

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Holy Spirit Party Center
5500 W. 54th Street, Parma, OH, 44129

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DJ Denis

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Ticket includes:

Entertainment

Full-course dinner with 3 entrees & Dessert

Open bar

Followed by music from DJ Denis for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Raffles & gift baskets throughout the evening

Doors open: 6:00PM

Dinner: 6:30PM

Program: 7:30PM

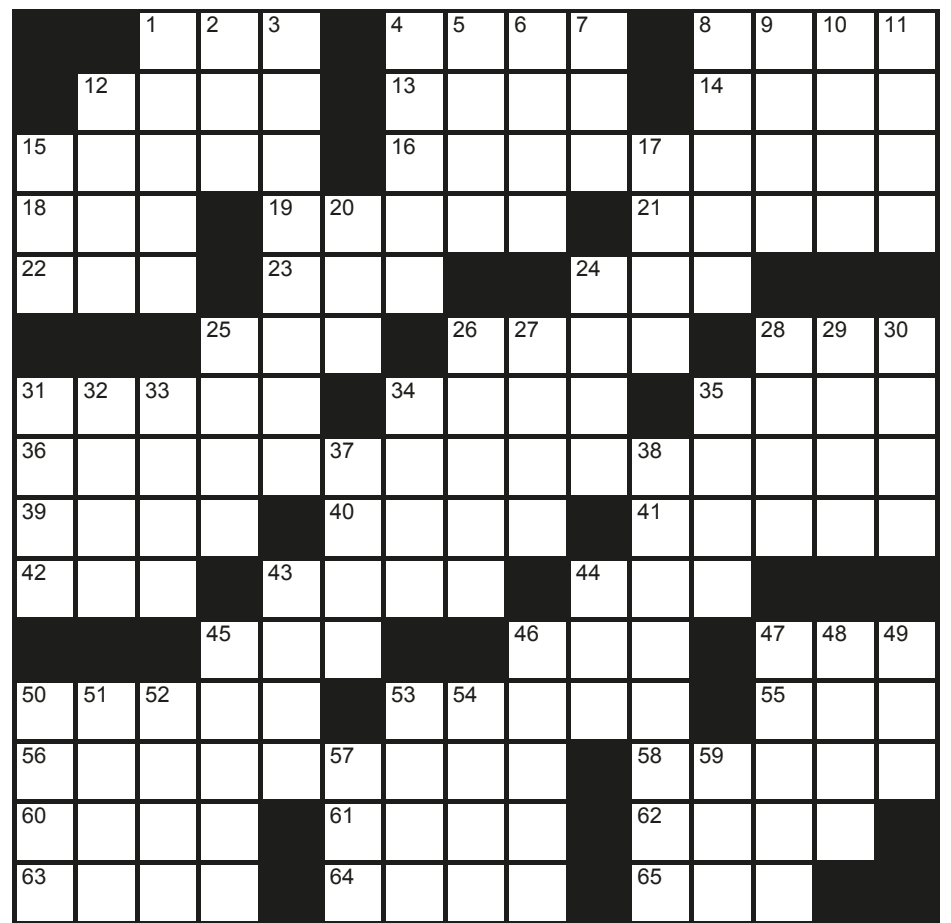
For tickets call: Tom Ivanec, 440-668-7797

Christine Matis-Hearn, 440-655-8244

Jenna Allen, 440-439-4119



Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Defective
- 4 Fossil fuel
- 8 Excavates
- 12 Metropolitan opera highlight
- 13 Cereal grass
- 14 Film part
- 15 Jury
- 16 Final demand
- 18 Get older
- 19 Gown
- 21 Fine fiddle
- 22 Youth
- 23 Groove
- 24 Actress Carrere (Abbr.)
- 25 Summer month
- 26 Harness part
- 28 Increases
- 31 Loathing
- 34 Vermouth
- 35 Voyaging
- 36 Travel annoyances
- 39 Angers
- 40 Contends
- 41 Separates
- 42 Rocker Nugent
- 43 Solidifies
- 44 Commotion
- 45 Tavern
- 46 Slippery sort
- 47 Actor Vigoda
- 50 Beeper
- 53 Bear cat
- 55 Encountered
- 56 Native Australian
- 58 Indian lodge
- 60 Kind of court
- 61 Molecule
- 62 Building additions
- 63 Blow the whistle

Down

64 Remain

65 Gaming piece

Down

- 1 Prepared fish
- 2 Pub quaff
- 3 Stagnation
- 4 Vinegar holder
- 5 Salad toppers
- 6 Plays have them
- 7 Waikiki wear
- 8 Video store category
- 9 Greek letter
- 10 Gorge
- 11 Big rig
- 12 It's a long story
- 15 Chum
- 17 The bounding ____
- 20 Persian, e.g.
- 24 Echelon
- 25 Razorbills
- 26 Rituals
- 27 Some footballers
- 28 Consumer
- 29 Lively
- 30 Impudence
- 31 Passing notice
- 32 Challenge
- 33 Frosted
- 34 "Hold on a moment!"
- 35 Declare openly

37 Eternally

38 Cut off

43 Rani's wear

44 Checkers color

45 Aquamarine

46 Hostile force

47 Sufficient

48 Flower fanciers

49 Riviera season

50 Treaty

51 Qualified

52 Hockey score

53 Brad of Benjamin

54 Dwarf buffalo

57 Auto need

59 QB Manning

See Solution on Page 20



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JEDNOTA MEMORIAL DEDICATION
Middletown, PA
Sunday, September 13, 2015



National President Andrew M. Rajec offers welcoming remarks to all those attending, including members of many branches of the Society.



Region 4 Director James R. Marmol (above) and Region 2 Director Damian D. Nasta (below, left) offered readings during the Mass



Joe Trojcek, Branch 278, recited a poem dedicated to those who served in war (editor's note: see page 3).



Granite "bricks" serve as permanent memorials to all of our members and families.



All photos courtesy of Andrew P. Rajec. For more...



National Chaplain Thomas A. Nasta celebrates the Mass



National Board of Directors and National Officers pose before the rebronzed Doughboy statue



more photos of this event, go to www.fcsu.com

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, held a meeting on August 19, 2015. There was discussion about attending the FCSU 125th Anniversary Celebration on August 29th, the Abbey Benefit on November 8th and the Viliya on December 6th. The branch will hold its next meeting on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Joe's Deli located at 19215 Hillard Blvd. Rocky River, Ohio 44116. If you will be attending please RSVP at 216.228.8179. Election of officers for next year will be held at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The 2015 annual meeting of Branch 003P, Saint Joseph Society, will be held at 9:30AM on Sunday November 22, 2015 in St. Joseph's church basement at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Election of officers for 2016 will be conducted, followed by update of local branch and society activities. Ideas for branch activities for 2016 and beyond will be discussed and new ideas are welcomed. Any address changes or name or beneficiary changes can be reported and recorded. All society members are urged to attend and become more involved in branch and society activities.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 10 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, PA, will hold its Annual Meeting, Audit and Election of Officers at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at the Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant, PA.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its breakfast meeting on on Sunday, November 8, 2015. A Mass will be offered by Msgr. Joseph Pekar for our members at 8:30AM in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church St, Bridgeport, CT. Following the Mass, members are invited to return to the Church Hall in the lower level of the church for our regular meeting and breakfast.

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

Terra Grace Fryer
Wesley Kocurak
Robert Lorys, Jr.
Hayley Elizabeth McDonald
Bridget Magdalen Monks
Stacie Marie Nolan
Christine Radwill
Stephen Panella

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

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

Emily Agoglia
David Geries

This grant was established to honor Mr. Imbro for his service to the St. Joseph Society.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 9:30AM in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church St, Bridgeport, CT. The election of officers will take place and the distribution of annual donations to our special charities will take place.

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

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23, St. Joseph Society, will be having our 2nd. Annual Meeting, on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 at 1 PM, at Our Sons Restaurant, on Broad St. (Rt 56) in Cambria City. All members of Branch 23 are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call Theresa 814-254-2532.

Theresa Cassat/Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will hold a branch meeting/luncheon at 1:00 PM, Sunday, October 25, 2015 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 2016.

Please phone activities director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00 PM if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 38 – DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity FCSU Branch 38 will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 3409 Eisenhower Drive, White Oak, PA 15131, at 7:00 pm. Discussions for Branch 38 business and upcoming FCSU business will take place. We urge all members to attend.

If anyone is interested in FCSU Annuities or Life Insurance, please call Florence Matta at 412-466-7460.

Logan Dillinger, Branch 38 President

BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, election of officers, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 60 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 60 will hold its annual meeting Sunday, November 15, 2015, at the home of President Ann Wargovich (58 Lilmont Drive, Swissvale) at 1:00 p.m.

On the agenda will be Officers' reports, and discussion of events for the upcoming year. All members are urged to attend.

Julie Perla, Secretary

BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the BVM Society, Branch 75KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 10:00AM at the residence of Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. Agenda items include: the presentation of the fiscal year-end reports and financial statements; the submission of the auditors' reports; nomination and election of officers for the coming year will be held; and any additional branch business will be entertained. All interested members should make an effort to attend this semi-annual meeting.

Ronald A. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 85 – BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Florian Society, Branch 85K, will hold its Fall Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 7:00PM at the Jessup American Legion Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, PA. The agenda will include election of officers for 2016.

Bernard Skovira, President

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 invites all members to join us on Saturday, October 31, 2015, for our meeting and social, with a luncheon to follow. The location is Allio's Restaurant, 3041 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI, 53222. Social time is from 12:00 (noon) – 12:30PM, with the meeting from 12:30 – 1:00PM (approximately). On the agenda: donations; 2016 activities. Lunch will be served directly following the meeting at 1:00PM.

Reservations are required by the restaurant. Reservations must be made by October 22, 2015 by calling Mike Novak @414-445-5382.

Lunch for members in complimentary; guest's cost is \$20.00. Make checks payable to: Knights of St. Mary & Joseph BR 89. Mail to: Mike Novak, 3237

N. 93rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53222.

- Submitted by Michael Novak, President

BRANCH 112 – MAHANAOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist, Branch 112, will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at noon at Palermos Restaurant on the Pottsville/Minersville highway. The agenda will include the treasures report, election of officers and new business. A light lunch will be served.

Please call Karen Sterling at 570-640-1796 if you plan to attend.

Karen Sterling, Secretary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Please pray for the following members of St. Stephen Branch 153 who have gone to their eternal rest in the past year:

Joseph Behm	born 1925
Mary Pustelnik	1925
Penny Lazzara	1939
Edward Zolna	1929
Dale Maxwell	1931
Elizabeth Cornacchione	1927
Anna Kurinec	1918
William Zibrida	1925
Mary Zbella	1923
Richard Imrisek	1933

May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 9:00AM at Golden Corral Restaurant Conference Room, 129 Matthew Drive, Uniontown, PA.

All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations by December 1, 2015. Branch activities will be discussed, officers' reports will be given, and election of officers will take place. Voting on Christmas expenditures and upcoming events will be discussed. Please advise of any address changes or any questions to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold its next meeting on November 11, 2015, at 5PM at Sharky's Café, Rt. 30 Latrobe, PA, 15650. On the agenda: election of branch officers for 2016 and a discussion of plans to finalize the Viliya to be held starting at 4PM on Dec 6, 2015 at Bishop Connare Center, Rt. 30, Greensburg, PA, 15601.

Gerry Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will meet on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA 15650. You are encouraged to attend.

Barb Patula, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 will be having our annual Election of Officers on December 3rd. This will take place in the banquet room at the regular monthly meeting which begin at 7:00pm. All beneficial members are encouraged to attend.

If anyone knows the names of players that were on the baseball team around World War II, please contact me @ 724-763-9229. Paul Klacha donated a team uniform which has been placed in a glassed frame to preserve. There are 5 known players but that's not enough for a full team. Charney, and Habrovsky, are 2 family names that we know. Our hope is someone has a photo and/or names of all or any of the players. Our 125th anniversary is coming up in 2020 and we would like to show case this. If anyone has any history, memorabilia, photos of the past that you would like to share, please call or mail to CU Branch 200 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. Please note if the items are to be returned following our anniversary celebration. 2020 may sound like a long time away but the planning starts now for a successful event and it will be here before we know it. Anyone that would like to participate in the planning, please let me know and what you would be interested in. Many hands make for less work.

The home office has continued to offer 1st year \$14.00 premium paid on \$10,000.00 JEP policies. We are happy to announce our branch will pay the 2nd year premium. Should the home office discontinue this, we will continue by paying the 1st year premium. Other insurance policies are available for your needs. It's something we all should plan and remember the younger the cheaper. Do you have a child or grandchild that doesn't have any material needs, this is a great gift option. Burial costs are very expensive to families that are not insured. Accidents happen and we all need to be prepared. Call and I will gladly mail out some literature to review or will arrange to meet with you. Please leave a message if I am not available. No pressure.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 213 – VALENCIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 213 will hold a general meeting at Panera's in Cranberry, PA, on Sunday, November 22, 2015, starting at 1:00PM. On the agenda: general branch business.

Joseph Belechak, Secretary

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The annual meeting of Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday November 22, 2015 at 9:30AM in Saint Joseph church basement at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Election of officers for 2016 will be held and other branch business for the remainder of this year and beyond will be covered. Any changes of name, address, or beneficiary can be reported. Also, report on details for this year's Christmas food basket project will be discussed. Please plan to attend and get involved in branch activities.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St John the Baptist Branch 276 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at St Patrick's church hall on 32nd Street in McKeesport, PA. Branch activities for the new year will be discussed and officers reports will be given. There will also be election of officers for the new year. All members are urged to attend

Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 293KJ, will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at the home of Financial Secretary Robert J. Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA, 18232-2210, at 6PM. Election of officers will take place at this time. Anyone needing service or more insurance should call 570-645-4872 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 313 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. John the Baptist Society Branch 313 will hold its Semi Annual Meeting on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 11:30AM. The meeting will be held at the home of Curtis Johnson (16913 Creekside Tinley Park, IL, 60477). Curt is the recording secretary and treasurer of Branch 313.

Joseph M. Bugel, President

BRANCH 320 – BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of SS Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 11:00AM, at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, PA. Since a light brunch will be prepared, please call Fran at (724) 929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending. Members of Branch 320 are urged to attend.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

On Thursday, November 12, 2015 St. Joseph's Branch 367 will hold a meeting at 5 PM at the Fla-

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 3----GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT--WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union invites you to attend its annual "Stedyr Vecer" on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. Begin the evening with Mass at 4 P.M. in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. Ample seating will be available. Tickets: \$22 age 12 and up: \$10 age 3 to 11. Tickets must be reserved prior to November 29th by calling Darlene Patty at 724-537-7743.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

Branches to send delegates to the quadrennial FCSU convention.

-- Branch representation at District meetings need not be by Branch officers; any beneficial member may represent his/her Branch.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 12 - ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 1:00PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District, District 14, will hold a luncheon and meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2015 starting at noon at the Magic Tree Restaurant, 7463 South Ave., Boardman, OH, 44512. Directly following the meeting at 2:00PM, the district will host a sales seminar by the FCSU Membership & Marketing Committee.

Joseph T. Scavina, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 15 – PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold its All Saints and All Souls Mass on Sunday November 1, at John Paul II, Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886, The Slovak Mass will begin at 1:00 PM and will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Schulak, SVD from San Bernardino. After Mass, the district will host a period of fraternal fellowship, accompanied by good Slovak music. Light refreshments of coffee and donuts will be served. We invite all Slovaks and Slovak friends to join us for very pleasant afternoon in Yorba Linda, CA.

Thank you.

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 17 –SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT - BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK AND LACKAWANNA AND LUZERNE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

District 17, Region 3, will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Union and commemorate the death of Father Stephen Furdek, founder of the FCSU, on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

The observance will begin with a Mass at 12:15 P.M. in St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Following the Mass, there will be a dinner at St. Mary's Center, 320 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton. The Center is approximately 5 1/2 blocks from the Cathedral which is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

There will be a half hour open bar. The dinner will begin with a wine toast followed by Caesar salad, choice of entree (filet mignon or filet of salmon with lemon buree blanc), twice baked duchess potatoes, roasted vegetables, and a celebratory cake.

A short program will follow with Pennsylvania State Legislator Sid Kavulich as speaker.

Each branch of District 17 is asked to send ten representatives to this event. Of course, guests are always welcome. Children are also welcome and are encouraged to attend.

This event affords branches the opportunity of fulfilling a fraternal activity by attending, by assisting members with the cost of the dinner, or by paying for the children's dinners.

If there are questions or if you wish to make reservations, contact Martha Zavada, Region 3 Director, at 570.655.4141 (Home) or 570.954.3771 (Cell).

Thank you.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, District 17 Fraternal Activities

DISTRICT 20 PRINCE RASTISLAV , MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The District's Annual meeting will be held on November 8, 2015 at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Hall immediately following the eleven (11) o'clock Mass.

The Agenda will include the Social calendar for 2016 as well as election of officers. Branches 784 and 810 are urged to send representatives. A light lunch will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President



The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada extend their most sincere Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes to all Members on both All Saints and All Souls Day, Nov 1 - 2.

Thank you for keeping the tradition alive.

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

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 38 will host the Fall meeting of Pittsburgh District to be held on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin, PA. RSVP to Flo Matta at 412-466-7460 or email the secretary at manasta@verizon.net by November 20. District officers for 2016 will be elected at this meeting. The meeting will also include officers' reports and discussion of district business. We will be planning the meetings and events for 2016. Bring your suggestions if your branch would like to host a meeting or if you have an idea for a group event.

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

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: November 2 – Slovak Music and Songs, December 7 – Show and Tell/Bring Your Slovak Memorabilia. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Joe Senko for information about reservations and fees (412-956-6000). The Fall classes will be directed toward intermediate and advanced students. The Spring classes will be for beginners.

** Slovak Heritage Day at the Pitt Cathedral of Learning will be held Sunday, November 1 from noon to 5 PM. Admission is free. Enjoy Slovak food, entertainment, and vendors.

** Annual Slovak Vilija and Jaslickari Program – December 12 – Prince of Peace Parish Center, 81 S Thirteenth Street, South Side, Pittsburgh. Entertainment will be provided by the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Reservations only: 412-481-8380.

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

** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook.

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

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

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

** The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International is holding its 2015 meeting October 21-24 in Cedar Rapids IA, the site of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. The 2017 meeting is planned for Pittsburgh. Further information can be found at www.cgsi.org.

** FCSU information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com

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

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, District Secretary

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

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 2:00PM, at Hoss's Steak and Sea Restaurant, 441 Theater Drive, Richland, Johnstown, PA. St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, will be the host branch. Holy Mass will be offered earlier in the day at St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's, PA.

On the agenda will be the election of officers and a discussion of the low attendance at the district meetings. Branches are reminded to receive the annual stipend from the Home Office they must have their dues current and attend one district meeting annually. Let's have a good turnout.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

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

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at 1PM. The meeting will be held at the Dairy Queen meeting room located on West Main Street. A social will follow the meeting.

All district branches are invited to attend.

Barbara Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 - THE STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Stephen Furdek District 10 meeting will be held on November 8, 2015 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. The meeting will start at 2 PM.

This will be our last meeting for 2015 so we will be holding election for 2016 officers.

Please call Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 or 330-773-4978 or email her at lhanko@neo.rr.com to let the Club know how many will be attending so we may plan and prepare refreshment.

We look forward to fellowshiping with all District #10 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 1:30 PM at the C.U. Club, 910 Sixth Avenue, Ford City. When possible, Branches should designate their representatives to Grace Charney, District Secretary, at (724) 664-7185 by November 21; however, Branch members not previously identified are also welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Reminders

-- Per FCSU By-Laws, Branch representation at either of the two District meetings each year is required to qualify for receipt of the annual Branch stipend.

-- Up-to-date payment of District dues and attendance at District meetings are requirements for

OBITUARIES

ANTHONY J. MACHAK BRANCH 16 P – WEST WYOMING, PENNSYLVANIA

Anthony J. Machak, age 95, passed away peacefully, at home, on Saturday, August 22, 2015. He was born on July 9, 1920, in Bitumen, PA, a son of the late Roman and Magdaline Pitonyak Machak.

He was preceded in death by his former wives: Cecelia (Renaud) Machak and Evaryst (Konwinski) Machak, along with his siblings: Mary Mann, John Machak, Julie Smereck, and Agnes Machak.

Anthony worked for over 40 years as a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad and as a freight conductor for Penn-Central and Conrail. He also served his country in World War II from 1943 to 1946, as a member of the US Army Air Force. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Prior to joining the service, Anthony attended the Brooklyn Dodgers training camp in 1936 with the goal of becoming a major league baseball pitcher. His passion was his career on the railroad, spending time with his family, watching baseball games, and going for car rides. He enjoyed his weekly visits to the Siebenburger Club with his family and friends, along with visiting his childhood home on the mountain in Bitumen, Pennsylvania. He was always ready and willing to help someone in need.

Anthony is survived by his children, Raymond Machak and Kathleen Wilcox, and grandchildren, Mark, Danielle, and Philip, along with a great-granddaughter. There are also several nieces and nephews surviving, in addition to his close friends, Sally and Dwight.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the many family members and friends who helped Anthony maintain a meaningful and independent life.

Friends called at the Russell C. Schmidt & Son Funeral Home, Erie, PA, on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m., and were invited to a prayer service there on Thursday morning, August 27, 2015, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial took place in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hyner, PA, on Thursday afternoon at approximately 3:30 p.m.

– Submitted by Raymond Machak

WILLIAM J. PATRICK BRANCH 292 – WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

William J. PATRICK, 87, died July 19, 2015, at Windber Hospice. Born Sept. 5, 1927, in Windber, PA, son of the late Peter and Mary (Chalky)

Patrick. Also preceded in death by brothers, John, Thomas and James. Survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Violet Seliga; and sons, Blase, married to the former Heidi Hamilton; and Dr. Bryan, married to the former Tess Jankowski, Sea Girt, N.J.



Loving grandfather to Alexandra, Andrew, Alex, Haley, Kelsey and Nicolas. Bill was a Navy veteran of World War II. Member of Windber VFW, American Legion and 60-plus year member of Windber Polish Falcons. He was an avid Windber Area High School and Pitt-Johnstown sports fan, and attended 60 years of AAABA championship games. Member of Construction Workers Union 910, and was a well-traveled construction worker. Member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Windber, where he was a longtime kitchen worker and where a Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2015, with Father Rod Soha, TOR, pastor, as celebrant. Committal followed in the church mausoleum. Graveside military rites were offered by the Windber VFW Ritual Team. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at the Meek & Dalla Valle Funeral Home, Windber, where a vigil for the deceased was held.

– Submitted by Violet Patrick

ANDREW JERALD BLANER BRANCH 373 – WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Andrew Jerald Blaner, aged 94, former Mayor (4 terms) of the City of Toronto, OH, died on August 29, 2015. Andrew was born March 7, 1921 in Stratton, OH, a son of the late Peter and Dorothy (Zdinak) Blaner.

He retired as Head of Safety & Security at the Titanium Metals Corporation "TIMET" Toronto, OH plant location; he was also the Safety Advisor at the Henderson, Nevada TIMET Plant. Andrew's previous jobs at TIMET were Supervisor. His early jobs included working at Kaul Clay and Brandt Motors; he also had his own auto body shop (a hobby that he would continue through his lifetime). He attended the University of Western Kentucky; and was a 1939 Graduate of Toronto High School. TIMET sent him to college for Workmen's Compensation. He was appointed to the Governor's Select Commission on Safety for the State of Ohio and was a former Board member of the St. John Medical Center in Steubenville.

Andrew J. Blaner served in the military, U. S. Army Air Corps from 1942 through 1946 (43 months). He was a World War II veteran and served in the Asiatic/Pacific Theatre, and the Philippine Liberation, the Occupation of Japan and received the Bronze Star. Andy is a member of the Toronto American Legion, Post 86 and was Commander of the American Legion twice, as well as being a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6906. Andy Blaner was Drill Sergeant of the nationally famous Color Guard & Drill Team, the Toronto TOR-VETS, of St. Mihiel Post No. 86, American Legion, who were Ohio State Champions, 1959 and in 1959 finished 3rd Place in National Competition in Minneapolis behind New York and Chicago; Ohio State Champions in 1961, 1962, and in 1962 National Champion Contenders at Las Vegas, All told the TOR-VETS competed over a 10 year period.

Andrew "Andy" J. Blaner married Anne on May 8, 1948 at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Chester, WV. They shared 60 happy years of marriage together.



Andrew was a pillar of his church, St. Joseph Greek Catholic "Byzantine" Church of Toronto, member of parish council, usher and was the Chairman of the Building Committee for the new church in the 1960s. Andrew was honored with the Tri-State Deanery award on Dec. 20, 1973, at the 17th annual St. Nicholas Banquet in Pittsburgh by the Byzantine Archdiocese of Munhall for outstanding service to church and community. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and past Commander of Post 86, St. Mihiel Toronto American Legion.

Andrew served his community as a council man for five years and as a Mayor of Toronto for 12 years (2-2 year terms and 2-4 year terms). Among his accomplishments were the paving of nine miles of concrete (city streets) of Toronto, building the new Toronto Fire Department, building the new Sanitary/Sewage Plant on River Avenue, building the War Memorial Pool, establishing Newburg Landing, and the annexation of Walton Acres into the City of Toronto's corporation limits. As a member of the St. John's Medical Center Board of Trustees, Andrew was instrumental in the merging of St. John's and Ohio Valley Hospitals to become Trinity Health Systems; he was also a strong advocate for investing in the mental health care center at the hospital; and his support of diversity among the doctors and employees is well known. Andy's hobbies included restoration and painting of most of his vehicles, fishing and sharing his garden with family and neighbors. He was proud to be the Sgt. of Tor-Vets, coaching & encouraging his son and grandsons. He coached basketball for 12 years and had the first undefeated season of basketball for the St. Francis Parochial School Team.

In addition to his parents, Andrew was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne Elizabeth (Smusz) Blaner, by his daughter, Barbara J. (Blaner) Shields, his sisters, Mary (Blaner) Billie, Pauline (Blaner) Smith, his brothers, Pete and Mike, and his nephew, John "Jack" Billie and his niece, Betty Jean (Billie) Chambers.

He is survived by his children, Janice (Bob) Anderson of Toronto, Dorothy at home, David (Kelley) of Moon Township, PA. He was a loving grandfather to Robb Anderson, Tim (Renee) Anderson, Tom (Angie) Anderson, and Andy (Kim) Anderson; grandchildren: Beth (Dan) Shields Scott & Bryan Shields and son-in-law John Shields;

grandchildren Zachary & Alexis Blaner; and great-grandchildren: Maddie & Jenna Anderson and Bryson, Callie, Wyatt and Bennett Anderson, Peter Anderson and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at the J. E. Foster Funeral Home at 701 Findley Street in Toronto on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with additional visitation on Friday from 9-10 a.m. and departure for funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Greek Catholic Byzantine Church in Toronto. Requiem Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Father John Kapitan Jr., OFM. Burial followed in Toronto Union Cemetery. Military graveside honors were provided by the Toronto American Legion Post #86.

– Submitted by Dorothy S. Blaner

EUGENE J. SABOL, SR. BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Eugene J. "Gino" Sabol, Sr., 67, of West Mifflin, PA, died Saturday, August 22, 2015, as a result of an automobile accident in West Virginia. Born Sept. 24, 1947, in McKeesport, PA, he was the son of Mary (Spirnak) Sabol and the late John J. Sabol. He was a member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, West Mifflin. He also was proprietor of Gene's Homeville Service Center, and a proud U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Eugene J. Sabol, Jr. of West Mifflin and a daughter Rachael (Bill) Fike of South Park, PA; and two sisters, Marian (Michael) Gross of Dumfries, VA, and Audrey (Frank) Steiner of West Mifflin; two grandchildren, Aidan and Ashton Fike; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Angel Sabol.

Family and friends were received on Sunday August 30, 2015, from 1 - 3pm and 5 - 8pm in the William S. Skovranko Memorial Home, Richford and Commonwealth Avenue, Duquesne. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at 10am on Monday August 31, 2015 in Holy Trinity Church with Rev. Joseph Grosko as Celebrant. Burial with Full Military Honors followed in Holy Trinity Cemetery, West Mifflin.

– Submitted by Virginia Jasek, Branch 580 Secretary



Reminder...

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mingo's Hollywood Steak House, 660 N. Gallatin Ave. Ext., Uniontown, PA 15401. All lodge members are welcome. For more information call Audrey Balazik, President 724-438-3887 or Kathryn Baranek, Secretary at 724-569-1006.

Kathryn Baranek, Secretary

**BRANCH 380 –
CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Branch 380KJ will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 2:00PM at Kings Restaurant, Canonsburg, PA. On the agenda: the election of officers.

Fraternally,

Margaret Graytok, Financial Secretary

**BRANCH 382 –
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382 K of Scranton, Pennsylvania will conduct its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015. Officers and members will gather at noon in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include reports of the executive officers and representatives to District 17 events: the annual summer picnic, the semi-annual meeting, and the 125th anniversary celebration of the FCSU. Members will also discuss charitable donations and future branch activities. Information from the home office will be disseminated.

Election of officers for 2016 will be held.

Refreshments and socializing will follow the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Current officers of Branch 382 K include: President Frank M. Slovenkai, Jr.; Vice President Elizabeth M. Slovenkai; Financial Secretary John J. Slovenkai, Sr.; Recording Secretary Michael J. Czankner; and Treasurer Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

**BRANCH 401 –
EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA**

Branch 401 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1pm. Location will be the home of Patrick Froncek, 1223 Wysocki Ave., North Apollo, PA. Election of officers for 2016 will be on the agenda. All members are encouraged to attend. Any questions...please call 7246648216.

Patrick Froncek, Secretary

**BRANCH 419 –
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Branch 419, Saint Stephen the Martyr, will conduct a meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at Norm's Restaurant on Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Refreshments will be served, starting at 12:30PM. Bring a friend; all are welcome. The meeting will be an open forum; all interests will be entertained. Thank you.

Irene Latsko, Secretary

**BRANCH 450 –
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 450 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 14 2015. The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma Ohio 44129. (between Brookpark and Snow Rd.) On the agenda will be Officer report, 2015 financial report and discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the branch. The election of branch officers will also take place.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshment will be served after meeting.

Fraternally,

George P. Carny, Recording Secretary

**BRANCH 493 –
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, will hold its Annual Meeting and Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Details: Members will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm. Afterwards, attendees will enjoy a delicious meal. The location is Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Recording Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder by Wednesday, December 2, so we can give an adequate headcount to the restaurant. Call him at: (773) 558-5956, or (502) 244-6643.

Sincerely,

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

**BRANCH 553 –
AKRON, OHIO**

Mass will be held at St. Johns on Nov. 15th. Meeting in the Lobby of the church at 9:45 for procession into the church for the 10AM Mass.

There will be a brunch at the Slovak "J" Club following the Mass for all Bonafide members.

We are still looking for groups to form a bowling league for the fall. Please support your club. Don't forget to come and bring your friends to our monthly Spaghetti Dinner on the first Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you all there.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary Sandie Klucar

**BRANCH 580 –
WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

Sacred Heart Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Nov. 29, 2015, after the 9:30 Mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall at 529 Grant Ave. Ext., West Mifflin, Pa. 15122. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Secretary

**BRANCH 587 –
ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at Harold's Inn, 2134 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA, at 2:00PM. Election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. Please make reservations by calling (724) 375-2287.

Edith Valo, Secretary

**BRANCH 595 –
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN**

Sunday, Nov. 1 Polka Dance 3pm-6pm food available for purchase.

Sunday, Nov 22 Breakfast 8:30am-12noon all you can eat and the best breakfast in town.

There will be no monthly meeting in the month of November.

December 20TH meeting will be election of officers, please attend.

Burritos every third Thursday of the month, to-go only. Call ahead to order.

Every Tuesday and Thursday all drinks .50 off
Hours are Mon-Fri 1pm-8pm Sat 12noon-8pm
Come down and enjoy yourself!

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

Susan Hornik, Secretary

**BRANCH 670 –
DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA**

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at noon, at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. Members of Branch 670 are urged to attend.

Dorothy Petrus, President

**BRANCH 716 –
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York City.

On the agenda will be: 1) the election of Branch 716 officers for 2016 2) a financial report and 3) a discussion of plans for next season.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

**BRANCH 743-
STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officer's Report, a 2015 financial report, approval of the 2016 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of Branch Officers will also take place.

Our Treasurer Mrs. Anna Magusin has announced her retirement and will not be seeking re-election. Mrs. Magusin has served Branch 743 for over thirty years, the Officers and members thank her for her dedicated and invaluable service to our branch and St. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church. She will be greatly missed.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI.

The annual meeting will follow the Slovak Mass in the Church Social Hall.

Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

Members who need assistance with their policy or need to change their address or beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087 or phone @586-254-0225.

**Joseph C. Rimarcik, President and
Financial Secretary**

**BRANCH 746 –
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

On Saturday, November 7th, there will be a dinner-dance in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Union. [Editor's note: see page 3 for details].

Join us on November 21st for a Saturday matinee at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a showing of "A Playhouse Christmas Musical 2015." This musical revue features songs and dances, carols, humorous skits, and a live onstage orchestra. Lunch and

dessert are included. Cost is \$80.00 non-members; \$60.00 members. Bus will leave Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ at 9:45 sharp.

To reserve your spot for any of these events, please call Mary Karch @732-572-2331.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

**BRANCHES 784 AND 810 –
MONTREAL, QUEBEC**

Both branches will hold their annual meeting on November 8, 2015, following the 11 o'clock Mass in the Sts Cyril & Methodius Parish hall – Montreal.

On the agenda: plans for the next season along with the election of officers for 2016.

A light lunch will be served.

Alice Dobrik, President

**BRANCH 796 –
EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday November 8, 2015. The meeting will take place at 1 pm. In the church basement of Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Egypt, PA. All members are invited to attend. Food and drink will be served following the meeting. God Bless.

Jerry Lloyd, Treasurer

**BRANCH 853 -
CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA**

Attention Branch 853 members. The Annual Christmas Party meeting of the branch will take place on Sunday Dec 6 at 12:30pm at Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. The meeting will celebrate the birth of Christ with a spaghetti dinner Christmas party. There will be no cost for branch members. Non-branch member cost is \$20.00.

So that we can have a count for seating purposes, please leave a message for Monica Rodacy Boone at 412-341-1577 to let her know how many people will be attending. Officers for the new year will be chosen. A wrap up of our year will be discussed.

Branch 853 wishes all our brothers and sisters in the FCSU a blessed Christmas Season and a prosperous New Year.

Monica Rodacy Boone, President

**BRANCH 855 -
PARMA, OHIO**

Branch 855, will hold a membership meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00PM at the residence of Branch President Michael Kolesar. For more information please call 1-440-886-0206.

The Agenda includes a discussion of the upcoming Annual membership meeting.

Fraternally,

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

**BRANCH 855 -
PARMA, OHIO**

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

The meeting will be held at 1:30PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church Parish Activity Center [Borromeo Room], 5891 Ridge Road; Parma, Ohio 44129.

The Agenda includes the election of officers and discussion of activities for 2016.

Please contact Linda Kolesar at 440-886-0206 by November 16, 2015, if you plan to attend.

Fraternally,

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

**BRANCH 856 -
WASHINGTON, D.C AND AREA**

Branch 856 will meet on Saturday November 14, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the Tyson-Pimmit Regional Library on 7584 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, Va. 22043. All members are urged to attend. On agenda will be discussion of the district meeting, the 50th anniversary of the Slovak Chapel. Election of officers for the coming year. For more information call Stephen Matula at 703-671-3013 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

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Fall 2015 SCF Executive Board Meeting Held Day before 50th Anniversary Celebration of Jednota Chapel in Washington, DC

Timothy Wagner, SCF Board Member and Communication/Membership Committee Co-chair

The Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation held its fall meeting in College Park, MD on Friday September 11, 2015 the day before the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The day began with Mass followed by breakfast prior to the start of the meeting. After a call to order and morning prayer, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, M. Div., the National President of the federation offered opening remarks. Due to severe weather which prevented many members from traveling safely, the Spring, 2015 meeting had to be canceled. Father Hvozdivic briefly reviewed some of the activities the local chapters held



Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., Episcopal Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation is followed by Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC, and principal celebrant of the anniversary Mass as they process to the altar of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the liturgy celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Jednota Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows, the patroness of Slovakia.

SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, highlighting the increasing difficulty in meeting the commitment with diminishing funding from various sources. Currently, \$14,000 per month is provided for general expenses with the help of the Annual Appeal of the Slovak Catholic Federation. It was noted that the Conference has a membership of 79 priests, abbots and bishops.

Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M. spoke on behalf of the Conference of Slovak Religious in the absence of Sister Aurelia Cerny, O.S.F., the President. This year is designated the year of Consecrated Life. She highlighted the upcoming celebration on October 18 of the 75th anniversary of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius at Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA. After a break for lunch, the standing committees met to set goals for the upcoming year. The committee proposals were outlined for the full board. The next board meeting was set for April 5, 2016 in Bethlehem, PA.

The arrangements for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington were reviewed. The event, which was hosted by the First Catholic Slovak Union, which funded the installation of the chapel, began at 2pm with a welcome and the blessing of rosaries that were given as commemorative gifts to all those in attendance. The Rosary was recited in alternating decades in Slovak and English. The Slovak Catholic Federation worked in collaboration with the FCSU and in cooperation with the Embassy of the Slovak Republic. Donald Cardinal Wuerl was the principle celebrant and homilist with the Most Reverend Joseph Adamec, Bishop Emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the SCF, and Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of Saint Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, and Abbot Protector of the SCF, concelebrating. Prayers, hymns and readings were done in both Slovak and English. At the conclusion of the Mass, Cardinal Wuerl, the priests and congregation processed to the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows for the recitation of Litany of Our Lady of Sorrows. That evening the Embassy of the Slovak Republic hosted a reception.

in the past year. He highlighted the role of the Slovak Catholic Federation in helping to maintain the faith and heritage of the Slovak community. Since there was no spring meeting, the approval of the minutes from the Fall, 2014 meeting followed. The required financial report was provided by the National Secretary Treasurer, Dolores Evanko.

Although 1st National Vice President, Rev. Thomas Nasta, was not present due to his role as Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union, which was hosting the 50th anniversary liturgy in conjunction with the federation, his greeting was extended to those present with the expressed hope that the Board would be participating in the next day's events. In his written report, the disbursement from the 2014 Annual Appeal was more than \$38,000 providing contributions to the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Fund, Conference of Slovak Clergy and to six religious congregations in Slovakia. The previously submitted reports of the SCF Chapters were provided to each attendee at the start of the meeting with an opportunity to make comment or ask questions regarding their content.

Msgr. Robert Siffrin, Vicar General of the Diocese of Youngstown, OH, who is President of the Conference of Slovak Clergy, provided an overview of his written report. He spoke in detail about the funding of grants that support the Pontifical College of



(L - R) Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, SS.C.M., Ms. Dolores M. Evanko, Sister Thomas More Dzurnak, SS.C.M., Mr. Norbert Wagner, Mrs. Theresa Kluchinski, and Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M. are shown prior to the recitation of the Rosary and Mass visiting one of the numerous chapels dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

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News From Slovakia

TechMatch Slovakia 2015: Old Market Place Welcomes 'Startupper's'

Bratislava, October 12 (TASR) - A bootcamp for 'startupper's' from Europe, Asia and Slovakia marked the beginning of the TechMatch Slovakia 2015 international conference (due to take place until October 16) on innovative companies in the Old Market Place in Bratislava on this date.

The bootcamp, which is being supervised by mentors from Silicon Valley, should prepare emerging startup companies for their presentation to global investors scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (October 14-16).

"All the guests are accommodated, registrations have gone according to schedule. We haven't recorded any logistical or technical problems," said hosting Slovak Business Agency CEO Branislav Safarik.

The work to turn the Old Market Place into a bootcamp began at 10.00 pm. on Sunday (October 11). Dozens of setters, sound engineers and technicians completed it on Monday morning. Foreign guests have been welcomed at Schwechat Airport in Vienna by TechMatch representatives, whose main responsibility is to provide a full logistical and information service to guests during the whole event.

Slovakia and Tunisia to Cooperate in Science and Technology

Bratislava, October 7 (TASR) - An agreement on a science-technology cooperation between Slovakia and Tunisia that was approved by the Government at its session on this date will lead to joint projects in areas of science and technology as well as more intensive exchanges of researchers.

The initiative to conclude an agreement with Tunisia came from the Slovak Education, Science, Research and Sport Ministry. The aim is to facilitate joint science-technology projects as well as exchanges of researchers, specialists, scientists, experts and related information and documentation. Direct contacts between science institutes, societies, universities, government agencies and other research and development organizations should be established.

The two countries should also create a commission, which will supervise the progress made in cooperation, identify areas and forms of cooperation and prepare regular reports on performed activities. The commission should be made up of representatives of both countries and will meet every two years or based on current needs.

Fico Meets Cardinal Ortega, Praises His Role in Positive Changes in Cuba

Havana, October 8 (TASR) - Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico on Thursday met Archbishop of Havana, Cardinal Jaime Ortega, praising the contribution of the prelate and the Catholic Church in Cuba overall to positive changes taking place in the country, Slovak Government Office's press department told TASR on the same day.

The Slovak delegation, also featuring Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak and Finance Minister Peter Kazimir, offered Cuba its authentic experience from its own transformation process.

The Slovak premier told the Cuban cardinal that his Government has constructive relations with Churches in the country, and invited him to visit Slovakia, stated the press department.

Fico's delegation left for Cuba on Wednesday, October 7, with the visit set to last until Saturday, October 10.

The EU froze relations with Cuba in 2003 after moves made by the Cuban regime against journalists and activists. Relations have been gradually recovering since April of last year. An agreement on political dialogue and cooperation could be signed by the end of this year.

The US and Cuba broke off diplomatic relations in 1961, two years after the revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power. They recently began to normalize relations.

Slovakia's Top Officials Honor Battle of Dukla Pass Heroes

Vysny Komarnik, October 6 (TASR) - Marking 'Dukla Pass Victims Day' and the 71st anniversary of the Battle of the Dukla Pass - also called the Carpatho-Dukla operation, President Andrej Kiska and Prime Minister Robert Fico attended a commemoration event at Dukla Pass (Presov region) on the Slovak-Polish border on this date to honor the victims and fighters who laid down their lives in the nearby woods during some of the fiercest fighting of the Second World War.

"We're here so that we can bow to the bravery and perseverance of those who perished, but also the survivors. Dukla reminds us that we can lose the independence of our own country unexpectedly quickly, but if we want to get it back, we have to fight for it with all our might. In the case of the Carpatho-Dukla operation it was meter by meter," said Kiska at the Czechoslovak troop monument.

"I honor - and I'll repeat this everywhere - each and every victim, every single soldier who participated in opening the second front for the liberation of Europe from the west; but the undeniable fact is that the Slovak Republic's territory was liberated mainly by Red Army soldiers," said Fico.

The commemoration service at Dukla was also attended by representatives of the Slovak Armed Forces, guests from neighboring countries and eye-witnesses of the Carpatho-Dukla

operation.

The Carpatho-Dukla offensive involved the biggest and bloodiest battle of the eastern front on Slovak territory. Troops of the Red Army and the Czechoslovak Army encountered strong resistance from the Germans.

The offensive operation was aimed at uniting rebel forces of the Slovak National Uprising with Soviet troops. It lasted from September 8 to October 28, 1944.

Honeywell Looks to Almost Double Output, Hire Another 130 Staff

Presov, October 6 (TASR) - U.S. company Honeywell, which has been operating in the Zaborske industrial park near Presov since 2012, is planning to nearly double its production and create over 130 jobs in the process by 2019, TASR learnt at a press briefing given by board chairman and CEO David M. Cote, who spoke after receiving Prime Minister Robert Fico in the plant on this date.

The producer of automotive turbochargers is now poised to vie for state aid worth €4 million after it received €19.1 million to set up shop in 2012. The plant currently employs 430 staff in three shifts.

Under the new project, the area covered by the plant is to be boosted from 7,448 to 13,530 square meters, which would turn the facility into Honeywell's second largest turbocharger-making plant in the world. According to Cote, the company's offer is unmatched on the market. More than 50 percent of all of the company's activities relate to improving fuel efficiency in cars. The turbochargers are able to reduce fuel consumption by 20-40 percent, which contributes to making the world a cleaner place.

Fico praised the fact that the company's further development proves that the decision to provide assistance to the company was correct. At the same time, the aid constituted support for an engineering concern that uses the leading-edge technologies and provides jobs to highly qualified people. "I'm personally pleased at the company's plans to increase staff numbers from 430 by another 130 at some point. This is a region with higher-than-average unemployment ... I've also inquired about the company's links with secondary vocational schools and universities, because whoever wants to get a job in the plant needs to be highly qualified, be it secondary school or university," said the premier.

According to the premier, the Government has yet to receive an official request for state assistance towards the expansion of production at the Honeywell plant. However, a request for €4 million is in the making, but it first needs to make it through inter-ministerial proceedings before being tabled at a Government session. At any rate, the Government has no misgivings about allocating aid to projects that have proven as exemplary as Honeywell's, said Fico.

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This handy list includes ISBN numbers for those books published in Slovakia – which makes for easier identification when searching for them at the library or online. Websites for locating remaindered and used books, and where to purchase them, are included at the end of the file, as well.

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St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Cleveland, OH, Hosts Day of Insight on Parenting & Marriage November 14

Are you a parent or guardian? Are you married or engaged to be married soon? Do you want some insight, helpful tips, or advice? Then this day is for you!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will host a day of insight and discussion about Biblical Parenting & Traditional Marriage, featuring Dr. Ray Guarendi and Father Tom Loya.

Please join us November 14, 2015, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at The Crystal Chalet Banquet Hall, 3600 Biddulph Ave, Cleveland, OH 44109.

Tickets for this insightful day are \$10 per person, including childcare (under 12-pre-registered) and lunch. There will be vendors, give away, and so much more! You don't want to miss it!!!

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He has written several books on the topic of parenting. His first book "You're a Better Parent than You Think!" is now in its twenty-eighth printing.



Fr. Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA is currently the pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic parish in Homer Glen, IL. He holds degrees in Fine Art, Theology and Counseling. He hosts two radio programs including "Light of the East Radio" which can be heard on EWTN Radio affiliates. Fr. Loya is a conference speaker for the Tabor Life Institute and for TOBIA (Theology of the Body International Alliance).

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Správy zo Slovenska

KULTÚRA: Bratislavský chlapčenský zbor žal úspech vo Francúzsku a Švajčiarsku

Z úspešného koncertného turné po Francúzsku a Švajčiarsku sa 29. septembra vrátil Bratislavský chlapčenský zbor. Teleso sa predstavilo tromi chrámovými koncertmi v mestách Lyon, Mulhouse a Bazilej pod dirigentskou taktovkou Magdalény Rovňákovovej a Gabriely Rovňáka ml. Podľa slov dirigentky M. Rovňákovovej publikum oslovili diela slovenských skladateľov, chlapci predniesli aj niekoľko skvostov francúzskej romantickej hudby. Na klavíri a organe sprevádzala Dana Hajóssy.

„Užívali sme si majestátnosť, nádheru aj skvelú akustiku katedrály v Lyone aj ďalších chrámov, informácie o Slovensku a Bratislave sme sprostredkovali deťom a mládeži na koncerte pripravenom špeciálne pre školy,“ informovala Magdaléna Rovňáková.

Na ochranu hraníc protipovodňová bariéra

Ministerstvo vnútra si nachystalo plán pre prípad, že by aj Slovensko zažilo podobnú vlnu tisícov utečencov, aká je v súčasnosti v krajinách západného Balkánu. Použiť na to chce vojenskú technológiu Hesco bastion, ktorá sa dá využiť aj v prípade povodní. „Dá sa použiť ako protipovodňová bariéra, ochrana proti zosuvom pôdy, ale aj ako navádzacia bariéra, ktorú vieme použiť na ochranu štátnej hranice v prípade veľkej migračnej vlny na ktoromkoľvek mieste,“ uvádza tlačový odbor ministerstva vnútra.

„Kráľ vagónov Beljajev našiel cestu do Ruska cez Áziu“

Majiteľ Tatravagónky expanduje na miliardový indický trh. Jeden z najväčších európskych výrobcov nákladných vagónov spája sily s indickou spoločnosťou Jupiter Group z Kalkaty. Holding Jupiter Group pod sebou združuje výrobcu a opravovňu vozňov Jupiter Wagons i zlievareň Jupiter Alloys & Steel. Vyrobené odliatky budú určené pre ruských zákazníkov Tatravagónky. Celková hodnota transakcie má podľa zdrojov z Indie dosiahnuť 14,1 milióna eur. Investičný apetít Slovákov potvrdzujú aj Indovia. „Postupne sa bude partnerstvo so slovenskou firmou zvyšovať až do získania polovičného podielu v spoločnosti“, hovorí Vivek Lohia, generálny riaditeľ Jupiter Wagons.

„Gelničanom ukradla prácu lacnejšia Afrika“

Len za posledných šesť mesiacov zmizlo v hladovej doline Hnilca 1000 pracovných miest. Japonský Panasonic v Krompachoch prepustil 656 zamestnancov, slovensko-ruská zlievareň Railway Casted Components v Prakovciach 350. A v slovenskom bermudskom trojuholníku, kde namiesto lodí mizne práca, sa znova prepúšťa. „Akciónari skupiny rozhodli presunúť časť výroby káblových zväzkov pre stavebné a úžitkové stroje zo závodu v Gelnici do výrobného závodu v Tunise,“ oznamuje na internetovej stránke gelnická spoločnosť Elektroconnect. Lacných Gelničanov tak nahradí ešte lacnejšia pracovná sila v Afrike.

„Bojoval s ľadom“

Exprezident SR Rudolf Schuster bol opäť na dobrodružnej ceste na Špicbergoch. Ostrov v Severnom ľadovom oceáne navštívila bývalá hlava štátu v júli a spoločnosť mu robila jeho neter Heidy. „Bol som tam 21 dní a na malej lodi sme ako jediní tento rok dookola oboplávali celé Špicbergy“, prezradil Schuster, ktorý svojou cestou riskoval. „Bola tam veľká vrstva ľadu, že veľké lode si to netrúfajú. Keď to videl náš kapitán, odmietol ísť, tvrdil, že sa musíme vrátiť. Nahovoril som ho a potom bol aj on sám rád,“ šokoval exprezident.

KULTÚRA: Slovenské národné noviny si pripomínajú 170. výročie

V Dome kultúry Ružinov v Bratislave si 6. októbra pripomenuli 170. výročie vzniku Slovenských národných novín (SNN). Na konferencii na tému Odkaz L. Štúra v Slovenských národných novinách a vplyv médií na súčasnú slovenskú spoločnosť diskutovali historici, politológovia a publicisti o postavení SNN v súčasnej žurnalistike, o vplyve médií na prekrúcanie faktov, ale aj o absencii mediálnej politiky štátu a jej dôsledkoch. Spisovateľ a publicista Peter Štrelinger vo svojej prednáške poukázal na úzku súvislosť medzi SNN L. Štúra a poprevratovými SNN. Ako povedal, v minulom i terajšom storočí boli noviny veľkým prínosom v boji o národnú identitu. „SNN po roku 1989 prispeli k tomu, že vznikla samostatná Slovenská republika. To, čo sa nepodarilo Štúrovi, podarilo sa teraz, v časoch druhého vydávania Slovenských národných novín,“ uzavrel Štrelinger.

Najväčší sponzor turizmu na Slovensku: je to Brusel

Podnikatelia v cestovnom ruchu dostali podporu na opravu hotelov, výstavbu wellness či zasněžovacích stredísk. Podporu z výzvy Konkurencieschopnosť a hospodársky rast k aprílu tohto roka získali väčšinou projekty cestovného ruchu, ktoré chceli rekonštruovať alebo rozšíriť existujúce strediská. Výzva podporila projekty celkovou sumou 38 miliónov eur. „Vo všeobecnosti možno považovať eurofondy v turizme za prínos“, povedal Marek Harbuľák, generálny sekretár Zväzu hotelov a reštaurácií.

Výstraha univerzitám: Hľadajte mladších profesorov

Univerzity dostali od Akreditačnej komisie varovanie. Dôvodom je, že viacero profesorov už nebude môcť zabezpečiť študijné programy, pretože majú blízko do dôchodku. Na fakultách, kde nedošlo k postupnej výmene generácií, teraz hrozí, že o pár rokov prídu o akreditáciu. Upozornenie, že profesori a docenti sa blížia k sedemdesiatke, teda do veku, keď s nimi treba ukončiť pracovný pomer, dostalo v hodnotení 22 vysokých škôl vyše 650 študijných programov. Problém generačnej výmeny sa netýka len menších univerzít, ale aj najväčšej Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave.

Šatky a kravaty sú zaužívanou tradíciou

Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí Slovenskej republiky objednalo pri príležitosti slovenského predsedníctva v Rade Európskej únie v druhom polroku 2016 vyše 38.000 kravát a šatiek, ktoré majú slúžiť ako darčeky pre hostí. „Podľa zaužívanej praxe sú tieto predmety určené pre ministrov alebo vedúcich delegácií, ktorí sa zúčastňujú na podujatiach...“, povedal hovorca ministerstva Peter Stano.

Správy čerpané z TASR a slovenských časopisov

Útek bratov Šťastných za železnú oponu detailne prezrádza kniha

Podľa kanadského portálu tvsports.ca sa z histórie slávnych slovenských hokejistov - bratov Šťastných môže stať film. Tréner a skaut Gilles Léger, organizátor ich dramatického útoku z Československa, s hollywoodskym producentom pracuje na scenári. Predlohou k filmu je kniha Bratia Šťastní, ktorú s Légerom napísal novinár Robert Laflamme. Jej podtitul Pravda o legendárnom útoku za železnú oponu po desaťročiach detailne prezrádza, ako sa to stalo v prísne stráženom komunistickom režime.

Léger uľahčil príchod československej hokejovej hviezdy Václava Nedomanského (1974) do prestížnej zámorskej profesionálnej ligy NHL. To bol prvý hokejista z východnej Európy, ktorý opustil svoju krajinu. Skaut si vyhládol bratov Šťastných, ktorých chcel mať v jednom útoku mužstva Quebec Nordiques. Niekde čítal o fenoméne Šťastných a sníval o ich získaní predtým, ako im napadlo opustiť vlasť.

Čitateľ sa dozvedá o vtedajšom komunistickom systéme, keď strana rozhodovala o všetkom, aj v hokeji. Hráčom a členom výpravy bola ponúkaná výhodná spolupráca, aby všeličo na iných prezrádzali. Do zahraničia chodievali aj tajní v civile, ktorí okrem sledovania pohybu hráčov v osobnom voľne im prehládávali batožinu. „Vymenoval mi všetky predmety, ktoré som si vzal na cestu. Z toho môžete usúdiť, ako nás sledovali aj aké úskoky používali,“ spomína Marián, keď odhalil agenta vydávajúceho sa za novinára. Okrem toho pociťoval aj diskrimináciu v reprezentácii, kde Slováci boli ojedinelými výnimkami, pritom Marián s Petrom sa zaslúžili o titul majstrov sveta pre Československo (1976, 1977).

V sezóne 1977/1978 začali traja bratia Šťastní hrať v jednom útoku Slovana Bratislava. O rok neskôr sa výrazne zaslúžili o historické slovenské víťazstvo v lige. Na juniorských majstrovstvách sveta v Kanade (1978) Antona vybrali do All Star šampionátu a neskôr kuriózne zistil, že bol prvým Slovákom žiadaným v drafte NHL. Na zimnej olympiáde v Lake Placid (1980) v USA sa chceli funkcionári z Quebecu tajne kontaktovať s bratmi, no pre bezpečnostné opatrenia neúspešne. S ich výkonom na ľade bol nadšený aj prezident klubu Marcel Aubut a jeho záujem o nich rástol. S prípravou útoku Šťastných prišli 21. augusta 1980 zámorskí funkcionári na hokejový turnaj do rakúskeho Innsbrucku. Uskutočnili sa tajné rokovania a rozhodnutie Petra s Antonom, že sa nevrátia domov. Po nočnej ceste autom do Viedne zažili dramatické chvíle. S pomocou imigračného úradu kanadského veľvyslanectva a rakúskych policajtov odviekli Šťastných z hotela, kde boli československí tajní agenti, a šialenou jazdou ich eskortovali na letisko Schwechat. Tam sa dráma stupňovala, pretože Petrovu manželku vo vysokom stupni tehotenstva nechceli pustiť do lietadla. Nakoniec to dobre dopadlo a bratia mali na druhý deň po príchode do Kanady veľkolepú tlačovú besedu s prekvapenými novinármi, že ich vidia. Horšie bol na tom doma Marián, ktorého vyradili zo Slovana a bol pod sprísneným dohľadom pre podozrenie, že odíde za bratmi. Jeho premyslený ilegálny tajný odchod s manželkou a tromi deťmi v júni 1981 bol ešte riskantnejší. Marián spomína, že sa dozvedel o prepustení 40 policajtov po jeho útoku. Traja bratia konečne mohli opäť spolu robiť to, čo ich najviac bavilo a vytvorili veľmi úspešný útok, ktorý lákal divákov. Zapisali sa do histórie, keď Medzinárodná federácia ľadového hokeja zaradila ich príchod do Kanady na 46. miesto zo sto udalostí, ktoré poznačili storočie jej existencie (1908-2008). Kniha okrem iných zaujímavostí vtedajšej doby spomína aj ďalšie aktivity bratov. Čitateľ sa dozvie, že Marián Šťastný zo Švajčiarska organizoval protestné zhromaždenie proti totalitnému režimu v Československu - Sviečkovú manifestáciu, ktorá bola v deň jeho narodenín 25. marca 1988. Po páde železnej opony (1989) sa bratia bez obáv zo zatknutia vracajú do rodnej krajiny, ale žijú s rodinami v zahraničí. Peter pôsobil za Slovensko ako poslanec Európskeho parlamentu (2004-2014). Ešte predtým sa ako hráč spolu s Antonom zaslúžili o hokejové úspechy Slovenska a návrat do elitnej skupiny.

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50. výročie otvorenia Kaplnky Sedembolestnej Panny Márie vo Washingtone DC

V sobotu, 12. septembra 2015 sa v Národnej bazilike Nepoškvrneného počatia vo Washingtone DC konala slávnostná omša pri príležitosti 50. výročia otvorenia Kaplnky Sedembolestnej Panny Márie. Kaplnku, na ktorú finančne prispeli slovenskí krajanovia, dala postaviť Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota a bola inaugurovaná v septembri 1965. Pripomína silu viery, odvahu a statočnosť Slovákov počas nepriazni osudu. Pápež Benedikt XIII vyhlásil Sedembolestnú pannu Máriu za patrónku Slovenska v roku 1717. Akcia bola organizovaná Prvou Katolíckou Slovenskou Jednotou v spolupráci so ZÚ Washington. Na omši sa zúčastnilo vyše 400 krajanov z Washingtonu DC, Pittsburghu, Clevelandu, New Yorku a New Jersey. Tradícia organizovania slovenskej omše na sviatok Sedembolestnej panny Márie začala v roku 2013, minulý rok bola omša spojená s vystúpením Bratislavského chlapčenského zboru. Tohtoročnú slávnostnú omšu celebraval washingtonský arcibiskup, kardinál Donald Wuerl. Spolu s ním omšu celebrovali viacerí slovenskí kňazi pôsobiaci v USA.



Po slávnostnej omši zorganizoval ZÚ Washington recepciu, ktorú finančne podporila Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota. Každoročné púte krajanov z východného pobrežia do Washingtonu DC sa tešia veľkému záujmu. Krajanovia mimoriadne ocenili tohtoročnú možnosť prezrieť si zastupiteľský úrad a stretnúť sa s jeho pracovníkmi.

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v **nedeľu dňa 25. októbra 2015 o 1.00 hodine odpoľudnia** za uskutočnenia Výročná členská schôdza v hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East, 66th Street v New York City. **Program schôdze:** 1. Voľba úradníkov na ďalšie obdobie; 2. Finančná správa; 3. Plán podujatí na ďalšie obdobie. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie. Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom.

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Gala večera v Msgr. Komar Hall, Linden New Jersey

Gala večera Okresu č. 1 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty z príležitosti 125. výročia jej založenia sa bude konať v **sobotu 7. novembra 2015**. Oslavy začnú slávnostnou svätou omšou o 4:00 hodine poobede v Holy Family Church, 210 Monroe St., Linden, New Jersey. Za tým o 5:00 hodine poobede bude pokračovať Koktail, večera, tanec, otvorený bar a tanec do 1:00 hodiny ráno v Msgr. Komar Hall, 2806 Parkway Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Gala večeru Okresu 1 pripravuje Spolok č. 746 v spolupráci Okresov číslo 1., 4., a 16. IKSJ. O tanečnú zábavu sa postará hudobná skupina Express. Rezervácia vstupeniek je možná do 28. októbra 2015 na tel. čísle: Anna Balas (908-925-7430) alebo Anna Korcal (201-670-8162). Cena vstupeniek je \$30.00 pre členov IKSJ a \$50.00 pre hostí. Šeky láskave zasielajte na adresu: First Catholic Slovak Union, c/o Anna Balas, 12 Rosewood Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036.

Kultúrne podujatie ľudového súboru Lúčina

Slovenský folklórny súbor Lúčina usporiada kultúrne podujatie v **sobotu 14. novembra 2015** v Holy Spirit Party Center na adrese 5500 West 54th Street v Parma, OH. O 6.30 hod. bude podávaná večera a o 7.30 hod. začne kultúrny program, po ktorom bude tanečná zábava. V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia ľudové súbory Lúčina a detský súbor Lúčinka a Východná Slovak Dancers z Kanady. Cena vstupeniek je \$50.00 za osobu alebo \$360.00 za stôl pre osem ľudí. Vstupné pre mládež do 21 rokov je \$40.00. Rezervácie si záujemcovia musia urobiť vopred. Pri vstupe lístky na predaj nebudú. Rezervácie vstupeniek: Tom Ivanec, tel. č. 440-668-7797, Christine Mati-Hearn, tel. č. 440-655-8244 a Jenna Allen, tel. č. 440-439-4119.

Výročná členská schôdza

Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu č. 16 IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že Výročná členská schôdza Okresu č. 16. Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu sa bude konať v **nedeľu dňa 22. novembra 2015** o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia na fare kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East 66th Str. 1. Avenue, NYC., po slovenskej omši, ktorá začína o 11. hodine dopoludnia. Na programe bude podanie finančnej správy, príprava činnosti na ďalšie obdobie a voľba úradníkov na rok 2016. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia spolu sv. Matúša č. 45. IKSJ. Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v **nedeľu 22. novembra 2015** o 12:30 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančné správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie potom budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie. Úctivo Vás žiadame, o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdzi. Ďakujem s pozdravom,

Maria Jurasi, pokladníčka



38. ročník Festivalu v New Jersey prilákal tisíce návštevníkov

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Po príhovoroch nasledovala tradičná prehliadka krojov, ktorú sprevádzala Renáta Vasilová s vysvetlením zvláštnosti každého kroja.

Javiskový program moderovala Janka Konzelmann. Najprv uviedla vystúpenia troch detských súborov, ktoré sa predstavili obecenstvu spevom, tancami a hudbou. Boli to súbory Limboráčik z Českej a slovenskej školy v Astórii, N.Y., súbor Lipka z Linden, N.J. a Detský súbor zo slovenského kostola sv. Michala v Trenton, N.J. Ich vystúpenia očarili prítomných, ktorí ich odmeňovali vďačným potleskom. Veľkú pozornosť a vďaka obecenstva si vyslúžil aj v slovenskej Amerike už dobre známy tanečný súbor z Pittsburghu PAS, ktorý už vystupoval na festivale v N.J. viac krát.

Program festivalu obohatil aj na východe USA populárny operný a muzikálny spevák Jozef Ivaška ml., ktorý v letných mesiacoch vystupoval v opere v Nemecku. Na festivale sa predstavil v dvoch vystúpeniach, kde zaspieval ľudové i modernejšie slovenské piesne a trochu aj z opernej klasičky.

Na zakončenie programu tri detské súbory vystúpili na javisko a rozlúčili sa s obecenstvom so slovenskou piesňou. 38. Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey bol znovu vynikajúcim slovenským podujatím v Amerike, z ktorého si účastníci určite odnášali pekné spomienky.



Zľava: predseda Slovenskej ligy Daniel F. Tanzone, tajomníčka S.L. a spolupredseda festivalu Nina Holá, gen. konzulka SR Jana Trnovcová a spolupredseda festivalu John Duch.

Katolícka cirkev si 1. novembra pripomína Sviatok všetkých svätých 2. novembra nadväzuje deň Spomienky na všetkých verných zosnulých

Ako povedal katolícky kňaz Martin Kramara, Sviatok všetkých svätých je deň, ktorý ľuďom pripomína, že smrťou sa nič nekončí. Podľa katolíkov existujú tri ciele po smrti. "Sviatok všetkých svätých nám pripomína ľudí, ktorí touto bránou už prešli a teraz žijú s Bohom. Teda nielen tých svätých, ktorých máme v cirkevnom kalendári, ale úplne všetkých, našich predkov, známych aj neznámych ľudí, ktorí po skončení statočného života na zemi prišli do neba," povedal.



Ľudia zaplnili cintoríny, spomínajú na blízkych.

Podľa katolíckej viery existujú po smrti tri "destinácie" – nebeské kráľovstvo, očistec a večné zatratenie, hovorí Kramara. Ako "všetkých svätých" označujeme ľudí prežívajúcich večnú radosť s Bohom v nebi, toho, kto sa dostal do neba, vysvetľuje kňaz.

Okrem neba a pekla je tu ešte tzv. očistec, tam čakajú na vstup do Božieho kráľovstva ľudia, ktorí nezomreli s odmietnutím Boha, ale potrebujú sa ešte očistiť od dôsledkov zlých skutkov, ktorých sa v živote dopustili, dodáva Kramara. To sú podľa neho tzv. verní zosnulí - inými slovami, duše v očistci.

Cirkev veriacich povzbudzuje podľa Kramaru k modlitbe za zosnulých práve preto, že pre všetky duše v očistci na začiatku novembra možno získať tzv. odpustky. "Prostredníctvom odpustkov, tohto duchovného daru posielaného zosnulým, sa duše v očistci oslobodzujú od dôsledkov hriechov, ktoré spáchali počas pozemského života," povedal s tým, že veriaci prichádzajú modliť sa na hroby, lebo je to jedna z možných podmienok pre získanie odpustkov, okrem spovede, modlitby a svätého prijímania.

Sviečky na hrobách sú potom symbolickým vyjadrením ich modlitby a duchovného daru. Tiež pripomínajú život, ktorý vydáva svetlo a teplo, avšak zároveň sa pomína. "Sú aj obrazom vzkriesenia, lebo kresťania veria, že opravdivým Svetlom sveta je Zmŕtvychvstalý Kristus," dodal.

V minulosti sa tento sviatok slávil 13. mája. Slávnosť všetkých svätých sa prvýkrát slávila v Ríme 13. mája 609, keď pápež Bonifác IV. prebral od cisára Fokasa pohanský chrám všetkých bohov, tzv. Pantheon a zasvätil ho Preblahoslavenej Panne Márii a všetkým svätým mučeníkov. Pápež Gregor III. (731-741) zmenil slávenie Všetkých svätých z 13. mája na 1. novembra, keď v Bazilike sv. Petra slávnostne posvätil kaplnku k úcte všetkých svätých.

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V centrále UNESCO v Paríži predstavili vzdelanosť a kultúru Slovenska

Melodramatickým dielom Egona Kráka Pútnici oslovili slovenskí umelci v utorok 6. októbra 2015 medzinárodné publikum na pôde UNESCO v Paríži. Slávnostný koncert Slovenského filharmonického zboru z Bratislavy a Štátneho komorného orchestra Žilina, doplnený recitáciou básní Štúrovcov v podaní Dušana Jamricha a Štefana Bučka, ktorý bol venovaný 200. výročiu narodenia Ľudovíta Štúra. Prítomní sa tak mohli oboznámiť so slovenskou vzdelanosťou a kultúrou.

Podujatia sa zúčastnilo vyše 900 hostí z bohatej diplomatickej, aj krajanskej komunity, ako aj vedúce osobnosti Organizácie Spojených národov pre vzdelávanie, vedu a kultúru. Uskutočnilo sa pod záštitou ministra kultúry SR a generálnej riaditeľky UNESCO. Významné slovenské výročie narodenia Ľudovíta Štúra tvorí súčasť zoznamu významných svetových výročí UNESCO na listine výročí na roky 2015-2016.

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Detský súbor Limboráčik zo slovenskej školy Astoria, New York.



Deti z Trentonu, New Jersey.



Súbor Lipka z Linden, New Jersey.

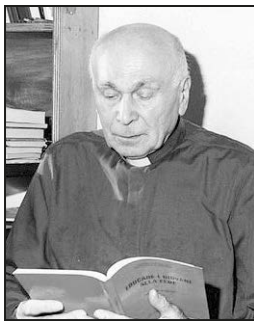
Spomienková slávnosť k 20. výročiu smrti Gorazda Zvonického v Michalovciach

Prvý augustový víkend patril v Michalovciach spomienke na veľkého rodáka Gorazda Zvonického, od ktorého smrti uplynulo dvadsať rokov. Bohaté slávnostné podujatie pripravilo Mesto Michalovce v spolupráci s Domom Matice slovenskej (DMS) v Michalovciach a Občianskym združením Močarany (rodisko G. Zvonického, kedysi samostatná obec, dnes súčasť Michaloviec).

Prvý deň slávnosti (1. august) bol ekumenický. Zúčastnili sa na ňom zástupcovia cirkvi Rímsko-katolíckej, Grcko-katolíckej, Evanjelickej, a. v. a Pravoslávnej cirkvi. Večer naplnilo čítanie slova Božieho, občania Močarian recitovali básne G. Zvonického a čítali úryvky z kníh vydaných Domom Matice slovenskej v Michalovciach. Svoje spomienky na učiteľa, priateľa, kazateľa, spovedníka ale aj otca – „father“, ako ho nazývali - vyrozprávali žiaci Michal Kaňa žijúci v Rakúsku, Don Turanský, saleziánsky kňaz, žijúci v Ríme, Vlado Alexi, v Srbsku Andrej Kuric, bývalý predseda Matice slovenskej v Chorvátsku a Jozef Kočanda, tiež zo Srbska. Z rozprávania sa mali možnosť účastníci dozvedieť, aký blízky vzťah mal G. Zvonický so svojimi žiakmi, ako vedel vtipne odľahčiť často ťažké chvíle, ktoré prežívali v odlúčení od rodín. Ale aj to, ako ťažko znášal on sám odlúčenie od milovanej matky a od milovanej vlasti. Nikdy neprestal veriť, že jeho milované Slovensko raz bude zvrchovaným štátom. Vzácní hostia hovorili aj o tom, ako vznikali jeho básne, či eseje. Rozprávali aj o tom, čo všetko im o rodnej vlasti rozprával, o svojej rodine, o svojom „valale“ - rodných Močaranoch. A to, že majú možnosť spoznať ľudí a Močarany je pre nich veľkou čťou, dáva pocit, že môžu patriť do rodiny Šandorových. Nezabudnuteľné bolo aj vystúpenie synovca G. Zvonického Ladislava Puskajlera, ktorý prečítal viacero úryvkov z listov od strýka, adresovaných jeho matke a Gorazdovej sestre Barbore.

V nedeľu 2. augusta bola spomienková slávnostná svätá omša, ktorú celebroval Don Ján Čverčko, správca Národnej baziliky Sedembolestnej Panny Márie v Šaštíne, spoločne s Don Štefan Turanský, močariansky rodák Tibor Závadský, Jozef Sokolský, rožňavský dekan, saleziánsky kňaz Don Cyril Gajdoš. Na omši sa zúčastnil primátor mesta Michalovce Viliam Záhorčák, prednostka Okresného úradu Jana Cibereová, poslanec NR SR Jozef Bobík, poslanec mestského zastupiteľstva Vladimír Kostovčík a samozrejme žiaci G. Zvonického z rôznych kútov Európy. Po omši sa prítomným prihovoril primátor mesta, ktorý sa poďakoval organizátorom za úsilie, vynaložené na prípravu podujatia, ako aj všetkým, ktorí prišli a akýmkoľvek spôsobom sa podieľali na jeho uskutočnení. Po ukončení omše bola do života uvedená kniha Cesta útrap a lásky, ktorej zostavovateľom je Dr. Ernest Sirochman a vydal ju Dom Matice slovenskej v Michalovciach. Je to kontemplácia na tému životného údela G. Zvonického, plná úvah, básní a úryvkov esejí G. Zvonického. Knihu do života uviedol primátor mesta Michalovce Viliam Záhorčák a riaditeľka DMS Mária Kušnírová kvetmi oleandra, ktoré tak miloval a vždy zdobili jeho príbytok. Po uvedení knihy vystúpila speváčka duchovných piesní Anka Servická, ktorá poctu mariánskemu básnikovi vzdala mariánskymi piesňami a hlboký umelecký i duchovný zážitok z celých osláv umocnila ešte tým, že kyticu červených ruží ako poďakovanie položila k Ježišovým nohám na kríži. Po ukončení slávnostného programu ešte dlho doznievali dojmy z týchto jedinečných chvíľ v osobných rozhovoroch medzi kňazmi, žiakmi, rodinnými príslušníkmi a ďalšími účastníkmi podujatia. Gorazdovi žiaci vyjadrili poďakovanie všetkým organizátorom podujatia za to, že mali možnosť uctiť si svojho milovaného učiteľa. Vyslovili presvedčenie, že aj naďalej sa budú stretávať pri spomienke na jeho pamiatku, poďakovali sa za tohto vzácného človeka, za to, že mali možnosť byť v jeho blízkosti, lebo ich životy a životné cesty nezmazateľne ovplyvnil. Politická situácia ho Slovákom vzala, ale im ho prepožičala. A o čo boli jeho rodáci ochudobnení, pretože ho nemohli spoznať, im oni vynahrádza aspoň svojimi spomienkami, listami a básňami, ktoré im Gorazd venoval. Zozbierajú ich a budú sa snažiť ich potom prostredníctvom DMS Michalovce tlmočiť.

Boli to dva dni, dôstojné spomienky na veľkého rodáka, naplnené duchovným bohatstvom, ktoré si všetci účastníci so sebou odniesli domov a vďaka ktorému budú na tieto chvíle dlho spomínať.



Gorazd vo svojej izbe.

Pieseň lásky

(Venujem všetkým, ktorých zloba
ideológie odlúčila od seba)

Keby som mohol byť znova pri Tebe!	Príď už ku mne moja milovaná!
Keby som mohol byť znova pri Tebe!	Príď už ku mne moja milovaná!
Ó-ó-ó, láska moja!	Ó-ó-ó, láska moja!
Ty si moja z neba, milujem len Teba.	Ďaleko za morom. Ak bude vernosť Tvoja, budeš v srdci mojom.
Ó-ó-ó, môj žiaľ!	Navždy v srdci mojom!
Ty môj veľký žiaľ!	

Jaro Krúpa, 1967

Do kín vstupuje dokument o Antonovi Srholcovi

Do kín mieri dlhočakávaný dokument Anton Srholec o živote človeka, ktorý nikdy neopustil svoje zásady - milovať ľudí a Boha napriek životným okolnostiam a bojovať za lepší svet. Režisérka Alena Čermáková sledovala život tejto výnimočnej osobnosti slovenského kultúrneho života osem rokov. Navštívila s ním väznicu v Leopoldove, strávila čas s bezdomovcami, skúmala archívy s cieľom rozpovedať príbeh o tomto vzácnom človeku.



Anton Srholec

Alena Čermáková sa rozhodla vzdať hold osobnosti Antona Srholca po snímke Vyvliekanie z vlastnej kože (1992) a portréte o učiteľovi spevu Františkovi Tugendliebovi Všetko je v nás (1999). Podnetom boli najmä spoločné rozhovory s kňazom. „Milovanému Antóniovi“ adresovala množstvo otázok nielen o Bohu, ale aj o živote, súčasnosti aj budúcnosti. „Myslím si, že vzťah s ním som dostala ako dar od Boha, ktorý mi dával vedieť o sebe, že ma má rád a že so mnou počíta. António ako „dobrý otec“, kňaz, mal vždy pripravené odpovede, ktoré v človeku zobúdza chuť žiť a tvoriť ako nikdy predtým,“ hovorí Čermáková o hrdinovi svojho dokumentu. „Človek v jeho prítomnosti sa cíti milovaný a prijatý. António svojim životom ukazuje, že keď má človek svetlo v srdci, prejde každou temnotou,“ doplnila režisérka s tým, že svoj film chce venovať všetkým ľuďom, ktorí prešli s Antóniom kus cesty a vzťah s ním ich obohatil.

Anton Srholec sa narodil v Skalici. Chcel študovať teológiu. Komunistický režim mu to nedovolil, ani to mu však v dosiahnutí jeho cieľa nezabránilo a rozhodol sa pokúsiť ilegálne prekročiť hranice, aby mohol študovať v zahraničí. Útek nevyšiel a za tento čin bol odsúdený. Vo väzení strávil desať rokov, prevažne prácou v uránových baniach v Jáchymove.

Vyštudovať teológiu sa mu podarilo až v roku 1970, a to priamo v Ríme, kde bol aj vysvätený za kňaza. Aj napriek problémom, ktorým na Slovensku čelil, sa rozhodol vrátiť a pomáhať ľuďom práve tu. Nemohol pôsobiť ako kňaz, ale zamestnal sa ako kostolník a až neskôr dostal súhlas vypomáhať pri kázňach. Jeho kázne boli obľúbené najmä medzi mládežou, avšak v 70. a 80. rokoch boli až príliš silné a zásadné pre komunistický režim. Duchovenstvo mu bolo štátom zakázané a opäť sa musel stať robotníkom. Jeho život bol plný nečakaných zvrátov, ťažkých momentov, ale aj radosti a nádeje. Svedčí o tom jeho dobrovoľnícka práca a pomoc ľuďom v núdzi. O tom, aký naozaj je, čím všetkým si v živote prešiel a či niektorý zo svojich krokov ľutuje, sa diváci môžu dozvedieť v dokumente Anton Srholec od 8. októbra v kinách po celom Slovensku. Informovala o tom Martina Pašteková z Asociácie slovenských filmových klubov (ASFK).

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Na Slovensku vznikne styčný integračný tím NATO

Na Slovensku vznikne v budúcom roku styčný integračný tím NATO. Jeho vytvorenie na území SR, ale aj v Maďarsku odsúhlasila Severoatlantická rada na úrovni stálych predstaviteľov. Bude sídlieť v kasárňach Vajnory, pričom celkovo bude v rámci neho pôsobiť 41 osôb.

„Pôjde o tím plánovačov, nie o vytvorenie bojovej jednotky či základne, ako je to niekedy nesprávne interpretované,“ skonštatoval minister obrany Martin Glváč. Podľa jeho slov prítomnosť tohto tímu uľahčí potenciálne prijatie posíl zo strany NATO pre danú členskú krajinu. „Počas mieru by podporovala plánovacie aktivity,“ podotkol minister.

Cieľom styčného integračného tímu NATO je zvýšiť reakcijschopnosť Aliancie a uľahčiť nasadenie jednotiek veľmi rýchlej reakcie a jednotiek rýchleho nasadenia. Tento tím tak bude dohliadať na prípravu, koordináciu a zabezpečenie hladkého príjmu koalíčných vojsk NATO v prípade ich nasadenia na území Slovenskej republiky. Ich úlohou má byť tiež koordinácia cvičení medzi Ozbrojenými silami (OS) SR a NATO.

„Styčný tím NATO na Slovensku by mal dosiahnuť počiatočnú operačnú spôsobilosť do summitu vo Varšave a plnú operačnú spôsobilosť do konca roka 2016,“ vysvetlil náčelník Generálneho štábu OS SR Milan Maxim. Slovensko v tíme pokryje 21 pozícií a zvyšok budú tvoriť vojaci z ostatných členských krajín NATO. Náklady budú hradené tak z rozpočtu rezortu obrany, ako aj z rozpočtu Severoatlantickej aliancie. V súčasnosti na Slovensku prebiehajú prípravné práce na budovanie potrebnej infraštruktúry.

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Žiaci G. Zvonického zľava: prof. Andrej Kuric, Michal Kaňa, Jozef Kočanda, Don Turanský, Vlado Alexi.

O. Štefan Furdek
Náš zakladateľ

Eparch John Pазak so sprievodom pri príchode k oltáru.

38. ročník Festivalu v New Jersey prilákal tisíce návštevníkov

Tradičný 38. Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey sa konal v nedeľu 27. septembra v priestoroch PNC Arts Center v Holmdel, N.J. Napriek neistým predpovediam počasia do parku prišlo približne šesť až sedem tisíc návštevníkov. Festivalové aktivity sa začali futbalovým turnajom už o deviatej hodine.

Festival zahájila slávnostná svätá omša o 11. hodine toho roku v gréckokatolíckom obrade. Hlavným celebrantom bol biskup John Pазak, C.Ss.R., eparch Eparchie sv. Cyrila a Metoda pre slovenských gréckokatolíkov v Kanade. Koncelebrantmi boli o. Martin Vavrak z Perth Amboy, o. Štefan Hanas z New Yorku a o. Martin Kertes z Cliftonu. Biskup Pазak mal aj krátku homíliu v angličtine a o. Martin Vavrak kázal v slovenčine. Počas bohoslužby účinkoval spevokol z viacerých gréckokatolíckych farností.

V popoludňajších hodinách si návštevníci prehládali výstavné a predajné stánky a veľkou atrakciou boli potravinové stánky so slovenskými a stredoeurópskymi jedlami a koláčmi.

Javiskový program začal americkou a slovenskou hymnou, ktorú zaspieval Jozef Ivaška s hudobným doprovodom Jozefa Jurašeho. Spolupredsedovia Festivalového výboru John Duch a Nina Holá privítali účastníkov v anglickej a slovenskej reči. Generálna konzulka SR Jana Trnovcová tiež pozdravila účastníkov festivalu a ďakovala organizačnému výboru za udržiavanie dlhoročnej festivalovej tradície, národného povedomia a za propagáciu slovenskej kultúry. Potom odovzdala písomný pozdrav a posolstvo prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku a ospravedlnila podpredsedu vlády a ministra zahraničných vecí Miroslava Lajčáka, ktorý pôvodne prisľúbil účasť, ale pre program v OSN musel ostať v New Yorku.

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Svätý Otec vymenoval za pápežského ceremoniára slovenského kňaza Jána Dubinu

Svätý Otec František vymenoval za pápežského ceremoniára dôstojného pána Jána Dubinu, kňaza Banskobystrickej diecézy. Mons. Ján Dubina pochádza z obce Pažiť pri Partizánskom. Po teologických štúdiách v Kňazskom seminári v Badíne bol 19. júna 2004 vysvätený za kňaza pre Banskobystrickú diecézu. Po vysviacke pôsobil ako kaplán vo farnosti Banská Bystrica – mesto. Mons. Rudolf Baláž, vtedajší banskobystrický biskup, ho poslal na štúdiá liturgie do Ríma, kde v roku 2012 získal doktorát z posvätných liturgie na Pápežskom ateneu sv. Anzelma. Od júla 2011 pracuje v Úrade liturgických slávení Najvyššieho veľkňaza vo Vatikáne. Úlohou pápežských ceremoniarov je asistovať Svätému Otcovi a aj kardinálom počas posvätných slávení pri významných príležitostiach. Každému kardinálovi po kreácii v konzistóriu je pridelený jeden ceremoniár, ktorý mu asistuje počas slávení v meste Rím. Pápežskí ceremoniári majú tiež za úlohu, pod vedením maestra pápežských liturgických slávení, pripravovať a viesť v Ríme všetky slávenia, ktoré sa konajú v mene pápeža. Počas Sede vacante pápežskí ceremoniári asistujú na generálnych kongregáciách kardinálov a vstupujú do konkláve, aby plnili im zverené úlohy.

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Za matičnými národnými slávnosťami 2015

Tradičné augustové matičné (a dlhé roky aj martinské) národné slávnosti sa tento rok realizovali „netradične“. Ich letný program situovaný na viacerých miestach Slovenska priniesol medzi širokú slovenskú verejnosť i matičiarov rôznorodosť, pestrosť i inováciu. Program NMS odštartovala začiatkom augusta vernisáž výstavy exilového výtvarníka Jána Mráza v martinskej Turčianskej galérii. O deň neskôr v priestoroch Matice slovenskej slávnostne zasadal jej výbor a ešte v ten deň v popoludňajších hodinách boli pred II. budovou Matice slovenskej odhalené busty



Pred budovou Matice slovenskej odhalená busta Jozefa Cigera Hronského.

A new bust of Jozef Ciger Hronsky was unveiled in Martin during the annual Matica Slovenska celebration.

Ludovíta Štúra a Jozefa Cigera Hronského. Túto udalosť si nenechala ujsť ani neter Jozefa Cigera Hronského, pani Mária Macuľová, ktorá do Martina pricestovala z neďalekého Brezna. Prvý cyklus podujatí NMS uzavreli v martinských kostoloch slávnostné služby božie.

O týždeň neskôr sa v rámci slávností organizoval národný výstup na Kriváň, spojený s kultúrnym programom i táboračom.

Vyvrcholenie NMS sa tento rok presunulo do rázovitej a malebnej obce Hrušov, kde matičiari v Krajanskom dvore privítali Slovákov zo Srbska (z Boľoviec), z Maďarska (z Veňarca) i z Čiech (z Brna). Naši dolnozemskej krajanovia, i tí zo susedných Čiech rozprúdili v im patriacom dvore nevídanú zábavu: spievalo sa, tancovalo, jedlo, ochutnávalo i pilo. Oficiálny príhovor krajanom venoval predseda Matice slovenskej, ktorého kroky ďalej smerovali do matičného dvora. Tu svoju výstavu zrealizovala matičná požičovňa krojov a kostýmov. V jej expozícii nechýbali fenomenálne kroje z najznámejších filmových inscenácií, akými boli Ženský zákon, či Rysavá jalovica.

V neskorých popoludňajších hodinách sa v kultúrnom dome odohralo slávnostné oceňovanie matičných osobností pri príležitosti roku Ludovíta Štúra. Z radov zahraničných Slovákov za svoje dlhoročné a nahraditeľné zásluhy medailou prevzali: predsedníčka MS v Srbsku, Katarína Melegová-Melichová a František Merka z Rumunska za založenie a udržiavanie medzinárodného slovenského festivalu v rumunskom Čerpotoku. Zlatým klincom a bodkou za NMS bolo slávnostné vystúpenie SLUK-u so svojím hudobno-tanečným pásmom Krížom-krážom.

Zuzana Pavelcová



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20. ročník Jazdy svätého Huberta v areáli historického kaštieľa v Betliari 10. októbra 2015.

The 20th anniversary of the presentation of the Saint Hubert Horsemen took place on October 10, 2015, at the Betliar manor house.