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By direction of the Executive Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, the 51st International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be held at:

HILTON CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN, 100 LAKESIDE AVE E, CLEVELAND, OHIO, 44114

All National Officers, Regional Directors, District Officers, Branch Officers, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union are notified herewith that the Convention dates are: Saturday, August 4, 2018 – Wednesday, August 8, 2018 so they may schedule their 2018 calendars accordingly.

All Officers and Members are directed to review Section 11.03 through Section 11.05 of our By-Laws to determine delegate eligibility and duties and Section 11.08 through 11.12 for the Convention business. Election of delegates to our 51st International Convention must be completed by May 7, 2018; ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the Convention (see Section 11.03c). However,

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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

October 8, 2017

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

As produce flows in from backyard gardens and bundles of zucchini are surreptitiously left on neighbors' porches, and harvest time approaches for our local farmers, it is appropriate that the scripture readings at Mass speak of reaping the good fruits of the land. In particular, the prophecy from Isaiah, the responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel all use the image of a promising



Fr. Edward Mazich,  
O.S.B.

vineyard to express their meaning.

In a sense, going beyond the agricultural imagery, the theme of these readings is that of choosing. In Isaiah's famous "song of the vineyard" the prophet describes how the Lord chose his land, carefully cleared it, tilled it, and planted it with only the finest vines; yet it yielded nothing but bitter wild grapes. The prophet then makes it clear that the vineyard represents the Lord's chosen people Israel, and that He will punish this vineyard by uprooting it: "The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!" (Isa 5:7).

The theme of choosing continues in the responsorial Psalm, where the inspired writer recalls the exodus of the chosen Israelites from Egypt and their entry into the promised land: "A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it" (Ps 80:9). There too the rebellion of Israel is noted, as well as a plea for restoration: "Give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O Lord, God of hosts, restore us" (Ps 80:19-20).

When it comes to the Gospel parable of the vineyard, the chief priests and the elders could hardly have doubted that Jesus was referring Isaiah's words to them, for his words follow closely upon the "song of the vineyard," which they would likely have known by heart. Again we hear how a landowner selected a plot, carefully prepared and planted it, and then leased it out to tenants whom he expected to look after his vineyard and help it bear a good harvest. Being badly scorned by them and seeing his servants beaten and killed, he then sends his beloved son, who is likewise killed—an unmistakable reference to Christ himself and to his violent death.

The parable concludes with the warning that the landowner will come back and "put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Here we see an allusion to the general lack of reception that Jesus found from his own people. As the Declaration *Nostra Aetate* of the Second Vatican council states: "As Holy Scripture testifies, Jerusalem did not recognize the time of her visitation, nor did the Jews in large number accept the Gospel; indeed not a few opposed its spreading."

We rejoice that we Christians are the living fulfillment of the prophecy "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Matt 21:42). What we must remember is that, firstly, the same possibility of jeopardy faces us if the vineyard of the Lord does not bear fruit on our watch, and secondly, the original choice of the Lord is never defeated, it simply yields new harvests of growth and blessings even if it takes unexpected turns through history. In this regard *Nostra Aetate* continues: "Nevertheless, God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues...the Church awaits that day, known to God alone, on which all peoples will address the Lord in a single voice and 'serve him shoulder to shoulder.'" Now that is a choice and a harvest of salvation for which we can all be glad!

October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6 – 10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1 - 14

The reading from Isaiah begins with the verse; "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines....." The reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians ends with the verse: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with this glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Near the beginning of the Gospel Jesus has the King saying in the parable; "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Simply put, these readings remind us that God will provide.



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Isaiah was a prophet during a time of great moral and political upheaval in Israel. The Israelites had wandered from God and taken accepted idols and immoral behavior as the norm. Assyria and her allies were attacking and succeeded in occupying much of Judah. It seemed that only the city of Jerusalem was able to withstand the attacks. Isaiah was the prophet who succeeded in drawing the king and the people of Israel back to God. The portion of Isaiah that we hear today come from a section of his prophecies sometimes called "The Apocalypse of Isaiah." He acknowledges the failures of Israel and tells them to get on board with God's plan. That is, to repent for God has something very beautiful prepared. The banquet Isaiah describes gives an image of God providing for them here, not just in food but in numerous ways that will give them strength and victory. It also points to what God has prepared for them, and for us, when our lives here come to an end. For the faithful life here might come to an end, but life continues in a changed way at the heavenly banquet. God will provide for us.

In the brief passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians Paul acknowledges that his life contains times of humility and wanting, as well as times of plenty. He tells the Philippians that these conditions are no longer matter to him, and should not matter to them. He ends by expressing this prayer, "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Paul learned that God will provide, and shares this as an instruction to the Philippians and to us.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of a king who desires to provide a great banquet in honor of his son's wedding. What an honor it is to be invited by the king to his palace for a banquet. Who would think of declining such an invite? In this parable it appears that many did turn down the invitation, but this did not deter the king from providing a great feast to many people. He sends out men to the highways and by-ways to invite anyone, whether citizens of his kingdom or not. The king's desire was to provide the people with a memorable, great feast.

This parable can be seen as a key in understanding both Isaiah and St. Paul's letters to the Philippians. Even though the desire to hold a banquet and to provide is given, we cannot be forced to accept the invitation. We always have the freedom to send our regrets. We would benefit by taking on the humility of St. Paul and acknowledging that God will provide for us, even when we seem to be wanting; and ultimately he will provide for us at the Heavenly Banquet. Let's make the point to accept these invitations and trust both here and in eternity that God will provide.

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# 51st International Convention

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to assure guaranteed hotel registration and room assignments, it is requested that all delegates to the 51st International Convention be elected as early as the annual meetings of the districts and branches in December 2017, or by January 31, 2018 at the latest. The final delegate count shall be based on members as of February 1, 2018 (see Section 11.04c). Appointments to the various convention committees will begin as soon as delegate credentials are received and certified at our Home Office at 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The National Officers and Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union are looking forward to a cost effective and productive 51st International Convention. All potential delegates to this 51st International Convention are requested to study our existing By-Laws, ask questions of the National Officers and Members of the Board of Directors.

Andrew M. Rajec  
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
National Secretary

## 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Still Accepting Donations

The 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is ending soon. Funds raised in this annual Appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius to assist with its day to day operations. The College is the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

While collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry at one time provided the bulk of the donations, today the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors. If you have already made your donation to the 39th Annual Appeal, thank you. If not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. As of September 15, the 2017 Appeal has raised \$17,426. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Donations received after December 1, 2017 will be credited toward the 2018 Appeal.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

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## Message from the National Chaplain:

### A Summary of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Encyclical *Saved in Hope*-

*Part I* Pope emeritus Benedict XVI celebrated his 90th Birthday this past Easter Sunday. During his papacy from 2005 to 2013, he wrote three encyclicals, or teaching documents, on themes drawn from Faith, Hope, and Charity. This is the first of a three-part summary of *Saved in Hope*, the second of these encyclicals, which was issued in 2007 on November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.

Benedict mentions near the beginning of his encyclical that Jesus' message was not one of social revolution or political liberation. His was one of an encounter with the living God, and therefore an encounter with a hope stronger than the sufferings of slavery. He brought a hope that transformed life and the world from within. Since many of the first Christians were of the lower social classes (1 Corinthians 1: 18-31), they were more than willing to embrace this hope. There were also converts from the educated, aristocracy, and cultured classes.

Ancient images of Jesus have him portrayed mainly as either a philosopher or a shepherd. A philosopher taught people how to be human, how one is to live and how to die. The philosopher who could authentically do this was highly sought after. A shepherd symbolized a simple and peaceful life, which people living in cities longed to possess. In light of Psalm 23, the true shepherd knows the path that goes through the valley of death. He even in death is by one's side, his rod and staff give comfort, so evil is not to be feared. This was the new hope that arose in the life of believers. Through ancient images of Christian art, both educated and simple people saw in Jesus what humanity really is and what one is to do to be truly human. Only a true teacher of life can show us the way beyond death.

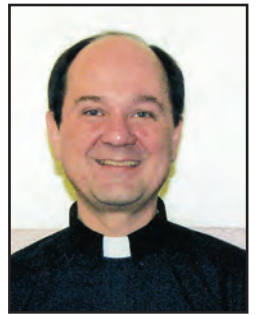
Benedict poses a couple of extremely thought provoking questions about the Christian faith. Do we look at it in the intellectual realm, that is, as information to be known with more to be gained? Or does our faith shape our lives according to words of Jesus, does it instill within us a life-sustaining hope?

He poses a paradox. Neither we nor those who love us want to die. But also no one wants to live indefinitely. So, Benedict asks, what do we really want? Deeper questions arise: What is "life"? What does "eternity" really mean?

Since the idea of "eternal" (never ending) frightens us and "life" makes us think of what we know and love and don't want to lose, Benedict says eternal life needs to be viewed as a life that immerses us into a state of existence in which we are overwhelmed with joy. He wants us to have this line of thought if we are to understand the object of Christian hope, that to which our faith leads and directs us.

Benedict draws upon the work of Cardinal Henri de Lubac, S.J. (1896-1991), a very influential 20th century theologian and church historian whose specialty was Patristics, the writings of the Church Fathers, that shows from the early days of the church, salvation was viewed as a social reality. The story of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) is seen as an expression of what sin fundamentally is, a fragmentation and division of the unity of the human race. Redemption is the re-establishment of that unity.

Fraternally,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Tom Nasta  
National Chaplain

## LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

### Jeannie Gaffigan's Renewed Faith in Aftermath of Brain Surgery

A trip to the pediatrician with her five kids led Jeannie Gaffigan to discover she had an apple-sized tumor wrapped around her brain stem. Instead of completely falling apart, she immediately turned to God, saying, "You're going to have to guide me through this because I have no idea what I'm doing... and I still have a lot of work to do for You." From that point on, Jeannie moved forward with faith and trust. And it's gotten her to a hopeful place.

Jeannie is a Christopher Award-winning writer/producer, wife of comedian Jim Gaffigan, and mother to their five children. As she told me during a recent "Christopher Closeup" interview, she had been enduring "massive headaches and dizzy spells," balance issues, and even hearing loss during the early months of 2017. She wrote the symptoms off as possibly being seasonal allergies. When the pediatrician learned that Jeannie couldn't hear in one ear, she examined her, but couldn't find anything obvious, so she sent her to an Ear Nose and Throat specialist, who also found nothing wrong. That led to an MRI, which revealed the massive tumor.

On the positive side, the tumor was benign. But it needed to come out, otherwise she would be left paralyzed. It was April 2017 - Holy Week, to be exact - so Jeannie called her cousin on Long Island "who's an absolute prayer warrior" to start a prayer chain. Meanwhile, the neurosurgeons Jeannie contacted couldn't give her an appointment until May. She called her best friend from childhood, now a neurologist, for advice. After overnighting copies of her brain scans to him, he called and said, "You need to get to the operating room as soon as you can. Find the top neurosurgery department in Manhattan and go to the ER at that hospital."

Jeannie and Jim headed to Mount Sinai Hospital, but called the ENT to let him know their plan. He instead got them a quick appointment with prominent neurosurgeon Dr. Joshua Bederson. Jeannie said, "On Good Friday, I went through a series of MRIs where they mapped out my entire brain and did a virtual surgery on how to deal with the tumor and the nerves surrounding it. Then they said, 'You have Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday with your family. On Monday, you're going to surgery.'"

The nine-hour operation was successful, but recovery came with its own difficulties. Jeannie's throat was left paralyzed temporarily, and she needed an oxygen tank to breathe and a feeding tube in her stomach. She also developed life-threatening pneumonia due to another complication.

Thankfully, Jeannie has come a long way since then. She said, "The healing that I've experienced has been nothing short of a miracle. I've had some of the most powerful spiritual people in the world praying for me. And I've even had people who I thought to be atheists praying for me. I've seen the good side of humanity in a time where I feel that our country is sort of torn apart. I've seen people from every belief system and every political leaning come out and be good human beings, and I have a renewed sense of the power of intercessory prayer, and a renewed sense of my purpose on earth and for my children. I had a lot of spiritual encounters with God during those really dark days in the hospital. There's no doubt in my mind that the hand of God was with me every step of the way."

# Life Insurance: A Golden Opportunity to Show Your Love

Last month was Life Insurance Awareness Month; what if, moving forward, we keep our focus on life insurance but take a different approach to it. What if we now start to think of this vaguely familiar, maybe-I-should-look-into-it-someday product not as life insurance, but as love insurance? Buying insurance really is the ultimate expression of love, if you think about it. The right insurance lets loved ones know you care so much about them that you've made provisions for their well being even after you're gone.

## Count the Ways

According to the latest research from two of the top insurance information resources – the non-profit LIFE Foundation and LIMRA, a worldwide research, consulting and professional development organization for the insurance and financial sector – 70 percent of adult Americans say they personally need more life insurance, but only 36 percent own a policy that they purchased. As the poem goes, "How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways ..." it actually is possible to count the ways in which thinking of loved ones can help encourage the purchase of a much-needed policy.

1. Life is short. Do any of us really know how long we'll live? The truth is, none of us is promised a tomorrow. If you have loved ones who would suffer financially if you were to die tomorrow, don't wait another day. Now is the time to purchase life insurance or to make sure the insurance you already have will provide adequate coverage. To start evaluating how much you might need, check out the sidebar in this issue.

2. To procrastinate is human, but no excuse. Let's face it. We all procrastinate. It's human nature. But that doesn't make it right – and it certainly doesn't excuse leaving the people who depend on you financially unprotected from financial hardship in the event of your death. A recent LIFE survey found that just two percent of American adults say they plan to purchase life insurance in the next 30 days. However, if they were told they only had 30 more days to live, the number of people who say they would buy in those next 30 days jumps to 62 percent.

3. Cost is a common misconception. Cost is frequently cited as a reason for not buying life insurance. People say it's too expensive, but that's a common misconception. The fact is, life insurance has never been more affordable. According to LIMRA, the cost for basic term life insurance has fallen by about 50 percent over the past decade. When people say it's too expensive, what they really mean is that they're prioritizing other purchases over life insurance.

4. It doesn't pay to gamble. A LIFE Foundation and LIMRA survey discovered that when asked about common financial concerns, 46 percent of adults say they are extremely or very concerned about having money for a comfortable retirement, followed next by paying for medical expenses (42 percent). Even though many Americans don't have any life insurance or are inadequately insured, only 27 percent say they are extremely or very concerned about dying prematurely and leaving family members in a difficult financial situation. Yet if

you need life insurance and you don't own any or enough, each day you're gambling with your family's financial future. Vow to make today the day you stop being a gambler.

## Take the loving initiative

The answer really isn't how much you need, it's how much money your family will need after you're gone.

Take the "insurance is love in action" initiative. Ask yourself:

- How much money will my family need after my death to meet immediate expenses like the cost of the funeral and debts?
- How much money will my family need to maintain their standard of living over the long run?

Life insurance proceeds can help pay immediate expenses including uncovered medical costs, funeral expenses, final estate settlement costs, taxes, and other lump-sum obligations such as outstanding debts and mortgage balances. They can also help your family cover future financial obligations like everyday living expenses, money for college or your spouse's retirement, and so much more.

But how do you know if you need \$100,000, \$500,000, \$1 million or more? The most common way to determine the right level of life insurance needed is by conducting what is called a Capital Needs Analysis.

Here's how it works. Start by evaluating your family's needs. Gather all of your personal financial information and estimate what each of your family members would need to meet current and future financial obligations. Then tally up all of the resources that your surviving family members could draw upon to support themselves. The difference between their needs and the resources in place to meet those needs will indicate the amount of life insurance needed, as in the diagram below.

$$\text{Current and future financial obligations} \text{ — } \text{Existing resources — Including survivors' earnings, savings and investments and life insurance you already own} \text{ = } \text{Life Insurance Needed}$$

Even after Life Insurance Month has passed, a golden opportunity remains: for you to prove that protecting the ones you love is important to you. Learn more about the excellent portfolio of life insurance products available to you through the First Catholic Slovak Union. Contact your local branch officers or call the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.

Until Next Time, Good Luck and God Bless

**Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.,  
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## Scenes from Branch 716's Marian Shrine Pilgrimage

Approximately 70 people – including FCSU members and guests – attended a Slovak Catholic pilgrimage on Sunday, August 13, 2017 to the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY. The event was organized by the St. Stephen Society, Branch 716, with the support of St. John Nepomucene Church in New York

City. Holy Mass was celebrated by Father Martin Kertys, parochial vicar at St. John Nepomucene, at 11AM, followed by a Slovak-style luncheon at 12:30PM and a rosary procession at 2:30PM.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Secretary



Father Martin Kertys celebrating the Slovak Mass at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY



(L – R) Branch 716 President Jan Skrkon and St. John Nepomucene Pastor Father Richard Baker



(L – R) Members of Branch 716 serving the food: Serafina Surlak, Joan Skrkon, Jan Skrkon, Father Baker and Anna Bilik, Maria Bozekova



## John & Agnes Novotny Celebrated 70 Years of Marriage

Agnes Zenchu met John Novotny at Munhall High School in Munhall, PA. And it was love at first sight. After their graduation John entered the army during World War II. He was stationed in London, at SHAEF Headquarters. While he was there he arranged for Agnes' best friend to take her shopping for an engagement ring.

On August 16th 1947 high school sweethearts Agnes Zenchu and John Novotny were married at St Michaels Catholic Church in Munhall. John's best friend Gaza Erleba was best man and Agnes' sister Pauline Harmon was her matron of honor. After a luncheon reception they left for their honeymoon in Montreal, Canada. During the years that followed, they raised three children; and they now have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They moved to Simpsonville, SC this past July to be close to their family. Both are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 315.

Twenty-five thousand five hundred and fifty days after their wedding, John and Agnes celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary with a champagne toast at a dinner attended by their children and grandchildren. Congratulations, John and Agnes!

- Submitted by Jean Mikulla



John and Agnes Novotny on their wedding day in 1947.

John and Agnes share a champagne toast for their 70th Wedding Anniversary, with their family.



## Branch 200 Donated to Local Causes

As part of its continuing commitment to support its community, Branch 200 recently donated to local causes in the Ford City, PA area. The branch donated two bikes to be given as prizes to the Playground Experience, the brainstorm of Steven Heffner who is a retired teacher from the Armstrong School District in Ford City, where children are encouraged to play field games, board games, races, dodgeball, corn hole and enjoy being outside. Branch 200 also supported the Seventh Annual Janine Kijowski 5K Run/Walk Race for a Cure held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in Ford City.

- Submitted by Linda Bowser, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

(L – R) Teresa Moore, Branch 200 President, presents a donation to Anna Marie Kijowski for the Janine Kijowski Race for a Cure.



(L – R) Steven Heffner (coordinator of the Playground Experience) and Brooke Hogenmiller (Branch 200) with some of the bikes donated to the Playground Experience.



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# Msgr. John Kallok: Byzantine Catholic Slovak Editor & Radio Pioneer

**Daniel Černý**

As inspiration, it is always good to remind ourselves about great people throughout history. Even more inspiring is the discovery of extraordinary people in the past who arose from among us; those of our own blood. One such personality is now almost forgotten – Msgr. John Kallok, a Slovak, a Byzantine Catholic, and a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

### Slovak Beginnings

Suché is a small Slovak village near the city of Michalovce in what is now the Kosiče region of eastern Slovakia. Here, 110 years ago, a boy John (Ján) was born into the Kallok family on September 10, 1907. His parents immigrated with him to the US the following year, first settling in Pennsylvania. He was raised to be fully bilingual – fluent in both Slovak and English. In the interwar period, there was no Byzantine Catholic seminary in the US, so the majority of candidates for the priesthood studied in the seminaries of Prešov or Užhorod in (the former) Czechoslovakia or in Rome. After studies with the Benedictines at Lisle (IL), the future Fr. Kallok was sent in 1930 to the seminary in Užhorod. Due to financial issues, most seminarians never traveled back to US during summer breaks; instead they spent vacations with local priestly families or their own families. Fr. Kallok spent his summers with his relatives in Suché.

### Mass-media Evangelization

Fr. Kallok was ordained a priest by Bishop Basil Takach on September 30, 1934, together with two future Bishops, Daniel Ivancho and Nicholas Elko. Immersed in pastoral ministry and filled with youthful zeal, he was able to recognize early on the importance of mass-media evangelization within American society. Thus, he founded the first English-language magazine dealing with the Eastern Catholics, called *The Chrysostom*. Its first issue was printed in October 1935. He served as its editor for the next two years (1935-1937), after which time his editorial gifts were sought by several other magazines.

Among the journals edited by Fr. Kallok



throughout his career: *Prosvita* (Enlightenment, editor 1946-1951); *The Greek Catholic Sower* (editor in 1949) and *Nebesnaja Carica* (Queen of Heaven, editor 1955-1956). When Bishop Nicholas Elko decided to found a new journal, the *Byzantine Catholic World*, in 1956, and have it published not by fraternity organizations, but by the then Pittsburgh exarchate itself and, Fr. Kallok was appointed its first editor and served from 1956 to 1963.

### Pioneering US Radio Broadcasts

His visionary approach to spreading the good word was not limited to print media. In 1937, he became the first Byzantine Catholic priest to present the Byzantine Catholic Church on a US radio broadcast. The very famous priest, and later Bishop, Fulton J. Sheen served in 1930-1950 as the host of the nationwide *Catholic Hour* program which was produced by the National

Council of Catholic Men. Fr. Kallok was invited on to this program and from June 6 to June 27, 1937, he presented four talks about Eastern Catholics (*The Catholic Rites, The Unity of Faith, The Unity of Worship and The Unity of Government*). Singing was performed by the choir of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic parish in New York. Fr. Kallok's talks were later published as a brochure entitled *The Eastern Catholic Church*. His ecumenical words from the fourth talk remain valid nowadays: Today, when Christian civilization finds itself attacked by the power of a new paganism; when hatred is preached instead of love; when vice and sin are considered as virtues; there is need for a unity of government among all those who believe in Christ and call themselves Christians.

Always interested in the history of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Fr. Kallok amassed a huge library. When the Byzantine Catholic Seminary was founded in Pittsburgh (PA) in the 1950's, he donated 3500 volumes of his precious book collection to its library.

His pastoral assignments included, among others: Joliet (IL); New Britain (CT); and Minneapolis (MN), where he ministered in 1940-1948 and where he went to live in 1970 after health issues forced him into retirement.

### Final Years

The Slovak Catholic Federation's sixtieth anniversary was observed during the forty-sixth national convention held in Yonkers, New York, on April 18-21, 1971. At the convention, Monsignor Kallok – who had proudly declared himself to be a Byzantine Catholic Slovak throughout his priesthood – was honored. At that time, he also was serving as the director of the Heritage Insti-

tute of the Eparchy of Passaic.

His last years were spent with his sister in Minneapolis, MN, where he was visited by scholars from all over the world. Despite illness, he continued with his academic activities, working for many years on a Slovak Encyclopedia. Those who knew him testified about the copious notes he was preparing to be incorporated into the encyclopedia. Sadly, he was unable to publish this opus magnus of his. In the summer of 1977 he was able to greet the board members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, when they met in Minneapolis (MN). He died on December 30, 1977 and was buried in Christopher (IL).

May not only his memory be eternal, but also his legacy of mass-media evangelization by many followers from among Byzantine Catholics, creating present-day apostles on today's social media platforms.

### About the Author

Daniel Černý was born in Kosiče, Slovakia, in 1983. He currently lives and works in the capital city of Bratislava. He received his PhD in 2014 from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, with a doctoral thesis on *The History of the Slovak Greek Catholics in Canada before the creation of their own Eparchy*. He continues writing in his spare time, focusing on Slovaks and their diaspora, especially those of the Byzantine rite. His articles have been published by the Slovak Academy of Sciences (Jan Stanislav Institute of Slavistics), and can be found in numerous other publications and on web pages, both home and abroad – most recently in the 2017 Slovakia, published annually by the Slovak League in America.

## Congratulations Branch 853's Charles Boone

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1810 honored Eagle Scout and Branch 853 member Charles Boone for placing third in the state of Pennsylvania for Scout of the Year. Charles received a trophy and cash award for this coveted and outstanding attainment.

Charles is senior at Keystone Oaks High School in Dormont, PA. He is the son of Monica Rodacy Boone, former National Auditor and former Pension Board Trustee, and Ron Boone.

- Submitted by Monica Rodacy Boone, Branch 853 President



## Branch 493 Semi-annual Meeting & Summer Luncheon

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, IL, held its semi-annual meeting on August 19, 2017. The meeting took place at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont, IL. After the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a scrumptious lunch.

- Submitted by Robert T'apák Magruder, Branch 493 Recording Secretary



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# FCSU at 40th NJ Slovak Heritage Festival in September

The 40th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival was held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in East Brunswick, NJ, at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds.

An 11:00AM Mass opened the festivities, with Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, along with concelebrating priests.

At 2:00PM, a cultural program began with a Parade of Fashions, featuring Slovak folk costumes, or kroj. On the main stage, various Slovak folk music groups and dancing took place.

Throughout the day, numerous vendors offered Slovak items along with an assortment of delicious Slovak food and baked goods for sale. At the First Catholic Slovak Union table, festival attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the Society's mission, services, and products.

Several members of the First Catholic Slovak Union were in attendance - including Home Office Staffers Miriam Visnovsky and Terezia Rozmus who set up and worked the FCSU table; Fr. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain; Sabina Sabados Region 1 Director & Branch 746 President; and Joanne Polt, Branch 746 Vice President.

Members of the Slovak government also were in attendance, as this year's festival honored Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak on the occasion of his Presidency of the 72nd General Assembly of the United Nations. Other Slovak dignitaries included former President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gasparovic, current President Andrej Kiska; Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec and Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York Ladislava Begeg.



# The Milan R. Štefánik Statue in Paulhan, France: Part I

**Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.**

Many of us are familiar with the statue of Milan Rastislav Štefánik at the Slovak Cultural Garden in Cleveland, Ohio. But there also exist other Štefánik statues, including a prominent one in the little known town of Paulhan, France.

In the summer of 2017, I sojourned through France, Belgium, and Luxembourg to visit the battlefields, cemeteries, and memorials of the 20th century world wars. One of the destinations included a visit to the small town of Paulhan in the Languedoc region southwest France (Hérault department, Languedoc-Roussillon). A prominent square of the town dons a striking statue of Štefánik in an aviator uniform.

Part One of this article will explain some background about Štefánik, and the second installment will summarize the history of the statue and how it wound up in southern France, when its original home was intended to be in Paris.

## Background

General Milan Rastislav Štefánik (1880-1919) was one of the founding fathers of the first Czecho-Slovak Republic and a Renaissance man who pursued a variety of interests. An astronomer, international traveler, photographer, and pilot, he became a general, a diplomat and a politician during the Great War (1914-1918). He led the formation and training of the Czecho-Slovak Legion, which fought for independence from Austria-Hungary. As a leading member of the Czecho-Slovak National Council (in exile), he interacted in high diplomatic circles to influence Allied governments to support Czecho-Slovak independence. Appointed Minister of War for the new Czecho-Slovak government in 1919, he unfortunately never could assist the new country further because of a tragic airplane crash which took his life on May 4, 1919. To the end, he had worked tirelessly for the causes he believed in. He lived by his personal motto: "To Believe, To Love, To Work" (veriť, milovať, pracovať).

## Early Life

The son of a Lutheran preacher, Pavol Štefánik, and his wife Albertína (Jurenková), Milan was born July 21, 1880 to a large family of 12 siblings in the village of Košariská in western Slovakia. Possessing a great curiosity to explore the world, he attended schools in Bratislava, Sopron and Szarvas, where he was compelled to study in the Magyar language. He could only escape further studies in Hungary by continuing his studies in higher education in 1898, by taking up construction engineering at the Imperial and Royal Czech Technical University



**Guiliana Benzoni, Štefánik's fiancée, at age 18.**



**The funeral procession for General Štefánik in Bratislava, Slovakia, in 1919.**



**Slovaks and Czechs, along with dignitaries from many countries, paying their respects to Štefánik in a solemn state funeral.**

**Guiliana Benzoni visiting Štefánik's tomb in 1968.**



in Prague. He then transferred to Charles University, where majored in mathematics and also attended lectures on astronomy, physics, optics, and philosophy, which captivated his attention. He spent the summer semester of 1902 at the university in Zürich, where he attended the philosophy lectures presented by Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, the future first president of Czechoslovakia. Masaryk inspired Štefánik to consider the future cooperation of Czechs and Slovaks, and would influence his later activism in promoting the creation of an independent Czecho-Slovakia.

While in Prague, Štefánik became an active member of the Slovak student association, Detvan, and the Hlasists group, which promoted mutual Czech-Slovak efforts. Here he also met the politician Vavro Šrobár, the future leading minister in Slovakia after Czechoslovak independence. Since he lacked monetary resources, and aware of his outstanding potential, Czech

associations such as the Československá jednota (Czechoslovak Unity) and Radhošť supported him financially in his studies. While in Prague, Štefánik wrote articles to inform the Czechs of the dire situation which Slovaks faced under the pressure of Magyarization. Štefánik graduated in 1904 with a doctorate in philosophy and wrote a thesis on astronomy.

Upon the suggestion of his Czech professor, Štefánik traveled to France to pursue his career and scholarly studies. Though he did not know French at first and had little money, he managed to secure a job at the renowned Paris-Meudon Observatory when its director, Pierre Janssen, one of the co-founders of astrophysics and director of the Meudon Observatory, realized his talent could contribute to his research. Štefánik would use the Mont Blanc observatory to study the Moon, Venus, and Mars and took part in an expedition to view a full eclipse of the Sun in Spain. As he published his re-



**General Milan Rastislav Štefánik (1880-1919)**

search, his reputation as a promising young savant grew among academics in French scientific society. He became the co-director of the Mont Blanc observatories company, and won several awards, including the Prix Jules Janssen, the top award of the French astronomical society.

When Professor Janssen died in late 1907, Štefánik lost his position. Then the French authorities appointed him to make astronomical and meteorological observations as well as diplomatic missions across the globe; his tireless missions sent him to Algeria, the Sahara Desert, Morocco, Turkistan, Russia, India, the United States, Panama, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti (where he observed Halley's Comet), Fiji, and Tonga. Although he constructed an observatory and meteorological stations in Tahiti, rumors hinted that he also used his travels to spy on German positions. In Tahiti, he also rescued some of the works of the renowned artist, Paul Gauguin.

Štefánik received acclaim for his work in astrophysics and solar physics, including his spectral analysis of the sun's corona. Oxford University even invited him to an international astronomer conference on solar research. In addition, he experimented in building a machine to make color photos and film, a design he had patented in 1911. His accolades included membership in the French Legion of Honor in 1912, and an acquaintance with many of leading personalities.

Despite his growing reputation, Štefánik maintained a close relationship to his Slovak homeland, and often made trips home to Košariská between his travels. His final trip home was for his father's funeral in 1913. Nonetheless, he did become a French citizen in 1912, and admired the democratic institutions of his adopted country. But his heart always yearned to help his homeland, and World War I would provide that opportunity.

## The Great War

The outbreak of the Great War in 1914 led Štefánik from a mission in Morocco. He joined the French army, where he entered as a private. He then transferred to the aviation

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corps where he rose to distinction as an agile and skillful pilot, flying many missions during the battles around Arras in the spring of 1915. At this early point in the war, airplanes mainly performed reconnaissance flights to observe enemy positions. He acquired a reputation among pilots and air command because of his successful weather forecasts. By mid-1915, he established the foundations of the military meteorological service in French Air Force and also wrote up some of its first regulations; he had meteorological stations built across the Western Front.

As a flying ace, Štefánik flew MFS-54s for the 10th Army in northern France. The French sent him to Russia to assist as an aviator, but renewed outbreaks on the Serb front would change his plans. He wound up flying 30 missions for the Serbs. Although the Serbian campaign did not succeed, Štefánik impressed his superior officers with his skill and dedication and leadership. The army promoted him from Major to Lieutenant-Colonel, and later to General in the French army.

While in Serbia, the Allied campaign bogged down, pressed from the east by Bulgarian troops. Compelled to retreat, Štefánik had to burn his airplane and joined Serbian troops and civilians in a march from Serbia toward the Albanian mountains so they could reach the Adriatic Sea. The 120 km march (75 miles) led him through a harsh terrain of mountains and forests, harangued by guerrilla groups which attacked them as they were crossing the mountains leading to Priština. Štefánik was seriously wounded and his life was in danger. (To this day, some brave souls hike the rugged "Štefánik Trail" to witness firsthand what the injured soldier had to endure, and pay him tribute.)

## Enter Paulhan

At this point, the name Paulhan appeared, the name associated with the town in southern France. Captain Louis Paulhan was a renowned aviator who experimented with airplanes before the war, and together with Henri Fabre, invented the Paulhan biplane. He even took a tour of the USA to promote his inventions.

Historians credit Paulhan for performing the world's first "medevac" operation. Like Štefánik, Paulhan flew many missions for the Allies in the first years of the Great War. Discovering his friend and colleague Štefánik was seriously injured and coughing blood from a stomach wound, he flew a dangerous mission to rescue him. Paulhan flew perilously low over 200 km in 3.5 hours, and in thick fog, through the ravine of the Biely Drin Valley, which is only 200 meters wide. Though wounded, Štefánik still managed to assist Paulhan in his navigation route, a testament to the aeronautical talents of both men. Despite incurring friendly fire on his return flight, Paulhan successfully evacuated Štefánik to safety to Valona, Albania, on the Adriatic coast. A speed boat then rushed the Slovak aviator to Italy, where a train rushed him to a Rome hospital to undergo a stomach operation.

For his dramatic rescue effort, France awarded Paulhan the prestigious Croix de Guerre (War Cross), but Paulhan did not fly any more missions. Instead he concentrated his efforts in constructing propellers for the French army. After the war, France made him an Officer of the Legion of Honor, and he continued experiments in aviation. The town of Paulhan, France, where Štefánik's statue stands today, adopted the aviator's name in his honor, since he came from the nearby village of Pézenas, just south of what is today Paulhan.

## Return to France and Service

Though still not fully recovered, Štefánik returned to France just before Christmas 1915, where he found out about the activities of Czech nationalists. Incapacitated from flying so soon, the French army relieved him from active duty. In fact, he was "slight in stature" and he never fully recovered from his fall in Serbia, but still insisted on pursuing a very active and hectic paced life. Instead, he turned his attention to diplomatic activities. Future president Masaryk had been lobbying for influence in London, and traveling often to Paris, where Edvard Beneš, the future Czecho-Slovak foreign minister, was promoting his nationality's cause to the Allies. Having connections in high French circles, Štefánik introduced Masaryk and Beneš to French Prime Minister Aristid Briand and other leading personages, which led to the establishment of the Czecho-Slovak National Council. As Vice-President of the C-S National Council from 1915-1918, Štefánik would prove integral in promoting the case for Czecho-Slovak independence to the Allied nations.

Not content with talking in Paris once he recovered, in the spring of 1916, Štefánik went to Italy where he dropped propaganda leaflets which targeted Slavic soldiers in the Austro-Hungarian army. By June 1916, he traveled to Russia to coordinate the activities of the French military mission and the Czecho-Slovak National Council. In Kiev, he negotiated with representatives of Slavic compatriots to get POWs released in order to form a Czecho-Slovak fighting force. Hindered by pro-German sympathizers and snafus with Russian authorities, he initially managed to establish three regiments, who would be scattered across southwestern Russia serving as scouting groups. But success came later, as the Czecho-Slovak Legion would eventually expand to an army of over 50,000 there.

That autumn of 1916, he also journeyed to Romania and recruited over a thousand volunteers among POWs for a Czecho-Slovak army to be deployed in France. Similarly, he met success getting Serbs to release Austro-Hungarian prisoners who wanted to fight for a free Czecho-Slovakia, and they wound up helping on the Western Front. Štefánik encountered less cooperation among Italian officials and had to turn elsewhere to build an army.

In July 1917, with America finally in the war, Štefánik turned his attention to recruiting Czech and Slovak compatriots in the USA. But there he found Washington officials woefully ignorant about the revolutionary sentiment in Europe among Slovaks and Czechs, and US was not yet at war with Austria-Hungary. In cooperation with Czech and Slovak societies in the USA and with the aid of French diplomats and Charles Pergler, he secured an agree-



Štefánik's Caproni airplane after the crash on May 4, 1919

ment with US government to recruit non-naturalized Czechs and Slovaks in America. To help recruit and organize legionnaires among the immigrant community, Štefánik visited New York and Chicago, where he gave several recruitment speeches to create his new Legion in America.

Young immigrants and sons of immigrants across America were soon volunteering, and women participated actively in helping to supply the new members of the Czecho-Slovak Legion. For instance, in Cleveland, a women's organization, Včelky (Bees), did needlework, held bazaars, and collected supplies, which went to the American Red Cross or the Slovak Legion. The Cleveland connection culminated with the visit of Thomas Masaryk to the city in June 1918, just after signing the Pittsburgh Agreement, in which Czechs and Slovaks in the USA pledged to work for an independent Czecho-Slovakia.

By the spring of 1918, these Slovak and Czech American volunteers were arriving in France to help the Allied cause. Upon returning to Paris, he assisted in negotiating an agreement between the French government and the Czecho-Slovak National Council to establish an autonomous Czecho-Slovak Army unit within the French Army. Likewise, in the spring of 1918, he negotiated a similar agreement with Italy to form an autonomous unit of his compatriots in the Italian Army.

While in Italy, Štefánik was star struck when he met the love of his life, the young 18 year-old Baroness Giuliana Benzoni, a member of a prominent aristocratic family in Milan. Their whirlwind romance received widespread attention in the Italian press at the time. The couple soon decided to marry and set a date for June 6, 1919.

After the creation of Czecho-Slovakia finally received recognition from the Allies to become a new state in the summer, Štefánik was appointed Minister of War. In his new position, he became in charge of all Czecho-Slovak troops in France, Italy, and Russia. Thus he crossed the USA again, traveled to Japan, and then headed to Ekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains in order to assist the Czecho-Slovak troops who were fighting the Bolsheviks. He wanted to facilitate their train to Vladivostok and board ships to transport troops to Europe to assist on the Western front and end the war. He reorganized the ex-prisoners of war into a regular army and raised morale among the troops. As of October 28, 1918, they were now the armed forces of a newly established Czecho-Slovak Republic. The soldiers never arrived in time, for Armistice Day arrived on November 11, 1918, putting a final end to combat. But in February 1919, he set sail with his men from Vladivostok on their way to France.

Before returning to his homeland of Slovakia, Štefánik visited Paris, Rome, and his beloved Giuliana Benzoni. Because train transport and communications were so unreliable just after the war, he decided to fly home. He borrowed a Caproni airplane and set off with two Italian officer. Unfortunately, he never arrived safely. Just as he was approaching landing at Bratislava's airport, his plane crashed near Ivanka pri Dunaji on May 4, 1919, killing both Štefánik and the Italian soldiers. He had died at the height of his active career. Fate dealt him and Slovakia a terrible blow, for no one possessed the talent, energy, and dedication which Štefánik had displayed in promoting the causes of the Slovak and Czech peoples.

Some claimed that his plane was shot down because during a post-war struggle with Hungary it was mistaken for a Hungarian plane. Other conspiratorial writers accused the Czechs of shooting down the plane to minimize Slovak influence in the new state. But an Italian eyewitness, First Lieutenant Martinelli-Scotti, offered testimony to a different reason for the crash. He stated: "in the course of the first landing attempt, the wheels touched the landing path, after which the cooling water immediately started leaking. That caused the overheating of the engines. During the second landing attempt, one of the engines exploded, resulting in catastrophe". Most historians seem to concur with the latter explanation, though the precise cause may never be clear.

Everyone who knew Štefánik considered him both a gentleman and a firm patriot. Prior to his return to Slovakia, his global reputation had preceded him and the population awaited his arrival in Bratislava with great expectations.

Slovaks and Czechs paid their respects to Štefánik in a solemn state funeral attended by dignitaries from many countries. People lined the streets in a somber horse-drawn parade to pay their respects to their fallen leader. For perspective, one might compare the state of mourning and the sadness of the parade to the 1963 funeral after the assassination of American President John F. Kennedy. The new nation of Czecho-Slovakia was in mourning.

Among the mourning was Štefánik's fiancée, Baroness Giuliana Benzoni. His tragic death abruptly shattered their plans to marry the next month and start a family. Joining the ranks of many who had lost their spouses or intended spouses in Europe as a result of the Great War, Benzoni subsequently never married, and devoted the rest of her life to fighting fascism. But today most remember her for her persistent struggle in opposing Mussolini through her writing and her many connections in high places in Italy. Still, she never forgot her fiancé, loved him eternally, and even visited Štefánik's tomb in Slovakia on two occasions, in 1930, and yet again in 1968, after reforms facilitated travel to the then communist state.

Look for Part 2 in an upcoming issue of Jednota.

# Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

The United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, 44055 will host the following events:

## Clambake

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## Children's Halloween Bowling Party for Member's Children

Sunday October 29th at 1:30  
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Sunday December 3rd 5:30p.m.  
cocktails, 6:00p.m. dinner  
Entertainment by Ed Klimczak  
Advanced Tickets only \$20 the event is open to the public, cash bar  
Contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236



## Save the Date and stay tuned for further details

Silvester Steak Fry  
Sunday December 31st 5-9p.m.

The United Slovak Societies is comprised of the members of the local lodges in Lorain OH.

These Lodges include; St. Ann's Branch #114 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, St. John the Baptist Lodge #228 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, National Slovak Society Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 111 and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Branch #77.

- Submitted by Michèle S. Mager  
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Fraternally yours,

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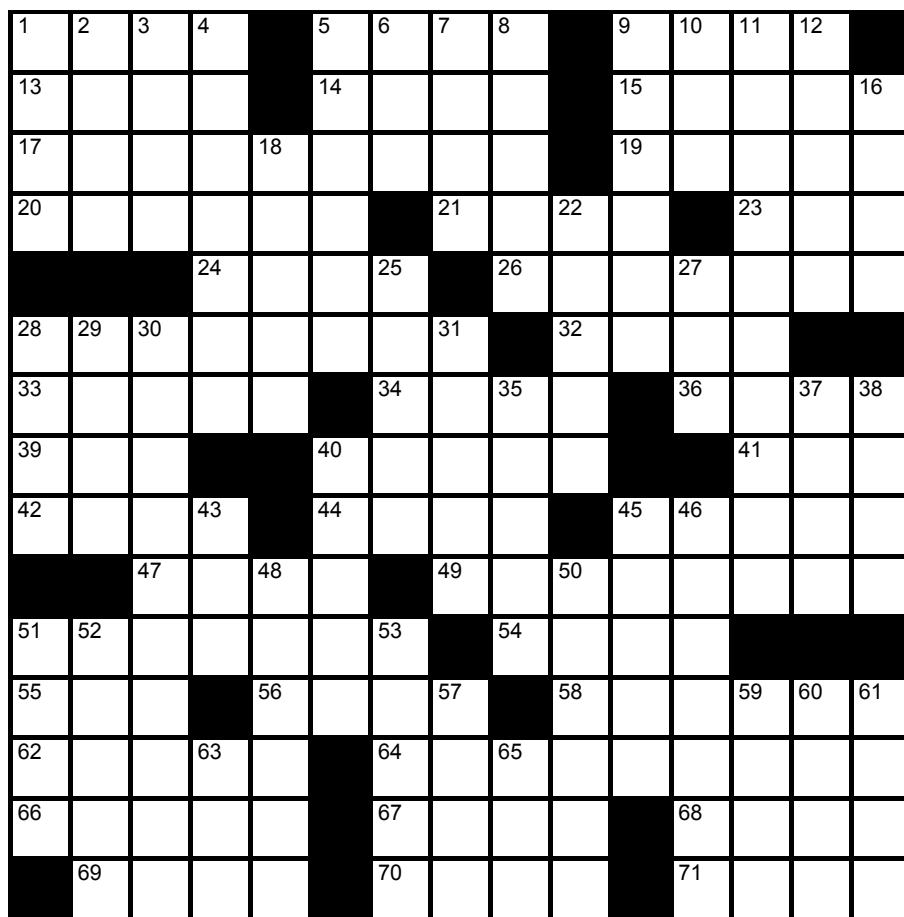
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# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 \_\_\_ Strip
- 5 Charity
- 9 Blanchett of *Elizabeth*
- 13 Dill seed
- 14 Well-groomed
- 15 Deal maker
- 17 Provoke
- 19 Code name
- 20 Indigenous inhabitant
- 21 Roof overhang
- 23 Beer tankard
- 24 Film part
- 26 Bowler hats
- 28 Soda, e.g.
- 32 Parade spoiler
- 33 Primed
- 34 Apparel
- 36 Broad valley
- 39 In poor health
- 40 Drills
- 41 Pull along behind
- 42 Recipe amts.
- 44 Kitchen pests
- 45 Stood up
- 47 Affectations
- 49 Area units
- 51 Railroad workers
- 54 Horse's gait
- 55 Notable time
- 56 See 54 Across
- 58 Extract
- 62 Tolerate
- 64 Saddle horse
- 66 Rope fiber
- 67 Paper purchase
- 68 Partner of void
- 69 Freight weights
- 70 Marshlands

- 71 On \_\_\_ (without a contract)

### Down

- 1 Increase
- 2 O'Neill's \_\_\_ *Christie*
- 3 Gusto
- 4 Dressed
- 5 Actress Lansbury
- 6 Grassy area
- 7 Pal, in Canberra
- 8 Position
- 9 Movie item
- 10 Way back when
- 11 Hit man
- 12 Follow
- 16 Lambs
- 18 Piano material
- 22 Action words
- 25 Encourage
- 27 Auction action
- 28 Londoner, e.g.
- 29 Congers
- 30 Chile's chief port
- 31 Third rock from the sun
- 35 VCR button
- 37 Misplace
- 38 Farm females
- 40 Iraqi port
- 43 Dog command
- 45 Wake Island, e.g.
- 46 Food allowances
- 48 Drives back
- 50 Ointments
- 51 Potpie ingredients
- 52 Elliptical path
- 53 Winter warmer
- 57 Foil's kin
- 59 \_\_\_ d'état
- 60 Capri, e.g.
- 61 Toiletry item
- 63 Newsmen Rather
- 65 Prospector's need

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The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc has extended its deadline for accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program to October 31, 2017.

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  - Leadership
  - Service to school, church and community
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  - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
  - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
  - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
  - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
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  - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

**For applications, please contact:**  
**Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.**

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131  
 Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310

E-mail: [fcsu@fcsu.com](mailto:fcsu@fcsu.com) – Website: <http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2017

\*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.



The Best Foot Forward Walking Program is an exercise program that can improve overall health.

**Benefits to You:**

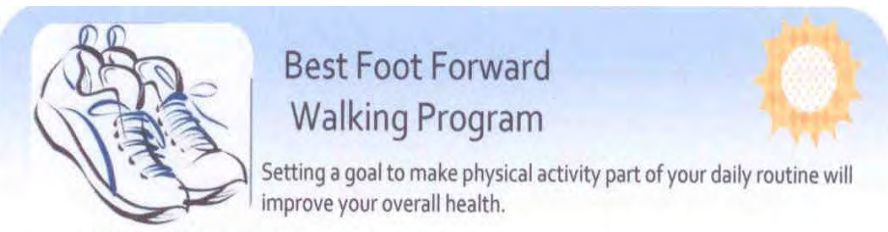
- ♦ Lower your risk of heart disease
- ♦ Reduce your stress level
- ♦ Improve your flexibility, strength, and stamina

Please note this IS NOT a race or a competition; it is just a way to get active and stay active. You participate at your own pace.

- 1 STEP ONE**  
 Register: Fill out the registration form and mail to:  
 Best Foot Forward  
 FCSU Activities  
 234 Ilion St.  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
 To receive your welcome kit.
- 2 STEP TWO**  
 Just START WALKING!  
 Log your walking minutes. The more you walk, the more prizes you can win!

- Rules:**
1. The objective of the Best Foot Forward Walking Program is to reach milestones to be eligible for level awards. The pursuit of the milestones leads to a healthy way of life.
  2. Participants **MUST** be members in good standing of the FCSU in order to be eligible for prizes.
  3. A member can start the program at any time during the year.
  4. Tally sheets should be sent in periodically throughout the year.
  5. Walking minutes from January 1, 2017, and forward will be used to determine the milestones.
  6. Awards will be given in October & April.
  7. Awards will be based on the number of minutes you walked.
  8. Pedometers may be used to track steps. (20 minutes of light cardiovascular activity = 1,000 steps.

Milestone	Award
900 minutes	Hat
1800 minutes	Hip pack
2700 minutes	Water Bottle
3600 Minutes	Ice/heat bandana



Setting a goal to make physical activity part of your daily routine will improve your overall health.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

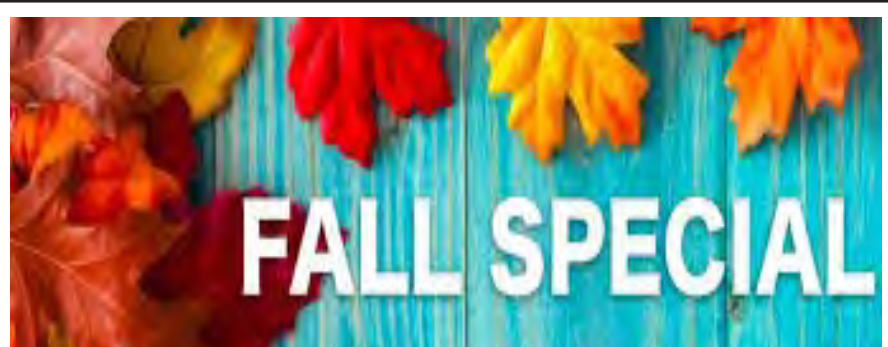
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
 Best Foot Forward  
 FCSU Activities  
 234 Ilion St.  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207



For additional sign up forms, tally sheet, and program details, go to <http://www.fcsu.com/events/>



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**From the Desk of the Executive Secretary  
 Holiday Hours**

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday 24, 2017, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



# IT'S NOT TOO LATE: BE A PART OF THE JEDNOTA MEMORIAL



The First Catholic Slovak Union dedicated a Jednota Memorial site in September 2016 for our members and their families. The site is on a permanently dedicated 3 1/2 acres of land of Jednota property fronting on Rosedale Avenue in Middletown, PA. The land was once occupied by the Jednota Orphanage, purchased at the urging of our founder Fr. Štefan Furdek for just such a purpose. A rebronzed "Doughboy" statute is a key highlight of this Memorial, honoring those who served in any wars and also giving the opportunity for our Members to honor and remember their ancestors and family members who have made and make our Society great.

9	PAUL & MARY CUPA JURICEK-YURICEK BARDEJOV, SLOVAKIA	IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL KARCH XOXO	LOVING MEMORY OF MY WIFE VIRGINIA KIRIK VOLTER OF 55YRS 2016
DEDICATED TO THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF BRANCH 166K		IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF LOVING PARENTS SSGT U.S. MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR II FRANCIS A. SOLG CATHERINE M.	HOLLY FRANK T. JR. ELIZABETH G. TOWN, PA
CHARLES RODACY BOONE KEYSTONE OAKS HS-PA CLASS OF 2018	RODACY CHARLES & ELIZABETH CHARLEROI, PA	BOONE FAMILY RON MONICA & CHARLES SCOOBY & VELMA	BERTOVICH MICHAEL & MARGARET AND FAMILY
MAY THE SACRED HEART BLESS & PROTECT THE HARCHARIK FAMILY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF WONDERFUL PARENTS FRANK & ANNA CHMELA	NOWATKOSKI BERNARD KATHERINE BRANCH 856	
IN LOVING MEMORY FRANCIS AND MARY SENGLAR	IN LOVING MEMORY JOSEPH-HELEN SANKNER SCRANTON, PA BR 382	REMEMBERING MEMBERS OF BRANCH 05P PITTSSTON, PA	TILGHMAN A. MILLER JR. 30 YRS MARINE CORPS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANDREW & DELORES LINKO	IN MEMORY OF GEORGE "NORGE" DORKO GERALDINE BONCHAK	IN HONOR OF JOHN P. YURICEK SR. WARREN, OHIO	
JOZEF ZUZANA STANKAY BRADDOCK, PENNA. ZA BOHA ZA NAROD	IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH J. GERKO AUNT BETTY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN G. GERKO ELIZABETH T. GERKO	IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD A & DOROTHY A (TURCHIK) FRENCK
IN GOD'S KEEPING ANTHONY & EVIE MACHAK	REMEMBERING DEPARTED MEMBERS BRANCH 721 BANNISTER, MICHIGAN		DEDICATED TO THE LOYAL MEMBERS LIVING AND DECEASED REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT #8 PA. MD. D.C.
ARTHUR J. FAYTA OUR SLOVAK HERO WORLD WAR VETERAN	IN LOVING MEMORY EMIL & VERONICA BAYUS SR. BRANCH 1	JOSEPH AND CECELIA PETRASEK AND FAMILY AKRON, OH BRANCH 553	

This is another of the latest panels to be completed. To view more complete panels, or if you haven't yet ordered your "brick" you can go to [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com) to Jednota Memorial to download your order form. Or you can request an order form by calling the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.

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The Slovak-American Cultural Center presents

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Garfield, NJ

# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BRANCH 1P – BEAVER MEADOWS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 1P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michaels Branch 2 will hold a meeting on October 10th at 7 pm for election of officers and to discuss other fraternal activities as well. The meeting will be held at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd.

Please RSVP to Joanne Lako Rec. Sec. 412-715 5577.

**Joanne Lako, Secretary**

## BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Joseph Society, Branch 3P, will conduct its semiannual meeting on Sunday October 15, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the church basement of Saint Joseph's Church at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA.

**Michael Koval, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2017, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Avenue, N.E. & 2nd Street.

The agenda will include officers' reports, schedule of activities for 2018, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

**James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2018 and the upcoming convention. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

**Marion Rubino, President**

## BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:00 A. M. at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin St. Houtzdale, PA. Election of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

**Joseph C. Cervenak, President**

## BRANCH 16P – WEST WYOMING, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 16P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 16P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will have our Annual Mass for the deceased members of our branch on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30AM. After Mass, we will have a branch meeting. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not able to use the church hall for our usual breakfast meeting. Instead, we will meet at the home of Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT, at 10:00AM, for a business meeting where we will acknowledge our John A. Zahor Scholarships to the following freshmen:

Michael Agolia Patrick Jezierny

Carly Brainard Robert Strada III  
William Hiza III Alexis Zabor

We also will honor our special FCSU scholarship winners:

Logan McDonald  
Patrick Monks  
Courtney Skolka  
Rachael Radwill

In addition, we will give our college-bound juniors grants to help them with their college expenses with Andrew J. Imbro Grants given to the following:

Terra Grace  
Wesley Kocurek  
Robert Lorys, Jr.  
Peter Monks  
Hayley McDonald  
Stacie Nolan  
Stephen Panella  
Christine Radwill

All awards will be mailed to the recipients; although we certainly hope to have the opportunity to recognize them in person at some point in the future.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at the home of Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT, at 10:10AM. At this meeting we will have election of branch officers and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH.

**Henry Zack, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23, St. Joseph Society, of Johnstown PA will hold our 2nd. Annual Branch meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 2 PM. The meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, 3156 Elton Road, Richland Twp, Johnstown PA 15904. Don't Fall out of touch with what is happening. All members of Branch 23 are asked and encouraged to attend this meeting. Any questions please call Theresa Cassat (814) 254-2532.

**Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 1:00PM at the Hungarian Business Club, 15805 Libby Road, Maple Heights, OH, 44137. The branch will hold election of officers at this meeting. Luncheon will be served directly after the meeting; for reservations, please call Branch Activities Director Susan Lang at 216-577-9699.

**Robert J. Kopco, President**

## BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Attention Branch 24 members: the branch is once again offering its CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION. For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 2017, Branch 24 will give you a complimentary ticket to the Vilija (Christmas Eve) Dinner sponsored by St. Andrew's Abbey every Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 524-0952. For more information about FCSU products and to download applications or forms, go to our website at www.fcsu.com. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity and can join us at this year's Vilija.

**Robert J. Kopco, President**

## BRANCH 60 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 60 -McKeesport will hold its semi-annual meeting Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the home of Meeting Ann Wargovich (58 Lilmont Drive, Swissvale) at 1:00 p.m.

On the agenda will be Officers' reports, election of officers, election of delegates (2018 Convention), and discussion of upcoming events. All members are urged to attend.

**Julie Perla, Secretary**

## BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 will hold our Fall Communion Breakfast and Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3970 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53222. Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to breakfast, which is free for all members. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own breakfast at the cost of \$15 per person. Branch is at 10:30AM, along with the start of the meeting, at The Capitol Café, 14375 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI, 53005.

Please call to make your reservation by October 25, 2017 to President Mike Novak at 414-445-5382.

There will be a prize drawing during the brunch.

Fraternal regards,

**Mike Novak, President**

## BRANCH 90 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 90 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 90 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 98 – TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Attention Branch 98 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 98 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 110 – DELANCEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 110 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 110 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 112 – MAHANOCY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

St John the Baptist Branch 112 will hold an annual meeting on Sunday, December 3 at 1 PM at Palermo Restaurant. The agenda will include: Election of officers, officer's reports, election of delegates to the 2018 convention and new business. Please call Karen Sterling 570-640-1796 by November 26, 2017, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

**Karen Sterling, Secretary**

## BRANCH 121 – SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Attention Branch 121 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 121 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 124 – SOUTH FORK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 124 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 124 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 128 – MT OLIVE, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 128 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 128 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 136 – NUREMBERG, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 136 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 136 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 144P – HARLEIGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 144P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 144P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 149 – MORRISDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 149 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 149 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St Stephen Branch 153 will have its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue in Harwood Heights. Officers will be elected at this meeting. Charitable contributions will be discussed. All members are invited to attend. A fraternal luncheon will be served after the meeting.

**Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 156 – BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 156 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 156 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 9:00AM at the Uniontown Country Club, at 25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA, 15401.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch activities will be discussed. Arrangements for Christmas donations will be made. Regional Director James Marmol will advise us of activities from the home office. All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the brunch meeting. Call for reservations by November 28, 2017, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

**Dolores Marmol, Secretary**

## BRANCH 169P JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 169P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 169P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Location: Missionary Benedictine Convent, 5900 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will meet at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. A delicious catered dinner will be served to all attendees. All branches in District 2 are encouraged to send representatives. Individual Jednota members who wish to become more active in District 2 are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Robert Tapak Magruder at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956.

**Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary**

## DISTRICT 4 – THE MONSIGNOR RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries asked to RSVP to Joe Minarovich @ 732-469-5256 by September 29th. Agenda will include plans for future events. Lunch will be served. Please bring non-perishable items for donation to a local food pantry.

**Mary Kapitan, Secretary**

## DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Deer Lake Inn located at 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346. (thats exit 93 on I-75, and just 1 mile west of I-75)

Our meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the Agenda will be Officer Reports and New Business which includes financial budget, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2018 and the ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch 633 is hosting this meeting. Please notify Dianna Rimarcik at (PHONE NUMBER) 248-714-9620 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than October 13th so the restaurant can be notified of the number of attendees expected. If you are unable to confirm prior to the event but wish to attend, a \$20.00 fee will be collected at the restaurant. Those making advance reservations will not be charged.

\*\*\*\*Please remember, a branch delegate must attend at least one District meeting in order to be eligible for compensation from the Home Office.

**Dianna Rimarcik, Secretary**  
4945 Wavewood Dr.  
Commerce twp., MI 48382  
248-714-9620

## DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 2 will host the next district meeting on Sunday, November 26 at 1 PM. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 529 Grant Avenue Extension in West Mifflin. We will discuss social and business activities for 2018. Officers for 2018 will be elected. Matters concerning the upcoming national convention, including election of the district delegate, will also be on the agenda.

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

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

\*\* Western PA Slovak Dinner Dance – Sunday, October 8, Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin PA.

\*\* WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: November 6 – Slovak Immigrants to America, December 4 – Slovak Show-&-Tell. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

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

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

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

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

\*\* Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See [www.slavic.pitt.edu](http://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/](http://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](http://www.nsslife.org/Museum.php).

\*\* The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting on October 18-21, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Your correspondent will be giving a presentation on Slovak Alias Names. Further information can be found at [www.cgisi.org](http://www.cgisi.org).

\*\* FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com). Many interesting Slovak-related links may be found at [fcsu.com/resources](http://fcsu.com/resources).

\*\* The September 13 issue of the Jednota has an interesting account of the Senko's summer trip to Slovakia. The April 19 issue has a list of stipend requirements.

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

Fraternally,

**Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary**  
[manasta@verizon.net](mailto:manasta@verizon.net)

## DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

All branches are invited to attend the district's second annual meeting, hosted by Branch 372, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 2:00 PM. It will be in the church hall of St. Michael Church, in St. Michael, PA. Election of officers will be held at this time. There will be a luncheon served after the meeting. All district branches are welcome. It would be nice to see some new faces.

**Sharon Allison, Secretary**

## DISTRICT 8 - THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its Semi-Annual meeting Sunday, October 15, 2017.

Mass will be held at 10:30 AM at St. John Fisher (the old St. Andrew Church), located at 3rd & Cypress Sts., North Catasauqua, PA. 18032

Dinner and Meeting will be held at the Jednota Home, which is located at 5th & Grove Sts. North Catasauqua, PA. 18032. Dinner will be served at 12:00 PM (Noon). Meeting will follow directly after the dinner.

At this meeting we will have our election of officers for 2018, as well as discussion concerning the upcoming convention which is August 2018. Our delegates and members at large should consider or offer suggestions for any by-law changes which should be brought up at the convention. Other district business will be discussed.

Any questions, please call Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468 or email [mfabian922@gmail.com](mailto:mfabian922@gmail.com). Thank you. God Bless.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary**

## DISTRICT 9 - FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

It will be held in the meeting room of the Dairy Queen Grill & Chill located at 575 West Main Street.

Branch members are invited to attend. A Dairy Queen social will take place following the meeting.

**Barbara A. Holly, Secretary**

## DISTRICT 10 – THE REV STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Rev. Stephen Furdek (District 10) will be holding their last meeting of 2017 on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2:00PM at St. Charles Parish Hall, 5891 Ridge Road, Parma, OH 44129.

We will be holding election of officers for 2018. Come and participate in your District for FCSU. Take an active part in your District – learn what the group has to offer to you and your branch.

If there will be representatives from your branch attending please contact Linda Hanko and let her know how many will be attending so we may plan properly for refreshments.

You may contact Linda in the following ways:

Call the Slovak J Club at 330-773-4978

Her home at 330-706-0151

Via email [lhanko@neo.rr.com](mailto:lhanko@neo.rr.com)

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Linda M Hanko, Recording Secretary/Treasurer**

## DISTRICT 11 – THE MSR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 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 October 22; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Significant Agenda Items

-- Reassignment of beneficial members from inactive/non-participating Branches within District 11 to active Branches

-- Currently effective realignments of responsibility for servicing FCSU policies

-- Realignments still under consideration

-- Election of District Officers

-- Identification of Potential Delegate(s) to Quadrennial Convention in 2018

Reminders

-- Per FCSU By-Laws, Branch representation at one 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 Branch eligibility to send delegate(s) 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 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

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

**Joe Scavina/Secretary**

## DISTRICT 16 - THE MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 in the Rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY immediately following the 10:15 Slovak Mass. On the agenda will be branch reports, financial report, election of officers and discussion of plans for future activities in 2018. We urge members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 to attend and participate in this meeting. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The Slovak Mass at 10:15 will be in remembrance of Jozef Bilik, past President of Branch 716 FCSU.

**Joan Mary Skrkon, Secretary**

## DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHUDIUS DISTRICT – LUZERNE AND LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA, AND BROOME COUNTY, NY

The district's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, followed by lunch at 1:30PM and the meeting immediately after.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Everyone has the opportunity to hold a position – you may be nominated from the floor. Do you, as a member of your branch, have a special gift of talent/service/interest in Jednota? Even your presence as a member is appreciated. COME ... JOIN IN KEEPING FRATERNALISM ALIVE!!!

Are your district dues up to date?

All are welcome – see you on Sunday, October 15th.

Any questions call District President Michael Slovenkai (570) 342-7562.

Fraternally,

**Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary**

## DISTRICT 20 PRINCE RASTISLAV, MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The annual district meeting will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017 at the Sts.Cyril and Methodius Church hall immediately following the eleven (11) o'clock Mass.

The agenda will include Social calendar for 2018. Election of officers as well as discussion re: the upcoming convention In August 2018.

Branch 784 and 810 are urged to send representatives.

A light lunch will be served.

**Alexander S. Dobrik, President**

**Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union  
website at [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com)**

# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

All members of Branch #181 are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Florian R.C. Church in United, PA.

The meeting will be held in the Formation Room in the former convent.

The election of officers and finalizing plans for the Vilija are on the agenda. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

**Vicki Hricik, Secretary**

## BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

All members of Branch 181 are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017, immediately following the 5PM Mass at St. Florian Church in United, PA.

The meeting will be held in the Formation Room in the former convent. On the agenda will be election of officers and finalizing plans for the Vilija. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

**Vicki Hricik, Secretary**

## BRANCH 189 – GALLITZIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 189 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 189 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. All branch members are encouraged to attend.

**Barbara Patula, Secretary**

## BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

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

Fraternally,

**Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 211 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 211 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 211 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 215 – KELAYRES, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 215 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 215 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 221 – TOLEDO, OHIO

Attention Branch 221 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, will hold an election of delegates to the 51st Quadrennial Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union at our meeting to be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7 P.M. at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH, from Saturday August 4th through Wednesday August 8th, 2018, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel. We currently expect to be permitted to seat six (6) delegates at the Convention to represent our Branch and will also elect alternates to serve if a delegate is unable to attend the Convention. We hope to have all delegates and alternates decided upon at this meeting so the certification process can begin immediately after the meeting.

Once again, I challenge our younger members to consider being a convention delegate and becoming even more involved in our organization. It is a truly special experience that is interesting, fun and gives a sense of accomplishment knowing that you are directly contributing to the operational direction taken by the FCSU for the next four (4) years. Please contact Tom Zuffa at 440-320-6523 or Len Zilko at 440-988-3236 if you are interested in becoming a convention delegate candidate and, of course, come to this very important meeting.

As a reminder, our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are scheduled. The Branch will hold its annual election of officers, by-law review and election of two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors at each December meeting. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. You are sure to find many items of interest.

**Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 233 – BROCKPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 233 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 233 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

The branch will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 1:00PM at Bedford Trails Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. On the agenda: election of officers and general branch business.

Fraternally,

**Paul Ritz, Presiden**

## BRANCH 266 - HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Peter and Paul Society Branch 266 will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday October 15, 2017 at 9:30 am in Saint Joseph Church basement at 604 N. laurel Street in Hazleton, PA.

**Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist, Branch 276, will hold their next meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 1:00PM at St. Patrick's Church Hall on 32nd Street in McKeesport, PA. We will be discussing coming events for the New Year and will also be having election of officers for 2018. Delegates for the National Convention to be held next year will also be elected. If you would like to become an officer please attend this meeting.

We look forward to seeing new people.

**Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 280 - NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 280 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 280 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 290 – RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

Branch 290 will hold its next meeting at St. Joseph Church Meeting Room at 12:30PM on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Please attend. Any questions, please call Joe at 732-469-5256.

**Joe Minarovich, President**

## BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Please mention that St. Joseph's Society, Branch 293KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the home of Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary, 527 E. Bertsch Street, Lansford, PA, 18232, at 6PM.

Fraternally,

**Robert J. Lakata**

## BRANCH 299 – CLARENCE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 299 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 299 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 308 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Attention Branch 308 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 308 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 312 - BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 1:00PM at the home of President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Dr, Latrobe, PA, 15650. For more info: 724-539-8326.

**Michaelene Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer**

## BRANCH 322 – STUMPCREEK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 322 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 322 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 324 – CARTERET, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 324K Carteret, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ.

All members of Branch 324K will now hold membership in Branch 746K.

This merger has taken place as of September 11, 2017.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

**MARY J KAPITAN**  
166 ECHO AVE  
EDISON, NJ 08837-2631  
(732) 225-2658

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 327 – POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 327 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 327 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 333 – GRASSFLAT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 333 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 333 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 335 – LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 335 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 335 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 348 – CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Attention Branch 348 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 348 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 353K – BELLAIRE, OHIO

Attention Branch 353K members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 353K is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 362 – ST CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

Attention Branch 362 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 372 – BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 372, St. Joseph Society, will hold its annual meeting at the home of President Michael Hudak, 829 Cameron Ave., Beaverdale, PA, on Sunday, November 26, 2018, at 2:00PM. Election of officers for 2018 and other important agenda items will be discussed.

**Michael Hudak, President**

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## BRANCH 373 – WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Attention Branch 373 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saints Cyril & Methodius Society, Branch 382, will conduct its annual fall meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Officers and members will gather at noon in the VFW, 1100 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include reports of the executive officers and representatives to District 17 events (the annual summer picnic and the semi-annual meeting). Members will also discuss future branch activities. Information from the Home Office will be disseminated including information regarding the 2018 Quadrennial Convention.

Election of officers for 2018 will be held.

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

Frank M. Slovenkai, Jr. is branch president. Other officers include: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, vice president; Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., treasurer; Michael J. Czankner, recording secretary; and John J. Slovenkai, Sr., financial secretary.

**Elizabeth Slovenkai, Vice President**

## BRANCH 381 - PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 381K Passaic, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ. All members of Branch 381K will now hold membership in Branch 746K.

This merger has taken place as of September 12, 2017.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 388 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 388 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 388 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday October 12, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. All members of Branch 410 are invited to attend.

Call for reservations by Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 724-425-2576.

**Geri Buchheit, Secretary**

## BRANCH 414 – FARRELL, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 414 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 414 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 461 – BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Attention Branch 461 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 461 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The members of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, wish to acknowledge two of their fellow members who recently received their 50 year Jednota Membership Pins: Sandra Ballantine and Susan Marie Hepner. Thank you for sticking with Jednota for 50 years!

**Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 497 – CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

Attention Branch 497 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 497 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 505 – EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 505 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 505 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 512 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 512 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 512 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 586 – UNION GROVE, WISCONSIN

Attention Branch 586 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 586 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Harold's Inn, 2134 Broadhead 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 before November 6, 2017.

**Edith Valo, Secretary**

## BRANCH 591 – CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 591 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 591 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HTS, MICHIGAN

Sunday, November 5 Polka Dance - 3pm-6pm; food available for purchase.

Sunday, December 3 Polka Dance - 3pm-6pm; food available for purchase

Saturday, December 9 Kid's Christmas Party - 1pm; please call Tatra Hall to sign up your child, this is a free event.

Sunday, December 17 Monthly Branch Meeting - 2pm; election of officers will take place, please make sure to attend.

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

Come down and enjoy yourself. All events take place at Tatra Hall 2536 Sixth St. Muskegon Heights 231-733-2575

**Susan Hornik, Secretary**

## BRANCH 633 – MT. MORRIS, MICHIGAN

Branch 633 KJ Sacred Heart of Jesus Society will hold its annual members meeting on October 15, 2017 at 1pm at the Deer Lake Inn, 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346. We note here this meeting is of utmost importance as we will be voting to elect branch officers and also electing our convention representation in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention slated for Cleveland, OH. Our branch has expanded this year and we have several opportunities to elect new leadership. We encourage all members to prayerfully consider running for office. Please join us for fun, food and fraternalism and give a hearty welcome to our new members. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Branch 633 President Rod Meloni!@ 248-444-9141.

**Rod Meloni, President**

## BRANCH 636 – TOLEDO, OHIO

Attention Branch 636 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 636 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 700 – SUGAR CREEK, MISSOURI

Attention Branch 700 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 700 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 702 – LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 702 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 702 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

## BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

St. Stephen the Martyr Society, branch 716, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 5th, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY.

The agenda will be the election of Branch 716 officers for 2018, a financial report for the Branch and planning of future events for next year. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Also, the November 5th Sunday Slovak Mass at 10:15 AM will be for our deceased Branch 716 President Jozef Bilik. All members are urged to attend the Mass.

Fraternally,  
**Joan Mary Skrkon, Acting Secretary**

## BRANCH 738 – MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Branch 738 will be holding our semi-annual meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 6:30PM at the VFW on Whitaker Way in Munhall, PA. The meeting will include a celebration of Christmas and a review of the annual audit. Also we will have election of officers for 2018. We will begin discussion about delegates for the next National Convention in August of 2018, as well. All members are invited to attend. Please join us and become involved in your branch and its future.

**Patricia Guidish, Secretary/Treasurer**

## BRANCH 743--- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officers' Reports, a 2017 financial report, approval of the 2018 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2018 Branch Officers and the election of 2018 Convention Delegates in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention to be held in Cleveland, OH, will also take place.

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 policy assistance in regards to a change of address or to change a beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 4945 Wavewood Dr., Commerce Township, MI 48382. Phone 248-714-9620.

I can also provide you a no obligation quote for insurance coverage for any family member including grandchildren with just a birth date.

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

## BRANCH 756 – OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Branch 756 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 10.30 am. It will be held in the Hospitality Room of the St. Joseph School, 811 East Oliver Street, Owosso, MI. We're still looking for additional officers. After a short meeting, we'll go to The Knights of Columbus Center for a Chicken Dinner, at 12:00 NOON. I will reimburse for the cost, for the first 12 members.

Please RSVP your attendance to 517-381-8358. Hope for a small celebration.

**Stephan J. Patoprsty, President**

## BRANCHES 784 AND 810 – MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Both branches will hold their annual meeting on November 5, 2017, following the 11 o'clock Mass. This Mass is for the deceased members of Branch 784 in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Montreal.

On the agenda, plans for the next season, along with the election of officers for 2018.

A light lunch will be served. Please contact any of the officers to let us know if you plan to attend.

**Alice Dobrik, President**

## BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will have its annual meeting November 12, 2017. Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 4102 South Church St. Egypt, PA 18052. Meeting will be held in the basement at 1 pm.

Meeting agenda will cover Election of Branch Officers for 2018, as well as discussion for delegates for the upcoming Convention, slated for August 2018, in Cleveland OH. Also, discussion for the upcoming District 8 meeting to held in the spring of 2018.

Our Branch 796 has merged with Allentown Branch 567. We encourage all members from both Branches to attend and are welcomed to the meeting.

Concluding the meeting, we will enjoy the fraternalism of Sokol Assembly 255, and enjoy some delicious Slovak foods.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468.

Fraternally,

**Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary**

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# Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
005P	Edward Fedush	200K	James Charney	266K	Anna Marie Pollack	746K	Mary Valiga
038K	Marcella J Majzer	211K	Dorothy A Gera	293K	William V Poshefko	756K	Clara R Gasparovic
038K	Thomas F Soltis	228K	Rosary M Perkins	312K	Ronald J Schmucker Sr	764K	Stephen Ondrako
040K	Judith Fialko	240P	Cheryl K Fialko	312K	John J Slabodnick	916K	Louis L Savoure
040K	Earl L Oak	240P	Margaret F Sochovka	313K	Frank G Michuda	919K	Leo Holdwickckos
060K	Walter E Zamko	240P	Mary Ann Widdick	380K	John P Kubicar	914K	Mary A Damiaata
085K	Clement D Kovalich	259K	Bernard M Brosko	553K	Delores F Lehman		
149K	Andrew Kondisko Jr	260K	Patricia A Streb	587K	Emil P Oros		

\*Processed through the month of September

## OBITUARIES

### NORMA E. ZAVADA BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA



Norma E. Zavada, 93, of Wyoming, PA, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at home on January 30, 2017. Born in Exeter, PA, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Celia (Mascolini) Pellegrini. A graduate of Exeter High School, class of 1940, she was a homemaker and seamstress having worked for Star Stitching in Exeter. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

Our mom was a calm, patient, loving woman who brought peace and serenity to our lives. Norma was quite a talented seamstress; and, in fact, when her children were younger, she handmade many of their clothes. She was also a fantastic baker and cook, and each of her children had several favorite dishes that she was more than happy to whip up for them. She was a member of the Regina's of King's College and participated in the annual King's College Phonathon with her husband, Leonard.

In her later years, she was active in charitable endeavors such as the Red Cross Blood Drive and canvassing for various charitable organizations. She also enjoyed her weekly bible studies and was a devout Catholic who prayed the rosary often.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, Leonard Zavada, in 2013; and brothers, Elliott and Joseph Pellegrini.

Surviving are her son, Raymond and wife, Corinne, of Forty Fort, PA; daughters, Colleen Matthey and husband, Jerome, of Swoyersville and Lynne Mylet, of Forty Fort; grandchildren, Amanda and Audrey Zavada, Erika Koval and husband, Jude, Danielle Grella and husband, Paul, Jeffrey Mylet and wife, Jacqueline; and great-grandson, Grant Walker Mylet.

The family would also like to thank her devoted caregivers, especially her daughter, Lynne, who spent countless hours caring for mom and her daughter, Colleen, who also contributed her nursing skills. We also thank Monica Pace, Vita and Anna Kosto and Teresa Musto and others who tirelessly tried to help her through her last few years. We could not have gotten through the last two years without the help of Hospice of the Sacred Heart and most recently, Erwine's Hospice.

Funeral services were held at the Metcalfe-Shaver-Kopczka Funeral Home Wyoming, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Church of Pittston, PA. Interment followed at St. John the Baptist Slovak Cemetery, Exeter.



### CLEMENT D. KOVALICH BRANCH 85 – BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA



Clement D. Kovalich, age 86, of Vestal, NY, passed away at home on August 12, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. "Clem" will be remembered as a kind, charitable and compassionate man, whose sharp intellect, strong faith, positive attitude, and hearty sense of humor touched many lives.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years Joan (Gayeski) Kovalich; his daughter Rebecca (Dr. David) Mauro of Burlington, CT; his son, Dr. Denis Kovalich of Endicott, NY; daughter Jill of CT; grandchildren Sarah Mauro (Brendan Tewksbury), Hilary Mauro, Arielle Kovalich, Aaron Kovalich; his dear sister, Regina Harcharik of Mountain Top, PA; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Kovalich of Hudson NY; several cousins, many nieces and nephews, six godchildren; many dear friends, especially Carl Janis and life-long friends Don DeLuca and John Wido, Jr. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Helen (Sitar) Kovalich, of Glen Lyon, PA; his brothers Sylvester of Hudson, NY, and Joseph of Center Valley, PA.

Clement was born in Glen Lyon, PA, on November 5, 1930. A graduate of Newport Township High School in Wanamie, PA, he was elected Junior and Senior Class President. An outstanding athlete, he excelled in basketball and baseball, and fulfilled his personal dream by playing professional baseball with the NY Giants organization in 1953.

A veteran, he served four years in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Sergeant First Class by age 20. He fondly recalled those years as ones where he cultivated a disciplined work ethic. Under the G.I. Bill, he pursued a college education, earning a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Bucknell University in June, 1957. He accepted a position with IBM / FSD in Owego, NY, where he enjoyed a 30-plus year career, and his natural leadership abilities led to 18 years in manufacturing management assignments.

A man of deep faith, Clement was a practicing Catholic and long-time member of St. Ambrose Church, in Endicott, NY, where he served in many capacities, including solemn funeral masses and as a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. He was a Knights of Columbus member (3rd Degree) for over 30 years and will be remembered well for his zesty Bingo calls, a helping hand at fundraisers, and for his impassioned discussions at meetings.

The family extends sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the caring staff of Lourdes at Home and Lourdes Hospice, with special thanks to Julie.

Funeral mass was held on September 9, 2017, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, and inurnment at Riverhurst Cemetery, Endicott, NY.

- Submitted by Jill Kovalich

## In Memorium

### Local Slovak Radio Host & Branch 24 Mem- ber Vladimir Edward Mly- nek Passes into Eternal Life 9/6/2017



Known to his friends as Vlado and all his former co-workers as Laddie, Vladimir was born in a small village called Hamry in the former Czechoslovakia on September 26, 1926, to parents who were Slovak, but met here in the Cleveland area. He had an older brother and sister, Steve and Irene, who were both born in the U.S.

Early in the 1920's the whole family returned to Slovakia where his father operated a cabinet-making business and flour mill, so that's where Vladimir spent most of his childhood. He learned to play the accordion, like his dad, and enjoyed music, though he had no formal training. Later the family moved to a larger town where he learned to become an electrician and worked for a local factory.

After WWII, his parents returned to the U.S. settling back in the Cleveland area which was familiar and where there already was a good-sized Slovak immigrant community. Due to immigration laws, he was unable to follow them until 1947. He came to Cleveland and worked as his dad's assistant making television cabinets at the city's DuMont Television company.

In 1952, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. However, due to his language skills he was stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland during which time he met his future wife, Clara Boracki.

He became a citizen in 1953 and married Clara in 1955. He brought her to Cleveland where they began

their family in 1959 with their daughter, Jeannette and their son, Gerald, in 1960.

Vladimir worked at the Lamson & Sessions plant in Cleveland as an electrician for over 30 years and after that, at American Greetings for another 10 years. His children both married, and he welcomed his only grandchild, Clara Elice in 1999.

During all that time, he was very active in the local Slovak community, belonging to several organizations and donating much of his time and skills to their activities throughout the years. His hobby included repairing all sorts of audio equipment, including televisions and stereos, in the basement of their home.

As a life-long radio enthusiast, he has been involved in Slovak-language broadcasting in the Cleveland area for over half a century, co-hosting a couple of different shows earlier on, and most recently hosting his own show on WCPN for the past 34 years. His son Gerald joined him as the English-speaking co-host for much of that time.

Due to declining mobility and health, Vladimir had not been able to remain as active as he once was in the local Slovak community, but kept abreast of activities and was interested in what was happening. At some point he was unable to make the trip to the radio station but collaborated with Gerald on the program content, and Gerald has continued this radio legacy through today.

We will all miss him, from his immediate family and friends, to the larger Slovak community that he enjoyed and was once so active in.

Prayer Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at the Mallchok Funeral Home, Parma, OH, followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Church and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park, OH.

- Submitted by Gerald Mlynek

## BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BRANCH 823 – YOUNGWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 823 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 823 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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

**Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary**

### BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 853, will hold its Annual Meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 11am at Regos Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. All members attending will be treated to lunch. Non-branch members cost of the lunch will be \$16. Reservations are required for a seating count. Please leave a message at 412-341-1577 with your name, phone number, and how many branch, and non-branch members will be attending.

Along with celebrating the birth of Our Lord, we will hold a meeting after lunch. Election will take place for the branch officers for 2018 as well as the election of delegates for the 2018 Quadrennial Convention of the FCSU.

The Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH, from Saturday August 4th through Wednesday August 8th, 2018, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel.

Branch 853 extends to all, wishes for a safe, happy and Holy Christmas Season.

**Monica Rodacy Boone, President**

### BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention all Branch 853 members:

Branch 853 members who are paying for an educational program are eligible for the yearly Branch Educational Stipend.

If you are interested in receiving an application, please email FCSUBRANCH853@gmail.com with your request or mail for an application for the stipend at Branch 853 Educational Stipend, 2670 Crosby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. All requirements for the stipend must be fulfilled and provided by the applicant and be submitted by mail.

Stipend will not be greater than the cost of the course.

Branch 853 encourages all types of educational enrichment to apply for the stipend - from formal classroom costs to adult fun enrichment classes (i.e. - cooking classes, yoga classes, or other types of fun learning).

**Monica Rodacy Boone, President**

### BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON DC AND AREA

Branch 856 will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 1:00PM at the Thomas Jefferson Arlington Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA, 22042. On the agenda: election of branch officers and a discussion of the Sept 17th Mass at the National Shrine in Washington DC as well as a discussion of the October District meeting in PA. For more information, call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638.

**Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary**

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

# MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA • JULY 22, 2017 HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer and to pray for our deceased officers and members.

**ANTHEMS:**

The President asked Regional Director Sabina Sabados to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, and Slovakia, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Kenneth Arendt, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present:

Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain – present via telephone;  
Andrew M. Rajec, National President – present;  
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President – present via telephone;  
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary - present;  
George F. Matta II, National Treasurer – present via telephone;  
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors – present via telephone;  
Rudolf Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director – present via telephone;  
Sabina Sabados, Regional Director, Region 1 – present via telephone;  
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2 – present via telephone;  
Martha Zavada-Wojcik, Regional Director, Region 3 – present via telephone;  
James Marmol, Regional Director, Region 4 – present via telephone;  
Michael Lako, Regional Director, Region 5 – present via telephone;  
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6 – present via telephone;  
Rudolph Bernath, Regional Director, Region 7 – present via telephone;  
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Regions 8 – present via telephone;  
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel – present via telephone.

All present and accounted for.

**READING OF THE CALL:**

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Quarterly Business Meeting for July 2017.

**PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA:**

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Rudolf Ondrejco and seconded by James Marmol to accept the agenda with a provision to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MARCH 2017:**

A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Sabina Sabados to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of March 2017, as presented. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2017:****Executive Secretary's Report**

The Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the first quarter of 2017. After his report he answered the Board's questions. The Executive Secretary stated that the 2017 first quarter Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper. The Executive Secretary stated we are in the process of completing the second quarter financial report and once it is completed the financial report will be sent to all directors.

**Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati**

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

**Investment Updates**

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Board's questions.

**Portfolio Custodian**

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Executive Committee**

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

**Investments**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer George Matta II presented a written report to the Board of Directors. After the presentation, he answered the Board's questions.

The Treasurer stated that the Executive Board should review any new investment opportunities presented by Larry White to determine which ones we may want to take advantage of.

**AQS REPORT:**

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, Inc., presented his extensive investment portfolio report by telephone and Web Ex to the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors received a copy of the presentation in advance for his or her review. During and after the presentation, Larry White answered questions from the Board.

Larry White then led an extensive discussion on updating our Investment Policy. He presented several new investment opportunities and asked the Board to review them to make any possible changes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Executive Secretary asked for approval to appoint a resident agent that is an attorney in the state of Indiana, which is a requirement from its Department of Insurance. A resolution authorizing the Appointment of Attorney was adopted by the board.

National Chaplain Reverend Thomas Nasta asked the board to approve a resolution that he will prepare to welcome the new Bishop of Cleveland, Nelson J. Perez. The approval was granted by the Board.

Regional Director Martha Zavada-Wojcik asked a question regarding our security measures. The Executive Secretary stated that we are constantly running checks on our computer system and performing required updates. We are protected by Symantec Endpoint Protection and have also purchased Cyber Insurance.

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

The Executive Secretary stated our marketing firm is in the process of developing a promotional video for FCSU which will be available in both English and Slovak. The Executive Secretary stated we plan to have a preliminary video to view at the Board of Directors meeting in September.

The Vice President stated that the Executive Board is in the process of reviewing the commission paid to agents on our insurance products.

**REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:**

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

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Andrew M. Rajec  
President

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Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

### HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., to lead the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the July 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Investment Updates**

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

**Portfolio Review**

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

**Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages**

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

**Monthly Disbursements**

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

Disbursements for the month of July 2017:		
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	183,961.04
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	32,179.04
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

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

The Executive Secretary led a review of the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, which will be published in the Jednota newspaper, and answered the Committee's questions.

The Executive Secretary stated that after the 2nd quarter, our RBC (Risk Based Capital) is at an excellent 860. This is well over the 300 required by the state and better than many of our competitors.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

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

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

Larry White gave a brief summary of our current financial position. In 2008 our surplus was at \$9 million; it is now at \$29 million, which is a growth of 325% with a 15% annual compound growth rate. Our assets in 2008 were \$201 million; today they are at \$390 million. This is a growth of 394% with an 8% annual compound growth rate. He stated this is an excellent growth rate compared to other fraternal organizations.

Larry White requested that the Board of Directors review suggested changes to our current investment policy. The President stated this will be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting in September or December.

**ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**

**Annuity Rates:**

The President led an extensive review of the current annuity rates. It was decided the rates remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting in September.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

The Treasurer asked the President to invite a representative from UBS to make a presentation to the Executive Board. The President stated he will extend an invitation to our representative and schedule him to present a report in the near future.

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

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting and adding new agents, and at present have over 280 agents. The Home Office is sending the independent agents monthly updates on our products, in addition to frequent phone contacts.

The Vice President stated that our in-house marketing team is working with the marketing firm on creating a promotional video. The Vice President stated we will have a preliminary video to view at the Board of Directors meeting in December. This video will be available in both English and Slovak.

The Executive Secretary stated that our extensive recruitment program to increase our number of independent agents is still in progress. Emails along with postcards are being sent to possible agents in the states we are licensed in to inform them who we are, our rates, and the products we offer. We are waiting to analyze the results and see how successful we are.

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the IRS approval for FCSU to act as a passive or non-passive nonbank trustee or custodian of health savings accounts and as a passive or non-passive nonbank custodian of Coverdell education savings accounts. The Home Office is in the process of setting up the plans with a target of December 31, 2017 or earlier if possible. There must be staff training before implementation. A description of the plans will be sent to the Board of Directors before being marketed.

The Vice President gave an update on the 2017 Membership Meet, a 7 day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean aboard Allure of the Seas being held November 12-19, 2017. He stated we have an excellent turnout and is in the process of planning activities.

The Vice President stated he is in the process of reviewing our current commission rates to see how we compare to other fraternal organizations.

**MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY:**

The President led a review of the proposals we received on our property in Middletown. The President stated we are in the process of reviewing the proposals so we may begin negotiations.

**REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:**

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt and seconded by George F. Matta II to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec  
President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

## Answer to Puzzle

*Solution to Puzzle from page 11*

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## Správy zo Slovenska

### Pleseň ničí tisíce obrazov

Zbierku obrazov významných slovenských maliarov 20. storočia, ktoré spravuje Galéria mesta Bratislavy, napáda plesseň. Ohrozených je 5000 obrazov. Odhadovaná hodnota diel je 150 miliónov eur. Stav v starom plechovom depozitári, kde sú obrazy uložené, je už dlhodobo nevyhovujúci. Na vážny stav bratislavských mestských poslancov upozornil riaditeľ Galérie mesta Bratislava Ivan Jančár. Ten povedal, že už roky upozorňuje mesto ako zriaďovateľa galérie na zlý stav depozitára v bratislavskej mestskej časti Devínska Nová Ves.

### Firmy sa preťahujú o rušňovodičov

Na nedostatok rušňovodičov na pracovnom trhu dlhodobo poukazujú nielen odborníci, ale aj dopravcovia. Aj preto sa začína čoraz častejšie tlačiť na zvyšovanie plátov. Najnovšie sa na Slovensku rozhodol výrazne dvihnúť platy súkromný železničný dopravca RegioJet. Pripravil nový model odmeňovania. Nové pravidlá pre rušňovodičov chystá aj štátna Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko. O nedostatku rušňovodičov hovorí aj spoločnosť AWT, ktorej majiteľom je poľský nákladný prepravca PKP Cargo.

### Autá padli pod 10-tisíc

Na Slovensku vďaka vyšším platom a nižším cenám sa stavajú autá pre ľudí dostupnejšie. V súčasnosti možno nové auto kúpiť už za sedem priemerných plátov a pri modeloch zvučnejších značiek za desať plátov. Ceny rodinných vozidiel väčšiny značiek sa výrazne znížili.

### Tisícky miest aj drahšie byty, to je výsledok Jaguaru na Slovensku

Megainvestícia, tak sa označoval príchod štvrtej automobilky Jaguar na Slovensku. Tá sa rozhodla v Nitre reinvestovať 1,5 miliardy eur a vytvoriť 2800 pracovných miest. Príchod automobilky pritiahol množstvo dodávateľov. Už samotné začatie investície ovplyvní aj rast ekonomiky Slovenska. Tlak sa dá očakávať aj na výšku miezd.

Východ Slovenska prichádza o pracovné miesta. Fabrika v Michalovciach, ktorá vyrába káblové zväzky do automobilov, sťahuje viaceré výrobné linky. S tým súvisí znižovanie počtu zamestnancov. K ich úbytku prichádza stopnutím nábora ďalších pracovníkov a nepredĺžovaním zmlúv na dobu určitú. Či sa spoločnosť chystá slovenskú pobočku zavrieť, ukážu najbližšie mesiace.

### Zvýšený záujem o poznanie Svätého písma

Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku (KU) reaguje na zvýšený záujem o poznanie Svätého písma. S cieľom sprístupniť tieto poznatky na odbornej a zároveň zrozumiteľnej úrovni KU otvára v novom akademickom roku 2017/2018 v rámci Univerzity tretieho veku nový študijný program s názvom „Spoznávame Sväté písmo“. Ide o trojročné štúdium. Prihlásiť sa môžu záujemcovia starší ako 45 rokov, ktorí majú ukončené stredoškolské vzdelanie s maturitou. Prijímacie skúšky sa nekonajú. Poplatok za jeden rok štúdia je 35 € pre dôchodcov a nezamestnaných a 45 € pre zamestnaných uchádzačov. Prednášateľmi budú vyučujúci na KU, ktorí sú na Slovensku uznávanými odborníkmi na Sväté písmo.

### Súdny dvor EÚ zamietol žaloby Slovenska a Maďarska na kvóty

Súdny dvor Európskej únie v Luxemburgu nedávno zamietol žaloby Slovenska a Maďarska proti dočasnému mechanizmu EÚ na prerozdelenie utečencov na základe kvót. Oznamovali to agentúry Reuters a APA. Generálny advokát Súdneho dvora EÚ Yves Bot už 26. júla navrhol zamietnuť žalobu oboch krajín. Žaloby Slovenska a Maďarska sa týkali rozhodnutia Rady EÚ z roku 2015, ktoré bolo reakciou na migračnú krízu a jeho cieľom je pomôcť Taliansku a Grécku čeliť masívnemu prílevu utečencov. Toto rozhodnutie predpokladá počas obdobia dvoch rokov (do 26. septembra 2017) premiestnenie 120.000 osôb žiadajúcich o medzinárodnú ochranu z dvoch uvedených krajín do iných členských štátov Únie.

### Nenajímajú cudzincov, ale radšej stroje

O nedostatku šikovných nezamestnaných a ich nahrádzaní ľuďmi z tretích krajín sa na Slovensku hovorí v poslednom čase pomerne veľa. Oveľa menej sa však vie o tom, že firmy absenciu schopných zamestnancov riešia aj tak, že čoraz viac investujú do modernizácie či automatizácie svojich závodov. Do modernizácie investujú najmä strojárni, ale aj dodávateľia pre automobilky, takisto elektrotechnický priemysel či stavebníctvo. Trend viac investovať do robotizácie bude prítom do budúcnosti na Slovensku väčší ako v zahraničí. Podľa štúdie OECD je na Slovensku automatizáciou a digitalizáciou ohrozených vyše 45 percent pracovných miest.

### „Prešovskí vedci zachraňujú borovičku!“

Výrobu borovičky na Slovensku ohrozuje nedostatok borievok. Vedci z Fakulty humanitných a prírodných vied Prešovskej univerzity sa podujali na úlohu vyšľachtiť druh borievok, ktorý bude u nás certifikovaný. Výsledkom by mal byť stromček s plodmi s vysokým obsahom silice dôležitej pre chuť nápoja.

### Ovčie mlieko z dovozu: klin sa klinom vyráza

Ak má Slovensko udržať krok s výkonnými západoeurópskymi chovmi, kde prevažuje strojové dojenie oviec, a so silnou balkánskou konkurenciou, ktorej výhodou je lacnejšia pracovná sila, musí byť jeho ovčiarstvo produktívnejšie. Cestu k tomu otvára nové plemeno slovenská dojná ovca a lepšie organizovaný chov. Predstava, že v 21. storočí udržíme ovčiarstvo založené na valaskej tradícii, je mylná. Budúcnosť odzvuča ručnému dojeniu, ktoré obdivujú turisti, čo práve idú okolo salaša. Ani moderné rodinné salaše sa bez strojového dojenia oviec nezaobídu.

### Do Ružinova príde japonské bývanie, bude malé a lacné

Za japonským bývaním už nebude treba cestovať cez pol sveta. Netradičný projekt viazaný na zahraničný model vznikne v Bratislave. V zabývanej mestskej časti Ružinov pribudnú štartovacie domčeky, ktoré budú konkurovať dvojizbovým bytom. Za projektom stojí architektonický ateliér Meb architects.

### O európskom jadre hovoríme s Ficom často

Pokiaľ bude minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí Miroslav Lajčák šéfovať Valnému zhromaždeniu Organizácie Spojených národov (VZ OSN), na čele slovenskej diplomacie ho bude zastupovať štátny tajomník ministerstva zahraničných vecí Ivan Korčok. Ten povedal, že vie kedy musí Lajčákovi zavolať a kedy môže rozhodnúť sám. Európska únia (EÚ) sa podľa Korčoka zmení a on chce, aby Slovenská republika bola pri tom.

### Stavba nového štadióna v Prešove sa skomplikovala

Mestské zastupiteľstvo neschválilo prevody, týkajúce sa garáží. Na nedávnom rokovaní mestského zastupiteľstva v Prešove poslanci riešili aj výmenu mestských pozemkov s Tatrantom Prešov pre vybudovanie nového futbalového štadióna. Pôvodný návrh však zastupiteľstvo neprijalo. Pri spracovávaní územnej dokumentácie pri stavbe nového štadióna narazili na majetkové problémy.

### Výber zo slovenskej tlače

## Oslava 10. výročia založenia Oratória Svätého Filipa Neri v Cliftone, NJ

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mame, ktorá na tento krásny sviatok stále nosila kyticu do chrámu našej drahej Matke.

Otec G. Torok v mene všetkých kňazov poďakoval za prípravu, za účasť a vynaložené úsilie. Odovzdal dar pre arcibiskupa Alojza Tkáča arcibiskupovi Boberovi, aby ho pozdravil a vyslovil vďaka za to, že ho podporil pri myšlienke založiť Oratórium a poslal slovenských kňazov, ktorí sú veľkou pomocou a ich práca veľkým prínosom pre nás všetkých, nielen v slovenských komunitách, ale aj v amerických farnostiach.

Členovia Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty z New Yorku, ako aj zo Spolku číslo 746 IKSJ v zastúpení jej predsedníčky a regionálnej riaditeľky IKSJ, slečny Sabiny Sabadošovej, odovzdali zakladateľovi otcovi G. Torokovi pamätnú listinu z Hlavného úradu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Ohio, ILL, spolu s finančným darom z tejto príležitosti 10. výročia založenia. Po záverečnom požehnaní všetci dostali obrázok s modlitbou, ktorú mu podarovala Matka Tereza, pri jeho osobnej návšteve.

Oratórium bolo založené 1. augusta 2007 a dnes má jedenásť kňazov. Šiesti z nich sú zo Slovenska a pôsobia aj v slovenských farnostiach, Sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku, Sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ a Sv. Michala v Trentone, NJ.

Po slávnostnej svätej omši sa účastníci stretli v priestoroch kostola na posedenie a pohostenie a spoločné fotografovanie so vzácnym hosťom, arcibiskupom – metropolitom, Boberom a prítomnými kňazmi.

Nech Nebeský Otec a Matka Božia Sedembolestná, žehná slovenský národ a našich drahých kňazov, otca G. Toroka dobrým zdravím na mnoho a mnoho rokov!. Sme radi, že Váš máme medzi nami a sme vďační za služby, ktoré poskytujete Slovákom žijúcim ďaleko od rodnej vlasti.

Ďalšie slávenie sa uskutočnilo spolu s Jeho Eminenciálnym kardinálom Dolanom, ktorý predsedal slávnostnej liturgii pri príležitosti tohto výročia 22. augusta, sviatku Kráľovnej Panny Márie vo farskom kostole Panny Márie Posvätného Srdca Tappan.

Sabina Sabados, regionálna riaditeľka IKSJ



## 12. ročník Slovak Fashion Night 2017 v New Yorku

Módna prehliadka Slovak Fashion Night (SFN) sa uskutočnila dňa 9. septembra 2017 v hoteli Crowne Plaza Times Square na Manhattane. Dvanásť ročník bol súčasťou tohtoročného septembrového newyorského týždňa módy New York Couture Fashion Week. GK NY je tradičným partnerom na tomto podujatí s Nadáciou +421.

Dominantnou súčasťou tohtoročného SFN s podtitulkom Blue Slovak Danube Romance bola aj prezentácia unikátnych umeleckých diel Party v 21. storočí. Časť bola kedyś súčasťou slávnostného svadobného ľudového odevu. Stala sa ústredným prvkom jedinečného umeleckého projektu, ktorého cieľom je vyzdvihnúť slovenské tradičné historické skvosty a ľudové tradície. Zuzana Senášiová, Lubo Szabo, Katarina Chabrečeková a maliarka Sarah I. Avni nafotili a vytvorili limitovanú kolekciu vzácných historických doplnkov. Top modelkou projektu bola úradujúca Miss Universe Slovensko Zuzana Kollárová.

Na SFN 2017 sa predstavili talentovaní slovenskí umelci a módní dizajnéri: víťazka súťaže „Mladé talenty“ Veronika Kopálová v spojení so šperkmi Matúša Kissa uviedla svoju kolekciu pod názvom „Ako to cítim ja“. Laura Sporerová potešila newyorské publikum alternatívnou výtvarnou tvorbou a dizajnom. Umelkyňa Martina Múdra s novou módnou značkou Plezuro upútala pozornosť špeciálne pripravenou couture kolekciou, ktorá je inšpirovaná divadelnými a opernými kreáciami. Dizajnerka Rebecca Justh priniesla do New Yorku kreácie vytvorené unikátnym spojením skla a hodvábu. Na podujatí sa predstavil mladý slovenský spevák Peter Forest so svojou vlastnou tvorbou.



## Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

### Stretnutie Slovákov v Pittsburghu, PA

Oznamujeme Slovákom a všetkým priateľom, že výbor Rádio Klubu západnej Pennsylvánie pripravuje stretnutie Slovákov v **Pittsburghu v sobotu 8. októbra 2017** vo Westwood Golf Klube, vo West Mifflin. Lístky si môžete zakúpiť od členov prípravného výboru, alebo zarezervujte u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 - 421 - 1204. Vo vstupnom je zahrnutá večera a celovečerná zábava, kde do tanca bude vyhrávať skupina „Kontakty“. Pozývame Vás všetkých a Vaše rodiny.

Slovenské vysielanie možno počuť každú nedeľu na rádio stanici WPIT 730 AM od 3. do 4. popoludní z mesta Pittsburgh. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu možno vysielanie počuť cestou internetu. [www.wpitam.com](http://www.wpitam.com). Treba kliknúť na „listen live“.

### Aktivity v Slovenskej záhrade vo Winter Park, Florida

Slovenská záhrada (SZ) v mestečku Winter Park, v blízkosti Orlanda, je v tomto čase jediným centrom slovenského života vo Floride. Každoročne usporiada niekoľko kultúrnych a spoločenských podujatí, ktoré prilákajú Slovákov aj zo vzdialenejších miest vo Floride, ba aj z iných amerických štátov.

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

### Slovenský Oktoberfest v NY vo farskej hale sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC

Farnosť sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku v spolupráci so St. John Martyr a St. Frances Xavier Cabrini pozývajú slovenskú verejnosť na tradičnú Októbrovú zábavu – slovenský Oktoberfest. Bude sa konať v **nedeľu 22. októbra** od 12. 30 do 6.00 hod. vo farskej hale slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 406 EAST 66th STREET. Bude sa podávať večera, pivo, víno a nealkoholické nápoje a zabezpečená je i živá hudba a tanec. Vstupné je \$40 za osobu, v čom je zahrnuté jedlo a nápoje. Informácie a rezervácie: Lisa: 212-734-4613; Maria: 347-612-1934 alebo email: [parishfn@easttrivercatholics.org](mailto:parishfn@easttrivercatholics.org).

### Ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v **nedeľu 3. decembra 2017** o 12:00 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 za tým 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

### Výročná schôdza Okresu Msgr. Krasul'u č. 16

Výročná schôdza okresu Mons.Štefana Krasul'u č. 16 sa bude konať v **nedeľu 10. decembra 2017** na fare Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 E 66th Street, New York, NY, hneď po slovenskej sv. omši o 10:15. Na programe budú hlásenia spolkov, finančná správa, voľby úradníkov na ďalšie obdobie a plán činnosti na rok 2018. Pozývame všetkých členov spolkov 41, 45 a 716, aby sa zúčastnili tejto schôdze. Zástupcovia iných Okresov sú tiež vítaní. Po schôdzi bude občerstvenie. Slovenská sv. omša o 10:15 bude za Jozefa Bilíka, bývalého predsedu spolku č. 716 IKSJ.

## Šéfom Lajčakovho tímu v New Yorku je diplomat zo SR František Ružička

Minister zahraničných vecí SR a predseda 72. Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN Miroslav Lajčák (nominant Smer-SD) má vo svojom tíme v New Yorku štyroch ľudí zo Slovenska. Šéfom kabinetu predsedu sa stal diplomat František Ružička, ktorý koncom júla ukončil svoje pôsobenie ako stály predstaviteľ SR pri OSN. „Je to človek, ktorý má vynikajúce kontakty a ktorý výborne pozná systém,“ uviedol minister.

„Je dôležité, aby tím odrážal aj charakter OSN. Pokiaľ však ide o jeho zloženie, to je v mojej kompetencii,“ povedal. Lajčakov tím v New Yorku má 30 ľudí, z toho 18 žien. „Máme tam zastúpené všetky regionálne skupiny,“ konštatoval, pričom zastúpenie má z východoeurópskej a západoeurópskej regionálnej skupiny, ďalej z africkej, zo strednej a južnej Ameriky, z Ázie a Pacifiku. „Mám štyroch ľudí zo Slovenska, takže, keď sa človek pozrie na mapu, vidí, že svet je pokrytý,“ dodal.

Šéfa slovenskej diplomacie do funkcie predsedu zvolili predstavitelia členských štátov OSN 31. mája 2017.



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## Spolok č. 746 IKSJ oslávil Deň Matiek s Lipkou Academy v Linden, NJ

Spolok č. 746 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Linden, New Jersey, oslávil Deň matiek spolu s Lipkou Academy. Mama - prvé slovo dieťaťa, ktoré sa ani v cudzom jazyku netreba učiť. Mama - to je predovšetkým náruč bezpečia. Kde sa v tom citlivom srdci berie toľko lásky, porozumenia, trpezlivosti a obetavosti? Príkladom veľkej obetavosti, lásky a trpezlivosti sú všetky mamy, ktoré toto krásne poslanie robia s obrovskou láskou a rešpektom k životu.

A práve 14. máj 2017 sa niesol oslavou Lipky Academy, kedy spolu s rodičmi, hosťami a členmi Prvej Katolíckej Jednoty, Spolku č. 746 spoločne oslavili sviatok najdrahších bytostí - Mám. Deti z Lipky Academy bohatým programom, ktorý sa niesol v ľudovom pásme pod názvom „Ako žili a zabávali sa naši predkovia,“ potešili všetkých prítomných a spoločne sa preniesli do doby, kedy slovenskí ľudia ťažko pracovali na poli, deti sa na lúkach hrali lúčne hry a otcovia emigrovali za lepším životom. Nechýbali ani tradičné ľudové piesne, ktoré si spievali pri namáhavej práci a takto si spríjemňovali život. Celý program sa niesol v slovenskom jazyku, nakoľko slovenčina je živým jazykom aj u mladej generácie žijúcej v USA a práve udržiavaním a pracovaním na jej zachovaní vďačíme aj členom Jednoty na čele s ich regionálnou riaditeľkou Sabinou Sabados, ktorí svojich najmladších členov prišli podporiť v hojnom počte. Svojou návštevou potešila aj generálna konzulka v New Yorku Ladislava Begec spolu s manželom Güvenom Begec, ktorý je zástupcom stáleho predstaviteľa Turecka pri OSN. Nechýbal ani miestny kňaz Jozef Krajnak, Ph.D., ktorý je správcom slovenskej farnosti v Linden, NJ. Všetci prítomní si odniesli domov úsmev na tvári a veľa zážitkov. Ďakujeme našim mamám, že dávajú tak veľa a svojou obetavosťou a láskou prispievajú k lepšiemu životu.

Marianna Fecová, riaditeľka Lipky Academy  
Článok zaslala: Sabina Sabados,  
regionálna riaditeľka IKSJ



Na snímke zľava: riaditeľka Lipky Academy, Marianna Fecová, s pani Tkachovou, dlhoročnou členkou Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty a víťazkou kúpeľného dňa spolu s učiteľkou Jaroslavou Hrehovou a členom Jednoty, Ryanom Ranahanom.



Zľava: Novovymenovaná generálna konzulka Slovenskej republiky, Ladislava Begec prišla podporiť podujatie spolu s regionálnou riaditeľkou IKSJ, Sabinou Sabados.



## Štátny tajomník Ivan Korčok vo Washingtone, D.C.

„Ak Európa teraz niečo nástočivo potrebuje, je to silná zahraničná politika“

Štátny tajomník Ivan Korčok vo Washingtone, D.C. na konferencii CEPA Forum. Vyšehradské zoskupenie je rokmi overenou platformou štyroch krajín s dlhým zoznamom úspešných projektov pragmatickej spolupráce. Toto zoskupenie prežilo aj vstup všetkých štyroch krajín do Európskej únie, pretože sme nikdy nemali pocit, že nás V4 zväzuje ako korzet. Povedal to vo štvrtok 21. septembra štátny tajomník Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Ivan Korčok vo Washingtone, D.C. na konferencii CEPA Forum, každoročnom podujatí o aktuálnom dianí v strednej Európe a jej vzťahoch s USA.

CEPA Strategy Forum je pravidelným podujatím, ktoré sa venuje aktuálnemu daniu v strednej a východnej Európe a spolupráce regiónu so Spojenými štátmi. Konferenciu organizuje think-tank Center for European Policy Analysis tradične s predsedníčkou krajinou V4, ktorou je v tomto období Maďarsko. CEPA Forum je v súčasnosti pevne etablovaným podujatím v kalendári washingtonských konferencií medzinárodnopolitického zamerania. Tohtoročný 9. ročník konferencie sa sústreďuje na vzťahy americkej administratívy s regiónom strednej a východnej Európy, transformáciu a reformu NATO; euro-atlantickú bezpečnosť, boj proti propagande a migrácii. Konferencia potvrdila, že bezpečnosť a otázky s ňou súvisiace stoja v popredí záujmu tak štátov EÚ, ako aj USA – čelíme tým istým výzvam: od terorizmu, cez hrozbu, ktorú predstavujú jadrové skúšky Severnej Kórey až po destabilizáciu hroziacu z východu i z juhu, a stredoEurópske krajiny očakávajú, že USA budú starý kontinent vnímať z partnerského hľadiska ako celok, a nie rozdelený na jednotlivé teritória.

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## Na blahorečenie Titusa Zemana vyšle pápež František kardinála A. Amata

V mene pápeža Františka príde vykonať blahorečenie slovenského saleziána Titusa Zemana jeho zástupca. Legátom Svätého Otca, ktorý bude predsedáť slávnostnej svätej omši spojenej s obradom blahorečenia, bude taliansky kardinál Angelo Amato, prefekt Kongregácie pre kauzy svätých. Slávnosť sa uskutoční v sobotu 30. septembra o 10.30 h na priestranstve pri Kostole Svätej rodiny v Bratislave-Petržalke. Informoval o tom hovorca saleziánov Rastislav Hamráček.

„Hlavným významom jeho návštevy je blahorečenie dona Titusa Zemana, čiže potvrdenie presvedčenia veriaceho ľudu na Slovensku a aj v iných krajinách, že jeho život tu, na zemi, bol v takom vysokom stupni príkladný, že môžeme pokojne a spoločne na verejnosti prosieť o jeho príhovor u Pána Boha v nebi,“ uviedol bratislavský arcibiskup a predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska Stanislav Zvolenský.

Blahorečenie saleziána kňaza Titusa Zemana pripravujú Saleziáni don Bosca – Slovenská provincia a Bratislavská arcidiecéza. Na slávnosti očakávajú viaceré osobnosti spoločenského, verejného a náboženského života. Na Slovensko zavíta okrem hlavného celebranta, kardinála Amata aj hlavný predstavený Saleziánov don Bosca don Ángel Fernández Artime, slovenský kardinál Jozef Tomko, biskupi zo Slovenska, Srbska, Rakúska, Nemecka, Česka, saleziánski predstavení z okolitých krajín, zástupcovia diplomatických zborov a ďalší.

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## Sviatok Sedembolestnej Panny Márie si uctili tisícky pútnikov

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Približne 40.000 pútnikov prišlo 15. septembra do Šaštína-Stráže na národnú púť pri príležitosti sviatku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie, ktorá vyvrcholila svätou omšou za prítomnosti slovenských biskupov. Bohoslužbu celeburoval prešovský arcibiskup - metropolita Ján Babjak, zúčastnil sa na nej aj prezident SR Andrej Kiska, predseda Národnej rady SR Andrej Danko a niektorí členovia vlády.

Ako povedal PR manažér národnej púte Miroslav Janák, na organizácii podujatia sa podieľalo približne 150 ľudí, zúčastnilo sa na ňom 130 kňazov.

Arcibiskup Babjak počas omše upozornil na potrebu obety rodičov, aby na svet privádzali viac ako jedno či dve deti. „Rodina je základom spoločnosti, keď je pevná rodina, drží to aj spoločnosť. Mám také pracovné heslo, čo nás nič nestojí, to za nič nestojí. Dnešné rodiny sú trochu egoisticky zamerané, keďže vychovávajú jedno či maximálne dve deti, lenže takto spoločnosť vymiera. Deti boli vždy Božím požehnaním pre rodičov a každé dieťa bolo prijímané ako veľký dar Boží,“ povedal Babjak.

Ak budú rodiny pevné, silné a súdržné, bude sa nám podľa jeho slov ľahšie a krajšie žiť. „Želám to celému Slovensku. Samozrejme rodiny musia mať svoje zázemie a prácu, pretože v dnešnej dobe je nešťastie, že ľudia odchádzajú za prácou do zahraničia a rozbíjajú sa tak rodiny. Ak sú rodiny schopné prijať deti, Pán Boh im dá milosť a silu, aby ich dokázali vychovať. Výchova totiž spočíva najmä v príklade dôstojne žijúcich rodičov, dieťa treba vychovávať už od malička,“ dodal prešovský arcibiskup.

Prezident Andrej Kiska je podľa vlastných slov veľmi rád, že dnes mohol byť s tisíckami ľudí z celého Slovenska a so státisícmi pri televíznych obrazovkách na omši pri príležitosti sviatku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie. „Je to jeden z najkrajších a najdôležitejších sviatkov našej krajiny. Pri kázni pána arcibiskupa som si zase uvedomil, aké sú dôležité slová viery v našej spoločnosti. Pán arcibiskup hovoril o potrebe toho, aby sme so zmenami začínali sami od seba, nekriticizovali len ostatných, ale aby sme sa v prvom rade zamýšľali nad sebou, čo robíme dobre a čo dobre nerobíme,“ uviedol Kiska.

Zároveň pripomenul slová arcibiskupa, aby sme mysleli na to, že sme smrteľní a že sa každým dňom blížime k smrti. „Preto by sme nemali myslieť len na statky materiálne, ale aby sme s pokorou pristupovali k svojmu životu a vážili si ho. Arcibiskup zdôraznil tiež potrebu mať viac detí, že sa mnohé rodiny skôr zamýšľajú nad tým, na akú exotickú dovolenku ísť či si kúpiť nové auto a kvôli tomu nechcú mať deti. Je to veľmi smutné. Príbeh ženy, ktorej bola počas tehotenstva zistená rakovina a ktorá sa rozhodla, že radšej obetuje svoj život a nepodstúpi počas tehotenstva chemoterapiu, pretože by prišla o svoju dcéru Moniku. Dcéra sa jej narodila, no mama onedlho chorobe podľahla. To sú príklady obetovania sa. Sedembolestná Panna Mária je pre nás všetkých vzorom,“ ukončil prezident SR.

Celonárodná púť Slovenska k patrónke Slovenska – Sedembolestnej Panne Márii sa koná po stáročia, oficiálne od roku 1732. Slovinci si Sedembolestnú Pannu Máriu uctievať ako svoju národnú patrónku už od 15. storočia.

Číslo sedem má symbolický význam a v biblickom slova zmysle znamená plnosť. Tráčia hovorí o siedmich bolestiach, ktoré Panna Mária vo svojom živote prežila. Prvou je proctvo Simeona v chráme, keď jej oznamuje, že jej „dušu prenikne meč“. Druhou bolesťou je útek do Egypta pred kráľom Herodesom, ktorý chcel zabiť malého Ježiša, tretou je stratenie sa 12-ročného Ježiša v chráme, štvrtou stretnutie s Ježišom na krížovej ceste, piatou bolesťou bolo ukrižovanie a smrť Ježiša, šiestou jeho snímanie z kríža a poslednou bolesťou je Ježišov pohreb.

Prvá zmienka o sviatku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie pochádza z roku 1412. Pre celú cirkev bol ustanovený pápežom Benediktom XIII. v roku 1727. Ten povolil, aby sa Sedembolestná Panna Mária uctievala ako patrónka Slovenska. Bazilika minor v Šaštíne je našou najväčšou národnou svätynou Sedembolestnej Panny Márie. Dejiny chrámu siahajú až do roku 1564. V roku 1964 bola vyhlásená pápežom Pavlom VI. za baziliku minor. Ten istý pápež v roku 1966 riadne ustanovil a vyhlásil Sedembolestnú Pannu Máriu za hlavnú patrónku Slovenska. Sochu Sedembolestnej Panny Márie 1. júla 1995 korunoval pápež Ján Pavol II.

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## Svetové médiá zaujalo slovenské Múzeum starých mobilov v Dobšinej

Tlačová agentúra Reuters s celosvetovou pôsobnosťou si nedávno všimla Múzeum starých mobilov v Dobšinej. Jedinečná zbierka zaujala aj renomovaný americký denník The New York Times, ktorý vo štvrtok zverejnil agentúrny príspevok na svojom webovom portáli.

„V období, keď každý mesiac prichádzajú na trh nové smartfóny, ponúka slovenský nadšenec technológií vo svojom múzeu starých telefónov výlet do histórie – keď mobily vážili viac než dnešné počítače a väčšina ľudí si ich nemohla dovoliť,“ mohli si prečítať čitatelia amerického denníka.

Dvadsaťšesťročný Slovák Štefan Polgári začal zbierať telefóny pred viac než dvoma rokmi a dnes má 1500 modelov alebo 3500 telefónov celkovo, keďže niektoré modely má po viacerých kusoch. Múzeum zaberá dve izby v jeho dome v malom meste Dobšiná a otvorené bolo vlni.

„V zbierke je aj 20 rokov starý Siemens S4 podobajúci sa na tehlu, ktorý, keď prišiel na trh, stál obrovskú sumu - 23.000 slovenských korún, čo je viac než dvojnásobok priemernej mesačnej mzdy na Slovensku,“ píše sa v príspevku.

Médiá dodali, že Štefan Polgári považuje za najcennejší vo svojej zbierke telefón Nokia 350i, edícia Star Wars.

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## Dni európskeho kultúrneho dedičstva na Slovensku

Tohtoročné Dni európskeho kultúrneho dedičstva (DEKD) na Slovensku mali 7. septembra svoje slávnostné otvorenie v Trnave. Dôvodom je, že mesto si v tomto roku pripomína 30 rokov od vyhlásenia Mestskej pamiatkovej rezervácie. Témou tohto ročníka sú Pamiatky a príroda: Krajina možností, otvárací ceremoniál bol spojený s odovzdaním výročných cien časopisu Pamiatky a múzea za rok 2016.

Redakčná rada revue pre kultúrne dedičstvo Pamiatky a múzea spoločne s jeho vydavateľmi - Slovenským národným múzeom (SNM) a Pamiatkovým úradom Slovenskej republiky vyberali zo 101 nominácií v desiatich kategóriách.

V kategórii Objav – nález (sedem nominácií) získal ocenenie nález tzv. Knihy hodiniek Ilony Andrassyovej v depozitári SNM-Múzea Betliar. Ide o iluminovaný, bohato zdobený rukopis z 15. storočia z dielne slávneho flámskeho majstra Willema Vrelanta. V kategórii Akvizícia (sedem nominácií) ocenili prírastok vyše 500-kusovej zbierky potápačskej techniky, ktorú vďaka podpore z verejných zdrojov Fondu na podporu umenia nadobudlo do svojich zbierok Gemersko-malohontské múzeum v Rimavskej Sobote.

Z troch nominovaných návrhov v kategórii Expozícia tentoraz na cenu nevybrali žiaden. Naproti tomu v kategórii Výstava (15 nominácií) udelili dve ceny. Slovenská národná galéria si odniesla cenu za výstavu Sen x skutočnosť. Umenie & propaganda 1938 – 1945, Slovenské národné múzeum - Historické múzeum a jeho partneri cenu za výstavu Kelti z Bratislavy.

V kategórii Publikácie, v ktorej býva tradične najviac nominácií, bolo tentoraz navrhnutých 26, z nich u redakčnej rady najviac uspel najnovší, v poradí 3. zväzok edície Národné kultúrne pamiatky na Slovensku – Levoča. Kniha, ktorú vydal s podporou Ministerstva kultúry SR Pamiatkový úrad Slovenskej republiky v spolupráci s vydavateľstvom Slovart, spol. s r. o. Bratislava, je dielom rozsiahleho kolektívu pamiatkarov.

V kategórii Menšie publikácie – periodická tlač (17 nominácií) udelili výročnú cenu dvojmesačníku Záhorie, ktorý už 25 rokov vydáva Záhorské múzeum v Skalici. V kategórii Obnova získali ocenenie Ivan Staník, Pavel Ďurko, Jana Gregorová, Peter Grznár, Milan Kazimír, Krajský pamiatkový úrad Trnava a mesto Trnava za dlhodobú a koncepčnú pamiatkovú obnovu a adaptáciu národnej kultúrnej pamiatky Mestské opevnenie.

V príbuznej kategórii Reštaurovanie (sedem nominácií) cenu získal popredný slovenský reštaurátor Jozef Dorica za reštaurovanie Rotundy sv. Juraja pri Nitrianskej Blatnici s nálezmi z 9. storočia. Spomedzi deviatich navrhovaných v kategórii Akcia – dlhodobé podujatia – projekty sa nositeľom ceny stalo Ponitrianske múzeum za realizáciu cyklu animačných podujatí Požitavské výročné obyčaje v Mestskom múzeu v Zlatých Moravciach. V kategórii Film – video – multimédia – internet, obsadenej tromi nomináciami, sa laureátom stalo SNM - Múzeum kultúry Maďarov na Slovensku za dokumentárny videofilm „Nevinní vinníci. Gemerčania v sovietskych lágroch.“

Mimoriadne ocenenie dostali dve výstavy. Slovenské národné múzeum pripravilo v prezidentskom paláci Quirinale v Ríme výstavu „Poklady gotiky zo Slovenska. Umenie neskorého stredoveku“, u ktorej ocenili najmä významný podiel na reprezentácii našej kultúry v roku slovenského predsedníctva v Rade Európskej únie. Pamiatkový úrad SR v spolupráci s viacerými spoluorganizátormi pripravil na Bratislavskom hrade (s reprízou vo Východoslovenskom múzeu v Košiciach) výstavu Dedičstvo Karola Veľkého, u ktorej ocenili jej podiel na objasňovaní európskeho kontextu slovenskej kultúry od súčasného stredoveku.

DEKD sú významným celoeurópskym podujatím organizovaným Radou Európy a Európskou komisiou, ktoré upriamuje pozornosť najširšej verejnosti na mimoriadne hodnoty rozmanitého kultúrneho dedičstva v 50 účastníckych štátoch. Slovenská republika sa pripojila k organizátorom DEKD v roku 1993.

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## Prezident Kiska na rokovaní Valného zhromaždenia OSN

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Organizátorom podujatia je Michael Bloomberg, deviaty najbohatší človek sveta, bývalý trojnásobný primátor New Yorku a zakladateľ Bloomberg LP a Bloomberg Philanthropies, ktorý fórum otvoril spolu s bývalým prezidentom USA Billom Clintonom, prezidentom Francúzska Emmanuelom Macronom a spoluzakladateľom Alibaba Group Jackom Maom.

Spomedzi lídrov biznisu sa fóra zúčastnil napríklad najbohatší človek sveta Bill Gates, ale aj vrcholoví predstavitelia globálnych firiem či medzinárodných organizácií ako prezident Svetovej banky Jim Kim a šéfka Medzinárodného menového fondu Christine Lagardeová. Prezident SR mal naplánované ďalšie politické rokovania a sprievodný program ekonomického charakteru. V dňoch 21. a 22. septembra hlava štátu pokračovala v ceste na západnom pobreží USA so zameraním na inovačnú a vedecko-výskumnú agendu.

Prezidenta SR na pracovnej návšteve USA sprevádzal podpredseda vlády SR pre investície a informatizáciu Peter Pellegrini, skupina slovenských podnikateľov a zástupcovia akademickej obce. V rámci programu v OSN v New Yorku súčasťou delegácie bol aj minister životného prostredia SR László Sólymos a štátny tajomník Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Ivan Korčok.

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*Slovak Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak officially accepted the position as new President of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 13, 2017.*



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## M. Lajčák zložil slávnostný sľub predsedu 72. Valného zhromaždenia OSN

Minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslav Lajčák (nominant Smeru-SD) zložil v pondelok 11. septembra v New Yorku slávnostný sľub predsedu 72. Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN. Minister Lajčák sa stal druhým predsedom VZ, ktorý zložil pri prevzatí funkcie sľub ustanovený rezolúciou VZ OSN dňa 13. septembra 2016. Rezolúcia nazvaná "Revitalizácia práce Valného zhromaždenia" tiež stanovila etický kódex predsedu. Šéfa slovenskej diplomacie do funkcie predsedu zvolili predstavitelia členských štátov OSN 31. mája 2017. Zástupca SR získal takúto vysokú pozíciu v systéme OSN vôbec po prvý raz.

## Prezident Kiska na rokovaní Valného zhromaždenia OSN

Prezident Andrej Kiska sa počas pracovnej návštevy USA zúčastnil rokovania 72. Valného zhromaždenia Organizácie Spojených národov v New Yorku. V utorok 19. septembra vystúpil s príhovorom vo Valnom zhromaždení. V rámci pracovného programu sa stretol s najvyššími predstaviteľmi OSN vrátane aktuálneho predsedu Valného zhromaždenia Miroslava Lajčáka.

Prezident Andrej Kiska sa 20. septembra zúčastnil Bloomberg Global Business Fóra v hoteli Plaza v New Yorku. "Využil som pozvanie Michaela Bloombergu na Global Business Forum, na stretnutia s investormi, ktorí pôsobia na Slovensku. S vnukom zakladateľa spoločnosti Hyundai/Kia Čung Eui-sunom sme hovorili o ďalších investíciách na Slovensku v súvislosti so zmenami, ktorými automobilový priemysel prechádza, napríklad elektromobilita. Viceprezident spoločnosti ma ubezpečil, že v koncerne má stredná Európa významné rozvojové plány," povedal prezident Kiska po fóre. "S prezidentom spoločnosti Honeywell Dariusom Adamczykom sme hovorili najmä o ďalších investíciách do regiónov na Slovensku, kde má firma fabriky. Diskutovali sme aj o situácii na trhu práce a nedostatku kvalifikovanej pracovnej sily u nás," dodal prezident.



Foto: prezident.sk

Zľava: Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska počas diskusie s bývalým starostom New Yorku M. Bloombergom 20. septembra 2017.

*Slovak President Andrew Kiska held discussions with former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg in New York on September 20, 2017.*

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## Sviatok Sedembolestnej Panny Márie si uctili tisíce pútnikov



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Štyridsaťtisíc mariánskych ctiteľov sa 15. septembra stretlo v Šaštíne. K Sedembolestnej Panne Márii, ktorej národná svätyňa je práve v tomto meste, prišli opäť prosiť i ďakovať za svoje osobné i rodinné radosti a bolesti. Vyvrcholením celonárodnej púte k patrónke Slovenska, ku ktorej sa už niekoľko storočí utiekajú tisíce detí, mladých i dospelých, bola pontifikálna svätá omša za účasti nového apoštolského nuncia na Slovensku Mons. Giacoma Guida Ottonela, viacerých biskupov a kňazov zo Slovenska a zahraničia. Hlavným celebrantom a kazateľom bol prešovský arcibiskup metropolita Mons. Ján Babjak, ktorý Pannu Máriu Sedembolestnú označil za veľký príklad a vzor, ako trpieť a niesť svoje kríže.

*A crowd of 40,000 attended the annual National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Sorrows shrine in Sastin, Slovakia on September 15, 2017.*

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## Oslava 10. výročia založenia Oratória Svätého Filipa Neri v Cliftone, NJ

Na sviatok Nanebovzatie Panny Márie dňa 15. augusta 2017 sa v kostole Svätého Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, New Jersey, konala slávnostná svätá omša, spojená s oslavou desiateho výročia založenia Oratória, zakladateľom Vdp. otcom a misionárom Georgeom Torokom. Pri tejto príležitosti nás poctil svojou návštevou zo Slovenska, košický arcibiskup-metropolita, Bernard Bober, ktorý bol hlavným celebrantom svätej omše za účasti našich bratov oratoriánov: zakladateľ Oratória otec G. Torok, Vladimír Chripko, Martyn Kertys, František Chonka, Roman Palečko, otec Peter Bujdoš, otec Chanas a vzácní hostia. Veriaci z Trentonu, Lindenu, Cliftonu a okolia svojou prítomnosťou podporili tento krásny večer. Každý tu cítil kus domova, keď arcibiskup vo svojej kázni pozdravil Slovákov žijúcich v Amerike, ďaleko od rodnej vlasti a ocenil ich schopnosti, vieru, zvyky a kultúru v novej domovine. Uistil všetkých, že bude i naďalej vychádzať v ústrety všetkým svojou pomocou. Vo svojej homílii vyzdvihol na Sviatok Panny Márie aj naše drahé matky, ktorým sme vďační za svoje životy a v spomienkach sa vrátil k svojej



Členovia IKSJ z New Yorku a New Jersey s hosťom v prostriedku, košickým arcibiskupom Bernardom Boberom.

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