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2018 Convention Coverage

Young members of the FCSU tried on kroj (Slovak costumes) on display courtesy of George Terbrack at the 51st Quadrennial Convention from August 4 – 8, 2018, at the Hilton Downtown Cleveland: Seated (L – R): Nora Olexa, Branch 450; Jessica Chuba, Branch 450; Lilly Halley, Branch 24; and Emma Halley, Branch 24. Standing (L – R): Jacob Chuba, Branch 450; John Chuba, Branch 450; and Henry Strekal, Branch 24. These children were also some of the dancers in the Lučinka Childrens' Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Greater Cleveland that performed at the President' Banquet on Sunday night of the convention.



For more convention coverage, including newly elected officers, see pages 12 -13.



From the Office of the President



On behalf of our executive officers and board members, I am pleased to announce our increased annuity rates in effect as of August 1, 2018. Our 8 year flex deferred annuity or IRA has surged to a strong **3.85%**. Our 6 year flex deferred annuity or IRA has been boosted to a vigorous **3.45%**. Finally, our 6 year fixed deferred annuity or IRA has been hiked and is guaranteed for 6 years at a robust **3.35%**. **These new 8- and 6-year flex rates apply to existing clients, as well as new contracts.**

In the 128th Anniversary of our Society, Jednota remains strong – and is getting stronger! To date, we have achieved an asset level of close to **\$400 million**. More important, our surplus is at an all-time high of over **\$32 million**, with a Risk-Based Capital Ratio over **1000!**

Our goals at the First Catholic Slovak Union are to continue our slow and steady growth while also looking to grow our membership and promote Slovak culture and our Catholic Faith.

Faith Founded, Family Focused, Financially Strong!

With your help, we are doing it!

Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
National President



2018 National Photo Contest Has Begun – Enter Today!

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NEW RATES

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3.45%

6 Year Flex deferred Annuity or IRA

3.35%

6 Year Fixed deferred Annuity or IRA

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Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homily, Father Killian Loch, O.S.B.

September 9, 2018 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a Gospel – Mark 7: 31 – 37

God is a hands-on God. Throughout the Scriptures there are beautiful descriptions of God being personally involved with creation, especially with us. From the book of Genesis where we read that God created us by forming us out of the earth and then breathing life into us, to Revelation where we are told that we will see the face of God, and God's name will be on our foreheads, we see how closely involved God is with creation and with us. Most of all we see this when God himself becomes one of us in order to save us. Jesus, truly God and truly man, was born into our world and walked,

lived and died among us. All of this so that he could personally take the punishment for our sins so that he would rise and extend to us the invitation to follow him and rise with him. This is all part of God's plan for us. A plan that will be fulfilled with the second coming of Christ.

The Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel very nicely illustrate the continuity and progression of God's plan from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and to our own time. Isaiah was a prophet during a period when the leadership of Jerusalem was weak and, against the prophetic advice of Isaiah, entered into an alliance with Assyria. Assyria took control and the people of Jerusalem were oppressed. The reading for this Sunday has Isaiah prophesying not to be afraid, that God would come to vindicate them. When this prophecy is fulfilled, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." These are prophetic images of Jerusalem being set free, healed and restored. Isaiah speaks of God in a personal manner as the one who knows those basic needs of ours. He spoke not only of the immediate promise of God to restore Israel, but his message looked towards the fulfillment

of God's plan of sending a Messiah and Redeemer.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus fulfills the prophecy as he opens the ears of the deaf and restores the speech of those with impediments, he also opens the eyes of the blind, heals the crippled, raises the dead back to life, and ultimately takes away our sins. This is so much more than what the people who heard Isaiah's message expected.

In this particular Gospel passage we see the compassion and tenderness of Jesus when he ministered. It was not a ministry from a distance, or one that was preoccupied with formality. It was a ministry in which he personally became involved with those who came for help. In the Gospel the people begged Jesus to lay hands on the deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus did much more; he put his finger into the man's ears and touched his tongue. This is probably far more than most of us would do if asked to pray for someone, but for Jesus it is a natural response of God's love and personal involvement with us.

This Gospel is a good reminder and lesson for us of how to look on God. In our minds, hearts and devotions we sometimes place a great distance between us and God, while these Scriptures show us how close God is to us. He desires to reach out and touch us, whether it be to heal us of some infirmity, comfort us during a time of sorrow, or forgive us when we sin against him. When we turn our hearts and lives to God we always receive far more than we expect.



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.



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August Reflection by Fr. Aaron Pidel – The treasure of families

Our contributing author for this month's reflection, Fr. Aaron Pidel, SJ, is an Assistant Professor of Theology at Marquette University.

Intention: The treasure of families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

The focus on the August prayer intention reflects Pope Francis' guiding insight, expressed often in *Laudato Si'*, that "everything is connected." The "micro" community of the family and "macro" community of the state depend on each other for their health.

We all know the importance of the family from our own experience. It is there that we first learn how to respect authority, how to play fairly, how to give and receive love—all the basic human virtues and values that equip us for political and religious life. So much of our life's

trajectory, our sense of being at home in the world and in the Church, depends upon families of origin.

Yet the state does not always sufficiently recognize the "treasure" that family life is, providing support in accordance with its importance. In *Amoris Laetitia* Pope Francis observes, "The negative impact on the social order [on families] is clear, as seen in the demographic crisis, in the difficulty of raising children, in a hesitancy to welcome new life, in a tendency to see older persons as a burden, and in an increase of emotional problems and outbreaks of violence" [43].

Healing the family, Francis notes, requires the toppling of various ideologies dominating the state. There is the ideology of market logic, which privileges total economic growth over securing those goods that make family life possible for all, e.g., dignified housing and employment for all (*Amoris Laetitia* [43-44]). There is also gender ideology which, by denying sexual difference, no longer accepts the permanent union of man and woman as the most favorable circumstances for raising children (*Amoris Laetitia* [56]).

Given these challenges, we do well to join the Holy Father this August in praying for the family.

Points for Meditation

How do I imagine the life of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph? How do I allow their values to shape my values regarding money, work, chastity, etc.?

Scripture

Mark 10: 13-14: And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me . . ."

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LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Fr. Ed Dougherty, M.M., The Christophers' Board of Directors
Through the Heart of Mary

An ancient history of the Carmelite Order recounts a statement made by St. Dominic in 1208 A.D. in which he declared, "One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, she [Mary] will save the world." What a profound statement about the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother that Saint Dominic made years before the introduction of the Brown Scapular into popular devotion.

The Brown Scapular of the Carmelite Order first appeared in a Marian vision to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251. In that apparition, Mary said of the scapular, "Take this scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."

The Brown Scapular has been associated with special graces ever since. The small version that many wear under their clothing dates as far back as 1276, the year that Pope Gregory X died. We know this because 554 years after his death, an opening of Pope Gregory's tomb revealed that the little Brown Scapular he wore during his lifetime was still intact.

Mary's final apparition at Lourdes occurred on July 16, 1858, the anniversary of her presentation of the Brown Scapular to St. Simon Stock, and she appeared on that day as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mary also appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel in her final apparition at Fatima, on October 13, 1917, holding a rosary in one hand and a Brown Scapular in the other.

While miracles abound relating to the Brown Scapular, our devotion to this sacramental and to Our Lady of Mount Carmel should not be reduced to superstition or an expectation of favors simply for wearing the scapular. Like all sacramentals, these devotions are intended to draw us closer to an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. For instance, wearing the Brown Scapular entails investiture by a priest, wherein prayers are recited and a pledge is made to live a holy life. Thereafter, the scapular serves as a reminder of that pledge and of the powerful intercession of Mary, who constantly beckons us to follow Christ.

The initial Carmelite Rule was established by St. Albert in the early part of the thirteenth century; but the order claims spiritual lineage with the Prophet Elijah and a succession of hermits who followed in his footsteps, residing on Mount Carmel for centuries both before and after the life of Christ. Pious tradition holds that a group of these hermits came down from Mount Carmel and converted to Christianity on the day of Pentecost.

It is no wonder that Mary chose to appear as Our Lady of Mount Carmel in such dramatic fashion in the last apparitions at Lourdes and Fatima—or that she revealed the Brown Scapular as a significant source of grace for those who commit themselves to the promises of investiture. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel connects us with the Judaic roots of the Holy Family and of Christianity and reminds us of Mary's paramount mission in the story of salvation.

Towards the end of his passion, Jesus looked to Mary and said, "Woman, here is your son." Then he looked to John and said, "Here is your mother." We understand this to mean that Jesus presents Mary to all of humanity in spiritual adoption, so we should look to the Blessed Mother for guidance and undertake pious acts of devotion, because the surest way to Christ is through the heart of Mary.



Celebrating anniversaries were: (L – R) Row 1: Sister Teresita Iskra (60 years), Sister Mary Gilbert Dluhy (70 years), Sister Cabrini Steber (70 years), Sister Julia Knazik (65 years). Row 2: Sister Martina Hanrahan (25 years), Sister Margaret Dubas (55 years), Sister Cyrilline Biel (65 years), Sister Catherine Laboure Bresnock (65 years), Sister Brigid Fasiang (65 years). Row 3: Sister Bernadette Marie (60 years), Sister Lydia Benyish (60 years), Sister Mary Anne Nemec (60 years), Sister Susan Pontz (30 years), Sister Susan Marie Hazenski (30 years), Sister Jeanne Ambre (50 years). Absent from photo: Sister Michaellette Lennartz (55 years), Sister Zoe Zollar (55 years).



Pictured at the Liturgy are: (L – R) Rev. Patrick Devine from the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA; Rev. William Weary, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Lewistown, PA; Deacon Thomas Baranoski, Charleston, SC; Rev. Kenneth Seegar, Pastor of St. Andre Bessette Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA; Rev. Augustine Joseph, MSFS, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish and Chaplain at Danville State Hospital, Danville, PA; Rev. John Cyriac, MSFS, Chaplain at Maria Joseph Manor and Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA; Rev. James Lease, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Danville, PA; also concelebrating was Rev. Msgr Robert Lawrence, Pastor of St. Columba Church in Bloomsburg, PA.

Commemorate Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in DC's National Shrine this Sept



Branch 856 invites everyone to join them on September 16, 2018 for 11:00AM Mass in the most-visited chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on its 53rd Anniversary. Come honor the chapel dedicated to Our Mother of Sorrows and donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union. See Branch 856 listing on page 19 for details.

Branch 746 also is coordinating a bus to the event from Linden, NJ, for Region 1 branches: 19, 41, 45, 102, 132, 290, 517, 652, 716, 746, & 890. See Branch 746 listing on page 14 for details.

Sept Slovak Catholic Pilgrimage in Garrison, NY



The St. Stephen Society, Branch 716 FCSU – with the support of St. John Nepomucene Church – will hold its Annual Slovak Catholic Pilgrimage to GRAYMOOR in Garrison NY run by the Friars of the Atonement. The Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, September 30th. Bus transportation will be provided. Details to follow.

- Submitted by Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary, Branch 716



(L – R): Sisters Martina Hanrahan and Brigid Fasiang, present the gifts to Rev. Kenneth Seegar, Principal Celebrant and Homilist, during the offertory procession of the Jubilee Liturgy.

Jubilee Celebration for Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA, recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members. The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently serve in the archdiocese of San Antonio, TX, and in the dioceses of Harrisburg PA and Scranton, PA. The celebration included a Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Liturgy was followed by a dinner to which the friends, family and Community members of the Sister celebrants were invited.

- Submitted by Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.

Sts Cyril and Methodius Church in Mississauga Celebrated Odupst

Sts. Cyril and Method Church in Mississauga, Ontario, celebrated its Annual Parish Feast (Odupst) on June 3, 2018, which also falls on the feast of Corpus Christi, or Latin for Body of Christ. This important Catholic liturgical solemnity celebrates the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist—known as transubstantiation. At the end of Holy Mass, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Odupst also provided an opportunity for friends and acquaintances to enjoy a day filled with fraternalism, food, and entertainment at the Parish hall. The accompanying photographs reflect that.

- Submitted Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



St. John Byzantine Catholic Church Plans 13th Annual Classic Car Show

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its 12th Annual Classic Car Show on Sunday, September 23, 2018 in the parking lot of the church located at 185 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

Registration will start at noon and end at 2 p.m., after which the car show will continue until 4 p.m. RAIN or SHINE. There is a registration fee of \$10.00 and the first 150 cars will receive dash plaques and gifts.

The first 150 cars receive Dash Plaques and over 25 trophies, including one large trophy-Father Ron's Favorite, will be awarded.

Classes will include 1900-1930, 1931-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1965, 1966-1970, 1971-1976, 1977-1987, 1988-2002, street rod/modified, trucks 1959 and older and 1960-2002. No judging for 2003 and newer.

Arnie Amber, Oldies DJ, 50/50 drawing contest, Byzantine Auction, and food will be featured. A golf cart shuttle will be available. Delicious foods, sandwiches, soups, halushki, baked goods, and more. Contact info: 724-438-6027 (leave



St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church's Annual Classic Car Show will be held again this year on Sunday, September 23, 2018 in the church parking lot in Uniontown, PA.

message)

Proceeds will benefit the St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Maintenance Fund.

Mary's Queenship

Now she lives Mary's Queenship
Now she lives in heaven high,
Soul and body glorified;
Near her Son, the King of Kings:
Interceding at His side.

And this hope to us she gives,
When the storms of life are past:
With the Triune God to live,
And the Queen to see at last.



Queenship of Mary - August 22

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Barbeque organizer Lisa Calabrese tasting the food



Branch 716 President Jan Skrkon helping to serve the food

Branch 716 Member Serafina Sulak serving cake and coffee



Branch 716 Supports St. John Nepomucene Independence Day Celebration

On July 1, 2018, St. John Nepomucene held a Barbeque after Sunday Mass to celebrate the upcoming 4th of July. Branch 716 supported and assisted with the event.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Secretary

Dear FCSU Members:

I wanted to share with you some exciting news: I have been accepted as a lay missionary with the Lay Mission-Helpers (LMH) Association, serving God's children in Ghana, Africa. This is something I have contemplated for many years. I will be moving to Los Angeles in August to begin a four-month formation program. After this training period, I plan to go overseas in January 2019 for three years.

Founded in 1955, LMH (www.laymissionhelpers.org) is a Catholic organization that provides training and support for lay people who serve in mission dioceses around the world. To date, more than 700 lay people from this organization have shared their gifts and lived simple lives among the poor in 36 countries.

I have been a lifelong member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and have enjoyed the time I have spent with so many of you as a Branch 181 Member, National Auditor and National Chairman of Auditors. I hope you will pray for me as I embark on this exciting new journey.

Fraternally,



Karen Hunka
National Chairman of Auditors

Phyllis & Stephen Roman Celebrated 60 Years of Marriage in June

On June 21, 2018, Phyllis and Stephen Roman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. On June 23rd, the family gathered at the Roman residence for the celebration with renewal of the wedding vows with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, presiding. The Very Reverend Protospesbyter Robert J. Rebeck extended his blessings.

With family, close friends, and clergy in attendance, the celebration began with a toast followed by a good old-fashioned Slovak dinner with halupky and perohi as center pieces and a beautiful cake as dessert.

Phyllis and Steve have with eight children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Both were active in our beloved organization as members of Branch 157, Catsauqua, PA, holding various offices and attending many conventions. Phyllis was always there to cheer on the many Jednota events in which their children participated.

We feel particularly blessed to have shared this celebratory time with Phyllis as shortly after – on June 26, 2018 – she went to her Eternal Rest [Editor's note: please see page 16 for her obituary].



Bishop Ronald Gainer with Phyllis and Stephen Roman

- Submitted by Stephen Roman



(L – R) 1st row: Paulette, Rachel and Charles Brown, Nancy and Todd Brown. 2nd row: Elyse Kostelnik, Dolores Marmol, Secretary; Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; and Patty Marmol, Treasurer. 3rd row: Denise Kostelnik, Frank Marmol, Auditor; and Mark Marmol, President.



In photo 0774 from left to right, Mark Marmol, President; Rachel Brown, Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; Todd Brown, Elyse Kostelnik, Patty Marmol, Treasurer; Frank Marmol, Auditor; Dolores Mamol, Secretary

Branch 162 Honors Its 2018 Jednota Scholarship Winners

Branch 162 has three 2018 Jednota Scholarship winners who were honored at a brunch at Uniontown Country Club, Uniontown, PA, on Sunday July 15, 2018.

Elyse Kostelnik is a 2018 graduate of Central Valley High School, Monaca, PA, where she graduated with high honors. Her aspiration is to become a Physicians Assistant. She will be attending Seaton Hill University, Greensburg, PA. Dermatology is her ultimate goal because of a rare skin condition. She was a member of the Choir, the Anti-Bullying Club, the Spanish Club, and the Unified Youth Committee to break down barriers between Special Ed and regular students. Her interests also include singing and dance.

Rachel Mills is a 2018 graduate of Penn Trafford High School, Harrison City, PA, with high honors. She will attend the University of Tennessee – Martin where she plans to pursue an academic and athletic career as a competition rifle shooter. She is enrolled as a Criminal Justice major with an emphasis in Forensic Science. She threw shot put on the track and field team, shot rifle on her club and school rifle team, played second doubles on the varsity tennis team, was President of the German Club, a member of Thespians, Leo Club, National Honor Society, Drama Club and her high school show choir.

Todd Brown, son of Nancy and Robert Brown is a 2018 graduate of Laurel Highland Senior High School, Uniontown, Pa. Todd will be attending Duquesne University Honors College, Pittsburgh, Pa. to pursue a doctorate degree in Pharmacology. He was a member of Penn State 4.0 Club, Chamber of Commerce student of the month, President of the Spanish Club, Captain of the varsity soccer team, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Interact Club, Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week attendee, Highest Honors Roll, and graduated with GPA of 4.7. Todd is employed as a busser at Meloni's Restaurant and enjoys playing soccer, hockey and reading.

- Submitted by Joanne Marmol, Vice President, Branch 162



(L – R) Rachel Mills, Todd Brown and Elyse Kostelnik.

FCSU's David Rafaidus with Miriam Potoky Presents Findings at 29th World Congress in Prague

Miriam Potocky, Ph.D., Professor in the FIU School of Social Work, and her husband, David Rafaidus, MURP, Senior Health and Human Services Planner for Palm Beach County, recently co-presented at the 29th World Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in Prague. The conference and associated events commemorated the centennial of the founding of Czechoslovakia as well as 100 years of Czech-American friendship. The World Congress was co-sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Prague, the Czech Senate, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, and the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Potocky is a native of Prague and an expert on refugee resettlement in the U.S. Mr. Rafaidus, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is a native of the Slovak community in Detroit and an expert of demographic and GIS analysis for public health and human service planning. He is also the President of FCSU Branch 888 in West Palm Beach, FL. Their presentation was on, "Czechs and Slovaks in the US: A Sociodemographic Analysis." They analyzed U.S. Census American Community Survey data for this purpose.

"To everyone's surprise, we found that Florida is the number two state (after California) for current Czech- and Slovak-born residents, with 9,000 living in Florida," said Dr. Potocky. "This is very different from historical patterns, when these populations settled in New York and the Midwest." The study also found that Czechs and Slovaks in the U.S. are a relatively highly-assimilated, highly-educated, and high-income group. The study has implications for the maintenance of Czech and Slovak culture and interests in the United States. For further information contact them at Jednota888@yahoo.com

- Submitted by David Rafaidus, Branch 888



(L - R) FCSU Members at Kennywood included: Andrew P. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents; Damian Nasta, Region 2 Director; Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain; and Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President.



(L - R) Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec with FCSU's Andrew Rajec, FICF



National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., helps set up the FCSU Booth at Kennywood.

FCSU Helps Celebrate 95th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 95th Annual Slovak Day took place on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, PA. It proved to be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing.

Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union were on site to meet and greet attendees, and provide information on our Society.

Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

United Slovak Societies announces the hosting of the following;



Slovak Day Chicken Paprikas Dinner Sunday September 30th, 11a.m.-3:00p.m., \$14.00, advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Clambake Saturday September 15th, 2p.m.-6p.m., \$30.00, advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Kid's Halloween Costume Bowling Party for children of the members of the American Slovak Club, ages 16 and under, on Sunday October 21st, 1:00p.m., by reservation only.



Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner, "Vilija", Sunday December 3rd, 5:30 p.m., \$22.00 advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Silvester Steak Fry, December 31st, 5:00p.m.- 7:00p.m., \$25.00, advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Please note, all events are held at the **American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.**

Tickets sales and reservations will close 10 days prior to the event.

All tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling Pam at 440/245-5146.

Bowling at the Club starts soon, please contact Rusty for more information at 440/244-1293.

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

Slovak Chamber Orchestra from Bratislava

Silver Strings



Sunday, September 16 at 1.00 p.m.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish
5255 Thornwood Drive, Mississauga

The Concert is in Celebration of the Feast Day Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia!



For details, please see
Branch 785 on page 14 & District 19 on page 15



Region 1's Picnic Splash

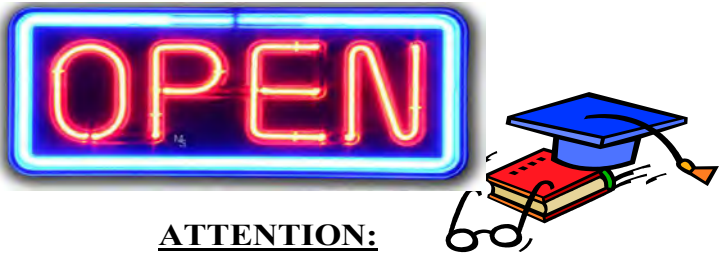
"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." – Dolly Parton

As the 2018 FCSU convention came to a close, Region 1 delegates hurried home to prepare for their summer picnic. Despite the heavy downpour and flash flood warnings, Jednota members from District 4 and 16 (Branch 45, 290, and 746) braved the weather to gathered together for a fun-filled day on Saturday, August 11th in Linden, New Jersey. With the rain came a last minute change in venue and Fr. Miroslaw Kusibab, the new pastor of Holy Family Church, came to the rescue to offer Mgrs. Komar Hall to shelter us from the rain. Members came together to celebrate their Slovak heritage with delicious Slovak food by Julie Rada Catering and Slovak music! Our youngest members, Kellie and Colin Ranahan led the adults in several rounds of "Bingo"! We also celebrated "August birthdays"! For those that did not attend the convention, there was a mini recap of highlights. The party concluded with members indulging in home-made desserts baked by ladies from Branch 746. Thank you to our Region 1 Jednota members and friends who attended and continue to enthusiastically support our events.

- Submitted by: Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director

FCSU at Youngstown's Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest

The Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest was held this year on Sunday August 12, 2018, on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Youngstown, OH. The day began with a Slovak/English Mass at 11:00am at St. Matthias Church and continued until 8:00pm – featuring lots of great Slovak-style food and bakery for sale. There was also a great Slovak Heritage corner showing Musical entertainment was provided all day long. Members of the FCSU were on hand to support the Fest, including District 14 President John Leskoviansky, Branch 764 President Rosemary Heald, and FCSU Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec.



ATTENTION:

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO **TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS** TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

Jednota Benevolent Foundation Award Criteria:

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who attends an Approved Post Secondary Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
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A New Bishop Named for Byzantine Slovaks in Canada

Daniel Černý

On July 5th, 2018, the feast-day of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia, Pope Francis named Byzantine Slovak Redemptorist priest, Fr. Marián Andrej Pacák, CSsR as the new eparchial (diocesan) bishop for the Eparchy of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for Slovaks of the Byzantine rite in Canada. This Slovak jurisdiction (the only one outside of Slovakia) is one of the largest Catholic jurisdictions in the world, encompassing all of Canada.

The first Byzantine Slovaks started to migrate to Canada in the 1880's; however mass immigration started only after WWI. The first parish was founded in 1921 in Lethbridge, followed in 1930 by Montreal. After WWII several other parishes and missions were founded (Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa, Welland, Sudbury, Windsor, Simcoe-Delhi, Kenaston – to name a few.) In 1957 a separate deanery was founded for Byzantine Slovaks within the Ukrainian Eparchy of Toronto. In 1964 the Pope elevated Fr. Michael Rusnák, CSsR to episcopacy and appointed him to be the Apostolic Visitor for the Byzantine Slovaks in Canada. The struggle for ecclesiastical independence was concluded in 1980 when the Eparchy of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite in Canada was founded.

The Eparchy was first headed by Bishop Michael Rusnák CSsR (1980-1996), and later by Bishop John Stephen Pzask CSsR (2000-2016).

Bishop Marián Andrej Pacák, CSsR was born on April 24, 1973 in Levoča, (in what was then Czecho-Slovakia, and present day Slovakia). He comes from a family of twelve children; six brothers and six sisters). One of his brothers is also a Redemptorist priest, while another is married priest. After his graduation from high school in 1991, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer – the Redemptorists. There he made his solemn profession in 1997. After

studies in Poland, he was ordained a priest on July 12, 1998 by Bishop Milan Chatur, CSsR.

After ordination he served in the Redemptorist parish in Stará Lubovňa (1998–2001). In 2001-2004 he studied Moral theology at the Alphonsian Academy in Rome. Later he served in Michalovce, Stará Lubovňa, and most recently as a chaplain to the Byzantine Redemptorist Sisters in Lomnica, near Vranov nad Topľou.

Bishop-elect (nominant) Pacák is to be ordained as the third Bishop of the Canadian-Slovak eparchy on September 2, 2018 in the Basilica Minor of the Descent of the Holy Spirit of the Slovak Redemptorist Fathers of the Byzantine Rite in Michalovce. The church has a unique Neo-Byzantine architecture that will be the site for a Byzantine Catholic episcopal ordination for the first time ever. His solemn enthronement as the third eparchial bishop for the Eparchy of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for Slovaks of the Byzantine rite in Canada is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Nativity of the Mother of God Cathedral at Shaw Street in Toronto, starting at 11 AM. We wish our new Canadian-Slovak bishop a lot of apostolic zeal and blessings in his missionary work and acclaim to him: Many years! Mnoho rokov!

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THINK ABOUT IT!

My 2018 Adventures in Slovakia (Part 1)

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

In late May 2018, I set out for an adventurous trip to Slovakia. Two factors motivated my trip: I had not visited Slovakia for four years and I wished to reconnect with friends, and secondly, I wanted to visit the sites of World War I and World War II memorials, battles, cemeteries in eastern Slovakia, and even take a trip to Ukraine. It turned into a great experience and here I will tell about my trip in several installments. In future articles, I will elaborate in more detail my travels to First World War sites.

Day 1 - Flying to Europe

The trip started out on May 28, 2018, with flawless flights from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and then on to Madrid, Spain to change planes. The Madrid airport officials herded passengers like cattle on a long walk to a passport check for EU admission, with no water or restrooms readily available. Then after barely catching my next flight, I found out that all European flights no longer provide complimentary drinks, even on our two hour flight to Vienna, Austria. Luckily, I had a water bottle with me, so I could avoid paying 3 dollars for voda. Once landing in Vienna, I hurried to catch a Slovak Lines bus to Bratislava's Štefánik airport to rent a car; unlike the plane, the bus line provided complimentary water and a snack for the one hour trip. I preferred renting a Škoda Fabia at the Bratislava airport since it is smaller, people speak Slovak, and four week rentals cost \$400 less than in Vienna.

Day 2 - Exploring the Trenčín Region

Leaving from the Bratislava airport to the north of the city was easy, so I hopped on the expressway around 2 pm and avoided the traffic jams of the city. One thing I noticed is that roads in general were much busier than previous trips; more Slovaks own cars than ever before, and even truck traffic has picked up. I headed north toward my goal to visit a friend in Trenčianske Bohuslavice, where I would stay two nights.

But first I stopped to visit the Military History Museum (Vojenské historické múzeum), which lies just north of the spa resort city of Piešťany. Unfortunately, the museum was closed. I found out from the custodian that the museum would only open in June, on weekends, and there were afternoon tours offered at particular times, so one has to prepare in advance. The military museum offers a rich array of war weaponry, especially aircraft, and houses some of the best displays of World War II history. The aircraft are displayed outdoors since they are large and numerous. The ongoing museum exhibit is entitled "The armaments of the Czechoslovak army in 1945 – 1992." One can get a sampling at the website: <http://www.vhu.sk/the-basic-information-on-the-museum-of-military-history/>.

Even though the museum was closed, I did manage to catch a nearby memorial to the Romanian soldiers who liberated Piešťany just north of the museum. Eugen Ciucă, a Romanian artist known for his monumental sculpture, designed a monument known as "To The Heroes". He had served as an officer in the Romanian military during the war, and later became a US citizen, but he did much of his art work in Italy.

On the way to Trenčianske Bohuslavice, I snapped a photo of romantic ruins of the 13th century Tematín Castle, visible from the highway. In 1982, I had hiked for a half day to the ruins of the castle with some of the friends I was about to visit in Trenčianske Bohuslavice. A remote castle, it lies on a ridge of the Považský Inovec Mountains. Along with the castles of Čachtice, Beckov, and Trenčín, Tematín served as signaling point for defense of the surrounding region until Austrian Imperial troops destroyed it in 1710. It has lay in ruins since.

Day 2 - Trenčianske Bohuslavice

Then I proceeded to Trenčianske Bohuslavice, a village just north of Nové Mesto nad Vahom and about 21 km south of Trenčín. Lying in the in the Bošáčka valley, it was formerly called Bogoszlo when Slovakia was part of the Hungarian kingdom before 1919. The hamlet is the hometown of a now retired journalist, Matilda Macháčová, affectionately known as Tilka, whom I had befriended when I did my doctoral research in Slovakia in 1982-83. My Japanese friend, Fumiko Kuwahara, introduced me to her. Fumiko has spent her entire life composing a Slovak-Japanese dictionary, and when I lived in Slovakia, she helped me learn Slovak and even some Slovak songs.



Interior of Erdödy chapel Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary



An aerial shot of Trenčianske Bohuslavice

I remembered Tilka best from her apartment in the Ružinov quarter of Bratislava. She lived in one of the impersonal, drab high-rises (činzáky) built in the communist era. Tilka was no friend of the communists, though not a dissident by any means. She worked as a journalist, mainly writing about cultural issues. But privately, she protested the totalitarian system in her home. Everything she owned was white or painted white. She commented that everything out there was gray and filthy, but at least in her abode, everything would be pure and white, unblemished.

Later in 1982, Tilka invited Fumiko and I to visit her family home in Trenčianske Bohuslavice, a small village of about 947 people. On a weekend, we met her family and her good friend, Dušan Zaťovič, a geologist who also worked in Bratislava before he retired. The family welcomed us with open arms and we feasted on home-grown foods and pastries (koláče). They had cultivated their own huge garden and raised domestic animals such as chickens. On Saturday, we all took the trek to visit the ruins of Tematín Castle, and had a wondrously marvelous time. The memories stick like glue to this day.

Ironically, when I was trying to find Tilka's home in 2018, I pulled over by a bus stop, and asked an older gentleman where this address was located, because some houses had no numbers. He replied, "Kopanic"! I looked at him and exclaimed, Dušan! He had recognized one another other after all these years. We greeted each and he pointed out the house across the street as Tilka's. He excused himself, as he was awaiting a bus to take him to a Byzantine Mass that evening. What a reunion after 36 years!

I then went to Tilka's home, a lovely cottage surrounded with beautiful red rose bushes around her outside fence. When knocking at the door, her dog Badi barked incessantly, until she later got used to me. Tilka welcomed me with a big hug and our reunion after all these years was truly wonderful. She was proud of her beautiful garden, and like many Slovaks, had fruit trees in her back yard. I entered her home through the side door, since her wooden front door was very old and massive, an antique. The home had belonged to her family and she retired here and updated it as best she could. Tilka lived humbly but comfortably, and she had a nice and homey room for me to stay in, full of books and memorabilia from her family's history. But no internet.

After a welcoming drink of Vinea, a refreshing non-alcoholic carbonated drink produced from the natural raw material of white grape, we talked about our plans for the next few days, since there was so much to see in the area. Then she showed me some children's books she had secured from the local library which was disposing of them, and would later send me some to give to my grandchildren, as they are learning Slovak as they grow up. Children's books are a superb way to learn Slovak. She also showed me draft copies of her book manuscript, a rich collection of her memories and the culture and history of Trenčianske Bohuslavice. She just sent me a copy of the new book she authored, Spomínane (Recollections), filled with photos and detailed explanations. I will review the book in more depth in a future article.

Our next stop was a good supper. We headed a roundabout way westward to a restaurant and I was orienting myself to the layout of the village. Then we enjoyed a delicious yet inexpensive meal at Penzión Žakovic, which doubles as a hotel and restaurant. We enjoyed palacinky (thin pancakes) topped with whipped cream (smotana) and chocolate. We capped it off with some good beer. We both left satiated and talked a storm before I settled down for a good night's rest after a long trip.

Day 3 - Trenčianske Bohuslavice

One thing that I have found out when staying in Slovakia is that dawn occurs much earlier than in the USA. It starts getting light around 3:30-4 am, and the roosters in the villages start crowing shortly thereafter. As tired as I was from my flight, I awoke early but stayed in bed until Tilka arose. She treated me to a tasty breakfast of fresh fried eggs (pražence) from Dušan's chickens, toast, and fruit. Interestingly, because she owned an old house, she had no plumbing in her kitchen, but had to fetch running water from the bathroom. Many of us forget that our ancestors did not even enjoy such a luxury, but relied on an outdoor well (studňa) for water.

As this was my first full day in Slovakia, I mainly rested and we visited multiple sites in the village. We took a walk up the hill on the east side of the village, and pastures with cattle, horses and goats added to the pleasant atmosphere on beautiful sunny day. At the summit of the hill, one could see a breathtaking view of the Váh River valley below, including Beckov, Tematín, and Trenčín castles. Looking west, one can see vrch Turecko (The Turk Mountain), which lords above the village, and gets its name from the era of the Ottoman Turks. Over 23, 000 years ago, it was a settlement for mammoth hunters. Today it is a protected natural area with ongoing archaeological digs.

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Coming down the hill, Tilka pointed out the ruins of a former general, Count Erdödy, who built a manor house in 1760. Laid out in a French style resembling Versailles, it had included a variety of mythological sculptures, stone figures, fountains, ponds and waterfalls from the nearby stream. But it has crumbled into ruins since 1905 after a fire and its later owner, Baron Springer, made no repairs. The one remaining gem that remained intact was the restored Erdödy chapel (kaplnka) of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (Nepoškrveného počatia Panny Márie).

The people of the village are extremely proud of the chapel. In an interview, Dušan Zaťovič had related that after the First World War, some wanted to blow up the chapel and replace it with a grain dryer (sušiareň obilia). The women in the village spread the rumor, and the men rode their horses to Bučany and convinced the estate manager to attempt to save the chapel. He sent a telegram to the owner in Paris, the Baroness Maria Cecilia Fould-Springer so she would spare the chapel. The contemporary Slovak painter Jozef Hanula lent support to the idea, preserving the chapel. As a result, it was granted to the people of the village, and has been their pride and joy since. Though the chapel was locked, we would visit it later, but instead viewed the Fatima shrine in the yard and the large old iron crosses from the former graveyard.

When we returned to her home, Tilka showed me her living room which was packed full with memorabilia from her family's history. She had Slovak folk dress displayed, including clothes for men and women made from flax (konope), which people wore when working in the fields. In her attic she surprised me with a virtual museum of agricultural artifacts which belonged to her family. Items included a kolíska (baby cradle), a koryto (a tub used when slaughtering hogs), a rumpľa and peria (a washboard and an flat board to beat clothes when washing), and harvest tools (prístroje na žatvu) such as a scythe (kosec), a pitchfork (vidly), a flail for threshing (cep), and a wide wooden shovel for tossing the grains (vejačka). Coming out of the attic, a wall display contained parts from a kolovrátok (spinning wheel) tastefully displayed.

Tilka's other front room was filled with religious icons, many images of the Virgin Mary, and other holy pictures, many of them handed down in family for generations. One included a 19th century pilgrimage from a visit to Czestochowa, Poland to the shrine of the Black Madonna, a long trip for people of humble origins back in those days. Two rare 19th century paintings of Jesus and another of the Blessed Virgin also adorned the wall. These all attested to the intense devotion of our Slovak ancestors to God and his holy Mother.

Shortly after noon, we visited our good friend, Dušan Zaťovič. We toasted na zdravie (to your health), ate a light snack, and spoke about old times. We also telephoned our mutual friend Fumiko in Japan to let he know I had arrived safely. When I presented Dušan with a small gift and copy of one of my Jednota articles, he gifted me two rare old history books and a jar of his homemade honey (med). Slovaks love to exchange gifts! Then we went outside and visited his beehives (úle) and animals which he took great pride in. Dušan had collected a virtual zoo of colorful parrots (papagáje), and he owned some exotic chickens from South America that laid green shelled eggs, which he said are healthier and lower in cholesterol. Now I knew where I got my breakfast from!

Following our visit, we enjoyed a tasty lunch at Penzión Žákovíc. She recommended that I try the borscht (boršč). It came in a huge bowl, a virtual meal in itself, and the best soup I ever ate at a restaurant; it was very thick and rich with ingredients: red cabbage, sour cream, milk, celery, and bits of klobása. The waiters even added some small cakes for dessert that I did not see on the menu. The lesson is that one should seek out the small, local restaurants for the best food. A playground for children and park adjacent to the restaurant added something different, as many goats provide a fresh supply of milk for the owners. Tilka's niece Marcella lived next door, so we received an invitation to visit her that evening.

The Erdödy chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

But before that, we had an evening appointment to go to the village church, the restored Erdödy chapel mentioned earlier. The chapel, which serves as the village church today, turned out to be far more beautifully adorned than anything I had imagined. Constructed in 1762-63, the rococo era chapel stands out as one of the most precious examples of art from this era in Slovakia. The inner walls are lined with stunningly processed marble and alabaster made by the Viennese sculptor J.G. Leitner and is richly decorated with relief sculptures. The main altar made from gypsum was designed by Ľudovít Godý; it contains a relic of an unknown Augustian scholar.

The main artist of the chapel décor was the Viennese master, Franz Anton Maulbertsch, one of the leading fresco painters in central Europe during the late eighteenth century, and inspired by the Venetian painters Piazzetta and Giovanni Battista Pittoni. Maulbertsch's ceiling art there is second to none, and takes one on a trip into the glorious heavens. His displays are featured in many museums around the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. But here in little Trenčianske Bohuslavice, he produced a crowning achievement. The following website provides a glimpse of this artistic wonder, but nothing surpasses seeing it in person: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-9NmXlpV8E>.

Many Maulbertsch frescoes adorn the chapel, including the main ceiling dome which depicts the Assumption of the Virgin Mary surrounded by some early Church Fathers: Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Ambrose and Saint Hieronymus. It affirms the unblemished purity of the Mother of God. The side conchaves feature the Evangelists flanked by Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. They are a feast for the eyes.

A notable side altar dedicated to St. Francis Seraph (of Assisi) contains the relics of several Holy Martyrs: Deodatus, Constantine, Victorian, Mansvet, Desiderius, Irene, Adauctus, Reparatus, Pius, Urban, Illuminatus, Verendus, and small fragments of the Holy Cross. On the other side of the church, an altar devoted to St. Anthony of Padua bears a rococo glass coffin with the skeletal body of St. Adeodatus. He became pope in 615 and was known for

his generosity in helping other during times of war and plague; he died after ministering to the afflicted with leprosy.

An elaborately decorated rococo pulpit also adds to the brilliance of the chapel. Four relief sculptures on the parapet depict scenes from the life of Christ, including the Twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple. A nearby sculpture shows St. John Nepomucene hearing the confession of Czech Queen Sofia the Bavarian (the second wife of King Wenceslas IV).

In the rear of the chapel is a still functional grand organ. Built in 1763 by the celebrated Viennese organ producer Johann Hencke (1697-1766), he received three Kremnica golden ducats to construct this masterpiece. The astounding acoustics resonated throughout the chapel during a Marian service I attended. The service honored the Blessed Virgin would start shortly thereafter, as it was the last one celebrating Mary in May. Thus I was able to not only marvel at the paintings and architecture in the chapel, but recorded the beginning song, and then joined in the prayers and singing. A lady next to me gave me a copy of her prayers and songs so that I could participate. It was awe inspiring and a very beautiful sacred experience that I had not expected. Here one can listen to parts of the prayer service and singing while viewing what I filmed: <https://youtu.be/xyqiO70EGyU>.

Upon leaving the chapel, I took one more photo of the swirly cherubs on the ceiling, another Maulbertsch masterpiece depicting the joys of heaven, which this ceremony embodied.

Ending Day 3

After this invigorating experience, we sauntered around the eastern side of the village. Tilka pointed out the millionaire family home, and it seems many villages have one. The house was large with a huge yard and garden. Some entrepreneurs prefer to reside in small villages to avoid the bustle of the cities. Tilka also noted a SS. Cyril and Methodius mosaic in a park, and then we strolled by the local krčme (bars), one classy and one more seedy. As we strolled, she pointed out the old and new homes, and how many older houses have been renovated and expanded, as elsewhere in Slovakia. Houses are bigger and more modern, and the rise in the standard of living of many people is obvious to an observer.

Finally, we arrived at the home of her niece Marcela. She lived in the home that Tilka had grown up in and was just a young girl of 5 or 6 years old when I had visited in 1982. Still single, she worked as a secretary for a factory in a nearby town. Her house was huge and also extensively updated, with a trellis laden with roses overhanging the front sidewalk. After our goodbyes, I went to Penzión Žákovíc to use the internet, and then headed back to Tilka's home to retire after an invigorating day in the village.

[Editor's Note: so ends Part I, look for Part II in an upcoming issue of Jednota]

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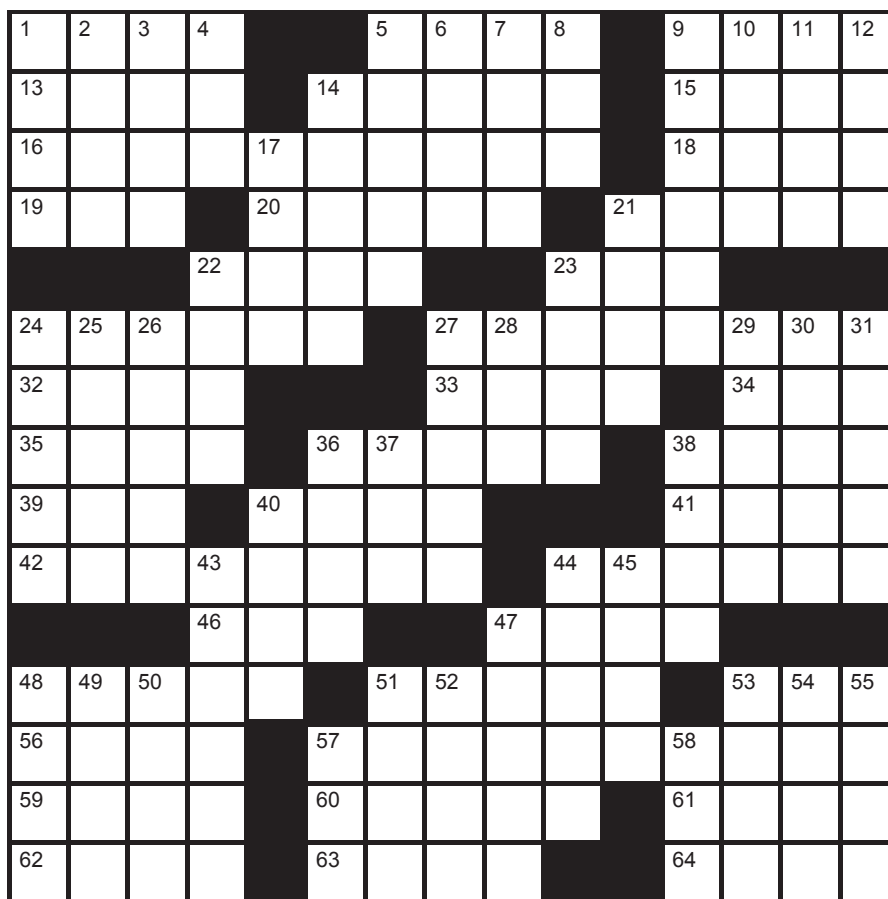


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- 17 Rare bills
- 21 Plug
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- 23 Leeway
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- 29 Dimwit
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- 38 Nile queen, informally
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- 45 White House aide
- 47 Horse opera
- 48 Nasty
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Emeritus Awards

At the 51st Quadrennial Convention, the First Catholic Slovak Union recognized the following officers for their years of dedication and service to the Society:

Henry Hassay, Regional Director Emeritus
 Rudolph W. Bernath, Regional Director Emeritus – awarded posthumously to Mrs. Elizabeth Bernath



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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society-Branch 1-will hold its next meeting on August 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107 for our meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018, in Minneapolis, MN.

The meeting will be held at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Memorial Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius.

The agenda includes: reports of officers, merge or dissolve Branch 3, or elect new officers.

Lunch will served after the meeting.

Fraternally,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 3P - HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will conduct its semi-annual meeting on Sunday September 23, 2018 at 9:30am in the church basement of Saint Joseph's Church at 604 N. Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. All members are invited to attend and participate in branch activities. Plans for future meetings and activities will be discussed.

Michael Koval, Secretary

BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday, September 9, 2018, 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 to include election of officers for 2019 and the recent 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 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Saint Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, September 2, 2018, at 9:30AM in the church hall of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will report on the August convention of the FCSU and plan our scholarship meeting on November 11, 2018.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 11, 2018, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings and see their friends.

Fraternally,

Deborah Nelson, Secretary

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, 2018, 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.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 132 - WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Branch 132K will hold our semi-annual meeting

on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 7:30PM.

Any branch member planning on going to the National Shrine, please contact Sue at 973-386-1936. Mass will be celebrated at 11AM and a luncheon reception will be held at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic. Cost is \$25. Prepaid reservations are required. We are having at least four members that will represent Branch 132K. Do mark the date, Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Congratulations go out to our two scholarship winners. It seemed yesterday the girls became 132K members at age one.

Branch 132K had successful garage sale. The branch made \$62 that will be voted upon at your meeting for a new member with a JEP policy. Branch 132K will be discussing the Coverdell Education Savings account as relating to our other types of savings and insurance.

All members are urged to attend and bring a friend and celebrate our two scholarship winners.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2018. The meeting will begin at 11:30am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL. Election of officers will occur and charitable donations will be discussed along with other business. Complimentary fraternal luncheon will be served. For directions and other information, please call 773 763 0810.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 9:00AM at the Uniontown Country Club, 25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA, 15401.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming year-end events and branch activities will be discussed. The 51st Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, OH, also will be reviewed. Regional Director Jim 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 September 10, 2018, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 as well as any changes for policies or address changes.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166K, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 1:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers, a report from the 51st Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, and a discussion of District and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 4, 2018, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 173 - WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Baptist Society, Branch Number 173, located in Northeast Pennsylvania, will hold its semi-annual meeting on September 23, 2018 at Norm's, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, at 12:00 pm.

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

Please make every effort to attend and notify Dorothy Ungvarsky at (570)403-2067 so arrangements can be made.

Fraternally,

John A. Ungvarsky President

BRANCH 199 - LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a luncheon meeting on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Sharkey's Cafe, Latrobe, PA.

The agenda will include a discussion of future branch activities. We continue to "welcome" the members of former Branch 388 and Branch 512 and "encourage" you to join us for lunch and fellowship!

See you on Sunday, October 7, 2018.

Fraternally,

Barb Patula, Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Officers, Board of Directors and Members of Branch 200 would like to extend our congratulations to the following Branch 200 recent high school graduates who were awarded the 2018 Jednota Scholarship:

Laura Ann Minyon

Robert James Okunewick

We wish them every success in the next chapter of their lives!

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 extends a warm "welcome" to those in the former Branch 280 who now hold membership in Branch 200. We hope to see you at our 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.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows: Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov 1st with nomination of branch officers; and Dec. 6th with election of branch officers

We look forward to your presence at the monthly meetings directly following the BOD's meeting at 7pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone: 724-763-9229 or email: vschaub123@gmail.com

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. Delicious food is served by Theresa Arendt at the last meeting of each calendar quarter. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's meeting for election of branch officers is December 17, 2018. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

Please attend the branch meetings to stay informed. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. You will enjoy the comradery.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 266 - HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will hold its semiannual meeting on Sunday, September 23, 2018, at 9:30AM in the church basement of Saint Joseph's Church at 604 N. Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Refreshments will be served. All members are invited to attend. Plans for future meetings will be addressed.

Rich Lazar, Secretary

BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 2:00 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, August 28, 2018 at 724-425-2576.

Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary

BRANCH 682 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The next meeting of Branch 682 is scheduled for Noon on Thursday, September 27th, 2018 at Materials Research Laboratories, 290 N Bridge St in Struthers, OH 44471. Discussion of results of the Convention and the Slovak Fest at St. Matthias grounds will take place.

Drew Hirt, President

BRANCH 716 - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 716 FCSU, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018, after the Slovak Mass at 12:30 PM in the Meeting Room, in the downstairs hall at St. John Nepomucene Church, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, also a report on the year's activities, election of officers for 2019, and a Convention report from delegates. Also discussion of plans for the upcoming year 2019 will take place. All Members are urged to attend and participate. After the Meeting adjourns, a hot lunch will be served.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Saint Joseph Branch 731 will hold a meeting at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 9, 2018, to discuss the recent FCSU Convention. The meeting will be held at Cafe 422, 8586 South Avenue, Boardman, OH. Please try to attend.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

Attention Branch 746 members and all branch members of Region 1: you are cordially invited to participate in this year's Pilgrimage to Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in DC's National Shrine organized by Branch 856. Join us at the 53rd anniversary of the most-most-visited chapel in the National Shrine.

The pilgrimage to Washington, DC will take place on Sunday, September 16th. For those interested, Branch 746 is coordinating a bus that will be departing from Linden, NJ, at 5:30am and returning in the evening. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A luncheon reception will be held at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic hosted by the Slovak Ambassador to the United States. The cost of the bus transportation is \$25. Pre-paid reservations are required. Secure your seat today, RSVP to: Mary Ann at 732-589-1608.

Sabina Sabados, President

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 will hold a meeting on October 9, 2018, at 9:30AM at Kozy Komer Kitchen on Elm Road in Warren, OH. On the agenda: a discussion of a fall fundraiser for the church. For more information, contact William Hrusovsky at 330-372-1948 or hruskovskyw@embarqmail.com.

Willaim Hrusovsky, Secretary

BRANCH 785 - MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church at 5255 Thornwood Dr., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 3J3 during the Slovak Mass at 11:00AM, accompanied by the Slovak Chamber Orchestra "Silver Strings" from Bratislava. After Mass a light lunch will be sponsored by the Branch and Okres 19 - the Monsignor Michael Shuba District, and at 1:00PM, a free concert will be given in the church hall.

Sharon Tomas, Secretary

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola District 1 will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 2, 2018, at 11:00AM in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss our activities of the past year and plan our agenda for the coming year.

We also will hold election of the district officers for the coming year at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this annual meeting.

Laura Minese, Secretary

DISTRICT 2 – THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District for Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky will conduct its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Location: Missionary Benedictine Sisters Convent, 5900 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fellowship and refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. A delicious dinner will be served. All branches are encouraged to send delegates. Individual Jednota members who wish to become more active in District 2 are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call the district President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810.

Robert T'apa'k Magruder, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The meeting will begin following the 5:00PM Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. We will meet in the Formation Room. On the agenda will be: branch news, election of officers for 2019, our thoughts on the Convention, and plans for our annual Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to a great turnout.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 38 will host the Fall Meeting on November 25 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Street, West Mifflin. Officers for 2019 will be elected and events for the year will be discussed. The Steelers play at Denver. The game does not start until 4:25.

The district will host a visit to an afternoon baseball game on Sunday, September 9 at 1:35. The Pirates play the Marlins. Get your reservations into Annie Ondrejco ASAP at aondrejco@gmail.com.

Branch 276 will host the Spring, 2019 meeting in early April. Other branches are encouraged to host the Fathers' Day brunch and the Fall business meeting.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments.

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

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: Meetings resume October 1 when Lisa Alzo will be speaking on Slovak genealogy. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** The Western PA Slovak Radio Hour dinner dance will be on Sunday, September 16th this year once again at Westwood Golf Club in Duquesne. Contact Sue Ondrejco at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com or 412-421-1204

** September-Fest at the NSS Heritage Museum – Saturday, September 22. Free. Entertainment & vendors.

** Slovak Beer Tasting – October 6 – Contact Joe Senko.

** Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt – Sunday, November 4 – noon till 4. Free. Entertainment, talks & vendors.

** 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.

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

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

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

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

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nsslife.org/Museum.php. Plan a trip to see the animated, hand-carved Nativity.

** The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting in Nebraska in 2019. "Nasa Rodina," their quarterly publication, has many interesting articles on Slovak history and genealogy. See www.cgsi.org.

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

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

Fraternally,

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

DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

All branches of District 7 are welcome to attend the 2nd semi-annual meeting for 2018.

The meeting will be held on Oct.28, 2018, at 2:00PM at Hosses Steak and Sea House, Wayne Ave, Indiana, PA. Branch 484 of Coral, PA, will host the meeting. It's so nice to get together and try to bring so new friends. Come and listen to all the happenings of the convention and enjoy a great meal. Hope to see you there.

Any questions contact Sharon Allison 814-322-1052.

Sharon Allison, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 8- THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

District 8, the Rev. Stephen Furdek District, will be having its annual meeting October 14, 2018. Mass will be held at 10:00 am, at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4464 Main St, Egypt, Whitehall Township, PA. 18052.

Immediately following the Mass, a luncheon will be served, concluding with our annual meeting. The location for the luncheon/meeting will be held at the VFW Post 7293, 5209 Springmill Road Whitehall PA. 18052.

All Branches are encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be discussion about the 2018 Convention which was held in Cleveland, OH.

ALL Delegate forms/credentials must be received by September 29, 2018.

Any Branch dues can be paid prior to the meeting or at the meeting. We have a few Branches who have not yet paid the District dues. They can be mailed to Monica Fabian at: 4137 Wilson St, Whitehall, PA 18052-1615.

Any questions regarding the meeting please contact Monica Fabian at mfabian922@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Fabian, Secretary

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

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. at the Uniontown Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, 575 West Main Street. Regional Director James Marmol will brief the group on current events taking place at the home office and the results of the 51st convention. All members are urged to attend. A Dairy Queen social will take place.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 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 20; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Significant Agenda Items

- Election of 2019 District Officers
- Discussion on current/pending alignment of active & inactive Branches within District 11
 - Whom to call (FCSU HQ vs Branch 200/401) for policy issues
 - Mergers/realignment still pending
 - Survey results
- Proposed Fraternal or PR Activities
 - Relics Crusade in Butler
 - Wine/Beer Tasting Event
 - Butler Blues, Altoona Curve baseball
 - Parades/other venues around Western PA to use our new Slovak Heritage/Br 200/Br 401 banners

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 REVEREND JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Reverend Joseph L. Kostik, District 14, Region 6 will hold a meeting on September 18, 2018 at 6 pm at the Falcon Grille, 39 N. Canfield-Niles Rd. (Rt. 46). We will be discussing the August Convention in Cleveland and our upcoming election of officers and Christmas Party. Please try to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Kavulic, Secretary

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Prince Pribina District will hold semi-annual Meeting on Saturday September 22, 2018. The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: Up-date on Bylaw changes adopted by 51st Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland on August 4-8, 2018, Activities focused on membership drive, and search for kitchen sponsor at fraternal gathering after Slovak masses. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate.

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 - THE MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, 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 reports from the Districts, financial report, election of officers for 2019, and discussion of upcoming activities in 2019. Members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 are urged to attend. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend.

A light Lunch will be served to the Members attending.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 19 - MONSIGNOR MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church at 5255 Thornwood Dr., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 3J3 during the Slovak Mass at 11:00AM, accompanied by the Slovak Chamber Orchestra "Silver Strings" from Bratislava. After Mass a light lunch will be sponsored by Branch 785 and the Okres and, at 1:00PM, a free concert will be given in the church hall.

Anne Mitro, Secretary

Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
001K	Michael A Jordanek	152K	Matilda G Costa	293K	Edward Martin	553K	Dr Dean Sobek
005P	Ginette C Vodzak	152K	Gloria Wanyo	419K	Pauline Kato	595K	John A Egyed
006K	Eugene S Hozie	157K	Joseph B Demko	419K	Michael Kosierowski	670K	Elsie M Kowasic
024K	Edward Francis Gallik	166K	Beverly E Skapik	419K	Fay F Tlucek	716K	John Cernansky
038K	Joseph J Mayzel Jr	169P	Helen N Yursky	430K	Dorothy C Tarhanich	735K	Mary Angela Hebisen
038K	Mary B Vandriak	173K	Stephen Joseph Tkach Jr	543K	Lorraine Petrak Strangis	743K	Andrew Richard Petrovich
040K	John J Baietto	181K	Ronald A Kopcho	553K	Maryellen Chelsky	796K	Sr M Irene Turek MSC
040K	Betty Swiskoski	181K	Dennis M Moczydlowsky	553K	John A Cimprich	796K	Eugene Yadush
083K	Thomas A Furto	199K	Mary Ann Furin	553K	Paul V Cimprich	924K	James J Price
112K	Thomas J Fellin	259K	Rosemary J Guyan	553K	Helenann J Hart		
		266K	Raymond J Leggo	553K	Richard T Serdinak		

*Processed through the month of July

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH J. MAYZEL, JR. BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA



Joseph J. Mayzel, Jr., age 86 of Clairton, passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Center for Compassionate Care in Mt. Lebanon. Born December 10, 1931 in Clairton, he was a son of the late Joseph J. and Anna (Dora) Mayzel. A retired Captain of the Clairton Fire Dept., Joseph was a member of St. Clare of Assisi Church in Clairton and a US Army Veteran of the Korean War, where he served as a Military Policeman and Paratrooper. Joseph is survived by his wife of 61 years Barbara J. (Pierallini) Mayzel; his daughters Cheryl (Vince) Bianco of South Park and Mary Ann (Jim) Logue of Jefferson Hills; his grandchildren Brittany (Joe) Boehm, Vincent Bianco, James Logue, and Ian Logue; his sisters Audrey Mihalko, Elsie Rondinelli, Evelyn Frattori, and Anna Marie Cvetan; his brother Armand Mayzel; and also nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by a brother Frank Mayzel. Friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Clare of Assisi Church, Clairton, PA on the morning of Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Interment was private.

- Submitted by Mary Ann Mayzel Logue

PHYLLIS ROMAN BRANCH 157 – CATASAUQUA, PENNSYLVANIA



Phyllis Roman died early Tuesday afternoon, June 26, 2018, in her home. Born in Northampton, PA, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Anna (Kish) Piervallo. Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and homemaker. She attended St. Lawrence Parochial School and was a graduate of Whitehall High School. She was employed by the former Household Finance of Allentown as a comptometer operator, and later with her husband at family-owned Rost Industries Northampton. Phyllis was an active member of St. John Fisher Catholic Church (formerly St. Andrews Catholic Slovak Church), N. Catasauqua. She loved to sing in the church choir, as well as the Holy Trinity

Church choir in Egypt, PA, and in the N. Catasauqua Community Chorus "We Sing." Phyllis was a member of several fraternals, including Branch 157 of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Survivors: Husband, Stephen; Daughters: Anna Marie Roman (James) Sullivan of Allentown, PA; Phyllis Ann Roman (Barry) of Whitehall, PA; and Celeste Roman (Todd) Sipos of Palmyra, PA; Sons: Stephen III (Christine) of Northampton; Dominic (Lori) of Northampton; Christopher (Christina) of N. Catasauqua; Theodore (Kathy) of Whitehall; and Nicholas (Janette) of Schnecksville, PA. Grandchildren: Alexis, Brandon, Barry, Justin, Tristan, Nathaniel, Andrew, PhyllisAnn, Alexander, Dominic, Jr., Benjamin, and Aiden; Brother Eugene (Diane) of Bethlehem, PA; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Family visitation was held at the Schisler Funeral Home of Northampton on Friday evening, June 29, 2018 and Saturday morning, June 30, 2018, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00AM at St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church, with Bishop Ronald W. Gainer as the main celebrant and concelebrated by Rev. Eric Gruber, St. John Fisher pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Kosek, St. John the Baptist Allentown pastor, and Deacon Jack O'Connell, with Rev. Robert Rebeck in attendance. Internment was at St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery, N. Catasauqua.

- Submitted by Stephen Roman

COL. ROBERT E. STOFFEY BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Col. Robert E. Stoffey, 83, died on Thursday, July 5, in Carlsbad, Calif., of Parkinson's disease, caused by Agent Orange sprayed on him in Vietnam.

He married Eleanor R. (Dedinsky) Stoffey on Thanksgiving Day, 1960, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, N.Y. They were married for more than 57 years.

Born in Coaldale, he was a son of the late John and Anna (Gavala) Stoffey.

He was an outstanding football player at the former Coaldale High School, where he graduated in 1953, after which time he graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with an engineering degree.

He then entered the U.S. Naval Aviation Cadet program in Pensacola, FL.

Col. Stoffey served a quarter of a century as a Marine Corps aviator, having served in multiple capacities, including during the

Cuban Missile Crisis, as well as 440 combat missions in North Vietnam, where he was shot down twice. He served a total of three combat tours in Vietnam as both a pilot and forward air controller. His many personal decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Naval Medal for Personal Heroism, the Bronze Star, as well as numerous Air Medals.

His final assignment in the Marine Corps was as Commanding Officer of the OV-10 Bronco Squadron, VMO-2, at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

Col. Stoffey was the author of two best-selling books: "Cleared Hot" and "Fighting to Leave," both of which relate to his more than 25 years of service as a Marine Corps officer.

"Bob," as many called him, was not only a book writer and incredible story teller, but an amazing artist. Much of his art had sold over the years. He loved painting, reading and playing his saxophone, but, most of all, spending time with his family, who loved him so much.

Surviving in addition to his widow are a daughter, Monica Lopez of Vista, CA; two sons, Robert in Minnesota and Edward of Oceanside, CA.; a brother William of Toms River, NJ; two grandchildren, Nostacia, who married Thomas Verron on July 13, 2018, and Trevor, both of Vista; a nephew and two nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a brother John, who died in 2017.

Burial and a Celebration of Life, including a Roman Catholic Mass, took place in San Diego County, CA. A viewing was held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 with burial on Friday, July 20, 2018, in the Eternal Hills Memorial Park, Mortuary & Crematory, Oceanside, CA.

- Submitted by Eleanor Stoffey

JOHN ALEX EGYED BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HTS., MICHIGAN



John Alex Egyed, age 84, passed away on May 13, 2018, surrounded by his family. He was born March 7, 1934, to John and Mary Egyed. He graduated from Muskegon Heights Public School in 1953 and went on to earn a BA in History from Western Michigan University. John also earned his Master's, Specialist, and Doctorate degrees in

Education from the University of Michigan. In 1957, he began a long career at Muskegon Heights Public Schools as a teacher, later becoming the director of Special Education and Director of Transportation. He retired in 1990 and was greatly loved by students and staff alike. On December 27, 1958, he married the love of his life, Paula Rochon. John devoted his life to his family as a gentle and loving father to his three children. Classical music was a lifelong passion of his, and he was famous for always knowing the name and composer of any piece playing. A family tradition arose from this passion in the form of camping at Interlochen State Park in Northern Michigan and attending rehearsals and concerts at Interlochen Fine Arts Camp. Here he could hear some of his favorite classical pieces and share his love of music with his family. John's friends and family adored his intelligence and kindness. He loved being able to share knowledge and ideas, a love which fueled his passion for teaching. In his leisure time, he loved to golf, travel, and spoil his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Paula, his daughter Paula Whisman of Spring Lake, MI; his son John (Donna) Egyed of Brentwood, TN; his sister Betty Evans of Grand Rapids, MI; and his grandchildren: Katherine (Ryan) Merriott, Dan Whisman, Adrienne Whisman, Laura Egyed, and Alexander Egyed. He is predeceased by his beloved daughter Glyce, his brother Steve and sisters Mary, and Madge Richmond. A Celebration of Life for John Egyed was held on Friday evening, June 8, 2018, at Seven Steps Up in Spring Lake, MI.



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Message from National Chaplain

On Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae*

Pope Paul VI will formally be declared a saint of the church this October 14. One of the most important, and controversial, teachings he put forth during his papacy from 1963 to 1978 was the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, On Human Life. Since July 25, 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of this encyclical, it is good for us to see what it says to us today. Perhaps then we may regard Paul as a prophet like the figures in the Old Testament, who spoke in the name of the Lord to call God's people to reform their lives.

The encyclical's first sentence sets the tone: "The transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator." He goes on to list several developments and questions of the day that some were suggesting should alter the Church's traditional teaching on this issue. These include: population growth, difficulties of educating and providing for large families, changing understanding of the dignity of women, and the increasing desire for people to control every aspect of their being, including laws that regulate the transmission of human life.

He brings forth two other questions. Is it licit for a married couple to have the overall intention of bringing forth new life, but not necessarily each and every time they engage in the marital act? Has not the time come for the Church to sanction human intelligence and will as regulators of the regulation transmission of life rather than reliance upon the specific rhythms of our bodies?

Presenting the Church's teaching on the regulation of the transmission of human life in this encyclical is for Paul a natural progression and outgrowth from her other moral teachings and previously issued documents on the nature of marriage, the correct and appropriate use of conjugal rights, and the duties of spouses. At the foundation of all these teachings is that they are based on the natural law as illuminated and enriched by divine Revelation.

To prepare the reader his pronouncement, Paul defines and analyzes two important realities of married life, the demands of married love and responsible parenthood.

He recalls the Church's long-held teaching regarding marriage by referring to the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World:

- Marriage is instituted by God.
- Marriage between a baptized man and baptized woman is a sacrament, since it represents the union of Christ and His Church.
- In marriage, husbands and wives give of themselves completely to each other in a union specific and exclusive to themselves alone, thereby cooperating with God in the generation and raising of new lives.
- Marital love is an act of free will whereby husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul. It is not merely a response to a natural instinct driven by emotions.
- Married love is total, one in which a husband and wife generously share everything, and allows no unreasonable exceptions.
- A man and a woman, fully aware of what they are doing on the day of their marriage, freely vow themselves to each other in a union that is faithful, exclusive, and lasts until death.
- "Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare."

Contemporary understandings of responsible parenthood are then addressed. Responsible parenthood means having an awareness and respect for the proper functions of the biological processes. It means one's reason and free will must exert control over one's innate drives and emotions. It is exercised by couples who, after examining their physical, economic, psychological and social conditions, either generously decide to have more children or not to have additional children for a period or indefinite period of time.

Paul adds one further essential aspect of responsible parenthood. It is the objective moral order which was established by God, and of which a right and properly formed conscience is the true interpreter. This means that in the service of transmitting life, it is not entirely up to a couple to make that decision. Rather, a couple is bound to ensure their actions correspond to the will of God. This is part of the teaching of the Church.

Drawing upon the above mentioned premises, Paul reaffirms traditional Church teaching. "[E]ach and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life. This particular doctrine ... is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act.... Hence to use this divine gift while depriving it, even if only partially, of its meaning and purpose, is equally repugnant to the nature of man and of woman, and is consequently in opposition to the plan of God and His holy will." Since God is the source of life, human beings do not have unlimited dominion over their sexual faculties, for by their very nature they are concerned with the generation of life.

Paul then affirms previous Church teachings which condemn the following actions regulating births:

- Direct abortion, even for therapeutic reasons;
- Direct sterilization, whether permanent or temporary, whether of the man or the woman;
- Any action either before, during, or after sexual intercourse that, as a means or an end, specifically prevents procreation.

Paul declares invalid the belief that marital acts which are contraceptive could merge with procreative acts of the past and future to form a single unity that all qualify with the same moral goodness. He also condemns the idea that married couples can justify or rationalize contraceptive sexual intercourse within the context normal relations in the whole of their married life.

The use of the natural cycles of fertility and infertility innate in the human reproductive system do not offend moral principles by which births can be controlled.

Paul predicted a series of consequences if artificial birth control were to become common.

Today, fifty years later, we can see how accurate he was.

- The standards of morality will become lower.
- Cases of marital infidelity will increase.
- A man will regard a woman as a mere instrument of satisfying his own desires.
- Public authorities may find themselves intervening in the most intimate and personal responsibility of husband and wife.

Paul explains the Church, as the guardian and interpreter of natural law and law based on the Gospel, could never declare something lawful that natural law and the law of Christ states is unlawful.

In acknowledging the perceived difficulty or impossibility many will claim to keep the teachings he puts forth, Paul offers suggests people call upon God for the help of His grace as well as learn to control their emotions and the need for self-denial.

Paul appeals to different groups, starting with educators, calling them to create an atmosphere that promotes chastity. "Everything therefore in the modern means of social communication which arouses men's baser passions and encourages low moral standards, as well as every obscenity in the written word and every form of indecency on the stage and screen, should be condemned publicly and unanimously by all those who have at heart the advance of civilization and the safeguarding of the outstanding values of the human spirit."

Public authorities are reminded of their responsibility to safeguard the common good. They are encouraged not to enact legislation that is in opposition to the natural law of God.

Christian couples are to be mindful of their vocation derived from their Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony. They are encouraged to pray and rely on the graces and charity that come from receiving Holy Communion. Should they fall into sin, they are not to lose heart, but rather turn to the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Penance.

Priests, especially those who teach moral theology, have the principal duty to instruct clearly and completely the Church's teaching on marriage. By their own external and internal lives, priests are to be primary examples of sincere obedience which is due to the magisterium, or teaching office of the Church.

Bishops are to lead their priests and their people with all zeal and dedication to safeguard the sanctity of marriage, so that married life may be guided to its full human and Christian perfection. This mission is to be their most urgent responsibility.

Paul is convinced *Humanae Vitae* will bring blessings upon the world and the Church. Divine Law, that which is written in the core of our being, "must be wisely and lovingly observed" for humanity to gain the true happiness of heaven.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas Nasta
National Chaplain

Answer to Puzzle

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News From Slovakia

Film Tlmocnik to Compete in 2019 Oscars Race

Bratislava, August 7 (TASR) - The Slovak Film and Television Academy (SFTA) has selected a road movie called Tlmocnik (The Interpreter, 2018) as the national nominee for the category of best foreign language film at the 2019 Academy Awards in February, SFTA PR manager Peter Gasparik revealed on this date.

Directed by Slovak director Martin Sulik, the movie follows the story of two elderly men who are on their journey throughout Slovakia, partly linked and partly divided by the common past. The road movie starring German actor Peter Simonischek, known especially for his German drama Toni Erdmann (Maren Ade, 2016), and legendary Czech director Jiri Menzel was premiered at the Berlinale film festival in February and is also set to compete in the European Film Awards, sometimes called the European Oscars.

Tlmocnik was selected out of 12 Slovak movies, including the historical drama Dubcek (directed by Laco Halama), the documentary Meciar (directed by Tereza Nvotova) as well as the thriller Doverný nepriateľ (Intimate Enemy, directed by Karel Janak), whose premiere is scheduled for August 19.

Slovak Race Walker Toth Secures Silver at European Championships

Berlin, August 7 (TASR) - Slovak race walker Matej Toth finished second in the 50-kilometer competition at the 24th European Athletics Championships in Berlin on this date, less than one minute behind Maryan Zakalnytsky from Ukraine, and half a minute ahead of Dimitry Dziuabin from Belarus.

Toth, a 2016 Olympic champion and 2014 European vice-champion, was continuously on top in the first 30 kilometers on a two-kilometer long city circuit in the German capital, before dropping to fourth spot later in the race. Nonetheless, by displaying remarkable effort in the final few kilometers, Toth managed to secure silver in the scorching heat in the streets of Berlin.

Studia Academica Slovaca Summer School Opens for 54th Time

Bratislava, August 6 (TASR) - The 54th year of Studia Academica Slovaca, a summer school of Slovak language and culture, due to feature 156 foreign students from 33 countries, was ceremonially opened at the Comenius University in Bratislava today.

Studia Academica Slovaca director Jana Pekarovicova in an opening speech revealed that the central theme of this year's summer school will be the reflection of historic milestones of the 20th century in Slovak language, literature, culture and society at large, with a special focus on some of the key years ending with the eight.

"We want to recall the jubilees of significant events and personages in the Slovak and Czecho-Slovak contexts, mainly the centenary of the Czechoslovak Republic and the 50th anniversary of the occupation of then Czechoslovakia in August 1968," said Pekarovicova.

The students of the three-week program include university teachers from abroad, translators and managers, with some of them claiming that they were motivated to apply due to family reasons or their Slovak roots. Most students are 20-30-years old.

"We don't have much age differences now. The oldest participant is 71; we know her well - she's a teacher from INALCO in Paris, which also has a Slovak lecturer. Her son married in Slovakia, so that's why she's learning Slovak," Pekarovicova told TASR.

Almost 1,500 Soldiers to Participate in Slovak Shield 2018

Bratislava, August 5 (TASR) - The Slovak Armed Forces are preparing for their largest international military exercise of this year, Slovak Shield 2018, set to be attended in September by almost 1,500 Slovak troops and members of foreign militaries, according to Defense Minister spokesperson Danka Capakova.

The purpose of Slovak Shield 2018 is to increase preparedness with respect to current security threats. "A series of exercises will be held in September 14-28, 2018, focused particularly on drilling tactical-operational capabilities at all levels of command and control," stated Capakova, adding that undergoing the training will also be the command of the 2nd Mechanized Brigade and other forces.

The Slovak Shield 2018, hosted by Slovakia for the fourth time, will be held at Lest training camp, General M.R. Stefanik Academy of the Armed Forces simulation centre in Liptovsky Mikulas (Zilina region) and other training facilities across Slovakia.



Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance 2018 Fraternalist of the Year

Can you answer "Yes" to the following questions?

- ✓ Do you have a member residing in Pennsylvania who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service?
- ✓ Would you like your member to be honored at the 2018 Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting?
- ✓ Would you like our society to be recognized for the outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts of our members?

If you answered yes to the above, please read the attached guidelines, choose the member you would like to nominate and complete the forms and **submit no later than September 1st, 2018.**

Award Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is an honor presented by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance to recognize an individual within the fraternal benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service.

ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must be a member of a local unit of a PFA member-society and must be living at the time of selection. (The FCSU is a Member)
- Home Office staff; full-time insurance sales force staff; National officers of member societies and fraternal leaders within the Alliance are not eligible to receive the award.
- An individual can win the award only once.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

- A certificate and medallion will be presented to the honoree at the 2018 PFA Annual Meeting.
- The honoree will be invited to attend the PFA Annual Meeting with two (2) complimentary lunch tickets and \$250 to help defray the cost of attending the luncheon. Only the honoree (& guest) will be invited to attend the annual meeting; no substitutions are permitted.

PROCEDURE

- The award will be administered by the PFA Fraternalist of the Year Award Committee.
- Each member-society is eligible to submit one nomination per year.
- Nominations are to be **postmarked by September 1, 2018.** No faxed forms can be accepted.
- The PFA Fraternalist of the year Award Committee will choose the honoree.
- Press information regarding the Fraternalist of the Year program and the 2018 honoree will be distributed by the PFA Fraternalist of the Year Award Committee.

To request an application send an e-mail to: rudj.ondrejco@gmail.com or call: 412 421-7967.

- Submitted by Rudy Ondrejco, FCSU National Fraternal Activities Director

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Cleveland to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia

A celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia as a sovereign state in 1918 will be held the weekend of October 26-28, 2018, at the Bohemian National Hall located at 4939 Broadway Avenue Cleveland Ohio 44127

Look for details in upcoming issues of Jednota. Or for additional information now, call 440-725-8676 or email SJS@sjs-inc.com.

- Submitted by Marie Golias, Branch 1

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will hold their annual meeting November 11, 2018. Meeting will be held in the basement of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 4464 Main St. Whitehall, PA 18052.

The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm. All Branches recently merged with Branch 796, Holy Trinity Society, Egypt PA, are cordially invited to the meeting.

Election of Officers for 2019 will be held, as well as discussion on the recent Convention held Aug. 2018.

As is our long-standing fraternal tradition, we will join the members of Sokol Assembly 255 in a Slovak culinary specialties and spirits. Slovak fraternal unity has always been a tradition of the lodges associated with Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

We are looking forward to seeing a good turnout of our members.

God Bless,

Monica Fabian Recording Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Saturday September 22, 2018, at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Meeting will start at 11:00 AM with agenda as follow: Membership Drive with focus on benefits cherished from FCSU, Up-date on Bylaw changes adopted by 51st Quadrennial

Convention in Cleveland on August 4-8, 2018 and search for kitchen sponsor at fraternal gathering after Slovak masses. All members in our area are encouraged to participate.

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 855 - PARMA, OHIO

Members are invited to a September 20th "Sip & Sampler" event. See notice below for details.

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, DC & AREA

Branch 856 has again scheduled a Mass in honor of the 53rd Anniversary of the Jednota Chapel, our Mother of Sorrows, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 11:00AM.

We would like to see more members of Branch 856 in attendance. Looking forward to seeing all the faithful who travel by bus or car coming from New York and New Jersey for this beautiful celebration.

Once again all in attendance have been invited to a luncheon at the Slovak Embassy by Ambassador Kmec. Last year's event was enjoyed by all.

For more information, call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary

Bonefish Grill Sips and Samplers Event for Branch 855 Members



All Branch 855 members are invited to attend a Sips and Samplers event at the Bonefish Grill Restaurant located at Crocker Park in Westlake, OH. A sampling of specialty appetizers and two drinks will be available for all to try. Also as a part of this event, we will be conducting a general membership meeting beginning at 7:30PM. All ages are welcome to attend. The event will be held on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Heather Kolesar at (440) 520-5145 via call or text message by September 5th to be included!!

Also, if you like to plan ahead, we will be hosting our Annual Holiday Party and Meeting in November as well as a movie night!! Stay tuned for dates and times.

Feel free to offer any suggestions you may have for other fraternal activities which your branch may sponsor. All ideas will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for possible sponsorship.

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer, Branch 855



Jednota Scholarship Recipient Charles Boone to Attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Branch 853's Charles Boone of Dormont, PA, graduated with Honors from Keystone Oaks High School in June 2018. In the fall, Charles will continue his studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach. Charles is a proud recipient of a 2018 JEDNOTA Scholarship.

At KO, at the end of Charles sophomore year, his high school entered into a new partnership with the Community College of Beaver County-High School Aviation Academy. This new program introduced the college-level aviation program to junior and senior high school students. Since Charles aimed to be a pilot since he was young, this was the ideal program for Charles. During the summer, he worked with his high school guidance counselor to rearrange his schedule to accommodate his high school/college dual enrollment. When Charles started school in his junior year, he took college level aviation classes in the morning at the Parkway West Career & Technology Center where the community college set up a satellite location.

After graduation, Charles and his dad, Ronald Boone, attended a WWII airshow in Reading, PA. With becoming a professional pilot as a career goal, Charles signed up to ride in a couple of WWII airplanes. At first, passenger Charles enjoyed the ride in the Texan SNJ-3 and PT-19 planes. In each plane, when the pilot learned that Charles held his private pilot's license, each pilot told Charles "the plane is yours" as they let Charles take over the controls. When Charles began the Aviation Academy in high school, never did he dream that it would lead him to flying vintage WWII planes.

Charles will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach in the fall, not as a freshman, but as a sophomore. Charles plans to continue his studies towards his career goal of a professional pilot with a minor in aviation maintenance science. Not only will he be flying the plane, but he will understand the mechanics of the airplane.

Charles is not the only pilot in his family. Charles' late grandfather, FCSU fraternalist and Air Force veteran, Charles Rodacy, also held his pilot licenses.

Charles is a fourth generation FCSU member with his late great grandfather Andrew Harchar starting and building Branch 853. Andrew Harchar, along with Charles' late grandmother Elizabeth Harchar Rodacy, immigrated from Zdoba, in what was then Czechoslovakia. Charles, his father Ron Boone, and his mother Monica Rodacy Boone who is past National Pension Board Trustee and National Auditor, are all active members of Branch 853 and the Andrew Hlinka District.

KO enabled Charles to follow his dreams and to begin his education in Aviation -- thus his mornings for the past 2 years were at Parkway. He loved the opportunities which the program provided. One of the opportunities is flying a plane.

KO provided the opportunity, and Charles seized the moment. KO enabled him to pursue the aviation program and thus, Charles now holds his private pilot's license.

I think it would be safe to say, since the CCBC High School Aviation program was introduced at KO only 2 years ago, that Charles is the first and only student to earn his pilot's license while at KO. This is the first of many FAA licenses and ratings which he needs to receive in pursuing his dream as a professional pilot.

- Submitted by Monica Rodacy Boone, Branch 853 President

Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 11:00 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 (excused)
 Martha Zavada, Board of Director (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the May 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt, and seconded by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report to the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors Meeting on June 22, 2018 by telephone and WebEx. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Board's questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary submitted a full written report on the investment update to the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors Meeting on June 22, 2018 and answered the Board's questions.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Annuity Rates:

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

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary and Treasurer submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Committee discussed the report and the Executive Secretary answered the 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 May 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 May:

Disbursements for the month of May 2018:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	139,898.72
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	39,103.26
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.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave an extensive report and review of the production of our agents to the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors Meeting on June 22, 2018. He stated we are still recruiting and adding new agents, and at present have 300 agents. The Home Office is sending the independent agents monthly updates on our products. The independent agents are also in frequent contact with Andrew P. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents. Agents now produce over 70% of annuity sales. The Home Office has started an extensive Facebook ad recruiting campaign to recruit agents in the states we are licensed in.

The Vice President stated he is in the process of setting up training seminars and is encouraging branches and districts to contact him for available dates.

The Executive Secretary stated that our outside marketing firm is working on updating our presentations and reviewing all our marketing material.

The Executive Committee is reviewing the current commission rates being paid to licensed agents to determine if any changes are necessary.

CONVENTION:

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the 51st Convention being held August 4-8, 2018 in Cleveland. The Executive Secretary stated that we are looking into the possibility of using voting machines at the Convention.

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 Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Andrew M. Rajec
 President

Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary

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Správy zo Slovenska

Bratislava – Po viac ako 200 rokoch sa v priestoroch Bratislavského hradu opäť nachádza hradná kaplnka. Predseda Národnej rady (NR) SR Andrej Danko (SNS) si praje, aby sa stala miestom, kde opozícia aj koalícia nájde pokoj. Rovnako verí, že práve toto miesto prispeje k rozvahe poslancov NR SR. Uviedol to koncom júna počas brífingu po skončení slávnostnej svätej omše pri príležitosti vysvätenia hradnej kaplnky.

Bratislava - Slovenský rezort diplomacie víta posilnenie mandátu Organizácie pre zákaz chemických zbraní (OPWC) na ktorom sa dohodli jej členské štáty. Informoval o tom tlačový odbor rezortu. OPWC bude môcť po novom môcť označiť priameho pôvodcu chemického útoku, predtým rozhodovala len o tom, či išlo alebo nešlo o chemický útok.

Bratislava - Výbor svetového dedičstva UNESCO na svojom 42. zasadnutí v Bahrajne vyzval Slovensko na čo najskoršie spresnenie hraníc a legislatívnu ochranu Karpatských bukových pralesov. Ocenil však pokrok, ktorý už Slovensko dosiahlo, tvrdí Ministerstvo životného prostredia (MŽP). Výbor sa zaoberal správou, ktorú Slovensko predložilo 1. februára 2018. Správu mu výbor uložil vypracovať na predchádzajúcom zasadnutí v Krakove. Jej súčasťou mal byť aj návrh úpravy hraníc slovenských komponentov lokality a ich nárazníkových zón. Ten Slovensko nepredložilo, ako dôvod uviedlo prebiehajúce rokovania s vlastníkami pozemkov.

Bratislava – Stav imunity populácie Slovenska voči šiestim prenosným ochoreniam ukáže Imunologický prehľad (IP) SR 2018. Spúšťa ho Úrad verejného zdravotníctva (ÚVZ) SR od 1. júla tohto roka. Cieľom je preveriť účinnosť súčasných očkovaní voči osýpkam, mumpsu, ružienke a vírusovým hepatitídam typu A, B, C. Výsledky budú známe v decembri tohto roka. Informovali o tom v piatok na tlačovej konferencii v Bratislave ministerka zdravotníctva Andrea Kalavská (nominantka Smeru-SD) a hlavný hygienik SR Ján Mikas.

Vyšehrad/Bratislava - Spolupráca krajín Vyšehradskej štvorky sa datuje od 15. februára 1991. V tento deň sa v malebnom maďarskom mestečku Vyšehrad (Visegrád) ležiacom kúsok od slovenských hraníc, stretli prezident vtedajšej Česko-Slovenskej federatívnej republiky (ČSFR) Václav Havel, poľský prezident Lech Walesa a maďarský premiér József Antall. Podpisali tam deklaráciu o úzkej spolupráci svojich štátov na ceste k európskej integrácii. Vznikla tak Vyšehradská trojka, ktorá sa po rozdelení Česko-Slovenska na samostatné štáty zmenila na Vyšehradskú štvorku. Slovensko ako samostatná krajina sa práve tento rok od 1. júla už siedmykrát ujíma predsedníctva v tomto politickom a ekonomickom zoskupení.

Bratislava – Slovenské cesty sú v tomto roku zatiaľ bezpečnejšie. Od začiatku roka na nich zahynulo 96 ľudí, čo je o 12 menej ako v rovnakom období minulého roka. V piatok o tom informoval riaditeľ odboru dopravnej polície Prezídia Policajného zboru SR Ján Ignaták. Policajné prezídium zverejnilo čísla týkajúce sa dopravnej nehodovosti. Do piatka sa stalo celkom 6339 dopravných nehôd, čo je o 111 menej ako vlni. Okrem úmrtí medziročne poklesol o 48 aj počet ľahkých zranení, ktorých polícia eviduje k 29. júnu celkom 2544. Stúpol, naopak, počet ťažko zranených, a to o 22 na celkom 518.

Nitra – Od nedele 1. júla dochádza k viacerým zmenám v poskytovaní zdravotnej starostlivosti na pohotovostiach. Lekársku službu prvej pomoci nahradí Ambulantná pohotovostná služba (APS), ktorá bude zabezpečená prostredníctvom nových pevných bodov v spádových územiach. „Na každom pevnom bode ambulantnej pohotovostnej služby bude zdravotná starostlivosť v zmysle zákona poskytovaná do 22. hodiny,“ informoval lekár Nitrianskeho samosprávneho kraja (NSK) Ľubomír Ševčík.

Bratislava - Zastupiteľské úrady môžu Slovákom v zahraničí napríklad vydávať cestovné doklady, poskytovať informácie o právnych službách a zdravotnej starostlivosti alebo v prípade úmrtia informovať najbližších príbuzných. V roku 2017 konzulárnu pomoc poskytli 177.714-krát, čo je najviac za posledných päť rokov. Najväčšiu časť pomoci podľa výročnej správy rezortu diplomacie tvorili odpovede na emailové žiadosti o poskytnutie informácií. Pracovníci zastupiteľstiev ich napísali takmer 80.000.

Svidník – Mesto Svidník chce vybudovať priemyselný park. Pozemky na jeho výstavbu chce získať vykúpením, alebo zámenou. Podľa primátora Jána Holodňáka (nez.), v tejto veci nedávno rokovali s podpredsedom vlády pre investície a informatizáciu Richardom Rašim (Smer-SD).

Bratislava - Finančný príspevok od Ministerstva školstva, vedy, výskumu a športu SR na zdravšie stravovanie žiakov dostalo 30 projektov škôl z celého Slovenska. Rezort tak podporil školy v rámci projektu Zdravie na tanieri 2018 sumou takmer 200.000 eur. Informoval o tom odbor komunikácie a protokolu rezortu školstva.

Bratislava - V rámci elektronizácie zdravotníctva, ktorá sa spustila od januára, sa vystavilo viac než 20,6 milióna elektronických receptov a vyše 5,4 milióna odborných záznamov ako záznam o poskytnutí zdravotnej starostlivosti, zo zobrazovacieho vyšetrenia a prepúšťacie správy. Vyplýva to z aktuálnych dát Národného centra zdravotníckych informácií. Do elektronického zdravotníctva - ezdravia je pripojených 106 nemocníc a 7965 poskytovateľov zdravotnej starostlivosti.

Sliac - Historické veterány, ale aj najmodernejšia technika budú prítomné na najväčšej leteckej udalosti tohto roku Medzinárodných leteckých dňoch SIAF, ktoré sa uskutočnia na letisku Sliac počas soboty a nedele 1. a 2. septembra. Podujatie sa tento rok koná na počesť dvoch udalostí – 100. výročia československého letectva a 74. výročia Slovenského národného povstania. Ako organizátori informujú na svojej webovej stránke, na podujatie priletí napríklad jeden z najlepších strojov druhej svetovej vojny P-51D Mustang Excalibur.

Bratislava - Podpredseda parlamentu a šéf Mosta-Híd Béla Bugár už zbiera podpisy pre svoju prezidentskú kandidatúru. Uchádzať sa mieni o podpisy občanov aj poslancov. Na kandidatúru potrebuje buď 15.000 občianskych podpisov, alebo 15 poslaneckých. Prezidentské voľby budú na jar.

Bratislava – Slovensko sa v posledných rokoch podľa ministerstva zdravotníctva výrazne zlepšilo v liečbe cievnych mozgových príhod. Ukázali to dáta z registra cievnych mozgových príhod, ktorý funguje vyše desať rokov. Do registra lekári nahlasujú, o aký typ cievnej mozgovej príhody ide aj či mal pacient niektorý z rizikových faktorov.

Košice – Východoslovenský ústav srdcových a cievnych chorôb (VÚSCH), a. s., v Košiciach otvoril nové CT pracovisko, samotný CT prístroj stál 1,375 milióna eur. Ako počas slávnostného otvorenia povedal generálny riaditeľ VÚSCH František Sabol, medzi výhody pre pacientov patrí napríklad vyššia kvalita zobrazenia, presnejšia diagnostika, malá radiačná záťaž, kratšie vyšetrenie, menšie množstvo kontrastnej látky a vyšetrenia sa môžu podrobiť aj detskí pacienti. Podľa jeho slov je takýto CT prístroj na Slovensku jedinečný.

Tatranská Lomnica – Štátne lesy Tatranského národného parku (ŠL TANAP) už vyčíslili škody, ktoré v Tatranskom a Pieninskom národnom parku po sebe zanechali júlové privalové dažde. Celková suma presiahla 1,2 milióna eur, náklady na odstránenie následkov ničivých povodní budú podstatne vyššie. Informovala o tom Martina Petránová zo ŠL TANAP.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

60. výročie kňazstva otca George Toroka v Tappan, NY

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Trentonu pripravili výborné tradičné jedlá. Otec Torok dostal za svoju dlhoročnú službu od Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pamätné vyhlásenie s blahoželaním a s finančným darom, ktorý mu osobne odovzdala predsedníčka spolku č. 746 IKSJ a regionálna riaditeľka, Sabina Sabados.

Otec Torok je zakladateľom Oratoria sv. Filipa Neriho v New Yorku a členom IKSJ. Je to kňaz, Slovák, misionár, ktorého slovo preniká do srdca ľudí váhou Božej autority a preniká duše silou viery. Nebeský otec si ho vyvolil za ohlasovateľa božieho slova. Pri jeho nohách ľudia skladajú svoje najväčšie tajomstvá. Pred ním vylievajú svoje slzy a ťažkosti. Jeho povolanie je ťažké, ale v dnešnom svete veľmi potrebné. Možno sa len hlboko skloniť pred mužom, ktorý sa podujal na túto službu. V každodennom zhone dnešného sveta si málokto uvedomuje a váži milosti, ktorými nás Pán Boh požehnáva prostredníctvom kňaza.

Pripájame sa k nádherným slovám, ktoré povedal oratorián otec Vladimír Chripko. Prajeme vám veľa božích milostí, aby túžby, ktoré máte v srdci boli naplnené a nech Vás Pán a Sedembolestná Panna Mária chráni naďalej. Dokázali ste toho v živote veľmi veľa. Prajeme tiež, aby ste mali silu prekonať všetko to, čo sa zmeniť nedá. Mať odvahu, prekonať všetko, čo sa zmeniť dá. A najmä múdrosť, aby ste dokázali rozlíšiť jedno od druhého.

Veríme, že všetci čo sa zúčastnili na tejto krásnej oslave otca Toroka, vyjadrili osobne vďaka jubilantovi za všetky jeho služby, rady, pomoc a povzbudzujúce slová, milé úsmevy a všetko čo pre celú komunitu urobil.

Drahý otec Torok, prajeme vám, aby ste šťastne doviadli svoje ovečky do nebeského košára.

Pochválený buď Ježiš Kristus!

**Článok zaslala: Sabina Sabados
Regionálna riaditeľka a
predsedníčka spolku č. 746 IKSJ**



Slovensko je kľúčovým členom transatlantického Spoločenstva demokracií

Vzájomný vzťah so Slovenskom možno opísať spojením „Priatelia, partneri a spojenci“. Uviedol to nedávno americký veľvyslanec na Slovensku Adam Sterling.

“Vzájomné vzťahy sú výborné a spolupracujeme v mnohých politických, obranných, vzdelávacích, ekonomických a kultúrnych iniciatívach. Ako členský štát NATO a EÚ je Slovensko kľúčovým členom transatlantického Spoločenstva demokracií,” konštatoval veľvyslanec.

Dôvodom úzkej spolupráce sú vzájomné hodnoty a dejiny. “Ľudia, ktorí zdieľajú hodnoty a históriu, slúžia ako silný základ nášho vzťahu. A práve vďaka budovaniu tohto základu sme schopní spolupracovať v politických, ekonomických a bezpečnostných záležitostiach, ktoré nás ovplyvňujú,” uzavrel.

Spojené štáty nadviazali diplomatické vzťahy so Slovenskom v roku 1993.

V rámci vzájomných hospodárskych vzťahov dovoz z USA na Slovensko zahŕňa zariadenia pre energetiku, zdravotnícke zariadenia a príslušenstvo, elektrické a elektronické strojné zariadenia a komponenty, automobilové diely a komponenty, chemické výrobky a plasty.

V dovoze zo Slovenska do USA dominujú športové úžitkové vozidlá značiek Volkswagen a Audi vyrábané na Slovensku. Informuje o tom veľvyslanectvo USA na Slovensku.

Ďalej uvádza, že Spojené štáty majú so Slovenskom bilaterálnu investičnú dohodu. SR je účastníkom programu bezvízového styku, ktorý Slovákom umožňuje bezvízové cestovanie do USA na určité obchodné alebo turistické účely na dobu nepresahujúcu 90 dní.

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Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

LUX New York: Hľadanie svätosti v každodennosti

Hľadanie svätosti v každodennosti. Tak znie motto slovenskej katolíckej produkčnej spoločnosti LUX New York so sídlom na Manhattane. Prostredníctvom audiovizuálnej tvorby chce Slovákom žijúcim v USA a v Kanade pomáhať prehlbovať katolícku vieru a zároveň prepájať slovenské farnosti a komunity "za oceánom". LUX New York už viac než šesť mesiacov vysiela naživo sv. omše v slovenčine z Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku. Každú druhú sobotu o 10.00 hod. odtiaľ vysiela naživo pre TV LUX slovenskú omšu, ktorá je otvorená pre širokú verejnosť. Okrem prenosov liturgie ponúka pravidelné zamyslenia biskupov a kňazov. Vladyka Milan Lach SJ sa napríklad vo svojich krátkych videách venuje témam, akými sú hriech, pôst či modlitba. Počas svojho marcového pobytu v USA nahral sériu zamyslení pre LUX New York aj bratislavský pomocný biskup Mons. Jozef Hal'ko. Tvorbu slovenskej katolíckej produkčnej spoločnosti dopĺňa pravidelná utorková relácia "Spojení oceánom" z nového štúdia na Manhattane, ktorá ponúka pôsobivé svedectvá viery. Jedným zo zaujímavých hostí so slovenskými koreňmi bol v minulosti aj prezident Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Andrew M. Rajec. V neposlednom rade, LUX New York ponúka krátke reportáže zo života slovenských farností a komunit, do ktorých sa aktívne zapájajú aj členovia Jednoty. Viac informácií o projekte ako aj o tom, ako môžete LUX New York podporiť finančne, nájdete na www.luxnewyork.net.

LIVE prenosy sv. omší v slovenčine

Z Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku prinášame priame prenosy nedeľných sv. omší v slovenčine, ktoré môžete sledovať na LUX New York. Každú druhú sobotu o 10.00 hod. EDT vysiela naživo pre TV LUX slovenskú omšu, na ktorú vás srdečne pozývame.

Relácia Spojení oceánom

Každý utorok si tiež môžete pozrieť reláciu Spojení oceánom, v ktorej vám predstavíme zaujímavého hosťa a jeho svedectvo viery. Niektoré časti vysiela od januára tohto roku NAŽIVO priamo z nášho newyorského štúdia na Manhattane. Ak sa chcete dozvedieť, kto bude ďalším hosťom, sledujte nás na Facebooku.

Storočnica slovenskej farnosti v Detrote

Slovenská farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Detrote oslávi sté výročie svojej existencie cez víkend 24. až 26. augusta. V týchto dňoch bude na farskom pozemku pri kostole tzv. Slovenský bazár s bohatým programom. Adresa: 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights Mich. 48214. Výbor pre jubilejné oslavy pripravuje bohatý program a tiež jubilejnú pamätnicu. Bližšie informácie: Frances Schena. Email: frncschenaXatt.net

Poznačte si do kalendára dátum

Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v N.J.

Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 23. septembra 2018 v Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, Windsor, New Jersey.

Slovensko-americký hrdina Matej Kocak

V roku 2018 si pripomíname viacero udalostí, ale aj osobností, v súvislosti s koncom prvej svetovej vojny a vznikom Česko-Slovenska. Medzi neznámych slovensko-amerických hrdinov patrí aj Matej Kocak, ktorý sa narodil v Gbeloch 3. decembra 1882. Stal sa jedným z viacerých Slovákov, ktorí sa zapísali do americkej vojenskej histórie ako hrdinovia.



Ako mnoho iných aj on v roku 1906 emigroval do Spojených štátov a tu o rok vstúpil do Náornej pechoty v Pittsburghu. Slúžil na League Islande v Pensylvánii a jeho kariéra pokračovala od konca roku 1911 v Navy Yarde v štáte New York. Vtedy žil v Binghamtone, medzi veľkou slovenskou komunitou. Bol členom Slovenského katolíckeho sokola. Po vojenskej službe v Mexiku, vyslali ho do Dominikánskej republiky, kde podľa wikipédie bojoval s miestnymi banditmi. A 23. marca 1917 získal hodnosť desiatnika.

Keď Spojené štáty vstúpili do prvej svetovej vojny, dostal sa koncom decembra 1917 do Francúzska. Ako príslušníka Náornej pechoty ho prvého júna 1918 povýšili do hodnosti seržanta, teda čatára. Za odvahu počas bojov severozápadne od Château-Thierry a pri útoku južne od Soissons bol vyznamenaný. Sám a neskôr s pomocou ďalších vojakov vyradil dve nepriateľské guľometné hniezda. Iba ako jeden z 19 vojakov v histórii USA bol dvakrát ocenený Kongresovou Medal of Honor, Medailou cti.

Padol v boji 4. októbra 1918 počas bitky o Argonnský les vo francúzskej Champagne. Je pochovaný na francúzskom vojenskom cintoríne Meuse-Argonne v Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

Americkí Slováci počas druhej svetovej vojny financovali dve americké vojnové lode, ktoré niesli mená MATEJ KOCAK a GENERÁL MILAN RASTISLAV ŠTEFÁNIK. Aj osud Mateja Kocaka potvrdzuje, že náš národ naozaj nie je z najmenších, pokiaľ ide o hrdinstvo jeho príslušníkov.

Článok zaslal: Jozef Rydlo



Na Mariánsku horu do Levoče prišlo vyše pol milióna pútnikov

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mučiť výčitkami, no nesmieme ich ani prehliaďať alebo zľahčovať. Panna Mária obdarúva každé svoje dieťa láskou. Dáva nám skutočné bohatstvo, ktoré nás bude sprevádzať, dodávať nám svetlo a silu ísť ďalej. Lebo láska Matky Spasiteľa môže zdolávať tisíce míľ. A vo svojej nekonečnej milostičnosti prekoná všetky prekážky." Uviedol vo svojej homílii otvárajcej svätej omše dekan, farár a rektor levočských bazilik Mons. František Dluhoš.

Celá tohtoročná levočská púť sa niesla v znamení úcty k našej spoločnej Matke Vykupiteľke. Hlavný celebrant slávnostnej odpustovej svätej omše kardinál Gerhard Ludwig Müller, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre náuku viery vo svojej kázni tiež nadviazal na tento tematický leitmotív: „Mária nám predstavuje aj stelesňuje vzor i prototyp viery. Pri pohľade na Božiu Matku sa ľudské srdce zachvieva. V katolíckej mariánskej úcte sa zrodil a dodnes z nej vyviera kresťanský optimizmus i nová nádej. Nehanbime sa za svoje kresťanské postoje, lebo skrz ne sa približujeme k Panne Márii, ktorá neustále prináša Slovensku i celému svetu novú jar.

Tohtoročná levočská púť si aj v tomto roku uchovala svoje najtypickejšie črty. Veľký počet mladých veriacich s malými deťmi, enormný záujem o svätú spoveď a úctyhodné množstvo procesíí zo všetkých kútov Slovenska. Svätú omšu kardinála Müllera navštívilo vyše dvesto Slovákov žijúcich v Rumunsku.

TKKBS



Ján a Nina Holý oslávili jubileum

Známi slovenskí, národní aktivisti a funkcionári vo viacerých popredných slovenských organizáciách, manželja Ján a Nina Holý oslávili 13. júna 65. výročie manželstva. Vzácné výročie oslávili v reštaurácii Royal Warsaw v Garfiede, N.J. spolu so svojou rodinou. Manželja Holý majú dve dcéry Lubu Masi a Jane Konzelman, ako aj troch vnukov, jednu vnučku a tiež jednu pravnučku a pravnuka.

Ján Holý bol 27 rokov generálnym tajomníkom Slovenskej ligy v Amerike.

V súčasnosti túto funkciu zastáva jeho manželka Nina Holá. Ján Holý bol 20 rokov aj vydavateľom a aj redaktorom Slovaka v Amerike. Jeho vydávanie prevzal v roku 1989, kedy novinám hrozil zánik a vydával ho až do konca roka 2009. Jubilantom želáme mnoho rokov dobrého zdravia a radosť z rozrastajúcej sa rodiny.



SvA

Pútnici na hore Zvir v Litmanovej privítali kardinála Jozefa Tomka

V rámci jubilejného roka Prešovskej archieparchie sa na hore Zvir v Litmanovej konala v sobotu a nedeľu 4. - 5. augusta 2018 hlavná púť – archieparchiálna odpustová slávnosť. Bohatý duchovný program vyvrcholil v nedeľu slávnostnou archijerejskou svätou liturgiou, ktorej hlavným slúžiacim bol prešovský arcibiskup metropolita Ján Babjak SJ. Informoval o tom v pondelok protosynkel Prešovskej archieparchie Ľubomír Petrik.

Emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov kardinál Jozef Tomko v homílii vychádzal z evanjelia, v ktorom Lazárove sestry Marta a Mária prijali vo svojom dome Ježiša Krista.

“Náš Spasiteľ poukazuje na dva druhy starostí, ktoré sú prítomné v našom živote - je to starosť o dušu a o telo. Ako Marta aj my sa o potreby tela až príliš staráme. Venujeme im väčšinu nášho času, pozornosti a námahy. Strácame tak vnútornú rovnováhu v živote. Ježiš Kristus nás vyzýva na rovnováhu a správny postoj k životným potrebám. Len jedno je potrebné, nie mnoho vecí. Nestratiť vnútorný pokoj a rozvahy. Nebehať za každým pozlátkom, nie všetko je zlato, čo sa blyští. Kristus Pán nás jasne učí, že starostlivosť o dušu má prednosť pred starostlivosťou o telo,” povedal Tomko.

Slávnostnú svätú liturgiu koncebrovali aj vладыka Djura Džudžar, apoštolský exarcha pre gréckokatolíkov v Srbsku, vладыka Nil Jurij Luščak, pomocný biskup Mukačevskej eparchie, Mons. Andrej Imrich, emeritný pomocný biskup Spišskej diecézy, vладыka Ján Eugen Kočiš, emeritný pomocný biskup Pražského apoštolského exarchátu a desiatky kňazov.

Mnohí z niekoľkotisícového zástupu pútnikov podľa Petrika počas dvoch dní prijali sviatosť zmierenia a pokánia.

“Podstata našich slávností je to, aby sme tu nechali hriechy, aby sme tu očistili svoje duše, dostali odpustenie a prijali v Najsvätejšej sviatosti Krista do svojho srdca,” povedal v závere slávnosti vладыka Babjak.

Na hore Zvir v Litmanovej sa malé púte konajú vždy v nedeľu po prvom piatku a na fatimské soboty. Každý deň v roku je na hore svätá liturgia a k dispozícii sú duchovní otcovia. Toto mariánske pútnické miesto je duchovným putom zviazané s rímskou bazilikou Santa Maria Maggiore.



TASR

R. Raši vystúpil v OSN, hovoril o slovenských národných prioritách

Podpredseda vlády pre investície a informatizáciu Richard Raši (Smer-SD) vystúpil v polovici júla na pôde Organizácie spojených národov (OSN). Hovoril tam o slovenských národných prioritách, ktoré vychádzajú z cieľov Agendy 2030 pre udržateľný rozvoj. Vyzdvihol prácu dobrovoľníkov, poukázal na starnutie populácie a na to, že Agenda 2030 by mohla slúžiť ako nástroj na budovanie mostov medzi generáciami. Priority s ním prišli predstaviť traja ambasádori.

Raši sa nevyhol ani otázke o vražde investigatívneho novinára Jána Kuciaka a jeho partnerky. Zástupkyňa neziskových organizácií sa zaujímala o to, v akom štádiu je vyšetrovanie dvojnásobnej vraždy a či je zabezpečená väčšia ochrana novinárov na Slovensku. Raši ju ubezpečil, že na Slovensku prebieha najväčšie vyšetrovanie v histórii. Dúfa, že páchateľ bude potrestaný.

Zdôraznil tiež, že udržateľný rozvoj musí byť v centre verejných politik. Implementácia Agendy 2030 však nie je podľa Rašiho možná bez individuálnych záväzkov a bez medzigeneračnej angažovanosti. Poukázal na potrebu spolupráce pri nachádzaní rozvojových riešení.

Vicepremiér ďalej ocenil prácu dobrovoľníkov a pripomenul, že mesto Košice, z ktorého pochádza, bude v roku 2019 Európskym mestom dobrovoľníctva.

Agenda 2030 pre udržateľný rozvoj je súhrnom globálnych záväzkov, ktorými medzinárodné spoločenstvo reaguje na výzvy súčasnosti. Členské štáty OSN ju prijali v roku 2015. Zmena klímy, chudoba, zvyšujúce sa sociálne nerovnosti alebo neudržateľnosť prevládajúcich spôsobov výroby a spotreby sú komplexné a navzájom previazané problémy, píše ÚPVII o Agende 2030 na svojej webovej stránke.

Slovenská vláda 13. júna schválila návrh národných priorit implementácie Agendy 2030. Prioritami sú vzdelanie pre dôstojný život, smerovanie ku znalostnej a environmentálne udržateľnej ekonomike pri demografických zmenách a meniacom sa globálnom prostredí, znižovanie chudoby a sociálna inklúzia. Ďalej medzi ne patria udržateľné sídla, regióny a krajina a v kontexte zmeny klímy, právny štát, demokracia a bezpečnosť a dobré zdravie.

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Na snímke v strede podpredseda vlády SR Richard Raši počas prejavu na pôde Organizácie spojených národov (OSN) pri príležitosti Medzinárodného dňa spravodlivosti, ktorý zároveň pripomína prijatie Rímskeho štatútu o založení Medzinárodného trestného súdu, od ktorého uplynulo 20 rokov. Podujatie v OSN spoluorganizovalo aj Slovensko. V New Yorku 17. júla 2018

Vice President of the Slovak Government Richard Rasi gave a speech on July 17, 2018 at the United Nations in New York on the occasion of the International Day of Justice.

Emília Hrabovec: Slobodný a sebavedomý národ nikdy nezabúda

Andrej Hlinka je po smrti už 80 rokov. Je “pochovaný” aj jeho odkaz? Má nám Hlinka čo povedať aj dnes alebo je lepšie, aby sme naňho zabudli? Ak si máme ešte spomenúť, čo si zobrat z Hlinkovho života pre dnešok? Odpovedá profesorka Emília Hrabovec z Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave.

Slobodný a sebavedomý národ nikdy nezabúda na svoje dejiny, pretože z nich čerpá svoju identitu, povedomie, poučenie i orientáciu v eminentne historickom ľudskom časopriestore. Na svoje dejiny zabúdajú iba národy porobené, otroci cudzích dobyvateľov, ktorí im s dejinami chcú vziať nielen minulosť, ale aj budúcnosť a prirodzené právo na vlastný dôstojný život.

Keď bol v roku 1945 z vôle veľmoci, ale proti vôli drvivé väčšiny Slovákov obnovený československý štát, aj Hlinkov odkaz mal byť naveky pochovaný. Rozhodli tak tí, ktorí sa i po smrti báli sily jeho osobnosti a príťažlivosti jeho skutočne slovenského národného, kresťanského a sociálneho programu. Politických mocipánov aj dobyvateľských ideológií sa odvtedy na Slovensku vystriedalo viacero, raz prichádzali otvorene ako vlci, inokedy v baránkovom rúchu ľúbivých hesiel o slobode a pokroku a v myslení a vedomí najmä neskorších pohlinkovských generácií napáchali napospol veľké škody, z pamäte národa však Hlinkovu pamiatku vytlačili nedokázali.

Dnes Hlinkov odkaz potrebujeme väčšmi, než kedykoľvek predtým. Tak, ako za jeho čias, národ sa opäť nachádza v ťažkej situácii ohrozenia svojej existencie, azda najväčšieho, aké vo svojich dejinách prežival, a to napriek tomu, že je materiálne nepochybne bohatší, než bol pred storočím, žije vo formálnej slobode a vo vlastnom štáte, po ktorom mohol Hlinka iba túžiť. Pod touto lesklou fasádou je však obraz temnejší a pravda krutejšia. I dnes prežíva na mnohých miestach chudoba, ktorá vyháňa ľudí za prácou do cudziny.

Ešte vážnejšie sú však hrozby duchovné a kultúrne: slovenský človek spred storočia mohol byť často chudobný ako kostolná myš, uchovával si však svoje najväčšie bohatstvá: pevnú kresťanskú vieru a z nej vyplývajúci zmysel pre prirodzené hodnoty, zdravý sedliacky rozum, lásku k svojej zemi a rodine. Mal tvrdé, upracované ruky, ale mäkké a teplé srdce a prirodzený cit pre pravdu a spravodlivosť. Niekoľkogeneračné vymývanie mozgov a korumpovanie svedomí v československej komunistickú a potom postkomunisticko-liberálno-svetoobčianskej verzii však zanechalo zhubnejšie následky, než predchádzajúce brachiálne tlaky sprevádzané biedou a väznicami. Historické povedomie národa je dnes narušenejšie a rozvrátenejšie, než kedykoľvek predtým, jeho identita krehká, hodnotové zakorenenie v postupnom rozvrate, dominuje vidina rýchleho zisku, plytká, krátkodochá povrchnosť, vnútorná kríza postihuje aj tie authority, ktoré boli predtým po stáročia oporou národa, vrátane cirkvi. Štát, ktorý sa nazýva slovenským a hlási k posvätnému symbolu dvojkríža, robí málo pre to, aby situáciu zmenil, ba ticho toleruje protislovenskú ideologickú a politickú ofenzívu a systematické očierňovanie a duchovné a kultúrne vyprázdňovanie národa a väčšina politikov priam ustrnula v ustavičnom predklone pred mocnými tohto sveta a v rozhodujúcej chvíli je ochotná zasiahnuť skôr proti vlastným, než na ich obranu. Tak ako pred storočím, i dnes je národ v stave ohrozenia, akurát – symbolicky vyjadrené – nepriateľské kanóny sú väčšie a silnejšie a je ich viac, cudzie piate kolóny bujnejšie a lepšie platené a národ duchovne, psychicky i fyzicky odzbrojenejší, než kedykoľvek predtým.

V tejto kritickéj chvíli nie je návrat k Hlinkovmu odkazu romantickým rojčením či historickou sentimentálnosťou, ale elementárnou otázkou prežitia národa. Znovuobjavenie Hlinkovho odkazu znamená predovšetkým návrat k hodnotám, ktoré Hlinka po celý život hlásal a žil a o ktorých vydával svedectvo aj utrpením: pevná viera v Boha, od ktorej sa odvíjajú všetky ostatné hodnoty, láska k národu, ktorý nie je iba konglomerátom ľudí, ktorí sa náhodne ocitli v tom istom čase na tom istom mieste, ale prirodzeným spoločenstvom, do ktorého sa človek narodí a ktoré ho formuje a sprevádza po celý život ako prameň duchovných a kultúrnych hodnôt a čností a úcta voči ktorému patrí pre kresťana do štvrtého Božieho prikázania, a napokon sociálna spravodlivosť, ktorá odmieta bezbrehé zbožštenie zisku ako jediného kritéria ľudskej činnosti a vlastnosti i ekonomické aktivity zaväzuje povinnosťou rešpektovať Božie prikazy, platiť spravodlivú mzdu a vytvárat spoločné dobro pre všetkých. Tieto tri piliere, vyplývajúce z katolíckej sociálnej nauky, boli pre Hlinku v integrálnej jednote.

Hlinka mal nepochybne mimoriadny politický talent, bol vynikajúci organizátor, majstrovský publicista, ostrovtipný rečník. Sformuloval prvý moderný slovenský politický program, ktorý nadviazal na politické dedičstvo predchádzajúcich generácií, ale zároveň ho prispôbil novým podmienkam a potrebám a rozšíril o moderné demokratické a hospodárske požiadavky, uvedomujúc si, že národná otázka nie je iba vecou teoretických programov, ale aj každodenného chleba. Hlinka vedel nájsť aj účinné prostriedky na presadenie tohto programu. Vtedy to bola masová politická organizácia – prvá a najúspešnejšia v slovenských dejinách, ľudová tlač, ktorá prenikla aj do najzapadlejších slovenských kútov, ľudové zhromaždenia, na ktoré prichádzali peši desiatky kilometrov tisíce jednoduchých ľudí, moderné a čínorodé mládežnícke a stavovské organizácie, ale aj hospodárske inštitúcie, potravinové a úverové družstvá či ľudovú banku, pretože Hlinka vedel, že bez peňazí zostanú Slováci vždy iba krpčiarimi, ktorí sa neuvládzu pozdvihnúť a ktorých nikto nebude brať vážne, a že slovenskú politiku možno robiť iba za slovenské peniaze. To, čo z neho urobilo skutočnú osobnosť slovenských dejín, ktorú národ spontánne vyznačil titulom „otec národa“, však bola predovšetkým mimoriadna mravná sila, ktorá z neho vyžarovala, Boží dar rozpoznat' znamenia čias, bezpodmienečne sa stotožniť so svojím národom, vycítiť jeho ohrozenie, do politickej reči pretaviť jeho bolesti a túžby, prebudiť v ubiedených, ponížených a otupených ľuďoch nádej a vieru v lepšiu budúcnosť pre ich synov a dcéry a vernosťou v slovách i skutkoch až za hranicu vlastnej slobody a sebaobetovania túto dôveru a nádej nikdy nesklamať. Národ mu lásku a vernosť oplácal láskou a vernosťou, ochotnou – tak ako Štefan Mikuš a iní – obetovať za Hlinku aj vlastný život. (Text mierne skrátený)

Emília Hrabovec

Prof. Emília Hrabovec je historička, univerzitná profesorka a od roku 2014 riaditeľka a zároveň zakladateľka Slovenského historického ústavu v Ríme. Je autorkou viac ako 200 monografií, štúdií a vedeckých článkov v 6 jazykoch zo slovenských a svetových politických a cirkevných dejín a dejín medzinárodných vzťahov a diplomacie 20. stor. Od roku 1997 ako prvá Slovenka systematicky dlhodobo báda vo Vatikánskych archívoch. Aktuálne spolupracuje s viacerými talianskymi, nemeckými, rakuskými, francúzskymi a ruskými univerzitami a vedeckými ústavmi.



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Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



ÚRADNÝ ORGÁN PRVEJ KATOLÍCKEJ SLOVENSKEJ JEDNOTY V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH A V KANADE

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Predĺžený tohtoročný odpustový týždeň priniesol prekonanie doterajších štatistík počtu veriacich, ktorí od 1. do 8. júla 2018 prichádzali ešte pred hlavnou púťou na Mariánsku horu.

Obidva vikendové dni tento záujem ešte viac zvýraznili. Spočiatku sa zdalo, akoby účasť na tohtoročnej hlavnej púti nepresiahla zvyčajných štyristotisíc osôb z predchádzajúcich ročníkov. Ibaže krátko pred nedeľnou hlavnou svätou omšou mnohopočetný zástup putujúcich Alejou sv. Jána Pavla II. a ďalšími cestami tento štatistický ukazovateľ enormne zvýšil na pol milióna, podľa niektorých odhadov dokonca ešte viac zúčastnených veriacich.

Tu na levočskej hore, pri nohách Panny Márie máme príležitosť pohovárať sa, poradiť so svojim svedomím. Urobiť úprimný odpočet, čo všetko dlhujeme našim matkám, manželkám, dcéram, rodičom, seniorom a blíznym. Nemáme sa

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Na snímke v prostredku otec George J. Torok, počas slávnostnej svätej omše na ktorej oslávil 60. výročie kňazstva v kostole Our Lady of Sacred Heart v Tappan, New York, 1. júla 2018.

60. výročie kňazstva otca George Toroka v Tappan, NY

Dňa 1. júla 2018 za účasti kňazov, vysokých cirkevných činiteľov, zástupcov katolíckych organizácií Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, Slovenskej ligy v Amerike ako aj domácich farníkov sa konala oslava Diamantového výročia kňazstva vdp. otca, Rev. George J. Torok, C.O. v kostole Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Tappan NY.

Kostol bol prepĺnený farníkmi a hosťami, kde zazneli aj krásne slovenské piesne pod vedením Marienky Krutkovej. Naše ratolesti zo slovenských rodín privítali oslávenca v krásnych slovenských krojoch. Bola to veľkolepá oslava na počesť otca G. Toroka. Nádherný program a pohostenie z rôznorodých jedál svedčilo o vzácnosti komunity. Slováci z

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Oslava 100 rokov spoločných vzťahov s USA odštartovala v Brezovej pod Bradlom

Americké veľvyslanectvo sa rozhodlo osláviť 100 rokov vzájomných vzťahov medzi Slovámi a Američanmi netradičnou roadshow po slovenských mestách. Informoval o tom jeho hovorca Griffin Rozell.

Pri príležitosti podpísania dohody v americkom Pittsburghu, ktorá položila základy samostatného a demokratického Československa, sa americkí diplomati rozhodli vydať karavanom naprieč Slovenskom. „Uvedomujeme si, že nie každý má možnosť dostať sa do USA. Preto sme sa rozhodli formou roadshow priniesť aspoň časť Ameriky do slovenských miest. Keďže oslavujeme 100 rokov vzájomných vzťahov, prišlo nám to ako dobrý dôvod na takúto akciu,“ uviedol Rozell.

Roadshow s názvom Amerika na kolesách odštartovala 13. augusta v Brezovej pod Bradlom. „Ide o historický región z hľadiska slovenskej histórie, keďže sa tu narodil významný patriot M. R. Štefánik. Preto sme sa rozhodli začať práve v tomto meste,“ poznamenal hovorca.

Počas 17 dní navštívia diplomati 26 miest. „Cesta sa skončí na východe v Starej Ľubovni. Odtiaľ sa vrátíme naspäť do Banskej Bystrice, kde uzavrieme toto podujatie 29. augusta počas osláv Slovenského národného povstania,“ uviedol hovorca amerického veľvyslanectva.

Podujatie otvorila primátorka Brezovej pod Bradlom Eva Ušiaková. „Keď nás oslovili z amerického veľvyslanectva, potešilo nás to, lebo je dôležité si pripomínať vzájomné vzťahy. Náš región výrazne zasiahla v minulosti vlna emigrácie, keď až 2000 ľudí z nášho regiónu odišlo za prácou do Ameriky,“ doplnila.

„Sú to významné výročia, preto je dôležité pripomenúť si priateľstvo medzi Slovámi a Američanmi a hovoriť o našej spoločnej histórii. Dodnes nás spája hlavne túžba po slobode. Treba rozprávať aj o jednotlivých ľudských príbehoch, Slováci sa vedeli v Amerike vždy dobre presadiť. Ja a moji americkí kolegovia sa tešíme do regiónov, pretože nás zaujíma, čím ľudia žijú, čo ich trápi, kde vidia riešenia. Veríme, že sa od ľudí v regiónoch veľa dozvieme a dúfame, že aj oni od nás,“ uviedol americký veľvyslanec na Slovensku Adam Sterling.

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Zomrel slávny bývalý hokejista Stan Mikita

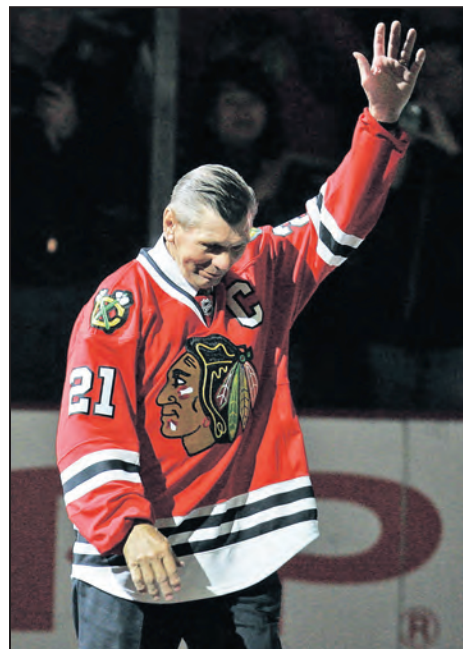


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Na archívnej snímke z 7. marca 2008 hokejová legenda Stan Mikita máva fanúšikom pred zápasom zámorskej NHL Chicago Blackhawks - San Jose Sharks.

Bývalý slávny hokejista Stan Mikita zomrel v utorok 7. augusta 2018 vo veku 78 rokov. Narodil sa 20. mája 1940 v slovenskej obci Sokolče ako Stanislav Gvoth. Do Kanady emigroval v roku 1948 spoločne s tetou a strýkom, po ktorých prevzal priezvisko. Kariéra budúceho vynikajúceho centra sa začala vo veku 13 rokov v Ontariu vo farmárskom tíme Chicaga St. Catharines Teepees. Dres Blackhawks si obliekal od sezóny 1958/1959 až do konca aktívnej činnosti v roku 1980. V októbri 2011 mu pred arénou United Center postavili sochu, v Chicagu takto poctili ešte jeho dlhoročného spoluhráča Bobbyho Hullu a legendárneho basketbalistu Michaela Jordana.

In this March 7, 2008, file photo, Chicago Blackhawks great Stan Mikita waves to fans as he is introduced before an NHL hockey game against the San Jose Sharks in Chicago. Mikita, who played for the Blackhawks for 22 seasons, becoming one of the franchise's most revered figures, has died, the Blackhawks announced Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. He was 78.