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DAY

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## Remember Your IRA This Tax Season

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average household spends more than \$40,000 per year in retirement, yet the average person collects less than \$17,000 in Social Security.

With statistics like that, small wonder studies show most Americans worry they haven't put aside enough to enjoy their "golden years" in comfort. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) were designed explicitly for that purpose – to help Americans save money for retirement.

We've published 10 general rules to keep in mind on the subject of IRAs on page 3 of this issue. Of course, before making your final decision about opening an account or adding to an existing IRA, always consult your tax advisor. You can call the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682 or your local FCSU branch for guidance on FCSU IRA products that are available.

But don't delay. The deadline for filing your 2018 taxes is April 15, 2019 – which is also the deadline for opening or adding to an IRA in the current (2018) tax year.

Fraternally,



Kenneth Arendt

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
February 17, 2019**

Lectionary 78

Two Sundays ago we heard a reading from the great prophet Jeremiah, describing his prophetic calling; today we hear from him again, though this time in a moment when he is enduring a crisis of faith in his fellow man—both his countrymen and the foreigners to whom they turned for assistance. It is helpful to recall that



Fr. Edward Mazich,  
O.S.B.

Jeremiah lived in the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the beginning of the Israelites' painful exile from their homeland, in the late seventh and early sixth centuries BCE; his tone in today's reading reflects the anguish of those days.

Jeremiah writes: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, he is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season... Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream... in the year of drought it shows no distress" (Jer 17:5-8). The Psalmist follows this line of thinking closely, advising: "Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked... but delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night" (Ps 1:1, 2).

To be frank we ourselves live in a time when many of us look at others with the same sort of suspicion that Jeremiah had in his heart. Our suspicions may arise on account of scandal in society or within the Church, they may arise due to differences in backgrounds or cultural expectations, and they may even stem from divisions within our own families.

With the words of Jeremiah and the Psalmist appearing to reinforce and confirm our own cautious sentiments, and when in the political, cultural, and religious realms, no one seems to be worthy of trust, we might find ourselves asking "Who can we trust?" or "What should we do about our relationships, our communities, and our faith?"

For Christian believers, both Saint Paul's advice in the second reading and Saint Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" in the gospel offer us the beginning of a response to these questions. First, Saint Paul urges the early Corinthian Christians to recognize that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead—the absolute foundation of Christian belief—transforms everything and overcomes even death, the greatest seeming threat to human existence: "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Paul continues: "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ" (1 Cor 15:20, 22-23).

Paul is telling us that given our belief that Jesus won the definitive victory over sin and death once and for all, how much more should we trust that by living in him we will overcome all those things that contribute to sin and bring about the many "little deaths" we endure in the hard moments of life? Even if we cannot trust in some of the people in our lives, we can trust in Christ, and in those who truly dedicate themselves to him. Because he has overcome all things, we can too—in him.

Saint Luke affirms this lesson by reminding us that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who trust in the Lord, and trust as well in those who live faithfully in God: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours" (Luke 6:20). Putting our trust in God and in those who abide in him, let us not wither in a crisis of negativity but thrive in the grace and peace that is ours in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24, 2019  
Gospel LK 6:27-38**

This Gospel takes place immediately after Jesus was on a mountain to pray and then chose twelve from among his disciples to be apostles. Together they came down the mountain and began to minister to the crowds who were waiting for Jesus. It is here that he gives what is known as the Sermon on the Plain. It begins with the Beatitudes, and is followed by Jesus' teaching of Love of Enemies that we heard today.

Love on its own has a beautiful and welcoming ring to it. The word itself fills our hearts with warmth at thinking that we are loved, or of someone we love. Jesus, however, speaks of love in a way that we are not accustomed to hearing. His command to us is to love our enemies. This is something that not only sounds difficult or impossible, but doesn't seem to make sense. Why should I love my enemies? What good is there in that? What if they don't accept my love or love me in return? What if they return my love with hatred or revenge? For God the love of enemies makes perfect sense. Jesus answered these questions on the cross where we see and experience what true love is. On the Cross we see that; True love is unconditional; True love is sacrificial; True love is risky.

God's love for us is unconditional, meaning that he loves us regardless of whether we accept or reject his love. He continually pours out his love on us without any condition. We can choose to accept it and walk with him in our lives, or we can refuse it and live a life without Christ. God continues to love even when someone rejects him. God loves his enemies. On the Cross he forgave those who crucified him, which includes us. Yes, it can be said that we were enemies of God, but in Baptism we became sons and daughters of God. God's love is beautiful and unique in that there are no conditions attached, all we have to do is accept it.

God's love is sacrificial. In Old Testament times the Israelites would sacrifice a lamb each year for Passover as a sacrifice for their sins. Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed once and for all for us. God the Father sent his Son to be that ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation. True love involves giving ourselves completely to others, regardless of the Cost. This involves sacrifice. It is the unwillingness of letting go and giving up of self that stands in the way of us making that complete offering to others.

True love is risky in that we don't know how it will be received. That's the risk God takes in loving us for our free will gives us the ability to accept or reject him. For God, it is a risk worth taking for his desire is for all of us to accept and experience his love. Rejection is difficulty, but nowhere near the beauty of those who accept the gift of love.

It is from this love that Jesus commands us to give to others, even our enemies. It is a call for us to remove any conditions we have placed on our love towards friends and foes. It is the willingness to die to self and sacrifice out of love. It is the openness to take the risk to love, even our enemies. If we find it hard to love someone, it might be good to begin with praying for them. The more we pray for them the easier it becomes to love them.



Fr. Killian Loch,  
O.S.B.

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

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## IRA RULES TO REMEMBER

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### Rule #1: Contributions to a Traditional IRA are Tax-deductible.

In general, you don't have to pay taxes on contributions you make to a traditional IRA. The tax on both your contributions and the growth in the account is deferred until you make withdrawals at some point in the future.

### Rule #2: Contributions to a Roth IRA are not Tax-deductible.

The opposite of Rule #1 for a traditional IRA applies to a Roth IRA. With a Roth, you have to pay tax upfront on the money you contribute to it. However, both your contributions and earnings can be withdrawn tax free when you retire.

### Rule #3: Anyone with Earned Income Can Have an IRA

Anyone under the age of 70 1/2 who earns a taxable income can open and contribute to a traditional IRA.

### Rule #4 – This includes Minors

Your child – regardless of age – can contribute to an IRA provided he or she has earned income from a job. This makes an IRA an excellent savings vehicles for children who, because of their age, are able to take full advantage of time – and the power of compounding.

### Rule #5: It also includes Spouses without Earned Income

If you're married and file a joint tax return and just one of you has compensation, both of you can have an IRA. So an unemployed or stay-at-home spouse can save for retirement with his or her own IRA.

### Rule #6: IRAs Cannot be Owned Jointly

It is important to keep in mind, though, that all retirement accounts must be owned by individuals, even if you're married and file a tax return jointly.

### IRA Rule #7: You Can't Fund an IRA for Someone Else

Each owner of a retirement account must qualify to open up and contribute to an IRA. You're not allowed to mix funds either, by rolling over money into another person's retirement account. A parent can't fund a retirement account on behalf of a child, either.

### Rule #8: There's a Maximum but No Minimum IRA Contribution Requirement

While there is an annual allowable contribution limit, you choose whether you want to contribute to an IRA each year or not. If you don't make a contribution, traditional and Roth IRAs can stay open indefinitely. The 2018 combined annual contribution limits for Roth and traditional IRAs are: Under age 50: \$5,500 (increases to \$6,000 for 2019). Age 50 or older: \$6,500 (increases to \$7,000 for 2019.)

### Rule #9: You Can Have More than One IRA.

You can open up and contribute to as many traditional and Roth IRAs as you like. However, your total contributions to all of them can't exceed your annual allowable limit..

### Rule #10: You Can Contribute to Both an IRA and a Workplace Retirement Account.

You can contribute to a retirement plan at work—like a 401(k), 403(b), or 457—and still contribute to an IRA in the same year. Remember, though, if you or your spouse has a workplace retirement plan, the tax deduction for your IRA contributions may be reduced or eliminated, depending on your income.



## From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office

will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## Is your FCSU profile up to date?



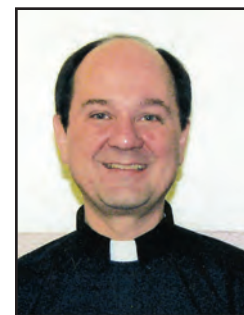
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## Message from the National Chaplain

Ash Wednesday and the start of the holy season of Lent is less than one month away. These upcoming 40 days offer us an invitation to examine the manner we have been living and proclaiming the joy of the Gospel. It also presents us with the opportunity to do some soul searching, to identify our sins and sinful habits, and to seek the mercy of God, especially through the Sacrament of Penance.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

The Church calls each of her members during Lent to pray, fast, and perform some work of charity. These acts of penance are not intended to be an end in themselves, but rather a means for us to unite ourselves closer to Jesus. Doing penance during Lent can serve to deepen our commitment to the Gospel. It also is a means by which others may come to know and believe in the Lord. In other words, through the performance of the traditional forms of penance during Lent, we not only seek to reform our own lives to be faithful to the Gospel, but we also can have an impact on the spiritual lives of others. We become evangelists.

Pope Francis declared October 2019 to be Extraordinary Mission Month and, as we approach the season of Lent, it would be good for us to think about those men and women called by the Lord to serve the church and sent as missionaries to foreign lands. Each day they pray, they fast, they sacrifice.

Missionaries rely on prayer for the graces of perseverance, courage, and divine protection in their ministry because on more than a few occasions they can get homesick, become lonely, feel unwelcome, and or face hostility.

Missionaries fast, not only because perhaps the food that is available for them to eat may not be to their liking, but also because, in some situations, food in general is scarce.

Missionaries make many sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. Electricity and running water may be in short supply or non-existent. Not many of us can live without air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter, a daily bath or shower, personal care items, or the daily cup of coffee. Imagine not being able to return home for family emergencies.

The day to day life of a missionary, especially one who works in a foreign country, is one of prayer, fasting, and sacrifices. By offering to support them with our prayers and material means during Lent, we express a solidarity with them in helping to evangelize the world.

Fraternally,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta  
National Chaplain

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# ATTENTION JEDNOTAR BOWLERS



Friday May 17th and  
Saturday May 18th, 2019

No applications will be accepted after April 15, 2019.

8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL JOINT SLOVAK BOWLING  
A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF FCSU, GCU & USBC  
"USBC MORAL SUPPORT CENTER"  
Noble Manor Lanes ✦ Pittsburgh, PA  
Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 2019  
Please note: Bowling Fees must accompany this application for each bowler.

**Friday:**

**Teams Event** – Opening Ceremonies to begin at 5:15PM. The Team Events will start at 5:30PM and 8:00PM at AMF Noble Lanes.

**Hospitality Night** - Hospitality Night begins at 7:00PM. Enjoy food, refreshments, and socializing at AMF Noble Lanes.

**Hotel** – Rates: \$99.00/night plus tax. Single or Double Beds  
Hampton Inn (Greentree) 555 Trumbull Dr. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205 412-922-0100  
Rebecca Gourley (Contact) Block Code: NBT (1.2 Miles from Noble Lanes)  
**\*\*\*Pittsburgh Plaza Hotel (Greentree)** 401 Holiday Drive Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205 412-922-8100  
Barbara Christian (Contact) Block Code: GCU (1 Miles from Noble Lanes)  
**BANQUET LOCATION**

**Saturday:**

**Doubles/Singles Event** - To begin at 9:30AM and 1:00PM.

**Mass** - TBD

**Banquet** - will be held at The Pittsburgh Plaza Hotel (Greentree) Please see above for address.

**Social** - 6:00PM. Followed by banquet.

**AMF Noble Lanes:** 2440 Noblestown Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205, 412-922-4622

If you require additional information, please contact Kevin Collins at your convenience at 813-493-1515 or kevinfcsu@outlook.com

BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST)	
Name: _____	_____
Address: _____	
_____	
Phone: _____	Last 4 Digits SS# _____
E-mail: _____	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
_____	
Phone: _____	Last 4 Digits SS# _____
E-mail: _____	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
_____	
Phone: _____	Last 4 Digits SS# _____
E-mail: _____	

Please check one:  Men's Application  Women's Application

TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 17

5:30 PM  8 PM

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

(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Local USBC: \_\_\_\_\_

Association Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make all Checks or Money Orders payable to: First Catholic Slovak Union

Mail to: Kevin Collins, 628 Heather Brite Cr, Apopka, FL 32712.

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# BOWLERS: SAVE THE DATE IN MAY



BOWLING TOURNAMENT  
 & SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL  
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 tsburgh, PA  
 ay 18, 2019  
 the bowlers to be registered in the tournament.

No applications will be accepted after April 15 2019.

**Important to All Tournament Entrants  
 Read Carefully Information Given Below  
 Rules and Regulations of Annual FCSU/  
 GCU/SCS Bowling Tournament**

1. The Tournament shall be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

2. This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol and GCU. The goal of the tournament is to promote fraternalism and good sportsmanship and to generate nationwide interest in the Slovak fraternal organizations. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol and GCU wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to attend the tournament.

3. **ELIGIBILITY:** This Tournament is open to all First Catholic Slovak Union male and female bonafide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. All winners will be checked before any prize money is awarded.

4. **CONSENT RULES:** Any grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to participate in USBC Certified Tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Said written consent must be on a form approved by USBC and must be on file with Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his/her parents, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC Rule No. 13.

5. The total cost per person for each event shall be:  
 a. Prize Fee \$10.00  
 b. Bowling Fee \$7.50  
 c. Hospitality Fee \$4.50  
**TOTAL COST (per event) \$22.00**  
 Banquet Fee (Optional) \$29.00  
 \*All Events (Optional) \$5.00  
 \*Only bowlers paying the \$5.00 for the All-Events will be eligible for the cash awards.

**PRIZE FEE WILL BE RETURNED 100 PERCENT IN EACH EVENT**

At least 1 of 10 of participants in each event will win prizes.

Note: Contestant may win only one cash prize event (gross or net), whichever cash prize is higher. Excluding special prizes. Awards will be presented to the Contestants who roll the highest gross and highest actual net scores in each event.

6. **SUBSTITUTES.** Bowlers may compete only once in each event. However, the tournament manager may allow a bowler who has previously bowled to substitute on a four bowler team when one of its original entrants is absent. The score of such bowler in the team event rolled with his entering team must count for all events. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered before the tournament opens or such substitutes who may be authorized by the captain of a team or his appointee provided the individual whose name appears on the entry blank is unable for sufficient reason to attend the tournament at the time scheduled. The National Fraternal Director shall have power as to the substitutes that are offered by the captain or his legalized representative, and if accepted, each substitute must bowl each event under his full name and only at scheduled time in each event. In keeping with the FCSU's fraternal objectives, if there are no substitutes available for the team or doubles events, a blind draw may be held from the eligible participants to complete a four person team or to supply a doubles partner if needed. The substitutes score and handicap from the said event will be used.

7. Any contestant whose current average as of March 15, 2019 of at least 21 games is ten pins or more above his highest average from the previous season must use his current average.

**HANDICAP -** Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 240 and last season's 2017-2018 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2019. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 200 and last season's 2017-2018 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will

use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2019. Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

Under no circumstances will handicaps be increased after participant has bowled.

Contestants in this tournament are not required to report any tournament prize winnings for the previous 12-month period.

8. **FALSIFYING AVERAGES - PENALTY -** The team captain is responsible for reporting all averages of the individual team members, and they are responsible to him. Should the Tournament Committee find at any time that the averages have been falsified, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as their entry fee and will be subject to disqualification and suspension from organized bowling.

All prize winners are subject upon request to submit an affidavit of correct league averages.

9. **Rerating of Bowlers -** According to USBC Rule No. 319 A-E, bowlers may be rerated by the Tournament Committee.

10. All entry applications and bowling fees are to be sent directly to: Kevin Collins, 628 Heather Brite Cr, Apopka, FL 32712; not later than April 15, 2019. Rule 310-A2 is in effect.

11. Bowlers who participate in tournament games must be dressed in a presentable manner to appear before public and when possible to use an emblem attached to shirt or dress so that participant can be identified.

12. Both USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in moral support tournaments with high score protection automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for high score protection at their option by paying a \$21.00 fee for which the Congress will issue an unattached membership card.

13. **NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.** All prize fee money will be paid in prizes.

14. In the Doubles contest the names of both members of the team must be given, because entries with the word "Partner" will not be accepted. Entry blanks so compiled will be returned and the entry money retained until proper blank is received. If both entrants in the Doubles event appear when scheduled, it is understood that they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry blank and no change in position will be allowed at any time after entry blank has been filed.

15. **Assignment of Alleys -** The Tournament Committee will make up the alley assignments for all entrants in the Doubles, Singles and Team Events. Entrants in the Doubles and Singles Events are required to report fully 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled to bowl.

Captains of teams must report their line-up at least 30 minutes before scheduled to bowl.

16. In the Doubles & Singles Events bowling entrants will bowl all six of their games on the same pair of lanes. Bowlers entered in the Singles Event only will be assigned to alleys by the Committee.

17. A team may use a name other than its league name for tournament entry without the payment of additional membership dues as formerly required.

18. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.

**Entries will close at midnight April 15, 2019.**

*Please note: all forms must be filled in completely and sent to: Kevin Collins, 628 Heather Brite Cr, Apopka, FL 32712. Entry fees, as stated on the front of this entry blank, must accompany this entry. All incomplete forms will be returned to team captain for resubmission.*

FCSU TOURNAMENT INFORMATION	
Highest Avg. 2017-18 _____	USBC No. _____ Branch/District _____
Team: _____	
Please Check Tournament Events Bowler at Left Is Submitting Payment for on this Application:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Singles <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles <input type="checkbox"/> All Events	
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Please Check Tournament Events Bowler at Left Is Submitting Payment for on this Application:	
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**DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENT—SATURDAY, MAY 18**

9:30 AM    1 PM    We could bowl Sunday if necessary.

**Financial Totals for this Application**

_____ Singles Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
_____ Doubles Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
_____ Team Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
_____ All Events..... @ \$5 ea. =	\$ _____
_____ Banquet Fee (Optional).... @ \$29 ea. =	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

# Slovak Heritage Society Celebrates Christmas 2018

The Slovak Heritage Society of Greater Cleveland (SHS) held their annual Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 9, 2018. The event was a sellout, as some 116 people including 21 children, gathered in the Activities Center of St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Brecksville, OH. Tom Ivanec is the SHS president and Branch 24 Member as well as FCSU's Region 6 Director Elect. SHS Officers in attendance who also belong to the FCSU included: Joseph Oros, Vice President and Branch 24 Member; Michael Anderko, Vice President and Branch 450 Member; Henry Horvath, Treasurer and Branch 855 Member; Marie Golias, Secretary and Branch 1 Secretary; and Trustees Vladimir Cvicela (Branch 24), Ludmilla Anderko (Branch 450) and Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB (Branch 24). Members, guests and friends – including many other members of the Slovak Heritage Society and the First Catholic Slovak Union - enjoyed an afternoon and evening of American and Slovak Christmas music and song, courtesy of the popular folk band Harmonia. Beata Begeniova-Fedorouk, Branch 24, was the featured soloist with her husband Alex Fedorouk also of Branch 24 on cimbalom. Special performances by children were featured, including Branch 24's Sofia and Artem Fedorouk on violin and performing a special rendition of Jingle Bells with Branch 450's Jacob, Jessica, and John Chuba; and on keyboard Branch 450's Nathan and Alex Brunovsky, Nicolas Carny, and Branch 24's Matthew Oros, who performed his own composition as well as Christmas Time is Here. Along with tasty homemade delights such as stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff and mashed potatoes prepared by Branch 1's Jana Horvath, party goers enjoyed assorted party trays and a full array of delicious desserts, coordinated by Branch 24's Joe Oros. A very special appearance was made by Mr. and Mrs Claus, with gifts for all the young children.



## First Winter Polka Party for District 11 Branches

District 11's Branches 200 and 401 sponsored their 1st Winter Polka Party on January 12, 2019. The event was very successful even though the weather conditions were a little snow-covered and slippery. We want to thank all those who attended. People came from as far away as Ohio, Washington County & Shaler to name a few. There are plans to make this an annual event.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, District 11 Treasurer & Branch 200 Financial Secretary



Front row (L – R): Sharon Ciocca, Branch 401 Vice President; Vicki Schaub, District 11 Treasurer and Branch 200 Financial Secretary; Karen Greggs, Branch 401 Treasurer; Patrick Froncek, District 11 President and Branch 401 President. Back row: Jack Tady is 3rd from the left along with the band members, the "Tady Bears."



Members enjoyed the first Winter Polka Party sponsored by Branch 200 and 401.



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*Performance by Azyll*

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we could double our Society immediately  
*THINK ABOUT IT!***



# Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2

## For Illinois, Indiana & Wisconsin • March 2019



### Hey Kids.....

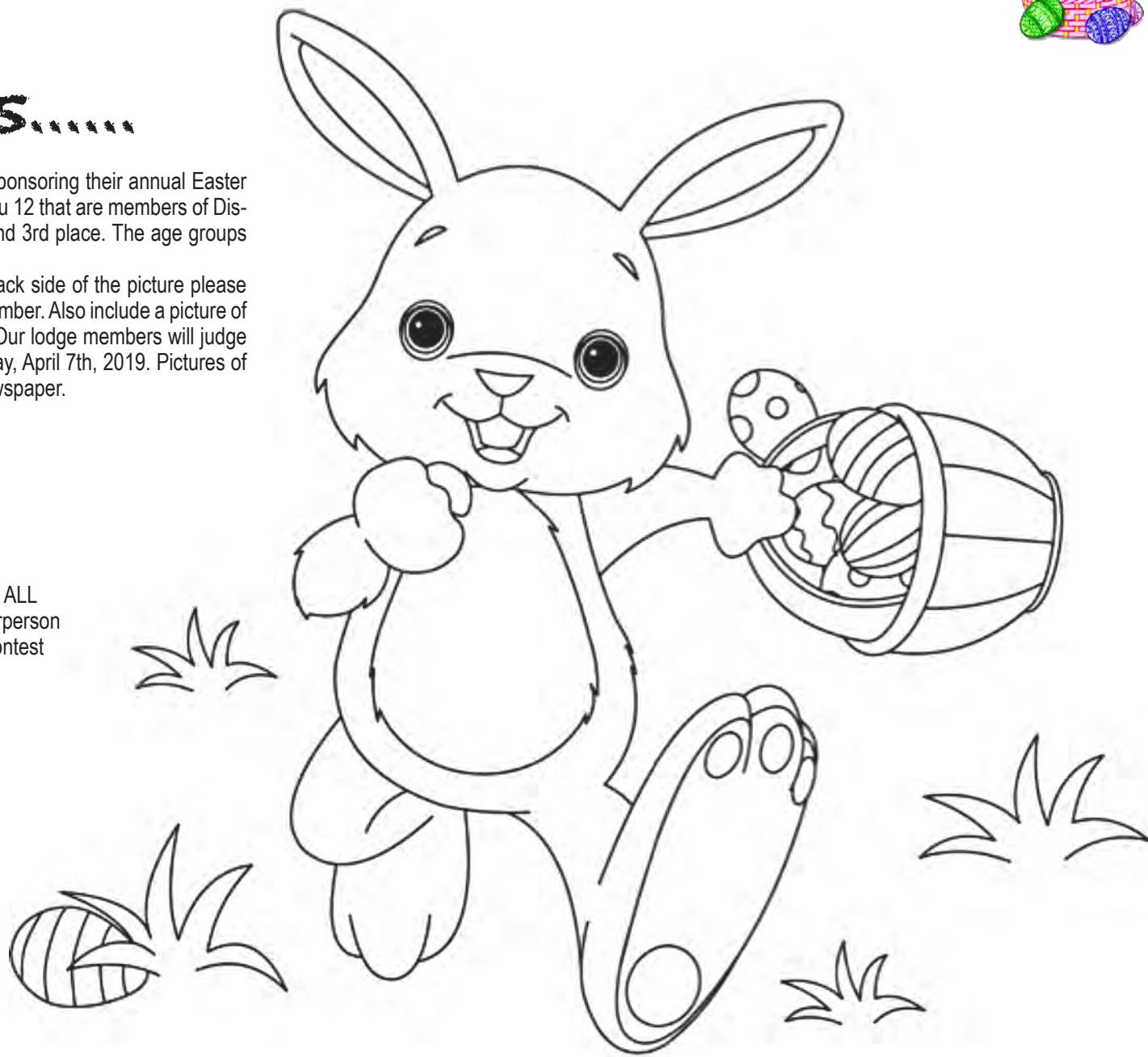
The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 is sponsoring their annual Easter Coloring Contest for boys and girls ages 4 thru 12 that are members of District 2. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The age groups are 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.

Send in your colored picture and on the back side of the picture please print your name, age, address, and branch number. Also include a picture of yourself. Return entries by March 29, 2019. Our lodge members will judge the entries at our District 2 meeting on Sunday, April 7th, 2019. Pictures of the winners will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

Mail your entry to:

Mrs. Barbara Fayta  
1544 Rokosz Lane  
Dyer IN 46311

GOOD LUCK TO ALL  
Barbara Fayta, Chairperson  
Easter Coloring Contest



## March Madness Is Coming to the FCSU

The NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament is a single-elimination tournament comprised of 68 teams that compete in seven rounds for the national championship. The final round is known as the Final Four, when only four teams are left.

The NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Committee selects, seeds and brackets the field for the NCAA Tournament. Then on what is known as Selection Sunday, a Selection Committee reveals the full NCAA tournament bracket, including all teams and all seeds.

In 2019, Selection Sunday is on March 17. The official bracket game of the NCAA will open immediately after the committee announces the field on Selection Sunday. The brackets will lock on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, before the first game of the first round begins, so entries for picks must be in by then.

form and FCSU March Madness Info Sheet by going to this website: [fcsu.com/events](http://fcsu.com/events)

9. The First 4 Play in games will not be counted.
10. Check the website regularly to see the current standings, which will be posted on [fcsu.com/events](http://fcsu.com/events).

### FCSU March Madness Scoring

- Scoring:
1. Round 1: 1 Point for each correct pick
  2. Round 2: 2 Points
  3. Round 3: 4 Points
  4. Round 4: 8 Points
  5. Round 5: 16 Points
  6. Round 6: 32 Points (Championship)

### TIEBREAKER:

1. Guess the total number of points scored by both teams in the final game. Closest to the total points wins (must be under the total)
2. If still tied: Number of total fouls by both teams (must be under the total)
3. If still tied: Prizes will be split.

### FCSU March Madness Prizes

- |            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 1ST PLACE: | \$1000.00 |
| 2ND PLACE: | \$750.00  |
| 3RD PLACE: | \$500.00  |
| 4TH PLACE: | \$250.00  |
| 5TH PLACE: | \$50.00   |

All National Officers and Home Office Employees are ineligible to participate.

### FCSU March Madness Rules

1. Each entrant in the FCSU March Madness Contest must have an active policy and be a member in good standing with the FCSU.
2. 1 Entry per person ONLY.
3. 1 Entry per envelope ONLY.
4. Each envelope must be:
  - POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 11:59PM,**
  - Wednesday March 20th, 2019.**
5. Each entry must be sent by regular mail. No emails will be accepted. Mail to: Kevin Collins, FCSU Fraternal Activities Director  
628 Heather Brite Cr.  
Apopka, FL 32712
6. Each entry must be completed on an FCSU bracket form, and must include total points and total fouls. No other bracket forms will be accepted.
7. Each entry must be accompanied by 1 completed FCSU March Madness Info Sheet.
8. Starting on Monday MARCH 18TH, 2019, you can download your FCSU bracket

## Come to the Ball!



The Slovak-American Cultural Center cordially invites you to attend the 26th annual "Under the Sea" Slovak Ball on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at The Royal Manor in Garfield, NJ. Entertainment for the black-tie evening will be provided by Express-- a live band performing both in Slovak and English. The evening will commence with a cocktail reception at 7pm followed by dinner and dancing as well as the famous Slovak Ball Raffle. Included in the ticket price is the open premium bar until 1am and dancing until 2am. The highlight of the evening will be a special performance by the Slovak music legend - Pavol Hammel! Visit: SlovakAmericanCC.org or call: Tanya 908-377-2446. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



## Branch 553's Victory Family Grills up a Good Time

When the Ohio State Buckeyes played in the January 1, 2019 Rose Bowl Game, bonafide members of Branch 553, the Victory family – supervised by Great Grandma Petrasek – grilled up a good time while watching their favorite college football team the Buckeyes win 28-23 against the Washington Huskies. Pictured in the front row (L-R) Georgia, Scarlet Grey, and William Victory; back row (L- R) Bianchi Victory, Cecilia Petrasek, and Andrew Victory.

- Lovingly submitted by proud Son, Dad, and Grandpa Gregory G. Petrasek, District 10 President

## Your Phone Call Is Important to Us



At the First Catholic Slovak Union, we take every phone call very seriously. Our goal is to deliver the best customer service possible. Please take the following steps when you get our voice mail so that we can provide you with the level of service and attention you deserve.

1. Leave a brief reason for your call.
2. Be sure to state your full name, and spell your last name.
3. Along with your phone number, let us know the best

time to contact you between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:30PM, M- F.

4. Remember that we can only discuss a contract or certificate with the owner or with permission from the owner.

## SLOVAK MASS & EASTER CUSTOMS BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 13, 2019



### St. Adalbert Church

160 So.15<sup>th</sup> Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA

10:45 a.m. -- Recitation of Rosary (in Slovak)

11:00 a.m. -- Slovak Mass

## Prince of Peace Parish Center

81 South 13th Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA



### \*\* SAMPLE SLOVAK EASTER FOODS \*\*

paska (sweet bread) šunka (ham) sirek (egg cheese) hrin (beets & horseradish)

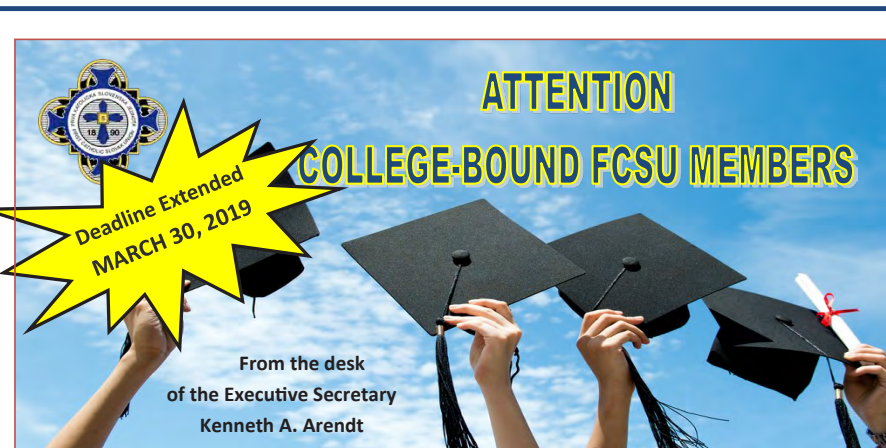
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## THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION IS NOW ACCEPTING 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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- 85 scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00.
- A "Philip Hrobak Scholarship" and "Stephanie Husek Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,250.00 each will be awarded to the highest ranking male and female applicants respectively.
- Three Scholarships of \$1000.00 each will be given from the "John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund" to applicants who have been accepted into either an approved three or four year hospital nursing program or a fully-accredited college of their choice.

In addition, upon proof of college graduation and completed insurance application, each recipient will be issued a paid up \$3,000 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy.

For rules, requirements and applications go to

[www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships](http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships)

or call the Home Office at 800.533.6682

**Applications must be postmarked by midnight, March 30, 2019**





**Sons Joshua, Jacob, and Trevor, along with their girlfriends, join Karen Hunka (R) for her commissioning into missionary work in Ghana, Africa, on December 9, 2018.**

## FCSU's Karen Hunka Begins Missionary Work in Ghana

Hello to all FCSU members. I am Karen (Sprock) Hunka from Latrobe, PA. Many of you know me from Branch 181 in United, PA, where I and my family – particularly my parents- were active members for many years. Many of you also may know me in my capacity as National Chair of Auditors for our Society.

What you may not be aware of is that for years I desired to be a missionary. However working, raising children and caring for elderly parents kept me quite busy. While continuing to honor my fraternal duties to the FCSU, I put my fulltime profession as an accountant/auditor on hold four years ago to take my mother out of a nursing facility and care for her where she wanted and deserved to be – at home. I was blessed to be my mother's caregiver for three years. November 2017, when my mother went to meet her maker, I had a decision to make. I knew with my work experience I was marketable. Going back into the workforce would not be difficult. I could continue to make a decent salary and add to my retirement fund. However, this no longer seemed important to me. I felt there was something else I should be doing. The Holy Spirit was calling me to go down a different path. At the age of 60 I was being called to mission. With resources provided me by my parish priest, Father Sedlak, of St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA and use of the internet, I found an organization that seemed to be perfect. I filled out the Lay Mission-Helpers Association (LMH) application, obtained the required recommendations, flew to Los Angeles, CA for a weekend of discernment and interviews. Ultimately I was accepted into the program.

LMH knows that going on mission in a distant country is not easy. I just completed a formation program in Los Angeles, CA, where for 3 ½ months I was taught by some of the most amazing priests, sisters, brothers, and professors imaginable. Living in community with three others also discerning for mission, I worked on developing the skills and knowledge I need to serve successfully overseas. Soon I will travel to Ghana, Africa, where I will serve for the next three years as an accountant in the Diocese of Damongo.

The motto of LMH is: For We Are God's Helpers. Please pray for me as I journey off to help God's people in Ghana and begin the next chapter of my life.

God Bless you,

Karen Hunka, Branch 181

## Branch 746's Christmas Party

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746 held its meeting and Christmas party on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Luciano's Restaurant in Rahway, New Jersey. At the meeting there was a recap of all of the long list of wonderful activities that were organized in 2018, welcoming of new members, planning of activities for 2019, as well as the election of officers. Congratulations to the new Board! After the meeting, the Christmas festivities began with Branch 290 members joining in on the fun including Regional Director Emeritus Joe Minarovich and his lovely wife Lillian. The festive décor and Tuscan fireplace warmed our branch members and created a Christmas atmosphere reminiscent of that of old Slovakia. St. Mikulas brought gifts for a few lucky members that were "good all year"! The afternoon gathering concluded with singing of Slovak and English Christmas carols. Branch 746 officers would like to thank members of the local branch for their active participation throughout the year. Wishing all our Jednota members much health, happiness and joy in 2019! In keeping with our Slovak traditions, a "vinc" for the New Year:

S pomocou Božou prežili ste  
zas ďalší v rokov slede.  
Nech ruka Božia pevne, iste  
vás v roku novom vedie.  
Nech dary jeho milosti  
vás po celý rok chránia,  
nech dá vám šťastia, radosti  
a hojnosť požehnaní.

-Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



## Branch 670 Accepting Scholarship Applications

Branch 670 of Donora, PA is excited to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program. The committee will award, to the candidates who best satisfy the criteria up to three, onetime \$1000.00 scholarships. Any individual of Branch #670 that has had a policy for at least 4 years, is current in their premiums, is a high school senior and will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible to apply.

For applications, you may email your request or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Joe Matinko, 85 Crestline Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 (email: matinko305@comcast.net)

ALL APPLICATION REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2019

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received in the Home  
Office postmarked  
by June 30, 2019.**

*\*Higher amounts available - please contact your  
Branch Officer or the Home Office  
Standard underwriting applies.*

## 2019 TOUR OF SLOVAKIA YOUNGSTOWN/SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES SISTER CITIES TOUR



Mark your calendars—July 15-29, 2019, pack your bags, grab your passports and get ready to fly to Slovakia for the time of your life.

We are one big family on our tours. Everyone watches out for each other.

First class hotels, great food, entertainment, large roomy air-conditioned bus with rest room—best tour guide and bus driver in all of Slovakia.

We have people coming back for 7 and 8 times, so we must be doing things right. Visit family and friends—walk the

streets of your ancestors, reconnect to your heritage.

Previous tour participants are willing to talk with you regarding the tour and their experiences.

For further information contact Kay and Jim Bench. This will be their 19th trip to Slovakia. Tour arrangements are being made by Paul Hudak, Adventure International Travel Inc. Phone 216 228 7171—800 542-2487 Jim Bench, Phone 724-858-5843 or Kay Bench Phone 724-771-7900.

Don't wait, space is limited, be ready for a fantastic time.

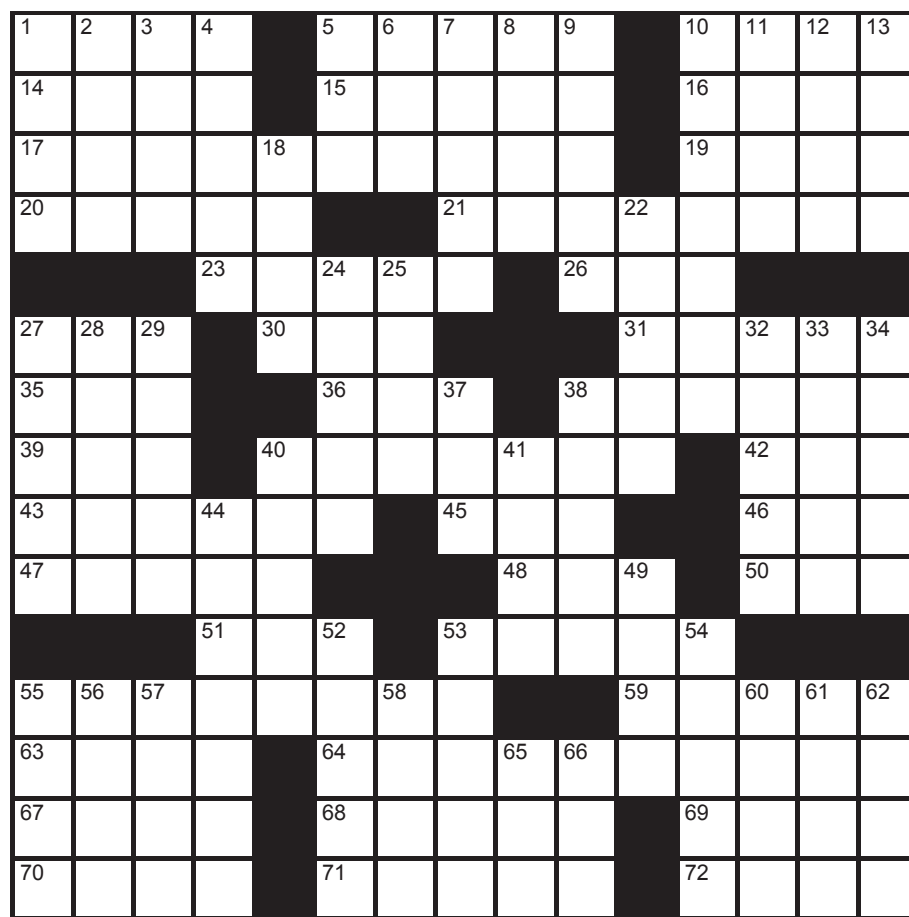
## Traditional Fašiangy (Pre- Lenten Dance) in Milwaukee in March

The Slovak League Assembly 20 of Milwaukee, WI is hosting its traditional Fašiangy (Pre-Lenten Dance) on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (NOTE EARLIER START TIME) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 S. 92nd Street in West Allis, WI. Donation is \$5.00 per person. Slovak food and bakery will be available. A live band will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure. The Tatra Slovak Dancers will have a performance at 6:30 p.m. followed by "bury the basa" (bass fiddle). We are inviting all members of Saints Mary & Joseph Branch 89 of Milwaukee to attend. For more information, contact Betty at 414-425-6137 or Ellen at 262-893-7483.

### JEDNOTA Publication Schedule for 2019

Issue Date	Deadline to Receive Information
<b>March 13</b>	<b>March 4</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>April 1</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 1</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Sept 3</b> to accommodate Labor Day
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Sept 30</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>November 4</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 2</b>

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 1 Farm equipment
- 5 Garrisons
- 10 Call to attention
- 14 Yarn spinner
- 15 Witch's transport
- 16 Antioxidant berry
- 17 Not trustworthy
- 19 Musical mark
- 20 Unkempt
- 21 Like Romeo and Juliet's romance
- 23 Get into shape
- 26 Twitch
- 27 "\_\_\_ you sure?"
- 30 And so on (Abbr.)
- 31 Sand bar
- 35 Implore
- 36 Wool weight
- 38 Unsavory site
- 39 Martinique, e.g.
- 40 Calendar starter
- 42 Apex
- 43 One of Santa's crew
- 45 Freudian topic
- 46 Compass dir.
- 47 Praise
- 48 Egg cells
- 50 Bloodshot
- 51 High note
- 53 Go-between
- 55 Bearing clubs
- 59 Needle
- 63 Creme cookie
- 64 Clone
- 67 Scene
- 68 Miscalculated
- 69 Sandwich fish
- 70 Deserve
- 71 Medical amounts
- 72 Tennis units

**Down**

- 1 Pudding fruit
- 2 Ancestry
- 3 Sculls
- 4 Extract
- 5 Secretive org.
- 6 \_\_\_ pro nobis
- 7 Thrush
- 8 Cost to cross
- 9 Silvery fish
- 10 Elegance
- 11 Highlander
- 12 Fill to excess
- 13 Headed for overtime
- 18 Harp's cousin
- 22 Suspicious
- 24 Fragrant oil
- 25 Computer image
- 27 Endure
- 28 Hang loose
- 29 Discharge
- 32 Playful aquatic animal
- 33 Do penance
- 34 Bounded along
- 37 Expected
- 38 Orchard
- 40 Peanut butter's pal
- 41 Enthralled

- 44 Square dance, e.g.
- 49 Leaning against
- 52 Assisted
- 53 Gelling agents
- 54 Camp items
- 55 Inlet
- 56 Diva's delivery
- 57 Big game
- 58 Galba's predecessor
- 60 Malaria symptom
- 61 E-mailed
- 62 Historic periods
- 65 Irish Sea feeder
- 66 Map abbrs.



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To book the cabin call the Home Office today at **800.533.6682** or visit [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com). For travel arrangements call Paul at Adventure International Travel Service, Inc. at **800.542.2487**



# Part II of the 2018 P

## People



First Place – James Petrosky  
Baden, PA, Branch 10

“Caserta, Italy”



Second Place – Elizabeth South  
Latrobe, PA, Branch 181

“Greensburg, PA”



Third Place – James Fayta  
Shorewood, IL, Branch 706

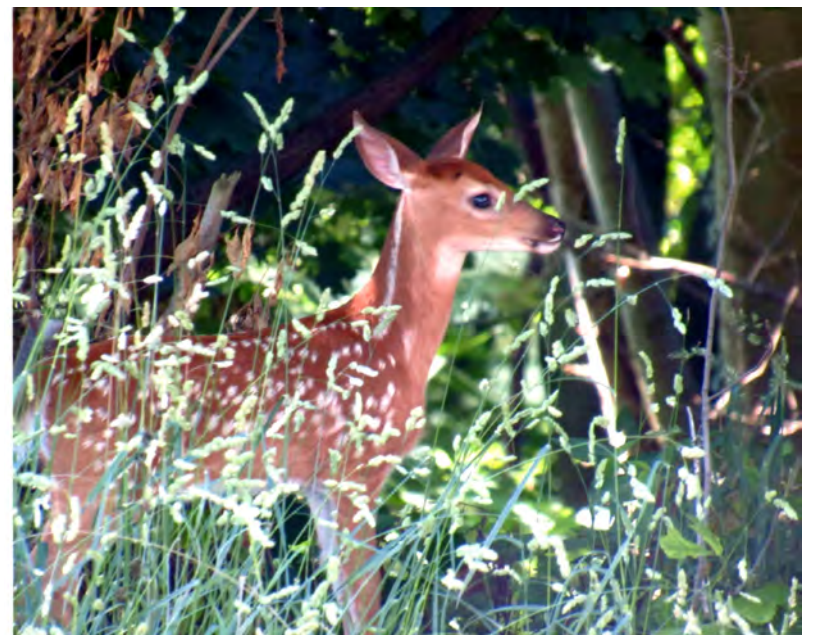
“Star Wars Day – Joliet, IL”

## Nature or Environment



First Place – Megan D’Andrea  
Fowler, OH, Branch 888

“Willow”



Second Place – Ronald Boone  
Pittsburgh, PA, Branch 853

“Backyard in Dormont”



Third Place –  
Michele Mayger-Skwirut  
Latrobe, PA, Branch 181

“The Curacao Iguana”

Look for the Overall Winner, Ages 12 -

# Photo Contest Results

## Travel or Destinations



First Place – Patrick Collins  
Pittsburgh, PA, Branch 2

“Cliffs of Moher, Ireland”



Second Place – Audrey Zavada  
Forty Fort, PA, Branch 5P

“Colors of Prague,  
Czech Republic”



Third Place – Erin Harvey  
Dublin, OH., Branch 1

“Chihuly Museum”

## FCSU Fraternal Activity



First Place – Ryan Ranahan  
E. Brunswick, NJ, Branch 746

“Cathedral of St. John the  
Evangelist”



Second Place – Ronald Boone  
Pittsburgh, PA, Branch 853

“Lake Erie”



Third Place – James Marmol  
Uniontown, PA, Branch 162

“Uniontown Hospital”

18, to be published in the March issue.



## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISTRICT 2 - REVEREND JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 2:00PM, a district meeting will be held at Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL. All members from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin are invited to attend. Dinner will be served after the meeting. For directions and or questions, please call me.

**John Jurcenko, President**  
773 763 0810

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

The George Onda District will hold its Semi-Annual meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Giannilli's I at 408 Thomas School Road (Carbon), Greensburg, PA. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. On the agenda will be the happenings from our district and branches. Dinner will be served. We look forward to a fine turn out.

**Linda L. Gonta, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 4 - THE MSGR. RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at 1:30PM. Branch 746 will host the meeting in the basement meeting room of Holy Family Church, 210 Monroe Street, Linden, NJ. The agenda includes election of officers. Immediately following, at 2:00PM, there will be an insurance seminar. District and non-district members are invited to join us for this informative, informational gathering. Come learn about insurance and investment products, educational savings, and retirement plans. Get informed and plan for your future. Lunch will be served at 3:00PM. Kindly RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt @732-762-3148 by March 23rd. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry.

**Mary Kapitan, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 6 - THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 276 will host the Spring Business Meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Street Extn, West Mifflin 15122. Expect a pizza party. Please RSVP by March 24 to 412-672-0379 or manasta@verizon.net.

We need host branches for Fathers' Day and the Fall Business Meeting. Please consider volunteering.

Heavy rains ruined our plans to attend an afternoon Pirates baseball game last September. We will reschedule in the spring, possibly May 31. Your tickets from September will be honored. You can still get additional tickets - contact Annie Ondrejco. Bring your suggestions for other district activities to the April 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, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd, Mt Lebanon PA: Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events. January 7 - Sokol; February 4 - Andy Warhol; March 4 - Easter Palm Weaving.

\*\* Slovak wine tasting - April 6 - contact Joe Senko.

\*\* Slovak Day at Kennywood Park - Thursday, July 18, 2019; Tickets will be available from Sue Ondrejco.

\*\* Slovak beer tasting - October 7 - contact Joe Senko.

\*\* Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt - Sunday, November 3, 2019 - Noon to 4 PM. Free admission. Lectures on Slovak culture, Slovak entertainment, Slovak food, & many 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; they start February 26. A summer class for children will start May 25, 2019.

\*\* 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 conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 15-19, 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 members of District 7, Rev John Martvon, are welcome to attend the 1st annual district meeting of 2019. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:00PM. It will be in Windber at St. Cyril Methodius Church. The meeting will be hosted by Branch 242. As always they will have a delicious dinner after the meeting in the church hall. We hope all can come and fellowship with friends. Attendance has been down; we need more people to get

involved.

Any questions call Sharon Allison, recording secretary. 814-322-1052

**Sharon Allison, Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 9 FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 1:00PM at Caporella's Italian Ristorante at 90 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. The meeting will be held in their private meeting room.

Election of officers for the 2019 year will be on the agenda. Guests from the Home Office will be attending to discuss insurance issues.

All branches are invited to attend. Members who attend will be asked to contribute \$5.00 toward their meal. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, March 6, 2019, by contacting President James Marmol at 724-437-0892. All members are urged to attend.

**Barbara A. Holly, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 10 - OHIO DISTRICT

It's time to plan to attend the next Rev. S. Furdek District 10 Meeting. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10, 2019. The first District 10 Meeting of the year will be held at the American Slovak Society, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44055 at 2PM. Come learn about the District's plans for 2019. Your participation will make the District stronger by your involvement.

Please contact Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 (home); 330-690-9611 (cell) or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com with the total number attending from each branch. I would like to receive this information by Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Look forward to seeing all District Members at the meeting.

Regards

**Linda M Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer**

### DISTRICT 11 - MSGR JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The semiannual meeting of District 11 will be held Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 2PM. This meeting will take place at Eat N Park, 1626 Broadview Blvd., Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Lunch will be provided at no cost for members who attend. Any beneficial member is welcome to represent his/her branch at district meetings with or without formal identification by the Branch or to the District Secretary of intent to attend the meetings. On the agenda: Nomination and election to fill the vacancy of Recording Secretary previously held by Grace Charney and topics of discussion for upcoming events.

Questions may be directed to Vicki Schaub 724-763-9229 or vschaub123@gmail.com.

**Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

### DISTRICT 12 - ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 1:00PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

**Frances Tarquinio, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 16 - THE MONSIGNOR KRASULA DISTRICT

A semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Krasula District 16 will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 in the rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church immediately following the 10:15 AM Slovak Mass. The agenda will include a discussion and planning on future activities for District 16 in the coming year 2019. All members from District 16 are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Light refreshments will be served immediately after the meeting.

**Joan Skrkon, Secretary/Treasurer**

### DISTRICT 17 - SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT

Saints Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania and Broome County in New York will conduct its Annual Spring meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Branch delegates will gather in the Shrine Room of St. Ann Basilica, 1233 St. Ann Street, Scranton, PA.

District Auditors will meet at 1:00PM to check the books. The business meeting will convene at 1:30PM. Refreshments and socializing will follow.

All branches are urged to send representatives to this meeting. Branches are encouraged to contact District President Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., at 570-342-7562 to confirm attendance.

**-Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., President**

### DISTRICT 19 - MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT

All Jednota members are invited to our Annual Easter Communion Breakfast being held on Sunday March 24, 2019 at 10:00AM. This event will be held after the 9AM Mass at Sts Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Mississauga, in the church hall. This event has been held each year for the past 60 years and continues with the new generations! Again: "All are Welcome!"

**Anne Mitro, Secretary**

## 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@fcsu.com.

# 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
001P	Lilly Lukac	085K	Thomas R Hudak Sr	320K	Mary Lou Shepler	729K	Anne Sznaider
002K	Elizabeth Jane Dapprich	085K	Justina M Rys	367K	Rita M Kittle	731K	Anne J Adams
003P	Victor J Piazzi	086K	Helen M Polakovsky	382K	Marilyn A Novak	731K	John M Polak
006K	Ronald James Sirotnak	086K	Anastasia Visocky	393K	Domonick Cafasso	733K	Julia A Majerchik
007K	Charles J Sklar	089K	Elizabeth T Bastian	456K	Alfred Pallo	746K	Ann B Serben
019K	Ethel Kashulon	089K	John A Misko	465K	Edward J Rozic	764K	Mary Yurcich
019K	Barry F Neri	153K	Marilyn Lenick	484K	Gary E Garzoni	780K	Dian Marie Adams
024K	Richard J Putka	157K	John Babyak	484K	Edward F Sisko	784K	Jean-Marc Bednar
024K	Andrew E Zolata Jr	157K	Margaret Gombar	493K	Joseph Gabrisko	796K	Thaddeaus Durback
035K	Vincent Sweatlock	162K	Michele L Bozek	493K	Edward C Mokos	796K	George Karnis
035K	Eleanor M Valicenti	165K	Susan M Kulp	497K	Gary W Hritz	796K	Joseph R Kucharik
038K	Anna L Borges	166K	Robert A Lauko	543K	Theresa J Manchester	796K	Joseph R Kucharik
038K	Joseph S Drotar	166K	Barbara Maslar	581K	John Pipta Jr	831K	Margaret Janicik
038K	John A Kovac	166K	Anne R Moschak	581K	John Eugene Vadas	855K	Leona J Toth
038K	Edward R Palo	173K	John Fialko	581K	Nancy Vrska	856K	Edward P Pavelko
038K	Michael J Palyo	173K	Patricia Novitski	587K	Betty Jane Margetic	857K	Helen A Petko
038K	Luke J Pollack	173K	Pauline Kubovcik Sinisi	587K	Michael E Rovnak Sr	900K	Mary Jane Kane
038K	Paul P Rojtas	181K	Elizabeth A Holoman	628K	George R Kostival	924K	Gary Stover
040K	Lucille Churney	200K	Joseph A Cippel	670K	Frances S. Cunningham	926K	Helene E Schroeder
040K	John James Goralczyk	259K	Joseph P Adams	670K	Stephen Semancik		
040K	Vernon D Legner	260K	Alice M Dudik	682K	Delores R D'Onofrio		
055K	John G Trisch Jr	293K	Virginia M Stianchie	702K	Antoinette Grega		
060K	Helen Clark	320K	Margaret Ann Crossan	721K	John S Fabus Jr		

\*Processed through the month of January

## OBITUARIES

### JOSEPH ANDREW CIPPEL SR BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA



Joseph Andrew Cippel Sr., 86, passed away October 18, 2018, at his residence. He was born July 19, 1932, son of Joseph John and Frances (Meixelberger) Cippel. He is survived by his wife, Janet Mechling, of Ford City, whom he married April 18, 1959; daughter, Colleen Cippel; sons, David (Lisa) Cippel and Joseph Jr. MD (Paula) Cippel, all of Ford City; grandchildren, Steven, Matthew, Joseph III, Charles, Adam and Emma, all of Ford City; and cousin, Monsignor John Cippel, of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, John J. Cippel; mother, Frances Cippel; and granddaughter, Anna Katherine Cippel. Joe began his employment at Klingensmith's at the age of 12. He continued to work there throughout high school. After graduating from Ford City High School in 1950, Joe earned his B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. He was drafted into the Army and did his tour of duty, 1956-58, initially at Fort Lewis, Wash., and in Korea. He returned home to work for Kling. He married his loving wife, Janet Mechling, April 18, 1959. Kling sold his store in Ford City to Joe in 1972. After taking over ownership of Klingensmith's, Joe continued to expand the business to its current eight locations. Joe also started a durable medical equipment company as well as a long-term care pharmacy. In 1967, he was a founding member of the Lenape Heights Development Corporation. He served on the board of directors of the Value Drug Company (Altoona, PA) until his retirement in 2015. He received the following recognitions: Ford City Area Hall of Fame-1986 and the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, Distinguished Alumnus Award-1988. Joe was an active member of Christ Prince

of Peace Parish. He was a role model to pharmacy students and entrepreneurial pharmacists throughout his career. He cherished the winter months and summer vacations with his family in Hilton Head, SC. He enjoyed golfing with family and friends. Joe loved all Pittsburgh sports, and traveled to Miami to see the Steelers win Superbowl X. Joe never forgot his humble boyhood, losing his father at age 10 and growing up with his mother on Sixth Ave. in Ford City.

The visitation was held October 20 and 21, 2018, at the Mantini Funeral Home, Ford City, where a prayer was held the morning of October 22, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Christ Prince Of Peace Parish, with Monsignor John Cippel officiating. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary

### KAREN MORROW BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Karen Morrow, 62, of Ford City, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, at West Penn Hospital.

She was born May 30, 1956, in Kittanning, to John and Mabel Smith Pavlik.

Karen was a registered nurse and charge nurse at the Pain Management Clinic with 37 years of service.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church and the former Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. She enjoyed crocheting and canning. She loved to bake and gamble. Her second religion was the Pittsburgh Steelers. She enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter, Bella. She was a lifelong resident of her community.

Survivors include her husband, Larry T. Morrow, to whom she was married since 1982; her mother, Mabel Pavlik, of Ford City; daughter, Kristen Morrow, of Ford City; one son, Joel Morrow, of Ford City; a granddaughter, Isabella; sisters, Janice Pavlik, of Alexandria, VA, and Lisa Pavlik, of Ford City;

a brother, Dennis and Erica Pavlik, of Murrysville, PA. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, John Pavlik.

Friends and family were received November 4, 2018, at the Mantini Funeral Home, Ford City. A Prayer service was held the next day in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, Cadogan, PA, with Father Ricky Cortez officiating. Interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary

### JOHN G. MIHALKO BRANCH 293 - LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA



John G. Mihalko, 91, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2018, at Ocean Medical Center in Brick, NJ with his loving family by his side. He was born in Lansford, PA, the son of the late George and Barbara Mihalko. Mr. Mihalko was a resident of Manville, NJ for many years before moving to Spring Lake, NJ where he had lived for 30 years. He then moved back to Manville, where he lived for the past 18 years. He served his Country honorably in the United States Navy on the USS Princeton during World War II. Mr. Mihalko worked as a shift operator for the South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority in Belmar, NJ, for many years before retiring in 1992. He was a loving husband, father, brother and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. Mr. Mihalko was a member of the American Legion Post #304 in Manville, NJ, the Thomas J. Kavanaugh V.F.W. Post #2290 in Manville, NJ and the Manasquan Elks in Manasquan, NJ. He enjoyed taking trips to the Monmouth Park Racetrack and the casinos. Mr. Mihalko also enjoyed gardening

and mushroom picking as well as junking. He was a member of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. He is predeceased by his wife Viola: a sister Mary Vitek; a brother Joseph Engle; and a granddaughter Alyson Mihalko. He is survived by his two daughters Elisabeth (Mark) McNamara, Point Pleasant, NJ, and Lynne Tobias, Point Pleasant, NJ; and by his two sons David M. (Kathy) Mihalko, Brick, NJ, and John M. (Marilou) Mihalko, Manville, NJ. He is also survived by five grandchildren Violet McNamara, David Mihalko, Sydney Mihalko, Mark Mihalko and Matthew Mihalko. The viewing was on August 10, 2018 at the Ketusky Funeral Home, Manville. A Mass was celebrated at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Manville, the next day. Burial followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bound Brook, NJ.

- Submitted by Lisa McNamara

### PHILIP WAYNE KOZAK, SR. BRANCH 393 - GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



Philip Wayne Kozak, Sr., age 82, passed away on October 28, 2018, after a brief illness. He has joined his wife, Annie, who passed this past June. Phil was born July 10, 1936, in Westmoreland County, PA, the only son of the late Joseph Kozak and Florence Delse-rone Kozak. As a young man wanting to help his mother financially, Philip enlisted in the United States Air Force. It was when he was stationed in Alaska, that he met, fell in love, and eventually married Annie in May 1956. They made their home and raised their three children in Greensburg, PA. Phil worked at PPG Industries, in Greensburg, PA, and took advantage of the company's offer to pay for his college degree while he was employed there. He graduated Summa Cum

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Laude from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. He was later promoted and transferred to Evanville, IN, where he retired as the plant Quality Control Manager. Phil and Annie enjoyed their retirement years traveling between Florida and Las Vegas.

Phil is survived by his son Philip W. Kozak, Jr., of Rapid City, SD; daughter Patricia Kozak Valentine of Indianapolis, IN; grandchildren, Christopher Kozak of Rapid City SD; Gina and Carly Valentine of Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Kozak Rowland. Although Phil did not have siblings, he remained close to his cousins, Nate Colonna and his wife Linda; Cecilia Colonna D'Alessandris and her husband Walt D'Alessandris.

Phil, our Dad, our Grandpa, was the strength and wisdom of our family. He was always there for us. He was good for his word. He valued family and friendships. Phil cared for Annie as she declined, and when she passed so unexpectedly, it broke his heart. He didn't like to show that. But it did. Shortly after Annie passed, he learned he had cancer. After getting a medical clearance that he was healthy enough, he made the decision to undergo a risky surgery that, if successful, would give him 5 plus more years of life. He said, "If it goes well, good! If it doesn't go well, and I don't wake up? I've had a good life."

- Submitted by Patricia Kozak Valentine



**MARGARET R. DELIMAN**  
BRANCH 417 – WINBURNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Margaret R. Deliman, age 95, of Yardley, PA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 5, 2018, at Manorcare of Yardley, PA. Born in Winburne, PA, Margaret lived in Lorain, OH before moving to Lower Bucks

County in 1952.

Mrs. Deliman was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Morrisville. She had been a member of the Ladies of Columbus, the Holy Trinity P.T.A. and the CFM (Catholic Families Movement). Margaret very much enjoyed traveling.

Daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Galyo) Rackish, and wife of the late Edward Deliman, she is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Frank and Assunta Deliman of Yardley; Michael and Karen Deliman of Barnesville, OH; and The Most Reverend Edward M. Deliman, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers and a sister-in-law Frank and Margaret Rackish of Port Allegheny, PA and Joseph Rackish of Hawk Run, PA; four grandchildren, Allison Deliman, Lindsay (and Joshua) Smith, Kathleen (and Daniel) Mease and Erin (and Steven) Payne, as well as great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends celebrated her Funeral Mass November 9, 2018 at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Morrisville, PA. Interment followed at Resurrection Cemetery, Bensalem, PA.

- Submitted by the Most Reverend Edward M. Deliman, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

**LEONA TOTH**  
BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

Leona Toth (nee Chromek), age 75, passed away September 1, 2018. Beloved mother of Kim Zurek (Bob), Joe, and Dean (Christy). Loving grandmother of Amanda and Rebecca Zurek; Joseph Toth; Anastasia (deceased), Stephanie and Katherine Toth. Leona was a cherished mom, grandma, friend, and was a proud and dedicated employee of Parma Hospital for 40 years.



- Submitted by Kim Zurek

### YOUTH MEMBER SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE: BRANCH 181 MEMBERS

For the fall 2019 school year, St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181 of United, PA, will be offering scholarships to eligible youth members. These will be one-time scholarships selected by an independent panel that will evaluate each applicant. The number of scholarships awarded is dependent on the number of eligible applicants.

Scholarships of \$500.00 will be available on a one-time basis to be used for a college or trade school.



THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SOLELY FUNDED BY YOUR LOCAL BRANCH 181 AND ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION NATIONAL OFFICE.

To obtain an application and more information, please contact Vicki Hricik phone 724-547-0803 or email [vickihricik@gmail.com](mailto:vickihricik@gmail.com).

\*Applications should be postmarked by April 12, 2019 to be eligible.

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY- BRANCH 181 YOUTH MEMBERS

You may be eligible to qualify for a scholarship if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a member in good standing of The First Catholic Slovak Union, St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181.
- You have been a member of Branch 181 for four years prior to applying with a minimum \$5,000 insurance policy.
- You are high school senior preparing to graduate in 2019 and have applied for the 2019/20 fall term at a qualifying educational institution.

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9AM Mass at Sts Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Mississauga, in the church hall. This event has been held each year for the past 60 years and continues with the new generations! Again: "All are Welcome!"  
**Sharon Tomas, Secretary**

**BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA**

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, Egypt, Pennsylvania, will hold their semi-annual meeting February 24, 2019. Meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, in the Altar Server Room, 4456 Main St, Egypt, PA. 18052. Meeting agenda will cover Delegates for the District 8 spring meeting 2019, will be selected at this meeting. Also any new business which needs to be discussed.

All members are invited to attend, hope to see some new faces at the meeting.

**Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary**

**BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA**

Branch 853 will hold a special meeting on March 10, 2019, at 11:30AM at the Speer's Street Grill, in Belle Vernon, PA. (Charleroi side of the Speers/Belle Ver-

non bridge) There will be no cost for lunch for members attending the meeting.

This meeting is a special meeting to discuss changing the name of the branch.

All members are urge to attend in person or to attend by phone/Skype/facetime. If you want to attend by phone/Skype/Facetime, please contact the branch president by phone message at 412-886-6938 or by email at [FCSUBranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUBranch853@gmail.com) to coordinate the attendance or to make any comments.

**Monica Rodacy Boone, President**

**BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO**

We will hold our first meeting of 2019 to discuss upcoming events. Meeting and lunch will be held at Panera at 5090 Tiedemann Rd. on Sunday February 17, 2019, at 2:00PM. Each attendee is encouraged to bring a pair, or pairs, of new socks to be donated to the West Side Catholic Center.

All members of Branch 855 are invited to join the fun at the Monsters' Hockey Game, March 23rd! Please contact Barbara by February 15th for details on how to reserve your complimentary ticket. (email: [bsutilla@gmail.com](mailto:bsutilla@gmail.com)) Details on page 18 of this issue. Hope to see you there!!!

**Barbara Sutilla, President**

### Attention Branch 200, Branch 401 & All Other District 11 Members:

Save the date for an upcoming  
District 11 meeting on April 28, 2019.

See District 11 announcement on  
page 15 for details.

## DISTRICT 2

### Annual 2019 Brunch and Play

On **Sunday, March 24, 2019**, a Brunch and Play event is scheduled at the Center for Performing and Arts, Theatre at the Center, located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana. Brunch starts at **1:00 pm**, the show follows brunch at **2:30 pm**. The show this year is called **"Million Dollar Quartet."** In the 1950's, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for what became one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This thrilling musical invites audiences into the recording studio for the true story of one unforgettable night. These four legends bring down the house with hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Great Balls of Fire" and "Walk the Line."

District 2 members pay \$36.00 per person. Non-members pay full price (\$59.00, not including tax or gratuity). *District 2 members, take advantage of this \$23 discount.*

For more brunch or play information, call Lynda Tanis at: 1-630-247-7521. Make checks payable to: **Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2** and mail to Lynda Tanis at 3141 N. Campbell, Chicago, IL 60618. The deadline is March 3, 2019.

*Hope to see you there!*

PLEASE MAIL THE BELOW PORTION ONLY

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### District 2 Annual 2019 Brunch and Play

District 2 Members	\$36.00 x _____	= \$ _____	total
Non-members	\$59.00 x _____	= \$ _____	total

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

List names of all those attending on the back of this form or included on a separate sheet.  
Make checks payable to **Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2**  
and mail together with check to: **Lynda Tanis at 3141 N. Campbell, Chicago, IL 60618.**

# District 14's Christmas Celebration

The branches of Reverend Joseph L. Kostik District 14, Region 6, celebrated the Christmas holiday season on December 18, 2018 at Rachel's Restaurant in Austintown, OH. Planned and organized by Sue Carney of Branch 682 the celebration allowed the opportunity for the attendees to share fellowship and information among the branches. A raffle conducted at the event included a Wine Basket won by Linda Yuricek and a visit for the youngsters by Santa and Mrs. Claus capped the evening. Special thanks to Sue Carney, Barb Hosa, Selma Bolash, Carlie Peshek and Grace Kavulic for their efforts in making the evening a huge success.

- Submitted by Drew Hirt,  
Branch 682 President



## ATTENTION CLEVELAND-AREA JEDNOTA MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Hockey Night in Cleveland

Saturday, March 23, 2019

7:00pm

Monsters vs. Hershey Bears  
Quicken Loans Arena-Cleveland, OH



**Special Offer Includes:**

- ◆ Discounted Lower Goal End Tickets!!
- ◆ \$23 group rate per seat, with possible deeper discounts for MEMBERS ONLY through your branch
- ◆ GIVEAWAY – This is a tribute to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Moon Landing
- ◆ First 10,000 fans receive Astronaut Bobblehead

**To get your branch discount and order tickets, please contact the representative in your branch:**

- ◆ Branch 1: Marie Golias, 216-338-8179
- ◆ Branch 24: Tom Ivanec, 440-668-7797
- ◆ Branch 228: Len Zilko, 440-988-3236
- ◆ Branch 450: George Carny, 440-885-5702
- ◆ Branch 553: Greg Petrasek, 330-398-1888
- ◆ Branch 855: Barbara Sutila, 440-864-4744



Special FCSU member rates, courtesy of your FCSU branch.  
Contact your branch officer for details!!

**Deadline to order: Friday, February 22, 2019**  
**Seating is Limited: First Come, First Serve, So Don't Delay**

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:**

From your branch officer or by pick up at the Q's will call (located near box office), if arrangements are made in advance through your branch.

All orders are subject to availability. No ticket required for children under the age of two. Video cameras are not allowed in Quicken Loans Arena. Offer and discounts not available at arena box office. No refunds or exchanges.



## Rediscover Your Slovak Roots on September's Slovakia Heritage Tour

Judith Northup-Bennett, Branch 19

The 2019 Slovakia Heritage Tour, from September 6-15, will once again offer Slovak-Americans a chance to connect with their family histories, go back in time to experience the food, music and culture they grew up in, and better understand Slovakia's intriguing history that led their ancestors to leave their families and lives in this beautiful land.

This 10-day, relaxed pace, small group tour takes you through Slovakia's beautiful countryside to experience the age-old traditions and join in the fun with Slovaks at wine, harvest and mining festivals. Wander country lanes in small villages at this delightful time of year to travel. Linger in city cafes to sample pirohy, halusky, kolac, and other foods your grandmother made. Immerse yourself in history as you explore medieval towns, castles, outdoor village museums, and other landmarks without the tourist crowds of most European countries.

"We keep our tour small, never more than 15 people, so that we can be flexible and give people time to explore their own interests and family roots," said tour organizer Judith Northup-Bennett. "We often have cousins, siblings and two generations traveling together to rediscover their family ties to Slovakia, as well as people traveling on their own. At the end of the tour when we've shared our family stories and common histories, we all feel like we've been traveling with our Slovak cousins."

For more information and to discuss your personal family plans, please contact Judith Northup-Bennett at Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144, and [slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com](mailto:slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com). Visit our web site: [www.slovakiaheritage.com](http://www.slovakiaheritage.com). Genealogical research, and ancestral village and family visits can be arranged.



(L) Branch 41's Daniel Tanzone with clergy at the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper.



(L - R) St. John Nepomucene Associate Pastor the Rev Martin and Pastor the Rev Richard Baker offer prayers before the Christmas Eve Dinner.

(L - R) Jan Skrkon with Stan and Susan Krcmar and Nina Holy



(L - R) Father Baker, Jozef Korcak and Father Martin help District 16 Vice President Anna Korcak celebrate a special birthday at Branch 716's New Year's Eve celebration. Photo courtesy of District 16 President Zelmira Beckova-Kucharovic.

Members, friends and guests of Branch 716 gathered at St. Nepomucene Church in New York on New Year's Eve to welcome in 2019.



(L - R) Among those at the New Year's Eve Party (L - R): District 16 Secretary/Treasurer & Branch 716 Recording Secretary Joan Skrkon, St. John Nepomucene Pastor the Reverend Richard Baker, and Branch 716 President Jan Skrkon

(L - R) Branch 716's Lisa Calabrese and Joan Skrkon



## Happy Holidays for FCSU Members & Guests in New York City

A Christmas Eve Vigil Supper (Stedrovecerna Vecera Vigilia) was celebrated on December 16, 2018 in St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City. A traditional Slovak Dinner was served to those who attended. Branch 716 members came and supported the event. Then, on December 31st, members and guests of the Branch as well as District 16 again gathered to welcome in the new year.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, District 16 Secretary/Treasurer & Branch 716 Recording Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

### HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 11:00 AM and asked Rev. Thomas Nasta 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 (via teleconference)  
 Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain (via teleconference)

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**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 held Saturday, December 15, 2018. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. Following the report, Larry White answered the Board's questions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary gave a full written report on the investment update at the Board of Directors Meeting. Following the report, they answered the Board's questions.

**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 November 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 November:

Disbursements for the month of November 2018:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 222,206.94
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 43,505.65
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 a production report on our agents to the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors Meeting. 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. FCSU Commissions will be reviewed and compared against the competition. We expect some changes.

The President led a review of the possibility of introducing a bonus program for the agents and a referral program for recommenders. It will be furthered discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting in January.

**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 January.

**MIDDLETOWN:**

The President gave an update to the Executive Committee regarding the sale of the property in Middletown. He talked to Michael Schwab, Co-President of D&H, who reported that the rezoning process was going very well with Lower Swatara Township. The President will keep the Committee updated on any developments.

**REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:**

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Rev. Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec  
President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

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

**KIMPTON AERTSON HOTEL  
 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

*The ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING* of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on *Friday, March 15, 2019*.

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

Officers who are required to give reports at the Annual Meeting should send them to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office on or before Friday, March 8, 2019.

All correspondence relative to the Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt, and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to March 8, 2019.

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

Andrew M. Rajec  
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

## Answer to Puzzle

*Solution to Puzzle from page 10*

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## Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

### Slovenský ples v Royal Manor, Garfield, NJ

Slovensko-Americké Kultúrne Stredisko vás všetkých srdečne pozýva na už 26-ty Slovenský Ples, ktorý sa uskutoční v sobotu **23. februára 2019** v The Royal Manor v Garfield, NJ. Gala večer začne kokteilom o 19 hod., pokračovať bude hlavným programom od 20 hod., ktorý bude plný hudby so skupinou Express, chutných jedál, a chýbať nebude bohatá tombola. V rámci večera vystúpi Pavol Hammel, jedna zo žijúcich legiend slovenskej hudobnej scény. Bar bude otvorený celú noc a tancovať sa bude až do rána. Viac informácií + zakúpenie lístkov nájdete na [www.SlovakAmericanCC.org](http://www.SlovakAmericanCC.org), alebo volajte Zuzka 973-357-1209. Tešíme sa na vás!



Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka

### Polročná schôdza Okresu č. 16 Msgr. Krasuľu IKSJ

Polročná schôdza Okresu č. 16 Msgr. Krasuľu IKSJ sa uskutoční v nedeľu **24. februára 2019** na fare kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého bezprostredne po slovenskej svätej omši o 10:15 hod. Program bude obsahovať diskusiu a plánovanie budúcich aktivít v okrese č. 16 IKSJ a v nasledujúcom roku 2019. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať ľahké občerstvenie.

Joan Skrkon, tajomníčka

### Fašiangová zábava v Milwaukee, WI

20. zbor Slovenskej ligy v Milwaukee, WI usporiada Fašiangovú zábavu v **sobotu 2. marca 2019** v Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 S. 92nd Street v West Allis, Wisconsin. Začiatok bude o 5.00 hodine večer. V kultúrnom programe sa predstaví slovenský folklórny súbor Tatra Slovak Dancers o 6:30 hodine večer. Vstupné je \$5.00 za osobu. Na predaj budú slovenské jedlá, zákusky a koláče. Bližšie informácie: Betty, tel. č. 414-425-6137 alebo Ellen, tel. č. 262-893-7483.

Kathy Valent, tajomníčka

## Spolok č. 746 IKSJ a Vianoce u našich prastarých rodičov očami detí Lipky Academy



Regionálna riaditeľka Sabina Sabados prekvapila deti Lipky Academy s finančným darom.

Vianočná atmosféra, tajuplné čaro, koledy a kapustnica.

**Vianoce u našich starých rodičov** - téma vianočného programu Lipky Academy, ktorá už tradične 15 rokov prináša do našich rodín kus domova, spomienky na zvyky a tradície nášho Slovenska.

Každý, kto sa zúčastnil vystúpenia mal možnosť zažiť pokojnú a bohatú predvianočnú atmosféru. Bohatú predovšetkým na zvyky a tradície našich predkov, ktoré našich predkov posilňovali a vďaka ktorým sme sa dostali až k dnešku. Veľmi zaujímavé boli odpovede na tieto otázky:



Na snímke sú vynikajúce učiteľky Lipky Academie spolu s generálnou konzulkou Ladislavou Begec, sv. Mikuláš s jeho pomocníkmi a regionálna riaditeľka IKSJ Sabina Sabados.

*Prečo sa na Štedrý deň veštilo podľa cibul'ového kalendára?*

*Prečo gazdiná ruky zabrané od cesta na opekance obtierala na Štedrý deň o ovocné stromy?*

*Ako naši prastarí rodičia ochraňovali na Štedrý deň maštale a zvieratá?*

*Prečo ukladali pod stôl sekeru, motyku, rýľ, kladivo a ďalšie železné nástroje?*

Vďaka nim sme si vysvetlili dôvody a podstatu našich zvykov a uvedomili si, že zvyky našich predkov nesvedčia o ich sedliackosti, ale o tom, že v každom čase ľudia mysleli a konali len na úrovni vtedy platných zákonitostí a získaných vedomostí.

Celý program sa niesol v slovenskom jazyku, nakoľko slovenčina je živým jazykom aj u mladej generácie žijúcej v USA a práve udržiavaním a pracovaním na jej zachovaní vďaka aj členom Jednoty, Spolku č. 746 IKSJ na čele s ich regionálnou riaditeľkou Sabinou Sabados, ktorí nás finančne znovu podporili a aj vďaka nim máme možnosť rozvíjať a skvalitňovať výučbu slovenského jazyka. Svojou návštevou nás potešila aj generálna konzulka SR v New Yorku Ladislava Begec, ktorá pri tejto príležitosti odovzdala pamätnú medailu Lipke Academy za prínos v oblasti pestovania slovenského jazyka a budovania vzťahu ku krajine svojich predkov u detí Slovákov žijúcich v USA. Vystúpenia sa zúčastnil aj miestny farár Mariusz Luksza, ktorý sa tešil z vystúpenia detí a udržiavania slovenského jazyka aj u najmladšej generácie.

Veríme, že si každý odniesol len tie najkrajšie zážitky a že v tejto tradícii budeme aj naďalej pokračovať.

Sabina Sabados, regionálna riaditeľka IKSJ  
Marianna Fecova, riaditeľka Lipky Academy



Tradície Štedrého večera predstavili členovia Lipky Academy.

## Koncert virtuóza Filipa Pogady na Drew Univerzite, Madison, NJ

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vo Westfield NJ, ako aj 15. októbra v koncertnej hale Dorothy Young na pôde Drew University v Madison, NJ. Nadaný huslista začal svoj výnimočný talent rozvíjať už vo veku siedmich rokov a svoje prvé sólové vystúpenie odohral už ako 11-ročný vo Viedni. Filip viacnásobne vystúpil na renomovaných miestach ako Lincoln Center (New York), Rudolphinum (Praha) či Konzerthaus (Viedeň), Tel Aviv Opera House či Lotte Hall (Soul). Okrem toho však počas svojho štúdia na Manhattan School of Music v New York City hrával aj v metre, pretože s veľkým entuziazmom presadzuje myšlienku, že krásu vážnej hudby by mal mať šancu zažiť každý človek. Preto sa zapojil aj do projektu „Live Music NOW“, ktorý prináša hudbu do sirotincov, nemocníc, väzení či domovov dôchodcov.

Filip Pogady, rodák zo Slovenska, momentálne žijúci v New Yorku, ponúkol na októbrovom koncerte publiku nevídanú kombináciu ľahkosti a dynamiky a excelentný výkon plný vášne. Publikum nadšene obdarilo búrlivým potleskom Filipa i Festivalový orchester New Jersey a vyžiadalo si prídavok.

Slovensko-Americké Kultúrne Stredisko pripravilo návštevníkom koncertu okrem nezabudnuteľného hudobného zážitku aj pohostenie v krásnej Mead Hall, Drew University. Okrem vína, syrových tanierov a ovocných mis na stoloch nechýbali aj nezameniteľné slovenské koláče a pochúťky. Priestory preniesli zúčastnených svojou architektúrou do obdobia pred občianskej vojny a dodali stretnutiu slávnostný šmrnc. Okrem priateľskej atmosféry, možnosti porozprávať sa či odfotiť sa s umelcami, venoval účastníkom pár vrúcnych slov a poďakovaní okrem Filipa aj samotný dirigent, majster David Wroe, ktorý svojimi slovami všetkým dovolil nahliadnuť do toho, ako prebiehala ich príprava a spolupráca. Potlesk zožal aj príhovor prezidentky Slovensko-Amerického Kultúrneho Strediska Sabiny Sabados, ktorá spolu so svojimi spolupracovníkmi pozvala na záver nádherného dňa Filipa na večeru do miestnej reštaurácie. Celý deň bol výborne zorganizovaný a nádherným úspechom a dobrodružstvom. Srdečná vďaka členom spolku č. 746 a 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, ktorí prišli podporiť toto nádherné podujatie.

Sabina Sabados, prezidentka SAKS



FOTO: Maynard Wallace

Členovia Spolku č. 746 IKSJ zľava: Gloria Waldron, Emilia Filak (členka Najvyššieho súdu IKSJ) a Lois Schmidt.



Na snímke organizačný výbor koncertu Slovensko-Amerického Kultúrneho Strediska zľava: Peter Krajnak, huslista Filip Pogady, Tanya Pulver a Sabina Sabados.



Členovia Spolku č. 746 IKSJ, ktorí sa zúčastnili koncertu a recepcie.



Filip Pogady vystupuje v Dorothy Young Centre na Drew Univerzite s Festivalovým orchestrom New Jersey.

## Nadácia Proglas vznikla na podporu vzniku filmu o Cyrilovi a Metodovi

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Literát Daniel Hevier ocenil snahu biskupa Františka Rábeka o obnovu filmového projektu. „Keď som sa o tom dozvedel, mal som radosť aj zmiešané pocity. Naozaj dozrel čas, keď by sme ako štát mohli ideou a príbehom vytvoriť európsky veľkofilm. Veď to bola doba, ktorá ovplyvnila aj západnú Európu. Dúfam, že túto šancu nepremrháme,“ povedal Hevier.

Za účelom získania financií na realizáciu filmu je zriadená Nadácia Proglas. „Tá bude čoskoro zaevidovaná. Verím, že aj v súčasnosti máme na Slovensku veľmožov a kniežatá, ktorí podporia tento projekt,“ dodal predseda nadácie Rábek.

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# Jednota



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

Ročník 128

STREDA, 13. FEBRUÁRA 2019

Číslo 5980

## Nadácia Proglas vznikla na podporu vzniku filmu o Cyrilovi a Metodovi

Historický film Tajomstvo Zoborského kláštora o svätom Cyrilovi, Metodovi, Gorazdovi i Svätoplukovi pripravuje Nadácia Proglas z príležitosti 1150. výročia smrti svätého Cyrila a vysvätenia svätého Metoda za arcibiskupa pre Veľkú Moravu.

„Film chceme urobiť, aby sme spoznali naše národné, kultúrne a kresťanské korene. Aby nás inšpirovali k tomu, že by sme dokázali z tejto slávnej histórie žiť a osvojiť si tie vlastnosti a najmä duchovné hodnoty, ktoré pomáhali našim predkom zvládnuť život, aby sme ho zvládli aj my najlepšie. Ja som pripravil scenár, ktorý odborníci od kinematografie môžu cizelovať. Ale v zásade je ten dej na papieri,“ na stredajšej (23. 1.) prezentácii filmového projektu v Zrkadlovej sále bratislavského Primaciálneho paláca zdôvodnil rímskokatolícky biskup a prvý ordinár Ordinariátu Ozbrojených síl a Ozbrojených zborov SR František Rábek.

Historik Róbert Letz prítomným pripomenul význam a dôležitosť poznania minulosti každého národa: „Bratia zo Solúna sa zaslúžili o náš jazyk a Veľká Morava predstavovala vrchol kultúrnej aj svetskej moci, čo potvrdil aj vtedajší pápež. Duchovný odkaz múdrosti a štátnosti pretrváva pre súčasnosť. Potvrdením toho bude film.“

Podľa producenta Jána Opartyho snahy o takýto náročný film sú dlhodobé. On má už 12 rokov pripravený tento projekt, ale nedostatok financií neumožnil jeho realizáciu.

Aj scenárista Ondrej Šulaj potvrdil, že za šesť rokov vypracoval viac ako desať scenárov, ktoré ostali nevyužitú. „Pre mňa je to uzavretý projekt. Neľutujem to, lebo to bola zaujímavá práca. Ak sa z toho niečo použije, budem rád,“ vyjadril sa Šulaj.

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## Zomrel Imrich Kružliak - muž, ktorý sa zaslúžil o vznik Slovenskej republiky

Vo veku 104 rokov zomrela osobnosť slovenského povojnového exilu, politik, krajaný pracovník, organizátor kultúrneho a politického života, redaktor, publicista, básnik, spisovateľ, historik a prekladateľ Imrich Kružliak. Dožil sa 104 rokov. Informoval o tom predseda Svetového združenia Slovákov v zahraničí a riaditeľ Slovenského domu v Prahe Vladimír Skalský.

„Bol to človek, ktorý za tých dlhých 104 rokov svojho života naozaj prežil zložitú zákrutu slovenských dejín. Myslím si, že za ten čas v nich obstál so čťou, s tým, že prehodnotil niektoré veci na sklonku svojho života. Ako veľmi mladý človek spolupracoval s režimom Slovenského štátu. Neskôr však jednoznačne dokázal, že bol veľkým demokratom. Mimoriadnu úlohu zohral v slovenskom krajanstve hnutí v slovenskom exile. Aj preto sme si ho v svetovom združení Slovákov v zahraničí veľmi vysoko vážili,“ priblížil Skalský s pripomienkou, že bol držiteľom ceny Ondreja Štefánku.

Ako potvrdil historik Tomáš Černák, ktorý bol s Kružliakovým okolím v úzkom spojení, Kružliak zomrel v piatok 1. februára v ranných hodinách v Nemecku.

Imrich Kružliak sa narodil 8. decembra 1914 v Detve. Študoval na gymnáziu v Kláštore pod Znievom. Na Filozofickej fakulte Univerzity Komenského (UK) v Bratislave vyštudoval slavistiku, dejiny a sociológiu a v roku 1940 získal doktorát (PhDr.).

Bol jedným z najaktívnejších katolíckych študentských lídrov zo Svoradova (bratislavský vysokoškolský internát, v rokoch 1922 - 1945 najdôležitejšie miesto formovania slovenskej katolíckej inteligencie). Od roku 1938 pracoval v Slovenskej lige. Najskôr ako organizačný a literárny tajomník a redaktor, neskôr ako správca a generálny tajomník.

Bol medzi prvými exilovými pracovníkmi, ktorý sa po páde komunistického režimu vrátil na Slovensko. Zasadzoval sa za vytvorenie samostatnej demokratickej Slovenskej republiky a po jej vzniku (1993) bol externým poradcom prezidenta SR Michala Kováča. V rokoch 1992 - 1995 bol členom predsedníctva Matice slovenskej.



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Imrich Kružliak

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Filip Pogady (v prostriedku) s členmi IKSJ, ktorí sú zároveň v predstavenstve Slovensko-Amerického Kultúrneho Strediska, na recepcii v historickej Mead Hall na Drew Univerzite.

## Koncert virtuóza Filipa Pogady na Drew Univerzite, Madison, NJ

Začiatok sezóny Festivalového orchestra New Jersey odštartoval v úžasne veľkolepom štýle rodák z Bratislavy, virtuóz s fascinujúcim nadaním, Filip Pogady. Pod taktovkou majstra Davida Wroea odohral spolu s orchestrom „Bruchov husľový Koncert č.1“. Vďaka Slovensko-Americkému Kultúrnemu Stredisku mali milovníci orchestrálnych hudby šancu vypočuť si tieto nádherné tóny 14. októbra 2018 v Prvom spojenom metodistickom kostole

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## Vysoké Tatry zaujali svet



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**New York Times zverejnil zoznam 52 najkrajších miest sveta. Slovensko je v top 20!**

Ak niekto pochybuje o slovenskej kráse, mal by svoje zmýšľanie prehodnotiť. Populárny americký denník The New York Times totiž zostavil zoznam tých najkrajších a najlepších miest pre rok 2019, ktoré by mal každý cestovateľ stihnúť navštíviť. Rebríček majú na svedomí redaktori spomínaného denníka a je jasné, že si dali záležať. Medzi top 20 sa prebojovala aj slovenská pýcha. Naše Vysoké Tatry obsadili 19. miesto a porazili tak aj New York, Los Angeles, Hongkong, Tahiti, Sardíniu a mnoho ďalších vyhľadávaných destinácií.

K fotografii, na ktorej je znázornený Chodník korunami stromov, redaktori napísali aj pár slov. „Kým väčšina návštevníkov sa sústreďuje na hlavné mesto Slovenska, Bratislavu, vznášajúce sa Vysoké Tatry možno považovať za nepovšimnutú destináciu na lyžovanie

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