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The students pictured on pages 6 – 8 of this issue are chosen scholarship recipients by our Jednota Scholarship Committee as a result of their SAT scores, cumulative grade point average and class rank. In addition, each applicant was judged on the basis of his/her involvement in extra-curricular and volunteer activities. Emphasis was placed upon pride of being Catholic and Slovak as evidenced throughout the required essays on the applications. Finally, financial need and the cost of their chosen colleges were evaluated.

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Insights and Viewpoints



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

July 14, 2019 – Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary

Time

Luke 10: 25 - 37

We know from reading the Gospels that the Pharisees and Scribes regularly looked for opportunities to test Jesus. Jesus would answer with the truth that originated from God, was expressed in the Scriptures, and was brought to fulfillment by Jesus, the Word made flesh. The antagonist in this



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

Gospel passage is identified as a scholar, possibly a Scribe, with the reputation of being an expert in the law. He asks two with the intent of having Jesus answer in a way that it could be used against him.

The first appears to be a very basic question, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life. There are many passages in the Old Testament that Jesus could have referred to, or he could have given his own teaching. Had Jesus done this it was likely that the scholar would have turned his answer around and told the officials that Jesus said that other passages from the Law and Prophets are not important, thus, portraying Jesus as being unfaithful to the Law, and questioning his credibility as a teacher. Jesus' response is to ask the scholar what he thought; "What is written in the law?" The scholar knows that the foundation of the Mosaic Law is found in the book of Deuteronomy when Moses prepared the Israelites to enter into the Promised Land, and that all the laws can be summed up in Deuteronomy 6:5; "You shall love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus agrees with him, for it is when we love God fully that we open our hearts to accept the unconditional love that God is pouring out to us, and in doing so we have a desire to do all we can to please God, including following his laws. It is in this relationship of love between God and us that we freely accept the gift of eternal life God desires us to have. From this love we are able, and many times challenged, to love our neighbor. To inherit everlasting life is to see and experience how much God loves us, and to return that love to God, and express it to our neighbor.

The scholar makes a second attempt to trip up Jesus by asking, "Who is my neighbor?" One such rivalry was between the Jews and the Samaritans. Jesus answers the scholar by telling him a parable we know as the "Good Samaritan." The only one who stopped to help the man who was robbed and beaten and left for dead was a Samaritan. At the time of Jesus Jews and Samaritans had nothing to do with one another. When Jesus finishes the parable he asks the Scholar, who was the victims neighbor? The Scholar couldn't get himself to say, "the Samaritan," rather he said, "the one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus makes a simple point: neighbor is not defined by geography, race, nationality, or the labels often used to define others. Our neighbor is anyone who is in need. The point is simple: the unconditional love God extends to all is the love we should strive to extend to one another. As simple as this is, we still struggle with accepting his clear teaching on this. It is as though we say; "Everyone is my neighbor, except – and then we list those we have difficulty with. Usually it is those who are poor and dispossessed. Those from different backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities. The immigrants and refugees that we try to justify in ignoring. Yet, Jesus does not include exceptions with this teaching. Instead, Jesus challenges us to look at people through his eyes, the eyes of unconditional love.

July 21, 2019 – 16th Sunday of the Year – 108

The gist of this Sunday's scripture readings is evident: the responsibility to show authentic hospitality to visitors is highlighted through two famous incidents, and a further lesson about the responsibility to exercise a sort of "spiritual hospitality" is drawn from these accounts.

First we encounter Abraham and Sarah dwelling by the "terebinth of Mamre," which was likely near Hebron, south of Jerusalem. Today, as in ancient times, the region of Hebron is not absolutely parched as much of the Judean desert is, but it is not nearly as fertile as certain nearby lands are, and so travelers passing through Hebron would be in great need of the hospitality of the local residents.

Three mysterious guests appear before elderly Abraham as he rests at the entrance to his tent at Mamre. One of the guests appears to be a man but turns out to be the Lord himself (Gen 18:1-2) and the two others also appear to be men but are actually angels (Gen 19:1). Later Christian tradition has at times seen the three figures as representing the Holy Trinity, as has been famously depicted in Christian art.

After proceeding through the elaborate rituals of near eastern hospitality—rituals which underline the important nature of offering welcome to all—one of the travelers predicted that Abraham and Sarah, both of whom were elderly, would have a child within a year's time. The prediction came true with the birth of Isaac, who carried on his father's line and was the bearer of the promises the Lord had made to Abraham (Gen 21:1-3).

It is interesting that Abraham and Sarah's actions of hospitality toward their visitors is followed by his intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah, recounted in detail in Genesis (Gen 18:16-33). Here Abraham, perhaps moved by the exercise of the virtue of welcoming the stranger, engages in a further virtuous action on behalf of others by praying that the residents of Sodom be spared from the Lord's judgment.

In the next chapter of Genesis, in a passage which is never read in Church, we hear how the citizens of Sodom grossly mistreated the same two travelers (angels) who had been welcomed by Abraham and Sarah earlier. By so violently disregarding their obligation to receive travelers hospitably they brought condemnation upon themselves, despite Abraham's intercession for them.

In the Gospel we find another example of hospitality being offered, this time by Martha and her sister Mary, and we note that this account of properly welcoming a guest—in this case, Jesus himself—is followed by a discourse from the Lord on prayer, much as the Genesis narrative on hospitality was followed by Abraham's prayerful intercession for Sodom.

The connection between welcoming others in a Christian manner and a prayerful disposition—we might call it "spiritual hospitality"—is a natural one; extending hospitality means opening oneself and giving of oneself generously, just as we open up to the Lord and give of ourselves through prayer, especially through prayerful intercession for others. Whether we take our lesson from Abraham and Sarah, who welcomed the Lord himself to their humble abode, or from busy Martha, who was trying as we often do to tend to every detail without losing sight of the point of her efforts, we should remember that there is an innate connection between hospitality and prayer.

Moved by today's scriptural lesson, let us resolve to show authentic hospitality both literally and spiritually through our intercession for others, that we too might be said to have "chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from us" (see Luke 10:42).



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

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FCSU Helped Celebrate 50th Anniversaries of Byzantine Catholic Eparchy & Metropolitan Church

Fifty years ago the Holy Father Pope Paul VI issued a decree on February 21, 1969, which elevated the Byzantine Catholic Church in America to the status of the Metropolitan Church. At the same time, the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma was created. To observe these dual anniversaries, a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving was celebrated the same weekend in June – in Parma, OH, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral on Saturday, June 22, and in Munhall, PA, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church on Sunday, June 23, 2019. At each Mass, bishops and archbishops from across the country as well as from Slovakia and Rome gathered for the Liturgy and all attendees enjoyed a banquet afterward.

- Submitted by Miriam Višňovský, Branch 24



His Eminence Archbishop Jan Orosch –who traveled from the Archdiocese of Trnava, Slovakia for the celebrations – is pictured with attendees the First Catholic Slovak Union after Divine Liturgy in Parma, OH. (L – R) Branch 24 Member & Home Office Staff Miriam Višňovský, National President Andrew M. Rajec, Branch 89 Member Mrs. Idka Rajec, Director of Independent Agents and Branch 89 Member Andrew P. Rajec, Branch 450 Member Marco Višňovský, Branch 24 Member and Very Reverend Marek Višňovský, protosyncellus of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Branch 450 Member Caroline Višňovský, and Margita Miksova.



Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, traveled from the Vatican to preach at the Liturgies. His office oversees and assists these Churches that, along with the Roman Catholic Church, comprise the universal Catholic Church and are in communion with the pope in Rome. Here Cardinal Sandri is pictured with the Višňovský family at St. John Cathedral in Parma, OH at the luncheon after Mass.



(L – R) Father Marek and Miriam Višňovský are pictured with Branch 254 Members Albina and Joseph Senko at the banquet after Divine Liturgy in Munhall, PA. Mr. Senko also serves as Honorary Consul from Pennsylvania to Slovakia.

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma (top right) and that of Munhall, PA (bottom right) are part of the 23 Eastern Churches in the United States. The Very Reverend Milan Lach, SJ, a native of Slovakia, is the current bishop of the eparchy in Parma. His Eminence Archbishop William C. Skurla is the Metropolitan of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church and also serves as bishop at the eparchy in Munhall.



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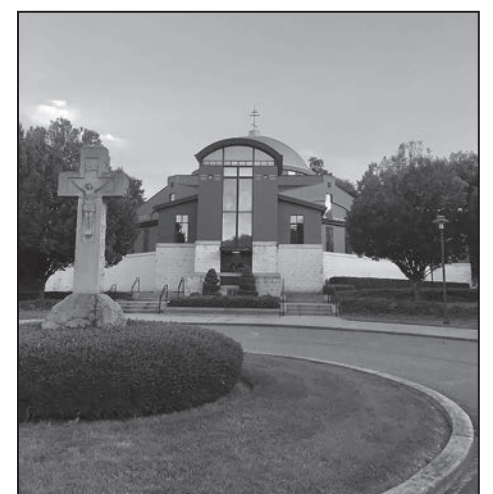
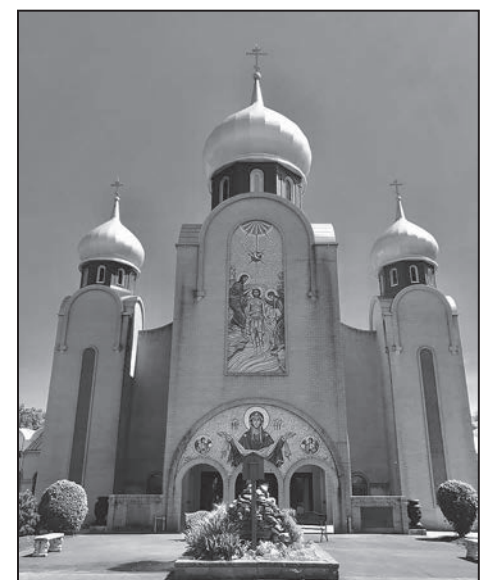
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F.C.S.U. NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday August 16th - Sunday August 18th, 2019

Golf Registration Deadline: Friday July 19th, 2019

Location: Cedarbrook Golf Course
215 State Route 981
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-8300
www.cedarbrookgolfcourse.com

HOTEL INFORMATION: Both hotels are 5 miles from Cedarbrook Golf Course.

Hampton Inn (Mass Location)
1525 Board Ave.
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-8100
Rate: \$99.00 plus Tax
Code: FCSU
Deadline: Tuesday July 16th

Fairfield Inn & Suites Belle Vernon
189 Finley Rd.
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-2800
Rate: \$95.00 plus Tax
Code: See website for link
Deadline: Friday July 26th

Friday August 16th: Happy Hour
See website for details.

Saturday August 17th: Gold Course
7:00 am Registration
8:00 am Modified Shotgun Start
Hot Dog and bottle of water at the turn
4:30 pm Mass at the Hampton Inn
6:00 pm Dinner at Cedarbrook Golf Course
Dinner is Complimentary for Golfers
Reservation is required
Marinated Roasted Chicken, Italian Sausage,
With Onions, and peppers
Penne Marinara
Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dressings
Rolls
Sheet Cake
Cash Bar

Sunday August 18th: Red Course
7:15 am Registration
8:00 am Modified Shotgun Start
Hotdog and bottle of water at the turn
1:00 pm Lunch
Lunch is complimentary for Golfers
Reservation is required
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad and Dressings
Baked Beans
Sheet Cake

CEDARBROOK GOLF COURSE PLAYING REGULATIONS:

- 1) Proper dress/golf attire is required at all times.
Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, fish net shirts, tube tops, etc. are not permitted.
- 2) Collared shirts with slacks or suitable length shorts or skirts are required.
- 3) "Soft Spike" Golf Shoes only.
- 4) Proper conduct is expected by all players while at Cedarbrook Golf Course.
- 5) Players shall adhere to cart path rules, replace divots, repair ball marks, and rake sand traps.
- 6) Cedarbrook Leader Board will be used both days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Collins.
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Or feel free to call him at 813-493-1515 and he will get back to you asap.

First Catholic Slovak Union National Golf Tournament

Men's And Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU).
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play. Improve your lie anywhere, except for hazards. Out of bounds shot, drop where ball went out and 1 stroke penalty
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All golfers will compete as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he has completed 54 holes of play in the FCSU National Golf Tournament. The handicap will be recalculated each year based on 54 holes of FCSU National Tournament play. From the latest 5 rounds, the highest and the lowest will be discarded and 90% the average of the remainder will be the handicap assigned for the tournament. 90% of an official USGA handicap may be substituted if a golfer does not have an FCSU Tournament handicap. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any golfer who has not completed 54 holes of tournament play in the FCSU National Golf Tournament will be entered in a separate division using the FCSU version of the Callaway scoring system.
 - C. Male golfers, competing in the 18-hole event, age 65 or over and with a handicap larger than 10 may use the forward tees.
4. Classifications:
 - A. A medal play champion will be determined in each of the following Divisions:
 1. Men's A flight (0-10)
 2. Men's B flight (11-17)
 3. Men's C flight (17-30)
 4. Men's D flight (31 +)
 5. Women's Flight
 6. Callaway Flight
 7. Senior Flight
 - B. Winners will be determined by low net score in each flight after 36 holes of medal play.
5. The division between the men's A-D flights may be adjusted to equalize the flights. A second women's flight may be added if entries warrant such addition.
6. In case of tie for first place in any Flight, tie will be broken by match of cards using gross score starting on #1 handicap hole followed by #2 handicap hole, #3 handicap hole and so forth until the tie is broken.
7. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third place prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
8. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the FCSU for all golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries.
9. The tournament manager will schedule pairings. Both Saturday and Sunday schedules will be e-mailed to participants prior to the tournament.

Golf Registration Deadline is Friday July 19th, 2019.



National Golf Tournament



**First Catholic Slovak Union
2019 National Golf
Tournament
August 16 – 18, 2019
Registration form**

Cedarbrook Golf Course
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Deadline for Registration is Friday, July 19th, 2019

	Happy Hour (X)	Sat. Dinner (X)	Sunday Lunch (X)	Name	Address	Phone or E-Mail	Branch Number
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2							
3							
4							

GOLFER FEES: (per person)

FRIDAY:	Happy Hour	Free
Saturday:	18 Holes	\$45.00
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	Dinner	Free
Sunday:	18 Holes	\$45.00
	(\$5 credit for Golf Shop)	
	Lunch	Free
Tournament Fee:		\$10.00
Prize Fee:		\$15.00
TOTAL:		\$115.00

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Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend Happy Hour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Dinner \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Lunch \$40.00

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hampton Inn 1525 Board Ave Belle Vernon, PA 15012 724-929-8100 Rate: \$99.00 plus tax Code: FCSU Deadline: Tuesday, July 16 th	Fairfield Inn & Suites Belle Vernon 189 Finley Rd Belle Vernon, PA 15012 724-929-2800 Rate: \$95.00 plus tax Code: for online registration go to fcsu.com Deadline: Friday, July 26 th
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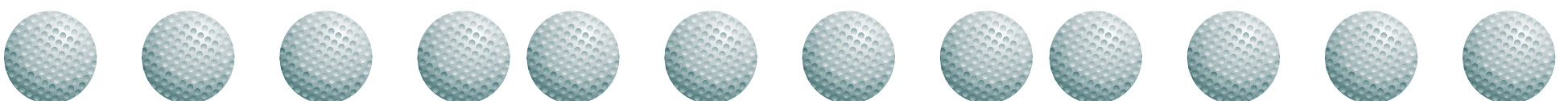
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Apopka, Fl. 32712

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is Friday July 19th, 2019.



2019 Jednota Scholarship Winners

LOUIS AND THERESE DUDAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PHILIP HROBAK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Top Male

SPERLA, ETHAN

Parents: Sandy White and Phillip Sperla; Branch: 633K; College: University of Michigan – Ann Arbor; Major: Business Administration



DAVIS, EMMA

Parents: Beth and Doug Davis; Branch: 855K; College: Lorain CC/Kent State; Major: Sales and marketing



EMBACHER, LOGAN

Parents: Becky and Joseph Embacher; Branch: 410K; College: West Virginia University; Major: Computer Science



HAWES, JOSEPH

Parents: Ellen and Kevin Hawes; Branch: 089K; College: Purdue University – West Lafayette; Major: Engineering



STEPHANIE HUSEK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Top Female

MRAZIK, ERIKA

Parents: Amy and Kurt Mrazik; Branch: 038K; College: The Ohio State University; Major: Dance and Finance Double Major



JURASINSKI, FAITH

Parents: Sherry and Craig Jurasinski; Branch: 157KJ; College: Syracuse University; Major: Psychology



RODAK, NICOLE

Parent: Silvia Rodak; Branch: 746K; College: Elizabethtown College; Major: International Business

JOHN A. SABOL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND NURSING AWARDS



ROWAN, BRADY

Parents: Kathleen and John Rowan; Branch: 553K; College: Arizona State University; Major: Nursing



MARMOL, KRISTEN

Parents: Suzanne and Mark Marmo; Branch: 162K; College: West Virginia University; Major: Nursing



STIERER, JULIE

Parents: Kari and Raymond Stierer; Branch: 587K; College: West Virginia University; Major: Nursing

REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



ADAMIC, JR., JAMES MICHAEL

Parents: Teresa and Jim Adamic; Branch: 001KJ; College: Lakeland Community College; Major: Graphic Design



BAKER, CHARLES F.

Parents: Virginia and Ralph Baker; Branch: 333K; College: Penn State University; Major: Computer Science



BALOG, JORDAN

Parents: Brooke and Greg Balog; Branch: 670KJ; College: Marshall University; Major: Biology

SOLTIS & BOSAK FAMILY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP



MALETTE, ANNA

Parents: Stephanie and Samuel Malette; Branch: 497K; College: Malone University; Major: Nursing

2019 Jednota Scholarship Winners



BARNES, ANDREW
Parents: Clare Mikula and Lawrence Barnes; Branch: 553K; College: Ohio State University; Major: Biology



BLUE, JAEHELLE
Parent: Brenda Krestar; Branch: 372K; College: University of Pennsylvania; Major: Biomedical Sciences



BRADBURN, SARAH
Parents: Christine and Glen Bradburn; Branch: 796K; College: Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Major: Astrophysics



BRIERCHECK, ANDREW
Parents: Deborah and George Briercheck; Branch: 199K; College: Allegheny College; Major: Biochemistry



CLAY, RACHEL
Parents: Andrea and John Clay; Branch: 553K; College: University of Alabama; Major: Business/Finance



COWAN, KARISSA
Parents: Trisha and Kevin Cowan; Branch: 322K; College: Penn State Mont Alto; Major: Physical Therapist assistant



ESTRIGHT, KAITLYN
Parents: Mary and Greg Estright; Branch: 055KJ; College: Penn State Altoona; Major: Environmental Studies



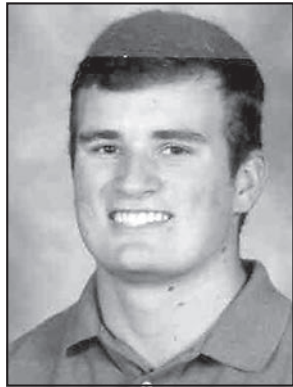
FRANCOWIC, MEGAN
Parents: Michelle and Michael Francowic; Branch: 856K; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Actuarial Science



GAYDOS, ADAM
Parents: Dolor and Philip Gaydos; Branch: 162K; College: St. Ambrose University, Iowa; Major: Mechanical Engineering



GERKO, NATHAN
Parents: Danielle and Eric Gerko; Branch: 372K; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Business/Accounting



GLOGOVSKY, IAN
Parents: Janet and Terrence Glogovsky; Branch: 686K; College: Indiana University South Bend; Major: Business



GRIEBEL, EMILY
Parents: Erika and Stephen Griebel; Branch: 484K; College: Lebanon Valley College; Major: Physical Therapy



HARDING, KEVIN
Parents: Christina and Michael Harding; Branch: 075K; College: Penn State University; Major: Mechanical Engineering



HOLZMAN, CORIANNE E.
Parents: Brenda and Brooke Holzman; Branch: 382K; College: University of Hartford; Major: Elementary Education



HOWARD, III, RONALD FRANCIS
Parents: Jennifer and Ronald Howard; Branch: 199K; College: Duquesne University; Major: Binary Engineering



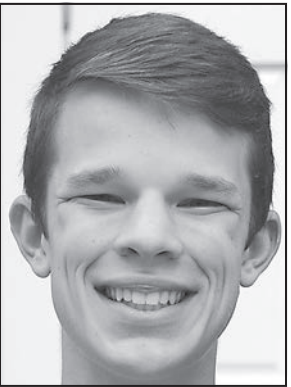
KOLESAR, RYAN
Parents: Heather and Michael Kolesar; Branch: 855K; College: The University of Akron - Main Campus; Major: Sales and marketing



KOVAC, JOSEPH
Parents: Jana and Jozef Kovac; Branch: 743KJ; College: University of Michigan; Major: Aerospace Engineering



KREMPASKY, CATHERINE
Parents: Sally and William Krempasky; Branch: 024K; College: Bowling Green State University; Major: Business



KREMPASKY, PAUL
Parents: Sally and William Krempasky; Branch: 024K; College: Ohio State University; Major: Biomedical Engineering



KUBENIK, IRENE
Parents: Kelly and Michael Kubenik; Branch: 716K; College: Suny Binghamton; Major: Psychology/Occupational Therapy



LOZAW, PATRICK
Parents: Patricia and Jerome Lozaw; Branch: 484KJ; College: Penn State Altoona/University Park; Major: Mechanical Engineering



MARTINEZ, MIA
Parents: Kim and Richard Martinez; Branch: 410K; College: Texas Christian University; Major: Nursing



MEEKER, RACHEL
Parents: Patricia and Kevin Meeker; Branch: 166K; College: University of South Alabama; Major: Drama/Theater



MURPHY, SEAN
Parents: Maureen and Thomas Murphy; Branch: 831K; College: The Pennsylvania State University; Major: Turfgrass Science;

2019 Jednota Scholarship Winners



NOVOTNY, ABIGAIL

Parents: Mary Ann and Andrew Novotny; Branch: 581K; College: Indiana University Bloomington; Major: Psychology



NOWATKOSKI, ALISON

Parents: Karen and Greg Nowatkoski; Branch: 856 K; College: Appalachian State University; Major: International Business



OBERER, KELSEY

Parents: Cathryn and Sean Oberer; Branch: 553K; College: Calvin College; Major: Kinesiology



PAYNE, LAURA

Parents: Laurie and Kurt Payne; Branch: 055K; College: Moore College of Art and Design; Major: Interior Design



PELES, EMILY

Parents: Krista and Robert Peles; Branch: 484K; College: West Virginia University; Major: Microbiology/Immunology



PENDRICK, JESSICA

Parents: Christine and Thomas Pendrick; Branch: 181KJ; College: Saint Vincent College; Major: Graphic Design



REICHERTER, FRANCIS

Parents: Elizabeth and Francis Reicherter; Branch: 484K; College: Frostburg State University; Major: Secondary Education/Social Science



REINHARD, ALEXANDRA

Parents: Rosemarie and Jeffrey Reinhard; Branch: 157K; College: East Stroudsburg University; Major: Social Work



REINHARD, GABRIELLE

Parents: Rosemarie and Jeffrey Reinhard; Branch: 157K; College: East Stroudsburg University; Major: Undecided



RUFFING, JONATHAN

Parents: Rebecca and Jeff Ruffing; Branch: 670KJ; College: Waynesburg University; Major: Business



RURA, RILEY

Parents: Shamrock and James Rura; Branch: 484KJ; College: Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Major: Accounting



SENTO, ANDREW

Parents: Jacqueline and Dean Sento; Branch: 670K; College: Penn Commercial/Westmoreland CCC; Major: Electrical Technology and Electric Utility Technician



TKACH, MAKENNA

Parents: Christine and David Tkach; Branch: 006K; College: University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point; Major: Psychology



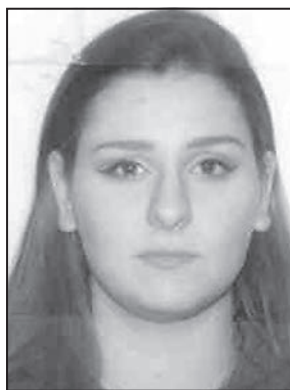
UNGVARSKY, THOMAS

Parents: Kathleen and John Ungvarsky; Branch: 173KJ; College: Rutgers University – Main Campus; Major: Business Administration



URBAN, CAITLYN

Parents: Christine and Jeff Urban; Branch: 108KJ; College: California University of Pennsylvania; Major: Secondary Social Studies Education



VANDEGRIFT, LAUREN

Parents: Delores and Steven Vandegrift; Branch: 652K; College: Ramapo College of New Jersey; Major: Elementary Education



VON PLESS, EMILY

Parents: Doreen and David Von Pless; Branch: 024K; College: Wittenberg University; Major: Psychology



WILSON, VICTORIA

Parents: Ginger and Christian Wilson; Branch: 200K; College: Washington and Jefferson College; Major: Biology



WINDSHEIMER, ANDREW

Parents: Veronica and Bob Windsheimer; Branch: 002K; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Statistics





Reflections From Past Jednota Scholarship Winner

Dear First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship Committee:

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the impact that your 2018-2019 scholarship had on my success in my first year of college at Penn State Behrend. Your generosity allowed me to concentrate on my education at Penn State Behrend which resulted in me completing a total of 39.5 credits and earning a 3.92 cumulative GPA. I am continuing to pursue a major in Mechanical Engineering while earning a possible double major in Interdisciplinary Business with Engineering Studies or earning two minors: Operations & Supply Chain Management and Project & Supply Chain Management. It is extremely important to me that I challenge myself to do the best I can each and every day, which is why I have chosen to study business as well as engineering. I am continuing my studies this summer as I am taking an additional six credits online through Penn State.

Although academics have played a huge part in my first year, I was also very active in the campus, the Behrend community, and the Erie community. Within the first few weeks of classes, I joined several clubs and organizations including: Behrend Benefitting THON, Lion Ambassadors, Reality Check, Honors Program/Student Association, Society of Women Engineers, and Phi Sigma Rho. All of the clubs that I joined played a huge role in my success in my first year.

Within Behrend Benefitting THON, I had the opportunity to:

- Dance in our 24-hour dance marathon and personally raise over \$400 for THON
- Help fundraise over \$57,000 for Behrend (record total)
- Attend "Big THON" at University Park & support our PSB dancers on the floor
- Be voted the "General Member of the Year"
- Be appointed the special events chair of the executive board for '19-'20 academic year

As a Lion Ambassador, I was able to:

- Volunteer my time
- Offer campus tours at open houses
- Serve the community and the Behrend campus
- Be voted the "Best New Lion"
- Earn the service chair for the '19-'20 academic year

Through Reality Check, a service group on campus, I was able to:

- Organize my own service project in the Erie community
- Participate in several other events to help the community

Engineering Opportunities I was exposed to were:

- Behrend Honors Program
- Society of Women in Engineering
- Phi Sigma Rho - Sorority of women engineers
- STEM Research
- Summer 2019 Internship

Along with my academic and extra-curriculars, I also became a lion scout, where I give weekly tours to prospective students. I was also an overnight host, which was a great way for me to help others make a tough decision about the place they want to call home for the next four years. I also was a research assistant for an early education professor. Within this role, I did research on STEM related topics to find the best projects for children of different ages. My research would then be implemented and studied within elementary schools in the Erie Area. Lastly, I was selected to be a Summer 2019 Intern for General Electric Transportation-A Wabtec Company, where I will be working with a Control Configuration Engineer.

I am extremely excited to see what my future holds and to continue my education at Penn State Behrend. Thank you for allowing me to continue my education and serve my community. If it were not for your generosity, I would not have been able to accomplish as much because I would have had to spend my spare time working in order to afford the college expenses.

Thank you again,

Jennifer Gustafson, Branch 831



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2019 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program.

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

Jednota Benevolent Foundation Award Criteria:

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who is **currently enrolled in college or another post secondary educational institution** is eligible for a Scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:

Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131

Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310

E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com – Website: <http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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



Thanks to All Who Donated to This Year's Scholarship Fund

The First Catholic Slovak Union thanks all of those generous members who contributed to the 2019 Jednota Scholarship Fund. Your commitment to supporting FCSU's graduating high school seniors not only invests in their higher educational opportunities today, but also helps them expand their options for success tomorrow.

If you would like contribute to the Jednota Scholarship Foundation, either in memory of a loved one or simply as a member who believes in supporting higher education, please contact the Home Office at First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH, 44131. Or call 1.800.533.6682.



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Or go to <http://www.fcsu.com/update-profile>



FCSU Fraternal Activities



Picture Yourself in the Next FCSU Derby Contest

The ladies of District 17 – participants in the 2019 Kentucky Derby Hat Contest – are already getting ready for next year’s contest. Be sure to check out all the current and upcoming FCSU contests in Jednota!

Take the Challenge & Win the Cup

The overall winner in any FCSU Contest under the direction of the Fraternal Activities Director will now have their names placed on an FCSU “Traveling” Challenge Cup. The Cup will travel around our Society, from winner to winner, for three weeks at a time. Winners have the opportunity to be featured in an issue of Jednota and on the FCSU website with the Cup. Regions also can participate in the Challenge and find their place on the Cup. For details on how it works and how you can win, go to <https://www.fcsu.com/community/category/fcsu-fun/>

FCSU “Traveling” Challenge Cup presented to Betty Rozzell, the first winner of the Cup for March Madness, pictured seated holding it, surrounded by (L – R) Region 4 Director Jim Marmol and Branch 162 Officers President Mark Marmol, Vice President Joanne Marmol, Secretary Dolores Marmol, Treasurer Patty Marmol, and Auditor, Frank Marmol.



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All applications must be received in the Home Office postmarked by **December 31, 2019**

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

Pick the Worst NFL Teams & Win

Football fans all have their favorite teams. But what about spotting the losers? Think you know which teams will lose – not once, but week after week? Test your skills against other members in the FCSU Losers Pool. Sign up today & play!

Can you locate the NFL’s losing teams? Go to page 15 for the FCSU Losers Pool Rules & Entry Form.

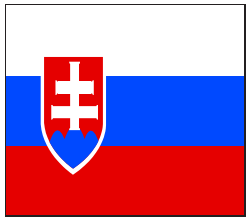


SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 Pilgrimage of the First Catholic Slovak Union to our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, has already been arranged. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept 15, 2019, at 11:30am. Details on p 12, Branch 856.



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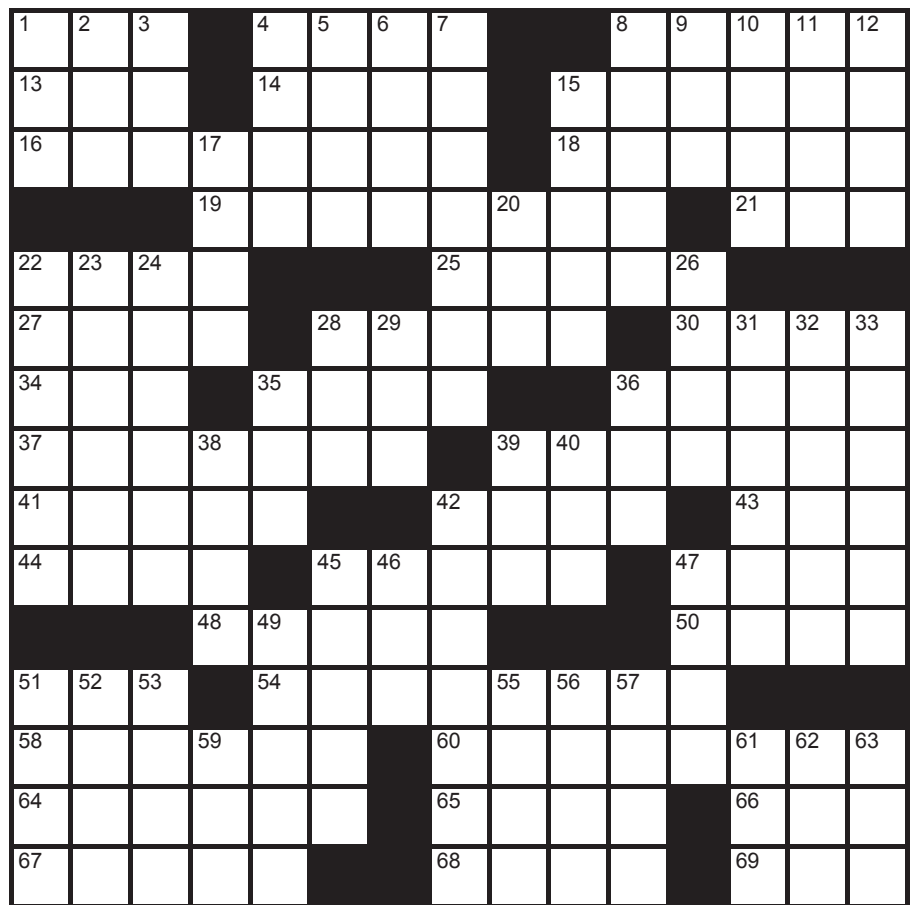
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Schedule for 2019

Issue Date	Deadline to Receive Information
August 14	August 5
Sept 11	Sept 3 to accommodate Labor Day
October 9	Sept 30
November 13	November 4
December 11	December 2

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Before, to Burns
- 4 Fizzless
- 8 Tropical vine
- 13 High spirits
- 14 Tibetan priest
- 15 Desolate
- 16 Copycat
- 18 Alaska native
- 19 Krypton, e.g.
- 21 Slip into
- 22 Spawning fish
- 25 Fable writer
- 27 Bricklayers' equipment
- 28 *Haystacks* painter
- 30 Voiced
- 34 Rome's ___ Pacis
- 35 Sea dogs
- 36 Gawk
- 37 Affinity
- 39 Auto part
- 41 Wedding band, perhaps
- 42 Hula finisher
- 43 Hawaiian dish
- 44 Egg holder
- 45 Inclination
- 47 Mexican moolah
- 48 Fencing swords
- 50 Utopia
- 51 Elect
- 54 Hold back
- 58 Precipitated
- 60 Brainiac
- 64 Way out
- 65 Goblet feature
- 66 Hawaii's Mauna ___ volcano
- 67 Track events
- 68 Stitches

Down

- 1 Apple picker
- 2 Cup part
- 3 Easily tamed bird
- 4 Spanish custard
- 5 Running behind
- 6 Archer of myth
- 7 Certain fabrics
- 8 Dogie catcher
- 9 Perturb
- 10 Parched
- 11 Verne skipper
- 12 Poetic adverb
- 15 Savage
- 17 Tops
- 20 Force unit
- 22 Former Israeli PM
- 23 Roman lyric poet
- 24 Conforms
- 26 Flower holders
- 28 Deface
- 29 Food scrap
- 31 Spoke gratingly
- 32 Melodic
- 33 Small wound
- 35 Diaper wearer
- 36 Sucker
- 38 Singer Seeger
- 39 Bluecoat

- 40 Tiller's tool
- 42 Restaurant seater
- 45 Plant starters
- 46 ___ Cayes, Haiti
- 47 Cooped (up)
- 49 Squeeze
- 51 Utah city
- 52 Messenger boy
- 53 Wear down
- 55 Ceremony
- 56 From scratch
- 57 Theories
- 59 Butterfly catcher
- 61 Blight victim
- 62 Marker
- 63 Shrew

See Solution on Page 17

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 for our meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please call 216-338-8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michael's Branch 2 will be having a meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7 pm at Eat N' Park on Ohio River Blvd, 15202. Please RSVP to Joanne at 412-715-5577.

Joanne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Minneapolis Branch 3 will hold their annual family picnic on Sunday, August 18, 2019. The picnic will be held from 1:00PM until 4:00PM on the St. Cyril & Methodius school grounds. There will be games for the children, and refreshments and food for all members.

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 3P – HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 11, 2019, at Saint Joseph Church, 600 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, PA. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM in the Saint Joseph Church basement and all members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Scholarships and recent contests sponsored by the FCSU will be reported on. Your input for future branch activities is welcome.

M. Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Branch 6K will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, July 14, 2019. The meeting will start at noon at Mona's Italian Foods Restaurant, 202 N. Main Street, Toluca, IL. Following the meeting, the branch will sponsor a dinner for all Branch 6 members. On the agenda: discussing/planning future branch activities. Please call Paul Chismar at 815-822-8851 or Robert Elias Sr. at 815-672-1764 by July 12, if you plan to attend. Please join us in our fraternal gathering.

Paul Chismar, Secretary

BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 9:00 A. M. at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin St., Houtzdale, PA. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Joseph C. Cervenak President

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the church hall of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

At this meeting, we will plan our scholarship meeting for November 10, 2019. The annual District 1 Meeting will be held directly after the branch meeting.

Our annual branch meeting will be held on November 10, 2019 in the church hall at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meeting and take advantage of the opportunity to spend time with their fellow branch members.

Deborah M. Nelson, Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Attention Branch 24 members: the branch is once again offering its CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION. For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 2019, Branch 24 will give you a complimentary ticket to the Vilija (Christmas Eve) Dinner sponsored by St. Andrew's Abbey every Christmas season.

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

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 encourages branch members to attend the July 14 Zemplin Club picnic at the Slovak Sokol Campground, 2069 Royalwood Rd., Broadview Hts., Ohio. See page 11 of this issue for picnic details. Adult

members of Branch 24 will receive \$10 in food/beverage tickets and children 12 and under will receive \$5 in food/beverage tickets. Contact Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Tom Ivanec at 440-668-7797 for further details.

Tom Ivanec, Fraternal Activities Director

BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 28th at 2:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, Illinois. All members of Branch #40 are urged to attend the meeting. Lunch will follow. Please make reservations by calling (815) 672-6142 (Leave a message).

Theresa Graves, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 invites members and guests in going to Arlington Park Racetrack (horse races) on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

Time/Location: Bus leaves Alioto's at 9:30AM sharp. Bus returns to Alioto's 7:30/8:00PM approximately. Alioto's is located at: 3041 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53222.

Trip includes: coach bus ride; soda and cocktails on the bus; box seat admission; and hors d'oeuvres back at Alioto's upon return.

Cost: Members are complimentary; guest cost is \$60.00.

Reservations: reservations must be made by calling Mike Novak at 414-445-5382. Make checks out to: Knights of St. Mary & Joseph Branch 89. Mail checks to: Mike Novak, 3237 N. 93rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 17, 2019, AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 17, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS. THOSE WITHOUT RESERVATIONS OR PAYMENTS BY REQUIRED DEADLINE OF AUGUST 17, 2019 WILL NOT BE GOING.

We hope everyone will join us for a fun day at the races!

Fraternally,

Mike Novak, President

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 8:30AM at the Ramada Restaurant, 700 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA, 15401.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch activities will be discussed. Regional Director James Marmol will advise us of developments from the Home Office.

All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the brunch meeting. Call for reservations by September 16, 2019, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 as well as any changes for policies or address changes.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166K, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 2:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of District and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by September 28, 2019, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 173 - WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Baptist Society, Branch 173, located in Northeast Pennsylvania, will hold its semi-annual meeting on August 11, 2019, at Norm's, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, starting at 12:00PM.

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

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

Fraternally,

John A. Ungvarsky, President

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

We invite all members to attend Branch 200's meetings held in the upstairs Social Hall @ 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. The Officers and Board of Directors meet @7:00PM with the members to meet directly following. The next, regularly scheduled branch meeting of August 1st is canceled due to a problem with the air conditioners that need to be replaced. We will have our regular meeting September 5th, with

the remainder of the 2019 meeting dates as follows: 10/03/19, 11/07/19 with Nomination of Officers, and 12/05/19 with Election of Officers. There are no meetings in July or July.

We are asking our members to attend the meetings and we welcome any involvement you are willing partake.

Branch 200's 125th Anniversary is coming in 2020. Please join others in District 11 for Aug Pirates Game. Details on p 13.

Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 221 – TOLEDO, OHIO

There has been a merger between Branch 221K Toledo, OH and Branch 721K Bannister, MI.

All members of Branch 221K will now hold membership in Branch 721K. This merger has taken place as of June 25, 2019.

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

JULIUS PAUL REMENAR
8977 S MASON RD

BANNISTER, MI 48807-9776
(989) 862-5150

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, has meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings start at 7PM and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. Delicious food is served by Theresa Arendt at the last meeting of each calendar quarter. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 16, 2019. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. Once again, I ask that our members plan to attend our meetings whenever possible. It is pleasing to see the attendance at our monthly meetings slowly trending upward. Let's keep that trend going. Our District 10 officers are currently discussing ways to increase fraternal activities in our district. Attendance at our Branch 228 meetings can give you first-hand knowledge of items and events being discussed. All of this helps to promote comradery. Please attend the branch meetings to stay informed. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 266 – HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 11, 2019, in the basement of St. Joseph's Church at 600 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, PA. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM. All members are invited to attend and get involved in branch and society activities. We plan to discuss scholarships and some new society programs.

R. Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 367 - FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

St Joseph Branch 367 will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 22 at the Bob Evans Restaurant on 681 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 at 2:00PM. All members are welcome. If any questions please call Audrey Balazik, President 724-438-3887, or Kathryn Baranek, Secretary 724-569-1006.

Secretary, Kathryn Baranek

BRANCH 401 – EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 401 of East Vandergrift, PA, invites all branch members to attend the semi-annual meeting to be held at 2 pm on Sunday July 21 at Around Back restaurant located at: 1155 Wildlife Lodge Road Unit 4, New Kensington, PA, 15068. Members are asked to please attend meetings as your input is vital and welcomed. Member involvement is encouraged. General branch business will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please join others in District 11 for Aug Pirates Game. Details on p 13.

Fraternally,

Patrick Froncek, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 2:30 at the Texas Roadhouse, 666 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Please call for reservations by Friday, July 12,

2019 at 724-425-2576. Members are encouraged to attend.

Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

Thank you to all volunteers and participants of the 50th Kielbasa Open – you made it a big success. Hope to see you all next year.

Mark your Calendars for upcoming events:

July 17: Pork Chops are back. Served from 4:30-7:00pm. Pre-purchase pork chop dinner tickets by July 13 for \$11.00. TICKETS PURCHASED AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$14.00

August 20: Casino Trip to Rivers Casino – Call Joan Lewis to reserve a seat on the bus 330-730-8285

September 28: Steak Fry featuring the Lucina Folk Ensemble (Youth Slovak Dancers)

October 19: Casino Night (ROOF REPAIR FUND-RAISER)

November: Monthly Mystery Dinner/Scotch Doubles

December: Annual Vilija Dinner

Monthly Spaghetti Dinners: 1st Wednesday of each month = served from:30-7:00 pm

Watch for further details or call the club 330-786-9972

Support your Branch – we appreciate your patronage.

Linda Hanko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 628 – MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2018 in Kennywood Park immediately following the Mass under the Pavilion in the back to the right as you enter Kennywood through the tunnel. It's right next to the Slovak kitchen!

The agenda will include an update on our branch's activities.

Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The next meeting of Branch 682 is scheduled for Noon on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Materials Research Laboratories, 290 N Bridge St in Struthers, OH 44471. Discussion of participation in the Slovak Fest on August 11th at Shady Run Pavilion in conjunction with St. Matthias Church groups will be held. We will again be cooking for the event and any volunteers are welcome.

Drew Hirt, President

BRANCH 780 – SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The Saints Peter & Paul Society, Branch 780, will hold a meeting on July 21, 2019. For more information, members may call the Financial Secretary, Catherine Karlsen, at 989-280-4916.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Fraternally,

Catherine Karlsen

BRANCH 784 – MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Branch 784 Montreal will be merging with Branch 785, Toronto. Branch 784 will hold a farewell to Montreal Banquet on October 27, 2019, at the St. Cyril and Method Parish Hall following the 11 o'clock Mass. All current members of Branch 784 are invited to attend. This will be catered. We ask that members planning to attend to advise the following at least two weeks prior to the event: Anne Boyce 514-685-4236 – Anne Chandik 514-684-0177; Helen Corej 514-747-5600; or Julie Zemanovich 450-424-1279

Our sincere thanks to all past officers for their dedication throughout the years.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

The next meeting of the Holy Name of Jesus Society Branch 855 will be Thursday August 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Panera Bread – 5090 Tiedemann Rd – Brooklyn 44144. Please bring a donation for the Parma Animal Shelter (food, treats, kitty litter, leashes, towels...think pet friendly). RSVP Barbara by text or voice mail 440-864-4744.

Barbara Sutilla, President

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, DC AND AREA

Branch 856 has again scheduled a Mass in honor of the 54th anniversary of the dedication of the Slovak Chapel Our Mother of Sorrows. Mass will be in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 400 Michigan Avenue N.E. Washington, DC. Mass will be celebrated Sunday September 15, 2019 at 11:30 (Please note change in time). Would like to see more members of Branch 856 in attendance. Looking forward to seeing all the

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 - REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District 1 will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at 11:00AM in St. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Reverend Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss plans for the coming year. We will conduct election of officers for 2019-2020. We hope our branch members will plan to attend this meeting.

Laura Minese, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 60 will host the Fall Business Meeting on December 8 at the Holy Trinity Social Hall. The meeting will include planning of events and election of district officers for 2020.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. This notice is also posted on the FCSU District 6 web page.

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. Meetings resume October 7 with a discussion of Slovak genealogy. Become a WPSCA member to get newspaper listing of all events.

** Slovak Day at Kennywood Park – Thursday, July 18, 2019; Tickets are available from Sue Ondrejco. You can see her at the Fathers' Day Brunch.

** SeptemberFest at the NSS museum in McMurray – Saturday, September 28. Free admission. Vendors, music, Slovak food.

** Slovak beer tasting – Saturday, October 12 – 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. There is a summer class for children.

** "Notes of Slovakia" has programs in English and Slovak on Facebook or at notesofslovakia.com.

** 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.

** The Carpatho Rusyn Society maintains a web page at <http://www.c-rs.org>.

** 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 hand-carved Bethlehem scene with 80 animated figures.

** 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. The 2019 Eastern European Family History Conference will be held August 5-9 in Salt Lake City. See feehs.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 14 – REVEREND JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Reverend Joseph L. Kostik, Region 6, District 14 will hold a meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at 6 pm at the Falcon Grille, 29 N. Canfield-Niles Rd. (Rt. 46) in Austintown. We will discuss activities for this summer including a YSU game and tailgate, Slovak Fest and the Akron Rubber Ducks game. We encourage all branches of the District to try and attend our meeting.

Grace Kavulic, Secretary



LET'S go out to a BALLGAME



Charter Bus trip to PNC Park Saturday, August 3rd
Sponsored by FCSU District 11's Branches 200 & 401
1st 56 members/guests

Cost \$20.00 @ time of sign up & is nonrefundable

Pick up 4:30pm @ Club in Ford City &
5:15pm @ Walmart in Natrona Heights

This includes the bus, a hat, \$10.00 payback @ the game,
seating in the Infield Grandstand & Zambelli Fireworks.

BYOB limited to 1 6pk. or bottle per passenger. Snacks provided.

Contact Vicki Schaub 724-763-9229 or
Patrick Froncek 724-236-4226

District 17 Plans Summer Picnic



SS. Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, NY, and Lackawanna County and Lucerne County, PA, will hold its Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 11:30AM to dusk. District members and guests will gather at Pavilion 2 in McDade Park, Scranton, PA.

Registration will begin at 11:30AM. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon. Branch 166K of Binghamton, NY, and Branch 382K of Scranton, PA, will sponsor a late-afternoon cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to order.

Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the afternoon. As we have done in the past, we are asking each branch to donate \$25 toward the picnic or to donate a gift basket or item (\$25 value) for our raffle on picnic day.

If your branch is attending the picnic, you may bring your donation with you. If your branch is not attending the picnic, please mail your \$25 branch donation before August 31 to: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, 505 Emmett Street, Scranton, PA, 18505-1016. Checks should be made payable to: SS. Cyril & Methodius District 17.

The cost of the event is \$15 per adult and \$7 per child, 12 years of age and younger.

Reservations are required for the caterer and must be made by Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

To make reservations, contact Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director, at 570.344.3854. Messages can be left on voicemail.

McDade Park offers a variety of outdoor activities including a play area for children and walking trails. The Anthracite Heritage Museum and the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour are within walking distance of Pavilion 2 and are also accessible by car.

McDade Park is easily reached from both north and south of Scranton:

From the North, take 81 South to Exit 191B-South 11. At stop sign, turn right and stay in left lane to the Expressway. Stay on Expressway to Exit for Keyser Avenue. At the end of the ramp at the light, turn right and get in center lane. Stay on Keyser Avenue for approximately 2.5 miles. At the 5th light, turn right onto Ransom Road at the corner where Open Door Baptist Church is located. Follow signs to the entrance to McDade Park – about 4/10 mile. When you enter the park, proceed straight and pass the park office. Pavilion 2 is approximately 3/10 mile from the entrance. Parking is available near the Pavilion.

From the South, take 81 North to Exit 182 for Davis Street/Montage. At the light at the bottom of the ramp, turn left and follow signs to Davis Street. At the next light, turn left onto Davis Street. Stay on Davis Street for five (5) lights and approximately three (3) miles. In Taylor, the road becomes Union Street. Stay on this winding road to Keyser Avenue. Turn right onto Keyser Avenue and go 1.8 miles. Turn left at the corner where Open Door Baptist Church is located. Follow signs to the entrance to McDade Park – about 4/10 mile. When you enter the park, proceed straight and pass the park office. Pavilion 2 is approximately 3/10 mile from the entrance. Parking is available near the Pavilion.

You are invited to the
**REGION 1
PICNIC**
Sun, Aug 4th at 1pm
Al Kalla Park
2801 Highland Ave
Linden, NJ
RSVP by July 30th to
Mary Ann at 732-251-6035
Members free!
Non-members \$15



WIN a spot on our **Sold-Out Cruise**

SIGN UP a NEW MEMBER and you and the new member each will be ENTERED into a DRAWING to WIN this CRUISE.

ACT NOW!

**FCSU 8 nights Southern
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Minimum \$1,000 deposit on 6 - or 8 - Year Annuity, \$5,000 Whole Life Insurance Policy, \$25,000 Term Life Insurance (Excludes JEP Policy).



APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **AUGUST 31, 2019**

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800-533-6682





PLAY THE LOSER'S POOL

2019 with the FCSU

PRIZES:

1st Place - \$750

2nd Place - \$500

3rd Place - \$250

RULES:

- 1) Each player picks one NFL Team they think will lose that week.
- 2) All picks are "Straight Up" and are not using any point spread.
- 3) If your pick (team) loses that week, you advance to the following week.
- 4) If your pick (team) wins, you are eliminated from the pool.
- 5) You can only pick a team once to lose thru the entire season and the playoffs.
You will need to pre-plan your projections thru the season and playoffs.
- 6) Games that end in ties will count as your team winning and you will be eliminated.
- 7) If you forget to pick a team one week, you will be eliminated.
- 8) If you miss the deadline to enter your team for that week, you will be eliminated.
- 9) Deadline for submitting your team will be TBD each week depending on when the first NFL game is being played.
- 10) Mail to: Kevin Collins, Fraternal Activities Director, 628 Heather Brite Cr., Apopka, Fl. 32712
- 11) **Must preregister by Monday, August 19th, 2019**

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Player Name: _____

Certificate Number: _____ Branch : _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: City, State, Zip: _____ Phone number: _____



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.

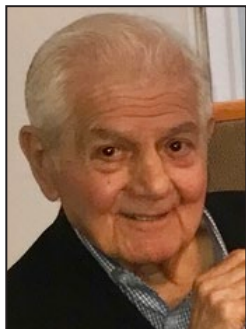
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001P	John G Yenchick	153K	Edward J Kudia	313K	Angeline Kapicak	731K	Thomas R Adams
006K	Louise Elias	157K	Joseph William Kalamar	315K	John Michael Kasper	731K	Mary Dina
023K	Brenda Frances Wagner	162K	Frances Fortune	401K	Stephen A Filipek	743K	Joann Bernadich
024K	Michael V Dzurilla	166K	Joanne Prokop	419K	Norman E Krulack	743K	Maxine Marie Smith
024K	Philip M Katcher	169P	Clara M Cunningham	419K	Ronald J Mataconis	746K	Edward J Kocsik
024K	Walter J Skiba	169P	Frederick Sax	419K	Stanley Timek	746K	John E Syarto
024K	John F Stefanov	173K	Marianne Yankalunas	450K	Thomas M Hvizdos	746K	Joan Tkach
035K	Edward J Janiga	181K	Patricia Hamilton	484K	Shirley A Kovach	764K	Paul A Popik Sr
035K	Ronald Revers	181K	Regis A Klinchock Sr	553K	Richard B Linn	796K	Joseph P Kavacky
038K	Thomas A Ragan Sr	198P	Theresa Marie Fedorko	571K	John T Vandzura	796K	Francis C Kercimar
038K	Helen Sabol	199K	Emma Lynn Fetkovich	581K	Jane F Wingle	796K	Julia Shara
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055K	Barbara A Bulizzi	200K	Bonnie Chromiak	595K	William Charles Sklenar	855K	Joseph W Nolan
055K	Barbara Gorman	228K	George C Findish	628K	George Danscak	857K	Mary Ann Karpinski
055K	Debra A King	238K	Helen K Tates	670K	Amelia Huzyak	857K	Catherine L Matiko
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112K	John G Pollack	290K	Barbara V Domanick	670K	Patrick P Sukel		

*Processed through the month of June

OBITUARIES

Joseph Minarovich, Region 1 Director Emeritus, Passed into Eternal Life June 7, 2019

Joseph Francis Minarovich, 88, died on Friday, June 7, 2019, at RWJ of Somerset in Somerville, NJ. Son of the late Stefan and Maria Minarovich, Joe was born and raised in Raritan, NJ, and spent the rest of his life in the Finderne section of Bridgewater, NJ. Joe was a graduate of Somerville High School where he played football and threw shot put for the track team. Joe was a proud US Navy veteran serving during the Korean War. While serving in the Navy, Joe was a Deep Sea Diver. He was a builder who owned and operated Minarovich Building Co. for many years. He spent the last 27 years of his working career in Plainfield, NJ as both Building Inspector and later Chief Construction Official, retiring at the age of 85.



He was a member of the Elks, Eagles, and served as the past president of the VFW Finderne Post. Joe served as Region 1 Director for the First Catholic Slovak Union for 19 years, President of John E Rura District for over 30 years and President of Branch 290 for over 40 years. In his spare time, Joe enjoyed spending time with his family and watching the Giants play football.

Joe helped many people through his selfless generosity and was known for cooking at many dinner dances and picnics. He was a 4th degree Knight with the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Council 1432 and was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in

watching the Giants play football. Joe is predeceased by his sisters, Mary Prokop and Agnes Zagari and his infant brother John. He is survived by his loving wife of over 61 years, Lillian Lesinski Minarovich; children, Michele MacMath and husband, Thomas; Jo Anne Peppe and husband, Richard; Stephen Minarovich and wife, Karen; and grandchildren, Danielle, Derek, Stephanie, Jonathan, and Adam as well as many nieces and nephews.

Joe was a man of great faith and will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

- Submitted by Stephen Minarovich

BEVERLY ANN SEVERNAK BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

Beverly Ann Severnak, 77, of West Wyoming, passed away on Saturday morning, May 25, 2019, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Kingston on January 14, 1942, Beverly was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Margaret Verbyla Matza. She was a graduate of West Wyoming High School, class of 1959.

After graduating, Bev was employed by Star Garment where she met her husband and love of her life, Jack Severnak, to whom she was married for 59 years. She was also

employed at E&S Floral in Pittston and as a driver for special needs children for a local school transportation company. More recently, she was a devoted caregiver for the elderly. Bev had a kind and compassionate nature; she truly enjoyed helping others, as evidenced by her many lifelong friends.

Bev volunteered as a coach at the Wyoming/West Wyoming Little League while her daughters played softball. She once coached the team to the state finals in Shipensburg. She was a cheerleader coach for the Wyoming/West Wyoming mini football program and volunteered as a Brownie/Girl Scout leader. Whatever her children were involved in, Bev was there helping out. She

loved entertaining; her home was the place to be for family and friends. Her greatest joy centered around her five grandchildren. Always attending any sporting events, recitals, school and church ceremonies. They were the light of her life.

She was a longtime member of St. John the Baptist Church, Pittston, until its consolidation with St. John the Evangelist Church in Pittston.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Severnak-Locascio; and her brother, John Matza.

Surviving in addition to her husband Jack; daughters, Susan DePasquale, and her husband, Joe, of Plains; Sandra Kollar, and her husband, Randall, of Mountain Top; Sharlene Koleno and her husband, Brian, of Mechanicsburg; her son-in-law, Carmen Locascio; her grandchildren, John Locascio, Mia DePasquale, Mary Locascio, Josh Kollar, and Ben Koleno; sister-in-law, Arlene Spak and husband, Gabe, of Bear Creek; sister-in-law, Sylvia Severnak, of Pittston; nieces and nephews.

EMMA L. FETKOVICH BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Emma L. Fetkovich, 28, of Greensburg, PA, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, at her home. She was born Feb. 14, 1991, in Greensburg, the daughter of George A. and Marilee (Menarchek) Fetkovich, of Greensburg. Emma was a 2010 Graduate of Greensburg Salem High School and a member of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, in Greensburg. She was an employee of Walmart in Greensburg and volunteered for Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital and the Catholic Charities annual Salt and Light Dinner. To the many people she knew and loved, Emma was a blessing. She had a warm heart, was very kind and caring. She was a bright spot in everyone's day. She was a joy to work with and be



around. She had a beautiful smile. Emma's favorite hobbies were crafting and creating fairy gardens, but she especially loved shopping for herself and for others and sleeping with her night buddy, our cat, Tiggs. Emma was a spiritual soul and she cherished spending time with her family above anything else. We are heartbroken that she left us at such a young age. Fly peacefully our sweet angel. Emma was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Albert G. and Flora E. Fetkovich, and her maternal grandfather, Joseph J. Menarchek. In addition to her parents, Emma is survived by her brother, Luke A. Fetkovich; her maternal grandmother, Cecelia Menarchek; her aunts, Michele Weibel (Dave) and Diane Swetz (Joseph); her uncles, Joseph Menarchek (Malinda), Michael Menarchek (Sue) and Donald Menarchek (Cathy); her cousins, Taylor Ollason, Amanda Noone (Michael) and their son Asher, Adam Swetz (Megan), Matthew, Daniel and Andy Menarchek, Julia Donofrio (Dominic) and Ben, Anna, Nic and Seth Menarchek; her great-aunt, Theresa "Tweet" Mignogna; and her uncle, Greg Hutchinson.

- Submitted by Barbara Patula, Branch 199 Secretary/Treasurer

VERONICA A. (GDULA) MASLAR BRANCH 372 - BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Veronica A. (Gdula) Maslar, 89, Beaverdale, PA, passed away April 17, 2019. Born 10/28/1929 in Dunlo, PA, the daughter of Peter J. and Katherine (Ondesko) Gdula. Preceded in death by her parents, husband Victor M. Maslar, brothers: John, George, and Michael and sisters: Ann Gordon, Mary Motyka, Helen Gdula and Margaret Tomecko. Survived by daughters: Eugenia Krestar of Sidman; Veronica wife of Robert Bonfanti of Greensburg; Katherine wife of Gary Bunting



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of Erie, PA; Mary Kuzilla of Dunlo, Patricia Plishka of Fishersville, VA; and Teresa Maslar of Bradford. Grandchildren: Loretta and Thomas Kuzilla, Marie and Michael Plishka, Richard, Brenda and Cheryl Krestar, Adam and Rachel Bonfanti, Emily Ramirez, Lynette North, Caroline and Maggie Moore. Great Grandchildren: JaeChelle Blue, Caitlyn and Jacob Handel, Rocco and Evelyn Ramirez, and Tessa North. Veronica worked at Sears in the accounting department and served as Secretary/Treasurer for Summerhill Township. She was a branch officer for the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 372 and a life time board member of the Beaverdale Public Library She also served as a census taker and on the election board. Veronica loved spending time with her family, sewing, baking, gardening, and fostered in her daughters an appreciation for the great outdoors. In her retirement she enjoyed traveling, going to Bingo and casinos. "Mum", "Baba" will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

GLORIA MARIE GALLOWAY BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO



Gloria Marie Galloway passed away in her home on Friday, November 30, 2018, in Cocoa Beach, FL, at the age of 83. She was surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by her sister Marjorie Hollish of Benson, AZ, and by her five children and their families Mike Galloway, Kelly Bess, Matt Galloway, Pamela Robinson, and Scott Galloway. She has 16 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, and countless cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws who were with her in spirit. Gloria was preceded in death by her beloved husband William F. Galloway, her parents Joseph and Marie Lenk, her brother Joseph Lenk, and her sister Darla Guarino.

Gloria was born in Akron, OH, and graduated from Garfield High School. She attended Akron University and met Bill Galloway, the love of her life. They were married in 1955 in Aiken, SC while he was in basic training for the US Army. They headed to Crailsheim, Germany, where they eventually welcomed the birth of their first child. They returned to Akron, where Bill worked at Godrich Tires and attended college, and the family blossomed with 4 more children. In 1963 they moved their young family to Cocoa Beach, FL, where they lived a healthy and fruitful life. Later they returned Ohio, to the small town of Oregonia and became seasonal residents of Cocoa Beach until retirement brought them there for good.

Gloria completed her Master's Degree in Education at the age of 45 and began her teaching career in Morrow, OH after her own children were off to college. Her Catholic faith was strong and the foundation upon which her life was built. She was a long-time member of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Akron, Christ the King Catholic Church in Cedar City, and Our Saviours Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach. It was her faith and her family that helped her survive

the greatest challenge of her life, the loss of her husband in 2002. The most important thing her life was her family. Once she had grandchildren, she was known to us all as GG. She loved sports, corny jokes, cooking Slovak food, singing along with her favorite musicals, and never failed to make us laugh. She inspired all who knew her by being an example of how to lead and cherish a happy life.

WILLIAM C. SKLENAR BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN



William "Bill" C. Sklenar, age 85, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019. He was born November 4, 1933, in Muskegon Heights, MI to Michael and Catherine (Vasko) Sklenar and was a life resident. Bill was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard and served 1950-55. On July 15, 1961, he married Dorothy Rebone in Muskegon and she survives him. He retired from Lift-Tech after working 49 years as a machinist. Bill was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. He enjoyed traveling, photography, picnics and gatherings with his family and he loved working in his yard and garden. He was Dorothy's "Billy Boy" and a loving and caring husband. Their love story will be told to our families for generations to come. His faith was his strength and his family his pride and joy. His commitment to do the right thing will be our forever example. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Sklenar; 7 children: Debra (Bill) Rowan; Patricia (Steve) Siembida; Kenneth Sklenar; Randy (Nan) Sklenar; Diane (Fred) van Hartesveldt; Steve (Jill) Sklenar; and Joe (Maribeth) Sklenar; 21 grandchildren: Joel (Beth) Portincasa; Chris (Angela) Portincasa; Lauren (Phil) Bredberg; Scott (Jen) Siembida; Scott (Heidi) Doza; Paul (Susan) Siembida; Laura (Jeff) Miller; Sarah (Nick) Garner; Alicia (Bryan) McKinney; David Jeffers; Allison Jeffers; Noah van Hartesveldt; Catalina van Hartesveldt; Nathan Sklenar; Brandon Sklenar; Jason Sklenar; Amy Sklenar; Megan (Tyler) Anderson; Lee Sklenar; Abby Sklenar; and Jackson Sklenar; 23 great-grandchildren; brother, Edward (Carol) Sklenar; sister, Martha Sklenar; sisters-in-law, Theresa (George) Doppel, Barbara Johnson, Sheila Rebone; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by grandson, Eric Doza; sisters at birth, Katy and Maria Sklenar; brother, Bob Sklenar; sister-in-law, Betsy Sklenar; brothers-in-law, Albert Rebone and Harold Johnson; niece, Debora DuRocher; and family friend, Joseph Zagaroli.

- Submitted by Martha Sklenar

BERNARD IVIN BRANCH 743 – STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN



Bernard Ivin, 84 of Shelby Twp., MI, born to eternal life April 16, 2019 surrounded by his

family. Survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Hildegard and their two daughters, Daniela Grisak and Jana (Carl) Deering. Five cherished grandchildren, Nikolas and Matthew Grisak, Natalie, Evan, and Karina Deering. Also survived by many nieces and a nephew in Slovakia. Preceded in death by Anna Matieskova, mother and Janka Kolarikova, sister. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Bernard Ivin was born April 11, 1935, during WWII in a village called Čavoj in the district of Prievidza. His mother's name was Anna Matieskova (nee Ivinova) and Bernard was the second child of a household of 8 children raised in a tiny village of Temeš.

After primary school he left as a 15 year old for Skilled Trades schooling in Welding and Machine Repair living in a dormitory. At 17 he was drafted into the Czechoslovak army serving in Kosice. After service in the Army he came to live in Bratislava with his older sister Janka where he met and married the love of his life Hildegard in 1958. They welcomed two daughters Daniela and Jana while he was employed as a welder. He enjoyed attending soccer matches and rifle target practice. Picking mushrooms in nearby woods was his passion and he always lent

a hand in the small vineyard at his in-laws. After repeated difficulties with the communist regime for refusing to join the communist party and leading his family in the Catholic faith, he took his family to Vienna, Austria on September 29, 1969. During 6 months spent in Vienna, Bernard and his family met Rev. Elemir J. Mikuš who became their life-long friend and pastor. They arrived in New York in February 1970. The following year Fr. Mikuš arrived in Detroit and became pastor at SS Cyril & Methodius and the Slovak church became Bernard's second home.

The beginnings were very hard while he started employment at Massey Ferguson then Chrysler. Bernard, after many years, then retired from General Motors in 2002. His retirement winters were spent in warm Florida with other 'snowbird' Slovaks. During his life in the U.S. he enjoyed time gardening and his fruit trees, experiments in cooking, and good times with friends and family whom he loved dearly. He especially loved his grandchildren; Nikolas, Matthew, Natalie, Evan and Karina. It is with certainty he leaves us with "God be with you"... "Z Bohom."

- Submitted by Joseph Rimarcik, Branch 743

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faithful who travel from New York and New Jersey to attend this celebration. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The next meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 will be held on Sunday July 14, 2019. The meeting will be held at 2:00PM at The Sacred Heart Church meeting room, 120 Jefferson Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405. If you plan on attending, please call 267-795-7930 and leave a message.

Fraternally,

Nicole L Nasta, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 862 – MENTOR, OHIO

There has been a merger between Branch 862K Mentor, OH and Branch 024K Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 862K will now hold membership in Branch 024K. This merger has taken place as of June 19, 2019.

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

ROBERT J KOPCO
6607 HILLSIDE RD
INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131-5348
(216) 524-0952

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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Pittsburgh District's Father's Day Brunch

The Pittsburgh District of the First Catholic Slovak Union (District 6) held its annual Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 16, 2019, at the Holy Trinity Social Hall in West Mifflin, PA. The event was well represented by the branches, with members of all ages in attendance.

Each father who attended the brunch received a personalized coffee mug to take home, as well as coffee and chocolate, courtesy of the district officers. All attendees also had a chance to win one of the twenty-five prizes, including gift cards and floral arrangements.

We encourage all members of the Pittsburgh District to attend our regular meetings and events. For information regarding upcoming events, please see the "DISTRICT 6 - THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT" column under District Announcements in each edition of the Jednota newspaper.

- Submitted by Patrick Sullivan, Treasurer/Financial Secretary, District 6

Sept Slovak Catholic Pilgrimage in Garrison, NY



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

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

Attention Branch 200 & CU Members:



The CU Club will be giving FIVE \$1,000.00 scholarships to any 1st time student furthering their education beyond High School who resides within the Armstrong School District area. Applications may be picked up @ The Club, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City. Contact person is Vicki Schaub. Please leave a message @ 724-763-9229. Strict deadline to apply is July 20th and application must be complete.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary

In Memoriam

The last several months have been exceptionally difficult for me and my family. I received a phone call the evening of April 6, 2019 which started a series of events that will never be forgotten. My son-in-law called to inform me of the death of my 28-year-old daughter, Anna.

It was a blessing that my Director of Lay Mission-Helper, Association, Janice England, was in Ghana visiting SAGISS, the High School at which my fellow missionary, Diane Yongo and I serve. Diane and Janice were of great support. Janice immediately started to schedule my travels back to Pennsylvania, while Diane's arms were there to hold me as the tears flew.

Support from the entire Diocese of Damango was immeasurable. The very morning after the call, Bishop Peter Paul, and Head Mistress Pauline arrived at my home. Condolences were given and the rosary, one of the most cherished prayers of the Catholic Church, was recited. Later teachers arrived to give their condolences and sit with me in silence. The girls at SAGISS seemed a bit uncomfortable in showing their feelings, not knowing how to act, but those whom I associated with on a more personal level were very supportive. I felt the love of the entire school around me.

The first two weeks back in the United States was a blur. My sister, Barbara Spencer, stepped in even before my plane landed in Pittsburgh and started arrangements for the Memorial Service. The Mass, celebrated by Father John Sedlak at St. Florian Church, United, PA was beautiful. My sister read letters from her two daughters, Anna's cousins with whom she spent her entire childhood. The eulogy was given by me. I felt it important that those attending hear what a beautiful, creative, intelligent and talented woman my daughter had become. I also felt it important that everyone know how hard Anna fought, but lost, her battle with mental illness, a disease that can affect anyone, no matter how smart, talented or beautiful they may be. Anna's suffering was unbearable, therefore I asked the congregation to pray with me that Anna be comforted in Mary's arms while she waits to meet our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Many asked of me "Now what, are you going back to Africa?" My response was a definite "Yes, I am going home." In a few short months, Saint Anne's Girl's High School in Damango, Ghana, had become my home. I missed the girls. I missed them running after me as I leave my office for the day asking to carry my purse and computer case. I missed attending Mass with them every Tuesday and Friday morning, watching as they sway, clap and sing to the beat of the drums. I missed the goats and pigs walking with me every morning as I trekked to the office. I missed going to town and having the children run up to shake my hand, and the young boys wanting to carry my bags, never accepting the coins I try to give them for their assistance. I missed the smiles from the vendors when I buy their bread, apples, onions or garlic.

On Sunday, May 12, 2019, Mother's Day, I left for my trip back to St. Anne's in Damango, Ghana, Africa. I couldn't wait to be HOME!

- Submitted by Karen Hunka, Branch 181

Attention Ohio Region 6 Members:

Food, Fun – & Minor League Baseball - At Sprenger Stadium in Avon, OH on Saturday, August 3, 2019



On Saturday, August 3, 2019, join other FCSU members in Ohio Region 6 for a fun evening of an all-you-can-eat picnic style buffet followed by great seats for minor league ball as the Lake Erie Crushers take on the River City Rascals.

All branches in District 10 & District 14 are eligible to come. Tickets are \$27 for 11 and older; \$22 for children 4 – 10.

Discounted tickets for Ohio Region 6 members may be available through branches that choose to participate in further discounts. Non-members are welcome at regular ticket prices.

The all-you-can-eat buffet, served picnic style, includes:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Pulled Chicken
- Mac & Cheese
- Potato Salad
- Cookies
- Iced Tea/Lemonade/Water

Reserve Your Seats Today

Reservations must be made by **Monday, July 22, 2019**. Picnic seating is limited and subject to availability on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve your tickets and for more information, please contact your local branch officer* or Ohio Regional Director Tom Ivanec at (440) 668-7797.

* Branch contact info can be found at <https://www.fcsu.com/branches/>

Highlights

- **Date:** Saturday, August 3, 2019
- **Place:** Sprenger Stadium, Avon, OH
- **Includes:**
 - All-you-can-eat, 90-minute buffet starting at 5:00PM in the Corona Picnic Plaza on the third-base side
 - Home box seat for Lake Erie Crushers v River City Rascals starting at 6:05PM
 - Ticket discounts may be available through participating branches

Top FCSU Bowlers in the 2019 National Tournament



Bowler	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
Anne Mitro	1st Place Team Hdcp.	High Game Team Hdcp.	3rd Place Doubles Hdcp.	2nd Place All Events Hdcp.
George Pesi	1st Place Team Hdcp.	2nd Place Doubles Hdcp.		
Denise Ricciuti	1st Place Team Hdcp.	High Game Team Hdcp.	6th Place All Events Hdcp.	
Nancy Rice	4th Place Singles Hdcp.	3rd Place All Events Hdcp.		
David Smith	1st Place Team Hdcp.	1st Place Doubles Hdcp.	2nd Place All Events Hdcp.	
Vernon C Smith Jr	1st Place Team Hdcp.	1st Place Doubles Hdcp.		
Vernon E Smith	1st Place Team Hdcp.	2nd Place Doubles Hdcp.	1st Place Singles Hdcp.	4th Place All Events Hdcp.
Christine Tokarsky	1st Place Team Hdcp.	High Game Team Hdcp.	3rd Place Singles Hdcp.	
John Tokarsky	16th Place Singles Hdcp.	5th Place All Events Hdcp.		

Congratulations to all the men and women of the FCSU who participated in the 2019 National Bowling Tournament on May 17 – 18, 2019 at AMF Noble Lanes in Pittsburgh, PA, with others from the GSU and SCS – and check out these 8 bowlers from the FCSU who did exceptionally well!



Complete scores can be found on the FCSU website at <https://www.fcsu.com/community/2019-bowling-tournament-results/>



Dr. Milan Rastislav Štefánik: The 100th Anniversary of his Tragic Death: Part II

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

May 4th 2019 marked the 100th anniversary of the tragic death of one of the founding fathers of the first Czecho-Slovak Republic, General Milan Štefánik. He perished in a terrible plane crash in 1919 that claimed his life and that of his two Italian crewmates. To this day, Štefánik is considered one of the most important individuals in the history of the Slovak nation and its people, even though he died at the relatively young age of 38. To the point, without his hard work and connections, Czecho-Slovakia might never have existed.

[Editor's Note: above, the opening remarks of Dr. Kopanic's speech "Dr. Milan Rastislav Štefánik: The 100th Anniversary of his Tragic Death" which was delivered on May 19, 2019, at the Slovak League of America dinner commemorating this historic event. What follows is Part II of that speech]

Štefánik's Personality

Who was Štefánik? What sort of man was he? What was his personality like? Why do many Slovaks consider him the one who exerted the most impact on their history?

Current Slovak Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini believes that Slovakia today could use a dose of inspiration from Štefánik, for he never allowed his poor health and recurring failures to stop him from moving forward to achieving his goals. "Whenever he fell, he raised again and again, and kept fighting relentlessly. His will prevailed over his weaknesses."

Without reservation, one can say that Milan Štefánik did more than any other Slovak to make the state of Czecho-Slovak a possibility as the Austro-Hungarian Empire was crumbling. One can very well argue that without his active assistance, the First Czecho-Slovak Republic would not have ever existed.

When most of us think of legendary national leaders, we think of tall, strong and even handsome men with an affluent background. Štefánik was just the opposite; he was short (5.38 feet, or 1.64 meters), had a pockmarked face (from suffering a severe case of small pox as a child), and started becoming bald from the time he was a child. That is why you usually see him portrayed wearing a cap in a smartly attractive French army uniform! He was also somewhat frail and ill for much of his life, suffering from a severe stomach disorder. Over the course of his life, he underwent a series of operations.

The many huge statues erected to him and the photos that one sees do not reflect his real appearance.

An April 2019 conference at the University Library in Bratislava entitled *Veľký malý muž*, *The Big Little Man*, reflected this reality.

Ironically, despite his looks, he was also somewhat of a ladies' man, and would acquire a vaulted reputation among prominent young French ladies. While in the hospital, he flattered beautiful and wealthy influential women. One Czech author went so far as to say that he had as many as 100 girlfriends over the years and termed him "Erotoman" (The Erotic Man). It was hardly an accident that he would later become engaged to the young and ravishingly beautiful Italian, 18 year-old Baroness Giuliana Benzoni.

His love life aside, Štefánik possessed a brilliant mind, an engaging personality, an authoritative manner, and a skill for making friends among influential people. Without a doubt, he was the most influential Slovak in



The last photo of Štefánik alive was taken in Italy



Štefánik's Tomb on Slovakia's Bradlo Mountain as seen from the air

the world during World War I.

Historian Dušan Kováč has called "Štefánik "mužom železnej vole" (a man of iron will) who dedicated his life and all his strength to the struggle for the liberation of the Slovaks and Czechs and the creation of a common state. His lifelong motto stated: 'Ja sa prebijem, pretože sa prebiť chcem' (I will prevail, because I want to prevail.)

Political theologian Michal Havran termed Štefánik "the first true Slovak European." Despite his humble origins, he became a man of education and intellectual curiosity. Havran goes as far as to say that he single-handedly tried to "modernize Slovak thought."

Despite all this praise, this presentation is not intended to be a hagiography (a saint's biography), but rather a realistic portrait of a man who changed history. A human being, he had unique qualities and foibles as well. Unlike most Slovaks, he was not a religious man, and belonged to the Masons, a secret free-thinking society which many founding fathers of the USA also belonged to, such as George Washington.

The recent studies of primary sources by historian Michal Kšíňan has shed new light on the character of Štefánik. In addition to being a great leader, a tireless worker, and a man who knew how to make connections with people in the upper echelons of society,

Štefánik was also somewhat stubborn and intolerant of what he viewed as ignorant and dishonest. Yet he did have the skill and tact to know when to compromise.

Štefánik evolved and he became more secular over time. Though from a family of a Lutheran priest and a devout believer in early life, university studies in Prague changed him. Confronted with new modern views on faith and religion, his perception of the role of the Church and faith changed. One of Štefánik's closest wartime friends, General Maurice Janin, described him as "an agnostic, a man not denying the existence of God, but denying the opportunity to prove it."

All this aside, let us look at his life's background and achievements.

Background

Milan Rastislav Štefánik (1880-1919) lived a full and active life, and lived abroad for half of it. A truly Renaissance man, he pursued a variety of interests – first as student, then as an astronomer, international traveler, and photographer. And during the Great War (World War I), he served as a skilled pilot, a brave soldier, and an effective diplomat and politician.

He spearheaded the formation and training of the Czecho-Slovak Legion, which fought for independence from Austria-Hungary. As

the vice-president of the Czecho-Slovak National Council (in exile), he used his contacts in high diplomatic circles to influence Allied governments to support Czecho-Slovak independence. Though appointed Minister of War in the new Czecho-Slovak government, he never had the chance to assist his new country due to the 1919 airplane crash.

To the end, he worked tirelessly at science and for the causes he believed in. He lived by his personal motto: (verit', milovať, pracovať) "To Believe, To Love, To Work".

Early Life

Born in Košariská on July 21, 1880, Milan Rastislav was sixth of 12 children of a Lutheran preacher, Pavel Štefánik and Albertína (Jurenková). He was the sixth child in a large family of 12 siblings. Today the village houses a museum in his honor, and humongous Memorial at his Tomb on Bradlo Mountain towers over the valley below. It is hallowed ground for all Slovaks.

Štefánik was a born learner with a great curiosity to explore the world and understand. He was a star student and attended schools in Hungary, where he was compelled to study in the Magyar language.

In one unsavory incident while in school at Sarvaš in 1896, Hungary was celebrating its millennium of existence as a state. A group of inebriated Magyar classmates, familiar with Štefánik's Slovak patriotism, tried to compel him to praise Louis Kossuth, the leader of the 1848 Revolution who promoted the Magyarization of other nationalities. When Milan refused, they grabbed his arms and feet and held him head-first over the rail of a balcony. They demanded that Milan cry out "Éljen!" (Hurray!). Ironically, Milan got scolded for his lack of Hungarian patriotism. But the incident stuck with him all his life and further fired up his Slovak nationalism.

For this reason, in 1898, he continued his studies in Bohemia. He first majored in construction engineering at the Czech Technical University in Prague, and then transferred to Charles University, where majored in mathematics and attended lectures on astronomy, physics, optics, and philosophy. He also spent the summer 1902 at the university in Zürich.

During his university studies, he attended

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lectures by Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, the future first president of Czechoslovakia. Masaryk inspired Štefánik to consider the future cooperation of Czechs and Slovaks, and would influence his activism in later promoting the creation of an independent Czechoslovakia.

Active in the Slovak student association, Detvan, Štefánik promoted Slovak culture, poetry, and folk songs. Here he also met the politician Vavro Šrobár, the future minister for Slovakia after independence. While Štefánik had some conflicts in the club, he learned to compromise and went on to become its president. He published articles to promote awareness of the dire situation of Slovaks pressured by Magyarization.

Štefánik graduated in 1904 with a doctorate in philosophy and wrote a thesis on astronomy based on the observations of Danish scientist Tycho Brahe.

Fallout with his father

Starting in 1900, Štefánik's changing religious beliefs resulted in a serious dispute with his father, a devout, conservative Lutheran pastor. Ján Juríček's popular biography on Štefánik points out that the conflict concerned religious more than national issues. Štefánik disagreed with the approach of the majority of Slovak intellectuals from the Martin school, who engaged in passive resistance against Magyarization. Influenced by Masaryk and Hlasists in Prague, Milan preferred a strategic alliance with the Czechs as the best way to preserve the Slovak identity.

He also diverged from the dogmatic traditional Christian stance of his father Pavel. Milan rejected belief in the divine nature of Jesus, and even doubted the existence of God. He came to think that religion put man and science in a straightjacket. His father regarded such thinking as heretical, and threw the young rebel out of his house.

As a result, after graduation, Milan moved to Ružomberok and barely managed to scrape by. On the suggestion of his Czech professor, Štefánik wished to travel to France in 1904 to pursue his passion -- astronomy.

France

In 1904, Štefánik arrived in Paris with just a suitcase and his desire to pursue his dreams. He did not know French, had little money, and lived precariously. His old friend from his Prague student days, Šrobár, helped get him a loan from a Ružomberok bank so he could stay in Paris.

Štefánik wished to work with, Pierre Janssen, was one of the cofounders of astrophysics and director of the Meudon Observatory on Mount Blanc. Janssen took on Štefánik as an assistant, and the young man became a mountain climber who studied the Moon, Venus, and Mars. As he published his research, he won several awards, including the Prix Jules Janssen, the top award of the French astronomical society.

When Professor Janssen died in late 1907, Štefánik lost his sponsor, mentor, and his position. He lived precariously, borrowing money to make ends meet. His largely self-financed missions sent him to Algeria, the Sahara Desert, Morocco, Turkistan, Russia, India, the United States, Panama, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti (where he observed Halley's Comet), the Fiji Islands, and Tonga. He even engaged in a lively conversation with the novelist Leo Tolstoy in 1907. When he became a French citizen in 1912, it was mainly to obtain funding



Dignitaries among the attendees at the May Slovak League of America dinner at which Dr. Kopanic delivered his speech were (L – R): Standing: Father Martin the Rev. Martin Kertys, C.O., parochial vicar at St. John Nepomucene, NYC; the Rev. Richard D. Baker, pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; Jan Skrkon, FCSU Branch 716 President; His Excellency, Dr. Michal Mlynar, Slovakia's Ambassador to the United Nations; Ladislava Begec, Consul General of the Slovak Republic in New York; and the Rev. Michal Misina, pastor of Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Seated: W. Nina Holy, Slovak League national secretary-treasurer; and Sabina Sabados, FCSU Region 1 Director. Photo courtesy of Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Secretary.

denied to non-citizens. Partially subsidizing his research, French authorities sent him on diplomatic missions across the globe

According to Kšíňan, the majority of Štefánik's planned projects did not succeed for various reasons, including overcast weather and inadequate funding. Still despite many setbacks, Štefánik pressed on and received numerous acclaims for his work in astrophysics and solar physics.

Štefánik maintained a close relationship to his Slovak homeland, and often made trips home between his travels. His final trip home was for his father's funeral in 1913, and the two had reconciled their opposing views somewhat before his father's death. But his heart always yearned to help his homeland, and World War I would provide that opportunity.

The Great War

The outbreak of War in 1914 interrupted Štefánik's career in astronomy. He scurried back to France to join the army. Starting at the rank of private, he flew reconnaissance missions in northeast France near Arras, and established the foundations of military weather-forecasting. He continually rose in rank, and was eventually awarded the rank of Brigadier General in the French army.

A new Austro-Hungarian offensive against Serbia in 1915 sent him to the Balkans, where he flew 30 missions for the Serbs. Surviving a plane crash, a seriously injured Štefánik made a hasty retreat march toward the Adriatic Sea. He might not have survived without the assistance of his friend Louis Paulhan, who is credited with undertaking the world's first airplane "medevac" evacuation. Štefánik was rushed to a Rome hospital where he underwent a stomach operation.

The Making of a State for Czechs and Slovaks

Though never fully recovered from his crash, Štefánik returned to France, where he found his new vocation – working with Masaryk and Edvard Beneš to promote the cause of an independent Czechoslovakia to

the Allies. He introduced them both to influential people in French circles, including the Prime Minister. This would ultimately lead to official recognition of the Czechoslovak National Council and an autonomous Czechoslovak Legion.

Once healthy enough, he resumed a busy schedule, visiting Russia, Italy and Romania to organize the Legion, raise morale among troops, and engage in diplomacy with host countries. In July 1917, Štefánik attempted to recruit Czech and Slovak compatriots in the USA, and successfully secured the backing of Washington officials. He also visited New York and Chicago to deliver recruitment speeches for the Czechoslovak Legion. Here in New York, he came in contact with members of the Slovak League of America where he discussed the role of Slovaks in the proposed state. He also met with Roman Catholic priests to assuage their concerns about religious freedom in Czecho-Slovakia.

Although he only initially managed to get about 500 volunteers, eventually that number would swell to 2,000. Apparently, American citizens preferred joining the US Army since it paid a much better wage.

The efforts of Masaryk, Beneš, and Štefánik, as the Allies finally recognized creation of Czecho-Slovakia to become a new state in 1918,

But troubles were brewing beneath the surface among the triumvirate. Beneš envied the success of a soldier in a perfectly fitting elegant uniform of a French Army General. Small of stature, Beneš had an unusually high pitched voice that resembled a bank clerk; he perceived Štefánik as a threat to his position and sought to gain Masaryk's favor. Štefánik believed that he deserved a better position than Beneš, and hidden jealousy boiled beneath the surface of gentlemen's respect.

Their personality conflicts came to a head when the two engaged in a heated argument before Štefánik's last departure from France. Štefánik also threatened Beneš personally because he intended to take him to court for allegedly embezzling money from expatri-

ate collections, i.e. from money donated by American Slovaks and Czechs! Štefánik claimed he had evidence that Beneš had lost \$100,000 gambling in Monte Carlo. The two also had major disagreements about foreign orientation of the new state, including relations with France, Italy, and Bolshevik Russia.

While Štefánik was in Russia to straighten out problems of the Czechoslovak Legion in Siberia, Masaryk and Beneš appointed new ministers for the new country. Surprisingly, Štefánik did not receive an appointment that reflected his importance. He was to head the Ministry of War, which organized the Czechoslovak Army abroad, but the Czech Václav Klobuček was selected as Minister of Defense, with supervision of all the armed forces in the new country. His old friend Šrobár became the chief minister for Slovak affairs.

French journalist Louise Weiss, who was Štefánik's former girlfriend, stated quite bluntly that Beneš could not stand Štefánik. He referred to him as "a peasant impersonating an aristocrat." In addition, Beneš wrote a note to Masaryk saying, "I had a conflict with Štefánik. Everything is over between us. I mean absolutely."

Death of a Fighter

Before returning to Slovakia, Štefánik visited his Italian fiancée Giuliana Benzoni, and set a wedding date for June 6. To avoid the Austria he detested, he decided to fly home. He borrowed a Caproni airplane and set off with two Italian pilots. Just as they were trying a second landing attempt, the plane crashed near Ivanka pri Dunaji on May 4, 1919, killing all aboard.

Mystery shrouds the reasons for the crash, but the weather was not a factor as Prague claimed. Some posited that the plane was shot down because it was mistaken for a Hungarian plane. Others have cited a possible mechanical failure of radio wires getting tangled in the control cables. Given Štefánik's weak health, it was also possible that he fainted and fell on the controls. Other conspiratorial writers even accused the Czechs of shooting down the plane to minimize Slovak influence in the new state.

Slovak historian Ivan Kamenec believes that the very idea that Czechoslovak officials ordered the plane to be shot down does not make sense. While Masaryk and Beneš may have disagreed with Štefánik on a number of issues, ordering his assassination was "just not their style."

An Italian eyewitness, First Lieutenant Martinelli-Scotti, noticed the cooling water was leaking, overheating of the engines and causing them to explode. Most historians seem to concur with this explanation, though the precise cause may never be clear. Oddly, the official investigation did not take place until seven years later. By then, the eyewitnesses had either mysteriously passed away or were shipped abroad to some foreign posts.

Interestingly, no government official was on hand to greet Štefánik. Even more inexplicable, neither Masaryk nor Beneš nor his old friend, Vavro Šrobár, the Minister Plenipotentiary of Slovakia, the highest ranking post in Slovakia. Why?

Fate had dealt a terrible blow, for no one possessed the talent, skill, energy, and dedication which Štefánik had displayed in promoting the cause independence for Czechoslovakia. The nation was in mourning.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA MARCH 15, 2019 KIMPTON AERTSON HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

FIRST SESSION: Friday, March 15, 2019

OPEN MEETING:

The Board of Directors Meeting is being held at the Kimpton Aertson Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee in conjunction with the AQS Investment Seminar presented by Larry White on Thursday, March 14. Reverend Thomas Nasta opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by celebrating a Memorial Mass for our deceased officers and members who passed away in 2018.

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. The President asked Regional Director Sabina Sabados to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, Slovakia, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Rev. Thomas Nasta	National Chaplain
Andrew Rajec	President
Andrew Harcar, Sr.	Vice President
Kenneth Arendt	Executive Secretary
George Matta II	Treasurer
Leonard Zilko	Chairman of Auditors
Sabina Sabados	Regional Director, Region 1
Damian Nasta	Regional Director, Region 2
Martha Zavada-Wojcik	Regional Director, Region 3
James Marmol	Regional Director, Region 4
Michael Lako	Regional Director, Region 5
Thomas Ivanec	Regional Director, Region 6
Timothy Graves	Regional Director, Region 7
Milos Mitro	Regional Director, Region 8
Kevin Collins	Fraternal Activities Director
Gary Matta	General Counsel

READING OF THE CALL:

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA:

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Annual Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by George Matta II and seconded by James Marmol to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary as he presents each item on the agenda with appropriate comments or recommendations. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2018:

A motion was made by Michael Lako and seconded by Sabina Sabados to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held December 15, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES:

The President appointed the following committees:

<u>DONATION COMMITTEE</u>	<u>RESOLUTION COMMITTEE</u>
George Matta II	Gary Matta
Reverend Thomas Nasta	James Marmol

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:

The President read his welcome to the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:

President Rajec turned the meeting over to Vice President Harcar, who recognized President Rajec. President Rajec read his 2018 annual report. At the conclusion of the President's Report, a motion was made by Reverend Thomas Nasta and seconded by Martha Zavada-Wojcik to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. The President's Annual Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

OUTSIDE AUDITORS REPORT:

Stephen Niedenberger, CPA, of the accounting firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, presented his annual report to the Board. He indicated the scope of his work and noted no irregularities. He found all FCSU financial reports in excellent order. Mr. Niedenberger answered all the Board's questions to its satisfaction.

Mr. Niedenberger also presented the annual report of Jednota, Inc., and Jednota Properties, Inc., for the Board's review.

AQS REPORT:

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report to the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors received a copy of the presentation in advance for his or her review. During and after the presentation, Larry White answered questions from the Board.

RECESS OF SESSION:

The Board recessed for lunch.

SECOND SESSION: Friday afternoon, March 15, 2019

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the afternoon prayer. The Executive Secretary stated that all members were present.

ACTUARIAL REPORT:

Edward DePersis of ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, Inc. presented his Management's Discussion and Analysis Report and reviewed the actuarial report for 2018 from Edward Cowman of Miller & Newburg. Mr. Edward DePersis stated that since each Board member received a copy of both reports, he will not read the entire report, but will just give the highlights. He gave a very extensive positive report for 2018. The FCSU continues to be a well run profitable fraternal with outstanding financials as noted in our excellent RBC (Risk Based Capital) rating of 941.

Edward DePersis stated that the FCSU will be required to use the 2017 CSO rating for all insurance products by 1/1/2020. This will require Edward Cowman, our Actuary, to complete a study on all our insurance products and present it to the 27 states we are licensed in for approval.

Edward DePersis gave a full financial report regarding the Pension Plan and stated that the FCSU is in full compliance with all federal regulations.

Our Actuary, Edward Cowman, recommended that a dividend be paid in 2019 using the same format as used in 2018. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Michael Lako to pay the dividend. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

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

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members work very closely with the Society's Investment Advisor, AQS Asset Management.

Pension Committee

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the current FCSU Pension Plan which was passed out to the Board of Directors for review. He stated that we are in full compliance with all federal regulations and answered the Board's questions.

Scholarship Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of three independent professional educators. Applications for FCSU scholarships are being received and they will be sent to the Scholarship Committee. The Executive Secretary also gave a report on the Jednota Benevolent Foundation and answered the Board's questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018:

Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth Arendt presented the financial summary report for the year ending 2018 and answered the Board's questions.

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The Executive Secretary also presented a comparison report between what was budgeted for 2018 and the actual expenditures.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati

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

Portfolio Custodian

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

Investment Updates

The President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer led a review on the investments and transactions with the UBS Fund, MAI Fund, and the Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Board's questions.

Following the reports, the Executive Secretary answered the Board's questions. The Executive Secretary stated that his 2018 Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer George Matta II presented the Treasurer's Report for 2018 summarizing all the financial reports. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITORS REPORT:

Chairman of Auditors Leonard Zilko presented the 2018 Auditors' Annual Report and answered the Board's questions. The Chairman stated that the internal auditors conducted a thorough audit and found everything in order. The Chairman of Auditors' Report will be published in the Jednota Newspaper.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT:

The President turned the meeting over to Andrew Harcar, Sr., President of Jednota, Inc.

Jednota, Inc.

The President of Jednota, Inc., Andrew Harcar, Sr., gave his report to the Board of Directors and answered all the Board's questions. Mr. Harcar also led a review of the financial report presented by CPA Stephen Niedenberger regarding Jednota, Inc. and Jednota Properties, Inc.

Jednota Properties, Inc.

The President then turned the meeting over to James Marmol, President of Jednota Properties, Inc., for his report. After his report, he answered the Board's questions. The reports of Jednota, Inc., and Jednota Properties, Inc., are informational in nature to the parent FCSU Board.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President recognized the Vice President, who presented his annual report to the Board of Directors and answered the Board's questions. The report covered membership and marketing, seminars, agent recruitment, and information for the proposers to assist them in obtaining their state licenses. The Vice President stated we have over 300 active independent agents and we are continuing to recruit agents.

Membership and Marketing

The Vice President distributed a written report to the Board of Directors. The report contained a listing of the top proposers of insurance and annuity sales, a detailed report of sales production by districts, and a five-year comparison report broken down by districts. The Vice President stated he is working on the insurance quota for the districts.

The Executive Secretary stated our marketing firm is working on campaigns to recruit agents in the 27 states we are licensed in.

The Vice President's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:

The Regional Directors and our National Chaplain presented their annual reports and answered the Board's questions. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Thomas Ivanec to accept the Regional Directors' and the National Chaplain's reports as presented. Motion carried.

All reports will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Director of Fraternal Activities Kevin Collins presented a summary of the 2018 activities to the Board of Directors. He gave a review of the Coloring Contest and Photo Contest. He announced the Bowling Tournament for this year will be a joint venture held with Slovak Catholic Sokol and Greek Catholic Union. Information about the tournament will be published in the newspaper and posted on our website.

The Director of Fraternal Activities gave a report on the March Madness Contest and stated he received over 520 entries. The winners will be published in the newspaper and posted on our website.

The Director of Fraternal Activities introduced the idea of a Kentucky Derby Hat Contest. Contest rules will be published in the newspaper and posted on our website.

The Director of Fraternal Activities is also working on a contest during the NFL football season. Contest rules will be published in the newspaper and posted on our website.

The Director of Fraternal Activities is planning to introduce a new contest/event each quarter. He stated he is open to new ideas from the Board.

The Director of Fraternal Activities Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

General Counsel Gary Matta gave his brief 2018 report and answered the Board's questions.

ACTUARIAL FIRM:

The President requested a motion and a motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr. and seconded by George Matta II to reappoint Edward Cowman of Miller & Newberg as our Actuary. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING FIRM:

The Executive Secretary stated that our contract with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood expires this year and we have requested bids from four different accounting firms for our 2019 audit. The President requested a motion and a motion was made by Michael Lako and seconded by Milos Mitro to give the Executive Committee the authority to select an outside accounting firm for 2019 and 2020 after reviewing all proposals. Motion carried.

RATING:

The President stated he has contacted AM Best and Kroll Bond to receive proposals for the possibility of FCSU being rated. A motion was made by Timothy Graves and seconded by Michael Lako to give the Executive Committee the authority to review the proposals and select a rating company. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President introduced Ken Lock from Life Line Screening to present the different services that he can offer to our members. The President stated he will take his ideas under review.

The Executive Secretary stated he is reviewing the idea of creating a portal for the Board of Directors so they will have access to their executive reports. He is also reviewing the idea of creating email addresses for each board member.

DONATION COMMITTEE:

The Donations Committee made its report to the Board of Directors. All requests were reviewed and acted upon.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

The Resolutions Committee made its report to the Board of Directors. All requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:

A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Thomas Ivanec to accept all the additional reports presented. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Thomas Ivanec and seconded by Martha Zavada-Wojcik to adjourn. Motion carried.

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019

PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOTT, CORAOPOLIS, PA

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to lead the prayer. The meeting is being held in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh Seminar presented by Edward DePersis that was held on May 23, 2019. The joint meeting of the Jednota Properties, Inc. and Jednota, Inc. will be held following the Executive Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the April 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary 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 April 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 April:

Disbursements for the month of April 2019:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	159,418.66
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	46,394.23
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.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Stephen Gonzalez, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report, with Larry White on teleconference, to the Executive Committee. Each member of the Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Mr. White and Mr. Gonzalez also led a discussion of the new investment opportunities that we may take advantage of. Following the report, Mr. White and Mr. Gonzalez answered the Committee's questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary gave a full written report on the investment update to the Executive Committee. Following the report, they answered the Committee's questions.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:Financial Statements:

The Executive Secretary led a review of our first quarter financial statements. He stated that our assets are up to \$390,125,000 and our surplus is at an all time high of \$32,984,000 which is an increase of \$608,629 from the end of year December 31, 2018. The financial statements will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

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 June.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents to the Executive Committee. He stated we are still recruiting and adding new agents, and at present have over 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. The Home Office continues an extensive Facebook ad recruiting campaign to recruit agents in the states we are licensed in.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office is working with our marketing firm to develop new seminar presentations.

The Executive Secretary reminded the Executive Committee that we are required to use the new 2017 CSO starting 1/1/2020. This will involve a complete review of all our products and repricing done by our actuary and to be filed with the 27 states we are licensed in for approval. Once this is completed we will be required to update all our marketing materials and illustration software. We are reviewing proposals from two current vendors.

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the referral program for recommenders. He plans to send out information to all branch officers in August and have this program available September 1, 2019.

The Executive Secretary stated that the 2019 Membership Meet will be held November 9-17, 2019 aboard Carnival Magic. The 8 day cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale and stop at Grand Turk, La Romana, Curacao and Aruba. More information will be published in the Jednota and posted on the fcsu.com website. The Executive Secretary stated that there are still cabins available.

MIDDLETOWN:

The President stated there are no additional updates on the property at this time. The President will keep the Committee updated on any developments.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President gave a review on the joint bowling tournament with the Greek Catholic Union and the Slovak Catholic Sokol that was held May 17-18, 2019.

The President stated that the FCSU golf tournament will be held at Cedarbrook Golf Course on August 17-18, 2019 in Belle Vernon, PA. Details will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

The President stated that Fraternal Activities Director Kevin Collins plans to introduce a new fraternal event every quarter and he is currently working on a contest featuring the NFL.

The President stated he is reviewing the proposals from the following agencies, Kroll Bond or AM Best to have the Society rated.

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.

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

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours



The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019, in observance of Labor Day.

Správy zo Slovenska

Bratislava - Komunikácia je veľké, ale zvládnuteľné umenie. Učiť sa komunikovať je potrebné už od mladého veku. Nedávno to uviedol na tlačovej konferencii v Bratislave poslanec Národnej rady SR Karol Farkašovský (SNS), ktorý stojí za myšlienkou zavedenia komunikačnej výchovy do škôl a vzdelávacieho systému. Podľa Farkašovského celospoločenským cieľom projektu je kultivovať medziľudské vzťahy nielen na úrovni pedagóg – žiak, ale aj v tom najširšom kontexte. Farkašovský tvrdí, že komunikáciu je potrebné učiť sa počas celého života, ale základ musí človek dostať práve v školách.

Bratislava - Minister obrany Peter Gajdoš (SNS) odcestoval do Francúzska. Zúčastnil sa na 61. medzinárodnej vojenskej púti v Lurdoch. Spolu s ním odcestovala aj ministerka vnútra Denisa Saková (Smer-SD) a viacerí vojenskí predstavitelia. Ministri sa po večer zúčastnili na otváracom ceremonálii v podzemnej Bazilike sv. Pia X. Počas dňa ich čakala prehliadka viacerých miest, napríklad jaskyne Zjavenia či Múzea sv. Bernadety. Absolvovali aj spoločnú omšu v slovenskom jazyku, ktorú celebraval vojenský ordinár František Rábek.

Bratislava - Ministerka zdravotníctva Andrea Kalavská (nominantka Smeru-SD) absolvuje osobný rozhovor s generálnym riaditeľom Univerzitnej nemocnice Louisa Pasteura (UNLP) v Košiciach, v ktorej pacient zomrel po nesprávne podanej transfúzii krvi. Uviedla to po rokovaní vlády.

Bratislava - Migrácia ako existenciálna hrozba pre strednú Európu je najčastejší naratív, s ktorým na Slovensku, v Českej republike a Maďarsku pracujú pred voľbami do Európskeho parlamentu (EP) dezinformačné stránky na sociálnej sieti. Na tlačovej konferencii na to poukázali zástupcovia mimovládnej organizácie Globsec, vychádzali pritom z monitoringu kampaní, ktoré zverejňujú kanály považované za zdroje dezinformácií

Piešťany - Súčasťou tohtoročného otvorenia Letnej kúpeľnej sezóny v Piešťanoch bude prvýkrát aj možnosť nazrieť do kuchyne výroby piešťanského bahna. Slovenské liečebné kúpele Piešťany (SLKP), a. s., otvorila svoje zázemie pre verejnosť, ktorá si bude môcť pozrieť, čo všetko sa deje, kým sa kúpeľný hosť môže dať zabaliť do bahného zábalu. Návštevníci uvidia miesto ťažby, dozvedia, kde sa bahno pripravuje, prečo je unikátne a klientmi z celého sveta vyhľadávané, pozrú si tiež, odkiaľ kúpele čerpajú termálnu minerálnu vodu, cestu, ktorou prejde až ku zákazníkom. Sprievodcovia porozprávajú, ako sa vyvíjali terapie, prečo majú SLKP bahniisko.

Bratislava - Ministerka zdravotníctva (MZ) SR Andrea Kalavská (nominantka Smeru-SD) tvrdí, že nový CT prístroj v Národnom ústave srdcovo-cievnych chorôb (NÚSCH) je jeden z najšpičkovejších v Európe. Nové CT podľa nej zlepši diagnostiku a skráti čakanie pacientov.

Bratislava - Majstrovstvá sveta v ľadovom hokeji boli v Bratislave bez závažných narušení verejného poriadku, či iných foriem trestnej činnosti. Informuje o tom Krajské riaditeľstvo Policajného zboru v Bratislave na sociálnej sieti. Počas už uplynulého hokejového šampionátu zaznamenali policajti len na bratislavskom zimnom štadióne, v jeho okolí a vo fanzóne viac ako 100 udalostí.

Bratislava/Lány - Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska absolvoval na zámku v stredočeských Lánoch schôdzku s prezidentom ČR Milošom Zemanom. Do Lánov Kiska pricestoval v rámci rozlúčkovej návštevy Česka pred koncom svojho mandátu, informoval spravodajský server Novinky.cz. „Budeš mi chýbať, Andrej,“ rozlúčil sa Zeman s Kiskom. Zdôraznil pritom, že aj napriek občasnému názorovým rozdielom si s dosluhujúcim slovenským prezidentom dôverovali a nevystupovali proti sebe. Kiska po stretnutí ocenil vzájomné vzťahy oboch krajín.

Bratislava - Nastupujúca prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová chce viac spolupracovať s menšinami, čo tvrdila aj počas predvolebnej kampane. „Zakladám novú tradíciu a rozhodla som sa prizvať k spolupráci aj zástupcov a zástupkyne národnostných menšín a odborníčku pre oblasť nových menšín a menšinových práv,“ uviedla na sociálnej sieti. S expertným poradným výborom sa podľa vlastného vyjadrenia bude pravidelne stretávať.

Bratislava - Mestom kultúry 2020 sa stali Nové Zámky. Rozhodla o tom hodnotiaci komisii Fondu na podporu umenia (FPU) verejnej prezentácii projektov 7. júna 2019 troch finálových miest, ktoré sa o titul a s ním spojenú podporu uchádzali.

Banská Bystrica - Exprezident Andrej Kiska nedávno oficiálne oznámil založenie novej politickej strany, ktorá sa bude volať Za ľudí. Urobil tak na tlačovej konferencii v Banskej Bystrici. V prípravnom výbore sú s ním bývalá europoslankyňa Jana Žitňanská, exhovorca iniciatívy Za slušné Slovensko Juraj Šeliga, bývalá štátna tajomníčka ministerstva spravodlivosti Mária Kolíková a poradca exprezidenta pre vnútornú politiku Michal Luciak.

Spišské Podhradie - Po lokálnej povodni vyhlásili v Spišskom Podhradí v nedeľu 16. 6. mimoriadnu situáciu. Primátor mesta Michal Kapusta potvrdil, že lokalitu najprv po večer zasiahla veterná smršť, následkom čoho popadalo viaceré stromy a zatarasilo cesty 2., 3. triedy i miestne komunikácie. Následne prišla prietrž a vytopilo nám asi 50 nehnuteľností, vrátane rodinných domov, bytových aj nebytových priestorov a dva mestské bytové domy. V dôsledku nahromadenej vody sa zosunul aj približne 70 metrov dlhý úsek cesty aj s chodníkom na Galovej ulici. Autom sa tam v súčasnosti nedá prejsť. Rodinné domy vytopilo v štyroch lokalitách, kde sa nahromadilo najviac vody.

Bratislava - Pomôcť v obnove národných kultúrnych pamiatok na Slovensku by mal aj rozvoj tradičných stavebných remesiel. Naznačuje to Ministerstvo kultúry (MK) SR v Koncepcii stratégie rozvoja miestnej a regionálnej kultúry a kultúry národnostných menšín Slovenskej republiky do roku 2030, momentálne predloženej v medzirezortnom pripomienkovom konaní.

Praha/Bratislava - Vo svojom sídle na Pražskom hrade privítal 20. júna 2019 predpoludním český prezident Miloš Zeman prezidentku SR Zuzanu Čaputovú. Slovenská hlava štátu je na svojej prvej oficiálnej zahraničnej návšteve, ktorá sa podľa tradície koná v Českej republike. Po privítaní a osobnom rozhovore oboch prezidentov sa Zeman i Čaputová zúčastnia na plenárnom rokovaní delegácií, čaká ich spoločný obed i tlačová konferencia. Slovenská prezidentka sa stretne i s predsedom Senátu Parlamentu Českej republiky Jaroslavom Kuberom a s predsedom Poslaneckej snemovne Parlamentu Českej republiky Radkom Vondráčkom.

Praha/Bratislava - Český dom v Bratislave má byť realitou do konca roka 2019. Na spoločnom brífingu to potvrdili prezidenti Slovenskej a Českej republiky Zuzana Čaputová a Miloš Zeman. Čaputová pripomenula slová predsedu vlády SR Petra Pellegriniho, že ostáva vyriešiť len technické záležitosti. Zeman plánuje na otvorenie Českého domu pozvať aj Čaputovej predchodcu Andreja Kisku.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Chára vyhral šiestykrát anketu Hokejista roka

V bratislavskej Redute sa konal 23. júna 2019 galavečer Hokejista roka 2019. Zdeno Chára sa stal víťazom ankety Hokejista roka 2019. Štyridsaťdvaročný obranca obhájil vlnajší triumf a prestížne ocenenie získal už šiestykrát v kariére, čím sa vyrovnal rekordérovi ankety Mariánovi Hossovi. Na snímke fotografia víťaza ankety Hokejista roka 2019 Zdena Chára, ktorý sa nemohol galavečera zúčastniť.



FOTO TASR - Martin Baumann

Zdeno Chara was named Hockey Player of the Year for the sixth time in 2019.

Tretí Národný pochod za život sa uskutoční v Bratislave

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len im musíme dovoliť rozvinúť svoj potenciál. Preto si chceme historicky tretím Národným pochodom za život v septembri pripomenúť, že zákon, sociálna sieť pomoci i nastavenie celej spoločnosti by ich malo chrániť rovnako ako každého iného človeka,“ povedal Marek Michalčík, ktorý zodpovedá za prípravu pochodu.

Národné pochody za život v Bratislave (2015) a v Košiciach (2013) navštívili desiatky tisíc ľudí z celého Slovenska. Tretí Národný pochod za život sa uskutoční 22. septembra 2019 v Bratislave.

Te Deum pri príležitosti inaugurácie prezidentky SR

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rozlišovať medzi dobrým a zlým - a to práve preto, aby vedel správne viesť svoj ľud.

Boh na Šalamúnovu prosbu odpovedal darom múdreho a rozvážneho srdca. A z dejín vieme, že práve obdobie Šalamúnovho kráľovstva bolo výnimočným časom pokoja a pozhňania, obdobím mieru a zlepšenia vzťahov s okolitými národmi. To všetko vďaka pokore dobrého kráľa, ktorý nebažil po moci ani po majetku, ale z Božej milosti sa učil rozvíjať múdrosť srdca.

V tomto duchu sme prosili aj v rezponzóriovom žalme: „Nauč nás, Pane, rátať naše dni, aby sme získali múdre srdce.“ Aby sme pamätali na to, že sme tu len do času, že počet našich dní nie je nekonečný, a raz sa budeme musieť zodpovedať pred naším Stvoriteľom. Toto pripomenutie, toto „počítanie dní“ nám pomáha, keď chceme robiť rozvážne rozhodnutia, a múdro viesť aj ostatných.

Štedrým darcom múdrosti a ďalších darov je Boží Duch Svätý, o ktorého príchod a pomoc sme prosili v speve na začiatku našej slávnosti. A práve zoslanie Ducha Svätého na 50. deň po Veľkej noci sme oslávili aj v liturgii v našich chrámoch minulú nedeľu. Svätý Otec František pri tej príležitosti vo Vatikáne predniesol krásnu homíliu, v ktorej krátky úryvok by som rád ponúkol aj na tomto mieste.

Pápež František sa zamyslel nad rôznorodosťou, ktorá preniká náš svet, avšak pre Ducha Svätého nepredstavuje prekážku, keď dáva veci do súladu a vytvára obdivuhodnú harmóniu. Tento súlad a spájanie je dielom jeho múdrosti, a my ľudia sme pozvaní s Duchom spolupracovať: nenechať sa pomýliť, ani znechutiť tým, keď naokolo vidíme množstvo rozličnej disharmónie.

„V dnešnom svete sa disharmónie stali skutočnými rozdeleniami,“ podotýka Svätý Otec a dodáva: „Sú takí, čo majú priveľa, a takí, čo nemajú nič. Sú takí, čo chcú žiť sto rokov, a takí, čo sa nemôžu ani len narodiť. V čase počítačov sme si vzdialenejší: stali sme sa viac „social“, ale menej sociálni. Preto potrebujeme Ducha jednoty, aby nás znovuzrodil: ako Cirkev, Boží ľud, aj ako celé ľudstvo.“

„Veľmi často sa ľudia snažia definovať svoju identitu proti niekomu alebo proti niečomu,“ hovorí pápež František, a môžeme k tomu s trpkosťou skonštatovať, že tento postup je stále častejší nielen v politickom, ale aj v spoločenskom a kultúrnom živote. „Boží Duch Svätý, naopak, spája rozdelených, privádza bližšie vzdialených... pretože vidí na prvom mieste dobro: pozerá skôr na človeka, než na jeho chyby.“

„Možno povedať, že žijeme v kultúre adjektív, prídavných mien, ktorá zabúda na substantíva, teda na podstatné mená,“ podčiarkuje pápež - a pritom si môžeme uvedomiť, že už náš jazyk nám tu pripomína, čo by malo byť podstatné. „Dnes je v móde adjektivizovať,“ pokračuje, sústrediť sa na prídavné mená, „a žiaľ aj urážať“. Žijeme v kultúre urážok, ktoré sú prvou odpoveďou na názory odlišné od našich.“

„Až neskôr si uvedomíme, že to škodí - a nielen tomu, kto je urážaný, ale aj tomu, kto uráža. Keď sa zlo odpláca zlom, z obetí sa stávajú páchatelia - a nežijeme dobre. Naopak, kto žije podľa Božieho Ducha Svätého, prináša pokoj tam, kde je nesúlad, porozumenie tam, kde sú konflikty. Duchovní ľudia oplácajú zlo dobrom, na aroganciu odpovedajú miernosťou, na hurhaj tichom, na ohováranie modlitbou, na pesimizmus úsmevom.“

„Aby sme boli duchovní, aby sme zažili harmóniu Ducha Svätého, potrebujeme jeho pohľad posunúť pred ten náš,“ hovorí František. „Potom sa veci zmenia! Boží Duch Svätý stvára Cirkev, stvára svet ako miesto pre synov a dcéry, pre bratov a sestry: to sú substantíva, podstatné mená, ktoré majú prednosť pred akýmkoľvek adjektívom.“ Milí priatelia, drahí bratia a sestry: dobre si všimnite tieto slová a pamätajte na ne pri tvorení našich vzťahov!

Vážna pani prezidentka, vo svete plnom rozdelení a konfliktov sa mnohé pohľady budú od dnes upierať práve na vás, s nádejou, že nedopustíte, aby nad vami zvíťazila kultúra adjektív, ale že si zachováte pokoj, múdro budete rozoznávať, čo je skutočne podstatné a stanete sa dobrou prezidentkou Slovenskej republiky, so srdcom otvoreným pre všetkých. Azda práve srdce ženy a matky, má na to tie najlepšie predpoklady!

Dovoľte mi, prosím, na začiatku Vášho pôsobenia v úrade popriať Vám i Vaším spolupracovníkom hojnosť darov Božieho Svätého Ducha, dobré zdravie, silu, láskavosť a trpezlivosť. Nech sa vaše úsilia dobre vydaria, a nech sú všetky skutočne dobré, osožné pre obyvateľov našej vlasti. A dovoľte mi ako veriacemu človeku a biskupovi dodať želanie - povzbudenie v duchu Božieho Slova: aby Vaše skutky viedli Vás i ostatných k oslave nášho Otca, ktorý je na nebesiach.

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Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Jednota plánuje výlet na Letný festival v Danville, PA

Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota - Okresy č. 4 a č.16 – plánujú výlet na Letný festival v Danville, PA. V sobotu 13. júla odchádza autobus z kostola St. John Nepomucene v New Yorku o 8:00 hodine ráno a zastaví sa v kostole Svätej rodiny v Lindene, NJ, o 9:00 hodine. Autobus sa vracia do NYC cez Linden v ten istý deň večer. Cena autobusu je \$ 10 pre členov IKSJ a \$ 15 pre nečlenov. Celodenná akcia je spojená s piknikom, s jedlom, aktivitami a svätou omšou v Bazilike o 5:00 hodine poobede. Ak si chcete zarezervovať odchod z kostola Svätého Jána Nepomuckého, kontaktujte, prosím, Mariu Božekovú na tel. čísle: 347-612-1934. Ak by ste chceli odchádzať z Lindenu, kontaktujte Mary Ann Ranahan na tel. čísle: 732-251-6035. Platba musí byť vykonaná v čase rezervácie. Sedenie je obmedzené.

Sabina Sabados, regionálna riaditeľka IKSJ

Vyšlo ďalšie číslo Slovák

Začiatkom roka 2019 vyšlo tlačou nové číslo historickej publikácie Slovenskej ligy v Amerike – Slovákia 2019. Publikácia obsahuje mnoho zaujímavých článkov, hlavne z čias, keď sa rodila druhá Slovenská republika. Slovákia 2019 si možno objednať za \$10.00 (vrátane poštovného) na adrese: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison Street, Passaic, NJ 07055.

Konvencia slovenských organizácií

V roku 2019 budú mať svoje štvorročné konvencie dve slovenské organizácie. Slovenský katolícky Sokol bude mať svoju 33. Konvenciu v dňoch 3. až 7. augusta 2019 v hoteli Cleveland Airport na adrese 4277 W. 150th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44135. Na konvencii sa zide približne 200 delegátov z miestnych spolkov.

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (Ženská Jednota) bude mať svoju štvorročnú konvenciu v dňoch 3. až 6. októbra 2019 v hoteli Tampa Marriot Waterside Hotel & Marina, 700 S Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602. Na konvencii sa zide približne 300 delegátov z miestnych spolkov. Sídlo organizácie je na adrese 24950 Chagrin Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio, 44122.

Ešte v tomto roku by mohla byť prijatá novela volebného zákona

Novela volebného zákona umožňujúca Slovákom v zahraničí voliť v budúcich prezidentských voľbách aj na zastupiteľských úradoch SR by mohla byť prijatá ešte počas roka 2019. Prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová to naznačila na tlačovom brífingu 20. júna 2019 počas svojej oficiálnej návštevy Českej republiky.

„Plne sa stotožňujem s tým, že občania SR žijúci v zahraničí by mali mať právo voliť v prezidentských voľbách bez toho, aby museli cestovať na Slovensko,“ uviedla Čaputová. S myšlienkou umožniť legislatívnu úpravu voľbu na zastupiteľských úradoch v zahraničí sa podľa nej stotožňuje aj predseda vlády SR Peter Pellegrini. „Zhodli sme sa, že takáto zmena je zmysluplná, a dokonca pán premiér vyjadril presvedčenie, že ešte počas tohto kalendárneho roka by takáto zmena právnej úpravy mohla byť prijatá v parlamente,“ dodala.

Na svojej prvej oficiálnej zahraničnej návšteve, ktorá podľa tradície mierila do Českej republiky, má nová slovenská prezidentka za sebou stretnutie so svojim náprotivkom, prezidentom ČR Milošom Zemanom. Čaputová sa v rámci programu stretne tiež s predsedom Senátu Parlamentu Českej republiky Jaroslavom Kuberom a s predsedom Poslaneckej snemovne Parlamentu Českej republiky Radkom Vondráčkom.

Prezidentka SR v Prahe tiež položila vence k soche generála Milana Rastislava Štefánika, kyticu prinesie na hrob prezidenta Václava Havla. Stretne sa i s krajanmi a zúčastní sa na koncerte, ktorý pod názvom „Zuzana není sama doma“ na jej počesť odohrajú slovenskí i českí hudobníci, napríklad Dan Bárta, Jiří Stivín či Dorota Nvotová.

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Repliky starých krojov, ktoré vyrába KC, uvidia ľudia na slávnostiach v Detve

Niekoľko replík tradičných ľudových odevov z konca 19. a prvej polovice 20. storočia, ako aj tri prenosné objekty ľudovej architektúry sú doposiaľ výsledkom práce neziskovej organizácie Komunikačného centra (KC) Detva, ktorú realizuje v rámci európskeho programu Interreg V-A Program spolupráce Slovenská republika - Maďarsko 2014 - 2020. Doterajšie výsledky predstavili účastníci projektu v stredu v Kriváni v okrese Detva.

„Tých krojov bude celkom 30. Výsledky predstavíme v júli počas folklórnych slávností v Detve. Tam uvidíme aj naše stavby, ako aj publikáciu, ktorá mapuje ľudovú architektúru na Podpoľaní. Na konci roka k nej pribudne ďalšia, ktorá zachytáva práve ľudový odev v regióne,“ povedala zástupkyňa centra Elena Jankovičová.

Vyrobené repliky krojov chcú potom ponúkať na výstavy po celom Slovensku. Zámerom centra je okrem statickej prezentácie odevov či stavieb vytvárať aj zážitkové ponuky, ako napríklad výrobu syra či prezentáciu výšivkárk. „Všetko toto môže slúžiť napríklad pre oblasťnú organizáciu cestovného ruchu ako produkt pre ponuku návštevníkom regiónu,“ pripomenula Jankovičová.

Slovensko-maďarský projekt sa zameriava na zachovanie a prezentáciu kultúrneho dedičstva v regiónoch v blízkosti spoločnej hranice. Projekt sa realizuje v šiestich partnerských územiach, tri sú na Slovensku a tri v Maďarsku. Okrem KC Detva sú súčasťou projektu na slovenskej strane obec Hrušov a SNM - Múzeum Maďarov na Slovensku - Kaštieľ v Dolnej Strehovej. V Hrušove sa realizujú stavby na prospech známeho hrušovského podujatia Hontianska paráda, v Dolnej Strehovej zase budujú park v okolí tamojšieho kaštieľa.

U našich južných susedov sa realizácia dotýka takmer 50 obcí, ktoré sú v regióne Palóc, v blízkosti hraníc zo Slovenskom.

Projekt s názvom Palóc - Hont - Podpoľanie: Rozvoj turisticky prístupných tematických trás so zameraním na spoločné kultúrne dedičstvo, získal z európskych fondov viac ako 1,53 milióna eur.

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65.narodeniny oslavuje Folklórny súbor Turiec.

Turčianske slávnosti folklóru majú jubilanta

Celodenným kultúrnym programom a sprievodnými aktivitami vyvrcholil v Múzeu slovenskej dediny v Martine jubilejný 35. ročník Turčianskych slávností folklóru. Prezentuje ľudové umenie a prácu folkloristov z celého Turca i hostí z rôznych regiónov Slovenska.

Ako informovala riaditeľka Turčianskeho kultúrneho strediska Soňa Buckulčíková, počas celého dňa vystúpilo takmer 500 účinkujúcich z detských súborov, dedinských folklórnych skupín a folklórnych súborov z horného a dolného Turca, ale aj hostia z iných regiónov Slovenska, ktorí divákovi predstavili vzácne kultúrne dedičstvo našich otcov a mám.

„Ráno patrilo javisko deťom, nasledovali dedinské folklórne skupiny a vystúpenia folklórnych súborov. Osobitný priestor mal mať folklórny súbor (FS) Turiec, ktorý v tomto roku oslavuje 65. výročie svojho vzniku. Pozvanie prijali aj hostia z Detvy a Vranova nad Topľou. Záver slávností patril práve hostom – folklórnemu súboru Vranovčan s programom Obrázky zo Zemplína a Šariša,“ doplnila Buckulčíková.

Pozornosti sa podľa nej tešili i sprievodné podujatia Dnes tovariš, zajtra majster, ktoré priniesli ukážky tradičnej výroby v prácach študentov stredných škôl z Ružomberka, Kysuckého Nového Mesta, Turčianskych Teplíc a Martina. Študenti priblížili niektoré tkáčske techniky, zhotovenie drevenej hračky, kovárske práce a mnoho iného. Ďalšími podujatiami boli vernisáž a výstava literárno-výtvarnej súťaže Turiec maľovaný a jarmok tradičných remesiel.

Hlavným organizátorom podujatia bolo Turčianske kultúrne stredisko v Martine v zriaďovateľskej pôsobnosti Žilinského samosprávneho kraja, podujatie z verejných zdrojov podporil Fond na podporu umenia, je spolufinancované s podporou Žilinského samosprávneho kraja a realizované s finančným príspevom mesta Martin a partnerov.

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V4 filmový festival: Dubček

V rámci tradičného V4 filmového festivalu, ktorého tohtoročnou témou bola „sloboda“, premietlo Veľvyslanectvo SR vo Washingtone 13. júna 2019 film „Dubček“ režiséra Laca Halamu.

Alexander Dubček bol kľúčovou osobnosťou Pražskej jari vo vtedajšom Československu a dodnes zostáva symbolom a žijúcou legenda „socializmu s ľudskou tvárou“.

Film zožal veľký úspech. Staršej generácii umožnil konfrontovať vlastné spomienky s autorským stvárnením udalostí a života Alexandra Dubčeka a mladšej generácii priblížil na významnú časť histórie nášho národa a pripomenul stále aktuálny odkaz boja za slobodu.

Téma boja za slobodu je v roku, kedy si pripomínáme 30. výročie Nežnej revolúcie, ktorá nám slobodu vrátila, hlavným komunikačným posolstvom.

MZvSR



V júni uplynulo 70 rokov od Levočskej vzbury

Od Levočskej vzbury uplynulo v mesiaci jún 70 rokov. Takmer 300 ľudí z mesta i okolitých dedín prišlo v júni 1949 pred faru chrániť vtedajšieho levočského farára Jozefa Vojtasa pred zatknutím a odvedením. Dekan levočského dekanátu František Dluhoš pripomína, že komunisti chceli ľudí vyprovokovať k násilnostiam a prekaziť tak púť na Mariánsku horu. „Aj keď sa púť v tom roku nakoniec konala, vo väzniciach s neprimerane tvrdými trestami skončilo 52 ľudí,“ uviedol.

Po zavedení totalitného režimu po roku 1948 sa terčom útokov zo strany vlády stala cirkev. Komunisti sa snažili získať kontrolu najmä nad činnosťou katolíckej cirkvi, ktorá kládla najväčší odpor. Národné zhromaždenie prijalo zákony, ktoré mali viesť k priamej likvidácii cirkvi. „Udalosti z júna 1949 sa radia k najdramatickejšim konfliktom monopolnej socialistickej politickej moci nielen s cirkvou, ale aj s kresťanskou tradíciou a katolíckym vierovyznaním slovenského národa. Spiš bol už v tom čase štátnou ideológiou obviňovaný z klérofašizmu a protištátnych aktivít,“ vysvetlil Dluhoš.

V máji 1949 začali miestni funkcionári zbierať podpisy na vyhlásenie tzv. katolíckej akcie. Tým, ktorí ju nepodpísali, hrozilo prenasledovanie. Tento počin viedol biskupov k vydaniu pastierskeho listu, v ktorom označovali akciu za nezákonnú, rozvratnícku a protikresťanskú. V nedeľu 19. júna 1949 väčšina kňazov aj napriek hrozbe trestného stíhania tento list prečítala veriacim počas bohoslužieb. Po návštevách štátnych úradníkov na farách sa veriaci začali obávať zatýkania kňazov, čo vyvolalo otvorené vzbury v približne 50 slovenských obciach. Najväčšou z nich bola Levočská vzburá. „V Levoči išlo o protiprávne a ničím neodôvodnené zatknutie levočského farára, kanonika Jozefa Vojtasa. Takmer 300 ľudí prišlo pred faru brániť svojho obľúbeného a uznávaného dušpastiera. Pre zbytočnú horlivosť vtedajšieho predsedu komunistickej strany v Levoči sa spočiatku pokojný protest „rozhorel“ do otvoreného incidentu. Privolané policajné sily reagovali na spravodlivé rozhorčenie levočských veriacich neprimerane tvrdo a samy spôsobili chaos. Ešte tvrdší postup zvolili vtedajšie súdy, ktoré účastníkom Levočskej vzbury vymerali také vysoké tresty, ktoré boli v rozpore s vtedajšími zákonmi,“ priblížil Dluhoš.

Do väzenia sa dostali mladí chlapi, matky malých detí či živitelia rodín. Mnohí si celé tresty odsedeli vo väzniciach v Leopoldove či Ilave. Niektorí dostali v roku 1950 amnestiu, iným boli odpustené časti trestov. Po prepustení im na úrade prideliť nútené práce v bani a iné ťažké práce. Farára Jozefa Vojtasa počas vzbury neobvinili, štátna bezpečnosť ho však zaistila v júli 1950 a väznený bol až do roku 1969.

Levočský dekan spoznal počas svojho pôsobenia v tomto meste takmer polovicu účastníkov odsúdených v vzburé. „Týchto farníkov som s úctou vyprevádzal aj do večnosti. Poslednou z nich bola pani Mária Repáková, najmladšia účastníčka dramatických udalostí. Mária Vilkovská dostala desať rokov tvrdého žalára napriek tomu, že bola v tom čase matkou niekoľkomesačného dieťaťa. Z otcov, ktorí svoju statočnosť zaplatili nesmiernym utrpením, si zaslúži spomienku Michal Hasaj. Bol uväznený a doma zostala manželka s dvomi maličkými deťmi,“ upozornil Dluhoš, ktorý dal pri príležitosti 50. výročia udalostí osadiť v Bazilike sv. Jakuba pamätnú tabuľu s menami a výškami trestov odsúdených. Práve v blízkosti kostola sa Levočská vzburá odohrala. „Tieto udalosti zostávajú stále platnou výzvou, aby sme sa nehanbili vyznať svoju vieru, hlásiť sa bez obáv k drahocennej mariánskej úcte a byť príkladom čistého kresťanského života,“ uzatvára levočský dekan.

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Nemali sme názorový rozpor, zhodli sa prezidenti ČR a SR M. Zeman a Z. Čaputová

V diskusii prezidentov Slovenskej a Českej republiky Zuzany Čaputovej a Miloša Zemana nedošlo napriek pomerne širokému spektru tém k názorovému rozporu. Hlavy štátov to deklarovali po spoločnom rokovaní, ktoré sa uskutočnilo v rámci oficiálneho programu štvrtkovej návštevy slovenskej prezidentky v Prahe.

„Netvrdím, že niekedy v budúcnosti nebudeme mať na veci iný názor, v tomto úvodnom rozhovore však k niečomu takému neprišlo,“ uviedla Čaputová. Zeman to potvrdil vyhlásením, že v diskusii „nenarazili na jedinú konfliktnú otázku“. Napriek tomu to nebolo podľa neho nudné. „Lebo priateľská atmosféra, v ktorej sa viedla diskusia, je vždy inšpiratívna a môže viesť k zaujímavým názorom,“ upozornil.

Zeman sa Čaputovej poďakoval za ústretovosť k jeho „neochvejným snahám a myšlienke“ zriadiť v Bratislave Český dom. Čaputová opätovne uznala pripomenutím faktu, že súčasný prezident sa z pozície vtedajšieho českého premiéra zaslúžil o ukončenie slovensko-českých majetkových sporov po rozdelení niekdajšieho spoločného štátu. „V tomto roku je to dvadsať rokov, čo sa veci vyriešili, a myslím, že aj toto dalo základ neskorším konštruktívnym a nadštandardným vzťahom medzi oboma krajinami,“ poznamenala Čaputová.

Obaja prezidenti vyjadrili na krátkom brífingu ochotu participovať na spoločnej príprave a realizácii osláv 30. výročia Nežnej revolúcie.

Zeman Čaputovej na brífingu poblahoželel k zajtrajšku. Nemyslel ale len podporu vo vykonávaní budúcich úloh vo funkcii prezidentky, vyslovil tým aj osobné želanie k Čaputovej piatkovým (21.6.) narodeninám. Prezidenti by sa mali stretnúť aj na Slovensku, Čaputová pozvala Zemana na recipročnú návštevu.

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Milovníci syrov a agroturistiky sa stretnú na Novotskej hrudke 2019

Ludový jarmok, súťaž o najlepšiu ovčiu hrudku, ligu v ťahaní syrových nití aj pestrý kultúrny program zažijú návštevníci podujatia Novotská hrudka, ktoré sa uskutoční v nedeľu 30. júna v oravskej obci Novof. Informovala o tom Alexandra Mikulášová z Oravského kultúrneho strediska (OKS) v Dolnom Kubíne.

Dopoludňajší program sa začne v Kostole Narodenia Panny Márie svätou omšou spojenou s požehnaním statku. O hudobný sprievod sa postará mužský spevácky zbor Oravskí pútnici z Námestova. Napoludnie bude akcia pokračovať syrárskymi súťažami. „Pre návštevníkov je pripravená súťaž a výstava figurálnych syrov, súťaž o najlepšiu ovčiu hrudku, liga v ťahaní syrových nití aj jarmok ľudových tvorcov. V kultúrnom programe vystúpia skupina heligonkárov Pramienok z Novote, heligonkári a Folklórna skupina Lokčan z Lokce aj detský folklórny súbor z Dolného Kubína,“ uviedla Mikulášová. Podujatie pripravujú obec Novof, Agrovex Novof, OKS v Dolnom Kubíne v zriaďovateľskej pôsobnosti Žilinského samosprávneho kraja a Oravská poľnohospodárska a potravinárska komora.

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54. Folklorne slávnosti pod Poľanou v Detve
a Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí
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**POZÝVAME VÁS NA VÝSTAVY „ZO ŽIVOTA PASTIEROV“ V KRAJANSKOM DVORE
a „KOVAČICKÁ INSITA“ V KULTÚRNYM CENTRE A. SLÁDKOVIČA, DETVA**

Krajanskú nedeľu podporili:


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PONUKA VI. KRAJANSKÉHO DVORA

ČIERNA HORA

Čiernohorsko-slovenské priateľstvo z Podgorice prináša špeciality slovensko-čiernohorskej kuchyne: Njeguški pršut, Petrovskú klobásu, makové rezance, čevapčiči...

FRANCÚZSKO

Spolok rodákov a priateľov Českých krajín a Slovenska (A.O.T.S. – Paríž) ponúkne syr z Brie a Normandie, ružové víno, červené víno z Côtes du Rhône a Bordeaux, Pastis, Cognac...

CHORVÁTSKO

Matica slovenská Ilok a Matica slovenská Radoš ponúknu vyprázané škvarky, radošské lepničky, vyprázanú rybu, domácu klobásu a slaninu, tiež pálenku a víno zo známeho ilockého vinohradníckeho kraja.

MAĎARSKO

Zväz Slovákov v Maďarsku predstaví Slovákov z osady Kétsopron, a to citarovú skupinu, tradičné výšivky a údené klobásky z tohto kraja.

ÚSTAV KULTÚRY SLOVÁKOV V MAĎARSKU

predstaví Slovákov zo Zemplína, z Baňackých a to ženskú spevácku skupinu Rozmarín, a jedlá ako sú pouňená kapusta, buchty na pare, lapčanka, pučená pasuľa.

POĽSKO

Spolok Slovákov z Poľska predstaví Slovákov z Jurgowa a ich známu dychovú hudbu. Pripraví bryndzové halušky a moskole.

RUMUNSKO

Demokratický zväz Slovákov a Čechov v Rumunsku predstaví Slovákov z Nadlaku, ktorí pripraví tradičné slovenské špeciality, ako sú nadlackská klobása, slanina, šunka, nadlackské kysnuté halušky...

SRBSKO

Spolok kysáčskych žien ponúkne tradičné jedlá kysáčskej kuchyne – kysáčsku sárnu, starodávne domáce a kysnuté koláče.

Spolok jánošíckych žien ponúkne višňové koláče podľa receptúr svojich predkov a namiesto uvaria višňový džem, ktorý ponúknu s čerstvo vyprázanými pampúčkami (šiškami). Spoločnosť im bude robiť aj harmonikár Miroslav Bruk z Jánošíka.

Spolok kulpinských žien predstaví kulpinský mladomanželský pár v starodávnom kroji a tzv. svatvice. Svadobné pesničky z Kulpína zaspieva Andrea Koruniaková. Napečú aj svadobné koláče a torty.

Miestny odbor Matice slovenskej v Petrovci sa predstaví výšivkami, domácim makovým rejtšom, praženou chýrečnou petrovskou klobásou a kotlíkovou fazuľou s údeným kolienkom...

UKRAJINA

Spoločnosť Slovákov Ľudovíta Štúra v Zakarpatsku ponúkne rôzne špeciality z mäsa, klobásky, guláš a iné kulinárske osobitosti zo Storožnice.

USA

Detský folklórny súbor Šarišan prichádza na Krajanský dvor z Detroitu v Michigane. Vedúcou súboru je Daniela Grisáková, ktorá s deťmi navštívi hru a tance: Makový, Koleso, Na lúke, Na prvom slnku, Do kolečka do kola, Pri Prešpurku Dunaju, Vandrovala blíska, Fašengy, Vencový...





Jednota



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

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Novozvolená slovenská prezidentka Zuzana Čaputová

Slovakia's new president Zuzana Čaputová



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Na snímke prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová (vpravo) po zložení sľubu predpísaného Ústavou SR do rúk predsedu Ústavného súdu SR Ivanovi Fiačanovi, vľavo bývalý prezident SR Andrej Kiska na slávnostnej schôdzi NR SR v budove Slovenskej filharmónie 15. júna 2019 v Bratislave.

Te Deum pri príležitosti inaugurácie prezidentky SR

Zuzana Čaputová zložila 15. júna pred stovkami hostí v bratislavskej Redute sľub ako piaty prezident Slovenskej republiky (SR). Po slávnosti, prehliadke jednotiek Ozbrojených síl SR a stretnutí s občanmi v uliciach hlavného mesta navštívila Katedrálu sv. Martina, kde sa konala ekumenická bohoslužba slova Te Deum.

Príhovor predsedu KBS S.

Zvolenského na ekumenickej bohoslužbe

„Nech tak svieti vaše svetlo pred ľuďmi, aby videli vaše dobré skutky a oslavovali vášho Otca, ktorý je na nebesiach.“ Božie Slovo, ktoré sme počuli pri dnešnej slávnostnej príležitosti, zaznieva ako povzbudenie, ale aj ako pripomenka. Nech to, čo konáme, je dobré: nech sa naše skutky dobre vydaria, ale nech sú predovšetkým dobré vo svojej podstate. Na to je potrebné, aby ich motivácia i cieľ smerovali k skutočnému dobru.

Vážená pani prezidentka, stojíte na začiatku nového, dôležitého obdobia vášho života. Občania Slovenskej republiky vám prejavili svoju dôveru a slobodne rozhodli, že teraz preberáte najvyšší občiansky úrad v našej vlasti. S úctou voči tomuto rozhodnutiu dnes prichádzame do katedrály svätého Martina, aby sme sa modlili a prosili Boha za to, nech je vaše pôsobenie čo najlepšie pre skutočné dobro všetkých ľudí.

A z pohľadu veriacich, ako nám to pripomenulo aj evanjelium svätého Matúša, dodávame, že sa modlíme i za to, aby vaše úsilie viedlo k oslave nášho Otca, ktorý je na nebesiach. Veď náš nebeský Otec je najhlbší prameň každého dobra, a keď celý svoj život úprimne zameriame na jeho oslavu, urobíme to najlepšie rozhodnutie, ktoré nám bude stále pomáhať, aby sme sa správne rozhodovali v každodenných situáciách.

Prezidentský úrad prináša so sebou aj nevyhnutnosť sledovať dianie v krajine, rozvážne naň reagovať a viesť ľudí dobrým príkladom. O potrebe tejto schopnosti sme počuli v čítaní z Prvej knihy Kráľov. Šalamún, teda ten, ktorého meno sa do dnes používa takmer ako synonymum múdrosti, si nežiadal bohatstvo, ani porážku svojich nepriateľov, ale dar

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Vláda navrhla M. Šefčoviča za kandidáta SR za člena Európskej komisie

Vláda na svojom rokovaní nedávno schválila nomináciu Maroša Šefčoviča za kandidáta Slovenskej republiky za člena Európskej komisie na funkčné obdobie 2019 - 2024.

Šefčovič zastupuje Slovenskú republiku v Európskej komisii od roku 2009. V súčasnosti je podpredsedom Európskej komisie zodpovedným za oblasť Energetickej únie.

Súčasťou schvaľovacej procedúry je zaslanie nomináčného listu slovenskej vlády Európskej komisii s menom navrhnutého kandidáta.

Ako sa píše v liste premiéra Petra Pellegriniho (Smer-SD) do Bruselu, premiér verí, že Šefčovičove doterajšie skúsenosti, profesionalita, osobné a morálne kvality budú opäť kvalitným príspevkom Slovenska do úspešného pôsobenia novej Komisie. Po rokovaní vlády Pellegrini poukázal na to, že Šefčovič je skúsený diplomat a profesionál, ktorý už dvakrát po sebe reprezentoval Slovensko v Európskej komisii. „Jeho práca je vysoko hodnotená a rešpektovaná,“ zhodnotil premiér.

„Myslím si, že tak ako doteraz patril k tým najúspešnejším komisárom, som presvedčený, že táto nominácia SR je správna a dobrá nielen pre SR, ale aj pre samotnú Európsku komisiu,“ uzavrel Pellegrini. Ako doplnil, „ak Šefčoviča posväti po vypočutí aj Európsky parlament, bude patriť k tým najskúsenejším komisárom.“

TASR

Tretí Národný pochod za život sa uskutoční v Bratislave

Tretí Národný pochod bude 22. septembra v Bratislave. Slovenský pochod príde podporiť zo Spojených štátov amerických Sue Thayer, ktorá bola manažérkou potratovej kliniky Spoločnosti pre plánované rodičovstvo (Planned Parenthood). Sue prešla na pro-life stranu a stala sa jedinou bývalou zamestnankyňou Planned Parenthood, ktorá neskôr viedla pro-life kampaň 40 dní za život. Potratovú kliniku, kde pracovala, zrušili.

Misiou Národného pochodu za život, ktorý sa chystá v septembri v Bratislave, je verejným spôsobom na celoslovenskej úrovni vyjadriť túžbu a žiadosť po tom, aby bol chránený život a dôstojnosť každého človeka. „Chceme dosiahnuť spoločenskú i legislatívnu ochranu života každého človeka od počatia po prirodzenú smrť. V dôsledku umelých potratov prichádza Slovensko každý rok o obyvateľov v počte obyvateľov Gelnice či Vrbového. Žiadny človek nie je iba číslo, každý potrat je tragédia, ktorej sa dá predísť. Vždy existuje lepšie riešenie. Aj nenarodené deti sú takí istí ľudia ako my,

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