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## The First Catholic Slovak Union Announces Its 2018 Jednota Scholarship Winners



The students pictured on pages 4 – 7 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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**Applications for 2018 Jednota Benevolent Foundation Scholarships Now Being Accepted**

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## Message from the National Chaplain

Dear Friends,

Within a matter of days, branch and district delegates will be gathering at the Hilton Downtown Cleveland Hotel for our Society's 51st Quadrennial Convention.

Chances are that this upcoming convention will be similar to others, in that certain topics will generate lengthy discussions. People will speak with great passion on this or that committee report, proposed bylaw change, or other issue brought to the convention floor. Sometimes the differences of opinion expressed and decisions that are made bring about hard feelings that linger for quite a while, even after the convention is over.

I invite all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, especially everyone planning to attend the convention, to prepare for our 51st Quadrennial Convention by offering the following brief prayer taken from the Preface for the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation:

"For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord ... you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that ... adversaries join hands, and peoples seek to meet together."

Prayer can be efficacious, meaning that what is asked can be brought about. By means of this prayer and others like it, we can have hope that our gathering at the beginning of August will in the end generate and strengthen not only our fraternal union with each other, but also our common humanity as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Father Thomas A. Nasta  
National Chaplain

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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

**July 22, 2018 – 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### Lectionary 107

Sometimes an idea or concept from the scripture readings comes across very clearly in the Lectionary, and that is certainly the case this Sunday. The image of a shepherd runs through the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel as well. The shepherd is probably one of the most common biblical images, being known even to people with only a passing familiarity with the Bible. In John's Gospel, Jesus famously calls himself the Good Shepherd, and Psalm 23, which we hear today and which is the most popular of all the Psalms, begins with the words "the Lord is my shepherd" (Ps 23:1).



Fr. Edward Mazich,  
O.S.B.

Reflecting on this peaceful image, it is important to recall in the first place that the image of a shepherd was used so often in the Bible because practically everyone in the ancient near east encountered shepherds on a regular basis, and because shepherds developed remarkably close bonds with their sheep, to the point where sheep distinguished between the voice of their shepherd and that of another, such as a thief (see John 10:2-5). The shepherd thus became a powerful biblical symbol representing the Lord, who guided the whole nation of Israel and sought their best even though they often rebelled against their shepherd (see Ps 80).

The Lord was a faithful shepherd for His people, but the earthly kings and rulers who reigned over Israel were not, as we clearly hear today: "thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds" (Jer 26:2). Jeremiah not only announces the Lord's judgement against the "shepherds" of Israel, he also provides a note of great hope when, speaking in the name of God, he says: "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have banished them and bring them back to their folds; there they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing" (Jer 26:3-4).

The prophet Jeremiah's inspired words would be partially fulfilled when the people of Israel were led from their exile in Babylon back to their homeland by leaders who were truly righteous and devoted to the Lord. The full meaning of his prophecy would not be seen however, until the time of Jesus himself, more than five centuries after the exile, when He revealed Himself to be the true and definitive shepherd of Israel and of all the nations.

We see evidence of that in today's Gospel reading: Jesus is greeted by a huge crowd—more than five thousand people—and He sees that they were downtrodden spiritually and physically, "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). He responds by giving them two things that a good shepherd provides to his sheep: instruction and sustenance. Just as a shepherd carefully guides his sheep so as to avoid danger, so too Jesus turned to the crowd and "began to teach them many things" that they might avoid spiritual danger and come to find eternal life in him (Mark 6:34). A shepherd also provides grazing for his sheep, and Jesus provides a miraculous abundance of food for the crowd, beginning with just five loaves and two fish (Mark 6:35-44).

As we recall the image of the shepherd found so often in the Bible, let us be grateful that in Jesus we have found the one true "shepherd and guardian of our souls" (1 Pet 2:25).

**July 29, 2018 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Gospel – John 6: 1 - 15

The Gospel of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish is a beautiful story, and what makes it even more meaningful is that it leads into what is known as the Bread of Life Discourse. It is after the multiplication of the loaves that Jesus teaches, "I am the Bread of Life," (John 6:35) and "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) In looking at this Gospel, keep these teachings in mind. The bread that is multiplied and becomes more than enough for the crowd prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus. The bread and wine on the altar become the Body and Blood of Jesus for all ages.

This passage begins with us being told that a large crowd was following Jesus because of the signs He was performing. This was a spontaneous response of the people who experienced the presence of Jesus and saw Him healing the sick. These were a people who were hungering for the Good News and when they experienced Jesus they knew He was not only the bearer of Good News, but more than that: He was the Good News – both the messenger and the message. Jesus' desire was to satisfy their hunger, both the spiritual and physical. Jesus cares about our total being, both our mortal lives here and our immortal lives in the afterworld.

The people did not bring their lunches and Jesus saw that they were hungry. I'm not a believer in the soggy fish sandwich theory that explains this miracle as a miracle of sharing the food that they had brought with them. This is a multiplication of food. We're told that all they had were five loaves of bread and a couple of fish, and as Simon comments, "what good are these for so many?" What seemed totally inadequate for the Apostles was more than enough for Jesus. He took the loaves and fish, gave thanks and distributed them, and there was more than enough. They ended up with twelve baskets of fragments from the five loaves.

The first lesson for us is that with God all things are possible. When we allow our minds to limit the infinite goodness and almighty works of God we do an injustice to both God and ourselves. Keep our minds open so as to allow the magnificent works of God to be seen in us and around us. When we think we don't have enough to make a difference, think again. Whether it be a particular ability or gift, time or treasure, if we take what little we have and offer it to the Lord it is amazing how much can be done. The Lord draws out of us gifts and talents we never thought we had. The Apostles and Disciples did this and went from being fishermen and tradesmen to evangelists and missionaries who traveled the known world.

The second lesson is that just as Jesus satisfied the human hunger of the crowd He is the one who we can call upon to satisfy our various hungers in life. Even greater than this, He satisfies our spiritual hunger, for He is the Bread of Life. In the Beatitudes Jesus taught us, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6) We can come to the Lord with all the hungers we experience and He will satisfy us, we can come to the Lord with all we have, even when it seems inadequate and insufficient for our needs, and He will take this offering, bless it, and we will find that not only does He satisfy us, He gives us much more than enough.



Fr. Killian Loch,  
O.S.B.

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

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

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Branch 10 officers with Msgr. Delaney and Rev. Desam are (L - R): Rev. Desam; William Spegar, Treasurer; Mary Ann Spegar, Auditor; Msgr. Delaney; William Spegar, President; Carol Spegar, Auditor; and Bill Nalevanko, Secretary. Auditors Donna Mroczka and Florence Nalevanko were absent.

## Branch 10's June Mass for Members

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, PA, gathered at St. Patrick's Church at Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, for the annual Mass in remembrance of living and deceased Branch 10 members. Mass was concelebrated with Msgr. Michael J. Delaney, pastor, and Rev. Thomas Augustine Desam, a priest of the diocese of Nellore, India, on the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, Sunday, June 24. Immediately following Mass, the Branch held its semiannual business meeting at the parish's Kelley Hall.

- Submitted by William Nalevanko, Branch 10 Secretary



### Convention Memorial Service

A memorial service will be conducted during the 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Convention to remember our members who entered eternal life, especially those who died since our last convention in August 2014. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at the memorial service, please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to Fr. Nasta as soon as possible. Notices need to arrive by July 31 in order to have the names to be included in the Memorial Service.

#### 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Convention Memorial Service

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Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain  
First Catholic Slovak Union  
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## Commemorate Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in DC's National Shrine this Sept



Branch 856 invites everyone to join them on September 16, 2018 for 11:00AM Mass in the most-visited chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on its 53rd Anniversary. Come honor the chapel dedicated to Our Mother of Sorrows and donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union. See Branch 856 listing on page 14 for details.

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

## Sept Slovak Catholic Pilgrimage in Garrison, NY



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

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

## LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

### The Music of the Sacraments

In the life of the Catholic Church, the seven sacraments are visible signs or rituals instituted by Christ that serve as channels of God's supernatural grace. There's Baptism, Confession, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. Singer-songwriter Sarah Hart has now created an album called "Sacrament" with songs that serve as meditations on these timeless aspects of our faith lives, and can also be used during Masses.

The project's genesis came when her daughter was preparing for Confirmation several years ago. Hart looked at the song selection and saw that many of them didn't fit the service. She decided to write a song specifically geared toward the meaning of Confirmation. It's called "May You Walk," and includes the lyrics, "As you are sealed with the truth / So may you seal the truth in your heart. / Write God's word upon your soul / and know you belong."

During an interview with me on "Christopher Closeup," Hart explained that making the album was a refresher course in the sacraments that led her to gain a deeper understanding of each one. For instance, after reading the Rites of Baptism for

guidance and inspiration for the track "Gather at the Water," she said, "There's a little passage that talks about receiving the garment of God. [I thought], what a great image to be receiving! We're not just standing around dipping a baby in water. We are receiving the garment of God's love. We're receiving God's mercy. And the biggest thing is we are receiving the welcome of the community that we're entering....[and] the supernatural welcome of God, where He says, 'Welcome to the family.'"

Hart is also a big proponent of building community in the Church, so her song "To Live With Him Forever," which addresses the Eucharist, focuses on the "communal" part of Communion, which connects us to the body of Christ. She said, "We take Communion knowing and believing in a God who does not reject us, but accepts us, loves us and expects us to take Communion, and also to give communion to the world. It's one of my big things, personally, that church doesn't stop at the door. The world is church. Life is church and holiness. So [we take] Communion with the body of believers. We take it with the saints, but we also take it with the whole

world because that's where we're meant to share it: with the whole world."

That theme of community and relationship is also present in the track geared toward Marriage, called "Beloved, Arise," sung with PJ Anderson. Hart said she had her husband in mind the whole time she wrote it, and found inspiration in the Song of Songs. But she also believes the lyrics can reach even further into people's experiences.

"When I do this song in concert," said Hart, "I ask, 'Who's in relationship?' Maybe five people raise their hand. [Then I say], 'I should see every hand in the room go up because we are all in relationship with someone.' So this song applies to us all. And I think it goes a step further in that my second goal is to paint not just the union in marriage, but the mystical union of Christ in his Church. He is calling us all constantly saying, 'Beloved, arise... Come with Me. Don't waste your time. Serve Me, love Me, let Me love you, and let's do something wonderful on this planet while you have the time.'"

*2018 Jednota Scholarship Winners*

**PHILIP HROBAK  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARD**

**Top Male**

**GLOVA, GREGORY STEFAN**  
Parents: Dana and Gregory M. Glova; Branch: 024K; College: University of Pennsylvania; Major: Bioengineering



**LOUIS AND THERESE DUDAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**



**ELLIOTT, ANDREW  
BRUCE**

Parents: Melanie and John Elliott; Branch: 743K; College: University of Michigan; Major: Mechanical or Electrical Engineering with minor in Business



**JANUCK, EMILY  
CECELIA**

Parents: Jennifer and James Januck; Branch: 512K; College: John Carroll University; Major: Biochemistry



**KARGOL, ANDREW J.**

Parents: Suzanne and Ken Kargol; Chardelle Micek; Branch: 796K; College: Cal Poly; Major: General Engineering



**STEPHANIE HUSEK  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARD**

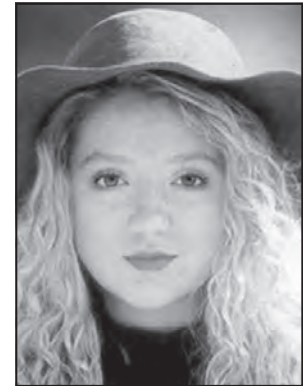
**Top Female**

**SCHOFER, DANICA  
STEPHANIE**  
Parents: Diane and Timothy Schofer; Branch: 796K; College: Muhlenberg College; Major: Double Major: Dance Education and Music Therapy/Research



**KUBENIK-ERLWEIN,  
HOPE**

Parents: Beatrice and Gary Kubenik-Erlwein; Branch: 716K; College: Florida Institute of Technology; Major: Astrophysics and Astronomy



**MORGAN, VERONICA  
RENEE**

Parents: Tonya and John Morgan; Branch: 497K; College: John Carroll University; Major: Marketing and Business



**JOHN A. SABOL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND NURSING AWARDS**



**MALLETTE,  
ALEXANDER S.**

Parents: Stephanie and Samuel Mallette; Branch: 497K; College: Walsh University; Major: Nursing



**SNYDER, ROBERT  
THOMAS III**

Parents: Lianne and Robert Snyder; Branch: 213K; College: Morehead State University; Major: Nursing

**REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



**ALAND, RYAN DOUGLAS**

Parents: Diane and Kirk Aland; Branch: 181K; College: Westmoreland County Community College; Major: Drafting and design/mechanical engineering



**BEDNER, GABRIELLE  
ELIZABETH**

Parents: Tina and Eugene Bedner; Branch: 670K; College: Elmira College; Major: Business Management



**BELECHAK, JOANNA  
GRACE**

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**BOWMAN, MALCOLM ALEXANDER**

Parents: Mary Ann and Edward Bowman; Branch: 002K; College: Penn State; Major: Aerospace Engineering



**BROWN, TODD**

Parents: Nancy and Robert Brown; Branch: 162K; College: Duquesne University; Major: Doctorate in Pharmacology



**BURNS, NATHAN SCOTT**

Parents: Darlene and Duane Burns; Branch: 166K; College: Kent State University; Major: Commercial pilot



**CHAMBERS, MORGAN NICOLE**

Parents: Stephanie and Howard Chambers, Jr.; Branch: 299K; College: The Pennsylvania State University; Major: Athletic Training



**CIOCCA, ISAAC FRONCEK**

Parents: Sharon and Joseph Ciocca; Branch: 401K; College: Colgate University; Major: Economics/Psychology



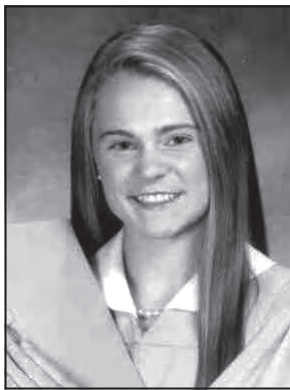
**COLICCHIE, PAIGE ELIZABETH**

Parents: Kathleen and Gregory Colicchie; Branch: 587K; College: Bucknell University; Major: Civil Engineering



**COVAL, KEELEY M.**

Parents: Kaye and Scott Coval; Branch: 567K; College: Stevens Institute of Technology; Major: Environmental Engineering



**DIEHL, JOHANNA LYNN**

Parents: Christina and Dan Diehl; Branch: 290K; College: Monmouth University; Major: Biology/Chemistry



**DRAKE, EMILY MORGAN**

Parents: Kelly Leoni and Randall Drake; Branch: 670K; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Pharmacy



**DUBBER, JARED CARL**

Parents: Karen West and David Dubber; Branch: 001K; College: Cleveland State; Major: Music



**DZUREC, KAZMIR DANIEL**

Parents: Mary Ann and Dan Dzurec; Branch: 754K; College: Ohio University; Major: Finance and Accounting



**FAYTA, MARY E.**

Parents: Nicole and James Fayta; Branch: 706K; College: Governor's State University; Major: Early Childhood Education



**FELS, LAUREN CHRISTINE**

Parents: Paula and David Fels; Branch: 888K; College: The University of Georgia; Major: Graphic Design



**FORMICA, HANNA MARIE**

Parents: Jacquelyn and Joseph Formica; Branch: 038K; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Pharmacy



**FORMICA, NOAH STEPHEN**

Parents: Jacquelyn and Joseph Formica; Branch: 038K; College: California University of PA; Major: Political Science



**GOODMAN, VANESSA CHANEL**

Parents: Wendy and Laurence Goodman; Branch: 855K; College: University of Hawaii Manoa; Major: Biology/Pre-med



**GUSCIORA, PORTIA JULIANA**

Parents: Loretta and John Gusciora; Branch: 085K; College: Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; Major: Animal Science



**GUSTAFSON, JENNIFER**

Parents: Tracy and William Gustafson; Branch: 831; College: Bucknell University; Major: Engineering



**JOSEPH, ANDREW**

Parents: Melissa and Don Joseph; Branch: 259K; College: Youngstown State University; Major: Emergency Medical Services



**KLEIN, THERESE**

Parents: Paula and Paul Klein; Branch: 670K; College: Duquesne University; Major: Mathematics



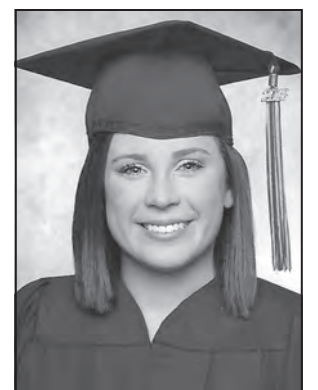
**KOSTELNIK, ELYSE**

Parents: Denise Kostelnik and Robert Taggart; Branch: 162K; College: Seton Hill University; Major: Pre-Allied Health



**KOTLAR, ASHLEY MARIE**

Parents: Teresa and Alvin Kotlar; Branch: 670K; College: California University of Pennsylvania; Major: Computer Science



**KOVAL, JESSICA MORGAN**

Parents: Noreen and James Koval; Branch: 290K; College: Saint Joseph's University; Major: Early Childhood/Elementary and Special Education

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**KUBENIK, JORDAN DANIELLE**

Parents: Christina and Eric Kubenik; Branch: 716K; College: Pennsylvania State University; Major: Engineering



**LAGARY, JESSICA P.**

Parents: Tracy and Ian Lagary; Branch: 112K; College: Ocean County College; Major: Elementary Education



**LESKO, PAIGE I.**

Parents: Mary Ann and Mark Lesko; Branch: 181K; College: Principia College; Major: Communications/Political Science



**LOUGHLIN, MICHELLE R.**

Parents: Marian Walko and Robert Loughlin; Branch: 670K; College: University of Maryland; Major: International Relations and Russian



**MENARCHEK, BENJAMIN J.**

Parents: Cathy and Don Menarchek; Branch: 199K; College: Ohio Valley University; Major: Pre-Medicine



**MERCURE, KAYLA ROSE**

Parents: Patricia and John Mercure; Branch: 019K; College: Rutgers University; Major: Business/Marketing



**MILLER, RILYN TATE**

Parents: Dawn and Benjie Miller; Branch: 367 K; College: University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Major: Justice Administration and Criminology



**MILLS, RACHEL E.**

Parents: Paulette and Charles Mills; Branch: 162K; College: University of Tennessee Martin; Major: Forensic Science



**MINYON, LAURA ANN**

Parents: Carol and Shawn Minyon; Branch: 200K; College: Texas A&M University; Major: Mathematics/Secondary Education



**MIZIKAR, DIANA CATHERINE**

Parents: Dayna and William Mizikar; Branch: 181K; College: University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering; Major: Mechanical Engineering



**NEMITZ, EMMA NICOLE**

Parents: Christine and Mark Nemitz; Branch: 085K; College: University of Scranton; Major: Chemistry/Business



**OKUNEWICK, ROBERT JAMES**

Parents: Gretchen and Eric Okunewick; Branch: 200K; College: Saint Vincent College; Major: History for secondary Social Studies teaching



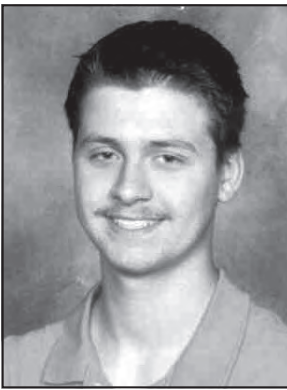
**O'SAVAGE, ADELINE MEGAN**

Parents: Dara and Jack O'Savage; Branch: 670K; College: West Virginia University; Major: Business



**PALINKAS, LAUREN**

Parents: Deborah and Joseph Palinkas; Branch: 024K; College: The University of Akron; Major: Chemical Engineering



**PEREMBA, AARON MICHAEL**

Parents: Daneen and Richard Peremba, Jr.; Branch: 254K; College: Pennsylvania State University Behrend; Major: Civil Engineer



**PETERS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

Parents: Sherrie and Ken Peters; Branch: 493K; College: Berklee College of Music or Ball State; Major: Music Production



**PETRIKAK, DANIELLE LYNN**

Parents: Christine and John Petrilak; Branch: 746K; College: Champlain College; Major: Creative Media



**RIOS, KATERI ANA**

Parents: Mikaela and Ronald Rios; Branch: 373K; College: Penn State; Major: International Relations and Global Studies



**SALKO, ERIN PATRICIA**

Parents: Katherine and Thomas Salko; Branch: 132K; College: Fashion Institute of Technology; Major: Fashion Design



**SALKO, MARGARET CALLAHAN**

Parents: Katherine and Thomas Salko; Branch: 132K; College: Marymount Manhattan College; Major: Business Leadership



**SCEKERES, ABBEY ANNE**

Parents: Anne Marie and Donald Scekeres; Branch: 181K; College: Penn State University Park; Major: Kinesiology



**SCHOUMAN, LAURA ELIZABETH**

Parents: Amy and Charles Schouman; Branch: 756K; College: University of Michigan; Major: Architecture



**SOLTIS, RYAN JACOB**

Parents: Cherise and Roger Soltis; Branch: 410K; College: Purdue University; Major: Aerospace Engineering



**STALDER, KEVIN T.**

Parents: Michelle and Bruce Stalder; Branch: 166K; College: University of Buffalo; Major: Pharmacy

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**VELAS, TORI LYNN**  
Parents : Ronnie and Martin Velas; Branch: 055K; College: Kutztown University of Pennsylvania; Major: Elementary Education



**VELIKY, DANA MARCELLA**  
Parents: Jane and John Veliky; Branch: 670K; College: West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Major: Marketing



**VIDA, THOMAS P.**  
Parents: Ingrid and Peter Vida; Branch: 716K; College: New Jersey Institute of Technology; Major: Biomedical Engineering



**WASCOVICH, BENJAMIN MICHAEL**  
Parents: Jeanine and Michael Wascovich; Branch: 024K; College: University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Major: Accounting/Business/Finance



**ZELENAK, DANIEL MATTHEW**  
Parents: Renata and Matthew Zelenak; Branch: 743K; College: Oakland University; Major: Mechanical Engineer



**ATTENTION:**

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

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

**Jednota Benevolent Foundation Award Criteria:**

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who attends an Approved Post Secondary Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
  - 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:  
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E-mail: [fcsu@fcsu.com](mailto:fcsu@fcsu.com) - Website: <http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

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



## 88th Annual Slovak-American Day

Sunday, July 29, 2018



Croatian Park-9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, WI 53132  
Park opens at 11:00 a.m. - Free admission

ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL FUJARA MUSICIAN BOB RYCHLIK

**PROGRAM**

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass with Fr. John Jamnicky officiating
- 1:00-2:30 pm Music for dancing-The Ed Hause Band
- 2:30 pm Cultural Presentation including Tatra Slovak Dancers and featuring world-class Fujara (shepherd's flute) musician Bob Rychlik
- 3:30 pm Children's Activities
- 3:30-5:30 pm Music for dancing
- 4:00-5:00 pm Fujara Workshop (understand the history of the Fujara and how it is played)
- 5:00 pm Raffle drawings

- Hot food, homemade bakery & refreshments available, featuring Slovak beer
- Plenty of tables and benches - park management **does not allow grills**
- For sale: Slovak/Czech handmade crafts, artifacts and other vendors
- Complimentary golf cart transportation available at the park for the "Young at Heart"



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- Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 93
- Slovak League of America, Milwaukee - Assembly 20
- Tatra Slovak Dancers
- Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society
- Young Slovakia

Raffle Tickets \$1.00 - Available from Societies or at the Park

## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Get your cameras ready! We are having a photography contest for all members. There will be two groups: the 12 – 18 age group and an over 18 age group.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

- People
- Nature or Environment
- Travel or Destinations
- FCSU Fraternal Activity

Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned.

For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

- \$50 – First Place
- \$30 – Second Place
- \$20 – Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

### Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, email address, Branch number, age, photo category, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a **separate sheet of paper**. **DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE**



Mail your entry to:

Rudy Ondrejco  
Photo Contest  
234 Ilion St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
postmarked by October 1, 2018.



From the Desk of the  
Executive Secretary –  
Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota  
Estates Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 3, 2018, in  
observance of Labor Day.



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

A great source for the latest information about  
our Society - and events in the greater  
Slovak community.

## Andrew P. Rajec Achieves FICF Designation



Andrew P. Rajec, FCSU's Director of Independent Agents, has achieved his Fraternal Insurance Counselor Fellow designation. This designation is conferred by the Fraternal Field Managers' Association on candidates who successfully complete prescribed course work and meet required qualifications. It is the second designation he earned to advance his commitment to our Society. The FICF program tests skills from the insurance and financial industries with three graduate courses in Estate Planning, Business Insurance, and Financial Products.  
Congratulations, Andy!



## September's Slovakia Heritage Tour Visits Villages & Countryside

September's Slovakia Heritage Tour (Sept. 7-16, 2018) takes you into small cities and villages as well as the beautiful countryside to experience Slovakia today as well as learn about its colorful past through folk arts, festivals, music and historic sites. Rediscover your roots at and visit family villages at this perfect time of year to travel in Slovakia. We can arrange genealogical research to help you learn more about your ancestors and possibly find living relatives in Slovakia. For details about the tour, visit [www.slovakiaheritage.com](http://www.slovakiaheritage.com) or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, 978-544-5144, [slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com](mailto:slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com)



## Attention Region 1 Members

In Branches 19, 41, 45, 102, 132, 290, 517, 652, 716, 746, & 890:

As a branch under Region 1, you are warmly invited to Region 1's Summer Picnic - Sunday, August 11th in Al Kalla Park - Linden, New Jersey, from 3PM – 7PM.

See Branch 746 Listing on page 14 for details.



# 65th Anniversary of the Toronto Slovak Bowling League

On May 25, 2018, the Toronto Slovak Bowling League celebrated their 65th Anniversary with a nice banquet, great food and awards. Congratulation to the 1st and 2nd price winners as well as to individual prize winners. Special thanks goes to the organizers: Emil, Ann, Denise and John for looking after bowlers and doing whatever needed to be done to maintain our successful bowling league.

- Submitted by Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



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

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

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

- Submitted by Marie Golias, Branch 1

### Reminder For All Branches

Among the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend, under Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES, is the following:

#### 14.01 General Rules

- a) Branch and district meetings must be held in the close proximity of the hub of its members. The meetings shall be held at least semiannually, one of which must be for the elections of officers, who shall assume their duties upon election. **Notice of each of these meetings shall be published in the Official Organ at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.**



[L – R] National President Andrew M. Rajec, Branch 450 Milan Kobulsky, Branch 1 Marie Golias, Branch 24 Teresa Ivanec, Branch 24 Thomas J. Ivanec, Branch 89 Idka Rajec; Bishop Lach, Branch 89 Andrew P. Rajec, Branch 24 Miriam Višnovský, and Branch 450 Caroline Višnovský.



Representatives of the clergy from both sides of the Atlantic as well as the Latin and Byzantine Rites gathered for a photo after concelebrating the enthronement of the Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J., as the Fifth Bishop of the Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma on June 30, 2018.

## The June Enthronement of Bishop Milan Lach SJ, As Fifth Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

**Daniel Černý**

Bishop Lach was born in Kežmarok, Slovakia in 1973. He was raised in the village of Lubica. In 1992, he entered the Greek Catholic seminary in Prešov, from where he later joined the Slovak Jesuit province. He continued his studies, obtaining Doctorate at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Prešov and titular bishop of Ostracine on April 19, 2013. He was ordained as bishop in the Basilica Minor of Lutina on June 1, 2013, with Bishop Kudrick of Parma in attendance.

On June 1, 2018, the fifth anniversary of his episcopal ordination, Bishop Milan Lach SJ, who was at that time serving as the Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Parma was named by Pope Francis to be the eparchial (diocesan) Bishop for the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma. Previously, on June 24, 2017, Pope Francis named Bishop Lach as apostolic administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma. The Eparchy of Parma is the Catholic eparchy governing Byzantine rite Catholics, adhering to the Union of Užhorod (1646) in the mid-western United States. Headquartered in Parma, OH, the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma was erected in 1969. Its first Bishop was the Most Rev. Emil Mihalik, whose parents came to USA from the village of Hrabské (near the city of Bardejov, Slovakia). Also the fourth bishop of Parma, the Most Rev. John Kudrick, has family ties to Slovakia, as his father's family comes from the village of Kaluža (near Michalovce). Currently, the Eparchy of Parma has jurisdiction over Byzantine Catholics in the area of Ohio (except the eastern counties), Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

On June 30, 2018, the Most Reverend Milan Lach, SJ, was enthroned as the Fifth Bishop of the Eparchy. Present at the liturgy: Bishop Chatur CSsR of Košice, who ordained Bishop Lach SJ a deacon (2000) and a priest (2001). Among other concelebrating hierarchs were Bishop Abel of Nyíregyháza (Hungary), Bishop Milan of Mukačevo (Ukraine), US bishops: Metropolitan William (Pittsburgh), who also delivered the homily, Bishop Kurt (Eparchy of Passaic), Bishop John (Phoenix), retired Bishop John (Kudrick), Ukrainian Catholic bishop of Parma, bishop Bohdan Danylo, the apostolic nuncio Christophe Pierre, who presented the new Bishop with the pontifical bull and others representatives of the clergy including the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, DD, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Fraternal organizations and laity, from both sides of the Atlantic, were also present including members of the Slovak-American

community and those of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU). Among those at the celebration: Former US Ambassador to Slovakia and Branch 856 Member Vincent Obsitnik; FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec and Branch 89 Member Mrs. Idka Rajec; Director of Independent Agents and Branch 89 Member Andrew P. Rajec; Jednota Editor and Branch 24 Member Teresa Ivanec and Branch 24 Member, President of the Slovak Heritage Society, and Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble Director Thomas Ivanec; Branch 1 Secretary, President of Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities, Corresponding Secretary of the Slovak Heritage Society, and Administrative Assistant to Bishop Lach Marie Golias; Branch 855 Member, President of the Slovak Radio Club, and Treasurer of the Slovak Heritage Society Henry Horvath and Mrs. Jana Horvath; Branch 450 Member, Director of the Slovak Institute, and Program Director of the Slovak Radio Hour Milan Kobulsky and Maria Zapotakova; Branch 450 President and President of the Slovak-American Zemplin Club George Carny and Mrs. Anna Carny; Branch 450 Member Michael Carny; Branch 450 Member Richard Carny; and Branch 450 Member George Carny, Jr. Also in attendance: FCSU Home Office Support Staff and Branch 24 Member Mrs. Miriam Višnovský, Branch 24 Member and Pastor of St. Mary Church in Cleveland, OH, Fr. Marek Višnovský, who as the Protosyncellus of the Eparchy concelebrated the liturgy. Their children Caroline, Elias and Marco, all members of the FCSU, were there as well.

The presence of the FCSU leader- and membership at the enthronement of Bishop Lach was more than a gesture of mutual respect and willingness to work together in this vineyard of the Lord. The Society has been open to Byzantine (Greek Catholics) from the very beginning, as noted in the 1918 book *Slovaks in Cleveland* which describes the First Catholic Slovak Union as accepting members in good standing in both the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic Churches; and Slovaks and Slovak-Americans in and around Cleveland belonged and still belong to the Byzantine rite.

As the Metropolitan William mentioned at the enthronement, the new Bishop is not only to serve the spiritual needs of the faithful, but has to face also future challenges of the Church in the US in the future. It is his task to preserve and present the tradition and faith for the next generations.

May the Lord God gives the newly appointed eparchial bishop Milan peace, health and happiness for many happy and blessed years!

### About the Author

*Daniel Černý was born in Košice, Slovakia, in 1983. He received his PhD in 2014 from*

*the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, with a doctoral thesis on The History of the Slovak Greek Catholics in Canada before the creation of their own Eparchy. He continues writing in his spare time, focusing on Slovaks and their diaspora, especially those of the Byzantine rite. His articles have been published by the*

*Slovak Academy of Sciences (Jan Stanislav Institute of Slavistics), and can be found in numerous other publications and on web pages, both home and abroad – most recently in the 2017 Slovakia, published annually by the Slovak League in America.*



(L – R) Michael Krohmaly, board member of Western PA Slovak Cultural Association; Peter Kmec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States; Joseph Senko, Slovak Honorary Consul; Lukas Parizek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic; and Ken Bombara, Vice Chairman of the Friends of Slovakia



Ambassador from the Slovak Republic to the United States Peter Kmec flanked by national officers from four Slovak fraternal (L – R): Andrew M. Rajec, National President of First Catholic Slovak Union; His Excellency Peter Kmec; Cynthia Maleski, President of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; and Michael Horvath, Supreme President of Slovak Catholic Sokol

## Scenes from Pittsburgh Agreement in May

On May 31, 2018, over 260 people helped celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Pittsburgh Agreement at the Senator John Heinz History Center, Pennsylvania's largest museum. The program included numerous local and international guests from both Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Pittsburgh Agreement was the document which officially declared the independence of Czechoslovakia from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Thomas Masaryk came to Western Pennsylvania advocating a Czechoslovak state in a pact signed by 29 members representing various Czech and Slovak organizations.

- Submitted by Joseph T. Senko, Slovak Honorary Consul and Branch 254 Member



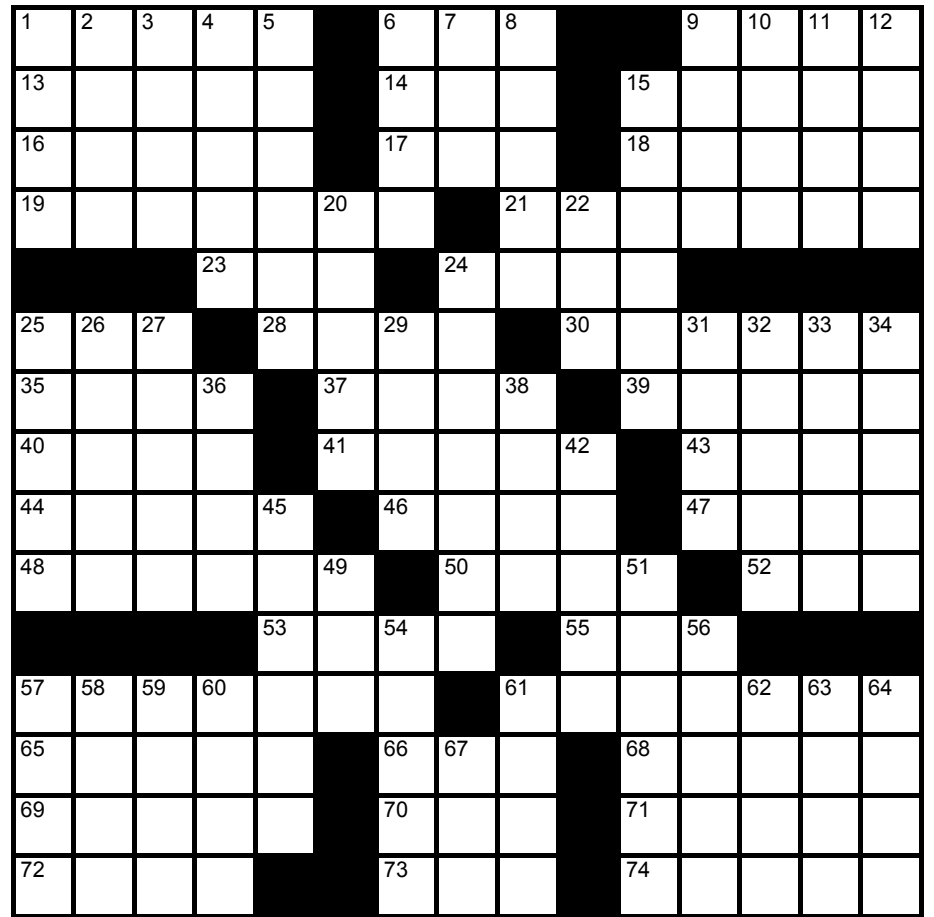
## Branch 716 Celebrates Fr. Baker's Birthday after June Meeting

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, Branch 716 held a meeting at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City.

Directly after the meeting, members celebrated the 55th birthday of Father Richard Baker, pastor of St. John Nepomucene and FCSU member, with food prepared by Branch 716 President Jan Skrkon, and Branch 716 Member Veronica Packova helping to serve.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Secretary

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 "La Bohème," e.g.
- 6 Bean counter, for short
- 9 Radio operators
- 13 Ledger entry
- 14 Dashed
- 15 Record company
- 16 Whimsical
- 17 Que. neighbor
- 18 Concert site
- 19 Tanning device
- 21 Swimmer's aid
- 23 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
- 24 Small whirlpool
- 25 Groceries holder
- 28 Faucets
- 30 Web connected
- 35 Burden
- 37 Delicate fabric
- 39 Arc lamp gas
- 40 State, in France
- 41 Shade of gray
- 43 Brass instrument
- 44 Competitor
- 46 Rigging support
- 47 Sediment
- 48 Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
- 50 Exuberance
- 52 Driver's aid
- 53 Highway
- 55 Two-year-old sheep
- 57 City in Scotland
- 61 Humorous
- 65 Colonel's insignia
- 66 Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 68 Miss America topper
- 69 More genuine
- 70 Reel's partner

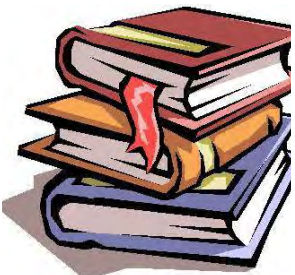
### Down

- 71 Jellied garnish
- 72 Warp
- 73 Summer abroad
- 74 Settle again
- 36 Top banana
- 38 Catchall abbr.
- 42 Poetry Muse
- 45 More colossal
- 49 Halloween cry
- 51 Ambrosia
- 54 Savvy
- 56 Pretense
- 57 Catches on
- 58 Songbird
- 59 Flu symptom
- 60 Bumped off
- 61 Nephrite
- 62 Finnic language
- 63 Diva's delivery
- 64 Off-color
- 67 Fortune
- 1 Chances
- 2 Llama land
- 3 Black, to poets
- 4 Streamlets
- 5 "Finally!"
- 6 Jockey's whip
- 7 Goat god
- 8 Chipped in
- 9 Zither's cousin
- 10 Genesis brother
- 11 Computer or cafe list
- 12 Smelting waste
- 15 Voice box
- 20 Breakfast, lunch and dinner, e.g.
- 22 Big fuss
- 24 Broke out
- 25 Afrikaners
- 26 Prank
- 27 Tropical fruit
- 29 Cronies
- 31 Leases
- 32 Eskimo
- 33 Majestic
- 34 Related on the mother's side

## Youth Member Scholastic Assistance: Branch 181 Members

Beginning with the fall 2018 school year, St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 181 of United, PA, will be offering two scholarships to eligible youth members. These will be one time scholarships and winners will be selected by an independent panel that will evaluate each applicant.

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



**THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SOLELY FUNDED BY YOUR LOCAL BRANCH 181, AND ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE**

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

- You are a member in good standing of The First Catholic Slovak Union, St. John the Baptist Society Branch 181.
- You have been a member of Branch 181 for four years prior to applying with a min. \$5,000 insurance policy.
- You are in high school and have applied for a fall term during the 2018 school year at a qualifying institution.

For more information and an application, please contact Vicki Hricik (724-547-0803), or e-mail at vickihricik@gmail.com

Applications must be postmarked by July 31st, 2018.

### JEDNOTA Publication Schedule for 2018

**Issue Date**  
**August 22**  
**Sept 19**  
**October 17**  
**November 14**  
**December 12**

**Deadline to Receive**  
**August 13**  
**Sept 10**  
**October 8**  
**November 5**  
**December 3**

See Solution on Page 17



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## Estate Planning Booklet from the First Catholic Slovak Union

As National President Andrew M. Rajec and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt state in the beginning of the Estate Planning Booklet from the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU) - the very foundations of our Society have been built on values that honor and protect our loved ones. The FCSU portfolio of insurance and annuity products itself, they point out, is designed with the financial protection of loved ones in mind, as well.

Now, as a member of the FCSU, you can receive a valuable tool for free that allows you to help your loved ones once again. Inside the pages of this personal record keeper are easy ways to record and centralize all the pertinent information for processing your estate – from personal, medical and financial information to life insurance policies, real estate holdings and other assets to final wishes for your family.

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**postmarked**  
**by August 31, 2018.**

*\*Higher amounts available - please contact your  
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Standard underwriting applies.*

# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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

**Marie A. Golias, Secretary**

## BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3 will hold their family picnic on Sunday, August 19, 2018, on the school grounds of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. There will be games for the children, and food and refreshments for all members.

**James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities to include election of officers for 2019 and the recent convention.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

**Marion Rubino, President**

## BRANCH 6 -- STREATOR, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen's Society, Branch 06K, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, July 29, 2018, at 1PM. We will meet at Chix's Restaurant, 621 E. Main St., Streator, IL. Branch 06K will sponsor a fraternal activity for its members on September 9, 2018, Sunday 2PM at Engle Lane Theatre, 1012 Columbus Road, Streator, IL. The members will watch the comedy/drama On Golden Pond. If you plan on attending, please call 815-822-8851 or 815-672-1764 for tickets before August 31, 2018. We look forward to you attending the semi-annual meeting and branch-sponsored activity. We wish all the members of the First Catholic Slovak Union a safe and successful convention in Cleveland, OH.

**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 12, 2018 at 9:00 A. M. at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin St. Houtzdale, PA 16651. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

**Joseph C. Cervenak, President**

## BRANCH 19 -- BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

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

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

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

Fraternally,

**Deborah Nelson, Secretary**

## BRANCH 24 -- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Attention Branch 24 members: the branch is once again offering its CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION. For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 2018, Branch 24 will give you a complimentary ticket to the Vilija (Christmas Eve) Dinner sponsored by St.

Andrew's Abbey every Christmas season.

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

**Bob Kopco, President**

## BRANCH 40 -- STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 22nd at 2:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, IL. 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) before July 18, 2018.

**Theresa Graves, Secretary**

## BRANCH 55 -- PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch 55 K.J. is scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the residence of the President in the Dining Room at the Wesley Enhanced Living complex, 8401 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA. Mass will be held at Wesley Hall at 11:00 A.M. followed by lunch.

Temporary appointments will be made to replace Josephine E. Gerba, who died on April 8, 2018, Divine Mercy Sunday, who served as Secretary-Treasurer. Those appointed will serve as Acting Secretary and Acting Treasurer until our Annual Meeting when we elect Officers.

Regular business will also be conducted. Please bring non-perishable food for Aid for Friends in Need. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Attention! Any high school or college student that attends this meeting will receive a copy of Joseph Trojak's essential book, FOCUS ON YOUR LIGHT, for those interested in building a successful career. In his book, Joe presents helpful ideas for anyone interested in starting a business or furthering his/her career.

Lunch will be catered; therefore, we request that you RSVP by Friday, July 20 in order to make reservations at Wesley. For directions to the meeting, please call the President at (215) 613-8987.

In the event of severe weather, or any other emergency, we will conduct a telephone conference meeting with those who cannot attend.

Fraternally yours,

**Helena T. Gaydos, President**

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

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

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

**Arlo Meeker, President**

## BRANCH 200 -- FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Laura Ann Minyon

Robert James Okunewick

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

Fraternally,

**Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 200 -- FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 extends a warm "welcome" to those in the former Branch 280 who now hold membership in Branch 200. We hope to see you at our meetings, which are held the 1st Thursday of every month (except June & July) in the upstairs Social Hall, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows: Aug. 2nd, Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov 1st with nomination of branch officers; and Dec. 6th with election of branch officers

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

Fraternally,

**Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 200 -- FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Slovak CU Club will be accepting scholarship applications now through July 28th deadline. To receive an application leave a message for Vicki Schaub @ 724-763-9229 or pick one up @ the Club located @ 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA, after 11:00AM. Anyone living in the Armstrong School District may apply providing you have graduated high school, are accepted to a college, university, trade school, nursing program, etc. This must be the 1st time you are furthering your education beyond high school. The Committee will review the applications and present them to the Board of Directors @ the Thursday, August 2nd meeting. All applicants will be notified via email.

**Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 228 -- LORAIN, OHIO

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

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

**Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. All members of Branch 410 are invited to attend.

Call for reservations by Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 724-425-2576.

**Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary**

## BRANCH 493 -- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 11, 2018. Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 North Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559.

Attendees will gather at 1:30PM for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00PM. After the meeting, everyone will enjoy a delicious meal courtesy of the branch. If you plan to attend, please contact the branch Financial Secretary at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956 by Wednesday, August 8th so we

can give an accurate head count to the restaurant beforehand.

**Robert T'apa'k Magruder,  
Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 628 -- MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel, will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 3:00 PM at 141 Bellevue Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. The agenda will include the future convention and an update on our branch's activities.

**Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

Attention Branch 746 members and all branch members of Region 1: you are warmly invited to Region 1's Summer Picnic which will take place on Sunday, August 11th in Al Kalla Park - Linden, New Jersey from 3pm-7pm. The picnic area has a playground and there will be activities to be enjoyed by all age groups. Join us for wonderful Slovak food and fun! All Region 1 branch members are invited to attend free of charge. For non-members, \$15 for adults and \$5 for non-member kids over 12. Please be so kind a share a "sweet treat" with us! We ask you to bring a baked dessert! The address is: 2801 Highland Ave - the covered picnic area is next to Highland Avenue School #10; you can park in the lot). Looking forward to seeing everyone at this wonderful gathering! Kindly RSVP to Joanne at 732-762-3148 by August 3rd if you plan on attending.

**Sabina Sabados, President**

## BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

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

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

**Sabina Sabados, President**

## BRANCH 855 - PARMA, OHIO

Members are invited to a September 20th "Sip & Sampler" event. See page 17 for details.

**Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer**

## BRANCH 856 -- WASHINGTON, DC & AREA

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

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

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

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

**Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary**

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW ENGLAND

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

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

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

**Laura Minese, Secretary**

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

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

**Robert T'apa'k Magruder, Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

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

The district will host a visit to an afternoon baseball game on Sunday, September 9 at 1:35. The Pirates play the Marlins. Get your reservations into Annie Ondrejco ASAP at aondrejco@gmail.com. The deadline is July 22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally,

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

### DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

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

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

Any questions contact Sharon Allison 814-322-1052.

**Sharon Allison, Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 11 – MSGR TISO DISTRICT

The Officers, Board of Directors and Members of District 11 would like to extend our congratulations to the following recent high school graduates in our district who were awarded the 2018 Jednota Scholarship:

Laura Ann Minyon

Robert James Okunewick

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

**Grace M. Charney, Secretary**



**ATTENTION** Branch and District Delegates to the 51st Quadrennial of the First Catholic Slovak Union at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown, August 4 – 8, 2018: The start of Convention is almost here.

Please remember to:

- ✓ Bring your delegate packet containing all the information and identification you'll need throughout the Convention
- ✓ After confirming your room reservation with the hotel front desk, head up to the FCSU Registration Desk located on the 5th Floor of the hotel
- ✓ Call the Home Office with any questions or concerns you may have: 1-800-533-6682, ext 110



## Second Annual Pgh District Pirates Night

When: Sunday, September 9, 2018

1:05 pm against the Miami Marlins

Cost: \$37 per ticket

\*Includes \$10 Food Voucher

Seats: Section 2, along the First Baseline.

Details: Please RSVP by JULY 22, 2018 to Anna Ondrejco at AONDREJCO@GMAIL.COM. Checks Payable to Anna Ondrejco and Sent to: 100 Bryn Mawr Ct West Apt #517 Pittsburgh, PA 15221



# Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
001K	Frank H Gacnik	181K	Michael Osenkowski	393K	James W Stuchell	746K	Eleanor Kapturkewisc
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002K	Marianne Haffey	260K	Edward J Dolansky	401K	Ernest J Bozich	746K	Judith A Kopchak
023K	Helen Bistransky	260K	Helen Dolansky	419K	Dorothy Kauczka	746K	Alma Rokita
023K	David J Vlasaty	260K	Martha E Snovak	484K	James Shedlock	746K	Mary T Snyder
024K	Mary Jarosz	260K	Dolores A Ward	553K	Richard J Macak	746K	William Urbanski
024K	Joseph P Saus	292K	Sylvia Ann Michaels	553K	Helen Dolores Polack	756K	Rosie Ann Overman
024K	Patricia M Stefancik	293K	Robert W Gavornik Sr	553K	Amelia Regec	796K	Fred J Hurban
041K	John H Vitrit	293K	Robert L Schlosser	581K	Mary A Kusy	796K	Cole Jonathan Micek
045K	Jacob L Bartkovsky	294K	John Lesko	581K	Dorothy A Littlejohn	831K	Arthur Kuchta
055K	Josephine E Gerba	299K	Margaret M Tobias	581K	William L Rusbasan	853K	Joseph A Carrozza
055K	John Simkanin	312K	Anna M Kozusko	618K	Josephine Barbara Hess	855K	Anne M Beno
085K	Stephen Adamchick	313K	Raymond F Michuda Sr	633K	Mike Grab	855K	Matilda Knapik
122K	Frank Yurcisin	320K	Richard Pecharka	682K	Emil Walter Bugno	857K	Andrew E Kovach Jr
153K	Rudolph W Bernath	333K	Andrew S Kendrick Jr	682K	Carole E Deley	888K	Peter Carpenter
157K	Helen M Bailey	353K	Lawrence Stephen Swiger Sr	702K	Brian Boston	900K	Mary Virginia Souchak
162K	Joseph Dulik	362K	Alberta Burlenski	731K	Rozalia Puskar	900K	Julia Spitz
162K	William J Kollar	368K	Thomas Andrew Krupa	743K	Alex Sadowski	924K	Gary W Brand
162K	William M Solly	372K	Helen M Rubal	743K	Bernadine A Teipel	924K	Joseph D Lepore
173K	Marion Otto	382K	Edward L Hurney Jr	746K	Thomas M Javorsky		

\*Processed through the month of June

## OBITUARIES

**RICHARD PECHARKA  
BRANCH 320 –  
BELLE VERNON,  
PENNSYLVANIA**



Richard Pecharka, 59, of Canonsburg, PA, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

He was born December 3, 1958, in Washington.

Richard made his living as a skilled carpenter in Georgia, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. He enjoyed spending his free time at several local social clubs. He was a good friend and brother and had a gift for sly humor. He was known affectionately to his family as "the Monk."

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ruth Nestor Pecharka; and a brother, Robert Pecharka.

He is mourned by five surviving brothers, George (Janet) Pecharka Jr. of Meadow Lands, PA; John Pecharka of Houston, PA; David (Kathy) Pecharka of Robinson Township, PA; Christopher Pecharka (Tracy Ranelle) of Laguna Niguel, CA; and Joseph (Carolyn) Pecharka of San Juan Capistrano, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family were received for a memorial service and wake on Friday afternoon, May 18, 2018, in SNPJ Lodge 138, Strabane, PA.

- Submitted by George Pecharka

**LAWRENCE SWIGER  
BRANCH 353 –  
BELLAIRE, OHIO**



Lawrence Stephen "Larry" Swiger Sr., 77, raised in Tiltonsville, OH, resident of Colerain, OH, passed away May 4, 2018, in UPMC Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, surrounded by his loving family.

Born December 21, 1940 in Martins Ferry, OH, he was the son of the late John and Margaret Mravec Swiger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a half-sister, JoAnn Piosek.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marjorie McClarin Swiger; a son, Lawrence Stephen (Jodie) Swiger Jr.; a daughter, Stephanie (Todd) Watson; two brothers, John (Francine) Swiger and Stanley (Deborah) Piosek. Sister, Stephanie Swiger of Worfordsburg, PA, and grandchildren, Nolan and Brynn.

Lawrence was a graduate of Warran Consolidated class of 1958. He was a member of Colerain Presbyterian Church. He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. as a machinist in 1997 after 34 dedicated years. He was former Belmont Co. Farm Bureau President, an AARP board member, an avid train collector and model railroad enthusiast, and a member of Train Collectors Association of America.

Lawrence enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, and the Tuesday-morning breakfast club with the guys.

Friends were received to pay tribute to Larry and celebrated his life on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Borkoski Funeral Home in Tiltonsville, OH. Friends were then received Wednesday morning, May 9, 2018, until time of service at 11AM at the Colerain Prebyterian Church with Pastor Joe Ellis officiating. Burial was at Upland Cemetery, Yorkville, OH.

- Submitted by Marjorie Swiger

**HELEN RUBAL  
BRANCH 372 –  
BEAVERDALE,  
PENNSYLVANIA**



Helen Rubal, 92, went to be with the Lord and her husband Ben, on May 15, 2018.

Her guidance, advice, and love will be eternally missed by her children and leaves them with a tremendous void in their lives: Bernard Joe Rubal (Diane), Mary Arth (Geoff) and Ann Voros (George), 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and her very special side-kick Mallie the Jack Russell Terrier.

The matriarch of the Rubal-Korch family –affectionately known as Mumma – claimed Dunlo, PA, as her place of birth. The daughter

of Peter and Mary Korch, Helen was the second oldest of the Korch family she helped guide her four younger siblings: Dr. Peter Korch (Barbara), John Korch (Joan), Bernard Korch (Elena), and Mary Ann Tschachler (deceased) Louis. She was preceded in death by her oldest brother Joseph (WWII).

Fiercely independent, all 112 pounds of her 5 foot frame was a force to be reckoned with and, with the help of her aides and daughter Ann, she was able to fulfill her goal of living independently.

Helen was the true example of hospitality; no one ever left her home without food and drink and a to-go bag. She was a culinary expert in making halupki, chicken soup and homemade noodles.

Helen, as many of her generation, worked hard all her life, not only as an employee of O'Neils and the Hudson public schools and caregiver of her grandchildren, but in her personal life as well; insisting always that a job was done "right."

She was a Stow resident of over 50 years and a member of Holy Family Parish, Stow. Visitation was at the Dunn Quigley Stow Chapel on the morning of Saturday, May 26, 2018. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at

noon at Holy Family Parish.  
"Your work is done good and faithful servant, rest in peace."

- Submitted by Ann M. Voros

**ERNEST J. BOZICH  
BRANCH 401 –  
NORTH APOLLO, PENN-  
SYLVANIA**



Ernest J. Bozich, 80, of Plum, PA, died Monday, June 4, 2018. He was the husband of the late Josephine M.; loving father of Mary Jo Armstrong and the late Patricia Bozich; grandfather of Trista and Trianna Armstrong; brother of Ralph (Sue) Bozich; brother-in-law of John Kubla; and is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He owned E.J. Bozich Co., an accounting company which he later co-owned with his daughter, Patricia. He was also a Navy veteran.

Friends were received on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Soxman Funeral Homes/Roth Chapel, Penn Hills, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following Wednesday morning in St. John the Baptist Church.

- Submitted by Mary Jo Armstrong

## Lovely Lark



Flap, flap, lovely lark,  
The mist of morn still wets your wings;  
Shake off the dewdrops of the dawn:  
For you were born to soar and sing.

©2018 by George Kossik, Branch 584





## Branch 200 Members Enjoy Armstrong County Firemen Concert at CU Club

The well-known Armstrong County Firemen's Band came to the CU Slovak Club following the parade they marched in Ford City, PA, Saturday, June 30th. They provided free entertainment to our members for two hours. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. Hoping to make it an annual event @ the Club.

District 11's Branches 200 & 401 were well represented at the parade courtesy of several specially-made banners. On the front of the van was a banner of Slovakia and surrounding countries. On each side was a banner representing each FCSU Branch in District 11. The back banner represented District 11 itself. A special "Thank You" goes out to our member, Kathleen Froncek, for coordinating and getting the banners made.

If any member would like to display these in a parade in your area, please contact Vicki Schaub 724-763-9229 or email vschaub123@gmail.com.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary

## Youngstown's 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest: Come Celebrate Your Heritage

By Loretta Ekoniak



The 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest will be held on Sunday August 12, 2018, on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Rd, Youngstown, OH, 44502.

As usual, the day starts off with a Slovak/English Mass at 11:00am at St. Matthias Church (915 Cornell Ave across the lot from the festival) and continues after Mass in the parking lot and school hall until 8:00pm.

There are a few changes this year in the way food will be available. We will no longer have a "dinner" served from 12-3. Instead, food will be

available all day ala carte. Outside we will have klobasa and kraut sandwiches, roast pork sandwiches, hotdogs, fries, ice cream and - of course - Slovak (and domestic) beer. Inside, where the tables are, we will have things served in bowls... pirohy, halušky, klobasa and sauerkraut casserole, and holubky (stuffed cabbage).

There will be a great selection of Slovak baked goods including kolače and kiffles, palacinky (crepes) along with Slovak crystal and other Slovak items for sale. There is also a great Slovak Heritage corner showing many beautiful items on display such as authentic Slovak kroj (folk costumes), maps, corn husk dolls, photos, books, embroidery and informational items.

We will have another travelling exhibit on loan from the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This year's exhibit will be about the effect of the 1968 Spring Uprising. It will be displayed in the school hall.

Of course, there is also a basket auction and a cash card raffle with prizes from \$50 to \$1000. There will be games of chance and also games for the children.

We will have musical entertainment by Jack Vasko and Company, at noon, and the Del Sinchak Band, at 4pm will be provided all day long. The music starts after Mass outside and continues until about 8:30pm and includes room to dance! If you are only attending the polka bands, not the festival, there is a \$5.00 admission fee. But buy \$5 worth of food tickets and you will receive an arm band to admit you to the Band tent area.

So come have a wonderful time with great food, great music and great friends!

If you need more information just give me a call at 330.549.3760 or email me at loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com!



### Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance 2018 Fraternalist of the Year

Can you answer "Yes" to the following questions?

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

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

#### Award Guidelines

##### PURPOSE

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

##### ELIGIBILITY

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

##### DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

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

##### PROCEDURE

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

To request an application send an e-mail to: [rudv.ondrejco@gmail.com](mailto:rudv.ondrejco@gmail.com) or call: 412 421-7967.

- Submitted by Rudv Ondrejco, FCSU National Fraternal Activities Director

## Bonefish Grill Sips and Samplers Event for Branch 855 Members



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

via call or text message by September 5th to be included!!

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

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

Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer, Branch 855

## Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA MARCH 23 – 24, 2018 HILTON CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO

**FIRST SESSION:**

Friday, March 23, 2018

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Board of Directors Meeting is being held at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel, site of the 2018 Convention, in order for the Board may become familiar with it. 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 2017.

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
Karen Hunka	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
Henry Hassay	Regional Director, Region 6
Rudolph Bernath	Regional Director, Region 7
Milos Mitro	Regional Director, Region 8
Rudolf Ondrejco	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 Rudolph Bernath to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2017:**

A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr., and seconded by Reverend Thomas Nasta to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held December 16, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING JANUARY 23-24, 2018:**

A motion was made by Sabina Sabados and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting held January 23-24, 2018, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES:**

The President appointed the following committees:

DONATION COMMITTEE

George Matta II  
Rudolph Bernath

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Reverend Thomas Nasta  
Gary Matta  
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 2017 annual report. At the conclusion of the President's Report, a motion was made by Milos Mitro and seconded by James Marmol. Motion carried. The President's Annual Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

**OUTSIDE AUDITORS REPORT:**

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

Mr. Zivkovic and 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 23, 2018

**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.

**INVESTMENT POLICY:**

The President along with Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, presented a revised FCSU Investment Policy. A motion was made by James Marmol and seconded by Karen Hunka to accept the revised Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN OF AUDITORS REPORT:**

Chairman of Auditors Karen Hunka presented the 2017 Auditor's 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.

**AUDIT/REVIEW OF IRS FORM 990:**

Chairman of Auditors Karen Hunka gave a review of the request from the Supreme Court hearing held September 21-22, 2017. A complaint was filed by Robert Kristofik regarding the FCSU's filing of IRS Forms 990 and 990T. The Supreme Court reviewed the filings and found that Forms 990 and 990T were properly filed and amended in good faith. Steven Engle, Chairman of the Supreme Court requested that an outside accounting firm audit the FCSU's filing of Forms 990 and 990T from 2013-2016. The firm was to be chosen by the Chairman of Auditors. Karen Hunka retained Schneider Downs to review and audit the FCSU's Form 990 filings from 2013-2016.

Eugene Logan, representing Schneider Downs, presented an extensive report to the Board of Directors stating that the FCSU has consistently filed Form 990 and 990T in a timely basis and in a complete and accurate manner. Mr. Logan did make a few recommendations which the Board will take into consideration. After Mr. Logan's presentation, he answered the Board's questions. The Board received a copy of the presentation before the meeting for review.

**ACTUARIAL REPORT:**

Edward DePersis and Nick DePersis, of ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, Inc., presented their Management's Discussion and Analysis Report and reviewed the actuarial report for 2017 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 2017. The FCSU continues to be a well run profitable fraternal with outstanding financials as noted in their excellent RBC (Risk Based Capital) rating of 1001.

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

Our Actuary, Edward Cowman, recommended that a dividend be paid in 2018 using the same format as used in 2017. A motion was made by George Matta II and seconded by Rudolf Ondrejco 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

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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 2017:

### Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth Arendt presented the financial summary report for the year ending 2017 and answered the Board's questions.

The Executive Secretary also presented a comparison report between what was budgeted for 2017 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 2017 Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer George Matta II presented the Treasurer's Report for 2017 summarizing all the financial reports. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

## STATE AUDIT:

The President stated that the Ohio Department of Insurance completed their state audit which is conducted every 3 years. The President presented the Ohio Department of Insurance's findings to the Board with any recommendations along with a copy of his response to the findings and our intended actions. A motion was made by Reverend Thomas Nasta and seconded by Sabina Sabados to accept the President's response to the findings. Motion carried unanimously.

## 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's John Zivkovic and 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.

Mr. Marmol stated that at a joint meeting on January 23-24, 2018 of Jednota, Inc., and Jednota Properties, Inc., a vote was taken to sell the 5 acres of property along with Building #2. A motion was passed by Jednota Property Board to let the FCSU Board of Directors act on their behalf and negotiate the sale of the property.

Mr. Marmol stated that Jednota Properties, Inc., will declare a dividend to Jednota, Inc., and Jednota, Inc. will declare a dividend to FCSU in 2018 in an amount to be finalized.

The reports of Jednota, Inc., and Jednota Properties, Inc., are informational in nature to the parent FCSU Board.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

The President distributed past and current appraisals of our property in Middletown so that they can be discussed at the Saturday session.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Reverend Thomas Nasta made a motion to adjourn for the day and Damian Nasta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

## THIRD SESSION:

Saturday, March 24, 2018

## OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta to open the meeting with prayer and reflection.

## ROLL CALL:

The Executive Secretary took a visual roll call. He stated that everyone is present.

## 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 290 active independent agents and we are continuing to recruit agents.

The Vice President stated he will begin to schedule seminars for 2018 once our marketing firm has completed its overview of our presentation.

### 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 an email campaign to recruit agents in the 27 states we are licensed in. They will also developed informational videos to educate our members on our current life insurance and annuity products. These videos will be available on our website and can be viewed at branch and district meetings.

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 Henry Hassay and seconded by Rudolf Ondrejco to accept the Regional Director's 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 Rudolf Ondrejco presented a summary of the 2017 activities to the Board of Directors. He reported on the Bowling Tournament, the Golf Tournament, the Coloring Contest, and Photo Contest. He announced the Bowling Tournament for this year will be held April 20-21, 2018 in Erie, PA. The Golf Tournament will be held July 20-22, 2018 in Blairsville, PA.

The President asked Fraternal Activities Director to explore the possibilities of holding joint activities with other fraternal organizations.

The President also asked the Fraternal Activities Director to introduce new fraternal activities for FCSU.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

General Counsel Gary Matta gave his brief 2017 report and answered the Board's questions.

## ACTUARIAL FIRM:

A motion was made by Rudolf Ondrejco and seconded by James Marmol 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 will be requesting bids for 2018 audits.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

### Middletown Property

The President stated that we still have bricks available for purchase for our memorial.

The President stated that the statue of Father Furdek will be moved in the near future from the Printery building in Middletown, PA to the FCSU Home Office.

### Convention Update

The Executive Secretary updated the Board on the upcoming Convention to be held in Cleveland August 4-8, 2018. After the Board meeting, the Board of Directors will receive a tour of the Hilton Cleveland Downtown hotel to see the rooms where the sessions and meals will be held.

The Executive Secretary stated that the delegate packets to make hotel reservations and other information regarding the Convention will be mailed out in the next couple months.

## DONATION COMMITTEE:

The Donations Committee made their report to the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Rudolf Ondrejco and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the recommendations of the Donation Committee. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Reverend Thomas Nasta gave the report on the Resolutions Committee. All requests were reviewed and acted upon.

## ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Rudolf Ondrejco to accept all the additional reports presented. Motion carried.

## PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

A motion was made by Reverend Thomas Nasta and seconded by Rudolf Ondrejco to pay all the bills associated with the meeting. Motion carried.

## ADJOURN:

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

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

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Andrew M. Rajec  
President

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Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

### PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOTT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Executive Committee Meeting is being held in Pittsburgh, in conjunction with the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh 2018 Seminar presented by ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, LLC. Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., opened the meeting at 4:15 PM and led the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the April 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by George F. Matta II, and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

The Treasurer led a review of potential new investments presented by Larry White of AQS. The Executive Committee will take them under review.

**ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**Annuity Rates:

The Vice 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.

**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 March 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 2018:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	314,926.12
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	69,870.54
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

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

The Executive Secretary led an extensive review of the 1st Quarter Financial Statement and stated that it will be published in the Jednota.

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

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

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

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

The Executive Committee decided to continue the first year free on the JEP program until August 31, 2018.

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

**CONVENTION:**

The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office is preparing for the 51st Convention being held August 4-8, 2018. The final delegate packet, which will include the Agenda and program details, will be mailed approximately 30 days before the Convention. Information regarding the Convention will also be printed in the Jednota.

**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 George F. Matta II and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Andrew M. Rajec  
President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

## Slovak Tours Geared Toward the Adventurous Launched In June



This June, two cousins formed a transatlantic partnership, founding "Ahoj! Slovakia Tours" for the adventurous travelers interested in guided hiking tours through the pristine, untouched wilderness in Slovakia's national parks.

Through genealogy research, Lyon Zeibak was able to reconnect his entire Slovak-American family with their relatives in Slovakia. The direct connection was lost by the end of the

1950s after the passing of his great grandparents' generation. Using letters sent to his American family from their ancestral village in Slovakia, Lyon was able to find Pavol Kujan, the great grandson of the letters' author. Lyon and Pavol's great grandfathers were brothers. One had immigrated and settled in Pennsylvania, the other stayed in Slovakia.

A Slovak native, Pavol had studied in London, England for over seven years where he became fluent in English. He yearned to see the world, traveling throughout Europe, Asia, and South America. Always the consummate Slovak ambassador, he was compelled to promote Slovakia when he moved back home. "I have been all over the world and I realized Slovakia has something very unique to offer that you can't find anywhere else," remarked Pavol. "From the huge number of old castles and preserved folk villages to the amazing national parks. You can't see views like this and nature this beautiful anywhere else."

"Pavol is quite the renaissance man and avid outdoorsmen. I've always enjoyed seeing all the pictures he would share with me of his hikes in Slovakia," said Lyon. "It's only natural that he would leverage his talents - turning his favorite hobbies into a career."

The two joined forces to create Ahoj! Slovakia Tours. They came up with the name from the basic greeting they always used whenever they talked - "Ahoj" which is Slovak for hello. They adjusted the spelling in the company name to make it easier for native English speakers to read.

In addition to weekend hiking adventures, they have a 10 day tour: September 10-20, which goes all across Slovakia by bus for those who would rather travel in comfort. "We realize arduous hiking isn't for everyone but you don't have to hike to see a lot of the beautiful sights," said Lyon. "We have different options to accommodate everyone."

They also offer small custom tours and, as Lyon is currently working on his board-certified genealogist credentials, they can offer everything from genealogy research services to connecting you to your relatives in Slovakia. They could arrange a genealogy tour to your ancestors' village complete with a village reception with your long lost cousins.

You can learn more at [www.ahoylovakia.com](http://www.ahoylovakia.com) or call Lyon (412) 708-6644 for more information.

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

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## Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

### LUX New York: Hľadanie svätosti v každodennosti

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

### LIVE prenosy sv. omší v slovenčine

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

### Relácia Spojení oceánom

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

## Konferencia „Znovuzrodenie Európy“ vo Washingtone DC

Pri príležitosti osláv 100. výročia Parížskej mierovej konferencie a vzniku nových štátov v regióne strednej, východnej a juhovýchodnej Európy sa v priestoroch Veľvyslanectva Slovenskej republiky vo Washingtone konala v dňoch 1.-2. júna 2018 konferencia „Znovuzrodenie Európy“. Podujatie bolo organizované neziskovým združením Wilsonian Club nesúcim svoje meno po prezidentovi W. Wilsonovi, kľúčovom podporovateľovi myšlienky národnej suverenity štátov, v spolupráci s veľvyslanectvami Slovenskej republiky, Českej republiky, Poľska a Rumunska.

Obsahom prednášok, prezentácií a diskusií renomovaných historikov, politológov a odborníkov na medzinárodné vzťahy boli rôzne aspekty súvisiace s geopolitickými zmenami v danej časti Európy po ukončení 1. svetovej vojny a implementáciou záverov mierových zmlúv.

Slovenskú republiku prezentoval historik Matej Hanula z Historického ústavu Slovenskej akadémie vied, ktorý vo svojom príspevku priblížil význam Pittsburskej dohody.

MZV SR

## Koncert slovenských sólistov v rímskej bazilike otvoril predseda vlády SR

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reprezentačný koncert zorganizovalo Slovenské veľvyslanectvo pri Svätej stolici už po štvrtý raz. O osobnostiach sv. Cyrila a Metoda, ktorým je venovaný štátny sviatok, predseda vlády povedal:

„Odkaz slovanských apoštolov a vierozvestcov je nerozlučne spätý s históriou Slovenska, ako aj s jeho kresťanskými tradíciami. Považujeme ich za zakladateľov slovanskej literatúry a sme im vďační za slovanské písmo – hlaholiku.“

Peter Pellegrini tiež pripomenul, že oltár od Majstra Pavla v Bazilike sv. Jakuba v Levoči, ktorý je najväčším dreveným neskorogotickým krídlým oltárom, je súčasťou svetového dedičstva UNESCO.

V chráme známom svojimi mozaikami boli v obecenstve okrem členov slovenskej komunity v Ríme a diplomatov aj predstavitelia Rímskej kúrie, okrem iných sekretár Kongregácie pre východné cirkvi Cyril Vasil' SJ, sudca Rímskej roty Konštant Miroslav Adam OP, oficiál Mons. Jozef Krištof zo Štátneho sekretariátu a ďalší. Medzi hosťami zo Slovenska bola delegácia Národnej rady SR na čele s podpredsedom Martinom Glváčom, ministerka kultúry Ľubica Laššáková a minister financií Peter Kažimír. Spomedzi rímskych Slovákov nechýbali rektor Slovenského ústavu v Ríme Pavol Zvara či riaditeľ Slovenského inštitútu v Ríme Peter Dvorský.

Bazilika sv. Praxedy pochádzajúca z konca 8. storočia sa spája s pobytom solúnskych bratov vo Večnom meste. Svätý Konštantín - Cyril sa na tomto mieste utiahol na sklonku života. Názov baziliky pochádza od svätej mučeníčky Praxedy, mladej rímskej patricianky umučenej v 2. storočí za cisára Antonina Pia. Podľa tradície Praxeda spolu so svojou sestrou Pudenciánou boli dcérami senátora Pudensa, ktorý patril k prvým kresťanským konvertitom v Ríme vďaka ohlasovaniu apoštolov sv. Petra a Pavla.

TKKBS



## Zo školských lavíc na témy lásky k jazyku a vlasti

V prvý júnový týždeň Nové Zámky víтали mladé literárne talenty už po 26. krát. Nad leitmotívom súťaže – Prečo mám rád slovenčinu, prečo mám rád Slovensko – sa v tomto roku zamyslelo 523 žiakov a študentov nielen zo slovenských základných škôl pôsobiacich na území Slovenskej republiky, ale zo



slovenských vzdelávacích centier a škôl v zahraničí.

Slávnostný ceremoniál súťaže za účasti štátnej tajomníčky MŠ SR Oľgy Nachtmanovej, primátora Nových Zámok Otakara Kleina, zástupcov mesta Nové Zámky, predsedu ÚSZZ Ján Varša, správcu Maticy slovenskej Maroša Smolca, zástupcov z MK SR, ŠPÚ, Maticy slovenskej, MO MS Nové Zámky a ďalších významných hostí sa začal i tento rok symbolicky, v úplnom centre Nových Zámok, pri soche Antona Bernoláka. Po krátkom hudobno-umeleckom programe nasledoval akt kladenia vencov, ktorým sa ukončil úvodný vstup pred slávnostným ceremoniálom v cisársko-kráľovskej jazdiarni.

Matica slovenská sa spolu s ÚSZZ podieľala na organizácii IV. kategórie súťaže, ktorá registruje a posudzuje práce zahraničných Slovákov. Tento rok do tejto kategórie prišlo 135 prác z pera potomkov Dolnej zeme, ale i zámoria a západnej Európy. Práce boli zaslané z Chorvátska, Írska, Maďarska, Rakúska, Rumunska, Srbska, Ukrajiny a Veľkej Británie. Za Maticu slovenskú sa hosťom prihovoril jej správca, Maroš Smolec, ktorý odovzdal Cenu Maticy slovenskej, žiačke Marcele Gániovej, zo ZŠ Jána Čajaka, v Srbsku.

ÚSZZ pripravil pre ocenených krajanov niekoľkodňový poznávací pobyt po Slovensku, na ktorý sa tešili nielen súťažiaci, ale i krajané pani učiteľky a zástupcovia škôl. Najviac radosti i úprimného úsmevu bolo badať práve na tvárach Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, z ktorých mnohí prišli na Slovensko po prvý raz zo vzdialených krajov Dolnej Zeme. Tu sa dodnes ozýva ľubozvučná archaická slovenčina, ktorú si krajanovia odovzdávajú ako vzácny dar, z generácie na generáciu po mnohé stáročia.

V závere programu, pod ktorý sa autorsky i organizačne podpísali šikovné členky MO MS Nové Zámky a zástupcovia ZŠ v Nových Zámkoch na Nábřežnej ulici, na čele s pánom riaditeľom Róbertom Rudinským, bol už tradične vyhlásený ďalší, 27. ročník súťaže. Želajme si, nech sa i budúci ročník vydarí aspoň tak dobre, ako ten tohtoročný. Nech sa opäť niekoľko stoviek mladých slovenských talentov zamyslí nad otázkou: Prečo mám rád slovenčinu, prečo mám rád Slovensko...? Veríme, že pri písaní odpovede na ňu sa nezabudnú spýtať aj svojho srdca, tak, ako to už tradične, vďaka tejto súťaži, naša mladá slovenská generácia rok čo rok excelentne dokazuje.

Zuzana Pavelcová

## 100 rokov českej a slovenskej literatúry v New Yorku

Pri príležitosti výročia založenia Československa Generálny konzulát SR v New Yorku v spolupráci so Spoločnosťou pre vedy a umenie zorganizoval dňa 20. júna 2018 podujatie venované 100 rokoch českej a slovenskej literatúry. Odborníci na českú a slovenskú literatúru, Christopher Harwood (Columbia University) a Charles Sabatos (Yeditepe University) predstavili najvýznamnejšie diela z minulého storočia. Výňatky z kníh v angličtine čítali slovenská herečka pôsobiaca v New Yorku Katarína Vizina a český prekladateľ Alex Zucker. Poučný večer literatúry zaujal početné publikum.



MZV SR

## Slovenské predsedníctvo vo V4 sa začne 1. júla, má tri hlavné priority

Slovenské predsedníctvo vo Vyšehradskej skupine sa začne 1. júla 2018 a potrvá do 30. júna 2019. Jeho mottom bude „Dynamický Vyšehrad pre Európu“, program je postavený na troch hlavných prioritách. Ide o silnú Európu, bezpečné prostredie a inteligentné riešenia. Vyplýva to z materiálu, ktorý na svojom rokovaní schválila vláda SR.

Predkladaný materiál pochádza z dielne Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí (MZVaEZ) SR. Zámerom je zdôrazniť jednoznačnú orientáciu na Európu ako priestor, ktorý je pre ďalší rozvoj celého regiónu dôležitý. Návrh programu predsedníctva Slovenska bude koncom júna predložený predsedom krajín V4 na schválenie.

Slovenské predsedníctvo vo V4 nadviaže na výsledky predchádzajúcich a bude sa podľa rezortu zahraničia snažiť o užšiu koordináciu s nasledujúcim českým. Prioritné témy vychádzajú z troch predpokladov jeho úspešnosti, píše ministerstvo. „Ide o presadzovanie jednoty, kde je to možné, a teda sa budeme usilovať o dohodu v oblastiach, ktoré môžeme spoločne presadiť na európskej úrovni. Druhé je prinášanie riešení, kde je to prospešné, a teda máme záujem uskutočniť spoločne také projekty, ktoré majú praktický pozitívny dosah na občanov v našich krajinách. A po tretie je to rešpektovanie rozdielností, kde je to nevyhnutné. Budeme hľadať konsenzus pri plnom rešpekte národných záujmov,“ píše sa v materiáli.

Cieľom slovenského predsedníctva je priniesť konkrétne výsledky v prospech občanov krajín, a to v už spomínaných troch prioritných oblastiach.

V rámci prvej priority s názvom „silná Európa“ bude úsilím Slovenska aktívny prístup V4 v diskusiách o budúcnosti Európskej únie (EÚ), ako aj pri rozhodnutiach o kľúčových politikách. Predsedníctvo chce tiež prispievať k udržaniu jednoty, a to najmä počas aktuálne prebiehajúcich rokovaní o vystúpení Spojeného kráľovstva z EÚ. Pokračovať bude i spolupráca s európskymi partnermi, ako sú Nemecko, Francúzsko, severské a pobaltské krajiny či Benelux.

Druhou prioritou je „bezpečné prostredie“, ktoré je podľa MZVaEZ jedným z hlavných predpokladov úspešného budovania dobrých a stabilných zahranično-politických vzťahov. Dôraz sa bude klásť na pokračovanie politického dialógu s krajinami západného Balkánu a Východného partnerstva. V tejto súvislosti bude V4 i naďalej podporovať rozširovanie Únie.

„Štáty V4 si súčasne uvedomujú svoj podiel na posilňovaní európskej bezpečnosti a obrany, či už účasťou na projektoch stálej štruktúrovanej spolupráce, alebo prípravou vyšehradskej bojovej skupiny EÚ,“ píše rezort diplomacie s tým, že v otázke migrácie chcú krajiny V4 konštruktívne prispievať do diskusie a prinášať dlhodobé riešenia.

Tretia priorita, ktorá nesie názov „inteligentné riešenia“, znamená pre krajiny V4 cestu, ako vytvoriť užívateľsky a optimálne prístupné podmienky pre online svet, ktorý je súčasťou bežného života ľudí a podnikateľov. „Slovenské predsedníctvo bude aktívne reagovať na súčasné inovatívne technologické trendy, ktoré získavajú čoraz väčšie uplatnenie v reálnej ekonomike,“ uvádza autor materiálu.

Slovensko bude predsedat' Vyšehradskej skupine piatykrát, a to, podľa rezortu zahraničia, v období kľúčových udalostí v európskom priestore. Predsedníctvo Slovensko preberie v čase rokovaní o budúcom viacročnom finančnom rámci, na ktoré nadviaže príprava novej Strategickkej agendy pre EÚ na roky 2019 až 2024. Tá však bude podľa MZVaEZ výrazne ovplyvnená voľbami do Európskeho parlamentu v máji 2019. V tom istom mesiaci si pripomenieme tiež 15. výročie členstva krajín V4 v Únii a v prípade Slovenska aj 15. výročie členstva v Severoatlantickej aliancii (NATO). Ďalšou udalosťou bude odchod Spojeného kráľovstva z EÚ koncom marca 2019 a s tým súvisiaca otázka budúceho usporiadania vzájomných vzťahov.

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Protestná jazda farmárov z Michaloviec do Bratislavy za lepšie podmienky v poľnohospodárstve. Na snímke farmári na bratislavskom moste Apollo 19. júna 2018.

## Delegáciu na júnový Eurosummit v Bruseli povedie premiér P. Pellegrini

Na summit Európskej únie, ktorý sa uskutoční 28. a 29. júna v Bruseli, Slovensko vyšle delegáciu pod vedením predsedu vlády SR Petra Pellegriniho (Smer-SD). Návrh účasti delegácie SR na zasadnutí Európskej rady a Eurosummitu schválila v stredu vláda.

Agendu riadneho zasadnutia európskych lídrov budú tvoriť viaceré témy, priblížilo ministerstvo zahraničných vecí. Popri migrácii, bezpečnosti a obrane, otázkach zamestnanosti, rastu a konkurencieschopnosti, digitálnej agende a inováciách by sa malo diskutovať aj o viacročnom finančnom rámci po roku 2020 a o vonkajších vzťahoch.

V nadväznosti na závery Európskej rady z októbra 2017 sa lídri vrátia k otázke migrácie a reforme Spoločného európskeho azylového systému. Európska rada tiež zhodnotí pokrok v oblasti posilnenia spolupráce EÚ s NATO, odolnosti voči hybridným hrozbám, vojenskej mobility či posilnenia civilnej zložky Spoločnej bezpečnostnej a obrannej politiky EÚ.

Očakáva sa schválenie každoročných špecifických odporúčaní pre jednotlivé krajiny vyplývajúcich z Európskeho semestra. Lídri tiež nadviažu na neformálnu diskusiu počas marcového summitu v Bruseli a májového Summitu EÚ – západný Balkán v Sofii a prijímajú závery k zďaňovaniu a k inováciám a digitálnej agende. V oblasti aktuálnych otázok vonkajších vzťahov sa očakáva diskusia k vzťahom s Ruskom.

Európska rada, ktorá zasadne aj vo formáte EÚ-27, zhodnotí aktuálny stav rokovaní so Spojeným kráľovstvom v súvislosti s rokovaniami o vystúpení z únie. Na okraj Európskej rady sa uskutoční Eurosummit v inkluzívnom formáte EÚ-27, počas ktorého budú prerokované otázky hospodárskej a menovej únie s dôrazom na dokončenie bankovej únie.

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## Samostatná Slovenská cirkevná provincia oslávila 40 rokov od založenia

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Slávnostnú svätú omšu pri tejto príležitosti v trnavskej katedrále slávil kardinál Jozef Tomko, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov. Hlavnými koncelebrantmi boli apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku Mons. Giacomo Guido Ottonello, emeritný trnavský arcibiskup Mons. Ján Sokol, olomoucký arcibiskup - moravský metropolita Mons. Jan Graubner a Mons. Ján Orosch, trnavský arcibiskup. Kardinál Tomko v homílii pripomenul, že samostatnú Slovenskú cirkevnú provinciu dnes berieme ako samozrejmosť, ale bolo to čosi také vzácne a také dôležité, čo ovplyvnilo dokonca vývin celkovej situácie.

„Naši otcovia vo viere, sv. Cyril a Metod dali prvé základy pre také zriadenie. Už v roku 880 bola založená diecéza v Nitre. Po páde Veľkej Moravy naše územie sa stalo súčasťou Uhorského kráľovstva a bolo začlenené do cirkevných zriadení v tomto štáte. Po vzniku Československa v roku 1918, s novými štátnymi hranicami sa žiadalo aj cirkevné usporiadanie. Vyjednávania s vládou mocou, druhá svetová vojna, územné i politické zmeny a rôzne ťažkosti oddiaľovali konečné riešenie. Vtedy dôležitejšie bolo dosiahnuť aspoň menovanie dobrých pastierov a to proti tlaku protináboženského režimu, ktorý panoval. Ten si neprial posilniť náboženské ctenie obyvateľov tým, že by sa sídlo plánovanej Slovenskej cirkevnej provincie stanovilo v hlavnom meste Bratislave. Aj prípadnú voľbu Nitry režim považoval za príliš prajnú Cirkvi. Dlhé a ťažké vyjednávania priviedli k tomu, že Svätá stolica povýšila dňa 30. decembra 1977 Trnavskú apoštolskú administratúru na arcidiecézu a zároveň vyzdvihla na metropolitné sídlo, ktorému boli podriadené ako sufragáne ostatné rímskokatolícke diecézy na celom Slovensku. Okrem toho upravila hranice diecéz podľa štátnych hraníc a tak vznikla Slovenská cirkevná provincia, ktorej hranice sa kryli so štátnymi hranicami. A my si dnes pripomínáme toto 40. výročie jej vzniku a našej cirkevnej samostatnosti, keď už nijaká územná jednotka Cirkvi nepatrila do iného štátu a ani naopak. A za to my ďakujeme Pánu Bohu,“ povedal v homílii kardinál Jozef Tomko.

V závere slávnostnej svätej omše sa k veriacim v katedrále, avšak prostredníctvom priameho prenosu televízie Lux i k veriacim na celom Slovensku, prihovoril aj apoštolský nuncius Mons. Giacomo Guido Ottonello. Pripomenul, že „toto je príležitosť, ktorú nám ponúka miestna trnavská cirkev, aby ste sa podelili o vaše očakávanie, hľadanie a skúsenosti, a vyjadrili svoju vieru. Je tu len jedno pravidlo: «Počúvam ťa, počúvaš ma, hovorme»; alebo «hovor...,

chcem ti niečo povedať». Je to príležitosť rozprávať o kráse viery a pomôcť druhým objaviť Boha spoločným hľadaním, hlavne v modlitbe“. Vo svojom príhovore nezabudol spomenúť ani zásluhy prvého a zároveň posledného metropolitu Slovenskej cirkevnej provincie, pri budovaní Katolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku: „Pri tejto radostnej a slávnostnej príležitosti nemôžeme nespomenúť osobitným spôsobom Jeho Excelenciu, Mons. Jána Sokola, ktorý počas dvadsiatich rokov horlivo a so zápalom vykonával službu arcibiskupa a metropolitu celého Slovenska, a ktorý v týchto dňoch oslavuje šesťdesiatprvé výročie svojej kňazskej vysviacky a tridsiate výročie svojej biskupskej vysviacky“. Želám vám, aby ste vykročili a mohli čoskoro osláviť strieborné, zlaté a potom aj ďalšie výročia, pokračujúc v správnom tempe, pretože čas plynie rýchlo a netreba ho premárniť,“ nádejne dodal na záver apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku Mons. Giacomo Guido Ottonello.

Odzneli i krátke pozdravné a blahoprajné listy arcibiskupov z Prahy a Budapešti, kardinála Dominika Duku a kardinála Petra Erdöa, ktorí mali byť prítomní na slávnosti, avšak na poslednú chvíľu museli svoju účasť odrieknuť. Úplne na záver sa trnavský arcibiskup Mons. Ján Orosch poďakoval všetkým za účasť na tejto slávnosti. „Možno, že sme si ani neuvedomili, že štyridsiata v dejinách spásy znamená veľmi veľa. Štyridsať rokov putoval izraelský národ z Egypta do prisľúbenej zeme pod vedením Mojžiša. Štyridsať dní sa postil Pán Ježiš na púšti a odolával pokušeniam diavla. Môžeme spomenúť aj štyridsať rokov komunizmu, ktoré sme prežili, prekonalí a skončili sa víťazstvom, pádom totalitného režimu. ... keď navštívite prameň rieky Dunaj v Nemecku, v meste Donaueschingen, tak tam sa zrazu Dunaj stráca a v podzemí štyridsať kilometrov tečie, až potom znova vyvierá a jeho voda je taká čistá, že sa z nej môžete napiť. Som presvedčený, že koniec je vždy víťazný. Je to vždy obnova, očista a nový začiatok... kráčajme teda s úsmevom a nádejou vpred, pretože toto víťazstvo máme zabezpečené skrze Kristovo zmŕtvychvstanie. Len s ním spolupracujme a žime v pokore a poníženosti náš život, ktorý bude na väčšiu česť a Božiu slávu,“ zakončil arcibiskup Orosch.

Po apoštolskom požehnaní kardinála Jozefa Tomka, speve pápežskej hymny a chrámeovej piesne „Bože, čos' ráčil“, sa vzácní hostia v liturgickom sprievode presunuli z Katedrály sv. Jána Krstiteľa do arcibiskupského paláca. V priestoroch arcibiskupského refektória a budovy Mariana, pri spoločnom stolovaní, oslávili toto okružle jubileum cirkevnej samostatnosti Slovenska.

TK KBS informoval Dušan Kolenčík

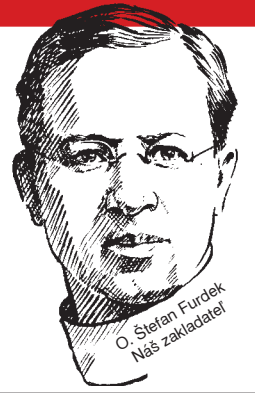
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V sobotu 23. júna oslávili v Trnave 40. výročie vzniku samostatnej Slovenskej cirkevnej provincie. Slávnostnej svätej omši v Katedrále sv. Jána Krstiteľa predsedal kardinál Jozef Tomko, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov.

*The 40th anniversary of the Slovak Church Province was celebrated on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava. Cardinal Jozef Tomko, Emeritus Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Nations was the main celebrant of the anniversary Mass.*

## Samostatná Slovenská cirkevná provincia oslávila 40 rokov od založenia

Biskupi zo Slovenska i zo zahraničia, kňazi, rehoľníci a rehoľníčky, členovia Rady pre históriu KBS, predstavitelia mesta Trnava, kraja i trnavského akademického života, vzácní hostia, ale aj veriaci z Trnavy a okolia sa v sobotu 23. júna stretli v katedrálnom Chráme sv. Jána Krstiteľa, aby spoločne oslávili 40. výročie vzniku a vyhlásenia samostatnej Slovenskej cirkevnej provincie.

Svätý Otec, pápež Pavol VI. apoštolskými konštitúciami Praescriptum sacrosancti a Qui divino povýšil vo vianočnom období pred 40 rokmi, 30. decembra 1977, Trnavskú apoštolskú administratúru na arcidiecézu a zároveň zriadil samostatnú Slovenskú cirkevnú provinciu s jej arcibiskupským metropolitným sídlom v Trnave. V trnavskej Katedrále sv. Jána Krstiteľa, kde toto rozhodnutie Svätého Otca bolo vyhlásené 6. júla 1978 kardinálom Františkom Tomáškom, prítomní biskupi, apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku Mons. Giacomo Guido Ottonello a kňazi s veriacimi oslávili tento významný historický medzník slávnostnou svätou omšou.

Pokračovanie na str.23

## Slovensko povinné kvóty odmieta, je pripravené na iné formy solidarity

Slovenská republika naďalej odmieta povinné prerozdelenie migrantov, je pripravená na iné formy solidarity. Vyhlásil to predseda vlády Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD).

„Slovenská republika je pripravená na iné formy solidarity. Bude ich ponúkať, ale nikdy nebudeme súhlasiť s tým, aby sme sa povinne podieľali na prerozdeľovaní migrantov,“ uviedol pre novinárov Pellegrini.

Premiér poznamenal, že Slovensko nebolo súčasťou rozhodnutia, aby do Európskej únie masívne prišli migranti. „Autonómne o tom rozhodli niektoré krajiny. A teraz tie krajiny od nás žiadajú, aby sme my za ich rozhodnutie, s ktorým sme nesúhlasili a ktorého sme neboli súčasťou, aby sme sa teraz podieľali na tomto riešení,“ uviedol.

Slovensko podľa Pellegriniho slov pomôže po technickej, materiálnej, finančnej či personálnej stránke. „Ale naše stanovisko je nemenné, čo sa týka povinného prerozdeľovania,“ zopakoval predseda vlády.

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## Koncert slovenských sólistov v rímskej bazilike otvoril predseda vlády SR

V rímskej Bazilike sv. Praxedy sa v utorok 19. júna predstavili slovenskí sólisti s multimediálnym koncertom „Missa lucis et lignis“ venovaným duchovnému a umeleckému odkazu diela Majstra Pavla z Levoče. Slávnostné podujatie organizované Slovenským veľvyslanectvom pri Svätej stolici osobne otvoril predseda vlády Slovenskej republiky Peter Pellegrini za účasti emeritného prefekta Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov kardinála Jozefa Tomka.

Ako uviedol v prítomnosti príhovore veľvyslanec Marek Lisánsky, tradičnou príležitosťou bol blížiaci sa sviatok sv. Cyrila a Metoda ako štátny sviatok Slovenskej republiky. Koncert však bol tento rok osobitne venovaný 25. výročiu moderných diplomatických vzťahov medzi SR a Svätou stolicou, 1150. výročiu uznania staroslovienčiny za štvrtý liturgický jazyk a 500. výročiu dokončenia oltára Majstra Pavla z Levoče.

Meditatívne dielo približujúce duchovné a kultúrne „dedičstvo otcov“ s hudbou Ľubomíra Horňáka a textami Mariána Brezáního interpretovali sólisti Sisa Lelkes-Sklovská – mezzosoprán, Dušan Jarjábek – barytón, Otokar Klein – tenor, Brunno Oravec – barytón a Richard Simurka na flaute a sopránovom saxofóne.

Akustickú zložku, ktorej súčasťou boli aj meditatívne vstupy v taliančine, harmonicky sprevádzali umelecké videoprojekcie diel Majstra Pavla z Levoče a chrámových skvostov Spišskej gotiky. V duchu názvu diela „Missa lucis et lignis“ - Omša svetla a dreva, krásu zlatených gotických oltárov kontrastne umocňovali farebné svetelné efekty v apside starokresťanskej Baziliky sv. Praxedy.

Ako v úvodnom príhovore pripomenul predseda vlády Peter Pellegrini, podobný

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*Children from the ensemble Strbianček opened the new tourist season in Strbske Pleso in the High Tatras with music and dance.*