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President's Message

The 2018 Convention has passed and I would like to thank all the delegates that attended and participated, and all those who ran for office.

Now we have to get back to the work of running our Society on a day to day basis; making the decisions that will benefit the FCSU and its members. Some will be easier than others.

I thank you for the overwhelming support by electing me to my fourth term as president.

One of the most difficult decisions I made, with the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, was to entertain and accept the strong offer to sell most of our Middletown property.

While the buyer will have perform their "due diligence" to complete the sale, I am optimistic the deal will close.

As evidenced by the lack of questions, much less opposition to the sale, delegates understood that time marches on, and it was time to reap the benefits of Fr. Furedek's past efforts and re-direct the capital from the sale for the greater benefits of our Society.

Once again, I thank the delegates and we at the Home office will continue to work for: Za Boha a Národ.

For God and Nation.



Andrew M. Rajec

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Roman Catholics throughout Slovakia to Mark All Saints Day

This coming November 1, Roman Catholics throughout Slovakia will observe All Saints Day – a day on which people gather in churches and cemeteries to pray for relatives who have passed away.

Priests in their sermons point to the saints as setting an example to living Christians by their lives.

The history of the All Saints Day holiday goes back to the beginning of the 7th century, when Pope Boniface IV converted the pagan Pantheon in Rome into a Christian church in the year 610 AD. He consecrated the church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all the saints who had been martyred in defense of the faith and the Catholic Church.

In the 8th century Pope Gregory III declared November 1 to be All Saints Day. November 1 has been celebrated in Slovakia as a public holiday since 1994.

In the 10th and 11th centuries, All Souls Day – or the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – was introduced to follow All Saints Day. It's based on the Catholic doctrine of purgatory, which states that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from venial sins or have not fully atoned for mortal sins cannot yet attain the beatific vision but may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. On November 2, priests usually appeal to people to repent and to strive to avoid sin.



- Source: TASR



October: Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

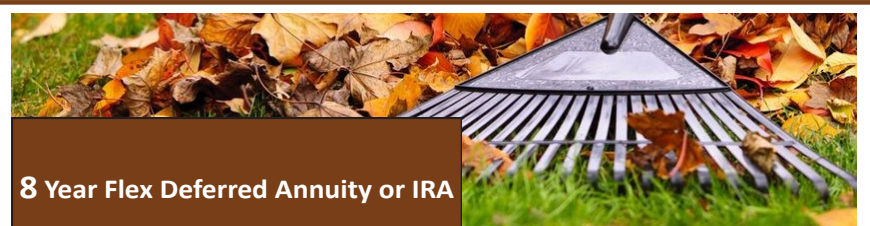


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Insights and Viewpoints



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

**October 28, 2018 – 30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Lectionary 149**

In today's reading from Jeremiah we hear wonderful news; the prophet announces that the blind and the lame will be healed and will join the joyful throng of Israelites as they are redeemed from their exile in Babylon and return home to the promised land: "I will gather them from the



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst...I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble" (Jer 31:8, 9). That "the blind and the lame" are specifically mentioned by the prophet is significant since these two unfortunate groups had long been ostracized and seen as accursed in Israel.

This lamentable attitude is already apparent in Leviticus, where it is written that men who are blind or lame could not serve as priests (Lev 21:18), and in the Second Book of Samuel, where even the great King David curses the blind and the lame, reinforcing the popular but mistaken idea that people suffering from these afflictions were being punished for their sins (2 Sam 5:6-8). Ironically, both Leviticus and Second Samuel likely came into their final written form around the time of the exile or shortly thereafter, somewhat later than Jeremiah's joyful prophecy noted above.

Other biblical texts offer a more mature and kind-hearted understanding of people who suffer from such conditions. The great Job, for instance, tried to describe the upright character of his life with many illustrations, among them reminding his friends "I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame" (Job 29:15). The Gospel of John also gives us a very different picture of how we are to treat those who are blind or unable to walk, or anyone with a disability. In the ninth chapter of John's Gospel we meet the man born blind, and in response to his disciples' question "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" we learn from Jesus himself: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him" (John 9:2-3).

Going back to our Old Testament readings, Jeremiah and the Psalmist clearly make the gracious act of Israel's redemption from exile entirely an act of God. That is, God brings his chosen people out of Babylon not because of any merit on their part but in order to preserve his holy name—Israel is a completely passive recipient of God's salvation.

When we encounter the blind man Bartimaeus in the Gospel we have a different situation. It is not that Bartimaeus "merits" his healing, but there is something on his part that elicits Jesus' healing action—his faith. We need to be careful to note that faith was also present among the Israelites brought home from the exile; it was expressed—haltingly at times—through Israel's fidelity to the covenant. While Bartimaeus may have been faithful to the covenant, his ultimate fidelity is seen when he recognized that Jesus was the one brought the covenant to perfection, and he trusted in him as the messiah and "Son of David."

The readings today review some painful history regarding old attitudes toward the less fortunate—the blind and the lame—and regarding the distinction between the faith of Israel and the faith of the Church. Regarding the Jewish and Christian peoples, "Since we are both awaiting the final redemption, let us pray that the paths we follow may converge" so that we all might rejoice in our "return from exile" and praise the Son of David.

**November 4, 2018 – Thirty-first - Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 12: 28 – 34**

In the Gospel for this weekend we hear about an encounter that Jesus had with a Scribe. At the time of Jesus Scribes were Pharisees who had a particular interest and expertise in the law, and were sometimes referred to as lawyers in the Gospels. Often when we hear of a Scribe approaching Jesus it is to trick Jesus into saying something that could be interpreted as contrary to Jewish law, and thus could be used against him. This Scribe is different than others, maybe he approached Jesus to ask a question to trick Jesus, as is commonly thought, but his response to Jesus' answer shows him to be someone who truly desired and was open to the truth.



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

In New Testament times the Jewish people not only followed the Ten Commandments given to Moses, they also had 613 commandments that were imposed over time. These covered responsibilities to family, the manner in which to faithfully observe the Sabbath, various purification rituals, etc. The intent was to help them be faithful during time of exile, infidelity of the leaders, and the need to clarify what good order was necessary for them to be faithful. When the Scribe asked Jesus "Which is the first of all the Commandments?" He was including these 613 laws. Jesus answered without hesitation by quoting Moses' instruction to the Israelites as they were preparing to enter the Promised Land. This instruction can be described as a summary of all God had taught them, and became known as the Shema, which means "to Hear." This instruction by Moses, that we heard in the First Reading today from Deuteronomy, begins with Moses saying; "Hear, O Israel!....." The Scribe, no doubt, realized that he could not argue with Jesus quoting Moses, especially the Shema. Jesus went on to give the Scribe more than he asked for, he tells him what the second most important commandment is. For this he quotes from the book of Leviticus; "You shall love our neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18)

In his answer Jesus did three things: 1. He summed up the teachings of the Old Testament; 2. He shows us that he came to fulfill the Law, and did so by his teachings, example and ultimate sacrifice for us; and 3. Instructs us about what he expects his followers to focus on as they commit themselves to follow him.

This answer had a strong impact on the Scribe, instead of storming off disappointed with his failure to "get" Jesus, he remained and acknowledged Jesus as a teacher and that his answer was "well said." Jesus saw that the Scribe understood and said to this Scribe something he said to no other Scribe in the Gospels; "you are not far from the kingdom of God."

There are times when we might be tempted to fall into the same kind of thinking as that of the Pharisees and Scribes. To think that our understanding and interpretation of church teachings is the only correct one. When an Apostolic Exhortation, Encyclical or some other talk or homily challenges us to look at these differently, we can immediately try to discard it and discredit the messenger without desiring to hear and understand the truth of the message. The Scribe provides for us an example of how we should be willing and open to hearing God speaking to us today. It is an example that can be difficult to follow, but when we do we can hope to hear the same words spoken to us as Jesus spoke to the Scribe; "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

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March For Life

Our Presence at the 46th Annual Right to Life March on Friday, January 18, 2019 in Washington, DC is extremely important. The First Catholic Slovak Union, together with the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, support the position of the Pro Life Movement.

The FCSU and FCSLA will once again be offering free transportation from the FCSLA Home Office in Beachwood, OH, for this very important trip. For the past several years we have filled two buses for this march. Again this year, we will reserve two buses for the March. Our organizations are proud to encourage our members along with many young students from area Catholic High Schools to participate. It is a very rewarding experience to actively participate and help relay this very important message of supporting the Right to Life mission.

Will you join us? Please call Kelly at the FCSLA home Office. Her phone number is 800-464-4642 EXT. 1051 or email her at Kelly@fcsla.org for details or questions and to reserve your seat on the bus before December 15th. The buses fill up quickly and seating is limited so do not wait until the last minute to reserve your seat. You can also go to our website www.fcsla.org for a tentative itinerary for the trip.

If you would like to attend and are unable to join those leaving from the FCSLA Home Office, please look online for information and transportation. Call your local church or diocese, they may be able to help.



Save the Date!

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Monday, November 26, 2018



2018 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Nears an End: Donations Welcome

The 2018 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is nearing the end. Funds raised in this annual Appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius to assist with its day to day operations. The College is the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

For many years a second collection in Slovak parishes provided most of the funds for the Appeal. Today, the Appeal relies upon the generosity of our Slovak Catholic Fraternal Societies, their Branches and Districts, and individual members of the clergy, religious and laity in addition to collections from Slovak parishes. Thank you to all who have already made their donation to the 40th Annual Appeal. For anyone who has not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check to the address provided.

Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and all donations, no matter the amount, are formally acknowledged. **As of September 15, the 2018 Appeal has raised \$25,247.81 from 143 Donations.** Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. **Donations received after December 1, 2018 will be credited toward the 2019 Appeal.**

- Submitted by Father Thomas Nasta, FCSU National Chaplain

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

40th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Christmas Oplatky – 2018



Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 14, 2018.

The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$7.50 and upward depending upon the number of packets ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before receiving an order.

For more information or to place an order contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 1002 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

- Submitted by Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M.

Region 1 Attended the FCSU Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Jednota members and friends from Region 1 met early in the morning on Sunday, September 16th to depart from Holy Family Church in Linden on the annual pilgrimage to Our Mother of Sorrow Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. For those who were visiting the Chapel for the first time, it was an incredible experience. The main celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Francis Conka, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Tappan, NY. The cantor and organist was Peter Pindjak from New York City who also works for the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations. After the Mass, the Embassy of the Slovak Republic hosted a reception for those attending. On behalf of those attending the reception, a special thank you to Deputy Head of Mission and Counselor Jozef Polakovič as well as the newly installed Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States H.E. Ivan Korcoč for their generosity and hospitality. For some Slovak Americans it was the first time they had visited the Slovak Embassy. After the luncheon, the group toured key monuments in Washington, DC including a glimpse of the White House and a stop at the World War II memorial. A special thank you to Branch 746 Executive Board for organizing the bus, refreshments, and mini Washington, DC tour and to the members of Branch 746 that came to support the event.

- Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



Pictured at the Crypt Church of the Basilica (L - R): Rev. Francis Conka, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Tappan, NY; Ms. Terezia Filipejová, Attaché from the Slovak Embassy; Deputy Head of Mission and Counselor Mr. Jozef Polakovič and his wife and daughter; and FCSU Region 1 Director Sabina Sabados.



Happy Birthday, Jan!

Branch 716 President Jan Skrkon recently celebrated his 75th Birthday at St. John Nepomucene Church Hall in New York City with fellow branch members and friends.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Branch Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

September 15, 2019

The 2019 Pilgrimage of the First Catholic Slovak Union to our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, has already been arranged. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept 15, 2019, at 11:30am. And, of course, look for details in upcoming issues of Jednota throughout next year.

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

65th Wedding Anniversary for Branch 259's Eugene and Rosemarie Yuhas



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yuhas of Struthers, OH, celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 11, 2018, at a Mass at Christ Our Savior – St. Nicholas Church followed by a family dinner.

The couple have four children: Elizabeth (Steve) Budd of Dayton, OH; Roberta (Timothy) McCoy of New Middletown, OH; the late Steven (Maureen) Yuhas of Kettering, OH; and Kevin (Antoinette) Yuhas of London, OH. They also have six grandchildren.

Mr. Yuhas and the former Rosemarie Wittenauer were married August 8, 1953, at St. Patrick's Church in Hubbard, OH. Mrs. Yuhas was a secretary for the Struthers Board of Education before retiring in 1996. Mr. Yuhas served in the US Army from 1950 – 1952. He retired from Republic Steel/WCI in Warren, OH, in 1990.

Both Eugene and Rosemarie are members of Branch 259 in Struthers, OH, where Mr. Yuhas is president and Mrs. Yuhas is vice president.

Mr. Yuhas celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, August 18, 2018, with family and friends – followed by a family gathering after Mass on Sunday, August 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Yuhas are members of Christ Our Savior at Holy Trinity Church in Struthers, OH.

- Submitted by Vivian Sedlacko, Branch 259 Secretary

New Slovak Ambassador to the United States

Effective September 1, 2018, Ivan Korčok has been appointed Slovak Ambassador to the United States. He replaces Peter Kmec whose term has expired. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Korčok was the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. He also held several positions representing the Slovak Republic at the European Union and NATO. Ambassador Korčok was born in Banská Bystrica. He is married and has two sons.



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



(L – R) Taylor Weaver daughter of Elmer Weaver and Jamie Kunkle, Gabrielle Kriley daughter of William and Sandra Kriley, Nolan Turco son of Francesco and Linda Turco, Matthew Hiles son of David and Amanda Hiles, Jacob Herbst son of Timothy and Sandra Herbst, Noah Klingensmith son of Brenda Klingensmith, Nathan Fulton son of Robert and Deena Fulton, & Branch President, Teresa Moore.

Missing from photo: Taylor and Tess Crawford daughters of John and Melissa Crawford, Madison Strotman daughter of Kirk Strotman and Jan Pennington, & Mariah Kephart daughter of Donald and Danielle Kephart. Photo & article courtesy of Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary.

Branch 200 Provided Scholarships to 11 Students

On August 8, 2018, the Slovak CU Branch 200 provided scholarships to 11 1st time students furthering their education beyond high school that reside within the Armstrong School District. I have a photo I can send to your cell phone but need your number again. We are so blessed and thankful to be able to provide these gifts to these students. May they do well in their future endeavors and make us all proud.

Best regards,

Officers, Board of Directors and Members of Br. 200



Hi, Kids (and All Those Young at Heart):

Trick or treat! It's almost that time, isn't it? – Halloween is almost upon us, sweet with the promise of tons o' sugar coming our way thanks to our generous neighbors, schools and communities. But my special treat for you isn't another candy bar (hey, now: it can't be all Mallomars & Reese Cups☺) – it's some cool info on the holiday we've come to know as Halloween.

Whatever you do this coming holiday, be safe out there!

Your friend (tvoj priateľ)

Chewy



A Treat from Chewy: A Short History of Halloween



Halloween or Hallowe'en (a contraction of All Hallows' Evening), also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve is a celebration observed in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed [Editor's note: see front page for All Saints/All Souls observations in Slovakia].

It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain & Brythonic festival Calan Gaeaf that may have had pagan roots; and that Samhain itself was Christianized as Halloween by the early Church. Some believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, separate from ancient festivals like Samhain.

Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.

- As posted on Wikipedia

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An Awesome Annual Parish & Jednota Picnic in Mississauga

Here are some special moments from our Annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish and Jednota Family Picnic held July 8, 2018, at Creditvale Park in Mississauga, Ontario. The weather was fantastic and the food was excellent, with entertainment provided by our local dancers and singers. Games for the children in attendance were organized by members of Jednota with prizes awarded to participants. It is very nice to see smiles on children's faces. A visit from the Jednota executives and their family members is always appreciated.

Many thanks go to organizers of the parish and our Jednota members.

Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



Board Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) and their families included: (L-R) Florence Matta, National Treasurer George Matta, II, Supreme Court Member and Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec, FCIC, Ruzena Kapitan, Supreme Court Member Mike Kapitan, Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt, Region 8 Director Milos Mitro, and Catherine Matta.



September Event Honored Slovak- Canadian Heritage Dating Back to 1968 Invasion of Czechoslovakia

Alena Melas, president of the Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum

On Sunday, September 23, 2018, about 200 parishioners gathered at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Mississauga, Ontario, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the arrival of many to Canada. Hundreds of Slovaks immigrated to Canada after the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by thousands of Russian troops. A special Mass was dedicated for this anniversary and a festive lunch followed. Mrs. Anne Mitro had organized a very unique program that started with a recording obtained from CBC radio of their broadcasts of the event 50 years ago. It was quite dramatic. Then some of the people who experienced this personally spoke about their individual situations. Katka Gulej, Dagmar Prugler, Rastislav Orel, Julia Gulej, Katka Orel Alena Melas and Dakna Gulej are past students from the Slovak school that have been friends for 50 years had reunited for a memorable photo with their teacher Mrs. Marika Olah. This was a very special occasion for many that day.

The Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum prepared a special display of five showcases with newspapers with stories and pictures from 1968. The pictures were from the collection of Mr. Joe Radvansky who arranged the events chronologically of the Russian tanks and soldiers hurling into the country. The demonstrations by the people showed



Anne Mitro (L), who is also a branch and district officer in the FCSU, organized a program highlighting the dramatic events of 50 years ago, while others shared their stories with attendees. In the background: a special display of newspaper stories and pictures from 1968, prepared by the Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum.

their horrified faces as they feared that another war might be coming. This fear is what made many people decide very quickly to run to neighbouring countries or to the US and Canada. The museum would like to thank the people who shared their stories as it was not easy for many to recall these horrible times. The collection of these stories will be ongoing by the museum. There is still time if you would like to submit your account of your experience please contact the museum and we will be happy to assist you.

The Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum will continue this theme and will host a pro-

fessional speaker from the Canadian National Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax. Mr. Jan Raska will be coming to Toronto to speak at the University of Toronto and then will come and present that lecture to us at the SCHM on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 10:30AM at the CSL/SCHM hall at 259 Traders Blvd. E. #6 in Mississauga. Mr. Raska is a former student of Professor Mark Stolarik in Ottawa. We are very fortunate to have been able to arrange for Mr. Raska to come and spend some time with us at the museum. He will take these stories back to the Pier 21 Museum where they will be entered as accounts

of that historic event. So the more stories we collect the stronger our Slovak voice will be in history archives. We once again invite you all to come and support this museum event. We also invite you to bring any photos, artifacts, documents, currency, stamps, pins, buttons, ribbons, super 8 films or slides that you may have to show or to donate. Please help us by contacting us and telling us your story. This is your chance to be a part of something important for our common Slovak Canadian Heritage.

Slovak Museum 289-553-1762 or 416-721-7652 slovakmuseum@gmail.com.



Past students from a local-area Slovak school reunited for a memorable photo with their teacher, making the commemorative event even more special for many that day



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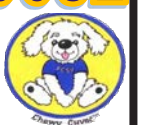


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Scenes from FCSU at September NJ Festival

The 41st New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival was held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 in East Brunswick, NJ, at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds.

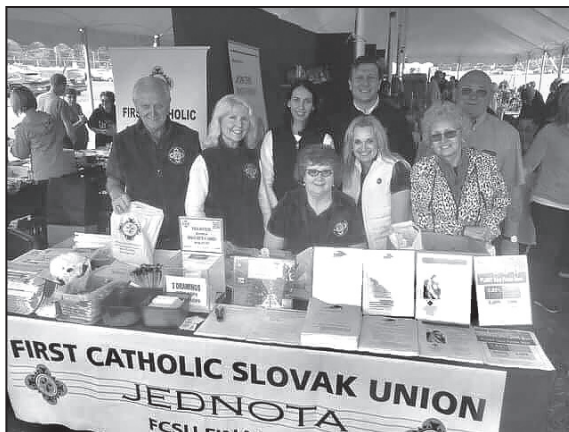
An 11:00AM Mass opened the festivities, with a cultural program beginning in the afternoon. Throughout the day, numerous vendors offered Slovak items along with an assortment of delicious Slovak food and baked goods for sale. At the First Catholic Slovak Union table, festival attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the Society's mission, services, and products.

Several members of the First Catholic Slovak Union were in attendance - including Home Office Staffers Miriam Visnovsky and Terezia Rozmus, and Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec who set up and worked the FCSU table; Sabina Sabados Region 1 Director & Branch 746 President; and other members of Branch 746.

Slovak dignitaries in attendance included Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajčák, who also has served as the President of the United Nations General Assembly for the 72nd Session since 2017.



Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union at the booth where they met and greeted festival attendees and shared information about our Society.



Branch 746 Ladies Met with Ladies from Slovakia

Girl power! (L - R): Mary Ann Ranahan (Treasurer Branch 746); Consul General of the Slovak Republic Ladislava Begec; Slovak television moderator and wife of President of the 72nd General Assembly of the United Nations Jarmila Lajčáková-Hargašová; Emilia Filak (Supreme Court Member, District 4 President); and Dr. Andrea Mlynarova, professor of mathematics and wife of H.E Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the UN Michal Mlynar. Photo & caption courtesy of Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director.



[L - R] The FCSU's Terezia Rozmus, Sabina Sabados and Miriam Visnovsky with some of the younger attendees at the Slovak Festival in New Jersey.



[L - R] Slovakia's Miroslav Lajčák flanked by the FCSU's Terezia Rozmus, Andrew P. Rajec, and Miriam Visnovsky.



The day included a Slovak cultural program and lots of Slovak baked goods for sale.



Check out these great scholarships being offered for students of Slovak descent and Slovak speakers in 2019:



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The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc has extended its deadline for accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program to October 31, 2018.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE 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:
Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.**

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

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

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2018

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

The FCSU at the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club's Annual Festival

On Sunday, September 2, 2018, the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, under the direction of President Henry Horvath, hosted its annual Slovak Festival, a fundraiser for its hour long Slovak radio program that airs every Sunday morning from 11:00AM to noon on WERE AM 1490. Several Radio Club officers are members of the FCSU as well, including its President Henry Horvath, Branch 855, Program Director Milan Kolbusky, Branch 450, Trustees Barbara Sutilla, Branch 855, and Marie Golias, Branch 1.

The festival was held at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall in Parma, OH, from 12:00 Noon – 8:00 PM, with homemade Slovak food and pastry, music for dancing and listening pleasure by the Anthony Culkar Band and Wayne Tomsic Bands, and vendors –including the First Catholic Slovak Union. Home office staffer Bob Kopco, Branch 24 President, available throughout the day, offering information about the Society's insurance products and annuities, while many members helped with service and set up including: Teresa Ivanec, Jednota Editor and Branch 24 Auditor, Thomas Ivanec, Branch 24 Auditor, and Barbara Sutilla, Branch 855, and Ann Sutilla, Branch 855, helped with service and set up.

The Festival's cultural program started at 3:00PM, with Tom Ivanec, acting as MC. George Čarny, Branch 450 President, led the singing of the Slovak National Anthem. The featured performing group, directed by Thomas Ivanec, was the Lučina Slovak Folk Ensemble of Cleveland, OH, and the troupe's children's group, Lučinka. A special performance on the Slovak overtone flute fujara was performed by Branch 450's Michael Anderko.



The Lučina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Greater Cleveland, including its children's troupe Lučinka, marching in at the start of the entertainment program that they headlined.



(L - R) Lučina Director & Branch 24 Member Thomas Ivanec introduces Branch 450's Michael Anderko who was a featured fujara soloist.



(L - R) Lilly Hally, Branch 24, and Jessica Chuba, Branch 450, wait their turn to visit the face painting artist.



Joseph Oros, Branch 24, provided much of the delicious homemade bakery on sale at the festival.



(L - R) Branch 24's Fr. Marek Visnovsky and Branch 450's Milan Kobulsky, who is also the Program Director for the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club



Three members of the First Catholic Slovak Union who also have been instrumental in starting and supporting the Slovak Festival: (L - R) Paul Brunovsky, Branch 450; John Buydos, Branch 1; and John Spirka, Branch 450.



(L - R) Marie Golias, Branch 1 Secretary, with Miriam Visnovsky, FCSU Home Office Staffer and Branch 24 Member



Susie Halley of the Slovak Heritage Society of Greater Cleveland was among the vendors selling Slovak-related goods at the festival.



Adriana Scally, Branch 450 Member & Home Office Staffer, with her children Ava and Lucas, also of Branch 450.



Local branches of the First Catholic Slovak Union were sponsors of the 2018 event.



Branch 450's Caroline Visnovsky cools off with an FCSU fan.



News From Slovakia

Danko Opens Exhibition of Photos on Dubcek in Greek Parliament



Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko (photo by TASR)

Athens, September 24 (TASR correspondent) – Visitors to the Greek Parliament in Athens have the opportunity to see an exhibition of photographs dedicated to the memory of Slovak politician Alexander Dubcek (the leading figure in the Prague Spring of 1968), jointly opened by Slovak Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko (Slovak National Party/SNS) and his Greek counterpart Nikos Voutsis on this date.

“As the top representative of the Greek Parliament, I’d like to express my thanks and admiration for the work done by this prominent politician. The year 1968 was significant not only for Czechoslovakia itself; the events of that year influenced developments in other countries as well,” stated Voutsis after viewing the exhibition. At the same time, he presented a medal of the Greek Parliament to the Slovak parliamentary chairman.

The opening of the exhibition formed part of Danko’s official visit to Greece. Before meeting Voutsis, the Slovak parliamentary chairman visited Greek President Prokopios Pavloupos.

Kiska in Chicago Honors Memory of Czechoslovakia’s Founder Masaryk



Slovak President Andrej Kiska (photo by TASR)

Chicago, September 28 (TASR correspondent) – Slovak President Andrej Kiska and Slovak Ambassador to the United States Ivan Korcok in Chicago on Thursday, September 27, laid wreaths at the memorial of Czechoslovakia’s first president Tomas Garrigue Masaryk to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the joint state of Slovaks and Czechs.

“It was nice to come to the city where he (Masaryk) arrived exactly

100 years ago in May and where more than 150,000 Slovaks and Czechs waited for him. They were looking forward to the news and messages concerning the establishment of the Czechoslovak state,” said Kiska.

The Slovak president also visited the University of Chicago, where he discussed with the students, he delivered speech to Slovak expats at the Benedictine University and visited the Slovak Academy of Chicago, at which children are taught Slovak on Saturdays.

“It’s incredibly pleasing to find in the United States in the big city of Chicago Slovaks who have been living here for years and who are very proud to be Slovaks. ... I’m very glad that we have such a little Slovakia also in the middle of the United States,” said Kiska.

Tourism in Slovakia Growing For 4th Year in Row



(Stock photo by TASR)

Bratislava, September 5 (TASR) – More than 2.5 million tourists spent at least one night in Slovakia in the first half of 2018, up by almost 4 percent compared to the same period last year.

According to Transport Ministry spokesperson Karolina Ducka, Slovakia’s tourism has been steadily growing over the past four years.

“The number of tourists has been growing and tourism is becoming an important part of our economy, which makes us very happy. It’s important for us to continue this trend, improve our services and offer the potential we have here to the tourists. So that visitors can have only the most beautiful experience of Slovakia and have reasons to come back again,” said Transport Minister Arpad Ersek.

In the first six months of this year tourists spent in Slovakia about 6.9 million nights, an increase of 3.8 percent. The Zilina, Bratislava and Presov regions were among the most preferred.

Of the total number of tourists, Slovaks made up 61 percent (more than 1.5 million individuals) whereas foreign tourists made up the remaining 39 percent (around 1 million individuals). The number of Slovak tourists went up by almost 3 percent year-on-year, while the number of tourists from abroad increased by almost 5 percent y-o-y in the first half of 2018, stated Ducka.

Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

United Slovak Societies announces the hosting of the following;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

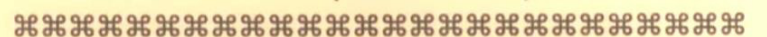
- Submitted by Michele Mager, Secretary-United Slovak Societies; Board of Director Member, American Slovak Club- Lorain, OH; Member, FCSU Branch 228



University of Pittsburgh
Pitt Student Slovak Club &
Slovak Studies Program
present the

Slovak Heritage Festival

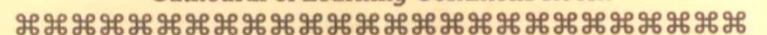
(28th Annual!)



Sunday, November 4, 2018

1:00-5:00 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh (Oakland)
Cathedral of Learning Commons Room



FREE admission -- This year’s musical performers:

Jozef Ivaška, internationally renowned singer from Slovakia
Pittsburgh Slovaks
PAS (Pittsburgh Area Slovaks)
The Singing Revilak Family
Slavjane Folk Ensemble
Ben Sorenson on Fujara
And others!

Also Featuring: Cultural Displays & Lectures
Shop for Christmas: Slovak and East European import vendors
Ethnic Food (klobasa, halušky, holupki, pirohy, and pastries)

(please donate cookies or pastries in support of this wonderful FREE festival. Bring them to the pastry table in the Commons Room)

For more information, call Christine Metil@ 412-624-5906 or email Slavic@pitt.edu



**SLOVAK RADIO
CULTURAL & SOCIAL CLUB
FUNDRAISER**

WHEN: FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 23, 2018

WHERE: PARMA TAVERN

5680 BROADVIEW RD

PARMA

TIME: 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY
TICKETS ARE \$25.00 PER PERSON
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For Tickets/Information Please Contact:

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Henry Horvath 440-463-2009

Donna Oros 440-465-6412

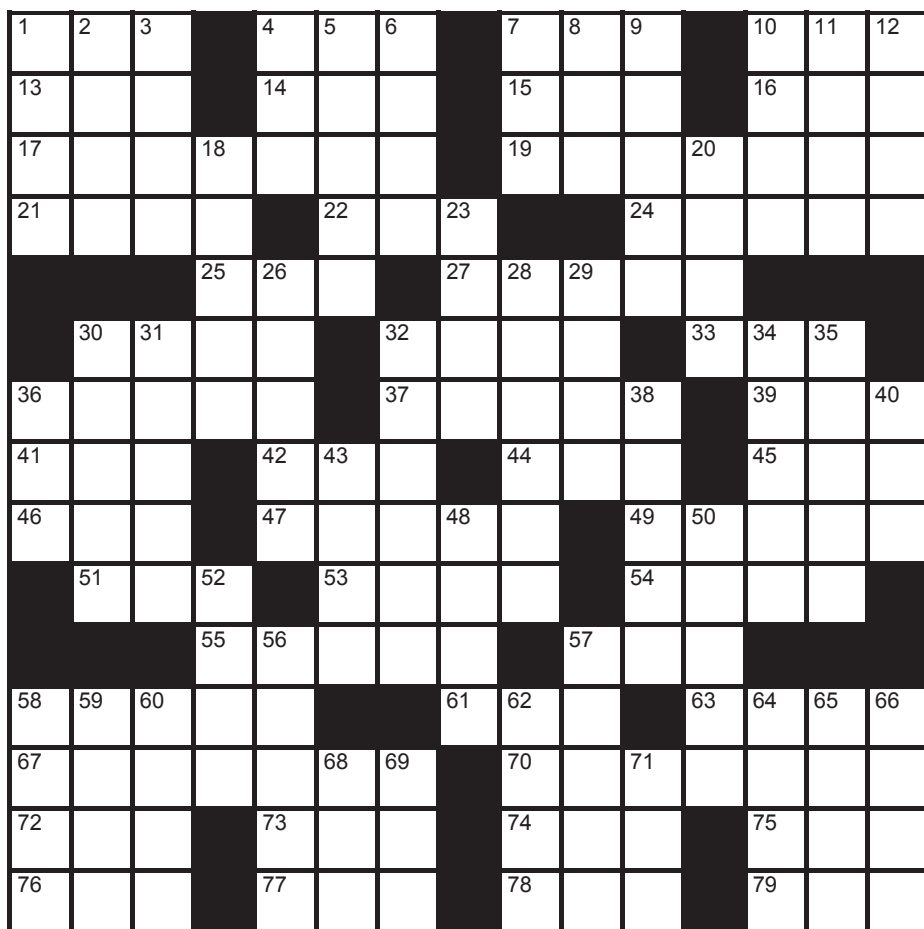
Milka Anderko 440-582-0114

Barbara Sutilla 440-864-4744

Marie Golias 216-338-8179

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE SLOVAK RADIO CLUB ON 1490AM, EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00AM – THE LONGEST RUNNING ETHNIC BROADCAST RADIO PROGRAM IN CLEVELAND OHIO. SOON TO BE CELEBRATING 80 YEARS!!!

**Jednota Crossword
Puzzle**



Across

- 1 CEO's degree
- 4 Maid's cloth
- 7 Figured out
- 10 Menu phrase
- 13 In poor health
- 14 Honest one
- 15 Hail, to Caesar
- 16 Bagel topper
- 17 Small bag
- 19 Crêpe
- 21 "Scram!"
- 22 Cigar residue
- 24 Haven
- 25 URL ender
- 27 Smells
- 30 Whip
- 32 Exposed
- 33 Harbor posting
- 36 Companion of Artemis
- 37 Decrees
- 39 Dated
- 41 Roll of bills
- 42 Grimm character
- 44 Decompose
- 45 Female rabbit
- 46 Car nut
- 47 Kind of spray
- 49 Lock horns
- 51 Easy chair site
- 53 Exceedingly
- 54 Marsh growth
- 55 Quartz variety
- 57 ___ judicata
- 58 Hiker's path
- 61 Sweet drink
- 63 Present mo.
- 67 Unfortunate
- 70 Hotel offering
- 72 Helm heading
- 73 Sgt.'s address
- 74 Nonexistent
- 75 See 30 Down

Down

- 6 Actor Tom of old westerns
- 7 Mother's Day month
- 8 Money dispenser
- 9 Lamb's mother
- 10 Irish Sea feeder
- 11 Kind of lamp
- 12 Atlas stat
- 13 Pine product
- 14 Hammer's target
- 15 Twinkle
- 16 Invoice word
- 17 Not us
- 18 Indian princess
- 19 Mountaintop
- 20 Comedian Carvey
- 21 Riviera city
- 22 Pack away
- 23 Daly of *Judging Amy*
- 24 Jacuzzi
- 25 ___ sauce
- 26 Freddy Krueger's street
- 27 Overlook
- 28 Lackluster
- 29 Kind of sax
- 30 "Go, team!"
- 31 Crosswise, on deck
- 32 Salon supply
- 33 Breach
- 34 Egg cells
- 35 Pavarotti, e.g.
- 36 Woeful word
- 37 Norse god of discord
- 38 Lumberjacks' tools
- 39 Winter warmer
- 40 Detective's assignment
- 41 Pueblo dweller
- 42 Utah town
- 43 ___ beloved
- 44 Savvy about
- 45 Deception
- 46 Pigeon's perch
- 47 Printer type
- 48 Sidestep
- 49 Vocally
- 50 Mouse catcher
- 51 Rubberneck

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November 14	November 5
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January 9	January 2 to accommodate New Year's Day
February 13	February 4
March 13	March 4
April 10	April 1
May 8	April 29
June 12	June 3
July 10	July 1
August 14	August 5
Sept 11	Sept 3 to accommodate Labor Day
October 9	Sept 30
November 13	November 4
December 11	December 2



Two Regional Wrap Ups of First Catholic Slovak Union o

Region 1's Adventures at the FCSU Convention

The delegates from Region 1 proudly represented their constituents at the 2018 FCSU Convention! Working hard by day and having fun at night, the delegates from Region 1 made an impact at this year's convention. The days were filled with discussion about the future of our society, important bylaw changes and so on. In the evenings, the delegates came together to sing traditional Slovak folklore songs from Eastern Slovakia. Delegates also attended the baseball game with a fireworks spectacular after the Indians won and a boat ride! Former US Ambassador to Slovakia Vincent Obsitnik stopped by Region 1's hospitality room to greet his fellow friends from Linden. Interestingly, Ambassador Obsitnik was born in Eastern Slovakia where most of Branch 746 members are from and lived for many years in Linden, New Jersey. He attended Linden High School with Branch member Anne Zofcak. What a small world!

We would like to thank the Executive Board and all of the Home Office staff that worked tirelessly to make the convention a great success! Your efforts were much appreciated and we thank you for your long hours to make sure that we had everything was running smoothly! It was a pleasure meeting our fellow Jednota members from around the country. A great big congratulations to Jozef Jurasi (Branch 45) on his re-election to the Supreme Court, to Emilia Filak (Branch 746) for her election to the Supreme Court, and to Sabina Sabados on her re-election as Regional Director!

- Submitted by Region 1 Director Sabina Sabados.
Photos courtesy of Sabina Sabados



Photo Courtesy of Joan Skrkon, Branch 716



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the 2018 Convention of the of the United States & Canada



Canadian Memories from the 51st Quadrennial Convention



These candid photos of Canadian Delegates from Region 8 and other Delegates were taken at the 51st Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Canada, held from August 4 – 8, 2018, in Cleveland, OH. The convention was well organized and ran quite smoothly. The introduction of electronic voting during the review of the current bylaws was a great help and time saver. The evening Goodtime III boat cruise was a great success.

- Submitted by Jerry Siman, Branch 785 Member and National Pension Board Member. All photos courtesy of Jerry Siman



(L – R) National President Andrew M. Rajec and Mrs. Idka Rajec, Branch 89; Mrs. Teresa Arendt, Branch 228 Delegate, and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt.



Photo Courtesy of Joan Skrkon, Branch 716



Teresa Ivanec, Jednota Editor and Branch 24 Delegate, and Thomas J. Ivanec, Sunday Evening Entertainment Coordinator and Branch 24 Delegate.



Canadian Delegates from Branch 785: (L-R) Milan Zoldak, Mary Zoldak, Mike Kapitan, Ruzena Kapitan, Anne Forma, Ed Forma, Josie Siman, Jerry Siman, Marilyn Jursa, and Emil Jursa.



Newly elected Pension Board Trustees: (L- R) Anna Gibson, Branch 24 Delegate; Jerry Siman, Branch 785 delegate; and Karen Engle Sterling, Branch 112 Delegate.



Guests in Canadian Hospitality room at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown included (L-R) Karen Davis 855 Delegate; Caroline Visnovsky; Miriam Visnovsky, Branch 24 Delegate; Andrew P. Rajec, National Officer Delegate; and Katherine Katrenich.



Members of Branch 785 aboard the Goodtime III cruise ship on Tuesday evening of the convention: (L- R) Seated: Mike Kapitan, Supreme Court Member and Milos Mitro, Region 8 Director. Standing: Jerry Siman, Pension Board Member, Josie Siman, Ruzena Kapitan, and Anne Mitro



Eastern European Folk Band Harmonia, including Alex Fedoriouk, Branch 24, on cimbalom (c) playing at cocktail reception prior Sunday's formal Presidential dinner.



Josie Siman standing at bottom right of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum



BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society-Branch 1-will hold its next meeting on December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Das Schnitzel Haus located at 5728 Pearl Road, Parma, OH, 44129. This is our annual Christmas party. A brief meeting will be held before dinner. This is our annual Christmas party. Election of officers will be held at this time. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 6 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephens Society, Branch 06K, will hold its annual meeting and election of officers for 2019 on Sunday, November 25, 2018, at 12 noon. The annual meeting will be held at: 1406 N. Baker St., Streator, IL, with a lunch provided by the branch following the meeting. All members are invited to attend; or those wishing to receive information on purchasing an insurance policy or annuity are encouraged to attend. Please call 815-822-8851 or 815-672-1764.

Paul Chismar, Secretary

BRANCH 7 - HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 9:00AM at Christ the King Parish Center, 100 Brisbin St. Houtzdale, PA. Election of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Joseph C. Cervenak, President

BRANCH 10 - OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, will hold its semiannual meeting, audit and election of officers at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at the Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Ave, Olyphant, PA. Branch 10 members interested in serving as an officer are asked to contact board president Daniel Spegar at 570-587-2175 no later than Friday, November 23.

William F. Nalevanko, Secretary

BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. A Mass will be offered for our deceased members at 8:30 a.m. in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 79 Church St., Bridgeport, CT. Following the Mass, our members are invited to return to the church hall in the lower level of the church for our annual meeting and breakfast.

At this meeting, the John A. Zahor Scholarship will be awarded to the following college freshmen:

Kayla Rose Mecure
Andrew Madar
Tyler Nolan
Emily Rose Proulx
Hannah Jayne Sherriff

This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years Mr. Zahor served as president of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to the education of its young members.

In addition, the Andrew J. Imbro Grant will be given to the following college juniors:

Julia Rose Farrell
Alex Kuruc
Samantha Lello
Matthew Gerics
Zachary Piroh
Connor Prince
Sara Ann Serdy

Also at this meeting, the election of officers will take place and the distribution of our annual donations will be discussed.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meeting and enjoy seeing their friends.

Deborah M. Nelson, Secretary

BRANCH 23 - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23K, St. Joseph Society, is holding a meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21 2018, at 2PM. The meeting will be at Denny's Family Restaurant, Theater Drive, Johnstown, PA. If you have any policies with Jednota, First Catholic Slovak Union, then you are a member, and you are encouraged to come. If you don't know if you ARE a member please call me. If you would like to

become a member, we welcome you and will let you know how to become part of our Family. Come to see what is new and what we are all about. There will be Election of Officers at this meeting. You will also hear about the 51st. National Convention attended by our Branch Delegates. A lunch will be served. Any questions please call Theresa Cassat at (814) 254-2532.

Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 1:00PM at the Hungarian Business Club, 15805 Libby Road, Maple Heights, OH, 44137. The branch will hold election of officers at this meeting. Luncheon will be served directly after the meeting; for reservations, please call Tom Ivanec at (440) 668-7797.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St Andrew Svorad Society, is providing special members-only pricing for the St. Andrew Abbey Vilija Dinner to be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at St. Andrew Abbey 10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, OH. Mass is at 12:00 (noon) with dinner to follow [Editor's note: please see page 3 of this issue for details].

Ticket prices are \$10 for branch members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required and available by calling Tom Ivanec at 440-668-7797. Please make checks payable to Branch 24. The deadline is Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 - BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels, Branch 35, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at 1987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills PA. The agenda will include election of officers for 2019, officer reports, a Convention report from delegates and discussion of branch and district activities.

Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 38 - WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its annual meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 7:00PM at 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, PA 15131. The agenda will include officers' reports and discussion on 2019 fraternal social activities. All Branch 38 members are urged to attend. Additionally, Branch 38 would like to congratulate Hannah Formica and Noah Formica, the recipients of the 2018 First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship.

If anyone is interested in FCSU Annuities or Life Insurance, please call Florence Matta at 412-466-7460.

**Logan Haselhoff, President
Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 45 - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 12.00 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports; a report on last year's activities; election of officers; and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 60 - MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 60 will hold its annual meeting Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the home of President Ann Wargovich (58 Lilmont Drive, Swissvale) at 1:00PM. On the agenda will be Officers' reports, convention news, election of officers, and other upcoming events. All members are urged to attend.

Julie Perla, Secretary

BRANCH 75 - SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch

75KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 10:00AM at the residence of Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. Agenda items include: the presentation of the fiscal year-end reports; nomination and election of officers for the coming year; and any additional branch business will be entertained. All interested members should make an effort to attend this semi-annual meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 85 - BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Florian Society Branch 085K will hold its fall meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 7:00PM at the Jessup American Legion Post, 411 Church Street, Jessup, PA. The agenda will include election of officers for 2019.

Stella Skovira, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 - MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 will hold its Fall Communion Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, November 25, 2018, at the Capitol Café, 14375 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI, 53222. The meeting will begin immediately following a 9:00AM Mass at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3970 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53222. Issues for discussion at the breakfast meeting: 2019 activities and insurance dividends.

The cost for breakfast is free to members; guests are welcome, with a cost of \$15 per person. Please make a reservation by November 19, 2018 by calling Mike Novak at 414-445-5382.

Fraternal regards,

Mike Novak, President

BRANCH 112 - MAHANOEY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The annual meeting of Branch 112 will take place on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at noon at OIP Restaurant in Frackville, PA. The agenda will include officer's reports, changes in the bi laws from the 2018 convention, election of officers and new business. All Branch 112 members are invited to attend.

Please call Karen Sterling at 570-640-1796 by November 25, 2018, if you plan on attending.

Karen Sterling, Secretary

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Throughout the month of November, we remember our members who have passed on to their eternal reward. Please pray for the following members who have died during the past year:

Joseph Macicak
Frank Drinka
Irene Hutnik
Rudolph Bernath
William Jedlink
Edwin Rulak

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 8:30AM at the Park Inn by Radison Restaurant, 700 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA, 15401.

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

All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the brunch meeting. Call for reservations by December 1, 2018, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 as well as any changes for policies or address changes.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 181 - UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 St. John the Baptist Society will conduct a dinner meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 6PM at Sharky's Cafe, 3960 Route 30, Latrobe, PA, 15650.

All members are encouraged to attend.

The agenda will include election of officers, discussion of the recent FCSU Convention and

Branch 181 scholarship recipients.

Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting for the sole purpose of "Election of Officers" on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:30 PM at Christ, Our Shepherd Center (formerly known as Bishop Connare Center). Upon entering the building, members will be directed to the meeting/voting area. Membership is encouraged to attend and vote for the 2019 Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Patula, Secretary/Treasurer

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: Nov 1st with nomination of branch officers; and Dec. 6th with election of branch officers

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

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

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

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

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 254 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 11:30am at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads, Mt. Lebanon, PA. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Joe Senko at 412-956-6000.

Joseph Senko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 259 - STRUTHERS, OHIO

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will hold their annual meeting at the Bedford Trails Golf Course Restaurant in Coitsville, OH, on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 3:00PM. We will have an election of officers for the coming year 2019 followed by a luncheon. Reservations can be made by calling 330-755-8316. We would like to extend our wishes for a Holy and Happy Holiday Season to all members.

Vivian Sedlacko, Secretary

BRANCH 276 - MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Branch 276 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2108, at St. Patrick's Church Hall on 32nd Street in McKeesport, PA, at 1:00PM. On the agenda will be the discussion of the National Convention which was held in Cleveland, OH, in August. We will also discuss coming events for the new

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 4 – THE MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at Carpaccio Ristorante, 651 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, NJ 08846. Please RSVP to Steve @ (908)-507-0505 by October 10th if you plan on attending. Agenda will include discussion and a summary review of the Cleveland Convention, as well as plans for future events. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the Deer Lake Inn located at 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346 (that is exit 93 on I-75, and just 1 mile west of I-75).

Our meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the Agenda will be Officer Reports and New Business which includes 2019 FINANCIAL BUDGET, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2019 and results from the FCSU AUGUST, 2018 CONVENTION held in Cleveland, OH.

Branch 633 is hosting this meeting. Please notify Dianna Rimarcik at (PHONE NUMBER) 248-714-9620 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than October 12th so the restaurant can be notified of the number of attendees expected. If you are unable to confirm prior to the event but wish to attend, a \$20.00 fee will be collected at the restaurant. Those making advance reservations will NOT be charged.

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

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

DISTRICT 6 – THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 38 will host the Fall Business Meeting on November 25 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Street Extn, West Mifflin 15122. Officers for 2019 will be elected and activities for the year will be discussed. The Steelers play at Denver and the game does not start until 4:25.

Heavy rain from Hurricane Gordon ruined our plans to attend an afternoon Pirates baseball game in September. We will reschedule in the spring, possibly early May. Details will be announced as more information becomes available.

Branch 276 will host the Spring, 2019 business meeting in early April. Other branches are encouraged to host the Fathers' Day brunch and the Fall business meeting. If you have suggestions for other events, please contact Annie Ondrejco.

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

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

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd, Mt Lebanon PA: November 5: Transitioning from Slovakia to America; December 3: Slovak Show-N-Tell. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt – Sunday, November 4 – noon till 4. Free. Entertainment, talks, and 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. A summer class for children will start May 25, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

** The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International will hold its 2019 meeting in Nebraska. "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, 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 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

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

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 – THE REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT – OHIO

Please mark your calendars for our final meeting of 2018. It will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 2:30 pm at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311.

Election of Officers for 2019 will be held and planning our future as a District will be covered. If you

are interested in running for an office for the District please email your intentions and the office which you are interested in servicing for the District. Email to lhanko@neo.rr.com.

If you plan on sending branch members to the meeting – please call Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 (home) or 330-690-6911(cell) or email to the address listed above.

We hope to see a good turnout in support of our District and for the Society as a whole.

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 1:30 PM at the C.U.Club, 910 Sixth Avenue, Ford City. When possible, Branches should designate their representatives to Grace Charney, District Secretary, at (724) 664-7185 by October 20; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Significant Agenda Items

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

Reminders

-- Per FCSU By-Laws, Branch representation at one of the two District meetings each year is required to qualify for receipt of the annual Branch stipend.

-- Up-to-date payment of District dues and attendance at District meetings are requirements for Branch eligibility to send delegate(s) to the quadrennial FCSU Convention.

-- Branch representation at District meetings need not be by Branch officers; any beneficial member may represent his/her Branch.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 - REVEREND JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Reverend Joseph L. Kostik, District 14, Region 6 will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 20th at 6 pm at the Falcon Grille, 39 N. Canfield-Niles Road (Rt. 46) in Austintown. We will be electing and installing officers at this meeting so please try to attend and bring a fellow member with you if possible. We will be discussing our Christmas Party and activities for the coming year. Suggestions are encouraged and welcome for 2019 activities.

Grace Kavulic, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – REV. JOSEPH KOSTIK DISTRICT

District 14, Region 6, Rev. Joseph Kostik District will be holding its Annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 6 pm at Rachel's Restaurant, 54 Westchester Drive in Austintown, OH. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be made by December 1, 2018, by calling Sue Carney at (330) 770-6810. There will be no meeting, just an enjoyable evening with all members and guests of our Okres.

Grace Kavulic, Secretary

DISTRICT 16 - THE MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018, in the Rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY immediately following the 10:15 Slovak Mass. On the agenda will be reports from the Districts, financial report, election of officers for 2019, and discussion of upcoming activities in 2019. Members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 are urged to attend. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend.

A light Lunch will be served to the Members attending.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT – LUZERNE & LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA, & BROOME COUNTY, NY

The District's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, with Mass celebrated at 11:30AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, followed by lunch at 12:30PM. Meeting will begin immediately after. Election of officers will take place and everyone has the opportunity to hold a position. You may be nominated from the floor. Everyone has a gift of themselves to offer – i.e., interest in Jednota/talent willing to share with the members/ideas to increase awareness of the benefits of belonging and/or just your presence is welcome. COME AND KEEP FRATERNALISM ALIVE ...

Are your district dues up to date? IMPORTANT. A review of the Convention will be given so that those who were not able to attend will be informed.

See you on Sunday, October 28th. No reservations necessary. Call Michael Slovenkai, District President at (570) 342-7562 if you have a question.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 20 - THE PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT

The Prince Rastislav District of Montreal, Quebec, will hold its yearly meeting on November 18, 2018, immediately following the 11 o'clock Mass at Sts Cyril and Method Parish Hall.

The past year's events will be discussed including the reports of officers and future prospects for the District. It is important that members of Branches 784 and 810 be present in sufficient numbers as a new committee will have to be elected. The future of the District along with all future events will depend on the ability to elect a committee for the future.

A light lunch will be served following the meeting.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President



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

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed
on Thursday, November 22 and Friday 23, 2018,
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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
002K	Dorothy Henry	085K	Emily M Hopkins	312K	Bertha Marie Sliz	670K	Leonard E Hofmann
005P	Helen M Balliet	085K	Mary Lukasik	382K	Helen Liparulo	670K	Ronald J Hornak
005P	Deborah Ann Helton	112K	Jean Hasara	410K	Marcella Dvorchak	682K	Loretta Tatarka
019K	Cynthia A Kazmirsky	112K	Kerry Lyn Mega	410K	Margaret A Zavatchen	743K	Ivan Bucko
024K	Rev Placid Pientek OSB	157K	Susan M Hertz	419K	Margaret Zasada	746K	Peter Kovaly
035K	George Rentka	157K	Walter J Jurasinski	450K	Andrew J Moodry	746K	Francis A Pollack
038K	Margaret F Dankovic	162K	John Thomas Hoferka	450K	John Valkucak	746K	John Stuler
038K	Robert J Grande	166K	Matthew F Felo	484K	Michael D Petrunak Jr	756K	Donald Mrva
040K	Elvina Ramza	173K	Joseph J Onzik	543K	Rose M Turnelius	831K	Evelyn J Golgan
045K	Elizabeth Bartkovsky	199K	Patricia Poklembo	595K	Dorothy M Lakos	831K	Susanna E Shawler
055K	Nicholas C Giampietro	260K	Robert D. Svetlak	618K	Andrew M Petro Jr	857K	Mary Ann Levan
055K	Dorothy Ann Twardy	293K	Robert Stoffey	628K	John Zilka	857K	John T Muha
		294K	Frank Perna	670K	Frances S Cunningham	900K	Janette M Thomas

*Processed through the month of September

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS A. ROHAL, SR. BRANCH 157 – CATASAWQUA, PENNSYLVANIA



Francis A. Rohal, Sr., 94, of Bethlehem, PA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 14, 2018, surrounded by his loving family at Sacred Heart Senior Living, Center Valley. He was born on May 3, 1924, in Bethlehem, PA, to Michael and Mary Rohal. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Helen (Gerkovich) Rohal. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bethlehem Township. He was employed for many years by the Bethlehem Steel Corp., AB&E Refrigeration and as a self-employed contractor. Francis will be lovingly remembered by sons, Joseph Rohal and wife, Lana of Baton Rouge, LA; Michael Rohal and wife, Jan of Glen Ridge, NJ; daughters, Andrea Zimmerer Sentiwany and husband, James of Bethlehem; and Marlina Rohal of Ottsville, PA; daughter-in-law, Patricia Rohal of Baton Rouge, LA; brother-in-law, Paul Gerkovich and wife, Alma of Walnutport; grandchildren, Trisha, Kimberly, Kristen, Mark, Charlotte, and Kyle, and great grandchildren, Eddie, Robert, Christian, Caitlyn, Kiera and Brayden. He was predeceased by a son, Francis; and brothers, John, George and

Joseph. A prayer service was held Thursday morning, July 19, 2018 at the Connell Funeral Home in Bethlehem, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bethlehem. Calling hours were held earlier that day at the funeral home. Burial was at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery. - Submitted by Andrea Zimmerer Sentiwany

MICHAEL E. ROVNAK BRANCH 587 – ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA



Michael E. Rovnak, 96, formerly of Hopewell, entered peacefully into eternal life on August 20, 2018 at the Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, FL. Michael was born on May 7, 1922, in West Aliquippa, PA, son of the late Steve and Anna Dulay Rovnak. As a young man Michael joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in New Mexico during the Great Depression. During the Second World War, Michael volunteered with Bombing Squadron 341 of the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving as an airplane mechanic in the South Pacific before returning home to West Aliquippa. He spent the duration of his 44-year career as a millwright working for the Jones & Laugh-

lin Steel Company, before his retirement in 1984.

Michael was a member of St. Titus Catholic Church in Aliquippa. He was married to his loving wife, the late Mary (Fenchak) Rovnak, for 69 years, and together they raised seven children. Michael was actively involved in the Holy Name Society at St. Titus and greatly enjoyed Pittsburgh sports, Slovak cultural events, tending to his garden, attending Marine reunions, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Michael will be remembered dearly by those who knew and loved him. The son of Slovak immigrants, he embodied the American Dream in every sense, working his entire life to ensure the security and prosperity of both his family and his country. Michael and his wife Mary worked tirelessly to ensure that their children and grandchildren were surrounded by love and opportunity, and his family is grateful for the sacrifices that Michael made on behalf of his family.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his brothers George, Steven and John; his sis-

ters, Anna Olexa and Margaret Galzarano; and his grandson, Matthew Adams.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Montini, Aliquippa; brother-in-law Michael Fenchak (Pam), Windsor, Ontario, Canada, sons Michael Rovnak (Cora) of Ft. Myers, FL, Thomas Rovnak (Cynthia) of Palmetto, FL, Paul Rovnak (Robin) of Lancaster, PA, and Robert Rovnak (Cynthia) of Sarasota, FL; daughters Mary Anne Adams-Turka (John) of Sarasota, FL, Patricia Patchell (Edward) of Sarasota, FL, and Susan Rovnak of Baltimore, MD; ten grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family were received from 2:30 to 6:30PM on Friday, August 24, 2018 in the Huntsman Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aliquippa. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10AM on Saturday, August 25, 2018, in St. Titus Catholic Church, Aliquippa, with the Rev. Thomas Wilson presiding. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Hopewell Twp. where the US Marines and the Beaver County Special Unit rendered Military honors.

Answer to Puzzle

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How Lovely is the Evening



How lovely is the evening!
I hear the sounds of night,
The nightingales are singing
And skies with stars are bright.

The big moon beams above us,
Serene the heavens lie;
How lovely is the evening
Crowned with the lovely sky!

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year. Election of officers for the new year will take place at the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 290 – RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

Branch 290 will hold a meeting on Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM. On the agenda: election of branch officers for 2019.

Please call or text Steve Minarovich at (908) 507-0505 for the location if you plan on attending.

Steve Minarovich, Branch Secretary

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312K will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Drive, Latrobe, PA, 15650. For more information, call 1-724-539-8326.

Michaelene Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 313 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Branch 313, St. John the Baptist Society, will be holding a semi-annual meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 11:30AM. The meeting will be held at Fox's Orland Park, located at 9655 W 143rd Street, Orland Park, IL. This meeting will include the election of branch officers and will be followed by a complimentary fraternal luncheon. Branch members are welcome to attend.

Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 367 - FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph, Branch 367, will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 2 PM. All members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at O'Gillies Pub, 200 E. Asken Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. Election of officers for 2019, the 51st FCSU convention in Ohio and activities that were completed for the year will all be discussed. Any member planning on attending please call President, Audrey Balazik 724-438-3887 or Secretary, Kathryn Baranek 724-569-1006. We would like to wish our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Kathryn Baranek, Secretary

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saints Cyril & Methodius Society, Branch 382K, will conduct its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Officers and members will gather at noon in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include reports of the executive officers and representatives to the District 17 meeting and the 2018 Quadrennial Convention. Members will also discuss future branch activities. Information from the home office will be disseminated.

Election of officers for 2019 will be held.

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

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

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, welcomes all members of the former Branch 823. The branch will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 2:00PM at the New City Buffet, 5142 State Rt. 30, Suite 175, Greensburg, PA. On the agenda: a discussion of the 2018 Convention held in Cleveland, OH, based on this recent merger. All members are welcome. For reservations, please call Mary Ann Nalevanko at 1-724-834-6386 by November 16th.

Mary Ann Nalevanko, Secretary

BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 2:00 at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Election of officers for 2019 will be on the agenda.

Call for reservations by Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 724-425-2576 Members are encouraged to attend.

Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary

BRANCH 450 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 450, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

The meeting will be held at 11:00AM, at Holy Spirit Church Hall. 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH, 44129.

On the agenda will be officers' reports. Financial report for 2018. Discussion of branch activities and other business pertaining to the branch. The election of branch officers will take place at this meeting.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshment will be served after meeting.

Fraternally,

George P.Carny, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 484 – CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 484KJ, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 2:00PM in the home of Financial Secretary Monica Rura, 819 Power Plant Road, Coral, PA 15731. The agenda will include election of officers, reports, payment of bills, donations, membership and general discussion of branch issues. May all enjoy a beautiful and colorful fall, and a very Blessed and Faith-filled Christmas.

Monica Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the BVM Society, Branch # 493 in Chicago, will hold its Annual Meeting and Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm. After the meeting, attendees will enjoy a delicious Christmas Luncheon. Location: Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL.

If you plan to attend, please notify the branch financial secretary at (773) 558-5956 or (502) 244-6643 by Wednesday, November 21 so we can give an accurate head count to the restaurant beforehand.

Robert T'apa'k Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553, will be holding the final lodge meeting for 2018 on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Slovak "J" Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors must send your written intentions stating the position you are interesting in filling to the Nominating Committee at the above address. Letters must be in by November 12, 2018.

Upcoming events at the Slovak "J" Club:

1st Wednesday of every month – Spaghetti served from 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday's club opens at 11:30 am – come watch your favorite college teams

Sunday's club opens at 12:00 pm – come support the Browns

10/28 Sunday – Browns/Halloween Party

11/10 Saturday – Wine Festival featuring Jim Golen and George's famous sausage sandwiches

11/24 Saturday – Ohio State VS Michigan – Tailgating event

12/16 Sunday – Annual Vilija Celebration 4:00 pm - \$15.00 per person

Any questions – call the club at 330-786-9972.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart of Jesus Branch 580 will hold a meeting on October 24, 2018 at my home in Ligonier at 1PM. Election of offices will take place. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Secretary

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at Harold's Inn, 2134 Broadhead Road, Aliquippa, PA, at 2:00PM. Election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. Please make reservations by calling 724-375-2287 before October 25, 2018.

Edith Valo, Secretary

BRANCH 628 – MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Penn Hebron Garden Club, 237 Jefferson Road, Penn Hills, PA. The agenda will include the election of new officers for 2019 and a summary of events and issues during 2018.

Sincerely,

Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 706 – DYER, INDIANA

The St. Anthony Society, Branch 706KJ, will hold its second semi-annual meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2018. First, we will be meeting at the Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicgo, IL at 11am, to decorate the Slovakia Christmas tree. Afterward, we will hold our meeting at Bar Louie, located at 5500 S Shore Dr, Chicago, IL. We will be discussing any updates needed for the Christmas tree. Also on the agenda is the Easter Coloring Contest and District 2's Spring Brunch/Show, organized by Barbara Fayta and Lynda Tanis. Please email Lynda Tanis at Lynda.tanis@comcast.net if you would like to attend. Branch 706 would like to extend our congratulations to Mary Fayta, who was awarded the 2018 Jednota and District 2 Scholarships.

Lynda Tanis, Vice President

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 716 FCSU, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, after the Slovak Mass at 12:30 PM in the Meeting Room, in the downstairs hall at St. John Nepomucene Church, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, also a report on the year's activities, election of officers for 2019, and a Convention report from delegates. Also discussion of plans for the upcoming year 2019 will take place. All Members are urged to attend and participate. After the Meeting adjourns, a hot lunch will be served.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Branch 721 will have their fall meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 2:00PM. It will be held at the home of Julius Remenar, Financial Secretary. His home is located at 8977 S. Mason Road, Bannister, MI. Election of officers will be held. All members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On December 16, 2018 members of Saint Joseph Branch 731 will celebrate Mass at 11AM for our deceased branch members. The election of officers for 2019 will be held at an annual meeting following the Mass. The Mass and annual meeting will be held at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Avenue, Youngstown, OH.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 738 – MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 738K Munhall, PA and Branch 038K White Oak, PA.

All members of Branch 738K will now hold

membership in Branch 038K.

This merger has taken place as of October 2, 2018. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

FLORENCE K MATTA
3409 EISENHOWER DR
WHITE OAK, PA 15131
(412) 466-7460

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

Fraternally,

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 743 – STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 1:00PM. On the agenda will be Officer's Report, a 2018 financial report, approval of the 2019 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2018 Branch Officers will also take place.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30AM at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI.

The annual meeting will follow the Slovak Mass in the Church Social Hall. Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

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

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

Joseph C. Rimarcik,

President and Financial Secretary

BRANCH 756 - OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Branch 756 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018, in the gym of the St. Joseph School, on 811 E. Oliver Street in Owosso, MI. Meeting time is 10:30AM.

We are also looking for additional paid officers, and then we will have an Officers' Election.

After a short meeting we will go to the Knights of Columbus Center on East Main St for a delicious Chicken Dinner. All members and guest are invited. I will reimburse your cost for the first 10 members. Please RSVP your attendance to 517-381-8358.

Stephan J. Patoprsty, President

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 will hold its next meeting on November 27, 2018, at 9:30AM at the Kozy Kitchen Café, 2723 Elm Road, NE, Warren, OH. On the agenda: election of officers for 2019 and a feastday dinner discussion. For more information, contact Bill at 330-372-1948 or email hrusovskyw@embarqmail.com.

William Hrusovsky, Secretary

BRANCH 784/810 - MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Branch 784/810 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, immediately following the 11 o'clock Mass at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish hall.

We urgently request the attendance of members of the branch, as yearly elections are on the agenda.

A report of the activities for 2018 including reports of officers will be held at the meeting. Any future activities will depend on the election of the new committee.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will hold their annual meeting November 11, 2018. Meeting will be held in the basement of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 4454 Main St. Whitehall, PA

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AD CANADA JUNE 22 – 23, 2018 HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

FIRST SESSION:

Friday, June 22, 2018

Rudolf Ondrejco
Gary MattaFraternal Activities Director
General Counsel (via teleconference)**OPEN MEETING:**

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. 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 (via teleconference)
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 (via teleconference)
Henry Hassay	Regional Director, Region 6
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 Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA:

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Michael Lako 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 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 23-24, 2018:

A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Michael Lako to accept the minutes of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held March 23-24, 2018, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

AQS REPORT:

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report via web ex and telephone 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENRICHMENT TRAINING:

The President introduced Mr. Todd Martin, Partner from Stinson Leonard Street, LLP, who has previously represented 16 Fraternal Societies in various legal matters. Mr. Martin presented his agenda:

- The History, Status and Future of Fraternal Benefit System
- Board of Directors Duties and Responsibilities
- Fraternal Governance Best Practices
- Use of Board Committees
- Board Policies and Enforcement

RECESS OF SESSION:

The Board recessed for lunch.

SECOND SESSION:

Friday afternoon, June 22, 2018

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the afternoon prayer.

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 (via teleconference)
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 (via teleconference)
Henry Hassay	Regional Director, Region 6
Milos Mitro	Regional Director, Region 8

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENRICHMENT TRAINING:

Mr. Martin completed his presentation and answered the Board's questions.

MIDDLETOWN PROPERTY:

The President led a discussion concerning the preparation of the sales agreement for the property in Middletown, PA. Attorney John Feichtel joined the meeting by phone to discuss finalizing the sales agreement with Kinsley Properties and D&H.

The President stated there are still several issues that need to be worked out with the potential buyers. Once these issues have been resolved, the sales agreement should be finalized.

A motion was made by Michael Lako and seconded by George F. Matta II for Attorney Feichtel to draw up the final sales agreement once these issues have been resolved. Motion carried unanimously.

The President stated he will present the finalized sales agreement to the Board before it is signed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:Executive Secretary's Report

The Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the first quarter of 2018. After his report he answered the Board's questions. The Executive Secretary stated that the 2018 first quarter Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper. The Executive Secretary stated we are in the process of completing the second quarter financial report and once it is completed the financial report will be sent to all directors.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati

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

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

LINDEN PLAZA:

The President led a discussion regarding the settlement agreement that was reached with Mr. Nardo regarding Linden Plaza.

The President stated all issues with Mr. Nardo were resolved to our satisfaction and the final settlement payment has been made to Mr. Nardo.

The President stated this should put an end to this issue.

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.

CONVENTION UPDATE:

The Executive Secretary led a review of the Convention Agenda and the schedule of events planned for the 51st Convention to be held August 4-8, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Executive Secretary stated we are still looking at the possibility of using electronic voting devices at the Convention. There will be a presentation made by Padgett Communications next month and a final decision will be made.

The Executive Secretary stated that if anyone would like a Hospitality room reserved at the Convention to notify him as soon as possible.

The Executive Secretary told the Board to encourage their delegates to make their hotel reservations before the deadline.

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ADJOURN:

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

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

THIRD SESSION:

Saturday, June 23, 2018

OPEN MEETING:

Reverend Thomas Nasta opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by celebrating a Mass for the eternal repose of the soul of Regional Director Rudolph Bernath, Region 7, who had recently died.

ROLL CALL:

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

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| Rev. Thomas Nasta | National Chaplain |
| Andrew Rajec | President |
| Andrew Harcar, Sr. | Vice President |
| Kenneth Arendt | Executive Secretary |
| George Matta II | Treasurer (via teleconference) |
| 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 (via teleconference) |
| Henry Hassay | Regional Director, Region 6 |
| Milos Mitro | Regional Director, Region 8 |
| Rudolf Ondrejco | Fraternal Activities Director |
| Gary Matta | General Counsel (via teleconference) |

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT:

The President asked James Marmol, President of Jednota Properties, to report an update on the repairs needed on the Memorial in Middletown, PA. Mr. Marmol stated that all repairs will be addressed and taken care of.

Mr. Marmol stated that Jednota Properties, Inc., will declare an additional dividend of \$10,000 to FCSU.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated that the Father Furdek statue will be moved from Middletown, PA to the Home Office in Independence, OH in the near future.

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Vice President's 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.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Director of Fraternal Activities Rudolf Ondrejco stated that the Golf Tournament will be held July 20-22, 2018 in Blairsville, PA.

The President stated that the Presidents of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Greek Catholic Union approached him expressing an interest in joint fraternal activities. The President stated he will meet with these Presidents for further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chairman of Auditors Karen Hunka stated that she has exciting news to share. She has been accepted as a lay missionary with the Lay Mission-Helpers (LMH) Association, serving God's children in Ghana, Africa. She will be moving to Los Angeles in August to begin a four-month period of formation. After this training period, she plans to go overseas in January 2019 for three years. She will send articles and updates to the editor so that we can follow her journey.

The Board wished her the best of luck and asked her to keep in touch. She will be in our prayers.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

A motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Sabina Sabados 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.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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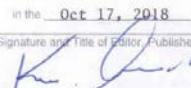
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The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm. All Branches recently merged with Branch 796, Holy Trinity Society, Egypt PA, are cordially invited to the meeting.

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

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

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

Wishing all a very Blessed Thanksgiving. God Bless,

Monica Fabian Recording Secretary

BRANCH 855 - PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The meeting will be held at 1:30PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church Parish Activity Center [Borromeo Room], 5891

Ridge Road; Parma, Ohio 44129. The agenda includes the election of officers and discussion of activities for 2019. Please contact Linda Kolesar at 440-886-0206 by November 9, 2018, if you plan to attend.

Fraternally,
Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON, DC AND AREA

Branch 856 will hold their semi-annual meeting on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the home of Secretary Marion Mistrik 4513 Gladys Drive Bethesda, MD, 20814. Would like to see more members at our meetings. Discussion on activities for coming year 2019. Again our branch is planning a Mass in September in honor of our Slovak Chapel Our Mother of Sorrows that is in Basilica in Washington, DC. Would like to thank the people from NY and NJ who faithfully have been coming to celebrate this day to our Blessed Mother patroness of Slovakia. Wishing all member of Branch 856 a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski 919-651-0363.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018. HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta II, Treasurer (via teleconference)
Damian Nasta, Regional Director (via teleconference)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES:

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

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 President invited Andrew P. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents, to join the meeting. Mr. Rajec reported the recent increase in annuity rates has brought an excellent response from our agents he has contacted. He will continue to reach out to our remaining agents by means of letter, email or telephone call and inform them of the new annuity rates.

The Executive Committee decided to extend the JEP program's first year free initiative until December 31, 2018.

The Executive Committee is reviewing the current commission rates paid to licensed agents.

We will continue to advertise our new annuity rates on our website, thru emails, and mail to all branch officers.

The Executive Secretary recommended increasing the Park 2 Annuity beginning September 1, 2018 from 2.10% to 2.35%. The Executive Committee accepted his recommendation.

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.

Larry White led a review of new investment opportunities which the Executive Committee will take under consideration.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Annuity Rates:

The Executive Secretary led a review of the second quarter financial statement and answered the Committee's questions. The Executive Secretary stated the financial statement will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

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 made recommendations on new investment opportunities. The Executive Committee will take it under advisement.

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 July for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

Monthly Disbursements

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

Disbursements for the month of July 2018:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 114,902.86
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 29,955.31
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.

CONVENTION:

The Executive Secretary said that he is in the process of paying all the delegates who served on committees at the 51st Convention. He is also finalizing the hotel bill and all Convention expenses. A final report will be given to the Board at the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting in September.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Secretary stated that the Board of Directors Meeting will be held September 21-22, 2018 with the Executive Committee Meeting to follow.

The Executive Secretary stated that Larry White from AQS Management, LLC will hold an AQS Workshop in Pittsburgh on November 8, 2018 and has invited the Executive Committee to attend.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt and seconded by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

BRANCH REQUIREMENTS FOR BRANCH STIPEND

The following are requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend:

Bylaw Section 4.05 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

"By the end of March of each year, the Home Office shall pay each local branch \$5.00 per member, per year, not to exceed \$8,000.00, provided the local branch has fulfilled the following requirements:

- (a) Published, announced and conducted two (2) semiannual meetings, one (1) of which shall be an annual meeting held for the election of officers. Meeting attendance (sign in) sheets or copies shall accompany the reports submitted to the Executive Secretary.
- (b) Submitted an annual report to the Executive Secretary on a provided form, by February 15th of the following year.
- (c) Submitted a financial report to the Executive Secretary on a provided form, by February 15th of the following year.
- (d) Hosted, sponsored, promoted, or attended at least one (1) fraternal activity in the past year.
- (e) Produced at least one (1) new contract in the previous calendar year. Branches with two hundred fifty (250) or more members must produce at least two (2) new contracts.
- (f) Provided the Home Office, on a continuing basis, current addresses of members and completed change of beneficiary forms, death reports, and such other documents as required by the Home Office.
- (g) Sent a branch representative to attend at least one (1) district meeting per calendar year. Those in attendance at the district meeting may vote to provide a branch with an excused absence.
 1. Members attending a district meeting shall sign an attendance sheet evidencing their presence at the event. No later than February 15th the District shall notify the Executive Secretary of those branches failing to meet this attendance requirement of article "g" above.
 2. The Executive Secretary shall publish no later than May 1st in the Official Organ those branches failing to meet the requirement of section 4.05.
- (h) Maintained good standing within its district by paying current fiscal year dues and any dues that may be outstanding from previous years.
- (i) The requirements of this Section must be met by the branch to receive payment of any other compensation.

Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES**14.01 General Rules**

- a) Branch and district meetings shall 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.

Správy zo Slovenska

Bratislava - Slovenský vojenský policajt Radovan Januška zachránil nedávno v Afganistane život americkému občanovi. Januška je príslušník slovenského kontingentu Resolute Support. V umývárni jednej z budov našiel civilného kontraktora ležať v bezvedomí. Okamžite mu poskytol prvú pomoc a dal ho do stabilizovanej polohy. Následne privolať prvú pomoc z ROLE 2 na základni HKIA. „Som nesmierne hrdý na každého jedného vojenského policajta alebo profesionálneho vojaka, ktorí nás takýmto spôsobom reprezentujú, či už doma, alebo v zahraničí, ako tomu bolo v tomto prípade. Nadrotmajster svojou pohotovou reakciou zachránil život a to je skutočne slovami neocenené,“ uviedol minister obrany Peter Gajdoš.

Bratislava – Tohtoročný 30. október má byť jednorazovým štátnym sviatkom, počas ktorého si Slovensko pripomenie 100. výročie prijatia Deklarácie slovenského národa z 30. októbra 1918 v Turčianskom Sv. Martine. Návrh novely zákona o štátnych sviatkoch v utorok odobrili poslanci Ústavnoprávneho výboru Národnej rady SR a odporučili jeho schválenie na septembrovom zasadnutí parlamentu.

Bratislava – Obedy pre všetkých žiakov základných škôl a posledných ročníkov materských škôl by mali byť zadarmo od 1. januára 2019. Uviedol to počas tlačovej konferencie predseda strany Smer-SD Robert Fico. Toto sociálne opatrenie strany Smer-SD sa týka skupiny detí, ktorá predstavuje zhruba 516.000 žiakov základných škôl a posledných ročníkov materských škôl. „Najmä na druhom stupni škôl je účasť detí na stravovaní nízka, pohybuje sa na 50 – 60 percentách,“ povedal Fico.

Bratislava - Návštevnosť Slovenska nepretržite rastie už štvrtý rok za sebou. Počet hostí v prvom polroku 2018, ktorí na Slovensku strávili minimálne jednu noc, dosiahol viac ako 2,5 milióna. V porovnaní s rovnakým obdobím minulého roka je to nárast o takmer štyri percentá. Informovala o tom hovorkyňa ministerstva dopravy Karolína Ducká. „Čísla návštevnosti stúpajú a turizmus zastáva dôležité postavenie aj v našej ekonomike, čo nás veľmi teší. Je dôležité, aby sme v tomto trende pokračovali, skvalitňovali naše služby a ponúkali turistom potenciál, ktorý tu máme. Aby si hostia odnášali zo Slovenska len tie najkrajšie zážitky a mali tak dôvod vrátiť sa opäť,“ povedal minister dopravy Ľuboslav Ďeržavský (Most-Híd).

Bratislava - Rýchlym riešením nedostatku zdravotníckeho personálu v slovenských nemocniciach by mohlo byť prijatie kvalifikovanej pracovnej sily z Ukrajiny, Srbska či z kultúrnej a jazykovo podobných krajín, aj mimo Európskej únie. Zhodli sa na tom prezident Asociácie nemocníc Slovenska (ANS) Marián Petko, prezident Asociácie zamestnávateľských zväzov a združení (AZZZ) SR Tomáš Malatinský a viceprezident ANS i člen prezidia AZZZ SR Igor Pramuk. Zamestnávateľia pripomínajú, že kríza nedostatku pracovníkov sa takto riešila aj pred rokom 2015, ale zmena podmienok prijatia lekárov a sestier zo zahraničia na pracovný trh, ktorú vtedy zaviedlo ministerstvo školstva, spôsobila, že počet žiadostí o prácu v slovenských nemocniciach značne poklesol.

Bratislava - Slovenská biotechnologická firma MultiplexDX, ktorá sa zaoberá diagnostikou rakoviny, získala uplynulý týždeň od amerického investora Ronalda Cooka a investorov z platformy Crowdfunder investíciu jeden milión eur. Ide o najväčšiu investíciu, ktorú získala slovenská biotechnologická firma. Investori sa zároveň stali spolujateľmi spoločnosti. Informoval o tom zakladateľ spoločnosti Pavol Čekan.

Bratislava - Od 5. do 9. októbra sa v Banskej Bystrici a šiestich ďalších obciach Banskobystrického kraja uskutoční 21. ročník najväčšieho festivalu bábkového divadla na Slovensku. Bábkarská Bystrica Tour 2018 ponúkne predstavenia pre detské i dospelé publikum, scénické diela viac než stovky umelcov, sprievodné a paradivadelné aktivity, platformu pre rodiny s deťmi v divadelnom šapite a iné inšpirácie bábkodivadelného sveta.

Bratislava – Zlepšenie ochrany matiek a nenarodených detí či zrušenie potratov na požiadanie, to je zmena, ktorú by chcel presadiť poslanec Národnej rady (NR) SR Richard Vašečka (nezaradený) pôsobiaci v mimoparlamentnom KDH. Vašečka uviedol, že život je prvoradá a základná hodnota. „Každý chce žiť. Každý má právo na život. Preto musíme chrániť život každého z nás. A to sa týka aj nenarodených detí. Musíme odmietnuť zabíjanie detí potratmi,“ povedal.

Bratislava – Slovenskí lekári a lekárnici neodchádzajú do zahraničia len kvôli platom. Väčšou príčinou ich odchodu sú zlé vybavenie nemocníc, nesprávne kroky vlády v zdravotníctve, nedostatočné a nekvalitné vzdelávanie, ale aj korupcia. Vyplýva to z názorov 500 slovenských lekárov. Na tlačovej konferencii v utorok prezentoval výsledky prieskumu poslanec Národnej rady SR Miroslav Beblavý (nezaradený).

Bratislava - Pri zadržaní podozrivých z vraždy Jána Kuciaka a Marty Kušnírovej zasahovalo 55 elitných kukláčov. Informovala o tom ministerka vnútra Denisa Saková (Smer-SD) na sociálnej sieti. Na zásahu sa podľa nej zúčastnili psodvodi, pyrotechnici, ostreľovači či lekári. „Podľa šéfa útvaru osobitného určenia išlo o štandardný zásah, ktorý mal hladký priebeh,“ uviedla a ocenila prácu policajtov.

Bratislava – Za vraždu novinára Jána Kuciaka zaplatil objednávateľ minimálne 70.000 eur. V hotovosti to bolo 50.000 eur, ďalších 20.000 eur bolo odpustenie dlhu. Objednávku mala vyplatiť obvinená Alena Zs. Odkiaľ dostala zákazku, polícia ďalej rieši. Objednávka bola iba na Kuciaka, jeho snúbenica Martina Kušnírová, ktorú tiež zavraždili, bola len náhodná obeť. Informovali o tom zástupcovia prokuratúry a polície na tlačovej konferencii Generálnej prokuratúry SR.

Berlín/Bratislava - Zavraždení novinári Daphne Caruanová Galiziová z Malty a Ján Kuciak zo Slovenska budú posmrtno odmenení nemeckou mediálnou cenou Goldene Victoria 2018 – Pressefreiheit in der Kategorie Sloboda tlače. Informovala o tom v pondelok agentúra DPA. Ocenenie bude odovzdané pozostalým po oboch novinároch. Galiziová písala o korupcii a obchodovaní s maltským občianstvom, kým Kuciak naposledy preveroval spojenie medzi členmi slovenskej vlády a talianskou mafiou.

Košice - Univerzitná nemocnica Louisa Pasteura (UNLP) v Košiciach po novom dokáže geneticky vyšetriť tkanivo niektorých typov nádorov už do troch hodín. Využila na to finančnú podporu z 22. ročníka zbierky Dňa narcisov, ktorú organizovala Liga proti rakovine. Informovala o tom v utorok hovorkyňa nemocnice Ivana Štašková.

Bratislava - Tohtoročný 30. október bude jednorazovým štátnym sviatkom, počas ktorého si Slovensko pripomenie 100. výročie prijatia Deklarácie slovenského národa z 30. októbra 1918 v Turčianskom Sv. Martine. Prezident SR Andrej Kiska podpísal novelu zákona o štátnych sviatkoch. Deklaráciou sa predstavitelia slovenského národa prihlásili k sebaurčovacíemu právu národov a k vzniku samostatného Československého štátu.

Kroměříž/Bratislava – Len silná Európska únia (EÚ) môže byť partnerom veľmocí, ako sú USA, Rusko alebo Čína. Vyhlásil to nedávno predseda Národnej rady SR Andrej Danko na stretnutí šéfov parlamentov Slavkovskej spolupráce v českom meste Kroměříž, kde zdôraznil potrebu spolupráce aj diskusie o budúcnosti EÚ.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska v Chicagu

Položením venca k pamätníku Tomáša Garrigua Masaryka v Chicagu si slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska spolu so slovenským veľvyslancom v USA Ivanom Korčokom uctili 27. septembra 2018 jedného zo zakladateľov Československa pri príležitosti 100. výročia jeho vzniku. Kiska bol v Chicagu ubytovaný v rovnakom hoteli, ako býval pred 100 rokmi aj samotný Masaryk, prvý prezident Československa.

„Bolo príjemné prísť do mesta, kde presne pred 100 rokmi v máji prišiel a kde ho čakalo viac ako 150.000 Slovákov a Čechov. Tešili sa na správy a posolstvá ohľadom pripravovaného spoločného Československého štátu. Pred 100 rokmi bol tu a ja som veľmi rád, že som po sto rokoch, síce o pár mesiacov neskôr, mohol spať v tomto hoteli,“ povedal Kiska. Na pamiatku dostal aj kópiu účtu za Masarykov pobyt.

Prezident okrem Masarykovho pamätníka navštívil aj Chicagskú univerzitu, kde študentom priblížil svoju cestu na prezidentský post, aj to, že kedysi v USA pracoval a okrem iného umýval napríklad dlážku. Ako však s úsmevom skonštatoval, nešlo o americký sen.

Kiska navštívil aj Slovak Academy of Chicago, kde sa desiatky detí každú sobotu učia slovenčinu. Zodpovedal aj na ich zvedavé otázky, napríklad, či chcel byť už ako malý prezidentom. Dozvedeli sa, že nie, túžil byť televíznym divákom. Rovnako, že doma musí šúpať zemiaky. S prejavom následne pred krajanmi vystúpil na Benediktínskej univerzite, v ktorej je momentálne nainštalovaná aj výstava o vzniku Československa.

„Je nesmierne milé, ak človek v Spojených štátoch, vo veľkom meste Chicago nájde zrazu ľudí, Slovákov, ktorí tu žijú už roky, niekoľko generácií a sú veľmi hrdí na to, že sú Slováci. Ten kúsok domova, ktorý som tu našiel, človek mal pomaly slzu na krajíčku, keď videl tie deti ako spievajú, tancujú, ako sa udržiavajú zvyky. Musím povedať, že klobúk dole,“ skonštatoval Kiska. Hrdosť miestnych krajanov na svoj slovenský pôvod považuje za úžasnú. „Som veľmi rád, že takéto malé Slovensko máme aj tu uprostred Spojených štátov amerických.“

Štvrtkovým programom prezident ukončil svoju štvordňovú pracovnú cestu v USA. V rámci nej v stredu vystúpil s prejavom na 73. zasadnutí Valného zhromaždenia Organizácie spojených národov (VZ OSN). Absolvoval tiež rokovania s generálnym tajomníkom OSN Antóniom Guterresom, gruzínskym prezidentom Giorgim Margvelašvilim a ukrajínskym prezidentom Petrom Porošenkom.

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Prezident SR Andrej Kiska si pozerá československú výstavu na Benediktínskej univerzite, Chicago 27. septembra 2018.

Slovak President Andrej Kiska visited the Czechoslovak exhibit at Benedictine University in Chicago on September 27, 2018.

Témou GLOBSEC-u v Tatrách budú aj problémy, ktoré by mohli zvrátiť pokrok

Piatok 5. októbra Štrbské Pleso po roku opäť hostí GLOBSEC Tatra Summit, ktorý je významnou výročnou konferenciou o najnaliehavejších európskych politických, hospodárskych a finančných otázkach. „Jej cieľ je jednoduchý, ale ambiciózný, a to pomôcť formovať budúcnosť Európy,“ uviedol prezident GLOBSEC-u Róbert Vass s tým, že jednou z hlavných tém budú aj problémy, ktoré by mohli zvrátiť pokrok v Európskej únii (EÚ).

Od svojho založenia sa transatlantický samit stal dôležitým miestom stretnutia pre stovky zástupcov vlády a EÚ, ako aj odborníkov z podnikateľských a mimovládnych sektorov. Vass dodal, že v priebehu rokov výrazne prispieva k vymedzeniu výziev, ktorým čelí Európa a ďalšie krajiny, a zároveň prináša diskusiu o možných riešeniach. Tohtoročná siedma edícia sa druhýkrát presunula na Štrbské Pleso.

„Zatiaľ čo v posledných rokoch Európa zaznamenala mierny hospodársky rast, na obzore existujú problémy, ktoré by mohli vyvrátiť pokrok. Patria sem štruktúra budúceho viacročného finančného rámca, inštitucionálne reformy EÚ a brexit. Preto financovanie budúcnosti Európy, podpora konvergencie, smart priemysel, inovatívny trh s energiou a trh práce patria medzi hlavné témy, ktoré sa majú prerokovať na GLOBSEC Tatra Summit 2018,“ ozrejmil Vass. Dodal, že hlavným cieľom podujatia a dôvodom jeho dlhodobého úspechu je to, že spája komunitu expertov, priemysel a štátny sektor.

GLOBSEC Tatra Summit je ustálenou platformou pre združovanie vedúcich tvorcov politik, popredných predstaviteľov firiem a vizionárov z akademických a mimovládnych organizácií. Medzi rečníkmi nebude chýbať napríklad podpredseda Európskej investičnej banky Vazil Hudák, podpredseda Európskej komisie pre energetickú úniu Maroš Šefčovič, ale aj komisárka zodpovedná za politiku hospodárskej súťaže Margrethe Vestagerová. Diskusie sa zúčastní napríklad aj premiér SR Peter Pellegrini a minister financií SR Peter Kažimír. „Šéf slovenskej diplomacie Miroslav Lajčák na samite vystúpi v panelovej diskusii na tému Medzinárodná spolupráca v turbulentných časoch: záchrana zo strany súkromného sektora?,“ informovali z tlačového odboru Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR.

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Minister M. Lajčák na Festivale slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey

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potomkov sa pravidelne takto stretávajú už 41 rokov, kde si pripomínajú tradície a zvyky domoviny, odkiaľ prišli ich predkovia, ako aj mladšie generácie. „Je úžasné vidieť, ako si ctíte odkaz svojich starých a prastarých rodičov a hlásite sa ku svojim koreňom. Zároveň ma naplnia hrdosťou, keď si uvedomím, koľko Slovákov sa dokázalo presadiť nielen v Amerike, ale aj v iných kútoch sveta. Aj keď sa Slovensko geograficky neradí medzi najväčšie štáty sveta, stopy, ktoré sme zanechali v rôznych oblastiach vedy, výskumu, v športe, kultúre, či v ďalších odvetviach, sú nezmazateľné,“ uviedol vo svojom príhovore minister Lajčák, ktorý zároveň poukázal na dôležitosť vzájomnej súdržnosti.

S krajanmi následne debatoval o viacerých témach, vrátane toho, ako im môže Slovensko pomôcť, ale aj o podmienkach, ktoré postupne vytvára vláda doma za účelom návratu tých, ktorí o to majú záujem a môžu byť značným prínosom pre ďalší rozvoj spoločnosti.

MZV SR

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Prehĺbenie katolíckej viery Slovákov

žijúcich v USA a Kanade prostredníctvom médií

LUX New York je slovenská katolícka produkčná spoločnosť so sídlom na Manhattane, ktorej hlavným cieľom je prostredníctvom audiovizuálnej tvorby pomáhať prehlbovať katolícku vieru medzi Slovákami žijúcimi v USA a v Kanade. Naším snom je zároveň navzájom prepájať jednotlivé slovenské farnosti a komunity "za oceánom" a šíriť evanjeliové hodnoty v mediálnom priestore.

Z Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého vám pravidelne prinášame priame prenosy nedeľných sv. omší v slovenčine o 10.15 hod. a v angličtine o 12.00 hod., ktoré môžete sledovať na našej facebookovej stránke LUX New York. Okrem toho každú druhú sobotu o 10.00 hod. z nášho kostola vysielame naživo na TV LUX slovenskú sv. omšu, na ktorú vás srdečne pozývame (informácie nájdete na našom Facebooku alebo vo farskom bulletinu).

Každý utorok si tiež môžete pozrieť reláciu Spojení oceánom so zaujímavým hosťom so slovenskými koreňmi žijúcim v USA alebo v Kanade. LUX New York pre vás zároveň pripravuje krátke reportáže zo života slovenských farností "za oceánom", zamyslenia a povzbudenia biskupov a kňazov i laikov.

Na to, aby sme mohli v tejto službe pokračovať ďalej, potrebujeme aj vašu pomoc! Podporte nás už dnes online, telefonicky alebo poštou. Ďakujeme za akúkoľvek podporu, vďaka ktorej môžeme prinášať duchovné povzbudenie vám i mnohým ďalším.

Ponuka populárnych rozprávok a

folklórnej hudby čo pre najväčší okruh krajanov

Dovoľujem si Vás osloviť s prosbou o spoluprácu. Moje meno je Rastislav Martinický a spoločnosť A.L.I. spol. s r.o., ktorá od roku 1993 pôsobí na slovenskom trhu ako vydavateľ od roku 1993. Vydali sme jedinečné nahrávky Terchovskej muziky, ktorá je zapísaná ako Svetové kultúrne dedičstvo UNESCO, v interpretácii Bratov Muchovcov a tiež množstvo piesní z regiónu Šariš v interpretácii Ľudovej hudby Šarišan a veľmi obľúbenej a populárnej speváčky Moniky Kandráčovej.

Spracovali sme viac ako 200 rozprávkových titulov a desiatky piesní pre deti, na ktorých tvorbe sa podieľalo množstvo popredných autorov slova a hudby, výtvarníkov, režisérův, profesionálnych tvorivých pracovníkov a viac ako 300 populárnych slovenských hereckých osobností a detských interpretov.

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Veľkou prednosťou aplikácie je jej okamžitá dostupnosť kdekoľvek na svete, jednoduchosť inštalácie a ovládania, prehľadnosť, spoľahlivosť, vysoká technická kvalita zvuku, nahrávky je možné počúvať vždy a všade aj bez pripojenia na internet tzv. OFFLINE, veľmi výhodná cena za používanie v porovnaní s cenou CD a v neposlednej rade významne šetrí životné prostredie.

Bol by som veľmi rád, keby sa nám podarilo s Vami naviazať spoluprácu v propagovaní našej ponuky, aby sa informácie dostali medzi čo najväčší okruh krajanov a tiež k všetkým tým, ktorí sa chcú zoznámiť našou kultúrou a jazykom. Naše aktivity a činnosť môžete sledovať a zdieľať aj na: Webe: www.rozpravkypredeti.sk; Youtube rozpravkovo ali <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzNuAUvKkDBR89AhdGBUtzg>; Facebooku/ rozpravkovo. ali <https://www.facebook.com/pg/rozpravkovo.ali/posts/> Ďakujem Vám a teším sa na krásnu a plodnú spoluprácu v šírení našej kultúry v zahraničí.

Rastislav Martinický

Výzva na predkladanie žiadostí o štipendium na študijné, výskumné, umelecké a prednáškové pobyty v letnom semestri akademického roka 2018/2019

Milí krajanovia, v rámci Národného štipendijného programu Slovenskej republiky na podporu mobility bola zverejnená nová výzva na predkladanie žiadostí o štipendium na študijné, výskumné, umelecké a prednáškové pobyty v letnom semestri akademického roka 2018/2019.

Uzávierka na predkladanie žiadostí je 31. októbra 2018 do 16:00 hod., pričom pobyty sa budú môcť realizovať v rámci letného semestra akademického roka 2018/2019. Žiadosti o štipendia možno aktuálne predkladať on-line na www.stipendia.sk, resp. www.scholarships.sk.

Národný štipendijný program Slovenskej republiky je určený na podporu mobility zahraničných študentov, doktorandov, vysokoškolských učiteľov, výskumných a umeleckých pracovníkov na pobyty na slovenských vysokých školách a výskumných organizáciách. Podrobné informácie o programe môžu uchádzači získať na oficiálnej webovej stránke programu www.stipendia.sk, resp. www.scholarships.sk.

V prípade otázok, týkajúcich sa Národného štipendijného programu, sa môžete obrátiť priamo aj na administrátorov tohto programu – Daniela Remenar Kirdová (daniela.remenar.kirdova@saia.sk), uchádzači o štipendium s trvalým pobytom na Slovensku; Lukáš Marcin (lukas.marcin@saia.sk), uchádzači o štipendium zo zahraničia.

Dožinková zábava v New Yorku

V nedeľu 21. októbra 2018 bude v spoločenskej hale Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 66th a First Avenue, Manhattan, NY dožinková zábava. Slovenská svätá omša bude o 10.15 hodine. Zábava začne hneď po svätej omši. Podávané budú tradičné slovenské jedlá a hrať bude skupina Express. Vstupné je \$40.00 za dospelých a \$10.00 za deti od 12 rokov. V cene je započítané predjedlo, polievka, hlavné jedlo, dezert, pivo, víno a nealkoholické nápoje. Bližšie informácie a rezervácie vstupeniek sú k dispozícii na fare, tel. číslo: 212-734-4613.

Slovenský ples v Royal Manor, Garfield, NJ

Slovensko - Americké Kultúrne Stredisko oznamuje záujemcom, aby si zaznamenali v kalendári konanie "Slovenského plesu", ktorý sa uskutoční v sobotu, 23. februára, 2019. Organizátori pripravujú zaujímavý program a bohatú tombolu. Bližšie informácie na adrese: slovakamericanc.org; Vstupenky na tel. čísla Zuzka: 973-357-1209; Tanya: 908-377-2446.

Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka

Zabijačková večera v Slovenskej záhrade vo Winter Park, FL

SLOVAKFEST 2018 bude v sobotu 20. októbra 2018 o 2.00 hodine v malej spoločenskej hale v Slovenskej záhrade, 3110 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL. Podávané budú jedlá: zbojnícka pečienka so zemiakmi, kyslá kapusta, klobásy a slovenské koláče. Vstupné je \$20.00. Počas popoludnia bude hrať slovenská ľudová hudba. Bližšie informácie a rezervácie na tel. č. 407-677-6894, alebo slovakgarden@centurylink.net.

Slovenský festival na Pittsburskej univerzite, Pittsburgh, PA

Pozývame Slovákov a Slovenky na Slovenský festival pri Pittsburskej univerzite, ktorý sa bude konať v nedeľu 4. novembra 2018. Pripravuje ho Slavic Department a študenti Slovenského štúdia. Vstupné je na festival zdarma, prebieha od obeda do 5-tej poobede. Na podujatí môžete obdivovať výstavu slovenských predmetov, ochutnať jedlá pripravené na slovenský spôsob a prípadne si i zaspievať počas vystúpenia slovenských súborov.

Ročná Schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 2. decembra 2018 o 12:00 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančné správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie potom budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie. Úctivo Vás žiadame, o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdzi. Ďakujem s pozdravom,

Maria Jurasi, pokladníčka

Technická „nulová“ bankovka

Technická univerzita v Košiciach si osobnosť Aurela Stodolu pripomenie pri príležitosti 160. výročia jeho narodenia v rámci akademického roka 2018-2019 „Rokom Aurela Stodolu“. V rámci tohto roka bude niekoľko tematických akcií, ktoré budú venované životu a odkazu významnej osobnosti.

Hlavným cieľom je, aby mladá generácia na Slovensku spoznala osobnosť Aurela Stodolu a hodnoty, ktoré vytvoril.

Univerzita vydá pri tejto príležitosti "0 Euro souvenir" bankovku, ktorú poskytnete pre verejnosť v jednotkovej hodnote 2,50 eura. Začiatok predaja je stanovený na začiatok akademického roka 24. septembra od 12.00 h v priestoroch Infocentra v hlavnej budove Technickej univerzity na Letnej 9 v Košiciach. Predaj bude realizovaný formou hotovostnej platby v maximálnom počte 10 kusov na osobu. Stodola je prvým zo série osobností, ktoré si TUKE pripomenie takouto formou

Na záver výrok Alberta Einsteina, ktorý bol Stodolovým žiakom a neskôr kolegom. Napísal o ňom: „Keď do rúk beriem pero, aby som napísal niekoľko slov o profesovi Stodolovi, o majstrovi techniky, o jemnom, a pritom pevnom mužovi, cítim, že moje vyjadrovacie schopnosti sú príliš obmedzené, aby som sa k takému človeku zachoval tak, ako si to zasluhuje...“

Zaujímavosťou tejto bankovky je, že sa na jej tvorbe podieľal významný slovenský ilustrátor Vladimír Rimba, preslávený maľbami prehistorických zvierat. Ruky umelca vytvorili portrét Aurela Stodolu a parného stroja, ktoré sú dominantnými motívami novej bankovky.



Košické správy.sk

Výstava v RegionArte v Prievidzi predstaví takmer zabudnuté dedičstvo Slovenska

Takmer zabudnuté dedičstvo Slovenska predstaví výstava v galérii RegionArt, ktorú pripravilo Regionálne kultúrne centrum (RKC) v Prievidzi. Limitovanú kolekciu obrazov párt si tam návštevníci budú môcť pozrieť od 4. októbra, informovala Jana Hvojniová z RKC v Prievidzi.

Parta bola ozdobná čelenka, bohato zdobená stuhami a našitými korálikmi. Bola znakom dospelého dievčaťa, ktoré ju nosilo ako slávnostnú úpravu hlavy do kostola, na cirkevné sviatky a pri niektorých obradoch jarného cyklu na Gemeri či Spiši. Najdlhšie sa udržala v odevu mladuchy a družíc.

Nová expozícia v galérii pod názvom Party v 21. storočí tak predstaví limitovanú kolekciu obrazov takmer zaniknutých slovenských párt, ktorá pripomína tradičné hodnoty Slovenska a moderným spracovaním ich približuje súčasnej generácii. Výstava je spoločným projektom fotografův Ľubomíra Saba a Zuzany Senášiovej, maliarky Sarah I. Avni a etnologičky Kataríny Chabrečekovej.

Duo fotografův v súlade s tradíciami a zvykmi predkov nafotografovalo len mladé, slobodné a bezdetné dievčatá, nachádzajú sa medzi nimi i Slovenky z filmového prostredia, speváčky, moderátorky, športovkyne či podnikateľky. Umelecké fotografie sú dotvorené ručne maľovanými ornamentmi na tvár, tie vychádzajú z tradičných ornamentov ľudového odevu, ku ktorému parta patrila. Snímky sú vytlačené na plátno, jeho finálnu podobu mu vdýchla maliarka Avni. Výstavu si v galérii RegionArt budú môcť návštevníci pozrieť do 2. novembra 2018.

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I. Korčok odovzdal poverovacie listiny prezidentovi USA D. Trumpovi

Ivan Korčok v pondelok 17. septembra 2018 v Bielom dome odovzdal prezidentovi USA Donaldovi Trumpovi poverovacie listiny a stal sa tak siedmym mimoriadnym a splnomocneným veľvyslancom Slovenskej republiky v Spojených štátoch. Vo funkcii vystriedal veľvyslanca Petra Kmeca, ktorý v nej pôsobil od roku 2012.

Bývalý štátny tajomník Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR v súvislosti s nástupom do funkcie uviedol, že rozvoj vzťahov s USA je pre Slovensko mimoriadne dôležitý: „Verím v to, že spolupráca medzi Spojenými štátmi a ich spojencami v NATO, ale tiež partnermi v Európskej únii, je základným predpokladom slobodnej, bezpečnej a prosperujúcej Európy a Ameriky.“ Ako dodáva, „globálne prostredie a výzvy dnešného sveta robia spoluprácu medzi nami nevyhnutnou. Táto spolupráca prináša svoje ovocie už desaťročia a my sme dnes jej konštruktívnou súčasťou.“

Podľa vlastných slov bude nový slovenský veľvyslanec v Spojených štátoch presadzovať zahraničnopolitické, bezpečnostné a ekonomické záujmy Slovenska rozvojom spolupráce v mnohých oblastiach: „Ako zástupca Slovenska sa budem usilovať o naplnenie tejto spolupráce podporou politickej a odbornej diskusie, obchodných a investičných vzťahov (mnohé naše firmy sa už v Amerike úspešne presadili alebo sa o to usilujú), kultúrnych projektov a budovaním vzťahu s našimi krajanmi, ktorí už vyše storočie prispievajú k rozvoju americkej spoločnosti.“

Spojené štáty sú strategickým partnerom a spojencom Slovenskej republiky, s ktorým nás spája záväzok kolektívnej obrany v rámci NATO. V roku 2018 si v bilaterálnej relácii pripomíname rad významných výročí: 25. výročie nadviazania diplomatických vzťahov medzi SR a USA a 100. výročie založenia spoločného štátu Slovákov a Čechov, pri ktorom zohrali USA dôležitú úlohu. Slovenskí prisťahovalci v USA významnou mierou prispeli k tomu, že na základe Clevelandskej (1915) a Pittsburskej dohody (1918), ako aj Washingtonskej deklarácie (1918) bol za podpory vtedajšieho amerického prezidenta W. Wilsona vytvorený spoločný štát Slovákov a Čechov. T. G. Masaryk vyhlásil nezávislosť nového štátu vo Filadelfii v štáte Pensylvánia 18. októbra 1918.



Ivan Korčok

MZV SR



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Hlavné oslavy Jubilejného roka Prešovskej archieparchie 2018 a sprievodné podujatia pri príležitosti 200. výročia zriadenia Prešovskej eparchie sa konali v dňoch 20. až 23. septembra. Prešovská gréckokatolícka eparchia bola kánonicky zriadená 22. septembra 1818 bulou Relata semper pápeža Pia VII. vyčlenením z veľkej Mukačevskej eparchie.

Na mládežníckom folklórnom festivale v rumunskom Čerpotoku sa prezentovala aj Matica slovenská

Počas horúcich júlových dní Slováci z Rumunska pod organizačnou hlavičkou DZČSR pripravili v obci Čerpotok mládežnícky folklórny festival, ktorý už tradične nesie prívlastok najväčšieho slovenského festivalu v Rumunsku. Malá slovenská dedinka na Bihore, učpená v rázovitej krajinke na rumunských lazoch, otvorila už po 14. krát náruč krajanom z rodného Rumunska, z Chorvátska, Maďarska, Srbska i Slovenska. Počas dvoch dní pódium patrilo slovenskému kroju, ľudovej hudbe a nohám šikovných tanečníkov, ktorí s radosťou prezentovali kultúru svojich predkov.

Festival sa otvoril pred sídlom Demokratického zväzu Slovákov a Čechov v Rumunsku, v obci Čerpotok, kde sa hosťom i folkloristom prihovril predseda zväzu – Adrian Miroslav Merka. Most medzi dvoma krajinami symbolizoval prednes slovenskej a rumunskej hymny na počesť oboch republík. Za spevu i tance sa vytvoril krojovaný sprievod folkloristov, ktorý sa presunul do neďalekého amfiteátra. Po oficiálnych príhovoroch hostí sa festival doslova roztancoval.

Počas 14. ročníka festivalu, Čerpotok vítal činníkov z rumunskej vlády, štátnych tajomníkov, zástupcov miest a obcí, zástupcov cirkvi, ale i zástupcov zo slovenského veľvyslanectva v Rumunsku, z Matice slovenskej, honorárneho konzula zo Salonty i zástupcov a poslancov z europarlamentu.

Matica slovenská mala na festivale aj svoje folklórne zastúpenie. V tomto roku do Čerpotoku pricestovali folkloristi z Hrušova, ktorým patrilo pódium tanečne i spevácky sobotu večer i nedeľu popoludní.

Budúci rok by mal festival osláviť svoje 15. ročné trvanie. Je obdivuhodné, že v malej dedinke na Bihore sa organizuje tak úspešný festival, akým je mládežnícky festival v Čerpotoku. Vďaka organizátorom sa slovenskosť prezentuje nielen na lokálnej úrovni, ale na úrovni celoeurópskej. Ocenenie a poďakovanie patrí najmä organizátorom podujatia a dobrovoľníkom, ako i našim mladým, ktorí s hrdosťou v srdci prezentujú slovenské zvyky, tradície i folklór nielen doma, ale i všade vo svete, kde koluje v žilách slovenská krv.

Zuzana Pavelcová

Národná púť k Sedembolestnej Panne Márii do Šaštína

Približne 30 000 mariánskych ctiteľov sa 15. septembra stretlo v Šaštíne. K Sedembolestnej Panne Márii, ktorej národná svätyňa je práve v tomto meste, prišli opäť prosiť i ďakovať za svoje osobné i rodinné radosti a bolesti. Vyvrcholením celonárodnej púte k patrónke Slovenska, ku ktorej sa už niekoľko storočí utiekajú tisíce detí, mladých i dospelých, bola svätá omša za účasti viacerých biskupov a kňazov zo Slovenska a zahraničia. Hlavným celebrantom bol bratislavský arcibiskup metropolita a predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, kazateľom bol eparchiálny biskup Eparchie Parma (USA) Mons. Milan Lach SJ. V závere sa veriaci s biskupmi, kňazmi a zasvätenými zverili Panne Márii.



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Sté výročie vzniku ČSR pripomína súbor zlatých a strieborných medailí

Pri príležitosti 100. výročia vzniku Československej republiky vydala Mincovňa Kremnica, štátny podnik a Česká Mincovňa, a.s. súbor zlatých a strieborných medailí, ktoré pripomínajú založenie spoločnej republiky v roku 1918.

„Medaile sú vyrazené v zlato a striebornom vyhotovení. Motívy a dizajn sú totožné na strieborných aj zlatých medailách. Zlatý aj strieborný súbor pozostáva z dvoch medailí, pričom jednu z nich razila kremnická mincovňa a druhú česká mincovňa,“ priblížil Milan Kubík, vedúci oddelenia marketingu kremnickej Mincovne.

Podobný spoločný projekt dvoch zahraničných mincovní podľa jeho slov realizovali aj v minulosti, keď s českou mincovňou rovnako razili medaile venované dvom významným osobnostiam našich spoločných dejín – T. G. Masarykovi a M. R. Štefánikovi.

Autorom návrhu slovenskej medaily je kremnický medailér Štefan Novotný. Kompozícia obidvoch strán medaily vyjadruje československú vlajku. Na aversnej strane medaily sú zobrazené symboly Čiech, Moravy, Sliezska, Slovenska a Podkarpatskej Rusi i starej monarchie – dvojhľavého orla rozdeľuje línia medzi farbami vlajky. Na reverznej strane vzdáva hold hlavným mestám Čechov a Slovákov Prahe a Bratislave a ich hradom a riekam. V pozadí sú umiestnené prvky národných znakov, český lev a slovenský dvojkríž.

Autorom českého motívu medaile je akademický sochár Michal Vitanovský. Avers medaile zobrazuje heraldické znaky Čiech, Moravy, Sliezska a Slovenska spolu s lipovými lístkami. Na reverznej strane autor zobrazuje muža stojaceho na rebríku, ktorý z budovy strháva štít s habsburským orlom a podáva ho oslavujúcemu davu.

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Košický literárny festival opäť ukázal, že kniha a čítanie patria do rodiny

Motivovať deti i celé rodiny k čítaniu bolo zámerom košického literárneho festivalu Číta celá rodina. Jeho ôsmy ročník sa konal v piatok a sobotu 28. - 29. septembra na 18 základných školách a v areáli Kulturparku.

Festival organizuje s partnermi Knižnica pre mládež mesta Košice, tento rok sa nesie v znamení „magických osmičiek“ a pozvaných je 18 hostí zo Slovenska i zahraničia. Piatkový program je určený najmä deťom, učiteľom, rodičom a priateľom škôl a predstavuje celodenné netradičné čítanie na základných školách. „Čítať sa bude v triedach, telocvičniach, jedálňach a aj pred školami. V zapojených školách budú prebiehať rozhovory cez školské rozhlas, autogramiády a rôzne zábavné a vedomostné súťaže typu žiaci verzus spisovateľ,“ priblížila zástupkyňa riaditeľky knižnice Kamila Prexťová.

V piatkový podvečer sa v pobočke LitPark uskutočnil tradičný literárny večer, ktorý odmoderoval Dado Nagy. Sobota bola rodinná so začiatkom programu o 9.30 h v pobočke LitPark v Kulturparku.

Tohtoročnými zahraničnými hosťami festivalu boli islandská autorka ilustrovaných kníh pre malých čitateľov Ragnheidur Gestsdóttirová a Čech Petr Horáček žijúci v Anglicku, svetovo uznávaný a oceňovaný autor úspešnej série detských kníh a výtvarník v jednom. K slovenským hosťom patrili Gabriela Dittelová, Zbyňo Džadoň, Marta Hlušiková, Tibor Hujdič alias pán Mrkvička, Silvester Lavrík, Zuzana Líšková, Petra Nagyová-Džerengová, Jozef Puchala, Juraj Raýman, Vanda Raýmanová, Toňa Revajová, Lena Riečanská, Marka Staviarska, Juraj Šebesta, Valentín Šefčík a Veronika Šikulová.

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O. Štefan Furdek
Naš zakladateľ

Začiatok novembra na Slovensku charakterizuje návšteva cintorínov, zapalovanie sviečok na hrobch blízkyh a ich vyzdobovanie kvetmi, ale predovšetkým spomienku na tých, ktorí už nie sú medzi nami.

Slovak faithful carry on the traditional decorating of the graves for the feast of All Saints November 1.

Katolíci oslávia 1. novembra Sviatok všetkých svätých

Veriaci si spolu s biskupmi a kňazmi 1. novembra počas svätých omší pripomínajú svätých, ktorí vo svojom živote viedli kresťanský život. Cirkev už po stáročia spája s týmto sviatkom nádej na vzkriesenie. V tento deň sa zvyknú konať omše alebo pobožnosti za zosnulých aj na mnohých cintorínoch. Pre veriacich ide o dni modlitieb za duše zomrelých. Katolícka cirkev 1. novembra slávi Sviatok všetkých svätých, ktorý je zároveň prikázaným sviatkom.

Sviatok všetkých svätých sa prvýkrát slávil v Ríme 13. mája 609, keď pápež Bonifác IV. prebral od cisára Fokasa pohanský chrám všetkých bohov, takzvaný Panteón a zasvätil ho Panne Márii a všetkým svätým. Neskôr pápež Gregor III. (731-744) zmenil toto slávenie z 13. mája na 1. novembra, keď v Bazilike sv. Petra slávnostne posvätil kaplnku k úcte všetkých svätých. O sto rokov neskôr pápež Gregor IV. rozšíril sviatok na celú cirkev. Veriaci si tak pripomínajú aj svätých, ktorí nemajú miesto v kalendári alebo neboli za nich oficiálne vyhlásení.

Na tento sviatok nadväzuje 2. november - deň Pamiatky zosnulých, ľudovo nazývaný Dušičky. V roku 998 opät Odilo v benediktínskom kláštore Cluny zaviedol tradíciu 1. novembra večer vyznávať a spievať žalmy za mŕtvych a na druhý deň slúžiť veľkú zádušnú omšu. Tento zvyk sa čoskoro rozšíril v celej západnej cirkvi. Na znak nesmrteľnosti duší a Božieho milosrdenstva sa na cintorínoch v týchto dňoch zapalujú sviečky.

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Minister M. Lajčák na Festivale slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey

Minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí Slovenskej republiky Miroslav Lajčák sa v nedeľu 23. septembra 2018 v rámci svojej pracovnej cesty v USA stretol v New Jersey s predstaviteľmi krajskej komunity žijúcej v Spojených štátoch amerických, ktorá každoročne v tomto období organizuje tradičný "Festival slovenského dedičstva". M. Lajčák ocenil, že Slováci a generácie ich



Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs M. Lajcak spoke at the New Jersey Slovak Festival on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

Pokračovanie na str. 21

V Ríme vyvrcholila púť archieparchie, pútnikov prijal i pápež František

Okolo 1 300 účastníkov prišlo poďakovať za 200. výročie zriadenia Prešovskej eparchie pápežom Piom VII. a ďalšie významné výročia. Ich program prebiehal od piatku do nedele. V sobotu ich na osobitnej audiencii prijal Svätý Otec František. Ide o historickú udalosť, pretože i keď slovenskí veriaci už boli účastníkmi viacerých osobitných pápežských audiencií v menšom či väčšom počte, po prvýkrát udelil Svätý Otec osobitnú audienciu priamo gréckokatolíckym pútnikom zo Slovenska.



Večné mesto žilo v uplynulých dňoch prítomnosťou veriacich zo Slovenska, ktorí pricestovali v hojnom počte na ťakovnú púť Prešovskej gréckokatolíckej archieparchie.

Pútnici v sobotu slávil slávnostnú archijerejskú liturgiu v Bazilike Santa Maria Maggiore. Pri hlavnom oltári jej predsedal prešovský arcibiskup meztropolita Mons. Ján Babjak. V homílii sa prihovril arcibiskup Cyril Vasil' SJ, sekretár Kongregácie pre východné cirkvi. Na biblickom symbole zo žalmu o radostnom návrate sionských zajatcov s plnými snopmi v náručí pomenoval symbolických sedem snopov, ktoré sú ovocím gréckokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku.

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Slovenská svätá omša v Národnej bazilike Nepoškvrneného počatia vo Washingtone, DC

Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota v spolupráci s Veľvyslanectvom Slovenskej republiky vo Washingtone, Generálnym konzulátom SR v New Yorku, slovenskými farnosťami v New Yorku, Cliftone, Trentone a Lindene organizovali tradičnú slávnostnú svätú omšu pri príležitosti sviatku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie, patrónky Slovenska, ktorá sa konala v nedeľu, 16. septembra 2018 v dolnej krypte Národnej baziliky Nepoškvrneného počatia vo Washingtone, DC. Zúčastnili sa jej krajanovia z New Yorku, New Jersey a Washingtonu DC.

Members of the First Slovak Catholic Union attended the annual Mass in the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 16, 2018 on the feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother.

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