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The FCSU Gathered in Washington, DC at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to Commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the Jednota Chapel – Our Mother of Sorrows

In 1965, the FCSU donated the Jednota Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The concept not only commemorates important events in the life of the Virgin Mary, the Seven Sorrows, but also is relevant to the Slovak people. Many Slovaks who suffered oppression under the rule of foreign monarchies and governments for hundreds of years paid homage to Our Lady of Sorrows with annual pilgrimages to a church in Šaštín, Slovakia, where a pieta has been since the 1700s. In 1927 Pope Pius XI proclaimed Our Mother of Sorrows Slovakia's patroness. Today, the Slovak Republic celebrates her feast day as a national holiday on September 15th, and Šaštín remains a favorite pilgrimage site. In the US, the award-winning Jednota Chapel is the most visited in the National Shrine.

This September, coordinated by FCSU Branch 856 in Washington, DC, members of the First Catholic Slovak Union from around the Society, gathered to attend Mass in Slovak at the Chapel to commemorate its 52nd Anniversary. A reception at the Slovak Embassy followed, hosted by H.E. Peter Kmec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States.

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Insights and Viewpoints



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

**October 22, 2017 -
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21**

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah gives us a lot to consider. It mentions Cyrus, a 6th century B.C. Persian king, describing him as the "anointed" of the Lord. Cyrus was quite a figure in the ancient middle east, conquering many other kingdoms and ruling over an enormous

area; he is also mentioned in the books of Ezra and 2 Chronicles. The Hebrew word describing Cyrus as "anointed" is meshiach, which we recognize more in its English form "messiah." The fact that Isaiah applies the term "messiah" to a pagan king might strike us as surprising since we normally think of it in association with Christ. Isaiah thus strongly underlines God's sovereignty in employing whichever human agents he chooses in history.

The reading goes on to indicate the uniqueness of the Lord—there is no other god—and the unstoppable nature of his messiah. In Isaiah's day, that was Cyrus; and later, it is Jesus Christ, "Christ" also meaning "anointed." Isaiah also emphasizes that God will send as his messiah whomever he wishes, even a pagan like Cyrus, and that the Lord is not like other earthly kings and need not conform to such expectations. God and his agents must therefore be accorded a respect and reverence which is far beyond what the people accord to their self-appointed heroes.

This picture becomes clearer in the Gospel where Jesus, the definitive messiah of Israel, is confronted with a trick question by the Pharisees and Herodians. Just as many people in Old Testament times thought they had the messiah figured out, and the pagan Cyrus had no part in their vision, so too the Pharisees and their friends thought they had the messiah "pegged," and Jesus was not part of their picture. As a result they tried to dispose of him with an insincere question intended to indict him either in the eyes of the common people or of their Roman overlords.

The Pharisees think that there is no way out, and in strictly human terms there was not: it appeared that Jesus had to either seem to grovel before the hated Romans by consenting to the payment of the census tax, or he would be easily subject to denunciation and arrest as a dishonest tax cheat. But Jesus transcended this human logic and responded according to his own will. He showed his opponents that the messiah did not need to fit their expectations, and that it is God who governs his people, not the other way around.

We all fall into the Pharisees' way of thinking at times, either fashioning God in our own image and likeness, or thinking that the Lord's anointed is accountable to us: "I prayed, but did not receive what I asked for!" The truly remarkable thing is that through the incarnation God does take on our human image and likeness and makes himself accountable to us of his own free will. This is a divine condescension that proves that messianic power is truly made perfect in weakness—in contrast to the grasping for power of the Pharisees, or to Cyrus' earthly might. This Sunday God's messiah is presented to us in all his glory and humility in both the scriptures and the Eucharist. Let us rejoice not that Jesus outwitted the Pharisees and Herodians, but rather that he offers the true anointing of salvation to all who come to him, and invites us to share in it through the breaking of the bread.



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

**October 29, 2017- 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 22: 34 - 40**

We have the Ten Commandments, the precepts of the Church, and numerous laws and rules we are expected to follow as members of the Church. In the Gospel Jesus makes it clear that of all of these, two take priority. The Gospel begins by informing us that Pharisees and Scribes are intent on getting Jesus with their questions. This would give them something to charge him with and have him silenced. However, they failed to realize or accept that with Jesus they weren't dealing with a mere Man, but with one who was fully human and fully Divine. His answer reveals his vast knowledge and understanding of God's word, after all Jesus is the Word made Flesh.

The question put to Jesus seems simple; "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" If Jesus were to single out one commandment he would have opened himself up to being accused of saying that the other commandments were not important. This response could be twisted, distorted and taken out of context to attempt to ruin the credibility of Jesus as a teacher. The wise response of Jesus is to quote two teachings from the Pentateuch. The first is from Moses' instructions to the Israelites in the desert; "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Deuteronomy 6:5) This is from a passage that all Israelites were very familiar with, and is known as the Shema. It was recited at the beginning of their gatherings, it was worn in leather pouches around their wrists and foreheads, and was found in little containers on the doorways of their homes. There was no way that they could criticize Jesus for citing this as being the greatest commandment. To do so would be an attack on Moses himself. Jesus then adds a second commandment. (Doesn't Jesus always do more than we expect or ask of him?) This second commandment is from the book of Leviticus, (19:18) "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

In Luke's Gospel this teaching about the neighbor is followed by the parable of the Good Samaritan which answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?" The parable and the readings this weekend teach us that our neighbor is much more than the person who lives nearby. We are bound to one another by God who created us in His image and likeness, and sent his son, Jesus, to unite us as brothers and sisters. Our history of accepting prejudice because of race, ethnic background, or creed, give testimony of how difficult this second great commandment is to live. This commandment is not about building walls to keep those we see as undesirable out, but rather building bridges so as to welcome the alien, refugee, and the persecuted. We are sometimes quick at rejecting the messenger who calls on us to open our hearts to all our neighbors, but while rejecting the messenger who challenges us is easy, it does not change the reality of this teaching of Jesus.

While it is easy for us to say that we will love God above all, we struggle with living it. Materialism, ambition and pride often have us put God in the back seat. It is much more difficult to say that we love our neighbors as ourselves. But that is what the scriptures teach us today, and it is what Jesus teaches. These two commandments take ongoing work on our part in order to master. We might never master them during our lifetime, but there is the need for us to continue to progress.



Fr. Killian Loch,
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Pope's Prayer Intention

Workers and the Unemployed: *That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.*

Work brings a basic dignity to our human participation in God's creation. Although we can cooperate in God's work through our labor, and we can exercise creativity in the arts, speech, and thought, we cannot truly create out of nothing. Only God creates in this fashion, ex nihilo, and it was in this way that He created the world.

Pope Francis has since the beginning of his Pontificate put great emphasis on our Christian duty to respect workers and the kinds of work they do. In a 2013 audience from Labor Day, he exhorted the People of God, calling for an end to slave labor and human trafficking, encouraging us to look for creative ways to help our brothers and sisters find fulfilling work.

The Holy Father connected this to one of the pillars of Catholic social teaching, the intrinsic dignity of every human person: "I wish to extend an invitation to everyone to greater solidarity and to encourage those in public office to spare no effort to give new impetus to employment. This means caring for the dignity of the person." As we pray with the Holy Father for workers this month, it is good for us to consider how we are building up those for whom we work, those with whom we work, and those who work for us. We must be especially attentive to our shopping habits and the way in which we use the Internet. The products of sweatshops and human trafficking are widespread, and it takes careful diligence and a deep life of prayer to avoid the temptation to exploit workers directly or indirectly. Lord bless the work of our hands, Lord bless the work of our hands.

Reflection and Discussion

How can I assist in providing opportunities for fair work and fair wages in my family, social, and professional life? What are my obligations to the underemployed or unemployed? What am I doing to engage the issue of underemployment on a personal, local or regional level?

Scripture

Acts 20:35 "In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Salesian Priest Beatified in Bratislava



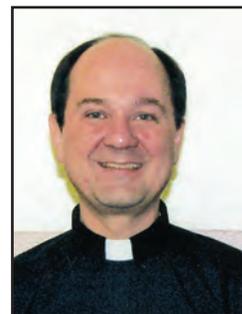
As of September 30, 2017, Slovakia has another blessed figure - deceased Slovak Salesian priest and martyr Titus Zeman. A beatification ceremony of Titus Zeman took place at the Holy Family Church in Bratislava, Slovakia, presided over on the Pope's behalf by Cardinal Angelo Amato, SDB, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. More than 500 priests took part in the ceremony, including many monks and nuns. According to the organizers, some 25,000 worshippers attended Zeman's beatification. On Sunday, October 1, Bratislava Metropolitan Archbishop Stanislav Zvolensky celebrated a Holy Mass in the priest's birthplace - Bratislava's borough of Vajnory.

Born on January 4, 1915, Zeman became a Salesian priest at the age of 25. He subsequently served as chaplain, school counselor, and chemistry teacher. After the communists shut down monasteries in Slovakia on April 13, 1950, Zeman organized three illegal escapes for young Salesian seminarians to Italy in order to allow them to complete their studies and receive priestly ordination. The third escape across a swollen Morava River on April 9, 1951 went awry, however, with Zeman and the escapees captured and interrogated. Zeman, who was tortured during the investigation, was sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment. He was released on parole with poor health after 13 years and died five years later as a result of his torture and imprisonment on January 8, 1969.

- From the TASR newswire

Message from the National Chaplain:

The Summary of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI's Encyclical Saved in Hope Continues with His Reflection on Factors that Led to Hope Becoming Secularized – Part II.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Benedict states that the understanding of sin and redemption from the Church Fathers as social realities and the teachings of Jesus have given way to an individualistic understanding. He traces this change to the English philosopher, statesman, scientist, and author Francis Bacon (1561-1626). Bacon is known as the Father of Empiricism, a philosophy that holds that knowledge of truth is obtained primarily through one's senses (sight, touch, etc.) He is also known as the Father of the Scientific Method, which holds that all theories must be tested and proven by the natural world, and not by use of reason, intuition, or revelation.

This new correlation between science and praxis introduced by Bacon, when applied to theology, brings serious consequences. Redemption, the restoration of what was lost by original sin through faith in Jesus, is now seen as through the link between science and praxis. Faith becomes relegated as a private matter, and at the same time becomes somehow irrelevant. Hope is called "faith in progress."

Reason and freedom become increasingly central to the idea of progress, which has as its aim complete independence. (Think "I can think/do/be whatever I want.") This is how one becomes fully human. Both reason and freedom seem to guarantee, became implicitly interpreted as being in conflict with the restraints of faith, the Church, and the political structures of the day. The French Revolution (1789-1799) was an attempt to establish the rule of reason and freedom as a political reality.

Benedict then writes of Karl Marx (1818-1883), who offered a model of freedom and hope to people living in conditions that demanded change. Marx encouraged revolution to replace capitalism with a socialism without class distinction. This led to a replacing of the truth of the hereafter with the truth of the here and now. Heaven is replaced by earth; theology by politics. Benedict points out Marx's fundamental error. Marx showed precisely how to overthrow the existing order, but he did not say how matters should proceed thereafter.

The Holy Father says Francis Bacon and others like him were wrong to believe that humanity would be redeemed through science. Science has its proper role; it can contribute greatly to making the world and mankind more human. Yet science does not redeem us; we are redeemed by love. The human person needs unconditional love. He writes that in this sense it is true, that a person who does not know God, even though he or she may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without the great hope that sustains the entirety of his or her of life.

Benedict says our lives are filled with different hopes. We need greater and lesser hopes to keep us going day by day. But these hope are insufficient without the great hope which surpasses all other hopes. This great hope can only be God.

Fraternally,

Fr. Tom Nasta
National Chaplain

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Food for the Soul

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Those words of Jesus from Matthew 4:4 perfectly reflect the work we do at The Christophers, the work of feeding people's souls and spirits with gospel values. Along those lines, one of the hallmarks of our ministry has just been published: Volume 52 of our "Three Minutes a Day" book.

With stories, reflections, and Bible quotes for each day of the year, the book is an ideal source of prayer and meditation for today's fast-paced world because, let's face it, we can all find at least "Three Minutes a Day" for God. The book's entries are meant to help you live a life more fully grounded in faith and love and, of course, light a candle rather than curse the darkness. Consider this story that serves as a reminder of Psalm 71:9, "Do not cast me off in the time of old age."

Marleen Brooks found an unexpected letter when she arrived at her California home one day. It was from a woman named Wanda, and read, "Would you consider to become my friend. I'm 90 years old - live alone. All my friends have passed away. I'm so lonesome and scared. Please I pray for someone."

Only someone with a heart of stone could resist that plea, so Brooks headed over to Wanda's house, bringing along some cupcakes the two could enjoy together. Thrilled by the company, Wanda revealed that she suffers from a myriad of health problems, and no longer knows any of her neighbors. Brooks knew she could do something about that last part, so she assured Wanda that she would be happy to visit her from time to time.

Commenting on the story, writer Sarah Hosseini of the website Scary Mommy concluded, "One effort here and there can make a huge difference in the lives of our seniors, whether they're your family, your neighbor, or just someone you met at the grocery store. Connecting matters, it's what keeps us going as humans."

Kindness is often at the heart of the stories we feature, such as this one titled "Finding Jesus in Cincinnati." Aleteia blogger Deacon Greg Kandra noticed a homeless man standing outside a Cincinnati hotel on a cold winter day, so he stopped to chat for a few minutes. The man's name was Jesse, and he said that he had moved to the city with his wife to help his best friend with a failing business. But then the friend and his wife ran off together, leaving Jesse to his own devices. Deeply touched by the sad story, the deacon gave him a few dollars and promised to pray for him.

Deacon Kandra was then reminded of a story about the iconic Catholic television evangelist Bishop Fulton Sheen and his niece. When she was young, she'd often walk around with her famous uncle and people would stop to say hello and ask for money, which he gave them. When she questioned his prudence, he responded, "One of those poor people might be Jesus."

"But uncle," his niece replied, "one of them could also just be a bum and a con artist."

Bishop Sheen answered her, "I know. But I don't want to take that chance."

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FCSU Celebrated 52nd Anniversary of Jednota Chapel in Washington DC

On Sunday, September 17, 2017, Branch 856 of the Washington DC area coordinated a special Mass in honor of the 52nd anniversary of the chapel donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union in 1965.

The 11:00 AM Mass was celebrated in Slovak by Fr. Richard D. Baker, pastor of St. John Nepomucene in New York City, and assisted by parochial vicar of St. John Nepomucene, Fr. Martin Kertys. Many members of the FCSU were in attendance, including: Miriam Visnovsky and Terezia Rozmus from the Home Office; National Chaplain Thomas Nasta; Region 1 Director and Branch 746 President Sabina Sabados, Region 2 Director and Branch 857 Secretary Damian Nasta and his wife Margaret; District 8 Secretary Marion Mistrik; Branch 856 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Katherine Nowatkoski; and members from Region 1, New York, New Jersey and New England; Region 2, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, DC; and Region 6, the state of Ohio.

After Mass, FCSU members and guests were invited to a reception hosted by Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec at the nearby Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC.



(Front row, center) Fr. Martin Kertys, Parochial Vicar of St. John Nepomucene in New York City, is surrounded by members of the First Catholic Slovak Union who came to commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the Jednota Chapel from around the Society.



(L - R) Front row: Region 1 Director and Branch 746 President Sabina Sabados, Branch 857 Mrs. Margaret Nasta, Mrs. Monika Kmec, Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec, St. John Nepomucene Parochial Vicar Fr. Martin Kertys, and Secretary General of Slovak League in America Nina Holy. Back row: Region 2 Director and Branch 857 Secretary Damian Nasta, St. John Nepomucene Pastor Fr. Richard Baker, Branch 856 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Katherine Nowatkoski, Branch 856 Secretary Marion Mistrik.



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(L - R) Fr. Richard Baker, FCSU Home Office Staffer Terezia Rozmus, Monika Kmec, Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec, FCSU Home Office Staffer Miriam Visnovsky, and Fr. Martin Kertys.



H.E. Peter Kmec, Ambassador from the Slovak Republic to the United States, addresses the crowd at the opening of the Slovak Embassy reception for FCSU members who attend Mass at the National Shrine early in the day.

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(L - R) FCSU's Katherine Nowatkoski, Damian Nasta and Sabina Sabados at the Slovak Embassy reception



(L - R) Fr. Richard Baker talks with Slovak Ambassador to the United States Peter Kmec



(L - R) Members of the FCSU: Miriam Visnovsky, Emilia Filak, Terezia Rozmus, and Sabina Sabados

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Dobrý večer.	Good evening.
Dovidenia. / Dovi.	Goodbye. / Bye.
Dobrú noc.	Good night.
Áno. / Nie.	Yes. / No.
Nech sa páči.	Here you are.
Prosím.	Please.
Ďakujem.	Thank you.
Nie je za čo.	You are welcome.
Dobrú chuť.	Enjoy your meal.
Podobne. / Aj vám.	Likewise. / Same to you.
Na zdravie.	Cheers.
Prepáč. / Prepáčte.	Excuse me.
Nič sa nestalo.	Never mind.
Milujem ťa.	I love you.
Všetko najlepšie!	Best wishes!
Koľko to stojí?	How much does it cost?
Ako sa voláte?	What's your name?
Teší ma.	Nice to meet you.
Ako sa máte?	How are you?
Hovoríte po slovensky?	Do you speak Slovak?
Nehovorím po slovensky.	I don't speak Slovak.
Nerozumiem.	I don't understand.
Pozor!	Attention!
Pomoc!	Help!



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Halloween Holiday Trivia

- Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.



- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers at #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honored Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

The United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, 44055 will host the following events:

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(Far left) Branch 24's Alexander Fedoriouk and (center stage) Beata Begeniova-Fedoriouk perform with Harmonia at the Third Annual Slavic Festival in Johnstown, PA.

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The Milan R. Štefánik Statue in Paulhan, France - Part II

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(This is Part II of an article that ran in the October 4, 2017 issue of Jednota about General Milan Rastislav Štefánik (1880-1919), one of the founding fathers of the first Czecho-Slovak Republic. This part centers around the statue to him in Paulhan, in southern France, and several other Štefánik monuments.)

Soon after Štefánik's death in May 1919, there were calls for memorials to be built to the fallen Slovak leader. That same year, Milan Hodža, a Slovak delegate and later Prime Minister of the republic, already suggested a memorial in Bratislava to Štefánik.

After his death, Štefánik was laid to rest at a burial mound (mohyla) on May 11, 1919, near his hometown of Košariská in the district of Myjava. The location was dramatic, with a commanding view of the countryside, sitting atop Bradlo Hill (altitude 1,781 ft), 3 km above the village of Brezová pod Bradlom, and on the road to Košariská.

As the 10th anniversary of the end of the Great War was approaching, the sculptor Dušan Jurkovič designed a gigantic memorial to be built to house the tomb. The monumental burial tomb was built from 1927 to 1928. Constructed of white travertine from the Spiš region, the monument consisted of two terraces, with sloping sides and built with thick and heavy rectangular bricks. On each corner of the monument stood tall stone obelisks (four total) that loomed to a height of 12 m (39.3 feet). The tomb lay at the top of the monument. It was dedicated on September 23, 1928, and became a regular gathering place to memorialize Štefánik and his contribution to Slovaks and the Allied cause in the Great War.

After World War II, The communists despised Štefánik for his anti-Bolshevik views, and left the monumental memorial unattended and decaying into ruins. An exception to this neglect occurred in 1968, during the democratizing reforms of the Slovak leader Alexander Dubček. Slovaks would again pay tribute to Štefánik.

In 2010, a retired schoolteacher from the area shared stories about how she would always lay bunches of flowers at the site even during the communist era. At home with their families, people could speak the truth; her grandfather told her stories about the noble nature of Štefánik and his magnanimous personality. A former legionnaire in Russia, he had seen and heard Štefánik when he visited the Legion in Siberia; communist propaganda could not fool everyone. Above all, her most memorable and inspirational experience at Bradlo occurred in 1968. At a memorial service for Štefánik, thousands of people flocked from across Czechoslovakia to pay tribute to one of the founders of their country. She noted: "I had never seen it like this: there were so many bonfires and it burned so brightly that its shadow hung over nearby Košariská" (Slovak Spectator, August 30, 2010).

When I visited the monument with my wife in 1983, the grandiosity of the astounding memorial magnified the purposeful and ignominious neglect. No signs indicated there existed any such monument, and we climbed a long, steep hill to reach the site. Upon arriving at the summit, no one else was around and the place was abandoned. Large weeds were thriving, indicative of the disrespect of the totalitarian regime.

Since the overthrow of communism, the state turned the area into a beautiful park. I visited Bradlo again in 2014 and could see with my own eyes the dramatic change. The monument had been restored to its former glory and deserved respect which Slovaks hold for their early 20th century leader. Every year in early May and on his birthday on July 21, many people gather to remember their fallen hero. Bradlo remains a site for continuing commemorations and national celebrations. There are always fresh flowers at his tomb.



The author outside of Paulhan, France.

The Paulhan Hérault Monument to the Glory of the Army of the Revolution in 1911.



Dr. Michael Kopanic at the Štefánik Memorial in Paulhan in 2017.

Origins of the Štefánik Aviator Statue

Still at the time of the original memorial dedication at Bradlo, there was a call for other memorials to Štefánik. In 1928, the Slovak National Council appointed a committee to initiate an anonymous competition to make a statue of Štefánik. A Czech sculptor, Bohumil Kafka, won the competition with his design called "Košariská A." It featured a statue of Štefánik in an aviator suit on a pedestal with a tall rectangular column topped by a lion behind the statue. The lion's head would face the Danube River and his front foot stood on the emblem of the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

Kafka chose to depict Štefánik in a pilot's uniform because of the pivotal role he played in serving in the French army's air force and the attention it garnered from French generals at the time. The sculptor dressed him in the same aviator's uniform he wore when flying back to his homeland on his last tragic flight, as it spoke of the technological advances during the war. A scroll in his hand stood for the "good news" (the Pittsburgh Agreement of 1918 which signified the wish of the two nations to join in a common state). A huge column symbolized the Legion which fought to form the Czecho-Slovak Republic. The lion placed on top of the column stood for courage as well as the defense of state of Czecho-Slovakia, which the lion protects.

Kafka made several models of the Štefánik statue, the first a 248 centimeters model (over 8 feet tall) that was one-third of the size he had intended. Two bronze sculptures were cast in

this size. In 1933, Kafka exhibited one of these statues at the Musée du Luxembourg in Paris. Subsequently, the French government purchased the statue with the intention of placing it in the "Parc de Princes" Square in Paris, about 5.8 miles from the city center.

Because World War II events happened shortly thereafter, the statue was stored in a Paris depository during the war. The French knew they had to hide statues of military heroes from public display, lest the Nazis destroy them. People simply forgot about the statue, as more pressing issues occurred during the Nazi occupation of Paris.

The other smaller Štefánik statue lay in storage for many years at the Bohumil Kafka Museum near the town of Nová Paka in northern Bohemia. Not until 1994, after the fall of communism, did it reappear in a public place. In grand commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising of 1944, attended by President Václav Havel, the Czechs placed the statue high atop Petřín Hill in Prague, just in front of what Czechs named the Štefánik Observatory. First constructed in 1928, visitors can today visit the observatory to learn more about astronomy, the focus of Štefánik's peacetime career.

The originally planned large statue (740 cm or 24.3 feet high) was dedicated in Bratislava in the Spring of 1938, and placed in front of the Reduta, the Slovak National Concert Hall. Later a lion on a column was added behind the monument, as well as a pedestal for the statue. Because of the tense political situation with Germany and the dawn of the Slovak autonomous govern-

ment, the lion was posed to look in the direction of the flow of the Danube rather than towards the Petržalka district, which Germany annexed in 1939 after Hitler tore apart Czecho-Slovakia.

Rumor had it that when Adolf Hitler stood in Petržalka and could clearly see the lion on the opposite riverbank, he uttered the words: "The cat must go away!" Thus the Slovak wartime regime acquiesced; the lion was stored in some barracks for many years until it reappeared after the Velvet Revolution of 1989.

Following the communist seizure of power after World War II, the regime had the Štefánik statue destroyed in 1954. Soldiers tore down the statue and had it melted down for scrap metal at the Patronka factory in Bratislava.

Štefánik's abhorrence of communism was hardly a secret; he had termed Bolshevism "the negation of democracy." Štefánik had compared communism and democracy as follows:

"Bolshevism speaks, shouts, howls; democracy thinks, teaches, convinces. Bolshevism awakens the lowest instincts and desires; democracy appeals to honor and conscience. Bolshevism steals the neighbor's fur coat; democracy weaves an overcoat for all, even the poorest. Bolshevism gives to the people the torch and dagger; democracy the hammer and plow. Bolshevism sells souls for profits and forms parties of bandits and sectionaries; democracy gives advantages to all in accordance with right. Bolshevism means decay, misery, hunger; democracy creates and is the continuation of normal life and well-being. Bolshevism is the blinding light of a rocket; democracy the glowing light of salvation. Bolshevism is the enemy of mankind and we have to fight it" (Labor Digest).

The Štefánik aviator statue did not make a reappearance in Bratislava until 2009, when it was dedicated near the Danube in front of the newly built and larger Reduta. Using a cast from the existing statue in Prague, the Slovak government had the statue recast to its former height of 24.3 feet, with a lion on a column behind it, as in B. Kafka's original model.

The Štefánik Memorial in Paulhan

How did the one of the original one-third size Štefánik statues wind up in Paulhan, far from Paris?

From 1911 until the Second World War, the square on the southern tip of town center was adorned by a French Revolution statue which stood over a fountain, entitled "To the Glory of the Armies of the Revolution." Pressured by the Germans during World War II, the collaborationist Vichy regime of France ordered Paulhan to melt down its six bronze statues and use the metal to assist the German war effort.

After the war, in 1955, the mayor of Paulhan requested a statue from the Minister of Culture in Paris to replace the former statue. It sent a statue by Bohumil Kafka named "The Aviator, Général Štefánik." The town placed the statue on a pedestal at the spot in 1955, and inhabitants had no idea of who it was, and simply called it "The Aviator."

Possibly Louis Paulhan, Štefánik's good friend and fellow aviator, might have played a role in bringing the statue to its present location, for its destination in Paulhan hardly seems a mere coincidence. But Louis Paulhan died in 1963 and the people of the town of Paulhan lost any idea of whom the aviator depicted on the statue actually was.

No one seemed to know whom the statue depicted until 1983. By mere chance at that time, a former Slovak pilot, Major Alexander Matuš, was traveling through Paulhan and recognized the statue as that of Štefánik, resembling the same monument that the communist regime in Slovakia had destroyed in Bratislava.

As communism crumbled in Slovakia, former

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Štefánik Square in
Paris, France



The Milan R. Štefánik Statue

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Czech and Slovak soldiers then helped rescue the statue from anonymity. Nine years later in 1998, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in France placed a wreath at the monument. The ambassador then assisted in arranging a visit of a delegation from Paulhan to the towns of Brezová pod Bradlom and Košariská in Slovakia. On May 7, 2000, Paulhan and the two towns in Slovakia would officially become sister cities. Once aware of the Štefánik statue, Slovaks began to take more interest in its preservation. Finally, then Slovak ambassador Marek Eštok spoke about restoring the statue to its original state and reached an agreement with Paulhan. The French town council, the Département of Hérault, and the Slovak Ministry of Interior agreed to jointly fund its restoration. Following extensive work, the renewed and cleaned statue was unveiled in a grand ceremony with Ambassador Eštok, Paulhan Mayer Claude Valéro, and other dignitaries on November 11, 2015, in commemoration of Armistice Day. They placed a plaque in French which read:

"To the memory of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik and the Slovak and Czech Legionnaires entombed during the First World War on the territory of France."

Today the square is called "Place du Général Štefánik" and a plaque commemorates the Slovak leader who was also a French citizen and war leader. The French and Slovak dignitaries now regularly remember Štefánik in a formal commemoration ceremony, usually around the time of Štefánik's birthday, July 21.

Shortly before I visited Paulhan in 2017, Paulhan erected a prominent sister city sign at its border to proclaim the friendship with the Slovak towns.

Štefánik Square in Paris

Although not its originally intended place in Paris, a Štefánik Square (Place du Général Štefánik) still exists in Paris. Rather than adorned with a statue, the square is home to a unique plaque with a Slovak cross remembering Štefánik's contributions to science, France and the Allied cause. It reads:

Général, Aviateur, Astronome, Diplomate, Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Français d'origine Slovaque

L'observatoire de Meudon

(General, Aviator, Astronomist, Diplomat, Milan Rastislav Štefánik, a Frenchman of Slovak Origin -- The Meudon Observatory)

Conclusion

Thus today there are many memorials to Štefánik across Slovakia, one on Petřín Hill in Prague, and the two aforementioned in Paulhan and the plaque in Paris, France. In addition to the noted monuments at Bradlo and Bratislava, Košice placed busts of Štefánik and Masaryk in a park, and Trenčín also erected a park monument in his honor. Many cities and towns across Slovakia renamed streets after him, including Štefánikova ulica in Bratislava. (Formerly called Leninová ulica (Lenin Street), I used to ride my bicycle every day on that street in 1982, on my way to the State Archives.). Even Slovakia's largest airport was renamed Letisko M. R. Štefánika.

Finally, let us not forget that Slovak-Americans erected the first statue of Štefánik in Wade Park in Cleveland, sculpted by famous Slovak artist, Frico Motoška, At the busy intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. and East Blvd., the ten foot tall statue was visible to thousands every day, but at a very busy intersection, and difficult to photograph or hold a ceremony at. In 2013, the statue moved to the new Slovak Cultural Garden and remains a place where Slovak-Americans proudly continue to pay tribute to one of their greatest national heroes.



The Štefánik statue in the Slovak Cultural Garden in Cleveland, Ohio



The Štefánik monument in Trenčín, Slovakia.

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News From Slovakia

Nitra to Become 2018 European City of Sports

Nitra, October 3 (TASR) - Nitra will become the European City of Sports in 2018, the European Capitals and Cities of Sport Federation (ACES Europe) has decided.

A commission from ACES Europe took tours last month of the ice-hockey arena and the football stadium in Nitra - both venues of the respective premier league competitions. Members of the commission also inspected reconstruction plans - both finished and in development - at individual sport areas and discovered how successful the most popular sports in Nitra have been, said mayor Jozef Dvonc.

A native of Nitra, Matej Toth became the 50-kilometre race-walk Olympic champion last year, a few months after HK Nitra became champions of ice-hockey's premier league. HK Nitra took the premier-league silver in 2017.

"Members of the commission saw running tracks, a climbing wall, cycling courses and other sporting facilities at the Sihot City Park. They were also intrigued with our bike sharing project, which has been received with huge interest by people in the city," stated the mayor.

Nitra will assume the 2018 European City of Sports title in Brussels on December 6.

Hyundai Opens Modern Training Center in Trnava

Trnava, October 3 (TASR) - A new training center for the Hyundai brand equipped with top-notch technology was opened in Trnava on this date, with Hyundai Motor Slovakia President Yong Jin Kim and the company's CEO Robert Baumgartner symbolically cutting the tape for the new Hyundai Training Academy.

The construction of the center, which will primarily serve to train sales and service staff, took 18 months.

"The Hyundai brand is firmly anchored in Slovakia; the country is an automotive superpower, so it's a logical step that we've decided to strengthen our investments and open a training center in Trnava while providing country-wide services," said Baumgartner.

He went on to say that manufacturers are currently investing in the development of eco-mobility and eco-engines. "Hyundai is the world's first to assemble four types of ecological engines," he said.

"We're approaching a time when we'll speak more electronically about battery-powered and hydrogen-powered cars, and it's these technologies that have to be managed correctly. One of the training center's objectives will be training people who take care of our vehicles, so that they are able to manage these technologies perfectly," said the CEO, adding that a network of 25 electric vehicle charging stations should be built in Slovakia within a year.

Established in 1967, the South Korean Hyundai Motor Company currently has eight manufacturing plants and seven design and technical centers around the world. It sells cars in 30 European countries within a network of 2,500 authorized dealers.

The Slovak Spectator Turns from Biweekly to Monthly Newspaper

Bratislava, October 3 (TASR) - The only Slovak newspaper publishing in the English language has launched new multimedia services for its readers beginning in October, according to Martina Misikova of The Slovak Spectator.

Moreover, as of this month, the newspaper will be published only once a month instead of twice a month, as has been the case up until now.

The Slovak Spectator guarantees its readers a minimum of 16 pages monthly. "We expect the new format to provide a broader scope for the kind of analytical materials we plan to publish both in print and in online versions of the newspaper," said The Slovak Spectator editor-in-chief Michaela Terenzani.

Furthermore, a new digital service - which includes sending a weekly review of the most interesting events as well as audio recordings with a weekly overview of political and business news - has been launched this month as well.

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The First Catholic Slovak Union sponsored the entertainment, as well as provided several baskets for raffle - all to benefit the monks of St. Andrew Abbey Svorad, a Slovak Benedictine Order in Cleveland, OH, all of whom are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 24.



The Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Greater Cleveland performed during the annual fall benefit.

(L - R) FCSU members and guests: Fr. Justin Dyrwak, pastor of Church of the Assumption in Broadview Hts, OH; Barbara Sutila, Branch 855 Member, James Kopco, Branch 24 Member, Sally Kopco, Branch 24 Member, and William Kopco, Branch 24 Member.



(L - R) Members of the FCSU Home Office Staff: Terezia Rozmus, Miriam Visnovsky, Barbara Sutila, and Teresa Ivanec.

FCSU at Annual Fall Benefit for St. Andrew Abbey

On September 24, 2017, St. Andrew Abbey held its annual fall benefit at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake, OH. The event - a fundraiser for the monks of the Slovak Benedictine Order located in Cleveland, OH - began at 2:00PM with Mass and included a 3PM welcome by Abbot Gary Hoover, a 4PM full course dinner, a "live auction" conducted by Fr. Gerard Gonda that featured dinner and time spent at the Abbey, and a 6PM closing prayer during which the "Ultima" was sung by the monks. All of the monks of St. Andrew Abbey are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 24. FCSU Home Office staffers Robert Kopco and Barbara Sutila served on the event committee, and the Home Office sponsored the afternoon's entertainment by the Anthony Culkar Band. The FCSU donated two baskets for raffle as well. Attendees enjoyed performances by the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble as well as its children's group Lucinka. Face painting, a balloon artist, and raffling of some 30 baskets rounded out the afternoon's festivities.

Struthers, OH – Branch 259 Accepting Scholarship Applications



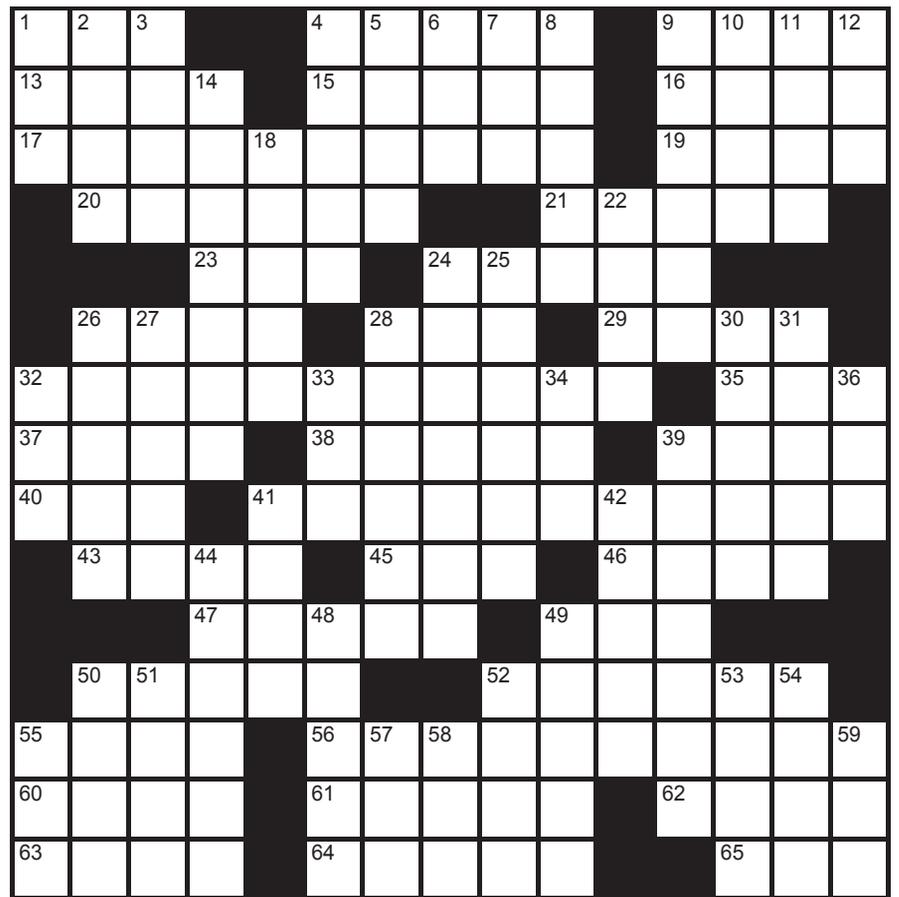
Attention Branch 259 members: a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a member of Branch 259 who qualifies. For an application and additional information, please contact: Vivian Sedlacko at 330-755-8316 or Rosemarie Yuhas at 330-755-9048.

Applications must be submitted to: 17 Wilhelm Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. The deadline for submission of applications in December 29, 2017.

Fraternally yours,

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June 6	May 29 (to accommodate Memorial Holiday)
June 20	June 11
July 18	July 9
August 22	August 13
Sept 19	Sept 10
October 17	October 8
November 14	November 5
December 12	December 3

Across

- 1 Casino action
- 4 Ballgame attendees
- 9 Gilbert of *Roseanne*
- 13 French girlfriend
- 15 Western show
- 16 The Emerald Isle
- 17 Gang boss
- 19 Depend
- 20 Type of sleeve
- 21 Perfect
- 23 Beast of burden
- 24 Get into shape
- 26 Physics class topic
- 28 Sugar suffix
- 29 Musical interval
- 32 Round Table character
- 35 Driveway surface
- 37 Estrada of *CHiPs*
- 38 Group of eight
- 39 Kind of loser
- 40 Cyst
- 41 Shrimp and lobster, e.g.
- 43 Plate
- 45 Filmmaker Spike
- 46 Table scraps
- 47 Flings
- 49 Menu phrase
- 50 Argus-eyed
- 52 Boxed up
- 55 Glance over
- 56 Contrite
- 60 Cereal grass
- 61 Bowie's last stand
- 62 Greek portico
- 63 Keats creations
- 64 Heiress type
- 65 Compass pt.

Down

- 1 Slot machine symbol
- 2 Dubai dignitary
- 3 Louise of *Gilligan's Island*
- 4 Haunted house sound
- 5 Horse color
- 6 Eccentric
- 7 Diminutive
- 8 Sunken ship
- 9 Tranquil
- 10 Region
- 11 Streamlet
- 12 "___ takers?"
- 14 Cake ingredient
- 18 Guanaco's cousin
- 22 Scuttlebutt
- 24 Dangerous African pests
- 25 Tell a story
- 26 Broadcast
- 27 *Lemon Tree* singer Lopez
- 28 Supernatural
- 30 Brown ermine
- 31 Mountain lakes
- 32 Stitch up
- 33 Sweden neighbor (Abbr.)
- 34 Harem room

- 36 E.R. personnel
- 39 Chides
- 41 Scorch
- 42 Soft drinks
- 44 Vistas
- 48 Type of poll
- 49 Cupid's projectile
- 50 Battery contents
- 51 Fine fabric
- 52 *Hot Diggity* singer Perry
- 53 New newts
- 54 Pairs
- 55 Box office sign
- 57 Inventor Whitney
- 58 Certifiable
- 59 Bar topic



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ATTENTION

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc has extended its deadline for accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Program to October 31, 2017.

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, 2017

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



Best Foot Forward Walking Program

The Best Foot Forward Walking Program is an exercise program that can improve overall health.

Benefits to You:

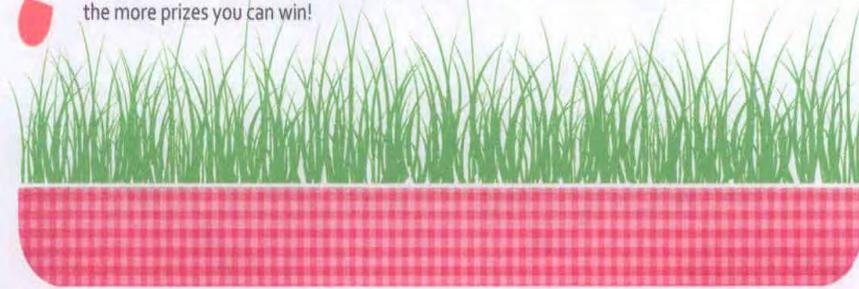
- ♦ Lower your risk of heart disease
- ♦ Reduce your stress level
- ♦ Improve your flexibility, strength, and stamina

Please note this IS NOT a race or a competition; it is just a way to get active and stay active. You participate at your own pace.

- 1 STEP ONE**
 Register: Fill out the registration form and mail to:
 Best Foot Forward
 FCSU Activities
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207
 To receive your welcome kit.
- 2 STEP TWO**
 Just START WALKING!
 Log your walking minutes. The more you walk, the more prizes you can win!

- Rules:**
1. The objective of the Best Foot Forward Walking Program is to reach milestones to be eligible for level awards. The pursuit of the milestones leads to a healthy way of life.
 2. Participants **MUST** be members in good standing of the FCSU in order to be eligible for prizes.
 3. A member can start the program at any time during the year.
 4. Tally sheets should be sent in periodically throughout the year.
 5. Walking minutes from January 1, 2017, and forward will be used to determine the milestones.
 6. Awards will be given in October & April.
 7. Awards will be based on the number of minutes you walked.
 8. Pedometers may be used to track steps. (20 minutes of light cardiovascular activity = 1,000 steps.

Milestone	Award
900 minutes	Hat
1800 minutes	Hip pack
2700 minutes	Water Bottle
3600 Minutes	Ice/heat bandana



Best Foot Forward Walking Program

Setting a goal to make physical activity part of your daily routine will improve your overall health.

Name: _____	Mail to:
Branch Number: _____	Best Foot Forward
Street Address: _____	FCSU Activities
City, State, Zip: _____	234 Ilion St.
Phone Number: _____	Pittsburgh, PA 15207
Email Address: _____	



For additional sign up forms, tally sheet, and program details, go to <http://www.fcsu.com/events/>



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AGE 5	AGE 5	
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AGE 10	AGE 10	
\$5,000 for \$565	\$5,000 for \$485	
AGE 15	AGE 15	
\$5,000 for \$670	\$5,000 for \$570	



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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday 24, 2017, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: BE A PART OF THE JEDNOTA MEMORIAL



The First Catholic Slovak Union dedicated a Jednota Memorial site in September 2016 for our members and their families. The site is on a permanently dedicated 3 1/2 acres of land of Jednota property fronting on Rosedale Avenue in Middletown, PA. The land was once occupied by the Jednota Orphanage, purchased at the urging of our founder Fr. Štefan Furdek for just such a purpose. A rebronzed "Doughboy" statue is a key highlight of this Memorial, honoring those who served in any wars and also giving the opportunity for our Members to honor and remember their ancestors and family members who have made and make our Society great.

9	PAUL & MARY CUPA JURICEK-YURICEK BARDEJOV, SLOVAKIA	IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL KARCH XOXO	LOVING MEMORY OF MY WIFE VIRGINIA KIRIK VOLTER OF 55YRS 2016
DEDICATED TO THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF BRANCH 166K		IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF LOVING PARENTS SSGT U.S. MARINE CORPS WORLD WAR II FRANCIS A. SOLG CATHERINE M. [unclear]	HOLLY FRANK T. JR. ELIZABETH G. [unclear] TOWN, PA
CHARLES RODACY BOONE KEYSTONE OAKS HS-PA CLASS OF 2018	RODACY CHARLES & ELIZABETH CHARLEROI, PA	BOONE FAMILY RON MONICA & CHARLES SCOOBY & VELMA	BERTOVICH MICHAEL & MARGARET AND FAMILY
MAY THE SACRED HEART BLESS & PROTECT THE HARCHARIK FAMILY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF WONDERFUL PARENTS FRANK & ANNA CHMELA	NOWATKOSKI BERNARD KATHERINE BRANCH 856	
IN LOVING MEMORY FRANCIS AND MARY SENGLAR	IN LOVING MEMORY JOSEPH-HELEN SANKNER SCRANTON, PA BR 382	REMEMBERING MEMBERS OF BRANCH 05P PITTSSTON, PA	TILGHMAN A. MILLER JR. 30 YRS MARINE CORPS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANDREW & DELORES LINKO	IN MEMORY OF GEORGE "NORGE" DORKO GERALDINE BONCHAK	IN HONOR OF JOHN P. YURICEK SR. WARREN, OHIO	
JOZEF ZUZANA STANKAY BRADDOCK, PENNA. ZA BOHA ZA NAROD	IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH J. GERKO AUNT BETTY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEPHEN G. GERKO ELIZABETH T. GERKO	IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD A & DOROTHY A (TURCHIK) FRENCK
IN GOD'S KEEPING ANTHONY & EVIE MACHAK	REMEMBERING DEPARTED MEMBERS BRANCH 721 BANNISTER, MICHIGAN		DEDICATED TO THE LOYAL MEMBERS LIVING AND DECEASED REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT #8 PA. MD. D.C.
ARTHUR J. FAYTA OUR SLOVAK HERO WORLD WAR VETERAN	IN LOVING MEMORY EMIL & VERONICA BAYUS SR. BRANCH 1	JOSEPH AND CECELIA PETRASEK AND FAMILY AKRON, OH BRANCH 553	

This is another of the latest panels to be completed. To view more complete panels, or if you haven't yet ordered your "brick" you can go to www.fcsu.com to Jednota Memorial to download your order form. Or you can request an order form by calling the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.

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SlovakAmericanCC.org

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1P – BEAVER MEADOWS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 1P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 1P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2018 and the upcoming convention. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

Marion Rubino, President

BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:00 A. M. 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 16P – WEST WYOMING, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 16P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 16P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will have our Annual Mass for the deceased members of our branch on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30AM. After Mass, we will have a branch meeting. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not able to use the church hall for our usual breakfast meeting. Instead, we will meet at the home of Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT, at 10:00AM, for a business meeting where we will acknowledge our John A. Zahor Scholarships to the following freshmen:

Michael Agolia	Patrick Jezierny
Carly Brainard	Robert Strada III
William Hiza III	Alexis Zabor

We also will honor our special FCSU scholarship winners:

Logan McDonald
Patrick Monks
Courtney Skolka
Rachael Radwill

In addition, we will give our college-bound juniors grants to help them with their college expenses with Andrew J. Imbro Grants given to the following:

Terra Grace
Wesley Kocurek
Robert Lorys, Jr.
Peter Monks
Hayley McDonald
Stacie Nolan
Stephen Panella
Christine Radwill

All awards will be mailed to the recipients; although we certainly hope to have the opportunity to recognize them in person at some point in the future.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at the home of Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT, at 10:100AM. At this meeting we will have election of branch officers and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23, St. Joseph Society, of Johnstown PA will hold our 2nd. Annual Branch meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 2 PM. The meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, 3156 Elton Road, Richland Twp, Johnstown PA 15904. Don't Fall out of touch with what

is happening. All members of Branch 23 are asked and encouraged to attend this meeting. Any questions please call Theresa Cassat (814) 254-2532.

Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2017, 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 Branch Activities Director Susan Lang at 216-577-9699.

Robert J. Kopco, President

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Attention Branch 24 members: the branch is once again offering its CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEMBER-SHIP PROMOTION. For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 2017, Branch 24 will give you a complimentary ticket to the Vilija (Christmas Eve) Dinner sponsored by St. Andrew's Abbey every Christmas season.

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

Robert J. Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 – BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels, Branch 35, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at 1987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The agenda will include election of branch officers, discussion of branch activities and election of delegates for the upcoming 2018 FCSU National Convention.

Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38 will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm at 3409 Eisenhower Drive, White Oak, PA 15131. The agenda will include officers' reports and discussion on 2018 fraternal social activities. At this meeting, we will be electing branch officers and electing delegates to the 2018 National Convention. All Branch 38 members are urged to attend, and all visitors are welcome.

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 3, 2017 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 -McKeesport will hold its semi-annual meeting Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the home of President Ann Wargovich (58 Lilmont Drive, Swissvale) at 1:00 p.m.

On the agenda will be Officers' reports, election of officers, election of delegates (2018 Convention), and discussion of upcoming events. All members are urged to attend.

Julie Perla, Secretary

BRANCH 85 – BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Florian Society, Branch 85K, will hold its fall meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Jessup American Legion, Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, PA. The agenda will include election of officers for 2018.

Stella Skovira, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Branch 89 will hold our Fall Communion Breakfast and Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3970 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53222. Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to breakfast, which is free for all members. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own breakfast at the cost of \$15 per

person. Branch is at 10:30AM, along with the start of the meeting, at The Capitol Café, 14375 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI, 53005.

Please call to make your reservation by October 25, 2017 to President Mike Novak at 414-445-5382.

There will be a prize drawing during the brunch.
Fraternal regards,

Mike Novak, President

BRANCH 90 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 90 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 90 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 98 – TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Attention Branch 98 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 98 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 110 – DELANCEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 110 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 110 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 112 – MAHANAY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

St John the Baptist Branch 112 will hold an annual meeting on Sunday, December 3 at 1 PM at Palermos Restaurant. The agenda will include: Election of officers, officer's reports, election of delegates to the 2018 convention and new business. Please call Karen Sterling 570-640-1796 by November 26, 2017, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Karen Sterling, Secretary

BRANCH 121 – SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Attention Branch 121 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 121 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 124 – SOUTH FORK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 124 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 124 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 128 – MT OLIVE, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 128 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 128 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 136 – NUREMBERG, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 136 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 136 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 144P – HARLEIGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 144P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 144P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 149 – MORRISDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 149 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 149 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St Stephen Branch 153 will have its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue in Harwood Heights. Officers will be elected at this meeting. Charitable contributions will be discussed. All members are invited to attend. A fraternal luncheon will be served after the meeting.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 156 – BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 156 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 156 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 9:00AM at the Uniontown Country Club, at 25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA, 15401.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch activities will be discussed. Arrangements for Christmas donations will be made. 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 November 28, 2017, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 169P – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 169P members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 169P is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

All members of Branch #181 are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Florian R.C. Church in United, PA.

The meeting will be held in the Formation Room in the former convent.

The election of officers and finalizing plans for the Vilija are on the agenda. Light refreshments will be

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Deer Lake Inn located at 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346. (thats 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 financial budget, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2018 and the ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

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 13th 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 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 2 will host the next district meeting on Sunday, November 26 at 1 PM. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 529 Grant Avenue Extension in West Mifflin. We will discuss social and business activities for 2018. Officers for 2018 will be elected. Matters concerning the upcoming national convention, including election of the district delegate, will also be on the agenda.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. The national convention is coming next year; be careful to fulfill all requirements for sending delegates.

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:

** Western PA Slovak Dinner Dance – Sunday, October 8, Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin PA.

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: November 6 – Slovak Immigrants to America, December 4 – Slovak Show-&-Tell. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** 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. Children's classes in the summer.

** Slovak Heritage Day at the Pitt Cathedral of Learning – Sunday, November 5 – noon to 5. Slovak seminars, entertainment, food and vendors.

** 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.

** The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting on October 18-21, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Your correspondent will be giving a presentation on Slovak Alias Names. Further information can be found at 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.

** The September 13 issue of the Jednota has an interesting account of the Senko's summer trip to Slovakia. The April 19 issue has a list of stipend requirements.

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 are invited to attend the district's second annual meeting, hosted by Branch 372, on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 2:00 PM. It will be in the church hall of St. Michael Church, in St. Michael, PA. Election of officers will be held at this time. There will be a luncheon served after the meeting. All district branches are welcome. It would be nice to see some new faces.

Sharon Allison, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 – THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

Mark your calendars our first meeting of 2018 will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Ave, Akron, OH 44311 on January 21, 2018 at 2 pm. We will be electing delegates to the upcoming Convention. Please plan to attend and learn more about convention activities and issues we may be addressing at the convention. Our Society is only as strong as its members –take an active part and help keep our Society strong.

If you plan on attending, please call Linda Hanko @330-706-0151 or 330-690-9611. We need a headcount for refreshments. Please RSVP one week before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 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 22; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Significant Agenda Items

-- Reassignment of beneficial members from inactive/non-participating Branches within District 11 to active Branches

-- Currently effective realignments of responsibility for servicing FCSU policies

-- Realignments still under consideration

-- Election of District Officers

-- Identification of Potential Delegate(s) to Quadrennial Convention in 2018

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 12 – THE MONSIGNOR ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 1:00PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. There will be an election of officers and discussions relative to district business and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Members of the various branches are urged to attend. Any questions, call Joseph Tarquinio at (724) 929-9788. We from District 12 wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

DISTRICT 13 – THE JOZEF CARDINAL TOMKO DISTRICT

The Jozef Cardinal Tomko District, District 13, will hold its semi-annual meeting at 2:00PM on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Cozy Corners in Osceola Mills, PA, 16666 (Route 53 South on Osceola Mills/ Houtzdale Highway.

All local branches belonging to the district are to send a delegate to the meeting. Call Rosemary Deliman at 814 342 5592 if you plan to attend.

There will be election of officers for 2018. Luncheon will be served prior to meeting.

Rosemary Deliman, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 14 –THE REV JOSEPH KOSTIK DISTRICT

The district will hold its next meeting on November 21, 2017 at 2:30PM at MRL Lab, 250 Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. This will be a general meeting with election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend. The December 19, 2017 meeting will also be held at at 2:30PM at MRL Lab, 250 Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. On the agenda: election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH next August. All members are encourage to attend.

Joe Scavina, Vice President

DISTRICT 15 – PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT

Prince Pribina District will hold Annual Meeting on Saturday November 18, 2017. The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: officer reports and financial report, election of officers for the year 2018 and election of the District Convention Delegate to the 2018 FCSU National Convention. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate and have their concurrent Annual Meeting.

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 - THE MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 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 branch reports, financial report, election of officers and discussion of plans for future activities in 2018. We urge members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 to attend and participate in this meeting. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The Slovak Mass at 10:15 will be in remembrance of Jozef Bilik, past President of Branch 716 FCSU.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Secretary

DISTRICT 20 PRINCE RASTISLAV, MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The annual district meeting will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017 at the Sts.Cyril and Methodius Church hall immediately following the eleven (11) o'clock Mass.

The agenda will include Social calendar for 2018. Election of officers as well as discussion re: the upcoming convention In August 2018.

Branch 784 and 810 are urged to send representatives.

A light lunch will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President

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website at www.fcsu.com

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served.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

*Please note there will be a special meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 immediately following the Vilija for the election of delegates to the 51st International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union in Cleveland on August 4 - 8, 2018. The Vilija will be held at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA. Members interested in becoming a delegate should attend.

For more information or directions call 724-547-0803.

Vicki Hricik, Secretary

BRANCH 189 – GALLITZIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 189 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 189 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. All branch members are encouraged to attend.

Barbara Patula, Secretary

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 invites you to attend our monthly branch 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. So for the rest of 2017: Nov. 2nd with Nomination of Officers, & Dec. 7th with Election of Officers.

We look forward to your presence at the monthly meetings held in the banquet hall directly following the BOD's meeting at 7pm. If you are not local to attend, please send your ideas to me @ vschaub123@gmail.com as we are compiling memorabilia for our 125th Anniversary in 2020.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 211 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 211 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 211 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 213 – VALENCIA, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 213, will hold a semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 1:00PM. The meeting will be held at 2603 Eloquent Lane, Valencia, PA, 16059. On the agenda: election of branch officers and general branch business. All members are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Belechak, Secretary

BRANCH 215 – KELAYRES, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 215 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 215 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 221 – TOLEDO, OHIO

Attention Branch 221 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 221 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, will hold an election of delegates to the 51st Quadrennial Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union at our meeting to be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7 P.M. at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH, from Saturday August 4th through Wednesday August 8th, 2018, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel. We currently expect to be permitted to seat six (6) delegates at the Convention to represent our Branch and will also elect alternates to serve if a delegate is unable to attend the Convention. We hope to have all delegates and alternates decided upon at this meeting so the certification process can begin immediately after the meeting.

Once again, I challenge our younger members to consider being a convention delegate and becoming even more involved in our organization. It is a truly special experience that is interesting, fun and gives a sense of accomplishment knowing that you are directly contributing to the operational direction taken by the FCSU for the next four (4) years. Please contact Tom Zuffa at 440-320-6523 or Len Zilko at 440-988-3236 if you are interested in becoming a convention delegate candidate and, of course, come to this very important meeting.

As a reminder, our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are scheduled. The Branch will hold its annual election of officers, by-law review and election of two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors at each December meeting. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. You are sure to find many items of interest.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 233 – BROCKPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 233 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 233 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

The branch will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 1:00PM at Bedford Trails Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. On the agenda: election of officers and general branch business.

Fraternally,

Paul Ritz, Presiden

BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist, Branch 276, will hold their next meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 1:00PM at St. Patrick's Church Hall on 32nd Street in McKeesport, PA. We will be discussing coming events for the New Year and will also be having election of officers for 2018. Delegates for the National Convention to be held next year will also be elected. If you would like to become an officer please attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing new people.

Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 280 - NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 280 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 280 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 299 – CLARENCE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 299 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 299 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the

FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 308 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Attention Branch 308 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 308 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 312 - BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 1:00PM at the home of President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Dr, Latrobe, PA, 15650. For more info: 724-539-8326.

Michaelene Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 320 – STOCKDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of SS Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 11:00AM, at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, PA. Frances may be reached at (724) 929-9788. On the agenda will be the election of officers, along with election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Members are urged to attend. May baby Jesus grant you the happiest of holidays.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 322 – STUMPCREEK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 322 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 322 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 324 – CARTERET, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 324K Carteret, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ.

All members of Branch 324K will now hold membership in Branch 746K.

This merger has taken place as of September 11, 2017.

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

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 326 – FREDERICKSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 326K Fredericksburg, PA and Branch 856K Washington Dc, VA.

All members of Branch 326K will now hold membership in Branch 856K.

This merger has taken place as of October 03, 2017.

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

KATHERINE NOWATKOSKI
806 BLACKFRIARS LOOP
CARY, NC 27519
(919) 651-0363

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 327 – POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 327 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 327 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 333 – GRASSFLAT, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 333 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 333 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 335 – LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 335 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 335 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 348 – CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Attention Branch 348 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 348 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 353K – BELLAIRE, OHIO

Attention Branch 353K members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 353K is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 362 – ST CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

Attention Branch 362 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 362 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph's Branch 367 will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The meeting will be held at O'Gillies Pub, 200 E. Askren Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, at 2 PM in the afternoon. All members are invited. Election of 2018 officers and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention will be held. If planning on attending please call Audrey Balazik, President at 724-438-3887 or Kathryn Baranek, Secretary at 724-569-1006. To all our members and their families we wish you a blessed and happy holiday season.

Kathryn Baranek, Secretary

BRANCH 372 – BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 372, St. Joseph Society, will hold its annual meeting at the home of President Michael Hudak, 829 Cameron Ave., Beaverdale, PA, on Sunday, November 26, 2018, at 2:00PM. Election of officers for 2018 and other important agenda items will be discussed.

Michael Hudak, President

BRANCH 373 – WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Attention Branch 373 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 373 is greatly needed. If you are interested in

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accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 381 - PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 381K Passaic, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ. All members of Branch 381K will now hold membership in Branch 746K.

This merger has taken place as of September 12, 2017.

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

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 382 - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saints Cyril & Methodius Society, Branch 382, will conduct its annual fall meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Officers and members will gather at noon in the VFW, 1100 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include reports of the executive officers and representatives to District 17 events (the annual summer picnic and the semi-annual meeting). Members will also discuss future branch activities. Information from the Home Office will be disseminated including information regarding the 2018 Quadrennial Convention.

Election of officers for 2018 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 Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 388 - LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 388 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 388 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 393 - GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 1:00PM at the New City Buffet, 5142 State Rt. 30, Suite 175, Greensburg, PA. On the agenda: election of branch officers, and election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention. All members are welcome. For reservations, please call Mary Ann Nalevanko at 1-724-834-6386.

Mary Ann Nalevanko, Secretary

BRANCH 414 - FARRELL, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 414 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 414 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 425 - BARBERTON, OHIO

St. Marks Society, Branch 425, will be holding its annual meeting on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at the home of Paul Slota, 1371 Eastern Road, Rittman, OH. The meeting will take place at 1:00PM. Election of officers will take place. To RSVP please call 1-330-825-3534.

Jeannette Willis, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 450 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 450, will hold its

annual meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129. (between Brookpark and Snow Rd.)

On the agenda will be officers' reports, the 2017 financial report, 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 461 - BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Attention Branch 461 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 461 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 484KJ, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 2:00PM. It will be held at the home of Financial Secretary Monica Rura, 819 Power Plant Road, Coral PA, 15731. The agenda will include financial reports, election of officers, payment of bills, donations, membership, etc. All members are cordially invited to attend and to participate in the discussion of obtaining new members.

Monica Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Election of FCSU 2018 Convention delegates, and Christmas Luncheon on Saturday November 25, 2017.

Location: Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00PM. Afterwards, attendees will enjoy a Christmas luncheon.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Financial Secretary by Wednesday, November 22, so that we can give the restaurant an accurate head count. Call Bob at (773) 558-5956 or (502) 244-6643.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 497 - CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

Attention Branch 497 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 497 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 505 - EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 505 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 505 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

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BRANCH 512 - GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 514 - PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 514K Perth Amboy, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ. All members of Branch 514K will now hold membership

in Branch 746K.

This merger has taken place as of October 2, 2017. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

The branch will hold its next meeting on November 19, 2017, at 2PM at the J club 485 Morgan Ave, Akron, OH. On the agenda: election of branch officers. If anyone is interested in running for office please send your name and what office you would like to hold to Grace Bacot at 485 Morgan Ave Akron 44311.

Other events at the J Club:

Spaghetti Dinner - Wed. Nov 1 and Wed. Dec 6 from 4:30PM to 7:00PM

Watch party for Ohio State vs Penn State - October 28; come and join in the festivities, starting at the 3:00PM game time. If you wish we will have presale tickets for a \$15 Steak Dinner to be served at halftime. You do not have to purchase a dinner to participate in watching & cheering on your team.

Sandie Klucar

BRANCH 580 - WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart of Jesus Branch 580 will hold a meeting on November 19, 2017, after the 9:30 Mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Ave Ext. West Mifflin, PA, 15123.

Election of officers will take place. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Secretary

BRANCH 581 - GARY-WHITING, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will hold a meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2017, at 1PM at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 East Old Ridge Rd., Hobart, IN. The agenda will be election of officers, insurance premiums for children to be paid for the first year, and the upcoming play.

RSVP Ann, 219-947-2793 or George, 219-926-2410

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 586 - UNION GROVE, WISCONSIN

Attention Branch 586 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 586 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 587 - ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2017, 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 November 6, 2017.

Edith Valo, Secretary

BRANCH 591 - CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 591 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 591 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 595 - MUSKEGON HTS, MICHIGAN

Sunday, November 5 Polka Dance - 3pm-6pm; food available for purchase.

Sunday, December 3 Polka Dance - 3pm-6pm; food available for purchase

Saturday, December 9 Kid's Christmas Party - 1pm; please call Tatra Hall to sign up your child, this is a free event.

Sunday, December 17 Monthly Branch Meeting - 2pm; election of officers will take place, please make

sure to attend.

Refreshments every Tuesday and Thursday .50 off Hours are Mon-Fri, 1pm-8pm, Sat 12noon-8pm

Come down and enjoy yourself. All events take place at Tatra Hall 2536 Sixth St. Muskegon Heights 231-733-2575

Susan Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 636 - TOLEDO, OHIO

Attention Branch 636 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 636 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 670 - DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at noon at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. There will be an election of officers along with election of delegates to the 2018 National Convention in Cleveland, OH. Members are urged to attend. Any questions, call Joseph Matinko at (724) 747-7332. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dorothy Petrus, President

BRANCH 700 - SUGAR CREEK, MISSOURI

Attention Branch 700 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 700 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 702 - LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS

Attention Branch 702 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 702 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 716 - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Due to the NYC Marathon on November 5th, the annual meeting of St. Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, has been postponed from November 5th to November 12th. The November 12th meeting will start at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY. The agenda will be the election of Branch 716 officers for 2018, a financial report for the Branch and planning of future events for next year. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Also, the November 5th Sunday Slovak Mass at 10:15 AM will be for our deceased Branch 716 President Jozef Biliik. All members are urged to attend the Mass.

Fraternally,

Joan Mary Skrkon, Acting Secretary

BRANCH 738 - MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Branch 738 will be holding our semi-annual meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 6:30PM at the VFW on Whitaker Way in Munhall, PA. The meeting will include a celebration of Christmas and a review of the annual audit. Also we will have election of officers for 2018. We will begin discussion about delegates for the next National Convention in August of 2018, as well. All members are invited to attend. Please join us and become involved in your branch and its future.

Patricia Guidish, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 743 - STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officers' Reports, a 2017 financial report, approval of the 2018 budget, discus-

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY (OBUSEK) MANDELLA BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA



Shirley (Obusek) Mandella, age 80 of McKeesport, PA, died August 21, 2017, at ManorCare Health Services – Monroeville, PA. Born September 17, 1936, in McKeesport, she was the daughter of the late John F. and Elizabeth (Meharra) Obusek, and the wife of the late Walter J. Mandella. Shirley was a driver for ACCESS for many years and won multiple awards of continued excellence by the Mon-Yough Chapter of ODH (Open Doors for Handicapped) and she was a volunteer at Kane Regional Medical Center in McKeesport for over 20 years. She was well known for being a vocal leader and coach of the McKeesport Girls Softball League, and was famous for her "level, level, level" while the girls were at bat. She was very crafty and loved making things from plastic canvas, designing macramé chairs, and enjoyed spending time in the mountains, playing cards and going to bingo. She is survived by son, Dan (Erica) Mandella; daughter, Terri (Scott) Pollock; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Emily, Stephen, Matthew and Sarah Mandella, Hunter and Samantha Pollock and also survived by nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by son, Larry (Wendy) Mandella; sister, Virginia Davis; brothers, John G. and Ernest Obusek, and infant brother, Lawrence Obusek. Family and friends were received at Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, August 26, 2017, where an evening service was also held with Deacon Dale DiSanto officiating.

- Submitted by Theresa M. Pollock

STEPHEN KOLADA BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Stephen Kolada was born Sept. 11, 1920, in Chicago, IL, to Stephen and Stephanie (Makuka) Kolada. He died on Sept. 19, 2017, at the age of 97.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Allene (Gleason) Kolada; second wife, Rita Lavery; his parents; his sister, Justine; brother Joseph; and a stillborn son, Stephen Joseph.

Steve is survived by his brother Roman Kolada, of Namestovo, Slovakia; and his children: Mary (Don) Scott, of Ventura, CA; Thomas Kolada, of Springfield, OR; Kathleen Kolada, of Santa Clarita, CA; Barbara Kolada, of Medford, OR; Patricia (Kevin) Erickson, of Paso Robles, California; and Susan (Grant) Hawkins, of Tooele, UT. He also leaves behind grandchildren George Harris, Jessica (Casey) McFeron, Candis Fairley, and Cory Hawkins, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Although he was born in America, Steve was raised in Namestovo, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia). He returned to Chicago as a young man. Steve was a U.S. Army infantryman in 1944-45, serving in World War II. He was captured in Germany and spent the last six months of the war in a Prisoner of War camp.

After the war, he returned to Chicago and worked for a small newspaper where he met his first wife. Later they moved to the San Fernando Valley where they raised six children and he operated his own print shop, Community Press.

An astute businessman, he was hardworking, honest and trusted. Steve also was a caring, kind and generous man with a sharp wit and comfortable warmth. He claimed to be a simple man, but to those who knew and loved him, he was simply the best.

Steve retired at age 70. After the death of his first wife, he remarried and enjoyed a quiet life in Tujunga, CA. He enjoyed gardening, writing, reading, singing, listening to music, and taking walks.

Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Tujunga, where he worshipped for 26 years. He also belonged to Disabled American Veterans.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at Valley Funeral Home in Burbank, CA. Steve was buried at San Fernando Mission Cemetery in Mission Hills, CA, with full military honors.

- Submitted by Mary Scott

BERNARD MICHAEL BROSKO BRANCH 259 – NEW MIDDLETOWN, OHIO



Bernard Michael Brosko, 91 a beloved husband to Mary Jane of 59 years passed away the evening of August 16 2017 in the hospital where he was fighting complications from diabetes. Bernie was born March 20, 1926, in Campbell, OH, the eldest son to the late Veronica and Michael Brosko and preceded in death by his sisters Margaret "Mitch" Bobeck and Agnes Escaja, and son John Michael. He leaves behind his younger brother Lawrence, his daughter Kathryn and son-in-law John; and three grandchildren Mary, John J. "Bud", and Marion.

Bernie was a proud WWII Navy veteran where he served on the USS RENATE, a troop ship, in the South Pacific. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he continued his education at Youngstown State University and worked as a draftsman for Wean United for 32 years during the steel mill heyday where he drew numerous engineer drawings and plans for the mills.

He was member and usher of Saint Paul the Apostle Church in New Middletown and a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union. In his spare, time he loved golfing, fishing, spending time with his friends and family and heading annually to the Canfield fair. We will always cherish all of the fish stories of the one that got away and the ones

he threw back.

Family and friends gathered for a viewing on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at the Wasko Funeral Home, Campbell.

- Submitted by John W. McDowell

EMIL P. OROS BRANCH 587 – ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

Emil P. Oros, 83, of Hopewell Twp., PA, passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2017, after a courageous battle with lung cancer, at Good Samaritan Hospice, with his loving family by his side.

He was born July 7, 1934, in West Aliquippa, PA, and was the son of the late Andrew G. and Anna (Gajdos) Oros. In addition to his parents, Emil was preceded in death by his sisters, Anne Mihok and Mary DiGiovine, and brothers, John, Andrew, Michael and Albert Oros.

Emil graduated from Aliquippa High School and served in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox. Being a bricklayer by trade, he was employed by LTV Steel and retired from Swindell Dressler.

He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Emil was an avid gardener. The pleasure he found in tending his garden each summer was exceeded only by the joy of sharing his harvest with his family and friends. Emil was well known for his beaded crafts, brightening holidays and special occasions with his creations. He had a quick wit and a joke for any situation.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann (Ranieri) Oros; his son, Michael Oros; his daughter, Annette (Mark) Sparrow; dear granddaughters, Claire and Annalise Sparrow; sisters-in-law, Susan Oros, Juliann Ranieri, Esther Letrick, Elaine (Joseph) Yurkovich and Rosalyn (James) Braun; brother-in-law, Michael (Kathleen Maloney) Ranieri, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was on Sunday, July 30, 2017, in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Aliquippa. Departing prayers began the morning of July 31, 2017, in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Fatima Church with Father Howard Campbell officiating. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

- Submitted by Mary Ann Oros

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sion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2018 Branch Officers and the election of 2018 Convention Delegates in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention to be held in Cleveland, OH, will also take place.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. 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 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at AMICIS RISTORANTE, 1700 W. Elizabeth Avenue in Linden, NJ at 3:30pm. The agenda will include election of officers, as well as discussion of plans for next year's activities, including election of Convention delegates. A Christmas holiday dinner will follow the meeting. Please call Joanne Tkach Polt @732-762-3148 by December 1st if you plan on attending.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 756 – OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Branch 756 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 10.30 am. It will be held in the Hospitality Room of the St. Joseph School, 811 East Oliver Street, Owosso, MI. We're still looking for additional officers. After a short meeting, we'll go to The Knights of Columbus Center for a Chicken Dinner, at 12:00 NOON. I will reimburse for the cost, for the first 12 members.

Please RSVP your attendance to 517-381-8358. Hope for a small celebration.

Stephan J. Patoprsty, President

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 will hold its next meeting on December 10, 2017, at the home of Rosemary Heald, 379 Quarry Lane, NE, Warren, OH, 44483. The meeting will start at 4:00PM, with election of branch officers and a discussion of the February 2018 Feast Day Dinner at the church on the agenda. For more information, contact William Hrusovsky at 330-372-1948 or at hrusovskyy@embarqmail.com.

William Hrusovsky, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 777 – BEDFORD, OHIO

There has been a merger between Branch 852K Cleveland, OH and Branch 024K Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 777K will now hold membership in Branch 024K. This merger has taken place as of October 04, 2017. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCHES 784 AND 810 – MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Both branches will hold their annual meeting on November 5, 2017, following the 11 o'clock Mass. This Mass is for the deceased members of Branch 784 in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Montreal.

On the agenda, plans for the next season, along with the election of officers for 2018.

A light lunch will be served. Please contact any of the officers to let us know if you plan to attend.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will have its annual meeting November 12, 2017. Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 4102 South Church St. Egypt, PA 18052. Meeting will be held in the basement at 1 pm.

Meeting agenda will cover Election of Branch Officers for 2018, as well as discussion for delegates for

the upcoming Convention, slated for August 2018, in Cleveland OH. Also, discussion for the upcoming District 8 meeting to held in the spring of 2018.

Our Branch 796 has merged with Allentown Branch 567. We encourage all members from both Branches to attend and are welcomed to the meeting.

Concluding the meeting, we will enjoy the fraternalism of Sokol Assembly 255, and enjoy some delicious Slovak foods.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468.

Fraternally,

Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 823 – YOUNGWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention Branch 823 members: the branch is actively seeking members to serve as officers for 2017.

Your guidance and direction in the operation of Branch 823 is greatly needed. If you are interested in accepting an officer position or would like more information, please call Branch Liaison Bob Kopco at the FCSU Home Office: 1-800-533-6682, ext. 116.

Interested persons should respond no later than October 31, 2017.

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its Annual Meeting on November 18, 2017, at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Meeting will start at 11:00 AM wit agenda as follow: Membership Drive with focus on benefits cherished from FCSU, Financial Report, election of Branch 844 officers for 2018 as well as the Branch Convention Delegate for the 2018 FCSU National Convention.

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 852 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

There has been a merger between Branch 852K Cleveland, OH and Branch 24K Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 852K will now hold membership in Branch 24K. This merger has taken place as of October 04, 2017.

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

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 853, will hold its Annual Meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 11am at Regos Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. All members attending will be treated to lunch. Non-branch members cost of the lunch will be \$16. Reservations are required for a seating count. Please leave a message at 412-341-1577 with your name, phone number, and how many branch, and non-branch members will be attending.

Along with celebrating the birth of Our Lord, we will hold a meeting after lunch. Election will take place for the branch officers for 2018 as well as the election of delegates for the 2018 Quadrennial Convention of the FCSU.

The Convention will be held in Cleveland, OH, from Saturday August 4th through Wednesday August 8th, 2018, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel.

Branch 853 extends to all, wishes for a safe, happy and Holy Christmas Season.

Monica Rodacy Boone, President

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention all Branch 853 members: Branch 853 members who are paying for an educational program are eligible for the yearly Branch Educational Stipend.

If you are interested in receiving an application, please email FCSUBRANCH853@gmail.com with your request or mail for an application for the stipend at Branch 853 Educational Stipend, 2670 Crosby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. All requirements for the stipend must be fulfilled and provided by the applicant and be submitted by mail.

Stipend will not be greater than the cost of the course.

Branch 853 encourages all types of educational enrichment to apply for the stipend - from formal classroom costs to adult fun enrichment classes (i.e. - cooking classes, yoga classes, or other types of fun learning).

Monica Rodacy Boone, President

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Then rapt in serene adoration
Praised God in the glory I saw.

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The 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is ending soon. 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.

While collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry at one time provided the bulk of the donations, today the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors. If you have already made your donation to the 39th Annual Appeal, thank you. If 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. As of September 15, the 2017 Appeal has raised \$17,426. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Donations received after December 1, 2017 will be credited toward the 2018 Appeal.

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. Hvozdivic, 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.

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Správy zo Slovenska

Svetový deň turizmu otvoril brány františkánskeho kláštora

Útroby františkánskeho kostola v Kremnici a jeho katakomby opäť privítali návštevníkov. Pri príležitosti Svetového dňa turizmu tu dobrovoľníci koncom septembra organizovali prehliadky s voľným vstupom. V auguste počas Dňa otvorených dverí prišlo do kláštora viac ako 600 ľudí, bol naozaj veľký záujem vidieť jeho priestory a tak sa rozhodli, že prehliadky zopakujú. Františkánsky kláštor je významná kultúrna pamiatka, ktorá je súčasťou historického centra Kremnice. V kláštore pôsobila 300 rokov rehoľa františkánov. V roku 1949 boli františkáni násilne odvlčení komunistickým režimom a kláštor bol opustený. V súčasnosti nie je sprístupnený pre verejnosť.

Do roku 2030 chce modernizovať armádu za viac ako 6,5 miliardy eur

Na viac ako 6,5 miliardy eur vyčíslilo Ministerstvo obrany (MO) SR náklady na hlavné modernizačné projekty slovenskej armády do roku 2030. Okrem iného by rezort obrany chcel získať alebo modernizovať bojové obrnené vozidlá 8x8, viacúčelové taktické vozidlá 4x4, protitankové systémy či delostrelecké palebné systémy. Rezort obrany nedávno zverejnil návrh dlhodobého plánu rozvoja obrany s dôrazom na výstavbu a rozvoj ozbrojených síl SR s výhľadom do roku 2030. Vyplýva z neho, že MO by napríklad už do konca roku 2024 chcelo získať 81 kusov bojových obrnených vozidiel v hodnote 417 miliónov eur, do konca roku 2029 až 404 kusov viacúčelových taktických vozidiel 4x4, ale medzi modernizačné projekty zaradilo aj 445 kusov protitankových systémov, 14 viacúčelových taktických lietadiel, 17 kusov 3D rádiolokátorov krátkeho, stredného dosahu a blízkeho dosahu či dva kusy dopravných lietadiel. MO SR plánuje do roku 2030 získať aj takmer 700 kusov nákladných automobilov.

Rezort práce trvá na zvýšení minimálnej mzdy na 480 eur

Minimálna mzda na Slovensku by mala od budúceho roka vzrásť zo súčasných 435 eur na 480 eur mesačne, čo predstavuje zvýšenie o 10,34 %. Hodinová mzda zamestnancov by mala dosiahnuť 2,759 eura. Návrh predložilo ministerstvo práce na rokovanie Hospodárskej a sociálnej rady (HSR) SR. Po augustových rokovaníach však posun nenastal, rezort práce preto predložil rovnaký návrh ako na poslednom rokovaní tripartity. Celkové ročné náklady zamestnávateľov v súkromnej sfére by mali dosiahnuť 61,4 milióna eur.

Prišla učiť angličtinu, pre políciu takmer nedostala víza

Pred cudzineckou políciou v bratislavskej Petržalke ľudia čakajú hodiny. Často aj v noci. Ak sa nedostanú na rad musia Slovenskú republiku (SR) opustiť. Problémy cudzincov so slovenskou cudzineckou políciou majú ako napríklad prípad Američanky Mirandy Cramerovej, ktorá sa pre predĺženie pracovného pobytu postavila pred budovu cudzineckej polície päťkrát. Učiteľke angličtiny na bilingválnom gymnáziu sa napokon víza podarilo dostať na piaty raz.

Ocenili ich za liečbu epilepsie

Lekár z banskobystrickej Rooseveltovej nemocnice Vladimír Donáth prevzal v septembri v španielskej Barcelone za Slovenskú ligu proti epilepsii prestížne medzinárodné ocenenie za prínos v starostlivosti o pacientov s týmto ochorením. Rooseveltova nemocnica patrí k popredným centrom diagnostiky a liečby epilepsie na Slovensku.

Po Británii si ju zamiloval aj Paríž

O mladej fotografke Zuzane Valla, ktorá si rozbehla kariéru v Spojenom kráľovstve, o jej zábery sa trhajú prestížne magazíny. V septembri 2016 ju vyhlásili za jednu z TOP 5 fotografiek Británie. V novembri bude svoju tvorbu prezentovať na výstave ImageNation vo francúzskom Paríži.

O peniaze prišli aj Slováci

Zmarené dovolenky a škody v stovkách eur. Krach nemeckej leteckej spoločnosti Air Berlin postihol tisíce ľudí po celom svete a problémom sa nevyhli ani Slováci, ktorí s obľubou využívali spojenia z videnského letiska. Ak je let zrušený, letecká spoločnosť vám musí dať na výber medzi vrátením platby za letenku alebo presmerovaním do konečnej destinácie, informuje Európske spotrebiteľské centrum. Ak ste niekde uviazli, uchovajte si doklady o výdavkoch, máte nárok na ich refundáciu.

Expanzia v Bachledovej: po chodníku v stromoch vleký

Tatranská dedina Ždiar aspiruje na titul obce s najvyšším počtom lyžiarskych vlekov na Slovensku. Môže sa tak stať potom, čo viacerí miestni podnikatelia pretavia do reality plánované investície do prepravných kapacít. Investícia do novej lanovky sa vyšplhá na šesť miliónov eur a stavebné práce sa začnú po skončení zimnej sezóny.

Slovák vyhral maďarský MasterChef

V maďarskej televíznej šou MasterChef zvíťazil amatérsky kuchár z Gabčíkova Róbert Tatai. Odniesol si aj výhru vo výške 10 miliónov forintov (33.000 eur) a k tomu navyše získal aj trojtýždňovú stáž vo Francúzskom inštitúte šéfkuchára Paula Bocusa. „Idem do Francúzska na kurz a peniaze investujem do vzdelávania...“

Kráska, ktorú Slovákovi všetci závidia

Jedinečný jaskynný systém sa nachádza na území Slovenského krasu. Ján Majko ako príslušník pohraničnej stráže spolu s pražskými skautmi preskúmal dno dávno známej Starej Domicie, odkiaľ sa dostal hlbokou priepasťou do novej chodby, dlhej asi 15 metrov. Po zhodnotení všetkých dovtedy známych poznatkov o okolí našiel 3. októbra 1926 jeden zo štyroch prirodzených vchodov jaskynného systému. Tým sa potvrdila existencia mohutných podzemných priestorov medzi jaskyňou Baradla v dnešnom Maďarsku a Čertovou dierou na území dnešnej Slovenskej republiky v celkovej dĺžke 21 kilometrov.

Titul Európske mesto športu poputuje na budúci rok pod Zobor

Nitra bude v roku 2018 Európskym mestom športu. Rozhodla o tom hodnotiacia komisia ACES Europe. Tá v septembri navštívila hokejový a futbalový štadión. Okrem toho sa zoznámila aj so zrealizovanými a plánovanými rekonštrukčnými prácami na športoviskách a s úspechmi najpopulárnejších nitrianskych kolektívnych športov. Projekt Nitry na získanie titulu Európskeho mesta športu prezentoval pred komisiou primátor Jozef Dvonč.

Mladí slovenské vysoké školy odmietajú

V roku 2008 na slovenských univerzitách študovalo 225.000 mladých ľudí. Dnes sa na chodbách vysokých škôl pohybuje o takmer 80.000 študentov menej. Podľa odborníkov je za tým aj odchod mladých do zahraničia a nižšia pôrodnosť. Súčasťou článku bola aj infografika o počte študujúcich na slovenských vysokých školách zo Slovenska a zo zahraničia. Počet študentov zo zahraničia rastie.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Peter Sagan najúspešnejší športovec histórie SR

Peter Sagan obhájil v nórskom Bergene titul svetového šampióna v cestnej cyklistike. Slovenský reprezentant, ktorý vlani triumfoval v Dauhe a rok predtým ovládol preteky v americkom Richmonde, zvíťazil v záverečnom špurte nedeľňajších pretekov s hromadným štartom. Sagan tak prepisal štatistiky, keď ako prvý v histórii zvíťazil na svetovom šampionáte trikrát za sebou.

Trojnásobný majster sveta Slovák Peter Sagan (v strede), strieborný Nór Alexander Kristoff (vľavo) a bronzový Austráľčan Michael Matthews (vpravo) pózujú fotografom s medailami po preteku mužov kategórie Elite na majstrovstvách sveta v cestnej cyklistike v nórskom Bergene 24. septembra 2017.



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Gold medalist Peter Sagan of Slovakia, center, celebrates on the podium with silver medalist Alexander Kristoff of Norway, left, and bronze medalist Michael Matthews of Australia after the Men's Elite Road Race at the UCI 2017 Road World Championship, in Bergen, Norway, Sunday Sept. 24, 2017.

Slovákovi budú pľúca transplantovať v Česku

Slovákovi už nebudú transplantovať pľúca vo Viedni ako doteraz. Rakúšania nemajú dostatočnú kapacitu prijímať nových pacientov z našej krajiny, o našincov sa postarajú v českej Fakultnej nemocnici Motol. Minister zdravotníctva Tomáš Drucker (nominant Smeru-SD) by mal podpísať memorandum o spolupráci v októbri tohto roka.

„Nemocnica Motol ročne zabezpečí pre občanov Českej a Slovenskej republiky približne 80 transplantácií pľúc, čo je už úroveň svetovej špičky,“ povedala hovorkyňa Ministerstva zdravotníctva (MZ) SR Zuzana Eliášová.

Medzi šéfmí rezortov zdravotníctva už došlo k dohode o spolupráci, stanovili sa základné tézy. Do jej spustenia budú Slovákovi transplantovať pľúca tam, kde doteraz - vo videnskej Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien. Zmluva s týmto zdravotníckym zariadením vypršala v máji tohto roka. Na čakacej listine by tam mal byť aktuálne jeden pacient.

Na zaradenie na čakaciu listinu čakajú asi štyria pacienti. „Predpokladáme, že títo už budú transplantovaní v Českej republike,“ uviedla Eliášová. Česko a Slovensko budú mať spoločný zoznam čakateľov, čo zvýši šance na dodanie vhodného orgánu pre pacienta, ktorý potrebuje transplantáciu.

Transplantáciu pľúc lekári na Slovensku nevykonávajú. Slovensko malo s Rakúšanmi dlhoročnú spoluprácu, od roku 1998 urobili transplantácie 67 pacientom. Ministerstvo zdravotníctva chce, aby sa tento technicky najkomplikovanejší transplantáčny výkon robil aj u nás. V rámci projektu novej Univerzitnej nemocnice Bratislava (UNB) preto uvažuje o zriadení transplantáčného centra pľúc. „Ročne je na Slovensku asi desať kandidátov indikovaných na takýto výkon,“ uviedla Eliášová. Pacientov v súčasnosti na Slovensku na transplantáciu pľúc „iba pripravujú“, v UNB manažujú starostlivosť pred a po.

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Na najstaršie haluškové majstrovstvá prišli aj Kanadania

Majstrovstvá Slovenska a Európy vo varení a jedení bryndzových halušiek, ktoré vždy v lete organizuje Turecká, si v tomto roku zaknihovali už 23. ročník. Prišli naň aj Kanadania, ktorí majú slovenské korene. Tých dnes starostovi pripomína kanadská vlajka, ktorú má v pracovni.

Turecká bola vôbec prvá obec na Slovensku, kde sa konali haluškové majstrovstvá a dodnes je jej vlajkovou akciou, ktorá k nim každoročne pritiahne tisíce návštevníkov i zo zahraničia. Až neskôr sa podobné podujatia rozšírili do iných regiónov.

„Počet návštevníkov každým rokom rastie. Hoci som sa tomu dlhé roky bránil, v tomto roku sme vyberali vstupné, ale len v sobotu. Pri ekonomike akcie, ktorej rozpočet je zhruba 20.000 eur, sme k tomu pristúpili po prvý raz. Príjmy nám nepokrývali výdavky, respektíve vykrývali tak, že sme boli na nule a niekedy sa stalo, že aj v strate, a to už je pre takú obec, ako sme my, problém. Podujatie trvalo dva júlové dni a keďže sme v sobotu vyberali vstupné, tak vieme, že k nám prišlo okolo 2500 ľudí,“ zhodnotil Ivan Janovec, hlava obce so 156 obyvateľmi. Tohtoročné najstaršie haluškové majstrovstvá poctili návštevou Slováci žijúci v Kanade, ktorí práve v lete chodia na Slovensko a navštevujú svoje rodiny. Prišlo ich skoro 30 vrátane detí z folklórneho súboru Rozmarín, ktoré udržiavajú naše tradície. Dospelí si aj zasúťažili a nakoniec Kanade patrilo v Tureckej tretie miesto. Podľa Janovca v návštevníkoch zanechali nezabudnuteľné zážitky. Ich cestu do našej krajiny podporil Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí.

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Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Aktivity v Slovenskej záhrade vo Winter Park, Florida

Slovenská záhrada (SZ) v mestečku Winter Park, v blízkosti Orlanda, je v tomto čase jediným centrom slovenského života vo Floride. Každoročne usporiada niekoľko kultúrnych a spoločenských podujatí, ktoré prilákajú Slovákov aj zo vzdialenejších miest vo Floride, ba aj z iných amerických štátov.

Na sobotu, **9. decembra** pripraví vedenie SZ bohatú predvianočnú večeru (viliu) s tradičnými štedrovečernými pochúťkami. Začiatok o 2. hod. popoludní. Slovenská záhrada pozýva na tieto podujatia širšiu slovenskú verejnosť, vrátane sezónnych návštevníkov zo „severu“. Informácie o týchto podujatiach a o členstve v SZ možno dostať na tel. č. 407-677-6894, alebo cez e-mail: mailto:slovakgarden@centurylink.net, slovakgarden@centurylink.net.

Slovenský Oktoberfest v NY vo farskej hale sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC

Spojené farnosti sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku, St. John Martyr a St. Frances Xavier Cabrini pozývajú slovenskú verejnosť na tradičnú Októbrovú zábavu – slovenský Oktoberfest. Bude sa konať v **nedeľu 22. októbra** od 12. 30 do 6.00 hod. vo **farskej hale slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého**, 406 East 66th Street. Bude sa podávať večera, pivo, víno a nealkoholické nápoje a zabezpečená je i živá hudba a tanec. Vstupné je \$40 za osobu, v čom je zahrnuté jedlo a nápoje. Informácie a rezervácie: Lisa: 212-734-4613; Maria: 347-612-1934 alebo email: parishfn@eastrivercatholics.org.

Výročná schôdza okresu Princa Pribinu - Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Okres Princa Pribinu bude mať výročnú schôdzu v **sobotu 18. novembra 2017**. Výročná schôdza začne o 11:00 hod. v Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Na programe sú správy funkcionárov a finančná správa, voľba funkcionárov na rok 2018 a delegáta okresu Princa Pribina na Konvenciu FCSU v roku 2018. Členovia všetkých spolkov v okolí sú pozvaní a doporučuje sa základným organizáciám v Distrikte FCSU vykonať súčasne výročné voľby.

Paul Skuben, predseda

Ročná schôdza Spolku č. 844 IKSJ v Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Oznamujeme členom, že ročná schôdza Spolku č. 844 IKSJ v Los Angeles bude v sobotu 18. novembra 2017, v Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Schôdza začne o 11:00 hod. Na programe je finančná správa, voľby úradníkov na ďalšie obdobie a plán činnosti na rok 2018 ako aj zvolenie delegáta na Konvenciu IKSJ v roku 2018.

Milan Konkol, tajomník

Ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKS

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v **nedeľu 3. decembra 2017** 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 za tým 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

Výročná schôdza Okresu Msgr. Krasul'u č. 16

Výročná schôdza okresu Mons. Štefana Krasul'u č. 16 sa bude konať v **nedeľu 10. decembra 2017** na fare Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 E 66th Street, New York, NY, hneď po slovenskej sv. omši o 10:15. Na programe budú hlásenia spolkov, finančná správa, voľby úradníkov na ďalšie obdobie a plán činnosti na rok 2018. Pozývame všetkých členov spolkov 41, 45 a 716, aby sa zúčastnili tejto schôdze. Zástupcovia iných Okresov sú tiež vítaní. Po schôdzi bude občerstvenie. Slovenská sv. omša o 10:15 bude za Jozefa Bilika, bývalého predsedu spolku č. 716 FCSU.

Slovenský ples v Royal Manor, Garfield, NJ

Slovensko - Americké Kultúrne Stredisko Vás srdečne pozýva už na 25. ročník "Slovenského plesu", ktorý sa bude konať v **sobotu, 10. februára, 2018**. Organizátori pripravujú zaujímavý program a bohatú tombolu. Vstupenky na tel. čísle 973-357-1209. Blížšie informácie na adrese: slovakanamericanc.org

Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka

Žilinská univerzita podpísala zmluvu s Kalifornskou univerzitou

Žilinská univerzita (ŽU) v Žiline podpísala vo štvrtok 21. septembra pri príležitosti oficiálnej návštevy prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku v USA zmluvu strategického partnerstva s Kalifornskou univerzitou v Berkeley v oblasti inteligentných dopravných systémov. Informovala o tom Martina Slavíková z oddelenia pre medzinárodné vzťahy a marketing ŽU.

„Podpisom zmluvy sa prehĺbuje spolupráca v strategickej oblasti výskumu našej univerzity v oblasti inteligentných dopravných systémov s poprednou svetovou univerzitou, ktorou Kalifornská univerzita bezpochyby v súčasnosti je,“ povedala rektorka ŽU Tatiana Čorejová. Doplnila, že práve vďaka spolupráci získala ŽU prístup na rozšírenie svojho výskumu do Kalifornie, kde sa nachádzajú inovačné centrá popredných svetových firiem aj v oblastiach inteligentných dopravných systémov.

„Kalifornská univerzita je najlepšou verejnou vysokou školou na svete vo viacerých oblastiach. V ostatných rokoch aj v technike, s dôrazom na informačné technológie a ich aplikácie. Táto vysoko uznávaná univerzita zohráva rozhodujúcu úlohu v kalifornskom hospodárstve a jej výskumníci vytvorili prevratné produkty, revolučné spoločnosti a ich príspevky majú celosvetový dosah,“ uviedla Slavíková.

ŽU je podľa nej v súčasnosti na Slovensku lídrom vo výskume v oblasti inteligentných dopravných systémov. „Aj vďaka pilotnému projektu 7. rámcového programu Európskej únie na podporu špičkových tímov ERAChair - projektu ERAdiate sa ŽU radí medzi lídrov v tejto oblasti,“ dodala Slavíková.

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40. Festival slovenského dedičstva v NJ poctil slovenského štátnika M. Lajčáka

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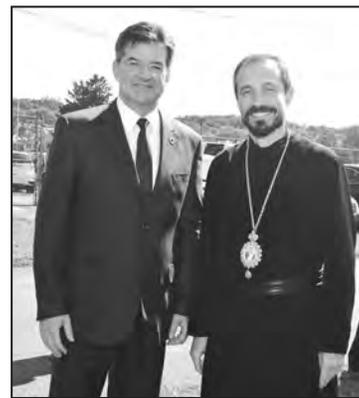
Počas celého dňa si návštevníci mohli pozrieť výstavné stánky ako aj rôzne stoly s pamiatkovými predmetmi, knihami, keramikou, brúseným sklom a podobne. Potravinové stánky poskytovali veľký výber slovenských, poľských a amerických pochúťok.

Tradičný kultúrno-zábavný program na javisku sa začal o 2:30 popoludní. Po privítaní hostí a účastníkov spolupredsedačka Festivalového výboru Nina Hola potom predstavila Janku Konzelmanna, ktorá konferovala ďalší program.

Prvé vystúpenie mal detský súbor Lipka z Linden, N.J., ktorý očaril obecenstvo spevom a tancami. Po nich nasledovali tanečné a spevácke výstupy súboru Limbora z New Yorku, ktorý vlni oslavil 50. výročie svojej existencie.

V ďalšom programe sa predstavilo spevácke trio Arian Lem Joy, ktoré pobavilo najmä mladých modernou hudbou a spevom. Program pokračoval koncertom populárnych speváčok zo Slovenska Niky Karch a Beaty Dubašovej, ktoré predstavili účastníkom moderné slovenské spevy a hudbu. Bohatý program zakončila spevácka skupina Vox Ethnica. Účastníci festivalu potom spoločne zaspievali hymnické piesne God Bless America a Hej Slováci.

Ján Holý



Biskup Milan Lach, S.J. na festivale s ministrom zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR, Miroslavom Lajčákom.



Slovenské centrum detí - Lipka Academy s ministrom zahraničných vecí SR, Miroslavom Lajčákom spolu s manželkou Jarmilou H. Lajčákovou.

Tretinu vysokých škôl na Slovensku by sme mali zavrieť

Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska počas svojej pracovnej návštevy USA navštívil spoločnosť Volkswagen Research Lab, kde hovoril s jej predstaviteľmi o tom, ako vznikajú výskumné centrá a čo by sa dalo spraviť na Slovensku preto, aby vznikali aj u nás.

„Odpoveď nie je jednoduchá, ale vždy sa to točí okolo jedného - každé výskumné centrum potrebuje kvalitných ľudí. Kvalitní ľudia, a vidieť to aj tu, sú väčšinou okolo kvalitných vysokých škôl. Minimálne jednu tretinu vysokých škôl by sme mali zavrieť. Z tých, ktoré zavrieme, vytiahnuť tie kvalitné fakulty a dať skutočne peniaze len tým najlepším je asi tá cesta, ktorá nám dokáže pomôcť, aby sme vytvorili potom aj takéto špičkové centrá,“ uviedol.

Stretol sa i s Andrejom Karpathym, ktorý má v spoločnosti Tesla na starosti riadenie vývoja umelej inteligencie. Narodil sa na Slovensku, ako 15-ročný sa presťahoval s rodičmi do Toronta, kde vyštudoval aj univerzitu. Prezidentovi predviedol najrýchlejšie auto na svete, ktoré dokáže zrýchliť z nuly na 100 kilometrov za hodinu za 2,3 sekundy. „Stále hovoríme o tom, že Slovensko môže byť pyšné na svojich kreatívnych mladých ľuďoch a som veľmi rád, že jeden taký stojí vedľa mňa. Presne takíto ľudia nám robia fantastické meno po celom svete, no a my musíme len uvažovať o tom, čo môžeme spraviť preto, aby sme ich dostali domov,“ uviedol prezident.

Ako Karpathy spresnil, auto budúcnosti už vie ísť samo bez toho, aby do riadenia počas jazdy zasahoval vodič. „Systém už funguje, ale ešte nie je možné ísť s ním do mesta, len na diaľnici,“ konštatoval.

Prezident na pracovnej ceste navštívil spoločnosti Facebook a LinkedIn. Okrem delegácie podnikateľov ho sprevádzal podpredseda vlády pre investície a informatizáciu SR Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD).

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FOTO: Kancelária prezidenta
Prezident Andrej Kiska s riaditeľom sekcie umelej inteligencie spoločnosti Tesla Andrejom Karpathym.

Na pôde Matice slovenskej zasadala Rada pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí pri MS

Otázky krajskej problematiky v Matici slovenskej ani v tomto roku neostali v úzadí. 18. septembra 2017 Matica slovenská uskutočnila zasadanie Rady pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí pri MS (ďalej len RSZZ), na ktorom sa zúčastnili delegáti zo šiestich krajín sveta. Rokovanie viedla predsedníčka RSZZ pri MS, Katarína Melegová-Melichová (predsedníčka Miestneho odboru Matice slovenskej Báčsky Petrovec, Srbsko), spoločne s podpredsedom RSZZ pri MS, Adrianom Miroslavom Merkom (predsedom Demokratického zväzu Slovákov a Čechov v Rumunsku) a Katarínou Királyovou (riaditeľkou Ústavu pre kultúru Slovákov v Maďarsku), ktorá na rokovaní zastupovala podpredsedníčku RSZZ pri MS, Alžbetu



Hollerovou-Račkovú (predsedníčku Celoštátnej slovenskej samosprávy v Maďarsku).

V dopoludňajších hodinách hostia navštívili Archív MS, Požičovňu krojov a kostýmov MS a Krajské múzeum MS. Delegáciu v meste Martin privítal viceprimátor mesta, Imrich Žigo.

Rokovanie sa uskutočnilo v priestoroch II. budovy Matice slovenskej. Za účasti vrcholných činníkov Matice slovenskej bolo vyhodnotené plnenie záverov z ostatného zasadania Rady, ktoré sa uskutočnilo v jeseni, v r. 2015. Po bilancii plnenia záverov nasledovali príspevky delegátov. Okrem vedenia RSZZ pri MS svoje požiadavky MS predostrel: Dušan Daučík (čestný predseda Švédsko-slovenského spolku), Miroslava Gržinić (podpredsedníčka Zväzu pre Slovákov žijúcich v Chorvátsku pre kultúru), Vladimír Skalský (predseda Svetového združenia Slovákov v zahraničí, Česko) a Bohdan Kraus (člen výboru a spoločnosti M. R. Štefánika, Česko).

Z rokovaní bolo prijatých deväť záverov:

- 1) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS zasielala členom RSZZ pri MS aktuálny zoznam kníh z Vydavateľstva MS, aby si krajanovia mohli vybrať publikácie MS podľa vlastného uváženia
- 2) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS zviditeľnila krajské osobnosti, ktoré sa presadili na vedeckom, kultúrnom a športovom poli v SR cez vlastné informačné kanály (webstránka, SNN, magazín Slovensko, Matica TV)
- 3) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS adresovala odporúčací list ÚSZZ za účelom racionálnejšieho prerozdelenia dotácií na podporu krajských projektov
- 4) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS častejšie vysielala svojich pracovníkov na krajské podujatia za účelom podpory slovenskej kultúrnej identity
- 5) RSZZ pri MS odporúča štátnym orgánom SR zvýšiť finančnú podporu Matice slovenskej, najstaršej národnej, kultúrnej a vedeckej ustanovizne Slovákov, osobitne v prospech aktivít Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí.
- 6) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS podporovala projekt Centra slovenského zahraničia v Bratislave, ktorý by implementoval ako svoju súčasť vznik Pamätníka slovenského vysťahovalectva
- 7) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS vyzvala slovenské univerzitné pracoviská k realizácii sociologických výskumov krajských komunit „Ako ďalej krajanovia...“ v jednotlivých štátoch
- 8) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS zriadila dotačný systém pre podporu projektov krajských komunit
- 9) RSZZ pri MS navrhuje, aby MS vyvinula snahy orientované na dôstojné oceňovanie krajských osobností na pôde SR, udeľovaním štátneho občianstva SR

V závere zasadania si Rada určila termín ďalšieho rokovaní, ktoré naplánovala na jeseň 2018.

Článok zaslala: Zuzana Pavelcová

Na Slovensko prišli cvičiť vojenský chemici z desiatich krajín

Vo Výcvikovom a testovacom centre radiačnej, chemickej a biologickej ochrany v Zemienských Kostoľanoch sa konal koncom septembra 5. ročník medzinárodného cvičenia Toxic Valley 2017. Celkovo prišlo cvičiť 168 špecialistov na toxické chemické látky z desiatich krajín.

„Cieľom cvičenia je precvičiť tímy so špecializáciou na odber vzoriek a mobilné identifikačné laboratória v identifikácii toxických, ako aj toxických priemyselných látok v súlade so štandardmi NATO,“ uviedla hovorkyňa ministerstva obrany Danka Capáková. Ako dodala, výcvikové centrum na Slovensku je jedinečným tím, že vojaci v ňom môžu cvičiť s ostrými chemickými látkami.

Pre cvičiacich sú pripravené scenáre s výzvami, ktoré preveria ich odbornú a odbornú-taktickú pripravenosť. Výcvikové a testovacie centrum umožňuje, aby si precvičili a zjednotili postupy odberu vzoriek, identifikáciu toxických chemických látok, dekontamináciu a samotnú spoluprácu tímov pri plnení úloh s reálnymi toxickými chemickými látkami. Na samotnom cvičení sa zúčastňujú príslušníci ozbrojených síl Slovenska, Belgicka, Českej republiky, Francúzska, Maďarska, Poľska, Slovinska a USA. Ako pozorovatelia sú na cvičení vojaci z Nemecka a Veľkej Británie.

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Banská Bystrica má po 30 rokoch novú autobusovú stanicu

Po 30 rokoch sa koncom septembra Banskobystričania dočkali otvorenia novej autobusovej stanice Terminal Shopping Center (TSC), ktorá je prepojená s obchodným centrom. Celkovo ide o 80 spojov. Dopravnú časť TSC tvorí 19 nástupišť. Farebne odlíšené označenie cestujúcich ľahko zorientujú, modré sú pre prímestskú dopravu, žlté pre diaľkovú a červené pre MHD, ktorá začne odíeť premávať od októbra.

Nová stanica, čo do vybavenia, spĺňa tie najprísnejšie kritériá. Cestujúci majú k dispozícii osem LCD panelov, z toho štyri v obchodnej časti, ktoré ich online informujú o odchodoch a príchodoch autobusov i vlakov zo železničnej stanice susediacej s TSC. Nájdu tam tiež 20 tzv. inteligentných lavičiek s integrovanou elektrickou zásuvkou, informačnú kanceláriu, krytú čakáreň a pre prípad náhlych zdravotných ťažkostí je tam aj defibrilátor, čo už je štandardným vybavením veľkých objektov. Od 300 LED svetiel mesto očakáva výraznú úsporu elektrickej energie. Stanica je monitorovaná kamerovým systémom a na ochranu a poriadok večer a v noci má dozerať bezpečnostná služba.

„Podľa mňa je to najmodernejšia autobusová stanica nielen na Slovensku, ale aj v Česku. Pokojne môže konkurovať európskym projektom, myslím si, že takých staníc je veľmi málo,“ reagoval investor a spolujateľ spoločnosti Primum Ivan Hlaváček na margo hybridnej stanice.

Na obchodnej ploche 11.000 štvorcových metrov, ktorá sa nachádza nad dopravnou časťou a je s ňou spojená eskalátormi a výťahom, je 40 obchodných prevádzok s potravinami, drogeriou, obuvou, oblečením, hračkami, športovými potrebami či knihami vrátane reštauračných a kaviarenských služieb.

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The Slovak Spectator mení periodicitu a ponúka nové multimediálne služby

The Slovak Spectator, jediné noviny o Slovensku v anglickom jazyku, sa od októbra zameriavajú viac na multimediálne služby poskytované svojim čitateľom. Tí budú môcť správy nie len čítať, ale týždenný výber z nich aj počúvať. Zároveň sa od tohto mesiaca mení periodicita tlačenej verzie novin z dvojtýždňovej na mesačnú. Informovala o tom Martina Mišíková z The Slovak Spectator.

V súvislosti so zmenou periodicity bude garantovaný rozšírený formát mesačného The Slovak Spectator na minimálne 16 strán. Dochádza aj k zmene štruktúry a rozšírenému obsahu sekcie Business focus, ktorá sa v každom vydaní venuje určitej téme a segmentu.

„Očakávame, že nový formát nám poskytne viac priestoru na prípravu väčších, analytických materiálov v printe aj online,“ povedala šéfredaktorka The Slovak Spectator Michaela Terenzani. Periodikum pripravilo pre čitateľov aj novú digitálnu službu, ktorá zahŕňa zasielanie týždenného prehľadu najzaujímavejších udalostí a audio nahrávky s týždenným prehľadom správ z politiky a biznisu.

„Týždenný prehľad nebude spočívať len v pokrývaní biznisu a politiky, ale aj v priblížení cestovateľských príležitostí a podujatí organizovaných na Slovensku,“ povedal vydavateľ The Slovak Spectator Ján Pallo.

Výraznejšie zmeny v novinách prebehli naposledy v januári 2015, keď titul prestal vychádzať ako týždenník a stal sa dvojtýždenníkom. The Slovak Spectator prináša svojim čitateľom správy zo Slovenska v angličtine z oblasti politiky, biznisu a kultúry už od roku 1995.

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8. ročník festivalu Biela noc v Košiciach

Pri maratónskom ohni na Námestí Maratónu mieru v Košiciach sa začal 30. septembra program v poradí ôsmeho ročníka festivalu Biela noc. Návštevníci metropoly východu, ako i miestni si mohli vychutnať množstvo umeleckých projektov svetových i domácich umelcov.

Podľa umeleckej riaditeľky festivalu Zuzany Pacákovéj je Biela noc nočnou prechádzkou mestom za umením. Tento rok si organizátori pre divákov pripravili celkovo 30 rôznych umeleckých zastávok.

Biela noc je medzinárodný umelecký projekt, ktorý má za úlohu priblížiť širokej verejnosti súčasné formy umenia, ako aj netradičné, nepoznané a významné miesta európskych metropol.

Podujatie vzniklo v Paríži v roku 2002. V roku 2013 ju navštívilo viac ako 2,5 milióna ľudí. Z Paríža sa počas niekoľkých rokov projekt rozšíril aj do miest ako New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Santa Monica, Montreal, Toronto, Rím, Tel Aviv, Gaza, Jeruzalem, Madrid, Brusel, Riga, Bukurešť, Amsterdam, Brighton, Turín, Petrohrad, Košice a Bratislava.

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Na snímke svetelná inštalácia pri Spievajúcej fontáne na Hlavnej ulici v Košiciach.



40. Festival slovenského dedičstva v NJ poctil slovenského štátnika M. Lajčáka



Tisíce Slovákov si prišli pozrieť bohatý program a privítať významných hostí zo Slovenska. Na snímke v prvom rade šiesty zľava biskup Milan Lach, S.J. s duchovenstvom, spolupredsedičkou festivalu Ninou Holou a ďalšími členmi festivalového výboru.

Jubilejný 40. Festival slovenského dedičstva sa konal v parku Middlesex County Fairgrounds v sobotu 16. septembra. Slávnostnými hosťami boli podpredseda vlády a minister zahraničných vecí SR Miroslav Lajčák, ktorý 13. septembra prevzal predsednícke miesto v OSN, ďalej predseda Úradu pre Slovákov v zahraničí Dr. Ján Varšo a diplomatickí zástupcovia SR v USA a pri OSN.

Spolupredsedička festivalu Nina Holá privítala a predstavila nového predsedu OSN Miroslava Lajčáka, ktorý vo svojom príhovore ocenil úsilie festivalového výboru v snahe udržať tradíciu týchto festivalov a vyslovil vďaka slovenskej komunite v USA za jej príspevok v udržiavaní dobrých vzťahov medzi USA a Slovenskou republikou. V poďakovaní Nina Holá gratulovala ministrovi Lajčákovi k významnej funkcii v OSN a dodala, že je to nielen jeho osobný úspech, ale aj veľká česť a uznanie pre SR a všetkých Slovákov, čo obecenstvo prijalo s nadšeným potleskom.

Nina Holá potom privítala a predstavila predsedu Úradu pre Slovákov v zahraničí Dr. Jána Varšu, veľvyslanca SR pri OSN Milana Mlynára, zástupcu veľvyslanca SR vo Washingtone Jozefa Polakoviča a gen. konzulku SR v New Yorku Ladislavu Begec. Prečítala tiež písomné pozdravy od prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku a od guvernéra štátu New Jersey Chrisa Christie. Z americkoslovenských činiteľov predstavila predsedu Slovenskej ligy Daniela Tanzone a podpredsedu Mikuláša Halku, vydavateľa Slováka v Amerike Milana Čubu a predsedníčku Kultúrneho Strediska Sabinu Sabadoš.

Bohoslužby, ktoré sa konali v gréckokatolíckom obrade, celebrol biskup Milan Lach, S.J. z Parma, Ohio. Spolu s ním koncebrol biskup passaickej diecézy Kurt Burnette a ďalší kňazi. Kázeň v slovenskej reči mal biskup Milan Lach, S.J.

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Pri Jednotárskom stole: zľava pracovníčky Hlavného úradu IKSJ v Clevelande, OH, Miriam Visnovsky a sprava: Terezia Rozmus; regionálna predsedníčka IKSJ, Sabina Sabados; generálna konzulka SR v NY, Ladislava Begec.



Blahorečenie Titusa Zemana prilákalo do hlavného mesta vyše 33.000 ľudí

Slovensko má ďalšieho blahoslaveného, je ním slovenský salezián, kňaz Titus Zeman. Titus Zeman bol za komunizmu prenasledovaný a zomrel na následky mučenia a väznenia v roku 1969. Viac ako 33.000 ľudí prilákalo do Bratislavy blahorečenie slovenského saleziána Titusa Zemana z toho 25.000 prišlo na hlavnú sobotnú 30. októbra slávnosť spojenú s úkonom blahorečenia. Medzi nimi bolo približne 500 kňazov, dvaja kardináli a desiatky biskupov zo Slovenska i zahraničia.

Pápež František stanovil dátum liturgického slávenia sviatku nového blahoslaveného na 8. januára, čo je deň Titusovho odchodu do večnosti. Miestom trvalého uctievania relikvií Titusa Zemana sa stal Kostol Sedembolestnej Panny Márie v bratislavských Vajnorochoch.

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Na snímke relikvie slávnostne blahorečeného Titusa Zemana 30. septembra 2017 v Bratislave.

On September 30, 2017, over 33,000 people attended the beatification ceremony in Bratislava of Father Titus Zeman, a Salesian priest who was imprisoned and martyred by the communist in 1969.

Chodník korunami stromov v Bachledovej doline



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Na snímke Chodník korunami stromov v Bachledovej doline neďaleko obce Ždiar v okrese Poprad, ktorý slávnostne otvorili v piatok 29. septembra 2017.

A walkway in the Bachledova Valley not far from Zdiar in the Poprad District was officially opened on September 29, 2017.