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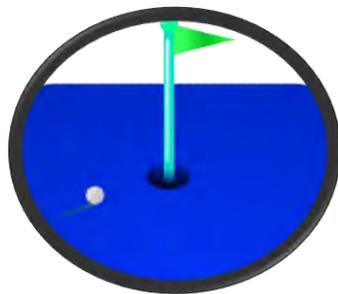


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Protecting Your Children – Now and for the Future

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President



When your children are newborns, you buy baby monitors, car seats and outlet covers, trying your best to stay one step ahead of all the real (and imaged) dangers that threatened your little bundles of joy.

Then, as they grow older, your focus broadens to include schools, social activities and other influencing factors, as you do your best to keep them safe and secure. Your whole goal as a parent is to make

sure your children navigate the space between birth and young adulthood as well protected as possible.

But one item might be missing from your “must have” list: life insurance. While parents typically buy life insurance for themselves for the first time, or increase the amount on existing policies when they add new members to the family, they may overlook insuring those new additions with a policy of their own.

September is designated Life Insurance Awareness Month, coordinated by the non-profit LIFE Foundation. That makes September the perfect time to examine life insurance

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

September 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Matthew 18: 21 –35

In the course of my ministry as a priest the most common problem people share with me is anger, and the accompanying hesitancy or resistance to forgive others. There are rarely any simple answers to the problem of anger, which befuddles even the inspired authors of today's readings.



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

This is no surprise since human life is complex and the movements of the heart can be famously obscure; as the prophet Jeremiah wrote: "More tortuous than anything is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it?" (Jer 17:9).

At some point in our lives we have all had matters which led us to anger dismissed by others with the trite response "forgive and forget" but it is not that easy, since a person's anger and its sources can never be fully understood by another, even someone close to them. This should remind us that while some things in life can indeed be handled simply, others require subtlety and nuance; it should also make us consider factors which are hidden from the eyes of others but weigh heavily on ourselves.

Family problems can cause anger of this sort. An outside observer can righteously declare "get over it" or "you need to intervene" or "tell them how you feel" without understanding just how hard it is to "get over" one of the most important people in our lives, or to "tell them how you feel" when those feelings are the result of a long and complicated fabric of emotions, commitments, and relationships.

To find some resolution to all this, Ben-Sira, the author of today's Old Testament reading, reminds us that if we truly desire to be reconciled to those whom we love we must first offer the gift of reconciliation to those who have wounded us. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" (Sir 28:3-4). Ben-Sira was aware that this is very hard, yet insisted that we cannot expect God to show us mercy if we withhold it from others.

Next, the Psalmist gives us an indication of how we can overcome this seemingly intractable problem of human life by noting "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in mercy" (Ps 103:8). Later he adds: "For as the heavens tower over the earth, so his mercy towers over those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us" (Ps 103:11-12). What these words tell us is that even though God has no need of mercy, the Lord takes the initiative in showing graciousness and mercy to "those who fear him."

We can imitate the Lord and be among those who "fear the Lord" by understanding our humble place before God and our duty to show mercy to others. This stands in contrast to the man we meet in today's gospel parable. He is unforgiving even though he has been generously forgiven himself, and all too often we descend to his sort of begrudging spirituality instead of offering mercy as humbly and frequently as we seek it.

This Sunday, hearing the words "Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him" (Matt 18:27), let us be inspired to renew our efforts at forgiving others so that we too might receive the beautiful gift of mercy and reconciliation from the Lord who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Matthew 20: 1 – 16a

Is this Gospel about fairness or generosity? I have heard some people observe, just as those in the parable who worked all day, the landowner in this parable is not being fair to most of the workers. After all, does Jesus say in Luke 10; "the Laborer is worth his wage"? It could seem unfair if we look at it through the lens of this world that at times sees fairness as being more important than generosity. Even though the landowner paid those who worked all day the just and agreed upon wage, they grumbled when he paid those who worked only an hour the same amount. The line in the landowner's response to their grumbling that strikes at the root of the problem is this, "are you envious because I am generous?"



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

There are some things in the parable that indicate the landowner was using this generosity to teach a lesson. He sent four groups of workers to his fields at different times. The landowner had a heart that didn't want to see someone willing to work, out of work. At five when he saw some people not working he asked them; "Why do you stand here idle all day?" Their response was simple and to the point, "because no one has hired us." He seemed moved by their situation and sent them to work, if only for an hour. When it was time to pay the workers the landowner did something unusual. Rather than start with the first group and end with the last group, he started with the last group. This meant that all the others who had been working throughout the day saw this group who only worked an hour getting a full day's wage. It also meant that the others thought that they would get more, but they didn't. All received the same daily wage.

When this is applied to the ways of our world it could seem that the landowner was unfair or unjust. After all many people meticulously keep track of their work hours, fill out time sheets and maintain it for IRS purposes. The claim of being generous would be lost in the midst of our bureaucratic ways let alone in the ill feelings of those who worked all day, or most of the day. However, when applied to God's relationship to us, it takes on a whole different meaning. The person who lives an almost saintly life and the person who lives a life of sinfulness with no regard for God, who repents late in life or on the death bed, both receive the same reward – Heaven. The landowner mirrors the generosity of God with how he dealt with the workers with a true generosity out of love. It is certainly a challenge for us to look at others regardless of the amount of time, the length of living their faith and have the same love and concern for them. This might mean putting aside any feelings of jealousy toward those who seem to be making it into heaven with a "fire escape" prayer, while we have worked and sacrificed all our lives to be faithful members of the church.

Conversions late in life, and death bed conversions happen in our day, and they are something to behold with joy. The message for us is to welcome with joy the repentant sinner, regardless of how long it takes them to repent. It is a lesson for us not to worry about the length of time one has faithfully served, but rather to rejoice in all who have served, regardless of how long.

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Branch 716 Hosts Priests from Slovakia

Four Priests from Slovakia visiting USA celebrated Sunday Mass together on July 30, 2017, at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City. Afterwards, Branch 716 hosted a farewell lunch for them. They were flying home that day to Slovakia. They were able to speak to our members and Parishioners before leaving for the airport. A good time was had by all.

- Submitted by Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Assistant Secretary



The four priests from Slovakia visited the US in July are pictured here with Branch 716 officers (L – R): Seated: Father Peter Kvasnak from Liptovskeho Jana, Lubomir Hajdocik from Nižné Ružbachy, Michal Fecko from Liptovskej Lužnej and Peter Lach from Prešov. Standing: Joan Skrkon, Branch 716 Assistant Secretary, and Jan Skrkon, Branch 716 President.



Members of 716 help serve coffee and cake along with Father Richard Baker.



Members of Branch 716 in the kitchen of St. John Nepomucene Church.

Slovak Catholic Federation Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter Pilgrimage of Faith



Saturday, October 14, 2017

Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Villa Sacred Heart
580 Railroad Street
Danville, Pennsylvania

Arrival 11:00 a.m.

Tours of the Basilica and Jankola Library and Museum

Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Cost \$15.00
(includes lunch)

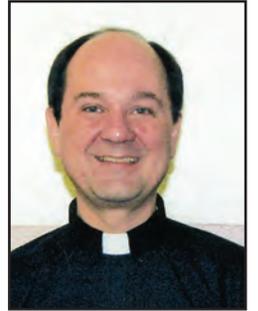
RSVP by October 2nd to Theresa Kluchinski
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Laurel Run, PA 18706

Message from the National Chaplain:

The 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is progressing well. As many of you know, the 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 July 15, the 2017 Appeal has raised \$15,249. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Donations received before November 30, 2017 will be credited toward the 2017 Appeal.

Faternally,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Tom Nasta
National Chaplain

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

39th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Slovak Catholic Federation
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59th Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation Set for September



The 59th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation will be Sunday, September 17, 2017 to Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Youngstown, OH. The Convention will open with Mass at 4:00 pm to be celebrated on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Cathedral of Saint Columba, Youngstown, OH. Following the Mass a banquet will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel banquet hall. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost per banquet ticket is \$25. Tickets will be available to purchase by calling 330-727-6726. On behalf of the Slovak Catholic Federation I am inviting you to share the Liturgy and banquet with us.

Yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando

Corpus Christi Celebrated at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church in Mississauga

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish in Mississauga, Ontario, held their annual celebration of Corpus Christi on June 18, 2017. The liturgical solemnity celebrates the reality of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance after Holy Mass. The weather in Mississauga for the celebration was cooperative, and attendance was great. Afterwards, a luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



Protecting Your Children – Now and for the Future

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coverage as it applies to those most precious to you, the children in your lives

Reasons to Re-evaluate Your Coverage

It's true that one function of life insurance is to protect those left behind, such as spouses or dependents, a situation that doesn't apply when talking about minor children. But there are other reasons why it makes sense to insure your children. The first comes down to the dollars-and-cents: it is far less expensive, comparatively speaking, to insure a child than an adult.

The second reason has to do with unfortunate events that could affect the long-term health of a child. While we hope and pray that our children will stay healthy, events can transpire over which we have not control. A major illness, a newly developed chronic health problem or even a catastrophic accident with permanent injuries can result in the child being considered uninsurable for life. A permanent policy, especially one with a guaranteed policy purchase option for additional insurance in the future, provides protection for life, regardless of how the child's health status may change.

An Unending Need

While it's also true that you may be able to insure your child through a group policy available through your workplace, keep in mind that changes in an employee's group benefits may take away that option. Overall, only 19 percent of children have individual life insurance, with just 14 percent covered under group life policies, according to the industry research group Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (LMRA), and both numbers have shown a significant decline.

If your children are grown, you may think the time to worry about insurance coverage and the financial protection it can provide is over. Think Again! According to a recent Wall Street Journal article "The Big Squeeze" almost half of adults ages 40 to 59 provided some financial support to at least one grown child in the past year, with 27% providing the primary support. By contrast, 21% of this group are providing financial support for a parent age 65 plus.

The point is that you may still need that old life insurance policy you were thinking of dropping because your children are grown. And when you have grandchildren, the bank of mom and dad just may have a drive-up window that is open 24/7.

If you are their means for financial support and are no longer here to provide it, where does your family turn to for help? The government? Social Security? Friends and other family members?

Don't Delay, Call Now

Perhaps during this Life Insurance Awareness Month of September it is time to take a financial inventory and make sure you are taking personal responsibility for the care of your family. If you need professional help, call your local branch officer or the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.

Purchasing life insurance for your children is just one more way you can show your love and concern for them, and insure that they are protected from the consequences of life's unexpected events.

About the Author

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Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

Branch 162 Honors Member Katey Campbell

Branch 162 honored Katey Campbell at a breakfast on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Eat 'n Park Restaurant for receiving a college scholarship from the FCSU. The officers and members wish Katey the best of luck with her studies in Chemistry (Pre-Med) at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA.

- Submitted by James Marmol, Region 4 Director



(L –R) Joyce Campbell; Katey Campbell; Branch 162 Officers Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; Patty Marmol, Treasurer; and Dolores Marmol, Secretary. The photo was taken by Katey's sister Sarah Campbell, a former scholarship recipient. Absent from the photo, but present at the breakfast was Jim Marmol, Regional Director and member of Branch 162.

Successful Consular Tour Covered Three Countries

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko just returned from his most successful tour of Slovakia with 24 Americans from eight different states. After a tour of Vienna which included Schobraunn Palace, they began their tour of Slovakia in Bratislava where they attended Mass at the famous St. Martin's Cathedral. While in Bratislava, they were guests of U.S. Ambassador Adam Sterling and his wife at their residence commonly referred to as "the little White House". They also visited over 20 other historic towns including Kosice, Cicmany and the famous pilgrimage town of Sastin. Eight of the 24 tourists met with their Slovak relatives in various towns. In Presov, the sister city of Pittsburgh, the Mayor's office held a special reception for the group.

While in Poland, they toured the birthplace of St. John Paul II, Czestochowa (home of the Black Madonna), the former residence of St. Faustina, Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The tour included spa treatments, two wine tastings, rafting, visits to five castles, tours of over 10 basilicas and cathedrals, shopping and many other historical sites.

A very special aspect this year was the chance to meet up with sixteen members of the Senko family who were visiting Prague and various towns in Slovakia. The highlight of their visit was going to Slovenska Ves, the birthplace of Albina Senko. There, they met with 13 of her relatives. They also visited The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Church where Albina was baptized, received her first communion and was confirmed.

When in the Tatra mountains, they joined with their relatives and Joe Senko's consular tour group for dinner at a koliba. All 53 in attendance enjoyed the Slovak food and the Roma musicians.

Joe is already planning his next tour for the summer of 2018.

The tour group with Presov Deputy Mayor Kuzma in the City Council office.



The tour group with Ambassador Sterling in his garden.

The Senko family visiting The Purification of the Virgin Church in Slovenska Ves.



The Senko family sightseeing Prague.

The Senko family meeting Albina's relatives



Cleveland-Area Slovak Clubs Join Forces for Fun

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, three Cleveland-area Slovak Clubs joined forces to ensure fun for young members and their families by sponsoring a free picnic at the Sokol Camp Ground in Broadview Heights, OH. The Slovak Heritage Society, the Slovak Radio Club, and the American Slovak Zemplin Club - all long-standing organizations with commitments to preserving Slovak traditions - offered picnic attendees complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, water, and homemade desserts. The beautiful sunny afternoon also included plenty of games such as water balloon tosses and sack races with prizes donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union and others. A good time was had by all!

- Submitted Paul Brunovsky, Slovak Heritage Society President and Branch 450 Member

(L - R) Liz Bernath; Stella Elias, Branch 6 Vice President; Bob Elias, Branch 6 President; and Paul Chismar, Branch 6 Financial & Recording Secretary and Treasurer.



Branch 6's August Meeting

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 6, held their meeting on August 20, 2017 in Streator, IL at a nearby country club restaurant in Streator. After the business meeting, the members enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Branch 6 is working on ideas to help the local Catholic school.

- Submitted by Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director

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:

Chicken Paprikas Dinner on Sunday September 24th from 1-4p.m.
Advanced Tickets are \$12 and event is open to the public, cash bar
Contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236



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Please visit www.americanslovakclub.com for details



Children's Halloween Bowling Party for Members' Children

Sunday October 29th at 1:30

Sign up at Bowling Alley or call 440/244-1293

Stedry Vecer, Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner

Sunday December 3rd 5:30p.m. cocktails, 6:00p.m. dinner

Entertainment by Ed Klimczak

Advanced Tickets only \$20 the event is open to the public, cash bar

Contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236



Save the Date and stay tuned for further details

Silvester Steak Fry

Sunday December 31st 5-9p.m.

The United Slovak Societies is comprised of the members of the local lodges in Lorain OH. These Lodges include; St. Ann's Branch #114 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, St. John the Baptist Lodge #228 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, National Slovak Society Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 111 and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Branch #77.

-Submitted by Michèle S. Mager
Member, FCSU Branch 228
Secretary, United Slovak Societies
Member, Board of Directors, American Slovak Club

Over One Hundred District 10 Members Enjoyed an August Evening of Food, Fun & Fraternalism at Canal Park in Akron



On Saturday, August 12, 2017, starting at 6:00pm at Canal Park in downtown Akron, OH, some 128 members and guests of District 10 of the First Catholic Slovak Union – including those in the FCSU Home Office, and Branches 24, 228, 450, 553, and 855 - enjoyed an all-you-can eat picnic and watched the Akron Rubber Ducks beat the Binghamton Rumble Ponies before a sell-out crowd. Fireworks followed. A fun evening of fraternalism was enjoyed by all.



Over One Hundred District 10 Members Enjoyed an August Evening of Food, Fun & Fraternalism at Canal Park in Akron



Members of Branch 45 and 746 in attendance at Holy Mass on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the chapel at Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Tappan, NY.



Slovak Catholic TV LUX Features Jednota in Focus on North American Slovaks

LUX communication, as a Catholic Media Productions Studio, has been spreading the Gospel values in Slovakia through its audio-video productions for more than 20 years. One of the biggest projects of LUX communication is the Slovak Catholic TV LUX but apart from that the production offers CDs, DVDs, books, production of TV SHOWS and a huge selection of documentaries about Slovak missionaries all around the world. Slovaks who left their country and live abroad are also on their own, very specific mission and LUX communication has always been interested in documenting these ordinary but precious everyday missionaries in the USA and Canada. Each and every person lives their own personal story as a testimony about God and faith which is worth sharing.

Since 2016 the part of our productions which focuses on the American and Canadian Slovaks has had its home in New York City, at St John Nepomucene Church in Upper East Side, Manhattan with the support of Fr. Richard Baker, pastor and Branch 45 member. LUX New York as a produc-

tion studio has a mission and vision of connecting the Slovak Catholic Communities in the USA and Canada through its media activities. Since Slovak communities do not always have the privilege of having a Slovak priest among them, LUX New York yearns to connect Slovak Catholics through various portals including the online webpage www.slovenskykostol.com or via facebook (LUX New York). Other opportunities to connect are through various productions, including over 50 episodes of the TV series "SPOJENÍ OCEÁNOM" (translated "Connected by the Ocean") can be found and watched. Most recently the team traveled to Ohio to conduct interviews of Slovaks living their faith in the Cleveland area and interview President of First Catholic Slovak Union, Mr. Andrew Rajec as well as visited St. Andrew Abbey.

LUX New York also connects American Slovaks with their home country by streaming of Slovak Holy Mass live from Tappan, New York to Slovakia once per month. Almost 20 of them have been streamed already, among which the Holy

Mass on Saturday, June 10, 2017 celebrated for the special intentions of First Catholic Slovak Union members. The main celebrant was the Provost and founder of St. Filip Neri Oratory, Fr. Father George Torok, who has been a member of FCSU for many years. Members from Jednota Branch 746 and Branch 45 were in attendance. The host and director of operations, Aneta Lisá, interviewed Emilia Filak among others. Ms. Julie Ann Gurega (Branch 45 member) read the petitions while Sabina Sabados, Regional Director/Branch 746 read the first reading in Slovak. Mr and Mrs Choma, also members of Branch 746 carried the gifts on behalf of the First Catholic Slovak Union. It was a beautiful event connecting the Slovak community.

If you would like to learn more about the work of LUX New York, send an email to: info@luxnewyork.net.

-Article written by: Aneta Lisá, Director of Operations, LUX New York; submitted by: Sabina Sabados, FCSU Region 1 Director

90th Birthday Celebration for Branch 756 President Stephan J. Patoprsty

What a party! Stephan J. Patoprsty celebrated his 90th birthday on July 27, 2017. Stephan J. (Steve) and wife, Veronica (Ronnie), formerly Sivak, greeted 130 family and friends at the Brookshire Inn Country Club in Williamston, MI, on July 9, 2017, for a wonderful birthday celebration full of polka music, food and 90 years of memories! Steve and Ronnie have six children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way. Steve was fortunate to also have his sister, Frances Birchmeier from New Lothrop, MI, in attendance as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Steve's guests traveled from Michigan, Indiana, Colorado, Massachusetts, Texas, Alaska, Vienna Austria and China.

Steve's son, Stephan F. Patoprsty, was the MC for the event. His grandson, Patrick Dishaw, gave the blessing before the meal and Steve's children and grandchildren performed a song and dance for him with a rendition of the doo wop song "Sixteen Candles." Family pictures were taken, a beautiful slide show of Steve's life was shown, and he was presented with a very unique plaque listing and entitled, "90 Reasons Why We Love You."

Steve and Ronnie were married on September 30, 1950, and have 6 wonderful children, all married with families of their own. They continue to be active in St. Martha Catholic Church in Okemos, MI, and Steve distributes Communion at the hospitals. He works at the Diocese Archives and with St. Vincent De Paul Society for the needy. He is active in the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree Color Guard for the Bishop and for special events. He is fluent in



Stephan Patoprsty, second row seated, was surrounded by his loving family on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

conversational Slovak, and enjoys taking trips to Europe, especially to Vienna and to Slovakia to visit relatives. Steve even went to Sereď to teach for (then) Archbishop Jan Sokol of Bratislava and Trnava, for three months in 1993.

A family history of faith and fraternalism

Steve's father, Frank Patoprsty and grandfathers, Stefan Patoprsty and Johan Bazigal were among the early founders and supporters of FCSU branches in central Michigan. Stefan Patoprsty was born in 1878 in Bahony which is now Bahon, Slovakia and Johan Bazigal was born in 1883 in Pald, which is now Pavlice,

Slovakia. They arrived in America separately in 1907 and removed the Hungarian "z" from their last names upon entry into the US. In 1915 they separately worked their way to Bannister in Central Michigan. In 1920, Stefan and Johan, both became Charter Members of St. Cyril and Methodius Church. In 1922, Stefan helped to organize Branch 721.

Frank Patoprsty was born in 1903 to Stefan Patoprsty, and Agnesa (Lancharicova) Patoprsta in what is today, Bahon Slovakia. He came with his parents to America in 1907, and lived his early life in Bannister, MI. In 1923 Frank moved to Owosso, MI to work for the Malleable Iron Brake Foundry, and transferred to the St Joseph

Slovak Catholic Church. There he became active in Branch 756 and served as an officer. In 1925 Frank became Financial Secretary of Branch 756. He had a very beautiful script. It looked like printing. He attended many FCSU National Conferences, meeting with the national officers. Frank continued to travel to Bannister where he helped start a junior branch. There, he met and later married Johanna (Bacigalova) in 1926. Their children were born in Owosso: Stephan J. in 1927 and Frances in 1931.

Frank helped organize Branch 17 and Junior Branch 555 in Swartz Creek, MI. He was instrumental in organizing the Central Michigan District 5, which encompassed 30 Branches and about 3,000 members. Frank became District Secretary for District 5 and held the job for about 35 years. He joined the League of America and was also active in The Slovak Matica Society of America, and the celebration to honor Msgr. Andrew Hlinka, both organizations named after national Slovak heroes.

Steve and Ronnie's love of Slovakia and the Slovak culture has been passed on to their children and grandchildren, who continue to visit Slovakia, touring the country, taking Slovak language classes in Bratislava, and visiting our relatives.

At present, Stephan J. Patoprsty, is President of Branch 756, in Owosso, MI. He is trying to rejuvenate the branch and would like to hear from you. He can be reached by emailing: stepato@aol.com

- Submitted by Bobbi Patoprsty Alpha

Branch 181's Annual Family Picnic

Branch 181's St. John the Baptist Society of United, PA, held their annual family picnic at Mammoth Park on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Attendees numbered 104 including adult members, children and guests. It was a beautiful day to enjoy great food, fun, friendship and fraternalism. Among the attendees were Karen Hunka - Chairman of Auditors; James Bench - Supreme Court Member; James Marmol - Regional Director (Region

4); and Rudy Ondrejco - Fraternal Activities Director. Thank you to everyone that attended and shared a potluck dish. Thanks to all the dedicated picnic workers for the time and preparations put into the event to make it a success. We also appreciate The Pittsburgh Slovaks for their wonderful Slovak heritage entertainment.

- Submitted by Vicki Hricik, Branch 181 Secretary

Branch 181's Joe Mizikar leads members in prayer before the picnic meal.



The branch's annual picnic was held on a beautiful Sunday in June at Mammoth Park, PA.

National Chair of Auditors Karen Hunka (L) was among the many picnic attendees.



Young Slovaks also helped entertain the picnic goers.



Mary Sevcik was the oldest female member of Branch 181 who attended the picnic.



Door prizes were announced by Branch 181 President Darlene Patty with a little help from a friend.



Members of Pittsburgh Slovaks



Supreme Court Member James Bench talks with performers.

(Seated) District 3 Secretary Linda Gonta and District 3 Treasurer Steve Gonta with (Standing) Fraternal Activities Director, Rudy Ondrejco, and another member of his dance troupe, the Pittsburgh Slovaks.



Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland in Slovakia, July 2017

Thomas J. Ivanec, Lúčina Director

The Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland, OH, had the great honor of representing the United States for the fourth time at the 52nd Annual Folk Festival beneath Poľana in Detva, Slovakia. Detva is one of the three largest folk festivals in Slovakia. It, along with Vychodna and Myjava, attracts thousands of attendees every year. In general, appreciation of and support for folklore and traditional folk culture is alive and well in today's Slovakia. Folklore dance ensembles can be found in many villages and cities throughout the country, with costumes (kroj), choreography, and music differing from region to region.

The international folklore festival in Detva, located in the central region of Banska Bystrica, has been one of the most successful since its inception in 1966. Held every year during the second week of July, this village in the heart of Slovakia has evolved from its origins as a coal producer in the 16th century and a tank manufacturer in the 20th century to a center of one of the most vivid and original folklore regions.

During the four-day festival, Detva comes alive with music and singing as it welcomes approximately 1,500 performers and thousands of attendees. Scenic programs are presented



The group began their trip by dancing in SNP Square in Bratislava on July 5, 2017.

on the enormous Detva amphitheater stage, one of the most impressive outdoor venues in Slovakia. The traditional folklore culture of central Slovakia forms the basis of the programs, complete with musical and dance performances and oral lore. Special attention is paid to the fujara (a large shepherd's flute) – which has been named a UNESCO treasure. Visitors can also choose from many accompanying events such as presentations about the shepherd's culture, fujara lessons, a traditional folk-craft fair, and photographic exhibitions.

The festival's theme for 2017 was Masky a Maškarovy - Masks and Masquerades – and highlighted the many times Slovaks don colorful costumes and masks such as the pre-Lenten festivities of fašiangy and the ritual drowning of the witch Morena to usher in Spring.

Lúčina arrived in the nearby town of Zvolen on July 6th, as all dancers were housed in dormitories at a school there. They practiced vigorously at the direction of Vlastimil Fabišik for three full days prior to performing in Detva on Sunday, July 9th in a program called "Krajanská nedeľa" – or the countrymen's Sunday. Also featured on that day: other Slovak ensembles from Hungary, France, Croatia, Serbia, Romania and Ukraine.

Lúčina performed with these other groups - first, by parading onto the stage as a colorful cast of villagers (dancers) costumed and masked, playing music and representing such playful characters as the slamenik (strawman). Dancers were accompanied by live musicians playing the fujara, gajdy (bagpipes) and penny whistles. Once they reached the main stage, all the dancers from the 10 groups on Krajanska nedeľa took part in performing the center stage dance featuring the witch Morena. Lucina then commanded the stage with two of their own dances: a dance dedicated to St. Lucy



Lúčina joins the other groups on stage for the big finale at the 52nd Annual Folk Festival beneath Poľana in Detva, Slovakia.

called Na Luciu, where dancers emulated the Advent ritual of St. Lucy in white baptismal gowns lighting the way toward Christianity; and their well-known and ever-vibrant Gypsy dance, for which they received a standing ovation from an appreciative audience. The show ended with all performers gathering on the main stage for a final dance, then singing and parading off down the main aisle. The dance festival concluded that evening with a gracious banquet provided by our hosts. Many Lúčina members independently continued their stay in the Slovak Republic visiting family and friends.

Prior to performing at the festival in Detva, the group began their trip by dancing in SNP Square in Bratislava on July 5th. Lucina was joined by performers from England, Austria, Serbia, Hungary, and Australia in the capital city's Cultural Summer and Bratislava Castle Celebrations on SS Cyril & Methodius Day, a national holiday in Slovakia.

The Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland wishes to thank our supporters, families and friends, and all who made the trip possible and who continue to support the group's mission of promoting Slovak heritage. Most especially, the ensemble is grateful for donations from the First Catholic Slovak Union and its Ohio Districts 10 & 14, as well as Branches 1, 24, 228, 450, 553, 682, and 764. Six of the 12 dancers who traveled to Slovakia this year are FCSU members. We appreciate your continued support of our Slovak-American youth!



Six of the 12 performers in the Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland who danced at Detva are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (L – R): Back row: Matthew Oros, Branch 24; John Moynihan, Branch 24; Michael Anderko, Branch 450; and Adam Hornack, Branch 1; Front row: Victoria Oros, Branch 24; and Alexa Glova, Branch 24.



Lúčina commanded the stage on Krajanská nedeľa" with two of their own dances, including their vibrant Gypsy dance for which they got a standing ovation.



Lúčina and 9 other folklore groups from outside Slovakia parade onto the main stage at Detva portraying a colorful cast of "villagers" who are costumed and masked for the Sunday, July 9th program called "Krajanská nedeľa" – or the countrymen's.



Director Vlastimil Fabišik conducted vigorous practices with Lúčina and the many of folk dancers participating in the 2017 festival whose theme was Masky a Maškarovy - Masks and Masquerades.



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

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Stop Worrying, Start Living

Sleepless nights. Stomach problems. Panic attacks that required a trip to the Emergency Room. Those were just a few of the symptoms experienced by Catholic author, speaker, and radio host Gary Zimak. The reason? He had been a chronic worrier since childhood, and the problem wasn't getting any better. During an interview with me on The Christophers' radio show, he recalled that this had been going on since he was six or seven years old.

Gary was a cradle Catholic who went to Mass every week, but he admits his prayer life was "pretty lukewarm." In times of turmoil, he would ask God for help. But when things got better temporarily, he would forget about God again.

Eventually, the medical issues got so bad that Gary said to God, "From now on, I'm going to take You and our relationship seriously." And this time, he meant it: "I got to know Jesus on a personal level, and started feeling all kinds of peace...[I still] categorize myself as someone who has a tendency to be anxious, but [I take] one day at a time, with God's help."

Gary shares his anxiety issues in his book "Stop Worrying and Start Living" in order to help other worriers like himself. Among his sources of inspiration are Biblical figures, such as Abraham. He explained, "Abraham was asked to do something frightening. The Lord said, 'I need you to follow Me and leave your homeland.' And Abraham did it. He didn't have any concrete proof, and he didn't have a game plan. The Lord just said, 'Follow Me.'...So when I look at Abraham, I realize that I've got to trust God each day that He's good for His word."

Another way that Gary learned to deal with worry is by taking himself less seriously, which means "we cut God out of the picture, and start feeling like this is all up to me."

In addition, Gary has written another book called "Find a Real Friend in Jesus," to help readers develop a close relationship with the Savior. He realizes it can be difficult for Catholics to think in this way because the Church offers an abundance of blessings that we take for granted.

For instance, "We have the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Sometimes we get so used to the routine that we don't take it a step further and say, 'I'm receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, but am I really doing my part to be His friend?' Friendship has to go both ways."

The first step in building that friendship, says Gary, is to simply tell Jesus, "Lord, tell me what I can do to get to know You better." Also, start sharing your daily thoughts and needs with Him. Reading Scripture is another important step because it's "one of the best ways to listen to the Lord. Start by reading the daily Mass readings or the Gospels...Make some quiet time for Him and say, 'Lord, speak to me and let me know You're there.' You're going to hear Him speak in the silence of your heart."

Also crucial, love your neighbor. "We can sit in church all day long, but if we get out of church and we're not being kind or charitable, we're going to be in for a rude awakening when we're judged."

In a nutshell, Gary advises people to light a candle rather than curse the darkness. It's the best way to stop worrying, start living, and nurture your friendship with Jesus.

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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,

Vivian Sedlacko

Branch 200 Awards Annual Scholarships

A five-person committee at the CU Club Branch 200 reviewed and made its recommendations to the Officers and Board of Directors at the monthly meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at which time it was voted on and approved the following students be awarded a scholarship. Checks were given out Monday, August 7, 2017. This is the third year we have financially been able to support first-time students furthering their education regardless of age, sex, or race that reside in the Armstrong School District area.

- Submitted by Vicki Schaub, Branch 200 Secretary



Front Row (L – R): Jessica Myschisin daughter of Jason and Stacy Myschisin will be attending Allegheny College; Paige Spang daughter of Jeff II and Kiera Spang will be attending Clarion University; Chloe McCann daughter of Kristen McCann will be attending Butler County Community College; Jasmine Hackbarth daughter of William and Heather Hackbarth will be attending Bella Capelli Academy; Abbey Digregorio daughter of Robert and Maria Digregorio will be attending Slippery Rock University; Larissa Kijowski daughter of Chad and Holly Kijowski will be attending Carlow University. Back Row (L – R): President Teresa Moore; Alexa Emmonds daughter of Tracy Emmonds will be attending Clarion University; Katherine Pyle daughter of Rep. Jeff and Michele Pyle will be attending Penn State New Ken; Sean Stirling son of Scott and Tonilynne Stirling will be attending Indiana University; Kyle Totos son of Edward and Julie Totos will be attending Edinboro University; Olivia Minter daughter of Beth Minter will be attending Carlow University; Financial Secretary Vicki Schaub.

Missing from the photo:

Taylor Wood daughter of Dustin Wood and Denise Kanish will attend Clarion University; Leah Wilson daughter of Jerry and Michelle Wilson will be attending Slippery Rock; Kelsey Chromiak daughter of David and Mindy Chromiak will be attending Slippery Rock University; Matthew Remis son of Dave Remis and Ann Remis will be attending IUP Northpointe; Terry Corson son of Dan Corson and Crystal Corson will be attending Butler County Community College; Breanna Hough daughter of Chad and Denee Hough will be attending Clarion University.

Happy 50th Anniversary

Branch 181's Conrad and Lynda Firment celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer with a tour of Canada that included Niagara, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa as shown here outside Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada.

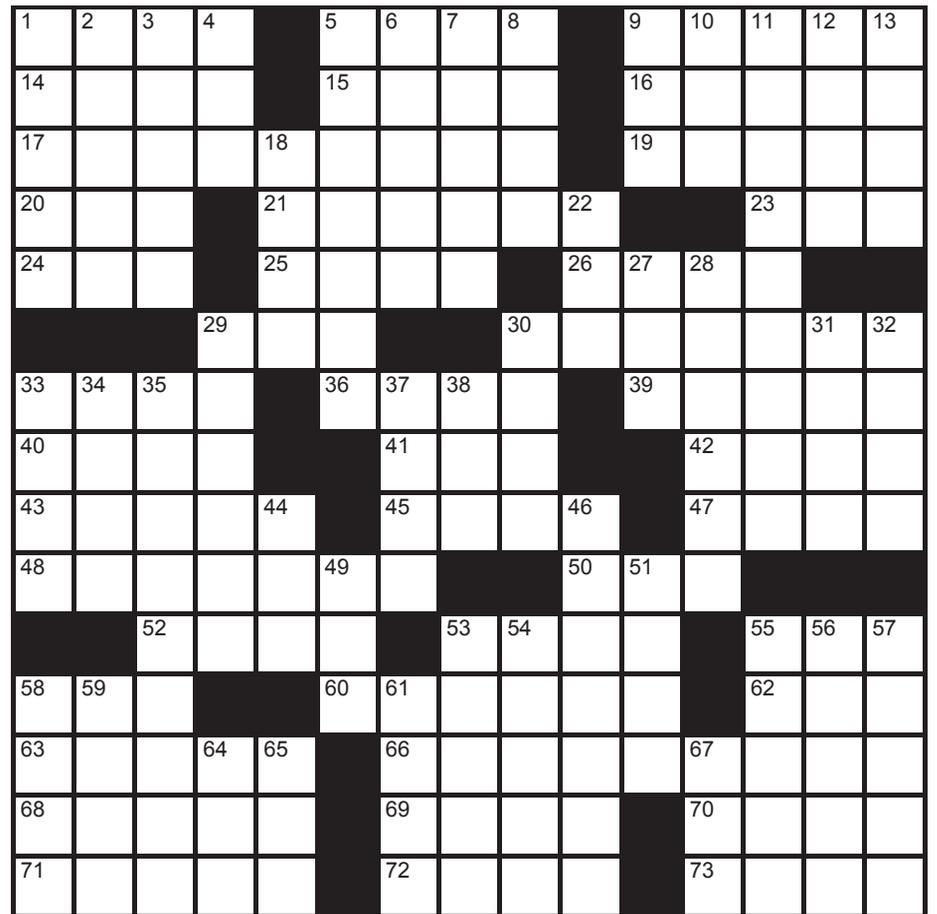
Lynda and Conrad were married on July 29, 1967, in Saigon, Vietnam, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Conrad is retired from the Central Intelligence Agency and Lynda from the Veterans Administration. The couple is blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.



JEDNOTA Publication Schedule for 2017

Issue Date	Deadline to Receive
October 4	Sept 25
October 18	October 9
November 1	October 23
November 15	November 6
December 6	November 27

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Open carriage
- 5 Farm young
- 9 Concise
- 14 Chalupa alternative
- 15 Subterfuge
- 16 Comics orphan
- 17 Plentitude
- 19 Speeder's bane
- 20 Young fox
- 21 Concert request
- 23 Big bird
- 24 Hot time in Québec
- 25 Editor's mark
- 26 Worsted fabric
- 29 Hit the slopes
- 30 Vacation locale
- 33 Robin Cook thriller
- 36 Spanish sparkling white wine
- 39 Yak's home
- 40 Blood-related
- 41 Sleazy paper
- 42 Exuberance
- 43 Skins
- 45 Talon
- 47 Actress Sofer
- 48 Not on top
- 50 Dawn goddess
- 52 Therefore
- 53 Common flag symbol
- 55 Stout
- 58 Kind of station
- 60 Break loose
- 62 Zodiac animal
- 63 Battery terminal
- 66 Newspaper section
- 68 Flower feature
- 69 In a while
- 70 ___-friendly
- 71 Hindu mystic
- 72 Understands

Down

- 1 Vampire killer
- 2 Custom
- 3 Intense
- 4 Pointer's direction
- 5 Excessively agitated
- 6 Postal scale unit
- 7 English race place
- 8 Lascivious look
- 9 Locomotive follower
- 10 Genetic initials
- 11 Like some ink
- 12 Thailand, once
- 13 Llama land
- 18 Secretary, for one
- 22 Merino mother
- 27 Before cake or meal
- 28 Willows
- 29 Shop tool
- 30 Long story
- 31 Actor Cain or Stockwell
- 32 Sicilian mount
- 33 Low-___ diet
- 34 "___ From Muskogee"
- 35 Gopher State
- 37 St. Louis landmark
- 38 Kilmer of *At First Sight*
- 44 Mattress problem
- 46 Part of WMD
- 49 Little piggy
- 51 Tram loads
- 53 British biscuit
- 54 Gypsy's deck
- 55 Cropped up
- 56 Place for a boutonniere
- 57 Manicurist's board
- 58 Openings
- 59 From scratch
- 61 Lively old dance
- 64 Three Gorges project
- 65 Biblical high priest
- 67 Mangy mutt

See Solution on Page 19

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 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michaels Branch 2 will hold a meeting on October 10th at 7 pm for election of officers and to discuss other fraternal activities as well. The meeting will be held at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd.

Please RSVP to Joanne Lako Rec. Sec. 412 715 5577.

Joanne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 3P - HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Joseph Society, Branch 3P, will conduct its semiannual meeting on Sunday October 15, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the church basement of Saint Joseph's Church at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA.

Michael Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2017, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Avenue, N.E. & 2nd Street.

The agenda will include officers' reports, schedule of activities for 2018, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial 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 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 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

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Attention Branch 24 members: the branch is once again offering its CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION. For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 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.

Bob Kopco, President

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 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.

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 110 – DELANCEY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 121 – SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

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

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 124 – SOUTH FORK, PENNSYLVANIA

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 128 – MT OLIVE, ILLINOIS

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 136 – NUREMBERG, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 144P – HARLEIGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 149 – MORRISDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 156 – BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

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

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

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 1:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of District and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by September 27, 2017, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

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 5PM Mass at St. Florian Church in United, PA.

The meeting will be held in the Formation Room in the former convent. On the agenda will be election of officers and finalizing plans for the Vilija. Light refreshments will be served.

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 1:00PM on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend the meeting and be recognized by Branch 199. All 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 Thurs-

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Location: Missionary Benedictine Convent, 5900 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will meet at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. A delicious catered dinner will be served to all attendees. All branches in District 2 are encouraged to send representatives. Individual Jednota members who wish to become more active in District 2 are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Robert Tapak Magruder at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3-- GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT - WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2017 following the 5:00PM Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. We will meet in the Formation room of the former Convent. We will be planning our annual Stedry Vecer and checking out what must be done to prepare for our upcoming convention. It is important that we have a good turnout so these matters may be addressed. Refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary.

DISTRICT 4 - THE MONSIGNOR RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries asked to RSVP to Joe Minarovich @ 732-469-5256 by September 29th. Agenda will include plans for future events. Lunch will be served. Please bring non-perishable items for donation to a local food pantry.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

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 on Grant Street 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 April 19 issue has a list of the requirements for the Branch Stipend. 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:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: Meetings resume in October. 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.

** NSS Septemberfest at the National Slovak Society Museum, 351 Valley Brook Road in McMurray PA. See the famous animated wood carving - Saturday, September 23, 11 AM - 4 PM. Parking available nearby at St Benedict the Abbot Church.

** 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.

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 Beaverdale, 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 8 - THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its Semi-Annual meeting Sunday, October 15, 2017. Mass will be held at 10:30 AM at St. John Fisher (the old St. Andrew Church), located at 3rd & Cypress Sts., North Catasauqua, PA. 18032

Dinner and Meeting will be held at the Jednota Home, which is located at 5th & Grove Sts. North Catasauqua,

PA. 18032. Dinner will be served at 12:00 PM (Noon). Meeting will follow directly after the dinner.

At this meeting we will have our election of officers for 2018, as well as discussion concerning the upcoming convention which is August 2018. Our delegates and members at large should consider or offer suggestions for any by-law changes which should be brought up at the convention. Other district business will be discussed.

Any questions, please call Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468 or email mfabian922@gmail.com. Thank you. God Bless.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 - FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

It will be held in the meeting room of the Dairy Queen Grill & Chill located at 575 West Main Street.

Branch members are invited to attend. A Dairy Queen social will take place following the meeting.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 - THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Rev. Stephen Furdek (District 10) will be holding their last meeting of 2017 on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2:00PM at St. Charles Parish Hall, 5891 Ridge Road, Parma, OH 44129.

We will be holding election of officers for 2018. Come and participate in your District for FCSU. Take an active part in your District - learn what the group has to offer to you and your branch.

If there will be representatives from your branch attending please contact Linda Hanko and let her know how many will be attending so we may plan properly for refreshments.

You may contact Linda in the following ways:

Call the Slovak J Club at 330-773-4978

Her home at 330-706-0151

Via email @lhanko@neo.rr.com

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Linda M Hanko, Recording 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 14 - THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

The election of officers for the Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District was held, December, 2016. The results are as follows: President, Barb Hosa; Vice President, Nancy Scavina; Treasurer, Selma Bolash; Secretary, Joe Scavina; Auditor, Jackie Bobby; Fraternal Activity Director, Paul Ritz. The following dates are the remaining scheduled district meetings for 2017: November 21, 2017; and December 19, 2017.

Joe Scavina/Secretary

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

The district's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, followed by lunch at 1:30PM and the meeting immediately after.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Everyone has the opportunity to hold a position - you may be nominated from the floor. Do you, as a member of your branch, have a special gift of talent/service/interest in Jednota? Even your presence as a member is appreciated. COME ... JOIN IN KEEPING FRATERNALISM ALIVE!!!

Are your district dues up to date?

All are welcome - see you on Sunday, October 15th.

Any questions call District President Michael Slovenkai (570) 342-7562.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

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Contact your Branch Officer or the Home Office
6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH, 44131, 800.533.6682, www.fcsu.com, insurance@fcsu.com



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.

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Best Foot Forward Walking Program

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

Benefits to You:

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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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2017 International Golf Tournament Results



Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Menich	Tony	A	11	77	66	74	63	129
Miscovich	Frank	A	14	78	64	83	69	133
Guzik	Scott	A	10	78	68	79	69	137
Quinn	Patrick	A	13	82	69	81	68	137
Rosa	John	A	14	85	71	80	66	137
Harr	Scott F.	A	10	78	68	81	71	139
Patula	Robert M.	A	7	80	73	73	66	139
Quinn	Timothy	A	14	84	70	87	73	143
Beattie	Jeff	A	14	87	73	87	73	146
Bolby	Mike	A	5	78	73	78	73	146
Patula	John F.	A	13	86	73	89	76	149
Yokopenic	Richard	A	6	80	74	85	79	153
Ostinowsky	Joseph	A	9	93	84	78	69	153
Falbo	Lou	A	9	86	77	86	77	154
Yokopenic	Stephen	A	10	96	86	80	70	156
Piper	Rick	B	20	89	69	80	60	129
Felus	Bruno	B	23	94	71	81	58	129
Pipak	Mike	B	21	92	71	83	62	133
Kasan	William J.	B	15	85	70	79	64	134
Schmucker	David	B	18	81	63	94	76	139
Barron	Joe	B	21	90	69	92	71	140
Lako	Raymond	B	15	88	73	85	70	143
Quinn	Bill Jr	B	17	83	66	95	78	144
Johnston	Derek	B	18	90	72	90	72	144
Terpin	Mark	B	17	87	70	93	76	146
Nemcheck	Mike	B	20	98	78	90	70	148
Metarko	John	B	19	89	70	98	79	149
Smith	Philip J.	B	18	98	80	90	72	152
Yokopenic	Jim	B	19	98	79	95	76	155
Vargo	Stephen P	B	23	102	79	101	78	157
Mitro	Milos	B	21	109	88	97	76	164
Smith	Chase	C	24	90	66	88	64	130
Collins	Greg	C	29	100	71	94	65	136
Tokarsky	John	C	26	92	66	98	72	138
Torok	Gene	C	27	101	74	95	68	142
Vargo	Dan	C	29	97	68	106	77	145
Shank, Sr	Clarence	C	25	100	75	95	70	145
Sinagra	Dave	C	26	101	75	97	71	146
Harr	Ronald	C	27	101	74	101	74	148
Halula	Barry	C	24	100	76	105	81	157
Columbus	Michael Jr.	C	25	104	79	112	87	166
Johnston	Lynn T.	D	33	101	68	96	63	131
Collins	Patrick	D	34	96	62	108	74	136
Smith	George	D	32	101	69	102	70	139
Barton	David	D	34	109	75	107	73	148
Mihailoff	Thomas	D	33	107	74	108	75	149
Ferrance	Jerome	D	39	108	69	120	81	150
Columbus	Mike	D	36	107	71	115	79	150
Burkhart	Joe	D	40	110	70	122	82	152
Columbus	David	D	40	119	79	128	88	167
Columbus	John	D	40	119	79	130	90	169
Lako	George	D	40	146	106	119	79	185
DeGol	David	CAL	CAL	77	70	74	70	140
Mohrbacher	Fred	CAL	CAL	82	70	92	73	143
Finklestine	Marty	CAL	CAL	86	72	79	74	146
Simkovich	Paul	CAL	CAL	99	73	103	74	147
Treskovich	Terry	CAL	CAL	86	71	85	78	149
Welsh	Tom	CAL	CAL	89	76	88	75	151
Grottenhaler	John	CAL	CAL	97	73	95	79	152
Kochis	Derek	CAL	CAL	95	80	93	75	155
Piper	Rickie Lee	CAL	CAL	102	79	113	77	156
Zoldak	Milan	CAL	CAL	110	80	107	76	156



Skill Prize Winners	
Putting Contest	Rick Yokopenic, Greg Collins, Rickie Lee Piper
Longest Drive Saturday	Robert Patula
Closest to the Pin Saturday	Lynn Johnston
Longest Drive Sunday	Bill Kasan
Closest to the Pin Sunday	Mike Bolby

Skins Winners			
Saturday		Sunday	
#3 Birdie	Timothy Quinn	#2 Birdie	Scott Guzik
#7 Birdie	Mike Bolby	#3 Birdie	Tony Menich
#9 Birdie	Mike Bolby	#7 Birdie	Lou Falbo
#11 Birdie	David Schmucker	#9 Birdie	Lou Falbo
		#11 Birdie	John Patula
		#12 Birdie	Greg Collins
		#14 Eagle	Robert Patula
		#15 Birdie	Derek Johnston

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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day of every month (except June & July) in the upstairs Social Hall, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. So for the rest of 2017: Oct. 5th, 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 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 254 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 11:30 AM at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads, Mt. Lebanon, PA. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 266 – HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Peter and Paul Society Branch 266 will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday October 15, 2017 at 9:30 am in Saint Joseph Church basement at 604 N. laurel Street in Hazleton, PA.

Richard Lazar, Financial 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 290 – RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

Branch 290 will hold its next meeting at St. Joseph Church Meeting Room at 12:30PM on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Please attend. Any questions, please call Joe at 732-469-5256.

Joe Minarovich, President

BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Please mention that St. Joseph's Society, Branch 293KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the home of Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary, 527 E. Bertsch Street, Lansford, PA, 18232, at 6PM.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lakata

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 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 327 – POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 333 – GRASSFLAT, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 335 – LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 348 – CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

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BRANCH 353K – BELLAIRE, OHIO

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BRANCH 362 – ST CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

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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, October 22, 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.

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BRANCH 388 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday October 12, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. All members of Branch 410 are invited to attend.

Call for reservations by Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 724-425-2576.

Geri Buchheit, Secretary

BRANCH 414 – FARRELL, PENNSYLVANIA

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 419 – WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen the Martyr, Branch 419, will hold a regular meeting on Sunday September 17, 2017, at Norms Restaurant, Sherman Street, Wilkes Barre, PA, beginning at 12:30PM. Please attend as election of officers will be conducted (we need your help). Also normal branch business as well as suggestions for improving attendance will be discussed. Please bring a friend or a member. All are welcome. Lunch will served following the meeting.

Francis Wassil, President

BRANCH 425 – BARBERTON, OHIO

St. Mark's Society, Branch 425, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 1:00PM at the home of Paul J. Slota, 1371 Eastern Road, Rittman, OH. All members are invited to attend.

Jeanette Willis, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 461 – BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The members of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, wish to acknowledge two of their fellow members who recently received their 50 year Jednota Membership Pins: Sandra Ballantine and Susan Marie Hepner. Thank you for sticking with Jednota for 50 years!

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 497 – CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

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BRANCH 505 – EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 512 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

Come to the J Club - 485 Morgan Ave, Akron, OH 44311 - for Spaghetti Dinners, 4:30pm - 7:00pm on October 4th and November 1st. Dinners are \$8.00 and take outs are \$8.50.

Senior Bowling starts on Thursday Sept. 14th at 11:00am. Anyone interested in joining our league please call the club at 330-773-4978.

Sandie Klucar, Secretary

BRANCH 586 – UNION GROVE, WISCONSIN

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BRANCH 591 – CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Sunday, October 1: Polka Dance 3-6pm; food available for purchase.

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

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

Sunday, December 7: monthly meeting; 2pm Election of Branch Officers to take place; please 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 231-733-7525.

Susan Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 633 – MT. MORRIS, MICHIGAN

Peanuts, Cracker Jack and the 7th inning stretch! Branch 633 will hold its annual Branch Activity at the Detroit Tigers game against the Chicago White Sox on September 18th, 2017. The game is scheduled for a 6:10pm start. We will meet as a group at the Will Call window on Witherell Street [in front of the stadium] at 5pm. For anyone interested in joining us please call 633 Branch President Rod Meloni at least one week in advance @ 248-444-9141 to make certain we can all sit together inside Comerica Park. We are looking forward to a great evening of fun and fraternalism.

Rod Meloni, President

BRANCH 633 – MT. MORRIS, MICHIGAN

Branch 633 KJ Sacred Heart of Jesus Society will hold its annual members meeting on October 15, 2017 at 1pm at the Deer Lake Inn, 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346. We note here this meeting is of utmost importance as we will be voting to elect branch officers and also electing our convention representation in advance of the 2018 FCSU National Convention slated for Cleveland, OH. Our branch has expanded this year and we have several opportunities to elect new leadership. We encourage all members to prayerfully consider running for office. Please join us for fun, food and fraternalism and give a hearty welcome to our new members. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Branch 633 President Rod Meloni!@ 248-444-9141.

Rod Meloni, President

BRANCH 636 – TOLEDO, OHIO

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

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 700 – SUGAR CREEK, MISSOURI

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 702 – LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

St. Stephen the Martyr Society, branch 716, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Novem-

ber 5th, 2017 at 1:00 PM 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 Bilik. All members are urged to attend the Mass.

Fraternally,

Joan Mary Skrkon, Acting Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Members of Saint Joseph Branch 731 Youngstown, Ohio will meet on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at noon at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Jim Bobby, Recording 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 823 – YOUNGWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

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

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Attention all Branch 853 members:

Branch 853 members who are paying for an education 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

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON DC AND AREA

Branch 856 will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 1:00PM at the Thomas Jefferson Arlington Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA, 22042. On the agenda: election of branch officers and a discussion of the Sept 17th Mass at the National Shrine in Washington DC as well as a discussion of the October District meeting in PA. For more information, call Marion Mistrick at 301-654-5638.

Katherine Nowatkoski Financial Secretary

Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
002K	Francis J Becker Jr	098K	Albert Vasko Sr	290K	Joseph A Kovac Sr	670K	Dalbert R Popp
002K	Edward A Kucan	132K	Ann K Longo	292K	Steven A Konorosky	670K	Lois Jean Watson
005P	John Seman	152K	Robert Dale Pollick	293K	Teresa A Marzen	706K	Ann Marie Asanovich
006K	June A Churney	165K	Theresa M Palotas	294K	Anna M Tokash	746K	Kenneth J Smetana
006K	Lawrence V Havrilka	166K	Helena Frances Hornick	308K	Eugene E McKula	754K	John Anthony Jancosek
006K	Donna J Segovich	173K	James E Iskra	315K	Marie Laverne Kubasak	784	John Jasko
038K	Dorothy A Stash	173K	Mark D Kalna	320K	Paul T Simala	796K	Mary Kovalcik
041K	Rose Marie Dzurenda	175K	Joseph B LePage	362K	Clareann Slomski	823K	Joseph Motlok
055K	Jeanmarie A Abate	181K	Helen C Jupena	367K	Andrew Rocheck	831K	Richard J Murar
055K	Anna Weiss	181K	Michael Paul Stewart III	380K	James Gazvoda	855K	James R Plavcan
060K	William Astrab	181K	Ann Wano	425K	Donald A Hutchinson	924K	Jacqueline M Patrickos
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090K	Robert J. Glinsky, Sr.	278K	Glenda Amelia Hetes	670K	Edward A Kovacik Sr		

*Processed through the month of August

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE P. CURCI BRANCH 199 – HOESTETTER, PENN- SYLVANIA



Josephine P. Curci, 88, of Luxor, formerly of Norvelt, an original Homesteader of Westmoreland Homesteads (Norvelt), died Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in St. Anne Home, Greensburg, PA. She was born April 2, 1928, in Whitney, PA, a daughter of the late Valent and Mary (Gaca) Emerick. She formerly had been employed by Amco of Norvelt and retired from Screw and Bolt/Modulus of Mt. Pleasant, PA. She was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Crabtree, FCSU (Jednota) Branch 199 and was a 1947 graduate of Hurst High School. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Aldo A. Curci, Aug. 8, 1994; four sisters, Helen Wisniewski, Margaret Hritz, Sophie Pipak and Mary Bratberg; two brothers, John Emerick and Joseph Emerick; two stepdaughters, Theresa Steffey (Henry "Butch") and Georgia Mellinger; and her grandson, Bobby Mellinger. She was the last living member of her immediate birth family. She is survived by six grandchildren, Randy Mellinger (Sandra), Ron Mellinger (Angela), Sandy Durst, Brenda Steffey, Art Steffey (Chery) and Dawn Chmill (Steve); several great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; her extended family who she helped raise, Francis E. Pipak Jr., Susan M. Owens, John M. Pipak, Thomas F. Pipak and Barbara A. Patula; and her stepson-in-law, Ron Mellinger Sr.

Friends were received from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017, at the Leo M. Bacha Funeral Home, Greensburg. Prayers began at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017, in the funeral home, followed by a funeral Mass celebrated at 1 p.m. in St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Crabtree. Interment followed in Greensburg Catholic Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at St. Anne Home for their comfort and support, especially those in Clare Garden.

- Submitted by Barbara Patula, Branch 199 Secretary/Treasurer

STEPHEN W. BOHUS, SR. BRANCH 505 – EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen W. Bohus, Sr., 84, of Bethlehem, PA, passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday, July 20, 2017, surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Marie M. Bohus and together they shared 59 years of marriage. Born in Emmaus, PA, he was a son of the late Vincent and Pauline Bohus. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Later he worked 43 years for the former Luria Steel Co. until 1993 and then was a van driver for the Holiday Inn for 12 years until retiring. He was a member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem R. C. Church. The family would like to thank St. Luke's Home Hospice for their kindness and compassion in caring for Stephen in his illness. It was most appreciated. Survivors: Wife, Marie; children, Denise Bohus-Twaddle and her husband, Dr. Hugo Twaddle of Bethlehem, PA; Stephen W. Bohus Jr., his fiancé, Nicole DeLuca of Buckeye, AZ; Debra Bohus of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Catherine Capkovic of Allentown, PA; 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters. Services: A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 10:30 A.M. in Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church. Relatives and friends called on Monday, July 24, 2017, evening from 6-8:00 P.M. and Tuesday morning from 9:10:00 A.M. in the James Funeral Home, Bethlehem. Burial was in Holy Saviour Cemetery.

JOSEPH MOTLOK BRANCH 823 – YOUNGWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

Joseph Motlok, 92, passed away on July 13, 2017 in Corvallis, OR, formally of Mesa, AZ. Joe was born on March 10, 1925 in Bovard, PA, to John Motlok and Elizabeth Keaver. Joe met and married the love of his life Ann on September 6, 1952. Joe retired from the Kroger Company in Detroit, MI, as a baker; after retirement he and Ann moved to Arizona. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Ann Motlok (nee Smitley); his three children, Patricia A. Dent (Chandler,



AZ), Renee K. Schweinberg (San Tan Valley, AZ), Ronald J. Motlok (Philomath, OR); five grandchildren, Michael Schweinberg, Christopher Schweinberg, Kristina McCall, Brian Dent and Rachel Dent; six great grandchildren, Madison, Emily and Nathan Schweinberg, Bryson Southers, Graesyn

and Amaya McCall.

Funeral Services were held at Queen of Heaven Catholic Funeral Home, Mesa, AZ, on Friday July 21, 2017, at 11:30am. Interment followed at 12:30pm at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

- Submitted by Anna Motlok

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Public Information means information that is lawfully available to the general public from: Federal State or local government records; widely distributed media; or, disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by Federal, State or local law.

Non-Public Information means personally identifiable financial and medical information. It also means any list, description or other grouping of individuals, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived from any personally identifiable information that is not publicly available.

Consumer Reporting Agency means an entity, which regularly provides reports (Consumer Reports) including information regarding an individual's: general reputation, character, personal characteristics or mode of living and financial status. The information may be obtained through interviews with the individual or third parties such as the individual's: business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or financial sources.

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

- information you provide to us in an application or other form;
- information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.), or others; and
- information that we may receive from a Consumer Reporting Agency.

We do not disclose any personal, Non-Public Information about you to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We will not disclose personal medical information about you, except as permitted by law or as you may authorize.

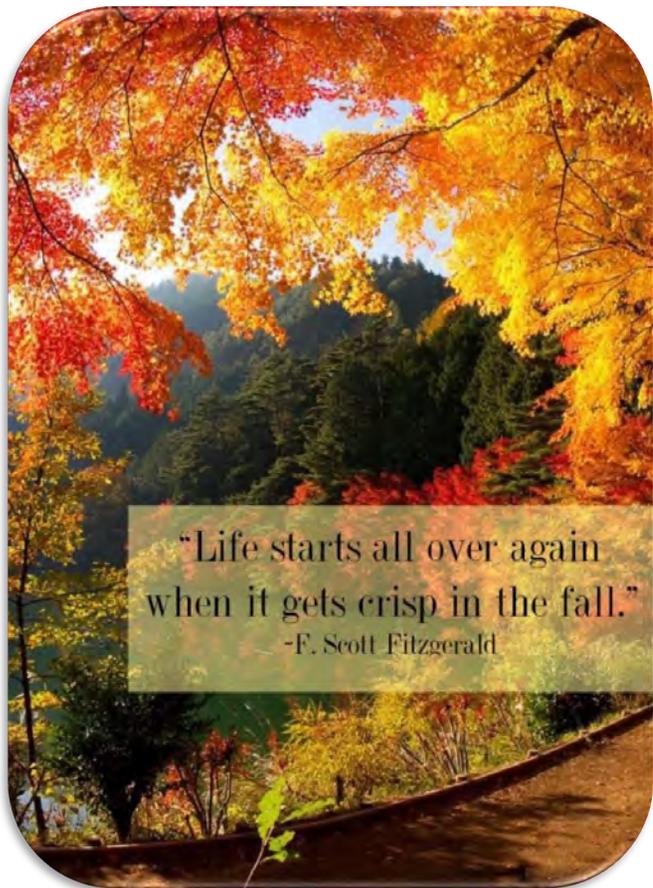
We restrict access to your personal, insurance and medical information to those of our employees who need to know that information in order to provide insurance or service to you. We are, and will continue to be, vigilant in the safeguarding of your personal, financial, and medical information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with Federal and State regulations regarding the safeguarding of Non-Public Information.

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may contact us to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and social security number.

May Slovak Jednota Bowling Banquet Held in Mississauga

Scenes from the Slovak Jednota Bowling Banquet, held on May 26, 2017, in Mississauga, Ontario. Awards were presented by last year's winners.

- Submitted by Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

Autumn Arrives September 22nd

Specifically, the Northern Hemisphere marks the autumnal equinox on Friday, September 22, 2017, at exactly 4:02 P.M. EDT.

The Autumnal equinox—also called the September equinox—is the astronomical start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

The word equinox means "equal night"; night and day are about the same length of time. During the equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the "celestial equator" (just imagine the line that marks the equator on Earth extending up into the sky) from north to south. At this point, the amount of nighttime and daytime are roughly equal to each other.

- From the Old Farmer's Almanac

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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Address Changes?

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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 "Dough-boy" statute 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. SOLG	HOLLY FRANK T. JR. ELIZABETH G. MIDDLETOWN, PA
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MAY THE SACRED HEART BLESS & PROTECT THE HARCHARIK FAMILY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF WONDERFUL PARENTS FRANK & ANNA CHMELA	NOWATKOSKI BERNARD KATHERINE BRANCH 856	
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Branch 40's Semi-Annual Meeting in July

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 30, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, in Streator, IL. After the meeting, members enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of fellowship.

- Submitted by Maria Harcar, Branch 40 Secretary



FCSU's Support for Holy Hill Slovak Pilgrimage in Sept

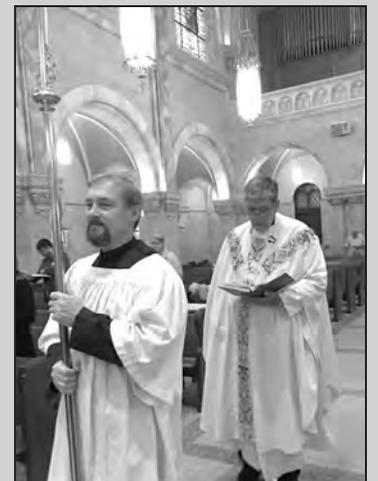
A Slovak Pilgrimage took place at the Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary on September 4, 2017. Holy Hill is located about 30 miles northwest of Milwaukee, WI. The Pilgrimage included Stations of the Cross, Mass, and a procession to the Grotto.

This event was supported by the Knights of St. Mary and St. Joseph, Branch 89, along with the Slovak League of America Assembly 20, FCSLA Branch 23 Our Lady of Lourdes Society, Federated Slovak Societies, and Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 93.

- Submitted by Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director



(L – R) Dan Loduha, Branch 89 Auditor, who also assisted Father Jamnicky at Mass as an altar server; Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director; Father John Jamnicky, Branch 153 Member; Mike Novak, Branch 89 President; and Joe Hlavac, Branch 89 Vice President.



Statement as of June 30, 2017 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**
ASSETS

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	350,419,707		350,419,707	342,319,430
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....			0	
2.2 Common stocks.....	2,454,188		2,454,188	2,436,201
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	723,020		723,020	834,868
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	862,347		862,347	894,327
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	636,119		636,119	655,649
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	755,821		755,821	755,821
5. Cash (\$.....16,454,396), cash equivalents (\$.....2,991,235) and short-term investments (\$.....5,002,930).....	24,448,561		24,448,561	23,961,405
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,104,421		1,104,421	1,118,825
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	4,851,265		4,851,265	4,752,203
9. Receivables for securities.....			0	
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	386,255,449	0	386,255,449	377,728,729
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	4,629,524		4,629,524	4,632,409
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	19,667		19,667	18,990
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums (\$.....0) and contracts subject to redetermination (\$.....0).....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	9,243	9,243	0	(0)
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	390,914,433	9,793	390,904,640	382,380,128
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	390,914,433	9,793	390,904,640	382,380,128

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LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	308,210,242	302,291,581
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	42,214,490	41,098,805
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	48,728	60,668
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	732,737	753,160
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	11,318	19,208
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	55,126	67,352
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	18,072	18,072
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	5,861,503	5,292,048
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	9,511	9,511
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,770,328	2,607,558
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....		521,933
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	940,835	840,835
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	361,572,890	354,280,731
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	361,572,890	354,280,731
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	29,331,750	28,099,397
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	29,331,750	28,099,397
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	390,904,640	382,380,128

Statement as of June 30, 2017 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	11,127,527	10,975,150	21,457,823
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	7,920,001	7,800,751	15,527,524
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	191,955	250,000	584,693
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	2,327	45,674	56,936
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	19,241,810	19,071,575	37,626,976
10. Death benefits.....	1,418,561	1,206,062	2,386,321
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	8,280,936	5,906,717	14,573,618
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	259,979	223,469	503,013
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	82,576	76,532	154,320
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	5,918,661	8,538,366	14,671,464
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	15,960,713	15,951,145	32,288,736
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	181,424	119,236	273,703
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	1,778,348	1,639,409	2,923,796
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	49,345	71,555	127,367
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	(166,211)	(155,823)	(390,690)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	17,803,619	17,625,522	35,222,912
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	1,438,191	1,446,053	2,404,064
28. Refunds to members.....	138,290	134,288	413,708
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	1,299,901	1,311,765	1,990,356
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....191,955 transferred to the IMR).....			(164,465)
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	1,299,901	1,311,765	1,825,891
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	28,099,397	26,397,416	26,397,416
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	1,299,901	1,311,765	1,825,891
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	98,353	(59,503)	358,567
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	1,460	1,460	2,919
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	(162,770)	(71,621)	(415,908)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	(4,591)	3,105	(69,488)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	1,232,353	1,185,206	1,701,981
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	29,331,750	27,582,622	28,099,397

Správy zo Slovenska

MOL si rozširuje obzory, pozerá sa po automotive

Maďarská spoločnosť MOL Group, matka slovenského Slovnaftu Bratislava, sa začína pozeráť po alternatívnom zdroji príjmov. Očakáva, že počas niekoľkých rokov sa spotreba benzínu i nafty z dôvodu nástupu alternatívnych pohonov a energií výrazne prepadne. Maďarský gigant bude spracúvať ropu aj naďalej, no v budúcnosti bude tvoriť už len 50 percent celkovej produkcie. Namiesto toho sa zameria na nový výrobný artikl - plastový produkt polyol, z ktorého sa môžu vyrábať vlákna na výrobu matracov či sedadiel, ale aj plastové dielce pre automobilový priemysel. Na rozšírenie výroby plánuje skupina MOL do roku 2030 preinvestovať 3,9 miliardy eur.

Svetový úspech vedcov-stredoškôľakov: Po úspechu v Amerike... striebro v Číne!

Po úspechu na svetovej súťaži pre stredoškôľskych študentov v americkom Los Angeles dosiahli prešovskí študenti z Gymnázia sv. Mikuláša druhé miesto aj na prestížnej medzinárodnej súťaži v Číne. Miriam Feretová a Samuel Smoter znovu uspeli s vylepšeným projektom s éterickými olejmi na odpudzovanie kliešťov. Okrem výhry im súťaž priniesla aj postup na medzinárodnú vedeckú výstavu do Luxemburska, ktorá bude v marci 2018.

Zraneného mladíka priviezol vládny špeciál

Prvý pobyt Michala pri mori sa neskončil šťastne. V posledný deň pred odchodom z Grécka sa naposledy rozhodol s kamarátom okúpať. Po skoku z móla museli mladíka z vody vyťahovať a záchranka ho odviezla do nemocnice, kde lekári konštatovali tri zlomené krčné stavce. Po operácii ležal asi tri týždne v nemocnici v gréckom Solúne (Thessaloniki). Minister vnútra Robert Kaliňák (Smer-SD) ponúkol na prevoz pacienta na Slovensko vládny špeciál.

Cez Slovensko mesačne prejdú štyri čínske nákladné vlaky

Zaujímavou príležitosťou pre slovenskú nákladnú vlakovú dopravu majú byť čínske nákladné vlaky. Niektoré už na slovenské hranice dokonca prišli. Šéf Železničnej spoločnosti Cargo Slovakia Martin Vozár informuje: „Pre nás je zaujímavá vozba, ktorú poskytujeme my ako dopravca. Prekladka sa realizuje v prekladisku Dobrá pri Čiernej nad Tisou. V roku 2012 malo Cargo celkový dlh na úrovni skoro 450 miliónov. Ku koncu minulého roka to bolo 116 miliónov.“

Miroslav Lajčák ako zvládne ministra aj šéfa v OSN

Minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí Miroslav Lajčák sa už pripravuje na svoj nový post predsedu Valného zhromaždenia Organizácie Spojených národov (VZ OSN). Minister sa sťahuje do Spojených štátov amerických (USA) aj s rodinou. Keďže bude mať v USA nabitý program. Úradovať totiž bude v New Yorku a zároveň vykonávať povinnosti ministra. Funkciu ministra si ponecháva v plnom rozsahu.

Planetárium v Bratislave obkľúčia stovky bytov

Namiesto kultúry rezidenčný komplex. Taká zmena čaká bratislavské nábrežie. Na mieste Parku kultúry a oddychu na nábreží Dunaja sa začne s budovaním druhej etapy River Parku. Ten majú podľa zámeru tvoriť tri bloky - blok A (byty), blok B (planetárium a mediatéka) a blok C (River Park 2). S výstavbou chcú začať na jar 2019, dokončiť ich plánujú do troch rokov.

Miliónový biznis padol, virtuálny operátor končí

Jeden z prvých virtuálnych operátorov na Slovensku končí. Spoločnosť DH Telecom, ktorá vznikla ešte pod pôvodným názvom 4Call v roku 2006, bola priekopníkom nového telekomunikačného biznisu pod Tatrami, ale po vyše desiatich rokoch podnikania ohlasuje stop. Na Slovensku sa firma špecializovala na poskytovanie veľkoobchodných služieb vrátane konzultačnej a poradenskej činnosti. Jej cieľovou skupinou boli podnikatelia a firmy, ktoré chceli uviesť predplatené alebo tarifné hlasové či dátové mobilné služby pre vlastných klientov.

Na košickom Luniku postavia malé domy z mikropôžičiek

Namiesto panelákov dostanú slušné rodiny z košického Luníka IX šancu na vlastný malý dom. Musia si nasporiť peniaze a dostanú malú pôžičku, betón si vyrobia sami. „Každý mesiac si musia odložiť minimálne 50 eur na vkladnú knižku, musia nám ju priniesť ukázať a keď budú mať odložených 750 eur, budú si môcť odkúpiť pozemok a postaviť si na ňom vlastný dom“, povedala riaditeľka organizácie ETP Slovensko Slávka Mačáková, ktorá sa stará o sociálnu prácu medzi Rómami na Slovensku.

Zuzana zdolala La Manche aj rekord

Košická plavecká vytrvalkyňa Zuzana Jusková (43) sa stala prvou Slovenkou, ktorá preplávala svetoznámy La Manche. Na plavecký výkon sa pripravovala dva roky. V Liptovskej Mare aj v iných vodách preplávala mesačne 120 kilometrov. Na francúzsky breh vystúpila po 11 hodinách a 16 minútach. Dosiahla lepší čas ako jej tréner Zoltán Makai, ktorému sa to podarilo v roku 2002 a trvalo mu to o šesť minút dlhšie.

Ohýbajú zdravotné poisťovne zákon?

Zdravotné poisťovne v roku 2016 nemali zazmluvnený potrebný počet lekárov špecialistov a počet postelí v nemocniciach, ktorý určuje legislatíva. Upozorňuje na túto skutočnosť aj Úrad pre dohľad nad zdravotnou starostlivosťou. Pre pacientov to znamená, že sú nútení cestovať za odborníkom do iného okresu. Zdravotné poisťovne sa bránia tým, že chýbajú špecialisti. „Špecialisti sa do ambulancií nehnú. Ortopéd dostane od poisťovne 2500 eur mesačne, ale urobí výkony za päťtisíc, prečo by pracoval?“, pýta sa Pavel Olšiak, prednosta mestského úradu v Poltári.

Minimálnu mzdu na Slovensku čaká historický skok

Minimálna mzda na Slovensku by v budúcom roku mala dosiahnuť 480 eur. V porovnaní s týmto rokom by sa tak mala zvýšiť o 45 eur. Zvýšiť minimálnu mzdu z tohtoročných 435 eur na 480 eur navrhlo Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR. Odborári so zamestnávateľmi sa totiž rovnako ako každý rok nedohodli na raste minimálnych plátov. Ak návrh odobrí vláda, pôjde o najvyšší nárast minimálnej mzdy v histórii.

Prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku opustil najstarší syn

Najstarší syn prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku sa rozhodol odcestovať do Spojených štátov amerických (USA). Firma, ktorá ho zamestnáva, otvorila pobočku v slnečnej Kalifornii, kde bude pracovať.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Na hrade Krásna Hôrka pohreb grófký Elizabeth Olgay Andrassyovej

V rímskokatolíckom kostole všetkých svätých v Krásnohorskom Podhradí v okrese Rožňava sa konal 20. augusta 2017 pohreb grófký Elizabeth Olgay Andrassyovej z Csikszentkirály a Krásnej Hôrky v Krásnohorskom Podhradí. Verejná rozlúčka sa konala v kostole v Krásnohorskom Podhradí odkiaľ sprievod s urnou išiel na hrad Krásna Hôrka. Na základe želania nebohej boli jej telesné pozostatky uložené na večný odpočinok v rodinnej hrobke na hrade Krásna Hôrka, už bez vylúčenia verejnosti len v prítomnosti rodiny.

„Múzeum Betliar spravujúce kaštieľ v Betliari a rodové sídlo Andrassyovcov - hrad Krásna Hôrka s hlbokým zármutkom prijalo správu, že dňa 24. januára 2017 v Springfiele (Oregon, USA) vo veku pozhnaných 92 rokov zomrela Elizabeth Olgay, grófká Andrassyová, z Csikszentkirály a Krásnej Hôrky. O smrti svojej matky múzeum informovala Joy Olgay. SNM - Múzeum Betliar považuje Elizabeth Olgay Andrassy za svoju zosnulú,“ informovala kultúrno-propagačná manažérka Slovenského národného múzea (SNM) – Múzea Betliar Judita Krajčiová.

Elizabeth Olgay Andrassy sa narodila 23. decembra 1924 v rodine grófa Imre Andrassyho a švédskej grófký Stelly Kuylenstjerna. Detstvo prežila v kaštieľoch v Humennom, Veľatoch, Tiszadobe a v palácoch rodiny v Budapešti. „Zažila tie časy, o ktorých sa dnes dozvedáme len zo zažltnutých novín a starých fotografií. Po traumatickej druhej svetovej vojne musela Elizabetina rodina opustiť starý kontinent, útočisko našli v USA. V roku 1950 sa zosobášila s maďarským architektom Aladárom Olgayom, s ktorým mali dve deti - Roya a Joy,“ priblížila Krajčiová. Elizabeth bola aktívnou dobrovoľníčkou Červeného kríža a zapájala sa do pomoci obetiam hurikánov.

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Na snímke dcéra Joy Olgayová niesla urnu v sprievode z kostola cez obec, v pozadí hrad Krásna Hôrka.

Joy Olgay carried the ashes of her mother Countess Elizabeth Andrassy in a procession from the church through the village beneath the Krasna Horka castle on August 20, 2017.

V Bratislave festival Menšinové kultúrne leto 2017

Na Hviezdoslavovom námestí v Bratislave sa v polovici augusta konal festival Menšinové kultúrne leto 2017. Festival sa v hlavnom meste koná od roku 2007, za toto obdobie na ňom vystúpilo 47 hudobno-tanečných kolektívov. „V minulých rokoch prevažoval folklór, postupne väčší priestor dostávali zoskupenia, ktoré prezentujú hudobný žáner etno music,“ informovala o tom Zuzana Kumanová z občianskeho združenia In Minorita, ktoré podujatie organizuje v spolupráci s Bratislavským kultúrnym a informačným strediskom a mestskou časťou Bratislava - Staré Mesto.

Festival, ktorého ambíciou je priblížiť obyvateľom a návštevníkom mesta kultúru národnostných menšín žijúcich na Slovensku prostredníctvom hudby, otvorila Barbora Botošová a band s úpravami starých rómskych piesní. Na jubilejnom 10. ročníku festivalu sa ďalej predstavili Rusín Čendeš Orchestra s rezkou zmesou rusínskych rytmov, Pressburger Klezmer Band so židovskou hudbou, Tamás Szarka so skupinou s autorskými úpravami maďarského folklóru, chorvátske ftm-TRIO s úpravami tradičných piesní a Marek Konček a hostia s úpravami poľských piesní. Podujatie sa realizovalo s finančnou podporou Úradu vlády SR - program Kultúra národnostných menšín 2017.

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Slovenskí biskupi pozývajú na slávnosť blahorečenia Titusa Zemana

Slovenskí biskupi pozývajú na slávnosť blahorečenia slovenského saleziánskeho kňaza Titusa Zemana, mučeníka z obdobia komunistického totalitného režimu, ktoré sa uskutoční 30. septembra v Bratislave-Petržalke na priestranstve pri Kostole Svätej rodiny.

Vyhlásenie Titusa Zemana za blahoslaveného sa udeje počas pontifikálnej svätej omše, ktorú bude v Bratislave slúžiť kardinál Angelo Amato, prefekt Kongregácie pre kauzy svätých. Informuje o tom tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska.

“V týchto dňoch dostávame cenný dar na posilnenie našej viery. Dar, v ktorom sa ukrýva príklad odvahy, rozhodnosti a ochoty na službu bližným. Týmto darom je pre nás blahorečenie muža, ktorý dokázal, že na Božie povolanie je možné odpovedať aj v ťažkých časoch a za mimoriadne náročných okolností,“ píše biskupi v pastierskom liste.

Proces jeho blahorečenia sa začal v roku 2010 a 27. februára 2017 pápež František schválil jeho blahorečenie. “Miestom trvalého uctievania telesných pozostatkov mučeníka dona Titusa Zemana sa potom stane Kostol Sedembolestnej Panny Márie v jeho rodisku, vo Vajnorochoch,“ dopĺňajú biskupi. Blahorečenie znamená, že cirkev umožní kult nového svätca na území diecézy, kde zomrel alebo v rámci rehole, ktorej bol členom.

Don Titus Zeman (1915-1969) bol saleziánsky kňaz, ktorý počas komunistického režimu v Československu organizoval výpravy, aby viac ako 40 mladých saleziánov mohlo dokončiť svoje štúdiá v zahraničí. Ale počas tretej výpravy dona Zemana spolu s ďalšími chytili a zatkli. Podstúpil potom náročný súdny proces, v ktorom mu hrozil trest smrti. Dňa 22. februára 1952 bol nakoniec odsúdený na 25 rokov väzenia. Don Titus Zeman bol prepustený po 13 rokoch 10. marca 1964. Utrpenie spôsobené dlhým pobytom vo väzení malo za následok, že zomrel päť rokov po prepustení, 8. januára 1969.

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Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

40. slovenský festival v New Jersey

Jubilejný 40. festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey sa bude konať v **sobotu, 16. septembra** v Middlesex County Fairgrounds v obvode mesta East Brunswick, NJ. Hoci festival bude po prvý raz v sobotu, program ostáva nezmenený. Prítomní budú aj významní hostia zo Slovenska. Park bude otvorený od 10. hod., bohoslužby budú o 11. hod. a kultúrno-zábavný program na javisku bude o 2. popoludní. V zábavnom programe vystúpi ľudový súbor Limbora z New Yorku, viaceré detské súbory a aj na Slovensku populárne speváčky Beata Dubašová a Nika Karch. Do parku je prístup pomerne jednoduchý. Vezmite exit 9 z NJ Turnpike, smerom na 18 South a potom na Cranberry Rd. South. Adresa parku je 655 Cranberry Rd, East Brunswick, NJ. Vstupné je \$10.00, deti do 14 rokov majú vstup voľný. Parkovanie je voľné.

Združenie slovenských katolíkov

bude mať 59. konvenciu v Youngstown, Ohio

Združenie slovenských katolíkov v USA a Kanade bude mať svoju 59. konvenciu v Youngstown, Ohio v **dňoch 18. a 19. septembra t.r.** ZSK vydá pri tejto príležitosti Pamätnicu. Záujemci, ktorí by chceli mať svoje meno na strane pozdravov, môžu poslať šek na adresu: Theresa M. Kluchinski, 71 South Washington St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18701 v obnoso: platinový pozdrav \$100, diamantový \$75, zlatý \$58, strieborný \$25 a bronzový \$10. Šeky majú byť vystavené na Slovak Catholic Federation.

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 14. októbra** majú na programe Slovakfest-zabíjačku s bohatým výberom slovenských pochúťok. 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: slovakgarden@centurylink.net

Lajčákovi bude v OSN radiť ekonóm, ktorý pomáha aj Guterresovi

Poradcom Miroslava Lajčáka vo funkcii predsedu Valného zhromaždenia OSN bude americký ekonóm a profesor Kolumbijskej univerzity v New Yorku Jeffrey Sachs. Ten v súčasnosti pôsobí aj ako poradca generálneho tajomníka OSN Antónia Guterresa pre otázky udržateľného rozvoja.

Súčasný minister zahraničných vecí SR sa funkcie ujme 12. septembra. „Sachs bude pôsobiť ako externý poradca M. Lajčáka bez nároku na finančnú odmenu, najmä v témach rozvoja, boja proti chudobe, vzdelávania, klimatickej zmeny a prevencie konfliktov, ako aj spolupráce s univerzitami,“ informoval tlačový odbor ministerstva zahraničných vecí.

OSN čaká v budúcom roku bezprecedentné množstvo výziev, myslí si Lajčák. „Teším sa preto spolupráci s profesorom Sachsom, najmä ako špičkovým ekonómom a odborníkom v oblasti rozvoja, ale tiež ako skúseným akademikom,“ dodal.

Lajčák bude predsedom Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN na funkčné obdobie rokov 2017–2018. Ten organizuje podujatia na najvyššej úrovni k aktuálnym témam, často tiež k otázkam, na ktorých sa Bezpečnostná rada nie je schopná dohodnúť. Za výkon tejto funkcie OSN neposkytuje plat. Náhrady spojené s jej výkonom v New Yorku prepláti Slovensko.

Predseda sa volí najmenej tri mesiace pred prevzatím funkcie. VZ OSN jednomyselne zvolilo ministra Lajčáka na post predsedu. Do volieb ho nominovala Východoeurópska regionálna skupina ako svojho jediného kandidáta. Mandát súčasného predsedu Petra Thomsona z Fidži sa končí v predvečer otvorenia 72. zasadnutia, a to 11. septembra.

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Film Učiteľka je v širšej nominácii na európskeho Oscara

Európska filmová akadémia a EFA Productions 22. augusta zverejnili širší výber celovečerných filmov, ktoré majú šancu získať Európsku filmovú cenu (European Film Awards 2017). Je medzi nimi aj slovensko-český film Učiteľka režiséra Jana Hřebejka v hlavnej úlohe so Zuzanou Mauréry.

Európska filmová akadémia vybrala do širokej nominácie na Európske filmové ceny 51 filmov reprezentujúcich 31 krajín. V najbližších týždňoch sa uskutoční hlasovanie viac ako 3000 členov EFA, z ktorého vzíde užšia nominácia. Tá bude zverejnená 4. novembra na Európskom filmovom festivale v Seville. Víťazov jubilejných 30. Európskych filmových cien vyhlásia 9. decembra v Berlíne.

Film je príbeh o učiteľke, ktorá zneužíva svoje postavenie a manipuluje svojím okolím, sa mimoriadne darí na zahraničných trhoch. Medzinárodný predaj a prezentáciu filmu zastrešuje sales agentúra LevelK. V priebehu roka bolo uzatvorených niekoľko desiatok kontraktov, Učiteľka bola uvedená a predaná do krajín na všetkých kontinentoch. Najvyšším ocenením je fakt, že film sa dostal do distribúcie vo viac ako 50 krajinách a vo viacerých štátoch ho distributéri uviedli do kín dokonca v domácich jazykových mutáciách. V najbližšom období sa Učiteľka predstaví divákovi v USA, Taliansku a Francúzsku.

Film sprevádzajú medzinárodné úspechy od premiéry v súťaži MFF Karlove Vary v júli 2016. Snímka tam získala Krištáľový glóbus za najlepší ženský herecký výkon, ocenili ju aj na festivaloch v španielskom Gijóne a Hongkongu. Zozbierala štyri národné ceny Slovenskej filmovej a televíznej akadémie (SFTA) Slnko v sieti, vrátane tej v kategórii Najlepší film, získala aj Cenu divákov.

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Slovenka prekonalala svetový rekord v behu v New Yorku



Slovak runner broke world record in New York

Slovenka Kaneenika Janáková utvorila nový svetový rekord v behu na 3100 míľ/4988 km organizovaný maratónskym tímom Sri Chinmoy. Zvládla trať v New Yorku za 48 dní 14 hodín 24 minút a 10 sekúnd. Na štart podujatia sa v polovici júna postavilo iba 10 bežcov, medzi nimi bol aj ďalší Slováč Ananda-Lahari Zuščin. Preteky je potrebné absolvovať v časom limite 52 dní. Všetkým bežcom sme pri odovzdávaní cien srdečne zablahoželi.

Generálny konzulát SR v New Yorku

Stretnutie Goralov v Červenom Kláštore

Obcou Červený Kláštor v okrese Kežmarok v sobotu 19. augusta zaznel pozdrav Zdruf, ktorý je charakteristický pre Goralov žijúcich v Zamaguri. V areáli miestnych kúpeľov sa uskutočnil ôsmy ročník podujatia Stretnutie Goralov.

„Gorali milujú život a radosť z neho neskrývajú. Ich hudba je temperamentná. Na Stretnutí Goralov v Pieninách opäť zazneli tóny ich typickej hudby,“ povedala výkonná riaditeľka Oblastnej organizácie cestovného ruchu severný Spiš Pieniny Erika Šalátová. Najpočetnejšia skupina Goralov žije na území severného Spiša a Pienin, pričom goralskú oblasť na tomto území tvorí 34 obcí. Podujatie sa v Červenom Kláštore uskutoční tretí rok po sebe, predtým sa akcia konala v obci Lesnica v okrese Stará Ľubovňa. Dôvodom presunutia podujatia bol menší areál, ako je tomu v kúpeľoch.

Stretnutie Goralov v Pieninách je sviatkom tejto regionálnej skupiny, ktorá obýva slovensko-poľské pohraničie. Pre podujatie je typický nielen kultúrny program, ale aj tradičné goralské jedlá. „Návštevníci nášho regiónu zároveň dostanú možnosť ochutnať špeciality goralskej kuchyne, napríklad pirohy, džatky, kuľasu a mnohé ďalšie,“ priblížila Šalátová.

Podujatie sa začalo slávnostnou svätou omšou za účastníkov festivalu. Stretnutie prijímali vystúpením skupina Kollárovcia počas vystúpenia pokrstili aj nové CD s názvom Neúprosný čas. Okrem toho sa na podujatí krstila aj kniha Jána Lacha Goralské rozprávky 2, súťažilo sa v rezaní dreva či dojení baranov. Súčasťou kultúrneho programu bolo aj vystúpenie folklórneho súboru Frankovčan, ľudového rozprávača Jožko Jožka či spevákov Petra Stašáka a Petra Cmoríka.

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Medzinárodné letecké dni prilákali rekordný počet návštevníkov

Medzinárodné letecké dni 27. augusta (MLD) SIAF si na svoje konto pripísali ďalší úspešný ročník. V poradí siedmy ročník tohto najväčšieho leteckého podujatia na Slovensku prilákal rekordné množstvo ľudí. Počas prvého dňa zavítalo na sliačske letisko až 100.000 návštevníkov. Nedeľňajší program, atraktívny aj vďaka preletu amerického bombardéra B-1, si prišlo vychutnať 50.000 fanúšikov lietania. Vďaka spolupráci s bezpečnostnými zložkami organizátori nezaznamenali žiadne konfliktné situácie.

„Siedmy ročník MLD SIAF 2017 si pripísal niekoľko významných prvenstiev. Bol atraktívny nielen leteckou technikou, ktorá sa na sliačskom nebi predstavila po prvý raz, ale aj počtom návštevníkov. Pre nás organizátorov je najväčšou odmenou fakt, že na Sliac smerovalo zo všetkých kútov Slovenska i sveta 150.000 fanúšikov lietania. Opäť sme dokázali, že SIAF je rešpektované a uznávané podujatie,“ uviedol riaditeľ MLD SIAF Hubert Štoksa.

Umenie majstrov vo vzduchu a krásu strojov ocenili nielen návštevníci, ale aj odborníci. V závere leteckých dní rozhodli o víťazovi prestížneho titulu Best Display Smik Trophy. Ten si za svoj skvelý výkon odnášajú z MLD SIAF 2017 aktuálni nositelia ocenenia za najlepšiu letovú ukážku vo svete – turecký tím Solotürk prezentujúci lietadlo F-16.

Cenu veliteľa Vzdušných síl OS SR za najlepšiu vojenskú letovú ukážku si z rúk brigádneho generála Ľubomíra Svobodu odniesol Martin „MAT“ Kuterka prezentujúci slovenský Mig-29. Cena Slovenskej leteckej agentúry za najlepšiu letovú ukážku civilného a športového letectva tento rok patrí majorovi Františkovi „Frankie“ Pytlíkovi, ktorý sa divákovi predviedol na lietadle Extra 300.

Cenu letového riaditeľa MLD za technicky najprecíznejšie zvládnutú letovú ukážku získala poľská akrobatická skupina Kridla búrky (Kridla Oluje). O držiteľovi Ceny za najlepšiu statickú ukážku rozhodla verejnosť a novinári. Z leteckej základne Sliac si ju tento rok odnášajú Španielske vzdušné sily prezentujúce lietadlo EF-18 M Hornet.

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Slovák sa stal viceprezidentom Európskej spoločnosti pre katolícku teológiu

Dekan Teologickej fakulty Trnavskej univerzity so sídlom v Bratislave Miloš Lichner sa stal novým viceprezidentom Európskej spoločnosti pre katolícku teológiu (ESCT), ktorá združuje vyše osemdesiat teológov z celej Európy. Do funkcie ho zvolili na záver medzinárodnej teologickej interdisciplinárnej konferencie "The Challenge of fraternity", ktorá sa konala v dňoch 30. augusta - 2. septembra v Štrasburgu. Počas troch dní na nej vystúpili významní rečníci, priester dostali aj začínajúci doktorandi a zároveň bola odovzdaná aj cena za najlepšiu teologickú knihu. Tento kongres býva každé dva roky a organizuje ju ESCT. V jej rámci existujú aj národné a regionálne sekcie a majú v nej zastúpenie aj slovenskí teológovia (SSKT).

"Ďakujem za dôveru, ktorú mi jednomyselne vyjadrili teológovia. Viacerých z nich poznám z kníh, ktoré som čítal a dnes mi dali svoj hlas. Radosť z toho tiež, že je to po prvýkrát, čo sa predsedníctvo posúva do bývalého Východného bloku. Je to zároveň aj pocit zodpovednosti, pretože vždy sa volí iba viceprezident, ktorý sa automaticky stáva po dvoch rokoch prezidentom, zároveň agenda viceprezidenta je dosť veľká a pribudne k tomu, čo už mám," reagoval na zvolenie Miloš Lichner.

Slovenská spoločnosť pre katolícku teológiu (SSKT) bola zriadená Konferenciou biskupov Slovenska na 56. plenárnom zasadnutí v Prešove 12. februára 2007 a založená na prvom ustanovujúcom zhromaždení dňa 18. mája 2007 v kňazskom seminári v Badíne. SSKT je sekciou ESCT od svojho vzniku. Prvým predsedom bol Cyril Hišem, dekan TF KU. V apríli 2015 na ôsmom valnom zhromaždení SSKT bol za nového predsedu bol zvolený jeho doterajší výkonný tajomník a spoluzakladateľ Miloš Lichner SJ, dekan TF TU. SSKT spolupracuje vo viacerých oblastiach s Biskupskou konferenciou Slovenska ako aj s ESCT.

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Kniha Najkrajšie mestské prechádzky uvádza aj menej známe zaujímavosti

Nová kniha Najkrajšie mestské prechádzky poslúži nielen turistom, ale aj priaznivcom histórie a kultúry. Napísal ju známy cestovateľ po Slovensku Ján Lacika a vyšla nedávno v bratislavskom vydavateľstve Dajama.

"Kniha je o fenoméne, ktorý sa dá nazvať mestská turistika. Nemyslíme obvyklé presúvanie sa po uliciach a námestiach medzi obchodmi. Ide nám o ušľachtilé pešie poznávanie kultúrnych a historických hodnôt miest a ich zákutí. Knihu sme koncipovali tak, aby čitateľom

poslúžila ako stručný návod v rámci jednej prechádzky prejsť najzaujímavejšími mestami na Slovensku a urobiť si o nich základný obraz," uviedla Daniela Kollárová z Dajamy.

Putovanie každým z 39 miest začína autor na železničnej prípadne autobusovej stanici. Ich pozoruhodnosti dopĺňa najvýznamnejšími tradičnými slávnosťami, festivalmi a ďalšími podujatiami. Informačné texty sú doplnené fotografiami dominant a ich označením na mapke. Nechýbajú zaujímavosti v blízkom okolí miest. Čitateľ sa dozvie, prečo najmenšie z troch vinohradníckych malokarpatských miest, Svätý Jur, má ako jediné mestskú pamiatkovú rezerváciu. Kde v Trnave je najstaršia socha M. R. Štefánika a koľko veží je v meste. Aké architektonické stavebné skvosty od historicizmu cez secesiu po modernu sú v centre Piešťan. Kedy a prečo bola Žilina dva mesiace hlavné mesto Slovenska. Kde v Liptovskom Mikuláši sa konalo v roku 1918 prvé prvomájové zhromaždenie. V Trenčianskych Tepliciach sú utorňajšie prehliadky kúpeľov Hamman postavených v roku 1888 podľa letného sídla egyptského miestokráľa Izmaila. Prečo sa Martin považuje za najslovenskejšie mesto a kultúrnu metropolu. Že zdola je prístupné horné mesto Ružomberok po šiestich schodiskách, ktoré majú 79 schodov. Trenčín má Múzeum kolies. Komu vďaka Popradčania za postavenie Podtatranského múzea v roku 1887.

V Holiči je jedna z najstarších manufaktúr u nás, jediný zachovaný veterný mlyn a atrakciou je člnkovanie vo vodnej priekope kaštieľa. Budova jezuitského kolégia v Skalici patrí medzi najstaršie stredné školy, ktoré stále slúžia pôvodnému účelu a mlyn bratov Pilárikovcov je technická pamiatka s dobre zachovaným zariadením. Mestské hradby zo 17. storočia v Modre patria k najzachovalejším, majú 2300 metrov, čo sú dve tretiny pôvodnej dĺžky. V budove bývalého Soľného a medného úradu (1828) v Liptovskom Hrádku bola prvá poľnohospodárska škola na Slovensku (1870) a má najvyššie položené arborétum v strednej Európe založené v roku 1888, ktoré je od roku 1982 chránená študijná plocha. Dominantou centra Levíc je bývalý Schoellerov mlyn z roku 1889 a na okraji mesta areál hradu z 13. storočia.

Zaujímavé sú aj informácie, že mesto Vysoké Tatry má rozlohu takmer ako Bratislava. V Tatranskej Lomnici vznikli prvé štátne kúpele v Tatrách (1892) a do tejto vysokopoloženej osady vedie železnica z dvoch strán. Dolná stanica visutej lanovky na Skalnaté pleso architekta Dušana Jurkoviča od roku 1999 pustne. Múzeum TANAP-u má v lete aj exteriérovú časť. V mestskej pamiatkovej rezervácii v Podolínci je 63 nehnuteľných národných kultúrnych pamiatok, čo je viac ako v krajskej Žiline. Humenský zámok patrí medzi najväčšie na Slovensku a je jeden z mála panských sídiel, ktoré si zachovali pôvodné interiéry.

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Maticné národné slávnosti v duchu odkazu Jozefa Miloslava Hurbana

Augustové maticné národné slávnosti 2017 sa už tradične začali slávnostným ceremoniálom na nádvorí II. budovy Matice slovenskej. Pozvanie na prvú časť osláv prijali nielen osobnosti domácej politickej a kultúrnej scény, ale aj zástupcovia krajských spolkov zo Srbska i Poľska. Matica slovenská na svojej pôde, dňa 11.8.2017, privítala predsedu Matice slovenskej v Srbsku, Jána Brtku, spolu s podpredsedom MSS, Vladimírom Feketem a tiež generálneho tajomníka Spolku Slovákov v Poľsku, Ľudomíra Molitorisa s manželkou. Aktu odhaľovania busty predchádzalo slávnostné zasadnutie predsedníctva a maticného výboru, ktorí ustanovili rok 2018 za Rok slovenskej štátnosti.

Do panteónu slovenských dejateľov pribudla podobizeň Andreja Radlinského, zakladateľa Matice slovenskej a Spolku sv. Vojtecha a Jozefa Miloslava Hurbana, prvého predsedu Slovenskej národnej rady. Slovenská hymna, ľudová pieseň, prihovory a najmä ďalšie spomienkové podujatie venované najvýraznejším osobnostiam národných dejín boli predvojom maticných národných slávností, ktoré sa tento rok odohrajú počas 7. až 10.9.2017 v Trnave, v čase usporiadania Trnavského jarmoku.

Počas štvordňového programu sa bude prezentovať maticná veda. Priestor na univerzitnej pôde dostane Slovenský literárny ústav MS, Slovenský historický ústav MS, Stredisko národnostných vzťahov MS, Archív MS a Krajské múzeum MS. Na viacerých miestach bude znieť slovenský folklór, aj za účasti krajských folklórnych súborov z Chorvátska a Ukrajiny. Uskutoční sa Národný zraz Mladej Matice, na ktorý prijali pozvanie mladí Slováci z Rumunska a Poľska. Program bude doplnený výstavami, divadlom, prezentáciou požičovne krojov a kostýmov Matice slovenskej, archívu Matice slovenskej a tiež knižnou produkciou Neografie a maticného vydavateľstva. Hlavný galaprogram sa uskutoční v sobotu, 9. septembra 2017 v divadle Jána Palárika.

Milí krajanovia, srdečne Vás do Trnavy pozývame!

Zuzana Pavelcová



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Odhalenie busty J. M. Hurbana. Zľava: Ján Brtka, predseda MSS; Marián Tkáč, predseda MS; Tibor Mikuš, župan TSK; Ľudomír Molitoris, generálny tajomník Spolku Slovákov v Poľsku.

Na púť k Sedembolestnej do Šaštína vypravia mimoriadny vlak z Prievidze

Farnosť Šaštín Stráže oznamuje pútnikom, ktorí by mali záujem využiť služby mimoriadneho vlaku, že aj tento rok pri príležitosti Národnej púte k Sedembolestnej Panne Márii, Patrónke Slovenska, 15. septembra 2017, v spolupráci so Železničnou spoločnosťou Slovensko, a.s. bude vypravený mimoriadny vlak na trase Prievidza - Trnava - Šaštín. Farnosť zároveň ďakuje všetkým darcom, ktorí prispeli na pokrytie nákladov spojených s vypravením tohto mimoriadneho vlaku."

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Dedinou roka 2017 sa stala slovenská obec Oravská Polhora

Dedinou roka 2017 sa stala najsevernejšia slovenská obec Oravská Polhora v okrese Námestovo. Druhé miesto obsadila obec Zemné v okrese Nové Zámky a tretie Blatnica v okrese Martin. Súťaž vyhlásenej ministerstvom životného prostredia sa zúčastnilo 20 dedín.

"Oravská Polhora vyniká najmä unikátnou gajdošskou a pastierskou kultúrou, no opomenúť nemožno ani nádhernú prírodu pod Babou horou," povedal minister životného prostredia László Sólymos. Víťazná obec podľa neho prezentovala príkladný rozvoj miestneho hospodárenia, starostlivosť o obec, krajinu a životné prostredie. Zaujala aj využívaním či zachovávaním lokálnych zdrojov, vidieckej pospolitosti i ľudového folklóru.

Víťazná obec bude ako národný víťaz reprezentovať Slovensko v súťaži o Európsku cenu obnovy dediny, ktorú vyhlasuje Európske pracovné spoločenstvo pre rozvoj vidieka a obnovu dediny so sídlom vo Viedni.

Súťaž Dedina roka má povzbudiť ľudí k aktívnej účasti na rozvoji svojho domova, zdôrazniť tradície a rozmanitosť kultúry a krajiny vidieckych regiónov. Tiež má upevniť postavenie vidieka v politike a spoločnosti. Hlavnou myšlienkou je zachovanie tváre a duše dediny.

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O. Štefan Furdek
Naš zakladateľ

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Na snímke návštevníci si prezerajú originál Ústavy SR počas slávnostného otvorenia Dňa otvorených dverí NR SR pri príležitosti 25. výročia dňa ústavy v Bratislave 1. septembra 2017.

Visitors viewed the original constitution of the Slovak Republic in Bratislava on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the constitution, September 1, 2017.

25. výročie prijatia Ústavy Slovenskej republiky

Na Deň otvorených dverí Národnej rady SR, ktorý sa konal 1. septembra na 25. výročie prijatia Ústavy SR, prišlo takmer 20.000 ľudí. Pri príležitosti štvrtstoročia slovenskej ústavy sa konalo aj slávnostné zasadnutie parlamentu, na ktorom sa zúčastnili okrem poslancov, členov vlády a prezidenta aj takmer všetci bývalí predsedovia parlamentu od roku 1989 a exprezidenti SR.

Verejnosť si počas dňa otvorených dverí mohla pozrieť priestory parlamentu aj Bratislavského hradu, kam zvyčajne nemá prístup, stretnúť sa s poslancami. Ľudí čakal aj kultúrny program, prehliadka policajnej či vojenskej techniky, svoju prácu predviedli policajti, vojaci či záchranári. Návštevníci mohli vidieť rôzne zbrane, historické uniformy aj policajné autá. Oslavy 25. výročia prijatia Ústavy SR ukončil galaprogram Zem spieva na hrade, slávnostné salvy a ohňostroj.

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USA zablahoželi Slovensku ku Dňu ústavy

Americký minister zahraničných vecí Rex Tillerson zablahožela Slovensku 1. septembra 2017 ku Dňu ústavy.

“V mene vlády Spojených štátov amerických blahoželám občanom Slovenskej republiky ku Dňu ústavy. Pri príležitosti osláv tohto jedinečného dňa vám prajem všetko najlepšie,” uviedol Tillerson.

V posolstve zverejnenom na webovej stránke ministerstva vyzdvihol Tillerson pevné vzájomné vzťahy, ktoré pretrvávajú od vzniku samostatnej Slovenskej republiky. Ocenil tiež spoluprácu Washingtonu a Bratislavy v rámci Severoatlantickej aliancie (NATO), a to nielen pri zaisťovaní bezpečnosti, ale aj pri presadzovaní záväzku oboch krajín k euroatlantickej integrácii a podpore demokratických hodnôt.

“Naše priateľstvo je pevné a založené na úzkych vzťahoch medzi našimi občanmi, spoločnom záväzku voči ľudským právam a snahe o ekonomickú prosperitu v oboch krajinách,” konštatoval Tillerson.

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Rex Tillerson

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Na Slovensku zomrel bývalý pomocný biskup Mons. Štefan Vrablec

V piatok 1. septembra vo večerných hodinách si Pán povolal do večnosti titulárneho tasbalského a bývalého bratislavsko-trnavského pomocného biskupa Mons. Štefana Vrableca. Zomrel v kláštore Spoločnosti Dcéry kresťanskej lásky sv. Vincenta de Paul v Nitre vo veku 92 rokov života, 66 rokov kňazstva a 19 rokov biskupskej služby.

Biskup Štefan Vrablec sa narodil 21. februára 1925 v Závode na Záhorí. Tesne pred vianočnými sviatkami, 23. decembra 1950 bol v Ríme vysvätený za kňaza. Kvôli totalitnému režimu sa však z Talianska nemohol vrátiť na Slovensko, a tak sa v roku 1951 stal kaplánom v Cesio Maggiore. Od roku 1955 pôsobil ako farár vo farnosti Goima di Zoldo až do roku 1957, keď sa stal v Chieti špirituálom kňazského seminára. V roku 1963 pokračoval v Ríme v štúdiu špirituálnej teológie. V roku 1964 sa stal špirituálom v Assisi. Od roku 1967 pôsobil ako redaktor vydavateľstva SÚSCM v Ríme a vypomáhal v Isola Farnese. V roku 1992 sa stal riaditeľom Slovenského ústavu sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme. 19. júna 1998 bol pápežom Jánom Pavlom II. vymenovaný za titulárneho biskupa tasbalského. 26. júla 1998 bol v Šaštíne konsekrovaný za biskupa.

Po skoro šiestich rokoch aktívnej biskupskej služby sa vzdal úradu pomocného biskupa z dôvodu veku a od 2. apríla 2004 bol bývalým bratislavsko-trnavským pomocným biskupom. Odvtedy žil na zaslúženom odpočinku najprv v priestoroch trnavského Arcibiskupského úradu, neskôr, po odchode z Trnavy, v kláštore Spoločnosti Dcéry kresťanskej lásky sv. Vincenta de Paul (Vincentky) v Nitre. Mons. Štefan Vrablec sa vrátil do domu Otca v piatok 1. septembra 2017.

TV LUX prinesie vo štvrtok 7. septembra priamy prenos zádušnej svätej omše za zosnulého titulárneho tasbalského a emeritného bratislavsko-trnavského pomocného biskupa Mons. Štefana Vrableca. Hlavným celebrantom i kazateľom bude Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský. Zádušná svätá omša sa bude konať v Katedrále sv. Jána Krstiteľa v Trnave. Po svätej omši prítomní biskupi a kňazi odprevadia telesné pozostatky biskupa Vrableca k autu, ktoré jeho telesné pozostatky prevezie do farnosti Závod, odkiaľ pochádzal. V Závode sa uskutoční pohrebná svätá omša spolu s obradmi uloženia do hrobu na miestnom cintoríne.

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Na snímke zľava: Jozef Tomko, Dominik Hrušovský a Štefan Vrablec predstavujú prvé vydanie Rímskeho misála pápežovi Jánovi Pavlovi II.

L-R Cardinal Jozef Tomko, Rev. Dominik Hrusovsky and Msgr. Stefan Vrablec show the first edition of the Roman Missal to Pope John Paul II.