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The First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU - Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota) convened its 52nd Quadrennial Convention from July 30-August 2, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio.

Upon entering the hotel, attendees were greeted to an outstanding exhibition of Slovak kroj (Slovak folk costume), which George Terbrack tastefully organized from the FCSU and his own collection.

Saturday's program featured an evening buffet with an Elvis Presley impersonator, followed by a night of socializing and casino play with fake dollars. Some big money rollers dressed up for the occasion, including Tom Ivanec and his wife Terri, the former editor of Jednota! Many concluded the evening with trips to rooms of various districts, and I was with a group which sang Slovak and Rusyn songs and enjoyed homemade klobasa (sausage).

Appropriately, Sunday began with a con-celebration of Holy Mass, led by FCSU Protector, Bishop Larry J. Kulick from the Diocese Greensburg, PA. Mass concluded with a short welcome from Bishop Edward Malesic of the Cleveland and the Slovak

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Cardinal Emeritus Jozef Tomko Dies in Rome

Bratislava, August 8 (TASR) – Cardinal emeritus Jozef Tomko died at the age of 98 in Rome on Monday morning, TASR was told by the Slovak Episcopal Conference's (KBS) press office.

"With pain in our hearts and with hope for the resurrection, we announce that His Eminence Cardinal Jozef Tomko passed his noble soul to the Lord in the early morning hours today, August 8, 2022, surrounded by his closest colleagues," said the office.

Vatican, August 9 (TASR) – Pope Francis will attend Slovak Cardinal Jozef Tomko's final farewell in person and will lead the final farewell ceremony, the Slovak Bishops Conference (KBS)'s press office told TASR.

A requiem mass, which will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday (August 11) in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, will be celebrated by Tomko's long-term friend, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re. After the mass, Pope Francis will lead the final farewell ceremony.

Slovak bishops will take part in the ceremony as well. Head of the Slovak diplomatic mission at the Vatican Marek Lisánsky said that Slovak bishops will travel to Rome by the government plane, which will later transport Cardinal Tomko's remains to Slovakia.

In line with the schedule published by the KBS press office, the several-day farewell to Cardinal Tomko in Slovakia will begin on Friday (August 12) and Saturday (August 13) in St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava. It will continue in St. Elizabeth's Cathedral in Košice on Sunday (August 14) and Monday (August 15), culminating in a holy mass including



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Reflection

August brings us three marvelous days which honor the royalty of God's Mother in salvation history. On August 5, we commemorate the dedication of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. On August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption honors the day Our Lady was taken body and soul into heaven. Then on the octave day, August 22nd we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. Thus, my reason for choosing this hymn.

For us it is important to know that in 1910 a former Bishop in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, declared a site would become a shrine worthy of veneration by the Catholic Church. There had been several apparitions in 1855 of a "beautiful Lady in white" to a young lady Adele. When Adele asked her name, she replied, "I am the Queen of Heaven." Numerous miracles have been confirmed here and Mary is addressed as Our Lady of Good Help. This is the only site so honored in the United States. We are blessed by this visitation.

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.

Tisíc ráz buď nami ctená, Mária

1. Tisíc ráz buď nami ctená, Mária!
Od anjelov pozdravená Kráľovná!
Mária, Mária, ó, Mária Kráľovná!

2. Milosti si Božej plná, Mária!
nad svätých si povýšená, Kráľovná!
Mária, Mária, ó, Mária Kráľovná!

3. Matka Božia, nádej spásy, Mária!
Počuj naše vrúcne hlasy, Kráľovná!
Mária, Mária, o Mária Kráľovná!

Be Honored by us a Thousand Times, Mary!

1. Thousand times we sing all your praise,
Maria!
Radiant Queen acclaimed by the angel
choirs, Maria!
Maria, Maria, O glorious Queen!

2. Raised on high by God's many graces,
Maria!
Far above all Saints so exalted, Maria!
Maria, Maria, O glor'ous queen!

3. God's own Mother, our cause for saving
hope, Maria!
Hear the fervent prayers, now we send to
you, Maria!
Maria, Maria, O Maria glor'ous Queen!

Editor's note: You may listen to the hymn "JKS 381 – Tisíc ráz buď nami ctená" at the following website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbfbmT-sqls>.

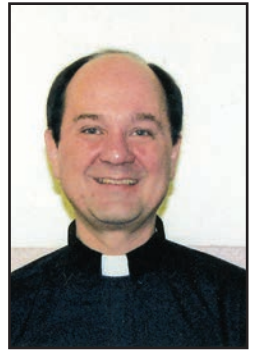
Message from the National Chaplain

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church each year on August 15. Few today realize that for over nineteen centuries, the Assumption was not officially taught by the Church as a divinely revealed truth, but rather a long-held common understanding or belief among Catholics. It was Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) who infallibly proclaimed the Assumption to be Church dogma in his apostolic constitution *The Most Bountiful God* (*Munificentissimus Deus*).

Prior to the promulgation of "The Most Bountiful God" on November 1, 1950, Pius sent an extremely brief encyclical to the world's bishops on May 1, 1946. This encyclical, *Mary, Virgin Mother of God* (*Deipare Virginis Mariae*), was written for the purpose of seeking the input of the world's bishops on "whether it would be lawful, convenient, and useful" to have the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith.

Pius XII states in "Mary, Virgin Mother of God" that for nearly 100 years the Holy See had been receiving petitions from clergy, consecrated religious, and laity asking for the commonly held belief that Mary at the end of her life on earth was taken body and soul into heaven to be declared a dogma of the Church. He notes that the bishops who participated in the First Vatican Council (1869-1870) were in favor of such an announcement.

By means of this encyclical, Pius consulted with the world's bishops to report on the devotion to the Assumption of Mary among of the clergy and people under their pastoral care as well as their own desire for it to become official church dogma.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Continues in August

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 44th year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

As of July 27, the 2022 Appeal has received \$26,447.87 from 188 donors. Among the 57 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 3, Branch 19, Branch 35, Branch 45, Branch 85, Branch 112, Branch 162, Branch 173, Branch 213, Branch 320, Branch 382, Branch 450, Branch 746, Branch 853, District 17, and the Home Office of the First Catholic Slovak Union have donated a combined total of \$2,325. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 32 clergy and religious, and 93 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2022 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2022 will be credited toward the 2023 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

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 Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National

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Insights and Viewpoints

August 15, 2022

Assumption of the BVM (Mass of the Day)

Today the Church marks the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we recall a solemn article of our Catholic faith; namely, that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." In some ancient western Christian traditions and in many eastern Christian traditions this event is referred to as the "Dormition" of Mary—literally, her "falling asleep."

The term Dormition is useful in speaking of the end of Mary's earthly life since it is ambiguous: it can figuratively refer to death, and it can serve more plainly to describe the act of falling asleep. In his declaration setting forth the dogmatic teaching on this subject—the 1950 Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*—Pope Pius XII did make references to Mary's death but did not include belief in her death in the clearly worded binding section of that declaration; rather, he simply stated that Mary "completed the course of her earthly life." In any case, the point is that by virtue of the unique place of Mary in the story of our salvation as the Mother of God, Mary's body was preserved from the physical corruption of death as surely as her soul was preserved from the spiritual corruption of sin.

To guide us in celebrating this feast day the Church's Liturgy of the Word begins with a famous passage from the Book of Revelation in which the travails of a female figure are described in dramatic terms. This woman has long been perceived by Catholic commentators as symbolizing both the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Church. This dual identification is helpful in reflecting on today's readings since they speak both about Mary and about our own future glory—those believers who constitute the Church on earth in every generation.

The woman of Revelation can be understood to represent Mary in that "she gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod" (Rev 12:5)—whom we call the Christ child. The woman can also be interpreted as symbolic of the Church insofar as, like the nation of Israel itself, she gave rise to the messiah and anointed one (12:10) who would redeem all nations, and she and her offspring, "those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus," then endure the persecution of evil forces (12:17), much as the Church has throughout its history.

Taking this a step further, in his First Letter to the Corinthians Saint Paul connects the mystery of Christ's resurrection, which has already taken place, to the mystery of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Cor 15:20, 22). Although he makes no direct reference to Mary here, Paul's words nonetheless anticipate (even if unknowingly) Mary's Assumption into glory as part of Christ's plan for the glorification of all humanity.

On the feast of the Assumption we celebrate the moment when Mary began to share fully in the risen presence of the Lord; today's feast also reminds us of our hope that one day we all might experience the same heavenly glory that Mary knows, abiding forever in union with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With gratitude in our hearts let us rejoice this day, saying to Mary with her kinswoman Elizabeth, "Blessed are you who

Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Pennel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

44th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

Name _____

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Please make check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, National First Vice President
Slovak Catholic Federation
Our Lady of Grace Church
225 Bellevue Avenue
Pennel, PA 19047-4052

Dear Fellow Fraternal Members and Readers,

This issue for August (august – pronounced "ow-oo-goost") includes a summary of the FCSU's 52nd Quadrennial Convention, with election results and some photos showing both business and entertainment, as friendships renewed, and new friends were made in a fraternal spirit.

In her monthly Reflection, Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M. instructs how August is a month with three feast days to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panna Mária) and mentions the many miracles attributed to her as Our Lady of Good Help. Our readers might wish to know that Sister Hronec took a fall, but she had managed to finish her article and hymn translation before the accident. Please join with me in praying to Our Lady of Good Help so that she has a quick recovery and that she can once again share her insights and high-quality translations of Slovak hymns. And we might also pray for the Virgin Mary's intercession on behalf of our brother and sister Slavs in Ukraine, who suffer the daily agony of a senseless war.

Remember also to pray and donate whatever you can to the Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal which our chaplain Fr. Nasta directs for the Slovak Catholic Federation. Donations benefit the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome which trains priests and has been a beacon of Christ's Light since the dark days of communism. And do not forget about the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, which I wrote about in the July issue with an address to write to. Sister Hronec belongs to this Order and we all have learned much about the Sisters' dedication to good works in the monthly articles about the history of individual nuns. These are most worthy causes.

This month also includes a student's article about the summer Slovak language program at the University of Pittsburgh. Please also take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Global Slovakia webinar about Slovak foods on August 24, 2022, at 6.30pm EST. See the announcement in the paper.

Finally, I wish to reiterate the best way to submit articles and news for Jednota. If possible, please do not send me a pdf file, especially a scanned image. Pdf files are inflexible for editing and proper printing. A Word Doc is required, and if you send photos, upload them as .jpeg files. Please include captions by the number at the bottom of your Word document. Thank you for your cooperation so far!

Feel free to send a message to the editor by mail to the society or at the following e-mail address: editor@fcsu.com - Note this is a new e-mail.

With sincere fraternal regards, s úprimným bratským pozdravom,
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QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on:

Friday, September 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
8:30am Mass with meeting to follow

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held following the Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, September 16, 2022.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent to the Home Office prior to September 10, 2022.

For any additional information contact the Home Office at (216) 642-9406 or (800) JEDNOTA.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

HOLIDAY INN, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 1:30 PM and asked Martha Zavada to lead the prayer. The meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South following the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kevin Collins, National Vice President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
John Tokarsky, Treasurer
Martha Zavada, Regional Director (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The President presented the minutes of the May 13, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Collins and seconded by Kenneth A. Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report to the Board of Directors at the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held prior to the Executive Committee Meeting. Each member of the Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

Mr. White also answered the Board's questions on new investment opportunities in commercial mortgages.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee Meeting on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. The Committee discussed the report and the Executive Secretary answered the Committee's questions.

Financial Report

The Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the second quarter of 2022 and answered the Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

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

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of May for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

Monthly Disbursements

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

Disbursements for the month of May 2022:		
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	381,918.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	39,432.43
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	2,414.18

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

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Annuity Rates:

The President stated that the annuity rates will remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Committee agreed.

SALES AND MARKETING:

Vice President Kevin Collins presented an extensive sales report at the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held prior to the Executive Committee Meeting. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

The Vice President stated that he is in the final stages of developing an ad campaign for the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, Pittsburgh International Airport and Akron-Canton Airport. As more information is available, he will present it to the Board.

The Vice President gave an update on the fraternal activities. He stated that first National Picnic will be held the next day, June 12, 2022 at Making Memories at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio. Details are being finalized for the next picnic at Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Pennsylvania on June 25, 2022.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented his monthly report at the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting held prior to the Executive Committee Meeting. Each member of the Board received a copy of the report in advance for his/her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's

questions.

MATCHING FUNDS:

The Executive Secretary stated that the information regarding the Matching Funds Program has been sent out to the Branches and Districts. The information is also available on our website. Anyone with questions is asked to contact the Home Office for further information.

OFFICE UPDATE:

The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office is preparing for the two national picnics on June 12 and June 25 and making final preparations with the Holiday Inn – Cleveland South Independence, the host of our 52nd Quadrennial Convention.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Kevin Collins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Martha Zavada led the closing prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



Global Slovakia Webinar on August 24: *The Year in Slovak Folk Cuisine*

The cycle of seasons shaped Slovak folk cuisine for centuries. But there is more to the story than just the seasonal availability of ingredients. The daily and festive menu of our ancestors embody the essence of Slovakia. Stories hidden in simple dishes and mundane ingredients take us back to the time when food was deeply meaningful and precious. Join Zuzana and Gabriela from Global Slovakia to find out more!

Date: The Webinar will take place on August 24, 2022, at 6.30pm EST.

Access link: www.tinyurl.com/3axcn6d4

Meeting ID: 879 1550 1558

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RULES

- 1) Each player picks one NFL Team they think will lose that week.
- 2) All picks are "Straight Up" and are not using any point spread.
- 3) If your pick (team) loses that week, you advance to the following week.
- 4) If your pick (team) wins, you are eliminated from the pool.
- 5) Pre-plan projections: You can only pick a team once to lose throughout season & playoffs.
- 6) Games that end in ties will count as your team winning and you will be eliminated.
- 7) If you miss the deadline to enter your team for that week, you will be eliminated.
- 8) Deadline for submitting your team TBD each week based on start of first NFL game.
- 9) **Always use email on your submitted entry form; site blocks any other email from you.**
- 10) **Email address can only be used once. No exceptions.**
- 11) Check email and spam folders often to find you game site invitation to register.
- 12) You must be 16 years or older & an FCSU member in good standing to play.
- 13) You must be registered on game site by 5:00pm (EST), Tuesday, September 6th, 2022

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Player Name: _____

Certificate Number: _____ *Branch : _____ Email Address: _____

***MUST INCLUDE BRANCH # TO PARTICIPATE**

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

Mail to: FCSU, Attention: Football Pool, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence OH, 44131

Please note: this entry form must arrive by 5:00PM (EST) Thursday, September 1st, 2022.

Let's talk about the Slovak language and culture

I am honored with the request to prepare this column regularly and committed to helping you learn interesting new facts about Slovak language, culture and history. I can't wait to share my passion for linguistics and cultural history with you.



Dr. Renáta Kamenárová
Director of the Slovak Studies Program
University of Pittsburgh

Studying the Slovak Language at the University of Pittsburgh

Every summer the Slovak Program at the University of Pittsburgh sponsors a Summer Language Institute with intensive training in the Slovak language. Below is an article by Kátka Showers-Curtis and some photos which feature some of the fun activities which students engaged in while learning [Editor].

During The Slavic, East European, and Near Eastern Summer Language Institute's thirty-second year, the Slovak Studies Program at The University of Pittsburgh hosted first-through fourth-year Slovak from June 6 to July 15, 2022. This was the first time in years that fourth-year Slovak was offered, and the course was a resounding success, with students eager to return next year to continue their learning.

The Slavic, East European, and Near Eastern Summer Language Institute (SLI) allows students to gain an academic year's worth of Slovak language courses in just six weeks. What's more, the instructors at SLI, Dr. Renáta Kamenárová, Director of the Slovak Studies Program, Dr. Vlasta Štofová, and Dr. Helena Los Ivoríková have decades of teaching experience and are among the authors of the textbook series used at SLI: *Křížom-krážom*, which is available from levels A1 through B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

What is beautiful about SLI at Pitt, and the Slovak program specifically, is that students come to this program from all around the world with vastly different reasons for studying Slovak. Some are students who want to use Slovak in their professional lives. Others are descendants of Slovak immigrants who wish to obtain their Slovak Living Abroad Certificates or Slovak Citizenship by Descent. The process for obtaining Slovak Citizenship by Descent is relatively new – it only became available in April 2022. Still, students from this year's first- through fourth-year Slovak courses are at varying stages of applying for Slovak Citizenship by Descent.



All in-person Summer Language Institute students enjoyed the Slovak picnic where they tasted Slovak cuisine (holúbky, halušky and koláče) and practiced Slovak folk dances.

Slovak at Pitt had twelve students at SLI this year. Many are applying for Slovak Citizenship by Descent, and all shared their talents with SLI to create a music video for the song, "Desať krokov (k slovenskému občianstvu) – Ten steps (toward Slovak Citizenship), written by SLI student Stephen Baluch. From retirees living all over the U.S. to undergraduate students exploring their heritage, graduate students studying Slovak politics and linguistics, a pharmacist living in California, a professor (and farmer) in Ohio, and a ballet dancer, Slovak at Pitt truly has students from all walks of life.

Whoever you are and whatever your reason for studying Slovak, SLI is the place for you! Do you love the Slovak language and Slovak culture – specifically Slovak national clothing, folk songs, folk dances, and traditional food, wine, beer, Vinea, and Kofola? Do you want to visit Slovakia? Do you enjoy Slovak castles, chateaus, mountains, rivers, and beautiful, clear lakes? Do you like art museums, history museums, and open-air museums like Čičmany? Do you enjoy and want to understand more of the music of Katarína Knechtová, Zuzana Smatanová, Katarzia, Rytmus, Tina, Hana Hegerová, and music from groups like Peha, Desmod, and IMT Smile?

Would you like to learn how to make traditional Slovak foods like bryndzové halušky, palacinky, bryndzová pomazanka, or parené buchty? Do you want to live in Slovakia and be able to communicate well with Slovaks? Do you hope to become a Slovak citizen? All these and other unmentioned reasons show why it is useful to study Slovak at SLI. And, of course, you will make wonderful new friends, learn more about Slovak culture, and want to return to SLI every year. So, come to SLI! We are excited to meet you at SLI next year.

Why study Slovak at UPitt?

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Careers in translation, education, management, customer service, foreign affairs, law, and much more

Courses, Fall 2022

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Slovak 0400 Advanced Slovak 5



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Members of Branch 05P Support the Performance of the Bratislava Boys Choir

Members of Branch 05P and other Luzerne County residents were able to attend the May concert of the Bratislava Boys Choir at St. Ignatius Church in Kingston, PA. This outstanding concert featured many excellent renditions of traditional Slovak music.

Pictured from left to right are:

Robert Zavada, Branch Vice President; Martha Zavada, Regional Director; Msgr. David Tressler; Michael Stretanski, Cultural Exchange Representative of the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA; Marion Rubino, Branch President; Betty McGinnis, Director of World Artists Experiences (WAE).

Members and guests were also invited to attend a special dinner hosted by the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeast Pennsylvania.

Submitted by Joe Wojcik

Branch 162 in Uniontown, PA Assists with Vacation Bible School for Children



The St. Wendelin Branch 162 provided snacks, refreshments, and pizza for Vacation Bible School.

It was held for the four Catholic churches in Uniontown, Pa. July 11 - 15, 2022. The children (grades K - 5) enjoyed the activities held at St. Joseph's Church while discovering they are "Priceless" to God. The presentation entitled "TREASURED" concluded with Mass and a program performed by the children in song with what they learned during the week.

Submitted by Patty Marmol

Branch 162 Vice President, Joanne Marmol and Theresa Mazur, Faith Formation Director.

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(Left to right) Christine Stone, Karen Rosinski (Br. 162 member), Dolores Marmol, Br. 162 Secretary, and Liam Stone (attendee and Br. 162 member).

FCSU Protector Bishop Larry Kulick Celebrated Holy Mass at Slovak Day in Pittsburgh



On July 21, 2022, the 99th Annual Slovak American Day was held at Kennywood Park, in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Along with the fun of the amusement park, Branch 853 members enjoyed the ethnic activities of the day, which included Slovak food, displays, music and the Slovak Mass celebrated by FCSU Protector Bishop Larry Kulick. After the Mass, Bishop Kulick stopped for a picture with branch members (Left to right) Charles Boone, Monica RodacyBoone, Dr Susan Painter, and Ron Boone. 853 Branch member Michael Bertovich is absent from the photo.

Region 3 Branches Enjoy A Night Out At A Yankees Minor League Baseball Game

Members of several Region 3 branches attended a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders baseball game on June 17th. The region had arranged for a suite and buffet food for its members and guests to enjoy. The event was held in conjunction with the Fraternal Societies of Northeastern PA whose 70 members were also in attendance with their own outdoor deck. Members of the FSNEPA were able to throw out the first pitch, and all of the societies, including the FCSU, were announced on the Jumbotron.

Although the Railrider fans were disappointed at a close 6-7 loss versus Rochester, it ended up being a very enjoyable night. There was perfect summer weather at the game, and fireworks provided an outstanding ending to the evening. For some members this was their first fraternal event. Several members also expressed their gratitude for the event, and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

By Martha Zavada, Submitted by Joe Wojcik



Left to right: Slovak Ambassador Vit Koziak, Professor Stolarik, Anne Stolarik, Andrej Stolarik and Dean Kevin Kee.

Professor Stolarik Retirement from the University of Ottawa

Faculty of arts honors retiring professor

In the afternoon of June 16th, Dean Kevin Kee of the Faculty of Arts held a reception in the foyer of Simard Hall at the University of Ottawa in honor of Professor Mark Stolarik on the occasion of his coming retirement. Ambassador Vit Koziak also attended. Both praised Dr. Stolarik's work in the building of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa over the past 30 years and wished him a well-deserved retirement. Shortly thereafter the Joint Committee of the Senate and the Board of Governors of the University of Ottawa awarded Professor Stolarik the rank of Professor Emeritus.

Cardinal Emeritus Jozef Tomko Dies in Rome

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the funeral on Tuesday (August 16). The mass will be led by Czech Archbishop emeritus, Cardinal Dominik Duka.

Zomrel v Ríme kardinál Jozef Tomko

Bratislava 8. augusta (TASR) - Vo veku 98 rokov zomrel v pondelok v Ríme kardinál Jozef Tomko. TASR o tom informovala Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (TK KBS).

"S bolesťou v srdci a zároveň s nádejou na vzkriesenie oznamujeme, že dnes 8. augusta 2022 v skorých ranných hodinách vo svojom bydlisku v Ríme v kruhu najbližších spolupracovníkov odovzdala svoju šľachetnú dušu Pánovi Jeho Eminencia kardinál Jozef Tomko," uviedla kancelária.

Vatikán 9. augusta (TASR) - Pápež František sa osobne zúčastní na poslednej rozlúčke so zosnulým slovenským kardinálom Jozefom Tomkom a bude viesť záverečný rozlúčkový obrad. TASR o tom informovala Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (TK KBS).

Zádušnú omšu, ktorá sa bude vo Vatikáne konať vo štvrtok 11. augusta o 11.00 h pri oltári katedry v zadnej lodi Baziliky sv. Petra, bude celebrovať kardinál Giovanni Battista Re. Ten bol Tomkovým dlhoročným priateľom. Na záver eucharistického slávenia bude František predsať obradu posledného odporúčania a rozlúčky.

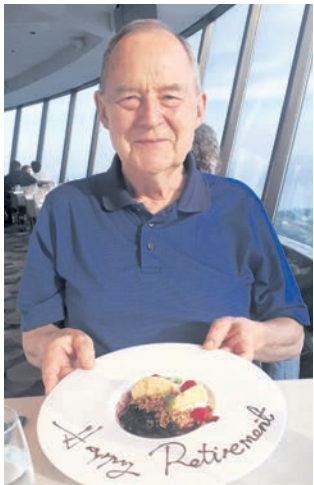
Na slávnosti sa zúčastnia aj slovenskí biskupi. Veľvyslanec SR pri Svätej stolici Marek Lisánsky uviedol, že slovenský biskupský zbor pricestuje do Ríma vládny špeciálom, ktorý následne prepraví telesné pozostatky zosnulého kardinála Tomka na Slovensko.

Podľa harmonogramu zverejneného Tlačovou kanceláriou KBS sa niekoľkodňová rozlúčka s kardinálom Tomkom na Slovensku začne v piatok a sobotu v bratislavskej Katedrále sv. Martina. V nedeľu a pondelok bude pokračovať v Katedrále sv. Alžbety v Košiciach, kde sa uzavrie v utorok 16. augusta omšou s pohrebnými obradmi, so začiatkom o 11.00 h. Hlavným celebrantom bude emeritný pražský arcibiskup kardinál Dominik Duka.



Kardinál Jozef Tomko sa prihovára na celonárodnej ďakovnej púti Slovákov za návštevu pápeža Františka v Ríme 30. apríla 2022. Foto: TASR - KBS/ Peter Zimen. Cardinal Jozef Tomko speaks at the national thanksgiving pilgrimage of Slovaks for the visit of Pope Francis in Rome on April 30, 2022. Photo: TASR - KBS/ Peter Zimen.

Slovak Canadian Academic Retires after Distinguished Career



On 30 June 2022, Professor Stanislav J. Kirschbaum has retired after 53 years in academia. He began his career at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in 1969, moving to York University in Toronto in 1970 where he was professor of International Studies at York University's bilingual Glendon College, teaching in both English and French. He was also a visiting professor at Université Laval in Quebec City, Université de Montréal in Montreal, and at Trnavská univerzita in Trnava, Slovakia.

Professor Kirschbaum is especially known for his research and publications on Slovak politics and Slovak history. He is the author of the first English-language history of Slovakia, *A History of Slovakia, The Struggle for Survival*, which saw a second edition (available in bookstores and through the internet as is another first, his *A to Z of Slovakia*). He published many books, made numerous contribu-

tions to academic journals, appeared multiple times on radio and television, and the quality and scope of his work was given recognition in 2002 when he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the highest academic accolade given in Canada. He was also made a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques de France in 1994 and promoted to the rank of Officier in 2015 for his contribution to international scholarship.

He has been a regular contributor of articles on Slovakia and the Slovaks to *Jednota* and is a member of Branch 785. Colleagues in his department wished him a happy retirement with the gift of a drawing of him and a e-card signed by faculty and staff.

The 57th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Our Mother of Sorrows Branch 856 would like to invite all *Jednota* members and all Slovaks to come to Washington D.C. to join in celebrating the 57th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 17, 2022. The mass will be in the Crypt Church. We will start with the rosary at 1:00 pm followed by mass at 1:30. For more information call Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363 or Marion Mistrik at 301-654-3856. In 1965, the First Catholic Slovak Union (*JEDNOTA*) donated funds for constructing The Slovak Chapel

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Winner Of The Miss Ohio Pageant, Charlene Westfall Of Branch 24

Miss Charlene Westfall, daughter of Bryan and Donna Westfall, has earned the prestigious title of the 2022 National American Miss Ohio at the state pageant held 6/19/22. She will be attending the national pageant to be held in Orlando, Florida, during Thanksgiving week, representing the great state of Ohio, where she will have the opportunity to win her share of over \$100,000,000 in cash and prizes!

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the National American Miss Pageants awards 1.5 million dollars in cash, scholarships, and prizes to recognize and assist the development of young women nationwide. Each girl that qualifies has the chance to win a new 2022 Ford Mustang Convertible. Pageants are held in each state for girls ages 4-18 in 5 different age divisions, and is a program designed to be age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The National American Miss Pageants are for "today's girl" and "tomorrow's leaders". Charlene had to participate in an array of competitions including evening gown walk, private interview with the judges, a personal introduction statement, resume, and community service.

Miss Westfall's activities include being the manager of a couture bridal boutique, being a travel and fashion blogger, and raising awareness for adaptive fashion to help people with disabilities get dressed on their own. Charlene and her family are all FCSU members of Branch 24.

The 7th Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival in September



The 7th Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival will take place in September at the Heritage Discovery Center in the Cambria City section of Johnstown, PA. The dates are as follows:

Friday Sep. 16, 2022, at 04:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday Sep. 17, 2022, at 12:00 to 10:00 pm

This free event features the best Slavic food, entertainment, and beer, including: Authentic Slavic music

Slavic folk dance performances

Homemade Slavic food, as well as imported Slavic beer

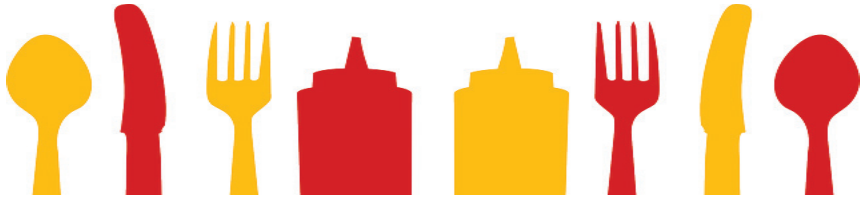
Educational speakers and cooking demonstrations

Ethnic vendors

This year's festival link: <https://www.jaha.org/events/johnstown-slavic-festival-5/>

Facebook website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3084234651791390>

Link to last year's festival: <https://www.jaha.org/events/johnstown-slavic-festival/>



1st Annual Pig Roast District 11

District 11 is sponsoring its 1st Annual Pig Roast Sunday September 25th at the Pony Farm Trap and Gun Club from 1-6 pm. Located at 592 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning, PA 16201. The event is for District 11 Beneficial members and guests.

This is an indoor/outdoor facility that is air-conditioned or heated as needed and holds approximately 400 guests.

We will be providing pork, hot dogs, corn on the cob, tableware, soft drinks and water. We are asking you bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The event is BYOB. A refrigerator and freezer will be available for use.

RSVPs are required by August 14, 2022 with the number planning to attend so we have a head count to finalize our planning.

Please RSVP to:

President Patrick Froncek patrickf007@yahoo.com 724-236-4226 or

Secretary Karen Greggs kgreggs39@gmail.com 724-372-0690 or

Treasurer Vicki Schaub vschaub123@gmail.com 724-763-9229

Entertainment by well-known Jack Tady and the Tady Bears Polka Band from 2-6 pm. They have played at Branch 200 with a wonderful turnout. Fun was had by all whether dancing or just enjoying the music.



Outdoors we will have corn-hole, badminton and any other activity you would like to bring. Bingo will also be indoors when the band isn't performing.

We look forward to seeing your family and friends!



FATHER ŠTEFAN CHANAS APPOINTED PASTOR

Congratulations to Fr. Štefan Chanas, who was appointed pastor of our parish of St. John Nepomucene/St. Frances Xavier Cabrini effective July 1, 2022. May God protect him and guide him in his priestly and pastoral work.

OTEC ŠTEFAN CHANAS MENOVANÝ ZA FARÁRA

Gratulujeme otcovi Štefanovi Chanasovi, ktorý bol 1. júla 2022 menovaný za farára našej farnosti Sv. Jána Nepomuckého/Sv. Františky Xaviery Cabrini. Nech ho Pán Boh ochraňuje a pomáha mu v jeho kňazskej a dušpastierskej práci.

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Zdravas Mária

Zdravas Mária,
milosti plná,
Pán s tebou,
požehnaná si medzi ženami
a požehnaný je plod života Tvojho Ježiš.
Svätá Mária, matka Božia,
pros za nás hriešnych,
teraz i v hodinu smrti našej.

Amen.

The Hail Mary, Zdravas` Mária in Slovak

Zdravas!, Mária milosti plná,
Pán s tebou.

Požehnaná si medzi ženami
a požehnaný je plod života tvojho, Ježiš.

Svätá Mária, Matka Božia,
pros za nás hriešnych teraz
i v hodinu smrti našej. Amen.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
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now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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6. Br/D that consider helping an established project at their church or in their community may submit the activity as a matching funds project, providing the Br/D sponsors the entire activity or in conjunction with the event a Br/D sponsors a raffle, bake sale, etc. and has a separate table or booth.
7. The Br/D officers are responsible for taking pictures and keeping receipts that should be submitted with the "Matching Funds Request for Payment Form".
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News From Slovakia

Social Partners Agree for First Time Ever on Minimum Wage – at €700 a Month

From left, ZMOS chairman Branislav Treger, APZD vice-president Alexander Matusek, AZZZ vice-president Rastislav Machunka, KOZ president Monika Uhlerova, RUZ vice-president Jozef Špirko, and SOS representative Dusan Chalupa at a press conference on 2023 minimum wage in Bratislava on July 14, 2022 (photo by TASR); Zľava predseda ZMOS Branislav Treger, podpredseda APZD Alexander Matušek, podpredseda AZZZ Rastislav Machunka, predsedníčka KOZ Monika Uhlerová, podpredseda RÚZ Jozef Špirko a zástupca SOS Dušan Chalupa na tlačovej besede o minimálnej mzde 2023 v Bratislave dňa 14. júla 2022 (foto TASR).

Bratislava 14. júla (TASR) – Zamestnávateľia, odbory a zástupcovia samospráv sa historicky po prvý raz dohodli na zvýšení minimálnej mzdy, a to zo súčasných 646 eur na 700 eur v budúcom roku. Sociálni partneri o tom vo štvrtok informovali na spoločnej tlačovej konferencii.

To znamená, že sa neuplatní zákon na zvyšovanie minimálnej mzdy. „Všetci sociálni partneri sa zhodli, že v súčasnej situácii musí výška minimálnej mzdy zohľadňovať možné negatívne dopady na zamestnancov a domácnosti, no zároveň zohľadňovať nepriaznivé podnikateľské prostredie a rešpektovať reálne príležitosti slovenských zamestnancov,“ píše sa v spoločnom vyhlásení zástupcov Republikovej únie zamestnávateľov (RÚZ), Asociácie zamestnávateľských zväzov (AZZZ), Zväzu priemyselných zväzov a dopravy (APZD), Združenia miest a obcí Slovenska (ZMOS) a zástupcov zamestnancov združených s Konfederáciou odborových zväzov (KOZ) a Slovenskými spoločnými odborovými zväzmi. Členovia tripartity zdôraznili, že spoločný návrh na zvýšenie minimálnej mzdy na 700 eur je jasným dôkazom toho, že zodpovedný sociálny dialóg má zmysel. „Veríme, že aj týmto spôsobom vysielame politikom a verejnosti jasný signál, že vecná diskusia, schopnosť počúvať a byť otvorený kompromisom sú to, čo naša krajina dnes najviac potrebuje,“ dodávajú sociálni partneri.



Social Partners Agree for First Time Ever on Minimum Wage – at €700 a Month

Bratislava, July 14 (TASR) – Employers, trade unions and local government representatives have agreed for the first time ever to increase the minimum wage at a single rate – from the current €646 to €700 per month next year, the social partners announced at a joint press conference on Thursday.

This will mean that the automaton for increasing the minimum wage stipulated by the law won't apply.

“All the social partners agreed that in the current situation the level of the minimum wage must take into account possible negative impacts on employees and households but at the same time take into consideration the unfavorable business environment and respect the real opportunities of Slovak employees,” reads a joint statement of representatives of the Republican Union of Employers (RÚZ), the Association of Employers Unions (AZZZ), the Association of Industrial Unions and Transport (APZD), the Slovak Towns and Villages Association (ZMOS) and representatives of employees associated with the Trade Union Confederation (KOZ) and the Slovak Joint Trade Unions.

The tripartite members stressed that the joint proposal to increase the minimum wage to €700 is clear evidence that responsible social dialogue makes sense. “We believe that in this way we're also sending a clear signal to politicians and the public that a factual discussion, the ability to listen and be open to compromise are what our country needs perhaps most today,” added the social partners.

Volvo Cars postaví nový výrobný závod pri Košiciach

Bratislava 1. júla (TASR) - Švédka automobilka Volvo Cars postaví pri Košiciach nový závod na výrobu elektromobilov za 1,2 miliardy eur, informovalo v piatok ministerstvo hospodárstva.

Začiatok výstavby závodu je naplánovaný na rok 2023, inštalácia zariadení a výrobných liniek na rok 2024. Sériová výroba novej generácie čisto elektrických automobilov Volvo Cars by sa mala začať v roku 2026.

V súlade s cieľom automobilky využívať do roku 2025 klimaticky neutrálne výrobné procesy bude závod využívať len klimaticky neutrálnu energiu. Okrem toho bude závod navrhnutý tak, aby dosahoval najvyššie svetové štandardy energetickej a environmentálnej účinnosti.

Závod by mal vyrábať až 250 000 vozidiel ročne a očakáva sa, že v regióne vytvorí niekoľko tisíc pracovných miest. Jeho umiestnenie umožní aj ďalšie rozširovanie v budúcnosti.



Zástupca generálneho riaditeľa Volvo Javier Varela (vľavo) a premiér Eduard Heger po podpise zmluvy na výstavbu výrobného závodu v priemyselnom parku Valaliky pri Košiciach (foto TASR) Volvo deputy CEO Javier Varela (left) and Prime Minister Eduard Heger after signing the contract for the construction of a production plant in the Valaliky industrial park near Košice (photo by TASR)

Volvo Cars Set to Build New Production Plant near Košice

Bratislava, July 1 (TASR) – Swedish car maker Volvo Cars is set to build a new plant for the production of electric cars for €1.2 billion near Košice, the Economy Ministry reported on Friday.

The construction of the plant is scheduled to start in 2023, with installations of equipment and production lines slated for 2024. Series production of Volvo Cars' next generation of pure electric cars is expected to be launched in 2026.

In line with the car maker's aim to use climate-neutral production processes by 2025, the plant will deploy only climate-neutral energy. In addition, the facility will be designed to achieve the highest global standards of energy and environmental efficiency.

The plant should produce up to 250,000 vehicles per year and is expected to create several thousand jobs in the region. Its location will also allow for further expansion in the future.

“Manželka amerického prezidenta Jill Bidenová, vyjadrila podporu dobrovoľníkom, ktorí pomáhajú Ukrajincom v košickom krízovom centre”

Košice 8. mája (TASR) - Prvá dáma Spojených štátov amerických Jill Bidenová vyjadrila podporu a úctu dobrovoľníkom a zástupcom utečeneckého krízového centra v Košiciach, s ktorými sa stretla počas svojej návštevy Slovenska v nedeľu (8. mája) dopoludnia.

Okrem dobrovoľníkov sa Bidenová rozprávala aj s niekoľkými ukrajinskými utečencami, ktorí sa v centre nachádzali. Zaujímala sa o to, odkiaľ prišli, čo sa stalo s ich domovmi či čo prežívajú po príchode na Slovensko. V centre strávila asi hodinu a potom navštívila základnú školu na Tomášikovej ulici, kde boli nedávno zriadené dve triedy pre ukrajinských žiakov.

“Táto škola je veľmi nápomocná, v súčasnosti sa stará o 60 detí. Pani riaditeľka zároveň spustila hodiny slovenčiny pre ukrajinských rodičov, ktorí sú v Košiciach, a tak im pomáha, aby sa tu adaptovali,“ povedal primátor Košíc Jaroslav Polaček.

V súvislosti s návštevou prvej dámy USA platili v Košickom kraji prísne bezpečnostné opatrenia. Bidenová by svoj nedeľný program na východe Slovenska ukončila návštevou hraničného priechodu Vyšné Nemecké s Ukrajinou.



Prvá dáma USA Jill Bidenová v rozhovore s ukrajinským utečencom v košickom krízovom centre - US First Lady Jill Biden talking to Ukrainian refugee in the Košice crisis center (photo by TASR)

The wife of the American president, Jill Biden, Expresses Support to Volunteers Helping Ukrainians in the Košice Crisis Center

Košice, May 8 (TASR) – First Lady of the United States Jill Biden expressed her support and respect to volunteers and representatives of the refugee crisis center in Košice, whom she met during her visit to Slovakia on Sunday morning.

In addition to volunteers, Biden also talked to several Ukrainian refugees who were in the center. She was interested in where they came from, what happened to their homes, or what they experience after coming to Slovakia. She spent about an hour in the center and then she visited the primary school on Tomášiková Street, where two classes for Ukrainian students were recently established.

“This school is very helpful, it currently takes care of 60 children. At the same time Mrs. headteacher launched lessons in Slovak for Ukrainian parents who are in Kosice, helping them to adapt here in this way,” said Košice mayor Jaroslav Polaček.

Strict security measures were in place in Kosice region in connection with the visit of the First Lady of the United States. Biden would end her Sunday agenda in eastern Slovakia by visiting the Vyšné Nemecké border crossing with Ukraine.



2022 Convention Coverage: 52nd First Catholic Slovak Union of America

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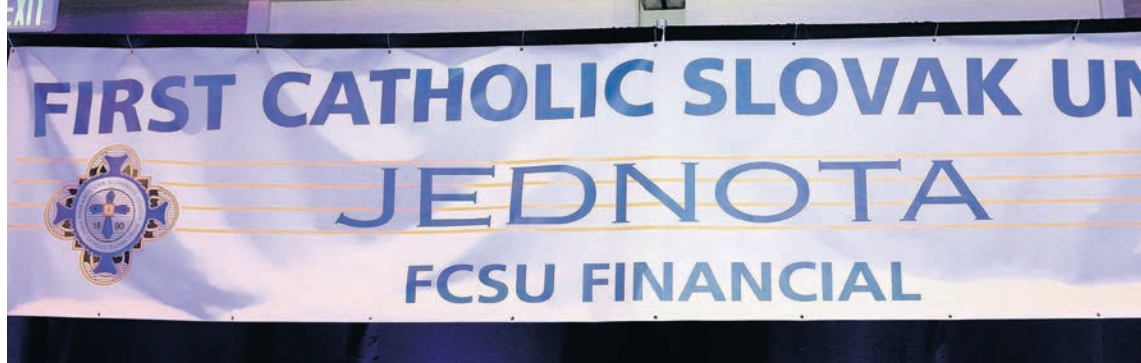
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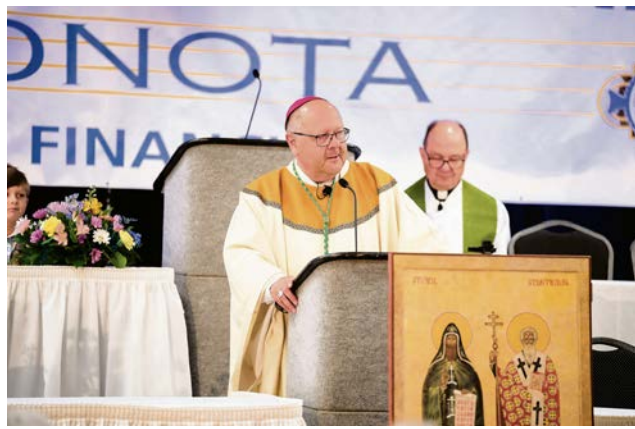
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Slovak Festival In Sterling Heights, Mi - August 26 - August 28, 2022

The 32nd annual Slovak Festival in Sterling Heights, Michigan (about 25 miles northeast of Detroit) takes place the weekend of August 26 through August 28.

Visit the festival for a weekend of good food (Slovak and American) and drink, raffle chances, a children's area, and live entertainment including Slovak folk performances. (Note: Limited Slovak menu and entertainment on Friday, August 26.) Free admission and free parking.

The festival is held at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314. For more information, call 586-726-6911 or visit www.saintcyrils.church or www.slovakfestival.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Submitted by Kathy Holka, Ph. 586-703-4043

2022 SLOVAK FESTIVAL

Friday, August 26: 6:00pm—11:00pm
Saturday, August 27: 3:00pm—11:00pm
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hymn, Duša kresťanská (O Christian Soul), which honors SS. Cyril and Methodius.

The Convention opened with the national anthems of the USA, Canada, and Slovakia, sung by the very talented Beata Begeniova-Fedorouk. The President Andrew Rajec formally opened the proceedings and cited the achievement FCSU had made in becoming a stronger society. Michael Krajsa was chosen to serve as Chair of the Convention and fraternal business and committee reports followed. The day concluded with the Presidential Banquet, with keynote speaker Bishop Kulick providing a moving address about the need for unity. Afterwards, the audience was treated with the musical performances of Caroline Visnovsky, Sofia Fedoriouk, and Matthew Oros. The night continued with lively entertainment provided by Pajtáši, a Slovak folk acoustic band from New York City. Even I danced the night away!

Monday started with a superb and well-attended Mass, celebrated by Rev. Thomas Nasta, the FCSU chaplain. The day concluded unfinished business, candidacy speeches, and the Convention delegates elected new officers for 2023, who are pictured in the photo. In the evening, attendees could swing the club at TopGolf, a high-tech golf game that everyone could enjoy, even someone like myself with no golf experience.

For additional convention coverage of Convention, including the newly elected officers for 2023 and photos, see pages 12 -13.



2022 Jednota Scholarship Winners



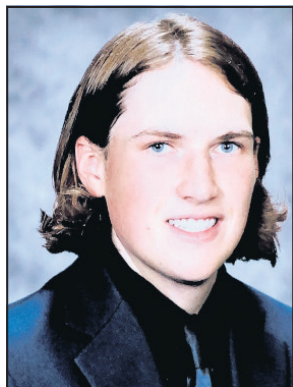

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE THREE 2022 FCSU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS IN THE COLLEGE CATEGORY.



COLLEGE

SCHMIDT, JOSEPH
 Branch: 002K; College: Penn State University; Major: Engineering-Mechanical/Aerospace/Computer

YANITY, JOHN
 Branch: 393K; College: Saint Vincent College; Major: Undeclared



ZAHOR, JENNA
 Branch: 019K; College: West Chester University; Major: Speech Pathology/Audiology



2022 STEPHEN C. MATULA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



GERKO, MELANIE
 College: Vanderbilt University; Major: Medicine, Health & Society; Pre-med



GLOVA, ALEXANDRA
 College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Emergency Medicine



JURCENKO, EVAN
 College: University of Illinois; Major: Aerospace Engineering



MLYNAROVA, KRISTINA
 College: Stony Brook University; Major: International Relations



OROS, MATTHEW
 College: Baldwin Wallace University; Major: Computer Science



From left: Treasurer Dick Mizikar, Marco's mom - Teresa Mongelluzzo, Marco Mongelluzzo, and President Darlene Patty.

Marco Mongelluzzo awarded the Branch 181 College Scholarship

The St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181 of United, PA, is pleased to announce the one-time scholarship award of \$1000 to Marco Mongelluzzo. The award was based on academic achievement, community service, leadership and financial need. Marco is a 2022 graduate of Greater Latrobe Senior High School where he was a scholar/athlete playing football all 4 years. Branch 181 President Darlene Patty and Treasurer Dick Mizikar presented the scholarship award to Marco at a luncheon at Dino's Sports Lounge in Latrobe, PA. His mother, Teresa, was also in attendance. He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study finance. His career objectives are to be able to help members of his community to be smarter with their money and eventually, open his own financial firm. We wish Marco congratulations and success in his academic achievements and beyond!

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Sister M. Anita



At a time when there is so much evidence of hatred and animosity among people in general, it is heartening to read about an individual whose life was marked by exceptional kindness and the thoughtfulness of others.

Mary Mikula, who later became Sister M. Anita, SS.C.M., is a stellar example of virtues disregarded by a vast majority of individuals in our world. Selfishness and lack of consideration for others very often reign supreme.

When Mary and her family came to the U. S. from their home in Dubina, Slovakia, they settled in Hazleton, PA, and became parishioners of Holy Trinity Church whose pastor at the time was the Rev. Andrew Pavčo. Mary first read about the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the JEDNOTA, but did not think she could imitate them. However, it would not take the Lord long to prove to her that He was calling her to religious life.

One day she and her mother went to visit cousins in Ashley. (It happened that Mary's mother was a cousin to Susan Kotalik who was planning to become a Sister.) Susan later entered and became known as Sister Scholastica. Mary, too, began thinking as St. Augustine once had, "If these and those can, (serve God), why not you, Augustine?" Mary, recalling what she had read in the Jednota, asked herself, "If she can go, I can go, too!"

Susan told Mother Emmanuel her cousin was also interested in becoming a Sister, but Mother replied, "You come now; we'll take care of your cousin later." And so they did. When Susan was received as a novice, Mary went to Middletown to see what it was like and learned that her application had been accepted. Middletown was the place where the SSCM Sisters established their first Novitiate in 1913 and temporary Motherhouse in the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1917. They were able to do this with the permission of the Bishop and at the invitation of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) to work with the orphans and the elderly who were the surviving family members of their constituents who worked in the hazardous conditions of the coal mines and mills.

Castle Grove, a property in Danville, PA, was put up for sale in 1918, and on St. Patrick's Day, the owner agreed to sell it to the Sisters. Its sale to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius was finalized on June 7, 1919. Thus, Castle Grove became Villa Sacred Heart.

Sister Anita fondly remembers Mother Monica, I.H.M., and all she did for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius at the congregation's early beginnings. She also has memories of being one of the first arrivals at Villa Sacred Heart. She once said, "It was hard," she recalls, "but we made the best of it."

Sister Anita went into the field of education and taught in Indiana, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New York, teaching in Grades 1-7, and also served as principal. Known for her generosity and good humor, she found special joy in helping the underprivileged children because she herself had experienced poverty.

Her deep prayerfulness was evident in her kindness and love for her Sisters. Her sense of humor and light-heartedness made her a most welcome companion. She delighted in working for a common cause, and "just being in the company of my Sisters." Her philosophy of life was evident in the day-to-day activities of life: "Be kind, be patient, develop a spirit of forgiveness. Live in peace and love with each other. What you do to others will return to you."

Sister Anita died on September 27, 1981, and her funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, September 30.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Fr. Ed Dougherty, M.M., The Christophers' Board of Directors

Invoking Mary's Intercession

We honor Mary throughout this month of August. For starters, we celebrate two important feast days that are linked together by an octave. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is held on Aug. 15, which marks the first day of the octave, and the Feast of the Queenship of Mary is held on August 22, which concludes the octave. In addition to these beautiful celebrations, we have a tradition dating back to World War II in which the entire month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not decreed in an official way by the Church, but it remains a beautiful tradition, and it's worthy to recall the reason for its observance.

In May of 1944, as the war raged on in Europe, Pope Pius XII named August 22 the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invoking Mary's intercession in a prayer for "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity, and the practice of virtue."

The establishment of this feast day inspired many Catholics to dedicate the entire month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Decades later, Pope Paul VI saw good reason to move the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Saturday following the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It created an entire week in June linked together by the theme of the Miraculous Hearts of Mother and Son. August 22 subsequently became the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, and this also makes sense because we now follow our celebration of Mary's Assumption by honoring her Queenship over heaven and earth.

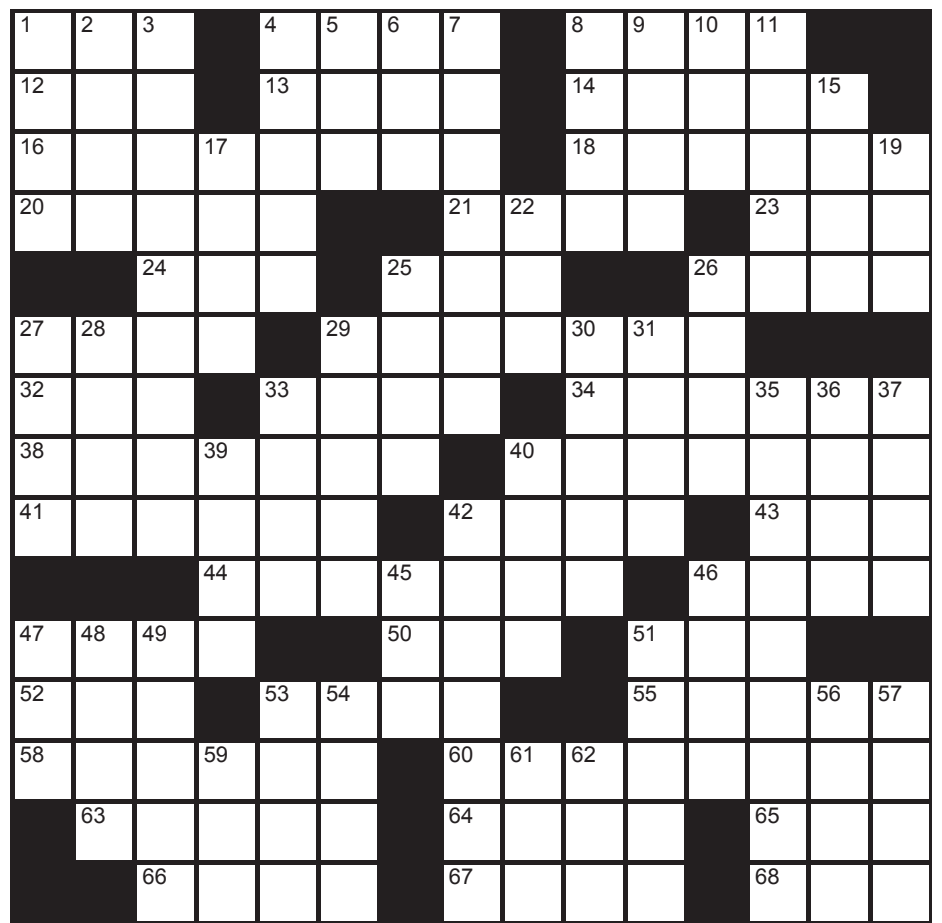
But tradition holds that we can still declare August dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary due to the extenuating circumstances under which this dedication came about. It is hard to even imagine the terror that gripped the entire world at that time. Pope Pius XII had been inspired by the message of Fatima to turn to Mary's intercession on behalf of humanity, and as Mary promised, that intercession came and relative peace was restored to the world. It was an imperfect peace, but it was a dramatic shift from the brink of destruction to which the world had been brought.

The war in Europe came to an end on May 7, 1945, almost exactly one year after Pius XII established the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and World War II ended on August 14, one day before the octave that began with Mary's Assumption and ended with the newly declared Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

That octave now concludes with the celebration of Mary's Queenship, and we should indeed celebrate the status she holds and the intercession she has extended to all of us. It is a time to recognize the miraculous hand of God at work in Mary's life, beginning with her Assumption, when the hand of death was stayed, and she was assumed body and soul into heaven; it's a time to honor her Queenship over heaven and earth; and it's a time to grow in admiration for her purity of heart.

So, let's join our current prayers for peace with all those who prayed for soldiers on the front lines of the war during that tumultuous year between 1944 and 1945, imploring the pure heart of Mary to intercede on our behalf so that Christ will bring peace to the world.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Colo. neighbor
- 4 Foal's mother
- 8 Auction actions
- 12 Piece of history
- 13 "Fine by me"
- 14 Provide, as with some quality
- 16 Feign
- 18 Heir's concern
- 20 Tel Aviv native
- 21 Sieve
- 23 It often has sliding doors
- 24 Rowboat necessity
- 25 Trick
- 26 Congers
- 27 Refrigerate
- 29 Daybreak
- 32 Cutting tool
- 33 Cogitate
- 34 1962 Shirley MacLaine comedy, "My ___"
- 38 Aria singer
- 40 Last Frontier native
- 41 Ditch
- 42 Small cave
- 43 Ill temper
- 44 Bombard, verbally
- 46 Understood
- 47 "Iliad" city
- 50 Calendar square
- 51 "We've been ___!"
- 52 Feel sick
- 53 Heroic poem
- 55 Pass over
- 58 Lady ___ of Coventry
- 60 Pollinosis

Down

- 63 Roofing material
- 64 Computer menu option
- 65 River to the North Sea
- 66 Ages and ages
- 67 Puts on
- 68 Seafood delicacy
- 39 The "O" in S.R.O.
- 40 Bohemian
- 42 Grinded, like teeth
- 45 Union agreement?
- 46 Mustard family member
- 47 Moniker
- 48 Donnybrook
- 49 Blast from the past
- 51 Tests by lifting
- 53 Roulette bet
- 54 Bridge call
- 56 Audition tape
- 57 Scots Gaelic
- 59 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 61 Flutter
- 62 Feminine side
- 1 Famed loch
- 2 Silkworm
- 3 Hoodwink
- 4 Grinder
- 5 Rap sheet letters
- 6 Rodent
- 7 Blight
- 8 Type of burrito
- 9 Present mo.
- 10 Banned pesticide
- 11 Debonair
- 15 Library catalog abbr.
- 17 Caspian Sea feeder
- 19 Printer's widths
- 22 Wayside stop
- 25 Kind of analysis
- 26 Auspices (Var.)
- 27 Play group
- 28 Stench
- 29 Overly sentimental
- 30 Ice house
- 31 Orderly
- 33 Isinglass
- 35 Aquanaut
- 36 Tortoise racer
- 37 From square one

See Solution on Page 23



Príhovor predsedníčky CSSM Alžbety Hollerovej-Račkovej v Starom kostole na Sarvaši (Speech by CSSM president Alžbeta Hollerová-Račková in the Old Church in Sarvaš). Foto: Zuzana Pavelcová

Deň Slovákov v Maďarsku opäť po sarvašsky

Viac ako sedemnásttisícové mesto Veľkej dunajskej kotliny rozprestierajúce sa na ľavom brehu mŕtveho ramena Trojitého Kereša – Sarvaš – Slováci mohutne osídlili pre 300. rokmi. V pri sčítaní obyvateľstva v roku 2011 sa k slovenskej národnosti v meste prihlásilo už iba 10,7% krajanov. Sarvašu sa prisúdil prímer intelektuálneho centra Békéšskej župy (nachádzalo sa tu viacero významných vedeckých a vzdelávacích inštitúcií, napr.: Vysoká škola Samuela Tešedíka, Výskumný ústav zavlažovania, Výskumný ústav šľachtenia rýb). Toto mesto však poznáme najmä v spojitosti s menom evanjelického kňaza Samuela Tešedíka, ktorý sa do miestnych dejín trvale zapísal zlatým písmom. K jeho dielu pripisujeme založenie prvej poľnohospodárskej školy v Európe i zveľadenie mesta výstavbou ulíc do šachovnice. Dal vybudovať prvú školskú budovu, ktorá dodnes na Sarvaši stojí a podpísal sa i pod vznik starého evanjelického kostola. Sarvaš preslávil aj Milan Rastislav Štefánik. Na tamjšom gymnáziu v roku 1898 zmaturoval.

Celoštátna slovenská samospráva v Maďarsku každoročne pripravuje Deň Slovákov v Maďarsku, ktorý sa práve v tomto roku konal (opäť, po 22. rokoch) na Sarvaši pri príležitosti 300. výročia jeho osídlenia Slovákmi. Za Maticu slovenskú podujatie navštívili I. podpredseda Matice slovenskej, Marek Hanuska a riaditeľka Krajanského múzea Matice slovenskej, Zuzana Pavelcová.

Za účasti významných hostí z domova i zo zahraničia celodenný program uviedla výstava v Slovenskom pamiatkovom dome postaveného z roku 1885. Výstavu prác sarvašských slovenských tkáčov z dielne Ústavu kultúry Slovákov v Maďarsku a mesta Sarvaš uviedla citarová skupina z miestnej Slovenskej základnej školy.

V starej školskej budove, kde sa dnes nachádza Tešedíkovo múzeum, porota udelila vyznamenania ProCultura Slovaca za významné počiny krajanov v oblasti kultúry. Cenu ProCultura Slovaca získali harmonikár Ondrej Maglovský zo Srbska a Folklórny súbor Furmička z Maďarska, plaketu ProCultura Slovaca získali hudobná pedagogička Mariena Stankovičová Kriváková zo Srbska a učiteľ a krajanský pracovník Vlatko Miksád z chorvátskeho Iloku.

Ekumenická pobožnosť, ktorá sa slúžila v Starom kostole poskytla priestor pre udelenie ďalších cien Celoštátnej slovenskej samosprávy v Maďarsku □ Za tú našu národnosť. Ceny si prezvali krajanky Rozália Izingová Pružinová, Anna Franková, Ruženka Komjáthiová a Zuzana Szabová. Cena Štefana Lamiho bola v tomto roku udelená riaditeľke Ústavu kultúry Slovákov v Maďarsku Kataríne Királyovej.

Za účasti viacerých sprievodných programov, hudby, tanca i vône slovenských dobrôt návštevníkov lákala krásna i farba domácich výrobkov, ktoré ponúkal slovenský jarmok z rozličných slovenských obcí rozprestierajúci sa pred hlavným javiskom. Na jeho doskách sa postupne prezentovali folklórne a spevácke zoskupenia z rozličných oblastí obývaných Slovákmi.

Zuzana Pavelcová



Ocenení cenou a plaketou ProCultura Slovaca. Zľava: Zástupkyňa Folklórneho súboru Furmička z Maďarska, harmonikár Ondrej Maglovský zo Srbska, hudobná pedagogička Mariena Stankovičová Kriváková zo Srbska a učiteľ a krajanský pracovník Vlatko Miksád z chorvátskeho Iloku. (Awarded with a ProCultura Slovaca prize and plaque. From left: Representative of the Furmička Folk Ensemble from Hungary, accordionist Ondrej Maglovský from Serbia, music teacher Mariena Stankovičová Kriváková from Serbia and teacher and expatriate worker Vlatko Miksád from Ilok, Croatia.) Foto: Zuzana Pavelcová

The Day of Slovaks in Hungary again in the Sarvaš style

Sarvaš [Szarvas in Hungarian, ed.] is a town of over 17,000 inhabitants in the Great Danube Basin, situated on the left bank of a former branch of the Kereš (Körös) River. Three hundred years ago, a great number of Slovaks settled in the town, but in the 2011 census, only 10.7% of the town's inhabitants claimed Slovak nationality.

[It was originally an ethnic Magyar town in 1495, the Ottoman wars ravaged the town and the native population fled. It remained uninhabited until 1720, when an Austrian Baron, Johann Georg Freiherr von Harrucker, invited Slovak settlers from Upper Hungary to re-populate area. The Slovaks reconstructed new town under the leadership of Rev. Sámuel Tessedik. He invited engineers to lay out a new town plan (Editor).]

Sarvaš became an intellectual center of Békéš County (several important scientific and educational institutions were located here, for example, the Samuel Tešedík College, the Irrigation Research Institute, and the Research Institute of Fish Breeding). However, we know this town mainly in connection with the name of the Lutheran priest Samuel Tešedík, who has permanently inscribed his name in golden letters in local history. He founded the first agricultural school in Europe and the improved the town by the construction of streets in a checkerboard pattern. He built the first school building, which still stands, and he also contributed to the establishment of the old Evangelical church. Sarvaš was also made famous by Milan Rastislav Štefánik, who graduated from the local gymnasium in 1898.

Every year, the national Slovak self-government in Hungary prepares for the Day of Slovaks in Hungary, which was held this year (again, after 22 years) in Sarvaš on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of its settlement by Slovaks. On behalf of the Matica Slovenská Matica, the event was attended by the First Vice-Chairman of the Matica Slovenská Matica, Marek Hanuska and the Director of the Regional Museum of the Matica Slovenská Matica, Zuzana Pavelcová.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad attended a the day-long program, which featured an exhibition in the Slovak House of Remembrance built in 1885. The exhibition of works of Sarvaš Slovak weavers from the workshop of the Institute of Culture of Slovaks in Hungary and the town of Sarvaš was presented by a zither musical group from the local Slovak primary school.

In the old school building, which now houses the Tešedík Museum, a jury awarded ProCultura Slovaca prizes for significant cultural achievements of the compatriots. An award went to the accordionist Ondrej Maglovský from Serbia and the Folklore Ensemble Furmička from Hungary, while the ProCultura Slovaca plaque was awarded to the music teacher Mariena Stankovičová Kriváková from Serbia and the teacher and compatriot Vlatko Miksád from Ilok, Croatia.

An ecumenical devotion took place in the Old Church, providing a venue for the awarding of other prizes of the National Slovak Self-Government in Hungary □ For Our Nationality. The awards were presented to compatriots Rozália Izingová Pružinová, Anna Franková, Ruženka Komjáthiová and Zuzana Szabová. This year the Štefan Lami Prize was awarded to the director of the Institute of Culture of Slovaks in Hungary, Katarína Királyová.

Accompanying programs included music, dance and the smell of Slovak delicacies, which attracted many visitors. The beauty and color of the home-made products offered by the Slovak fair from various Slovak villages were spread out in front of the main stage. Folklore and singing groups hailing from various regions inhabited by Slovaks performed on stage.

(Translated by Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr., editor)

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FCSU Branch #3, Saints Cyril and Methodius, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN.

The meeting will be held at 11:30 am in Father Darray Memorial Hall, the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

The agenda included: Reports of Officers, and updates on Branch 3. Call Jim for questions at (763) 789-9196.

Submitted by James T. Genosky,
Financial Secretary

BRANCH 05P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 12:30 pm at Angelo's Restaurant and Pizza, Midway Shopping Center, 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, PA. Pizza luncheon will be provided.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities and the election of officers. Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Members who want to attend the branch meeting should contact Marion Rubino, President, by September 8, 2022 at 570-693-0399.

Submitted by Mary Jo Rubino,
Recording Secretary

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Stephen's Society, Branch 06K, is having a fraternal gathering for its members on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Members will enjoy a comedy play, "GET SMART" at 2pm. At Engle Lane Theater, 1012 Columbus Rd., Streator, IL. The members attending will have their ticket paid for by the branch. Please contact Paul Chismar (815) 822-8851 if you plan to attend or have any other insurance questions. Thank you.

Submitted by Paul Chismar,
Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 7 - HOUTZDALE, PA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 9:00 A. M. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Hall, 52 Parish St. Ramey, PA 16671. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Submitted by Joseph C. Cervenak,
President

BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting via Zoom on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, we will plan our scholarship meeting for November 14, 2021. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced later, due to the passing of our beloved Financial Adviser, Jacqueline Zack.

We cordially invite our members to virtually attend our meeting and take advantage of the opportunity to spend time getting together with their fellow branch members. Please contact me at csteacher3@gmail.com if you plan on attending the meeting.

Submitted by Deborah M. Nelson,
Secretary

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

Branch 23 will hold our 2nd Annual Branch meeting on Sunday Oct. 9, 2022 at 1:30 PM. Denny's Family Restaurant is in Richland, Theater Drive. Come to hear about what took place at the 52nd Quadrennial Convention. Our delegates who attended the Convention will be glad to answer any questions you may have. This will be very interesting to hear about.

We will have Elections at this Branch meeting for Officers. Prior to our annual meeting, please note.**

This is a reminder that the 7th Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival will take place at the Heritage Discovery Center in Cambria City on Sept. 16-17. This is a big event. This free event features some of the best Slavic food, entertainment, and beer. We will have our "Jednota Booth" to promote the FCSU. Branch 23 and District 7 have been setting up a booth each year. As a member, please consider volunteering to be with us representing FCSU.

Help us spread the Good News of our great "new" Annuity Rates, (A very good investment at this time!!!!). If you don't know where to put your money to make money, check out our Annuity Rates!!!!

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Submitted by Theresa Cassat,
Financial Secretary

BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38 will hold a branch meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm. In addition to discussing information from the FCSU National Convention, Branch officers will be elected. Out of an abundance of caution and with concern for all of our members, this Branch 38 meeting will be held virtually. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact Logan Haselhoff, Branch President, by calling 412-956-9411 or emailing LLHASELHOFF@gmail.com, to set up the virtual meeting invitation and details. All Branch 38 members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of Branch 38.

Brittany Kowalski, Vice-President of Branch 38, Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer of Branch 38

Submitted by Logan Haselhoff,
President of Branch 38

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WI

Please join us for our Branch 89 meeting on Sunday October 2, 2022.

The time is 11:30 AM.

Members are free. Guests are welcome, but guests will have to pay for their own meal.

The cost is \$30.00 per guest.

Location: Brisco County Wood Grill
N96W16865 Cumberland Court
Menomonee Falls, WI

Location: Highway 41 North and County Q Exit

Please call to make your reservation by 9/28/2022. Please call Mike Novak President Branch 89 at 414.445.5382.

Please make checks payable to: KNIGHTS OF ST. MARY AND JOSEPH BR 89

Mail to: Mike Novak, 3237 N. 93rd Street,

Milwaukee, WI, 53222

Issues:

Review highlights of the 52nd Quadrennial Convention of The First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada.

Review of the Holy Hill Slovak Pilgrimage Labor Day 9/5/2022.

Discuss future activities/donations.

Discuss the future 53rd Quadrennial Convention of The First Catholic Slovak Union of The United States and Canada, and when we will have the election of delegates. The dates and place of the 53rd Convention are yet to be determined. A meeting will be set prior to the convention.

Submitted by Mike Novak,
President Branch 89

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, BOONTON, NJ

Branch 132 will have its remaining meetings are as follows: August 21, October 23, and December 29. After all of the meetings we will have an activity. Our May meeting will follow with a trip to a local college.

Please continue to read the Jednota for all the exciting things that are happening in contests and the updates on annuities and insurance. Contact Sue if you are planning on attending the District meeting. Looking forward to our next meeting.

Submitted by Josie Copp Salko, Sec-
retary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St Stephen Branch 153 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 22 at 11:30 am. The meeting will be at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL. At this meeting, election of officers, discussion of the Convention and charitable donations will take place. Please call Dorothy at (708) 995 7378 before October 16 to reserve a place at the meeting.

Submitted by Dorothy Jurcenko,
Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its branch meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at the Uniontown Country Club, 25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA.

Officers' Reports will be given and branch activities will be discussed. The Donations Committee will make its recommendations, the results of the convention will be discussed, and Regional Director, James Marmol, will advise us of developments from the home office. Call Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 before September 20th for reservations for you and your guest to attend the meeting.

Submitted by Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PA

WANTED: Bowling towels needed for: 1984 to 1992 and 2003

Branch 200 is making a wall hanger or quilt for the years we know members bowled in the JEDNOTA Tournaments. There are probably more years prior to 1984 our members bowled but unsure of the years. Please call Vicki Schaub, Branch 200's Financial Sec./Treas. @724-763-9229 or e-mail vschaub123@gmail.com .

All Branch meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month except June and July at 7:00 p.m. - August 4th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 6th, Nomination of Officers Nov. 3rd, and Election of Officers Dec. 1st.

Submitted by Vicki Schaub

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228 will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7 P.M. IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. The format/formats of future Branch 228 meetings will be discussed at this important meeting. 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 held. All meetings will begin at 7 P.M. regardless of a virtual or in-person format.

The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 19, 2022. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

Once again, I ask that our members plan to attend our meetings whenever possible. FCSU Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt attends each of our meetings. In addition, our Region 6 Director, Thomas Ivanec is a frequent attendee. Their reports not only give us current information about the ongoing concern of our organization, they provide a relaxed forum to ask a particular question you may have. The FCSU would like to see the fraternal activities of all districts and branches increase. Attending our Branch 228 meetings can give you first-hand knowledge of items and events being discussed as well as an opportunity for personal input. The meetings are fun and help to promote comradery so give us a try!

Submitted by Thomas B. Zuffa,
Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

On Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, branch 260 will hold a meeting at Donivito's Restaurant in Struthers, Ohio at 5:00pm. On the agenda will be discussion on the upcoming convention. Additional meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, October 20th, 2022 at Donivito's Restaurant @ 5:00pm. On the agenda will be the election of officers. Friday, December 9th, 2022 at Alberini's Restaurant for our annual Christmas celebration directly after the meeting. God Bless!

Submitted by Carlie M. Peshek,
Vice President

BRANCH 313 – CHICAGO, IL

Our 2nd Semi-annual Branch Meeting for the 22 year, will be held on September 27th at 11:30AM. The meeting will take place at, "Southfork Family Restaurant" at the location of, 14631 South LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. Included in this meeting's agenda will be discussion of this year's F.C.S.U. Convention, and it will conclude with Branch 313's Election of Officers. A complimentary fraternal luncheon will follow the

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meeting. We kindly ask that those attending to please wear a face mask. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the table. Members interested in attending this meeting, please contact Branch President, Marge Dickinson at 708-226-8157, by September 13th, to reserve a place at the meeting.

Submitted by Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 372 – BEAVERDALE, PA

On October 2, 2022, at 11 a.m., Branch 372 will hold a meeting at St. Joseph's Chapel in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The purpose of the meeting is to advertise and promote the FCSU. If you wish to contact me, the e-mail address is BORDERGAL46@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Gerko

BRANCH 401 – EAST VANDERGRIFT, PA

St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 401 of East Vandergrift, PA, invites all branch members to attend the 2022 Semi -Annual Meeting which will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Flavio Restaurant, 212 N Warren Ave, Apollo, PA 15613. Members are encouraged to attend as we will be electing new officers for 2023 and your input is always welcome.

Submitted by Kathy Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

Mark your calendars for the following events:

August 17 Wednesday Monthly Mystery Dinner/Served 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – CALL CLUB 330-786-9972 AFTER 3 PM DAILY

August 28 Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$10.00 per person Served 9:00 am – 11:45 am

Sept. 3 Saturday Ohio State vs Notre Dame 7:30 pm

Open at 11:00 am for College Games

Sept. 7 Wednesday All You Can Eat Spaghetti – Served 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Sept. 21 Wednesday Monthly Mystery Dinner/Served 4:30 pm-6:30pm

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – CALL CLUB 330-786-9972 AFTER 3 PM

Sept. 25 Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$10.00 per person Served 9:00 am – 11:45 am

Oct. 5 Wednesday All You Can Eat Spaghetti Served 4:30 – 7:00pm

October 10 Saturday CASINO NIGHT (proceeds go to roof fund)

Support your branch – we need gift cards, lottery tickets, theme baskets call the Club 330-786-9972 After 3 pm with questions or interested in donating. Please have all donations to the club by October 1, 2022.

November 12 Saturday 125 Club Banquet – details will be supplied at a later date

December 4 Sunday Annual Vilija Celebration – details will be supplied at a later date

Fall Bowling Leagues will be forming, call 330-786-9972 after 3 pm to reserve your spot on your favorite Evening League. If interested in bowling on Thursday mornings at 11:00am on our 55 and over Senior League, please call 330-706-0151 Linda Hanko to sign up or have questions; or join us on August 25 (Thursday) at 11:00 am at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH

44311 – downstairs in the main banquet hall for the meeting. Bowling will start on Thursday, September 8 at 11:00 am.

Submitted by Linda M Hanko,

BRANCH 628 – W. HOMESTEAD, PA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2:00 PM at 141 Bellvue Drive, Penn Hills PA 15235. The agenda will include an update of Branch 628 activities so far this year.

Submitted by Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Below is the schedule of events for Branch 731. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Our annual meeting for the election of officers is on Sunday, November 6, 2022, also at 5:00 pm. Both meetings will be at Café 422, South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio. On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022, our annual Mass for our deceased members will be at the Cathedral of Saint Columba, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio at 12:10.

Submitted by Jacquelyn Bobby, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

Additional branch news:

Branch 746 members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7:00pm (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ offered for the intention of all Branch 746 members living and deceased. Masses will be offered in 2022 as follows: , September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, and December 2, 2022.

Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship deadline is April 30th. If you are currently accepted and/or enrolled in full-time college, post-secondary educational institution, or vocational school and active in Branch 746 or want to become active, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. For more information on the application criteria and requirements go to: <https://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>.

Activities: Branch 746 will also be organizing a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see King David on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 11am. If you wish to obtain additional information, please reach out to Mary Ann.

Members are reminded that mass will be offered for the intention of Branch 746 members living and deceased on the following dates: August 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4 and Dec 2. We encourage you to attend.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 756 – OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

St. Joseph the Guardian, Branch 756, will hold a summer meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 10:45 am. The meeting will be held at Tim Horton's, 323 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI. The agenda will include the Officers Reports and discussion of upcoming branch activities. All members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Rita Gregoricka, Branch Secretary

BRANCH 853 - CHARLEROI, PA

Branch 853 is holding a branch art event. On October 2, 2022, Branch 853 will be making a paw print stained glass suncatcher/ornament (about the size of your palm). The event will be held in Charleroi, PA and will run approximately 3 hours. There is no cost for the afternoon for branch members. You will be able to pick the color of your suncatcher. After the art event, those who want to, will go to eat at a local restaurant. Branch 853 members can sign up for the event by emailing FCSUBranch853@gmail.com or by leaving a message at (412) 341-1577.

Submitted by Monica Boone

BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Any Branch member interested in attending the Washington County Agricultural Fair in Washington, PA on August 15, 2022, please contact the branch president at fcsubbranch853@gmail.com for tickets.

Any Branch 853 member needing assistance with their policy, please contact the branch president. All members are urged to review their policy and update them when necessary for address changes, beneficiary changes or others so that the policy is up to date.

Submitted by Monica Rodacy Boone, Branch 853 President

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON, DC

1)We will be celebrating the 57th anniversary of the dedication of our Slovak Chapel

Our Mother of Sorrows in the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Avenue N.E. Washington D.C. Mass is on September 17, 2022. Starting with the rosary at 1:00pm and mass at 1:30. This will take place in the Crypt Church. At this time the cafeteria is closed to visitors. I would recommend bring a mask to wear just in case they are still required. Restrictions change from day to day. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

2)Branch 856 Our Mother of Sorrows will hold their next meeting on September 17, 2022 after the mass in honor of Our Mother of Sorrows. The group attending the mass will not be going to the Slovak Embassy after the mass at the shrine, as previously announced.

The meeting will take place in the meeting room up the few steps from the Crypt Church. All members of Branch 856 are invited to join in this meeting. On the agenda will be discussion on the convention that was held in Cleveland, Ohio in July/August, report on finances, how to get more members involved in attending meetings and the election of officers for the coming year 2023. Hopefully there will be many branch members attending both mass and meeting that is scheduled for that day. Mass is at 1:00 starting with rosary and mass at 1:30 in Crypt Church. Meeting to follow. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Submitted by Katherine Nowatkoski, President

Congratulations Danielle Cy Gregorička of Branch 756 in Owosso, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. James Gregorička-Jilek are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Danielle Cy Gregorička, from Loyola University in Chicago.

Danielle attributes her grandmother ("Baba" Gregorička) as a major influence for her success during her elementary educational school years.

In 2018, she graduated from Owosso High School, with the honor of accepting the distinguished Damen Scholarship from Loyola University and the renowned Brad Van Pelt Scholarship.

In May 2022, Danielle graduated with Summa cum laude honors and received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with a minor in the Psychology of Crime and Justice.

While attending the Chicago campus, she was a member of the Psychology Honors Program, a research assistant, the winner of the Provost Research Fellowship, and very active in her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, where she served as the Vice President of Intellectual Development.

Danielle is now attending the University of North Dakota, working on her master's degree in forensic psychology. Afterward, she plans on pursuing a Ph.D.

She is a member of Jednota Branch 756 in Owosso, Michigan, where her uncle and godfather, Gary Gregorička, serves as president. Her grandfather, Cyril Gregorička, and great-grandfather, Lucian Gregorička, also formerly held the office of president of Branch 756.

May God continue to bless Danielle Cy as she journeys forward.

Submitted by Paula Gregorička-Jilek



DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT #1 - REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District will conduct its annual meeting via Zoom on September 11, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. At this meeting, we will discuss plans for the coming year and hold the election of officers for the district. Please contact me at csteacher3@gmail.com if you plan on attending the meeting. We look forward to seeing our dedicated members.

Submitted by Deborah M. Nelson, District Secretary

DISTRICT 2 - REV. JOHN J SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Annual Meeting of the Rev. John J Spitkovsky District will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 2 PM at the Missionary Sisters of St Benedict. It is at 5900 West 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Fraternal Social begins at 1:30 PM. At this Meeting, we will have Election of Officers and will present highlights of the Convention. Dinner will be served after the Meeting. Make your reservation with Dorothy at (708) 995 7378 by September 24.

Bring a prize for the raffle. Bring your mask. Hand Sanitizers will be available.

Submitted by John Jurcenko, District 2 President

DISTRICT 3, GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT - WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2022. We will meet in the Social Hall of St. Florian Roman Catholic church after the 5:00P.M. Mass. On our agenda will be: the "ELECTION" of district officers for the coming year; branch news; convention comments; and plans for our beautiful annual Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to a great turnout.

Submitted by Linda L. Gonta, Secretary, George Onda District

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN RURA, NEW JERSEY

Msgr. Rusa District 4 invites members to attend the annual Pilgrimage to the National Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Holy Rosary recitation begins at 1:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 1:30 PM. District branches are strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact Steve Minarovich @908-507-0505 for details on partial reimbursement of travel expenses.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH, PA

The Pittsburgh District has scheduled its Fall Business Meeting at Holy Trinity Hall of St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 529 Grant Avenue Extn, West Mifflin PA on Sunday, November 20 at 1PM. We still need a host branch. We will review the convention and discuss business matters for next year. Officers for 2023 will be elected.

The district is sponsoring a Pirates game and tailgate on Saturday, September 3, with the assistance of Branch 38, who will host the tailgate. Check the ad in the August Jednota. Tickets are \$37, which includes a \$10 food voucher. Tailgate begins at 4:30 in Red Lot 5. The game against the Toronto Bluejays starts at 6:35. For tickets and other information, contact Brad Matta at bmatta41@gmail.com or call 412-378-7988.

Other announcements of local interest:

- WPSCA: Meets 7PM first Mondays at the Mt Lebanon Public Library. October 3: Emigration from Slovakia, November 7: Natively sets, December 5: Show & Tell, January 2: To be announced, February 6: Bishop Larry Kulick. Join the organization to get the newsletter.

- NSS September Fest - Saturday September 24 - performers, vendors, food.

- Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance - Sunday, October 2

- Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt - Sunday, November 6 - performers, vendors, food

- NSS Christmas around the World - Saturday, November 26 - animated Bethlehem wood carving

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as social events and contests. This is the time to be sure your beneficiaries are up to date. FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at www.FCSU.com.

Finally, the Pittsburgh District extends its sympathy to the friends and family of Joseph Yuros, former district financial secretary, who passed away on July 28.

Submitted by Margaret Nasta, Secretary Pittsburgh District,
manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 8 – THE REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT, PA, NC

District 8, the Reverend Stephen Furdek District, will be having its semiannual meeting on October 2, 2022. Mass will be held at 11:30AM at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4464 Main St., Egypt, Whitehall Township, PA, 18052.

Immediately following the Mass, a luncheon will be served, concluding with our annual meeting. The location for the luncheon/meeting will be held at the VFW Post 7293, 5209 Springmill Road, Whitehall, PA, 18052.

All branches are encouraged to attend this meeting. On the agenda: discussion of convention 2022, finances, and election of officers for 2023.

All delegate forms/credentials must be received by September 18, 2022. Cost: \$20 per person. Forms will be sent to each Branch Financial Secretary

We have a few branches that have not yet paid the district dues. Any branch dues can be paid prior to the meeting or at the meeting. They can be mailed to Monica Fabian, 4137 Wilson St., Whitehall, PA, 18052-1615.

Any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Jo Austin at jeaustin89@gmail.com or call 315-391-0526.

Submitted by Jo Austin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 11 – MSGR. JOSEPH TISO DISTRICT, PA

Note there is a date change for District 11 meeting in August:

August 21, 2022 -Meeting will be held at the CU Club, Ford City

November 6, 2022- Meeting will be held at Villa Blanca, 2740 Leechburg Rd. Lower Burrell, PA 15068- The November Annual meeting will include election of officers for the year 2023.

CORRECTION TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, PIG ROAST:

RSVPs are required by August 14, 2022.

The Pig Roast is from 1-6 pm, Jack Tady will play from 2-6 pm.

The Pig Roast is for District 11 Beneficial members and guests.

The 1st Annual Family Picnic will be held on September 25, 2022, at the Pony Farm Trap and Gun Club, 592 Pony Farm Rd. Kittanning, Pa. 16201. Pork, Hot dogs, corn on the cob, tableware, soft drinks, and water will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert if attending. RSVP with a total headcount by August 14, 2022. Event is a BYOB.

Entertainment by well-known Jack Tady and the Tady Bears Polka Band. They have played at Branch 200 with a wonderful turnout. Fun was had by all whether dancing or just enjoying the music. Outdoors we will have cornhole, badminton and any other activity you would like to bring. Bingo will also be indoors when the band isn't performing.

RSVP to:

President Patrick Froncek patrickf007@yahoo.com 724-236-4226

Secretary Karen Greggs kgreggs39@gmail.com 724-372-0690

Treasurer Vicki Schaub vschaub123@gmail.com 724-763-9229

Submitted by Karen Greggs, Secretary, District 11

DISTRICT 14 YOUNGSTOWN OHIO - THE REV JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Following are the currently Scheduled District Meetings for Calendar Year 2022:

1. Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.; Fireplace
2. Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. (Annual Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers for 2022); Fireplace
3. Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. (Short Meeting and Christmas Dinner); Location TBD

Appropriate social distancing and masking protocols will be followed as long as the Covid-19 issue remains. Dates and locations may change for the same reason. An Additional meeting might be scheduled if needed for convention or fraternal activities.

Meetings will be held at The Fireplace 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH 44514; unless otherwise specified, indicated, or announced. Alternate location will be The Falcon Grille; 39 N. Canfield-Niles Rd., Austintown, OH 44515.

Sincerely,

John J. Leskovyansky, Jr., President

Home: (330) 549.3788

Cell: (330) 559.5981

DISTRICT 7 – REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT, PA

The Rev. John Martvon District, will hold its meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Hoss's Steak and Seafood, 1198 Wayne Ave., Indiana, PA, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Branch 484 will be hosting this meeting. The election of district officers will take place, and we expect a very interesting discussion of this year's 52nd Quadrennial Convention. In addition to these, the Ukraine situation and many other important matters will need to be discussed. Please try to attend. Enjoy the summer and upcoming fall season.

Submitted by Monica Rura (724) 479-8181.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

PRIVACY – PERSONAL FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Protecting the privacy of your personal financial and medical information has always been and will continue to be a matter of top priority for us. When used in this notice, the following terms have the meaning shown.

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.

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.

Odpočinutie večné daj im, Pane, a svetlo večné, nech im sviati. Duše všetkých verných zomrelých, pre milosrdenstvo Božie, nech odpočívajú v pokoji. Amen
Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
006K	Robert W Elias Sr	166K	Francis M Benek	472K	Joseph Hupp	731K	Mary Margaret Starr
024K	James R Patrick	169P	Barbara V Siciliano	484K	Edward A Horchar Sr	731K	Robert Babnic Sr
040K	Leota Ruth Tutoky	181K	Carol Ann Vadas Perna	553K	Theresa Welker	764K	Marjorie A Urchek
055K	James A Matsko	199K	Virginia K Macey	571K	Vivian V Horner	764K	Regina Prokop
055K	Mary Anne Duffy	200K	Ronald Schaffhauser	580K	Raymond J Spirnak	764K	Steve Prokop
089K	Jean B Rautenberg	259K	Lawrence Brosko	587K	Irene Helen Miller	900K	Mary O'Donish
089K	John P Janik	333K	Joseph Dudak	595K	David L Cooper	916K	Donald Piscia
112K	Antoinette Grutza	367K	Joseph Ludrosky	633K	Anton Bogyi	916K	Harold L Siers
112K	Donald E Watson	393K	Harry Kelly	716K	Juraj Lukac Md	924K	Helen A Yablonski
157K	George Tarnoski	419K	Francis Bekampis	731K	Jeffrey A Jerek	924K	Michael E Balberchak
166K	Eva Czebiniak	450K	John Hall	731K	Joann Veauthier		

* Processed in the month of July 2022

OBITUARIES

FCSU Regional Director 3 Emeritus Carl J. Ungvarsky, Passed into Eternal Life June 24, 2022

Mr. Carl J. Ungvarsky, 86, a resident of Mountain Top, passed peacefully into Eternal Life Thursday evening in the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Born on Thursday, October 24, 1935, in Wilkes-Barre, he was one of seven children to the late John S. and Emma (Pavco) Ungvarsky. Educated in the city schools, he was a member of the 1953 graduating class of the former James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Ungvarsky furthered his education by attaining an Associate's degree from Penn State University Wilkes-Barre campus.

He proudly served our country with the United States Army; two years active duty, being stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; four years with the Army Reserves, having two summers at West Point, NY with the Combat Engineers.

Until his retirement, he was employed as a project engineer for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre. Previously, he had been employed by the Wilkes-Barre City Planning & Zoning Commission; the Wilkes-Barre Redevelopment Authority. In his youth, he was employed by Republic Aviation of Long Island, NY.

Mr. Ungvarsky was the vice chairman of the Steam Heat Authority for Wilkes-Barre and was the Project Manager for the Fluid Bed Boiler Project. He also served on the Wright Township Environmental and Planning Commissions.

Carl served more than 20 years as a board member and the Region 3 director for the First Catholic Slovak Union and FCSU Properties Board. Carl's grandfather



Andrew helped organize the FCSU in 1890, later being carried on by his father John, and himself as third generation.

He and his wife, the former Dorothy Quater celebrated fifty-four years of married life together on September 16th of last year.

He was preceded in death by the couple's youngest son, Mr. Anthony James Ungvarsky on June 2, 2013; by a brother, Mr. Edward Ungvarsky; by Sisters, Mrs. Bernadine L. Price in 2018 and more recently by Miss Elizabeth (Betsy) Ungvarsky in April; and by nephews, Steven W. Price and Edward Ungvarsky Jr., both in 2019.

Left to cherish his memory in addition to his beloved wife Dorothy at home, are the couple's sons; Matthew Ungvarsky and his wife Marjon of Sugarloaf; Carl Ungvarsky and John Ungvarsky, both of Mountain Top; Grandchildren, Lauren, Johnny, Autumn and Ronald Ungvarsky; Brother Mr. John S. Ungvarsky and his wife Joan of Cinnaminson, NJ; Sisters, Mrs. Emily Carone and her husband Joseph of Acra, NY; Mrs. Marion O'Neill of Wilmington, DE; Numerous nieces, nephews, associates and dear friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Ungvarsky were conducted on Monday with his funeral mass at Saint Jude Roman Catholic Parish, 420 South Mountain Boulevard, Mountain Top, with visitation beforehand. The Reverend Philbert Takyi-Nketiah, parochial vicar, served as celebrant and homilist. Interment with the Rite of Committal followed at Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Cemetery, Dorchester Drive, Dallas, PA.

MARY MARGARET STARR, BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Mary Margaret Starr, 65, Campbell Mary Margaret Starr, 65, passed away Wed., May 25, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

Mary Margaret was born August 19, 1956, in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of Lewis Michael Starr and Pauline (Huzicka) Starr, the youngest of four children. She was a 1974 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School where she ran track and threw both discus and shot put on one of the first female Campbell Memorial track teams. Mary Margaret attended Youngstown State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in marketing.

She started her career in retail marketing, but the majority of her career was with Dear- ing Compressor & Pump where she worked for 38 years. She began as their Service Administrator and progressed to become Manager of Purchasing until her retirement in August 2020. She was a devoted parishioner of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Campbell. Mary Margaret performed the duties of sacristan, eucharistic minister and decorated the church for all religious holidays. She served as Vice President of the St. John the Baptist Cultural Society, was a member of the Altar & Rosary society, served on Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, and was also President of St. John's Catholic Cemetery Board of Directors for many years. Mary Margaret volunteered at both the St Vincent DePaul food pantry at Christ the Good Shephard as well as the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Youngstown, twice a week, truly enjoying her time there.

Mary Margaret was such an influential part of so many people's lives sharing her love, kindness, generosity and compassion. She was full of life, had an infectious laugh and was an amazing listener. She had the ability to connect with all generations. Mary enjoyed many activities such as swimming, golf, bocce, playing games of chance, attending the Symphony, sporting events.

She was a member of the FCSU and the Slovak Catholic Sokol and participated in many of their golf outings. Mary Margaret



loved traveling both here and abroad, but her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family & dear friends. Mary Margaret will be deeply missed and always remembered by her brothers, Gregory (Roseann) Starr of New Mexico and Gilbert (Mary Agnes) Starr of Girard, her sister-in-law Pat Starr of Cleveland, her dear cousin Gerald Petras, nine nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother L. Michael Starr.

Mary Margaret's family entrusted her care to the Wasko Funeral Home and received family and friends at the funeral home. Prayers were offered at the Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Campbell.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mary Margaret Starr, please visit the Wasko Funeral Home floral store. A Memorial Tree was planted for Mary.

Submitted by Douglas J. Starr

JAMES R. PATRICK, BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

James R. Patrick, age 84. Beloved husband of 63 years to Marlene (nee McCurdy). Loving father of Suzanne Patrick (Teran Taggart) and the late Janet Dark. Cherished grandfather of Lynne Dark, David Dark (Brittany); great grandfather of Ella and Avery. Dear brother of the late Richard and Bonnie.

The family received friends at the A. RIPEPI & SONS FUNERAL HOME in MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on June 10, 2022, at St. Bartholomew Church, followed by entombment at All Saints Cemetery.

Submitted by Marlene Patrick

FRANCIS MICHAEL BENEK, BRANCH 166 – WINDSOR, NY

Francis Michael Benek, 92, passed to our Lord on June 1, 2022. He was born in Lansford,



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

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Pa on July 3, 1929, to John and Elizabeth Benek. Francis, his three sisters and six brothers were all first-generation Americans who shared their parent's strong Slovak heritage.

Frank, as many later knew him, moved to the Binghamton area in 1948 to work in various factories and building trades. After Army service in Okinawa and Korea from 1955 through 1956, Frank returned to Binghamton and to Ann Marie Spak, whom he married August 24, 1957. He built their family home, and those of Ann's two brothers, on her family's land in Maine, NY where they raised their family of four daughters starting in 1959. Frank later became a self-employed contractor and built many residences in the Binghamton area until his retirement in 1992. Frank enjoyed fishing, bowling, roller skating, and his family, including his eight grandchildren. Frank was a 65-year communicant of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Maine, NY, and a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus.

Frank is survived by his wife Ann of 64 years, his four daughters Carol Benek, Marlene Benek-Goham, Marianne Benek-Edwards and Susan Benek-Bachman and eight grandchildren Connor, Christine, Erica, Kelcie, Michelle, Nicole, Jennifer and Peter.

A Funeral Mass was offered Friday, June 17, 2022, at Most Holy Rosary Church in Maine, NY. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery, Johnson City, following mass.

Submitted by Susan Benek-Bachman

RAYMOND J. SPIRNAK, BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PA



Raymond J. Spirnak, 93, of Munhall, entered eternal life peacefully at home on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Born in Duquesne, February 7, 1929, he was the son of the late John and Elizabeth (Balogac) Spirnak. Mr. Spirnak was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, St. Rita Church, Whitaker and a retired supervisor of Fisher Body, General Motors Corporation, and proud veteran of the U.S. Army Korean War.

Beloved husband of the late Marie (Dickson) Spirnak, he is also survived by his loving children, Dale (Michele) Spirnak of Munhall, Jacqueline Spirnak of Bridgeville, Gary Spirnak of California, Donna Greiner of Indiana, Karen (Richard) Allen of Tennessee, David Spirnak of Texas and Ray Spir-

nak of Indiana, five grandchildren, Eric and Nicholas Greiner, Mark and John Spirnak, and Lauren Poland, one great granddaughter, Vivian Poland and one sister Eleanor (late "Tim") Marcinko, of West Mifflin. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by his sister, late Mary (late John) Sabol.

Family and friends were received at the William S. Skovranko Memorial Home Inc., Duquesne. A blessing in the memorial home was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rita Church, with Rev. Nicholas Mstrangelo as celebrant. Burial followed at Holy Trinity Cemetery, West Mifflin.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Raymond J. Spirnak, please visit the funeral home's Tribute Store.

Submitted by Jacqueline Spirnak

BERNARD MADEJA, BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PA



Bernard Madeja, 92 of Whitehall, went to be with his Lord on May 16, 2022, at home, surrounded by his family. He was the son of the late John and Justina Madeya. He was the loving husband of 71 years to Dorothy (Bear) Madeja. Bernard also leaves behind his beloved son, Bernard M. Madeja, and wife Susanne, and daughters, Judith Batenfield and Nancy Lambert.

Bernard honorably served for 2 years in the United States Army. He was a dedicated employee at Bethlehem Steel for 41 years. Bernard was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. He was also a member and President of the Jednota, Branch 796 in Egypt, PA for 42 years. Bernard lived a full, blessed life and loved working on his farm, hunting and spending time with his family.

Survivors: In addition to his wife and three children, Bernard leaves behind seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren that he adored.

The family received friends on May 23, 2022, at Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton, PA, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Whitehall, PA. Entombment took place at Assumption B.V.M. Cemetery-Mausoleum in Northampton.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church c/o the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schislerfuneralhomes.com

Submitted by Susanne Madeja William

EDWARD KREMPASKY ("BILLY KAYE"), BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH



At age 85, born January 16, 1937, he went home to be with the Lord on June 6, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Nancy Louise Krempasky (nee Kalat) who was the love of his life for 55 years! He is survived by his 3 children William (Sally) Krempasky, Laura (Brian) Kapalka, and Dave (Tricia) Krempasky, his sister Mary Jo Liba (Jack), and loving grandfather of Kyle, Paul, Catherine, and Matthew.

William was born in Cleveland, OH to Stephen & Margaret Krempasky and graduated from John Adams High School. He spent a brief period in the US Coast Guard and US Army Reserves before pursuing his passion in the music and entertainment industry.

For Billy Kaye, music was his life! He played accordion, standup acoustic & electric bass guitar and also was a gifted singer. He started his musical career playing nightclubs, weddings, fashion shows, and charity events. He played at Jacobs Field, the Nautica Queen, Costa Cruise line, many country clubs, party centers, retirement communities, parades, and many local concerts in

the park.

He was a proud member of the Cleveland Federation of Musicians and had the privilege of entertaining several Presidents when they came to campaign and fundraise in northeast Ohio. One of his favorite events was entertaining the lunchtime crowds on Cleveland's Mall C. Whenever his wife or daughter were in attendance, he would always sing "Nancy" and "Laura" as a tribute to them. He especially knew how to connect with people and make them feel special at any event. He brought joy through his gift of music to many people. As everyone knows, musicians don't retire! He actually played an Easter Sunday Brunch "gig" this past April at a party center in Westlake - his hometown since 1966.

He especially loved his wife Nancy, his children & grandchildren! He was an avid saver and enjoyed travelling and attending events at local senior centers and churches. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him!

Visitation was on Friday, July 29, at Jenkins Funeral Chapel in Westlake, OH. The Funeral Mass took place July 30 at 11am at St. Ladislav Catholic Church in Westlake.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Cleveland Foodbank. <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/>

Submitted by William Krempasky

Answer to Puzzle

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