



FCSU, GCU, NSS & SCS COMBINED NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

The First Catholic Slovak Union, GCU, NSS Life & Slovak Catholic Sokol Joint Bowling Tournament is fast approaching and we are pleased to offer you the following details:

Bowling... All bowling will take place at Airport Lanes located at 3754 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. The phone number is: **716.632.0655** and website is: <https://www.amf.com/location/amf-airport-lanes>.

Hotel... The Buffalo Airport Hotel located at 4600 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 will be the location for the banquet and also has guest rooms available for \$109/night + tax for Thursday thru Saturday nights. You can reserve your room by calling **716.634.6969** and using Block Code: **Fraternal Societies Bowling Tournament**.

Application Format... Each society will receive applications from their own members, so that membership requirements can be verified. If you need additional applications: GCU members please contact: Basil Wahal-GCU Bowling Coordinator, bwahal@GCUusa.com or 724-683-3924. Slovak Catholic Sokol members please contact: James Matlon-Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, jmatlon@slovakcatholicssokol.org or 973-647-8551. First Catholic Slovak Union members please contact: Joanne Fibbi-FCSU Fraternal Activities Director jfibbi@fcsu.com or 412-953-4721. NSS Life members please contact Pam Blum at 724-731-0094 or pblum@nsslife.org. **Application deadline is April 17, 2023.**

Bowling Events... The format will again be 4-Bowler Teams (Mens, Womens and new this year Mixed Teams). Bowlers may choose to bowl in their respective gender division for both team and doubles events or on a mixed team or mixed doubles team but cannot participate in both divisions. Singles and All Events are gender specific. Mixed team and mixed doubles scores will be used to calculate All Events specific to the gender of the bowler. There **must** be at least 6 teams and 10 doubles teams to hold the mixed events. Team members may combine and send only one application if all fees are included. If bowlers are unable to fill all 4 positions on a team, we will assist you.

Additional Actual Prize Money... In an effort to increase participation from higher average bowlers, the GCU Board of Directors has again pledged an additional \$1,000.⁰⁰ to be used to pay actual score prizes across all tournament events. This will not have any affect on the handicap prizes which will continue to be paid as in the past.

Squad Time Assignments... There will be only one squad time for both the team and doubles & singles events. Team bowling will take place on **Friday, May 19 at 6:30 PM**. The doubles & singles squads are scheduled for **Saturday, May 20 at 10 AM**.

Friday Evening Hospitality... All bowlers (and pre-paid guests) are welcome to join in for food and fraternalism on Friday, May 19. The hospitality buffet will be served at Airport Lanes beginning at 5 PM.

Saturday Evening Banquet... In the interest of fraternal camaraderie and to celebrate the FCSU, GCU, NSS & SCS Combined National Bowling Tournament, a celebratory dinner for bowlers and their guests

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will take place on Saturday evening May 20 at the Buffalo Airport Hotel. The evening will include a buffet dinner and a two hour open bar. Guests are welcome at a fee of \$65 per guest. Bowlers must complete the enclosed Hospitality Questionnaire form if they plan to attend the dinner. There is also a space to register any guests that will accompany bowlers for the dinner. Payment must accompany requests.

Bowler's Banquet Fee... Bowlers planning to attend the banquet on Saturday, May 20 the fee is \$31.⁰⁰ and is included on the bowling application. Bowlers have the option of not participating in the banquet on Saturday, May 20. If you do not plan to attend, please do not pay the banquet fee with your entry fees.

Food & Beverage Reservations... Must be made in advance so we can be precise in our attendance guarantees. We have enclosed a Hospitality Questionnaire to complete and return with your application no later than **April 17, 2023**. This will enable us to prepare for the proper number of attendees.

Membership Requirements... Membership requirements for each organization are available on the reverse side of the individual society bowling applications.

Forms on Each Organization's Website... Remember, if you need extra applications, all of the forms for the National Bowling Tournament are available on your organization's website: FCSU website—www.fcsu.com; GCU— www.GCUusa.com; NSS Life—www.nsslife.org or Slovak Catholic Sokol—slovakcatholicsokol.org.

We'll be in Touch... An additional newsletter will be forthcoming with the complete bowling and event schedule, prize list and other important information. Plan now to have a great tournament!