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The arrival of long nights and short days dramatically altered the daily lives of our ancestors.

How did they experience, celebrate but also cope with cold and dark season?

Thursday, November 17th at 6.30 pm EST

WHEN THE NIGHT FALLS

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
GLOBAL SLOVAKIA

FALL WEBINAR – WHEN THE NIGHT FALLS

Be sure to take advantage of Jednota's sponsorship of Global Slovakia's webinars online. "When the Night Falls" will cover the customs of Slovaks over the long, cold winters.

Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm (EST)

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Thankful

... for more FCSU Fun!

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Šťastný Deň vďakyvzdania!

The Officers & Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union extend their most sincere Thanksgiving Greetings & Best Wishes to all Members on November 24 in the US & to our Members in Canada who celebrated on October 10, 2022

Thank you for keeping our traditions alive.

- Rev. Thomas A. Nasta Chaplain
- Andrew M. Rajec..... President
- Kevin J. Collins Vice President
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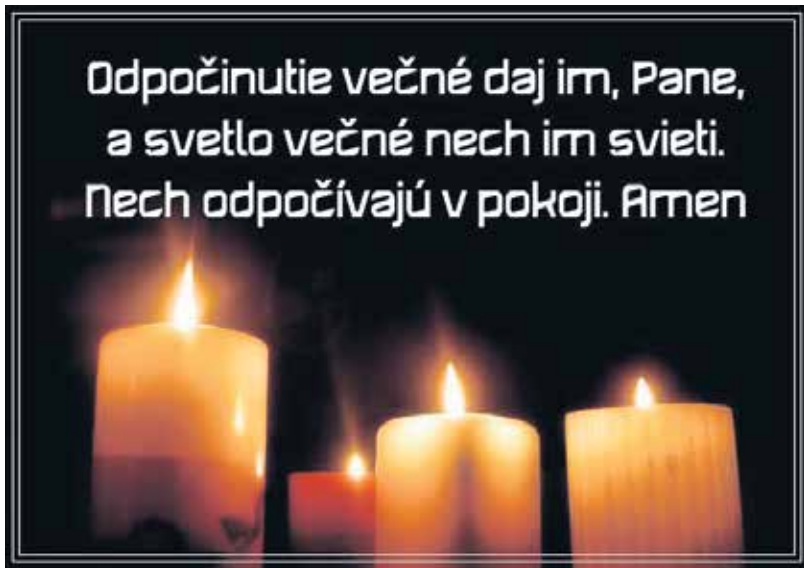
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Reflection

Odpočinutie večne, daj im, Pane,
A svetlo večne nech im sviati.

Grant eternal rest to them, Jesus,
Lord, we pray,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Odpočinutie Večne Daj Im, Pane!

The most beloved hymn for November is our prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory—"Odpočinutie večne daj im, Pane," "Grant eternal rest to them, O Lord."

Our Slovak nation has a deep cultural dedication for remembering and praying for its deceased persons. This was very evident to me during my final visit to family in Slovakia. I arrived on October 31st, at my cousin Anna's home. The grandchildren were happy to welcome me. They were also excitedly planning their visit to the family plot in the nearby cemetery. Each village is set up with a local burial area within walking distance of the church.

For the children it was important to go at night when they prayed and lit graveside vigil light candles. As we left, the cemetery was ablaze with the prayerful flames.

During the day, beginning with November 1st, the families bring large twenty-to-thirty-inch baskets of colorful chrysanthemums to their dearly deceased. Thus the area becomes a massive flower garden.

To facilitate this exceptional show of

respect and prayerful memories, the first of November, All Saints' Day, is also a federal holiday. Then, since not all trips can be made on one day, the entire week is set aside for graveside visits and drop-offs.

How meaningful this display of love for the departed. Truly love never dies but continues with a deeper spiritual dimension of hope to meet again. Let us pray and remember our dear ones as we say: "Odpočinutie večne daj im, Pane."

Sister Marie Theresa Hronec

(Sister requested that the first verse of HOLY MARY, Queen of the Rosary be printed in the November issue so it is singable – editor.)

O MÁRIA RUŽENCOVÁ—naša patronka!

My sa k tebe utiekame, čistá panenka.

Tys' Matka dobrotivá, patronka ružencová

Primlúvaj sa vždycky za nás u svojho Syna.

Holy Mary, Queen and Maiden of the Rosary,

To your loving care we hasten, hold us tenderly.

As Mother of the Rosary, hear your children's fervent plea;

May your Son, with love and mercy, bless us graciously.

Message from the National Chaplain

Very soon, if not already, a man dressed in a red hat, coat and pants, black belt and boots, and with white hair and beard will be making appearances at shopping venues and other places. His personality traits include kindness, being a good listener, and never raising his voice in anger.

Yes, we see a lot of this person in November and December. But on December 25, he seems to just disappear until he reappears the following November.

When we see someone dressed as Santa Claus, we tell ourselves that person is not mean, or jealous, or scheming, or out for revenge. No, the person dresses as Santa is considerate of others, good-hearted, patient, and does not complain about anything.

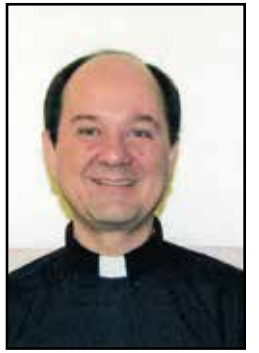
If this is the impression we have of a person clothed in red with a black belt and boots, what about the person clothed in Christ Jesus? What about ourselves?

Each of us at our baptism were clothed in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:27). This means there are certain expectations in the manner we live our lives each day necessarily follow. We are to be charitable, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, generous, gentle, faithful, modest, chaste, and exercise self-control. In other words, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are to manifest themselves in our lives because we are clothed in Christ Jesus.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are the consequence of living the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has generously graced us with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and reverent fear, all of which we were clothed at our Baptism and Confirmation.

Each year at Thanksgiving we express gratitude to God for the abundance of blessings we have received. We thank God for our lives, our parents and family, and so forth. Why not this year give thanks to the Holy Spirit for his gifts and fruits? For his gifts and fruits open our minds and hearts to the law of God, prompting us to do good, avoid evil, and live a life of holiness before the Lord.

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Continues

Thank you to all Branches, Districts, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union who donated to the 44th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. The final totals will not be known for a few weeks, but as of October 31, 2022, this year's appeal has raised \$30,168.87 from 212 donors. Money raised goes to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day to day operations.

A solicitation for the 45th Annual Appeal is being prepared and will be mailed sometime in January. This mailing is sent to members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, Branches and Districts of Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, and previous donors. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you everyone for your continued generosity and support.

Any member of the First Catholic Slovak Union who wishes to donate to the 2022 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mail 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. The 44th Annual Appeal runs from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022. 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

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NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

All copy is due by 4:30 P.M., THE MONDAY BEFORE THE ISSUE DATE, unless otherwise stated below because of special holiday scheduling. Copy that is not received by this deadline will not necessarily appear in the following Wednesday's issue.

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Wednesday, Dec. 14	Monday, Dec 5
Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023	Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023
Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023	Monday, Jan. 30, 2023

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Insights and Viewpoints

November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A - Matthew 24:37-44

Gospel Summary

Jesus tells his disciples that they cannot know the day their Lord is coming. They must be prepared because that coming will be at a moment they least expect. He observed that people were totally unconcerned at the time of the flood. As a result the unexpected flood destroyed them. In the same way, he warns, a thief can enter a house if the owner is not prepared to safeguard it.

Life Implications

Jesus observed our human tendency to live in illusion, out of touch with what's really going on, and as a result we often suffer tragic consequences. Jesus warns us that if we succumb to this tendency we will not be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man, either at our death or at the end of time.

Today, as a consequence of the widespread anxiety induced by economic stress and terrorist attacks, we may become victims of yet a different kind of illusion. We can become so occupied with the "war on terrorism" that we will be unprepared for the Lord's coming, and suffer even more tragic consequences as a result. "If you are not watchful, I will come like a thief, and you will never know at what hour I will come upon you" (Rev 3:3). Jesus warns us that there are countless things of this world that can make us forget the one certain reality--the day of the Lord's coming.

Immediately following the passage of today's Advent gospel, Matthew places three parables in which Jesus gives us examples of the kinds of people for whom the Lord's coming will not be a happy experience. A wicked servant says to himself, "My master is long delayed," (Matthew 24: 48) and begins to ill-treat his fellow servants and drink with drunkards. Five foolish virgins, awaiting the coming of the bridegroom, neglect to provide oil for their lamps, and are shut out. A servant out of fear buries the talent that has been entrusted to him instead of doing something creative with it.

As the climax of the three parables, Matthew gives us Jesus' graphic description of what will happen in the final judgment at his coming. The outcome--happy or tragic--depends on how we treat each other here and now, even the least of our brothers and sisters--the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the prisoner. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me...what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me" (25:31-46).

In Catholic belief, the grace of the Eucharistic liturgy actualizes in us what the gospel proclaims. It would not be good news simply to hear the warning of Jesus about the danger of living in illusion. A warning alone brings more anxiety, not joyful hope. The good news is that today we may receive the gift of the Spirit who enables us to see what's really going on with the eyes of Jesus and to respond to that reality with the courage of Jesus--without illusion and without anxiety.

Campion P. Gavalier, OSB

Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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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, Harvey's Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Parish, 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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Amount \$ _____

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,

In November (november in Slovak), we remember the souls of loved ones as well as the forgotten who have passed away. We pray for the souls of the faithfully departed in Purgatory (očistec) so that those who are penitent will receive the grace of God and enter through the Gates of Paradise. The Catholic Church teaches that prayers in this month grant the deceased a special indulgence and are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven. One way we can help is by praying the rosary, and in this issue, I have included instructions on how to do so in Slovak as well as English.

In her monthly Reflection, Sister Maria Teresa, SS.C.M., recalls her trip to Slovakia and how her relatives and others decorate their ancestors' graves with flowers and votive candles. Hundreds of candles are aglow in the night on All Saints Day (Sviatok všetkých svätých) and All Souls Day (Dušičky). It is a sight to behold and stirs emotions.

This month in the USA, we also celebrate Thanksgiving Day (Deň vďakyvdania) and our chaplain Father Thomas Nasta reminds us to show our gratefulness to God for all He has granted us. This New Land that many of our ancestors came to offered opportunities not available to most in Austria-Hungary and Slovakia. Building ethnic churches was one of the ways that our people expressed their wish to praise and thank God for their many blessings.

Another way we can be thankful to our Veterans this month is to contribute to a new Slovak-American Veterans WWII Memorial (p.5). Branch 853 member Charles Boone is asking you to submit stories about your family's veterans so that there may be a permanent record of their contributions to protecting the country. I would assume he would also accept the memories of Canadian veterans as well, since they valiantly fought as well for protecting democracy.

On page one, you will notice that I have featured Global Slovakia's webinar which the FCSU is sponsoring on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm (EST). Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in enjoying "When the Night Falls," so we understand what our ancestors did during the long, cold winters. If you have not already attended a Global Slovakia webinar, you are in for a treat.

I would kindly appreciate it if branches and district would submit announcements in the format and submit it (type it) in the e-mail, not as a pdf. Please always be sure to put the day of the week (eg. Sunday), date, time, and location place in the announcement. Also, always send a copy to Adriana at adrianas@fcsu.com for she records them to make sure your branch or district gets credit. Thank you for your understanding.

In ending, I would invite readers to let me know any additional features in the newspaper. Feel free to send a message to the editor by mail to the society or at the following e-mail address: editor@fcsu.com.

With sincere fraternal regards, s úprimným bratským pozdravom,

Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., editor (redaktor)

e-mail: editor@fcsu.com

"For God and Nation" (Za Boha a národ).



Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr

Special Invitation To All Slovaks Living In The Philadelphia, Pa Area

Please join Branch 055K Members in attending the Epiphany Vigil Mass that will be Celebrated at 5:00 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, PA. We plan to take a group photo with Father Gerald Denis Gill, our Administrator, for printing in the JEDNOTA.

For those who cannot attend on January 7, 2023, we suggest that you attend any one of the Masses that will be celebrated during Advent or during the Christmas Season and ending on the Epiphany with your grandchildren to give them a chance to hear the Christmas Carols in Slovak and share the traditions with them. Masses are celebrated on Saturday Eve at 5:00PM and Sunday at 9:30AM.

If you would like to share your children's thoughts (or your own) about your experience, we will arrange to have them printed with the Group Picture. In addition, any youth who submits a written report to the Branch Secretary will receive a check for \$15.00. However, if you are unable to attend any of the Masses, please consider making a donation to St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, and send to Rev. Father Gerald Denis Gill, Administrator, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123-2228.

Submitted by **Helena T. Gaydos, Secretary/Treasurer**

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Philadelphia, PA 19152-2228

These are the hours the Home Office will be closed for the holidays.

Closed: Thursday, November 24 and Friday 25, 2022, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Closed: Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Closed: Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and led the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES:

The President presented the minutes of the August 19, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt and seconded by Kevin Collins 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 Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

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 September 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 September:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	221,375.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	33,378.00
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

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 led a discussion of our current annuity rates and asked Larry White to join the discussion. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee decided the rates will remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

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 for his/her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

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.

CONVENTION WRAP-UP:

The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office is in the final stages of wrapping up the 52nd Quadrennial Convention that was held in Independence, Ohio. The Bylaw changes are being finalized. Once the bylaw changes are made, they will be submitted to the Secretary of State of Ohio for approval and then sent to all Branches and Districts.

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 John Tokarsky to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The President closed the meeting with prayer.

 Andrew M. Rajec
 President

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Virtual Meeting

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:

Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. - Virtual Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held following the Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, December 10, 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 December 3, 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

Branch 853 Charles Boone, from Dormont, PA, in
Conjunction with the Eldred WWII Museum
Presents: the brand new - Slovak-American
Veterans WWII Memorial.

According to the VA, the WWII veterans are dying at a rate of over 200 veterans a day with the average age of the veteran being mid 90's. I want to make sure that our Slovak American veterans who served in World War II, that their service is not forgotten. This is how we, together as Slovak Americans, will do it. You have two ways to take part in this event.

1. We want your Slovak American WWII veteran's service story. Donations accepted but not required.

Submit a typed story of your WWII Slovak-American veteran that you want remembered.

Disclose as little or as much information about their war experiences.

Since this is geared towards the Slovak-American exhibit, please include from what area your veteran or his/her family immigrated.

Copies of photos of your veteran would be appreciated.

Photos could be of your veteran in uniform or photos taken where they served or during their service, discharge or other papers. Please no vital numbers or Social Security Numbers.

Only WWII. Other wars cannot be accepted.

These items will become the property of the museum and will not be returned – copies only please.

This information will be put into binders into a new section of the Eldred Museum dedicated to the Slovak-American who served their country in WWII.

2. Donate to the Museum in memory of your Slovak-American Veteran.

Checks payable to the Eldred WWII Museum. The checks can be sent to Charles Boone so that all the checks can be delivered at one time, or checks can be sent directly to the museum. Eldred WWII Museum, 201 Main St, Eldred, PA 16731

Donate any amount. If you donate \$25 in memory of your WWII Slovak-American veteran the veteran's name and military service line will be engraved on a name plate for a plaque.

We will take all the donations and the stories to the Eldred Museum for a formal presentation the week of December 7, 2022. Email Charles with questions: slovakamericanww2exhibit@gmail.com



Charles Boone is holding a photo of his late grandfather and our FCSU fraternal brother Charles Rodacy, WWII veteran.



Oplatky and Slovak Christmas Cards for Sale

St. Andrew Abbey will be selling oplatky and Slovak Christmas cards for the holidays. You may call Rose at St Andrew Abbey at 216-721-5300 ext. 100. Oplatky are 2/\$1.00 and Slovak Christmas Cards are \$1.00 each.

To request by mail, please send to:
Saint Andrew Abbey, Slovak Benedictines
10510 Buckeye Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44104

United Slovak Societies offer scholarship grants in Lorain Ohio

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Ohio will again make available non-renewable, \$1,000. scholarship awards, to eligible high school seniors who will graduate in 2023. Applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better and enjoy membership of at least 5 years in any of the local Slovak Fraternal Lodges in Lorain.

The lodges include Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, First Catholic Slovak Union, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, and the National Slovak Society.

To obtain rules and an application, please visit www.americanslovakclub.com or contact the scholarship coordinator, Sue Naelitz, at снаelitz@hotmail.com. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2023.

The Academic Council Announced for Kasigarda, the Museum of Emigration from Slovakia to North America

Milí priatelia Kasigardy - Múzea vysťahovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky.

Je mi cťou predstaviť Vám Vedeckú radu nášho Múzea! Myslím, že sa mi podarilo vyskladať ju odborne aj ľudsky veľmi kvalitne. Je zložená z významných historikov, múzejníkov a osobností, ktoré majú k vysťahovalectvu čo povedať zo Slovenska, ako aj zo zámoria, vrátane redaktora časopisu Jednota, profesora Michala J. Kopaniča ml. Ph.D. Myslím, že nás čaká príjemná pracovná atmosféra.

Doc. PhDr. Martin Javor, PhD. – predseda Vedeckej rady, Prešovská univerzita v Prešove

Dear friends of Kasigarda - Museum of Emigration from the Territory of Slovakia to North America.

It is my honor to introduce you to the Academic Council of our Museum! I think that I managed to put it together professionally and caringly in a very high-quality manner. It is made up of prominent historians, museologists, and personalities who have something to say about emigration from Slovakia as well as from overseas, including the editor of "Jednota", Professor Michael J. Kopanic, Jr. Ph.D. (translator of the article). I think we have a pleasant working atmosphere.

Doc. PhDr. Martin Javor, PhD.
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To view the members of the Academic Council, go to: <http://www.kasigarda.sk/en/scientific-council/>. For further information, visit the Kasigarda website on Facebook and the direct URL online: <http://www.kasigarda.sk/>

I want to donate to the new Slovak-American WWII Exhibit.

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Email Address _____

For Memorial Name Plate with \$25 donation

WWII Veteran Name _____ (18 spaces maximum)

Military Service Army ___ Navy ___ Coast Guard ___ Marines ___ Air Force ___

CHECK DONATIONS: Donate any amount. \$25 will qualify for Memorial Name Plate

SUBMIT YOUR WWII VETERAN'S STORY: No donation required, but you can donate if you want.

Send your story and/or your check donation (payable to Eldred WWII Museum) to:

Charles Boone, WWII Slovak American Museum,
2670 Crosby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

All donations will be taken to the Eldred Museum for a single presentation.

Eldred WWII Museum has final decisions on any matters in question.

DONATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2022

Branch 320 and Pittsburgh Area Slovaks Celebrated Septemberfest

On September 24, The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum (McMurray, PA) held Septemberfest 2022. The Heritage Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to gathering and displaying Slovak historical, cultural, and literary artifacts for the education and enjoyment of the public.

FCSU members were seen enjoying this day of Septemberfest fraternalism.



The Pittsburgh Slovaks, and The Jr. Pittsburgh Slovaks entertained Septemberfest with Slovak songs and dance. Pictures from the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum (<https://nsslife.org/museum/>).

This event celebrated the "Slovak lifestyle". Slovak ethnicity is quite common in the greater Pittsburgh area. According to the 2009 United States Census, approximately 801,000 people of Slovak heritage are living in the United States. Of these, 43 percent reside in the northeastern states. Pennsylvania ranks first among those with Slovak ancestors (<https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/>).



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Bruce Higginbotham (Branch 320), Sue Ondrejco (The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum - Board)

Branch 320, Donation Presentation to The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum.



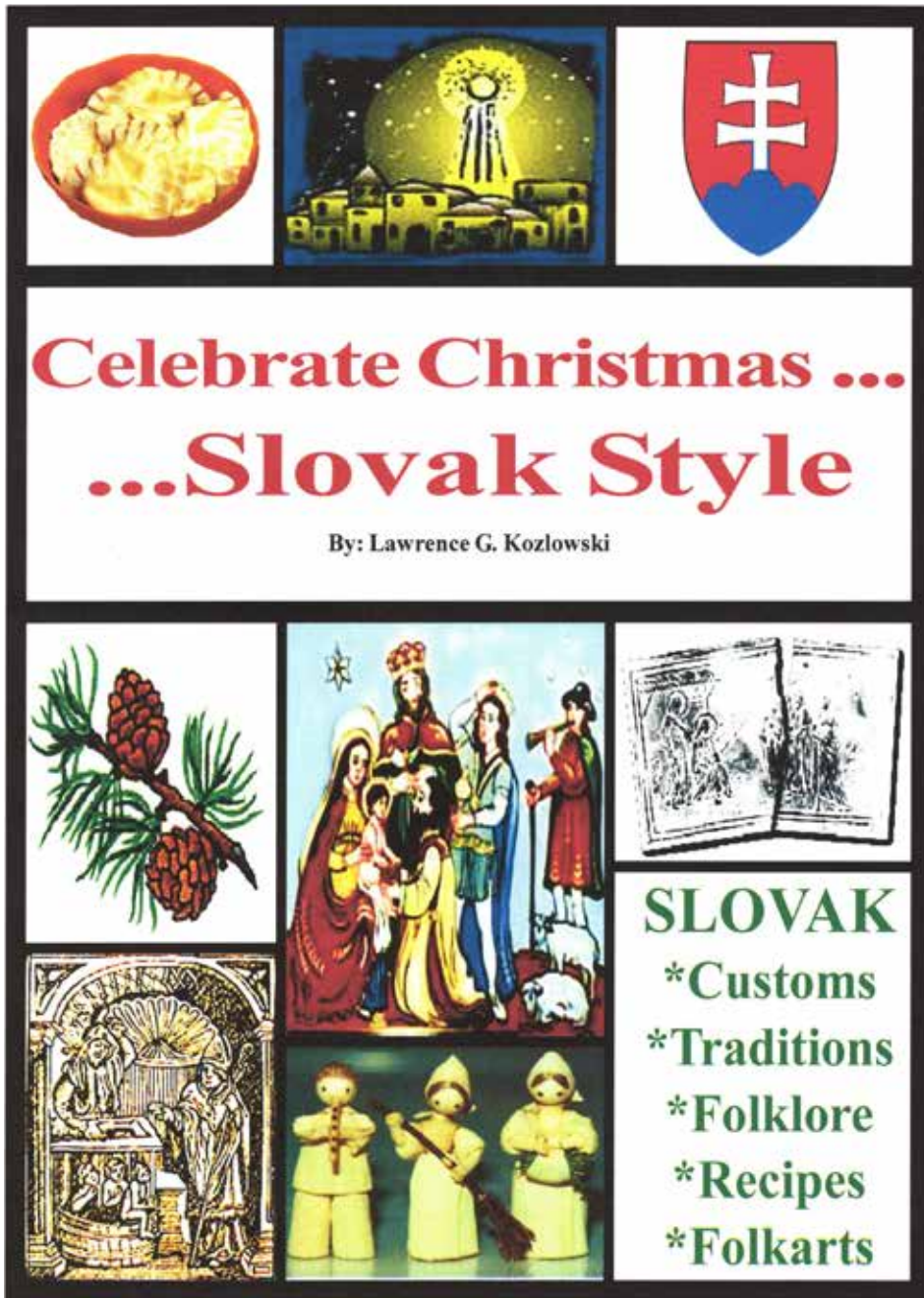
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Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320 - Vice-president), Sue Ondrejco (The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum - Board), Bruce Higginbotham (Branch 320), Frances Tarquinio (Branch 320 - Secretary)



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Greg Maurer (FCSU National - Chairmen of Auditor), Joseph Tarquinio (District 12 Vice-president), Jural Stasko



Submitted by Joseph Tarquinio,
Branch 320 Vice-president



Celebrate Christmas ... Slovak Style

By: Lawrence G. Kozlowski

Slovakia is a small territory, a tiny and independent country (since January 1, 1993) in the heart of Europe, rich in heritage, traditions, and folklore. Slovakia is a place where eastern and western cultures mix together. "Celebrate Christmas ... Slovak Style" is a unique collection of Slovak customs, traditions (Christmas Eve Dinner Menus, Recipes and Symbolism), folklore, recipes: (Potato Pancake, Potato Dumplings & Cheese, Dumplings & Fried Cabbage, Honey Cakes, Pagac - Filled Dough, Hot Brandy, Sour Mushroom Soup with Dumplings, Baked Fish, Filled Dumplings - Pirohy, Bread Biscuits - Bobalky, Sweet Roll - Kolace Filled Cookies - Rozky, Christmas Bread - Vianočka, Rye Bread, Roast Goose, Jellied Pig's Feet, Spiced Wine, Carnival Crullers - Cieregy, Roast Pork & Sauerkraut, Bishop's Bread, and many more holiday favorites. Learn of the custom of the "Up-Side Down" Christmas Tree, make Slovak Straw Christmas Ornaments or a paper Slovak Nativity Creche for under your holiday tree. Keep your precious Slovak heritage alive and celebrate the priceless treasures of Slovak Christmases of the past with an inspiration for Slovak Christmases of the future. Enjoy a \$10.00 Jednota Christmas Special with an order of 3 books!

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Lawrence Kozlowski, was honored as the 2021 recipient of the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, for his lifelong service to the Slovak American community and his lasting contributions to promote Slovak language, culture and heritage in western Pennsylvania. Larry is also a member and Vice-President, First Catholic Slovak Union - Branch 2 -North Side, Pittsburgh, PA.



Sensei Milada Kurucová, Branch 746 member, owns her studio in Brewster, New York where she teaches the art to those of all ages.



Branch 746 members: Sensei Milada Kurucová and daughters Sarah and Isabel.

Sensei Milada Kurucová (Branch 746 member) is Putting Slovakia on the Worldwide Martial Arts Map

Milada Kurucová, member of Branch 746 Linden, has recently been awarded the title of Shibu which makes her an official representative martial arts school for the Okinawa Goju Ryu Kenkyukai. Milada started her karate journey in her hometown of Stropkov, Slovakia when she was just at 17 years old and quickly fell in love with art. For more than three decades, she has studied the traditional Okinawan karate style known as goju ryu and continues to this day.

After leaving for The University of Economy in the city of Košice, Slovakia. Milada continued her studies with Sensei Valenta where she was a member of Metropol club. In 1998 received her rank of Shodan (first black belt) at a seminar in Amsterdam from the head of International Karatedo Gojukai Association (IKGA). This remarkable achievement is especially noteworthy as she received her degree from Shihan Goshi Yamaguchi (son of Gogen Yamaguchi, a direct student of Chojun Miyagi who founded the style around 1930 in Okinawa)

Milada's success continued when came to United States in September of 2000 where was found a new Sensei in Chappaqua, New York. She rapidly advanced through her degrees and is currently a 4th degree black belt and is working toward her 5th degree next year. And most recently, she was awarded the title of Shibu from the Kenkyukai Organization headed by Sensei Taira Masaji Hanshi ("exemplary teacher" in Japanese), 9th Dan. Receiving the honorable title of shibu enables her to bring a new level of knowledge and resources to her dojo in Brewster NY that she opened in 2012. Milada has had the privilege of training many kids and adults over the years where she shares the traditions, values, and techniques of the original masters. Her two daughters Sarah and Isabel, also members of Branch 746, and are black belts! Sarah was recently awarded the FCSU Scholarship 2022 as well as the Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship. She is studying art at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

Milada strives daily to perfect her own skills. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she practices her technique, her kata (forms) and weapons daily. In addition, she attends seminars under the guidance of Hanshi Taira where she builds further on her already expansive knowledge of the art. We are proud to have Milada as one of our own from Slovakia and are confident that she will achieve even greater heights in the martial arts. This is not only because of what she has already accomplished but what we know she can still achieve as a result of her passion, hard work and dedication. Congratulations to Sensei Milada Kurucova on her recent title of Shibu and we look forward to hearing all about her future successes.

If you are interested, have any questions, or would like to join us for classes, Milada's studio is located at 16 Mt. Ebo Rd. S, Brewster NY 10509 inside TapsNToes Dance studio. For questions email to: info@brewsterkarate.org or by text 914 760-3445.

Article written/submitted by: Milada Kurucová, Branch 746

Slovak priest Fr. Stefan Chanas installed as pastor in NYC

On the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time, Sunday, October 9, 2022, the Slovak community came together for the Installation Mass of Fr. Stefan Chanas as Pastor of the united parish of St. John Nepomucene / St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in York City. The installation Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Edmund Whalen, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of New York and took place at the beautiful church of St. John Nepomucene on 66th Street and 1st Avenue. The parish dates back to 1895 and was founded by Slovak immigrants. Fr. Stefan Chanas, a native Slovak born in Kosice, Slovakia came to St. John Nepomucene in August 2003 and served as parochial vicar until August 2016. In July 2021 he was appointed administrator of the St. John Nepomucene / St. Frances Xavier Cabrini parish and in July 2022 the pastor. In attendance were members of Branch 45, 716, and 746 including fellow brother priests. The installation ceremony was complimented by Fr. Stefan's 50th birthday celebration. Branch 716 members were actively involved in organizing the celebration including catering for 150+ people.

Congratulations to Fr. Stefan – may the Lord bless you and keep you, fill your life with His joy and sustain you by His grace! If you wish to view the full installation mass, please go to: <https://www.facebook.com/luxn-ewyork.net/> and view in archives – Mass from Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Submitted by: Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



Most Reverend Edmund Whalen with the new pastor, Fr. Stefan Chanas and Branch 45 – Korcak and Gurega families. Pictured here is also the Consul General of the Slovak Republic Milan Vrbovsky with his son.



Left to right: Dr. Andrea Mlynarova, Fr. Stefan Chanas, Sabina Sabados (Region 1 Director, Branch 746), Daniel Tanzone (Branch 45), Marek Soltis, Nina Holy (Branch 716), Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Michal Mlynar, Jane Konzelmann (Branch 716), and Fr. Martin Kertys.



Branch 746 members from Linden with Fr. Stefan and Bishop Whalen



Branch 746 members: Fr. Vladimir Chripko (Provost of NY Oratory St. Filip Neri), Sabina Sabados (Region 1 Director), Fr. Dusan Nemec, Katarina Novakova Grubb, and Fr. Roman Palecko.



Branch 45 members



Branch 716 members

Officers for the St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181 were re-elected to serve for 2022-23.



From left: Vice President Edward Mizikar, Recording Secretary Vicki Hricik, President Darlene Patty, Treasurer-Financial Secretary Richard Mizikar.

Officers for the St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181 were re-elected to serve for 2022-23.

Submitted by Vicki Hricik



The pig arrives in all its glory!

Pat Froncek, Vicki Schaub and Karen Greggs begin to prepare the roasted pig.



Sharon Ciocca and Kathy Froncek enjoy a game of corn hole

Jack and the Tady Bears played polkas for everyone's enjoyment.



District 11 Hosted its First Annual Pig Roast and Polka Party

On September 25, District 11 held its first annual pig roast and polka party at the Pony Farm and Gun club in Kittanning PA from 1-6 pm. Over 70 members and their guests enjoyed pork, stuffing, corn on the cob, rolls (all provided by District 11) and a variety of pot luck dishes and desserts brought by members and guests. Members enjoyed playing bingo and won prizes. There were outside games to play, some enjoyed playing corn hole.

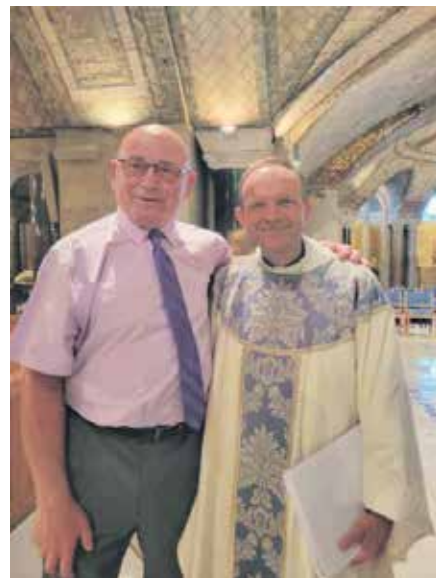
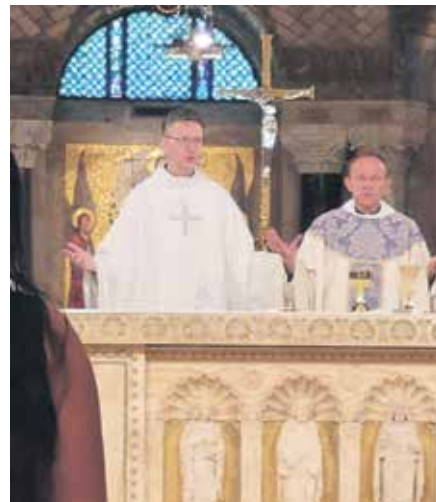
The weather was warm and dry, the accommodations were spacious and allowed for dancing to the famous Jack and the Tady Bears Polka band, who played from 2-6 pm. Jack and his band have played for the District before; they play a great selection of polkas. Everyone had a great time, and it offered an opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. District 11 would like to thank all those who attended and brought a covered dish. A great day of fun and fraternalism was had by all! The District plans to hold another picnic next year.

Submitted by Karen Greggs, Recording Secretary, District 11

Among others, NJ Branch 746 Members Attend 57th Annual Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Slovaks from various Slovak parishes including Linden, Clifton, Trenton and New York City gathered on September 17, 2022, for the annual Holy Mass to give thanks to Slovakia's Patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows. Branch 746 members Mr. and Mrs. Viliam and Milka Chome and Mr. and Mrs. Dusan and Viera Kolesar were among those attending. Thank you to Branch 856 for organizing the beautiful mass in Slovak and keeping this very important tradition alive.

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



Boy Scouts of America

Report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

On June 7, 2022, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) were welcomed to attend summer 2022 opening session of the Pennsylvania Senate. Scouts across the Commonwealth attended.

The Senate was brought to order with prayer by guest chaplain Bruce Higginbotham (Troop 1313 Chaplain, Branch 320). Then the state of BSA report was read to the body of the Senate. This Commonwealth required report was accepted by Senator Bartolotta (Senate District 46) and confirmed by the Senate body. The Senate also recognized the newest PA Eagle Scouts for their accomplishments. Local scout, Cole Marucci, from the Laurel Highlands Council (Charleroi, PA) was recognized. (<https://lhscouting.org/>)

The day continued with tours of the Capitol Building Complex including both PA House of Representatives and PA Senate. Senator Bartolotta and Senator Devlin (Senate District 37) held a "meet and greet" for Troop 1313 so they could see the interworking of state government during budget season. Former Representative DeWeese (PA House District 50) called in with words of wisdom for the scouts. Senator Devin (Eagle Scout, Gulf War Veteran) was very supportive of the path of this group of young people.

Troop 1313 concluded their day with a tour of Democratic Information Technology (DIT) by Joseph Tarquinio (Vice President, District 12). Special Thanks to DIT for a rarely seen restricted area tour. Troop 1313 was treated to a private dinner in Harrisburg, PA to celebrate the day.



Welcome to Pennsylvania Capitol Complex, Harrisburg, PA



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Senate Floor

Senator Bartolotta (PA Senate District 46)



Lunch with Senator Bartolotti (PA Senate District 46) and Senator Divlen (PA Senate District 37) (left to right) Frances Tarquinio (Secretary Branch 320), Robert Higginbotham (Branch 320), Sen Bartolotti, Mary Anne Higginbotham (President, Branch 320), Joseph Tarquinio (Vice-President, Branch 320), Bruce Higginbotham (BSA #1313, Branch 320)



Welcome to the Capitol Complex opening event: www.tinyurl.com/4kvh3xhw. PA Senate, Opening prayer (Bruce Higginbotham – BSA 1313 – Branch 320): www.tinyurl.com/yfd69u8a. Video Tours of the Capitol can be viewed on the following: <http://www.pa-capitol.com/video-tours/>

PA House of Representatives (on the web): <https://pahouse.com/>
PA Senate (on the web): <https://www.pasen.gov/>

Submitted by: Joseph Tarquinio (Vice-President, Branch 320)



Jednota Branch members including Henrietta H. Daitova, Jan Škrkon, Štefan Chanas and Fr. Martin Kertys

Branch 716 Summer Event

On July 3, 2022, Jednota members of Branch 716 celebrated the 4th of July weekend as well as the 54th marriage anniversary of members Andrej and Serafina Šulak. Lunch was prepared by the members under St. Nepomucene church and were accompanied by Fr. Štefan for the event. On behalf of all members, we wish Andrej and Serafina warm wishes and to many more wonderful years together.

In addition to the celebrations, the members gathered to congratulate Fr. Štefan who has been appointed to our parish at St. Nepomucene/St. Francis Xavier Cabrini beginning July 1, 2022. May God guide and protect him through his pastoral work towards our parish and Slovak community.

On September 11, 2022, Branch 716 President Jan Škrkon celebrated his birthday with parishioners of St. Nepomucene church and Jednota members. Jan Škrkon prepared a traditional segedisnky gulas for everyone attending. We wish him health and happiness, and many thanks to all the work he has done for our Branch.

Submitted by Emily Lysaková, Secretary



Štefan Chanas with Jednota member Andrej Šulak



Štefan Chanas with Jednota members Andrej & Serafina Šulak

District 8 Officers

District 8 held its election of officers on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Our National Chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, swore in the officers.



From left to right: Rev. Thomas A. Nasta (District Chaplain); Katherine Nowatkoski (President); Steve Roman (Auditor) (seated); Jo Austin (Recording Secretary); Karen Sterling (Vice President); Monica Fabian (Treasury Secretary); Steve Engle (Auditor)]

News From Slovakia

AP: Slovenské voľby potvrdili status quo, voliči nepotrestali Hegera



Foto: TASR - František Iván

Bratislava 30. októbra (TASR) - Výsledky župných a komunálnych volieb na Slovensku potvrdili status quo, uviedla v nedeľu agentúra AP. Voliči podľa nej nevyužili sobotňajšie hlasovanie k tomu, aby potrestali koalíčnú vládu premiéra Eduarda Hegera za vysokú infláciu vyvolanú rastúcimi cenami energií.

AP zdôraznila skutočnosť, že svoje posty obhájilo šesť z doterajších ôsmich županov. Jeden z dvoch nových šéfov krajov (nezávislý kandidát Ondrej Lunter v Banskobystrickom kraji) je pritom synom doterajšieho župana, zatiaľ čo druhý (Branislav Becík v Nitrianskom kraji) bol podporený jednou z opozičných aj koalíčných strán (Hlas-SD, Sme rodina).

Podľa americkej tlačovej agentúry AP to naznačuje, že slovenskí voliči pri odovzdávaní hlasov v sobotňajších župných voľbách "uprednostnili stabilitu pred zmenou". AP tiež akcentovala skutočnosť, že príliš neuspeli ani kandidáti krajnej pravice.

Trend kontinuity bol podľa AP badateľný aj v komunálnych voľbách, keď došlo k výmene na poste primátora len v jednom z ôsmich najväčších slovenských miest (v Prešove zvíťazil František Olha), kde však doterajšia šéfká magistrátu (Andrea Turčanová) nekandidovala.

Celkovo najviac starostovských postov po celom Slovensku získali nezávislí kandidáti, sumarizuje AP.

Agentúra si v súvislosti s voľbami všimla aj vyjadrenie slovenskej prezidentky Zuzany Čaputovej, podľa ktorej výsledky volieb dokazujú, že voliči vo väčšine prípadov odmietli extrémizmus a populizmus a vybrali si skúsených, demokratických kandidátov.

Associated Press: Slovak elections confirm the status quo, voters did not punish Heger

Bratislava, October 30 (TASR) - The results of the county and municipal elections in Slovakia have confirmed the status quo, the AP news agency reported on Sunday. It said voters did not use Saturday's vote to punish Prime Minister Eduard Heger's coalition government for high inflation triggered by rising energy prices.

The AP highlighted the fact that six of the previous eight mayors defended their posts. One of the two new heads of the regions (independent candidate Ondrej Lunter in the Banská Bystrica region) is the son of the incumbent mayor, while the other (Branislav Becík in the Nitra region) was supported by one of the opposition and coalition parties (Hlas-SD, Sme rodina).

According to the US news agency AP, this suggests that Slovak voters "preferred stability over change" when casting their ballots in Saturday's county elections. The AP also highlighted the fact that the candidates of the far right did not succeed much either.

According to the AP, the trend of continuity was also noticeable in the municipal elections, when there was a change in the post of mayor in only one of the eight largest Slovak cities (František Olha won in Prešov), where the current head of the municipality (Andrea Turčanová) did not run.

Overall, independent candidates won the most mayoral posts across Slovakia, AP summarizes.

The agency also noted a statement by Slovak President Zuzana Čaputová, who said the election results showed that voters in most cases rejected extremism and populism and chose experienced, democratic candidates.

Takmer 75 % občanov Sliacha bolo v referende proti americkej základni

Sliac 30. októbra (TASR) - Väčšina hlasujúcich v sobotňajšom (29. 10.) referende v meste Sliac bola proti zriadeniu americkej vojenskej základne na jeho území. Z 1513 voličov, ktorí sa na referende zúčastnili, takto hlasovalo 1127 občanov, čo je takmer 75 percent všetkých zúčastnených voličov.

Možnosť hlasovať o otázke "Súhlasím s tým, aby mestské zastupiteľstvo mesta Sliac podniklo všetky zákonné opatrenia k tomu, aby zabránilo umiestneniu vojenskej základne Spojených štátov amerických v akejkoľvek forme na území letiska Sliac a v jeho okolí?" malo v tomto meste 4082 oprávnených voličov.

Minister obrany Jaroslav Naď už v októbri obvinil mestské úrady zo šírenia poplašnej správy a tvrdil, že na letisku Sliac nie sú žiadni americkí vojaci a ani sa neplánuje zriadiť americkú vojenskú základňu. "To znamená, že usporiadanie referenda o tom, či tam má alebo nemá byť americká vojenská základňa, je podobné ako usporiadanie referenda o tom, či by tam mala byť základňa UFO," povedal Naď novinárom.



Na snímke sú voliči a členovia volebnej komisie vo volebnej miestnosti v Sliachi v okrese Zvolen 29. októbra 2022. In the photo are members of the electorate and the electoral commission at a polling station in Sliac in the Zvolen district on 29 October 2022. Photo: TASR - Ján Krošlák

Nearly 75% of the Citizens of Sliac were against an American base in the Referendum

Sliac, October 30 (TASR) - The majority of voters taking part in Saturday's (October 29) referendum in the town of Sliac (Banská Bystrica region) were against the establishment of a US military base in or near their town. Out of 1,513 voters who participated in the referendum, 1,127 or 75 percent rejected the prospect of a US military base in Sliac.

The question put up to a vote read: "Do you agree that Sliac Town Council should take every legal measure to prevent the placement of a military base of the United States of America in any way, shape or form at the Sliac Airport and its vicinity?"

Earlier in October, Defense Minister Jaroslav Naď accused the town authorities of scaremongering, claiming that there were no American soldiers at the Sliac Airport present and no plans to establish the US military base, either. "This means that holding a referendum on whether or not the US military base should be there is akin to holding a referendum on whether or not a UFO base should be there," Naď told the journalists.

Na Námestí SNP v Bratislave ľudia protestovali proti chudobe

Bratislava 8. októbra (TASR) - Niekoľko tisíc ľudí sa v sobotu zišlo na Námestí SNP v Bratislave na proteste proti chudobe.

Zhromaždenie zorganizovala Konfederácia odborových zväzov (KOZ) SR. Vládu a parlament vyzývajú, aby bezodkladne prijala opatrenia a kroky na riešenie energetickej a inflačnej krízy, poklesu životnej úrovne obyvateľov i stabilizáciu hospodárstva. Adresná pomoc občanom, samosprávam, podnikom je podľa nich nedostatočná, pripomínajú lepšiu pomoc v iných krajinách.

"Máme tu nový typ pandémie, pandemiou chudoby. Každý deň nečinnosti vlády a parlamentu má následky," odkazujú protestujúci, hovoriac o hrozbe vzniku "hladových dolín" a "krachu" regiónov. Spomína sa frustrácia i beznádej občanov. Pre zhoršujúcu sa sociálnu a ekonomickú situáciu majú ľudia obavy z blízkej budúcnosti. "Slovenský občan - žobrák Európy," hlása jeden z transparentov.

Vládu SR vyzývajú, aby urýchlene riešila súčasnú kritickú situáciu v SR. Žiadajú od nej predstavenie opatrení na "skrotenie" inflácie a zmiernenie jej negatívnych dosahov na život obyvateľov Slovenska. Požadujú tiež od vlády, aby zrozumiteľne prezentovala, čo čaká v najbližších mesiacoch v súvislosti s cenami energií domácnosti, firmy i verejné inštitúcie. Odborári zároveň apelujú na okamžité riešenia. V neposlednom rade žiadajú prijatie štátneho rozpočtu na budúci rok, v ktorom sa zohľadnia záväzky plynúce z prijatých kolektívnych zmlúv vyššieho stupňa. Zabúdať by sa podľa nich nemalo ani na seniorov.

People Protested against Poverty at SNP Square in Bratislava

Bratislava, October 8 (TASR) - Several thousand people gathered at SNP Square in Bratislava to protest against poverty.

The gathering was organized by the Trade Union Confederation (KOZ). They called on the Government and Parliament to immediately take measures and steps to address the energy and inflation crisis, the decline in the living standards of the population and the stabilization of the economy. They maintained that targeted aid to citizens, municipalities, and businesses is insufficient, pointing to better assistance in other countries.

"We have a new type of pandemic here, a pandemic of poverty. Every day of inaction by the Government and Parliament has consequences," said the protesters, stressing the threat of "hunger valleys" and a "collapse" of regions. They drew attention to the frustration and hopelessness of people. Due to the deteriorating social and economic situation, people are worried about the near future. "The Slovak citizen - a European beggar," proclaimed one of the banners.

They called on the Slovak Government to urgently deal with the current critical situation in Slovakia, asking it to introduce measures to "tame" inflation and mitigate its negative impact on the lives of the people in Slovakia. They also require the Government to clearly say what households, companies and public institutions can expect in the coming months in relation to energy prices. The trade unionists also demanded the adoption of the state budget for next year, which will take into account the obligations arising from the adopted higher-level collective agreements. According to them, senior citizens should not be forgotten either.

FCSU 2022 Christmas Coloring Contest

A



B



C



PRIZES

Winners in each Region and age group will receive the following:

- 1st Place – \$25.00
- 2nd Place - \$15.00
- 3rd Place - \$10.00

RULES

1. Each age group is assigned a certain picture:
 4 – 6 year olds – picture A
 7 – 9 year olds – picture B
 10 – 12 year olds – picture C
2. Enlarged reproductions of picture A, B, or C will be disqualified.
3. Pictures may be reproduced for families with more than one child in a particular age group.
4. Children **MUST** be members in good standing of the FCSU in order to be eligible for prizes.
5. **Entries without a branch number filled in will be disqualified.**
6. Your child's completed entry form & colored picture must be postmarked by **December 31, 2022.**
7. Mail to:
 Fraternal Activities Director
 Joanne Fibbi
 1741 Hempstead Ln
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Certificate Number: _____

Branch Number: _____ (MUST be filled in)

Street Address: _____

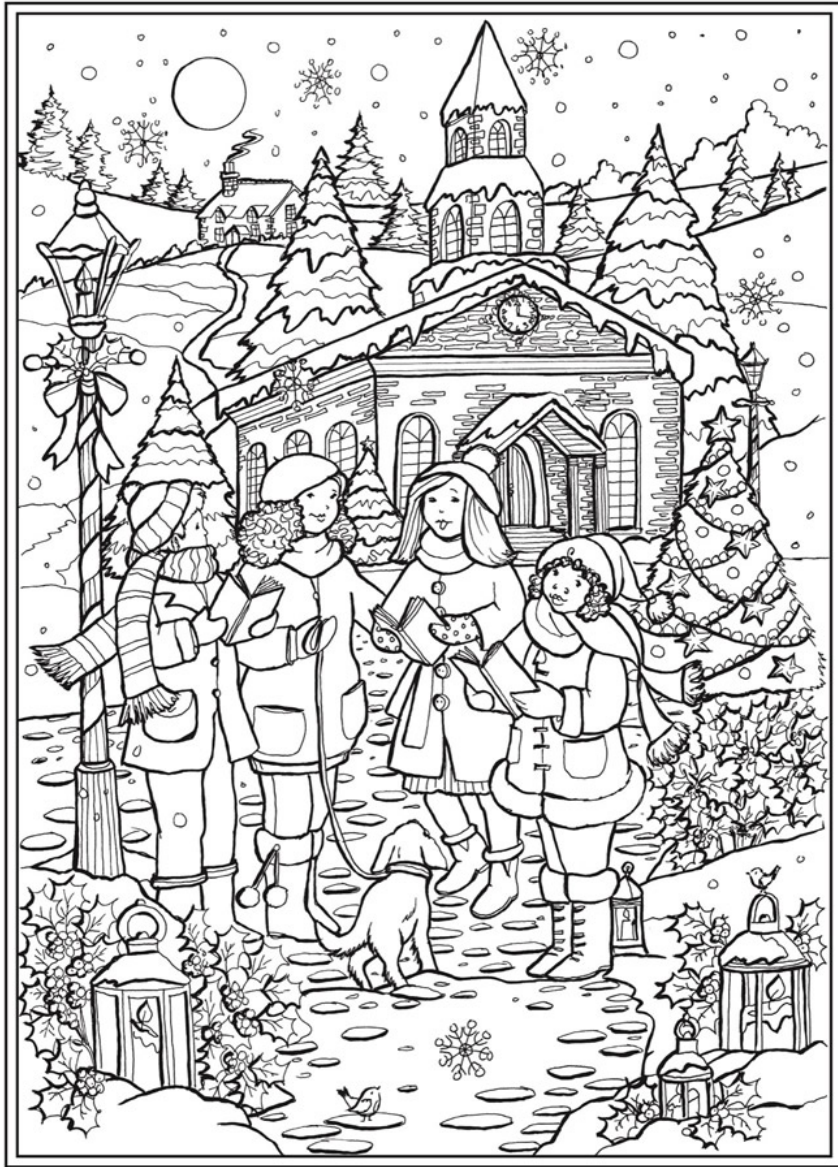
City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Christmas Coloring Contest

Color the image below and submit according to instructional



RULES

1. This contest is for all those Young At Heart Members: **You must be 55+ to enter**
2. Enlarged reproductions of the picture will be disqualified.
3. You **MUST** be a member in good standing of the FCSU in order to be eligible for a prize.
4. **Entries without a branch number filled in will be disqualified.**
5. Your completed entry form with colored picture must be postmarked by **December 31, 2022**
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Please submit this form with your entry by December 31, 2022. Please print legibly

Name: _____	Age: _____
Certificate Number: _____	Branch Number: _____ (MUST be filled in)
Street Address: _____	
City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Email Address: _____	

PRIZES

- 1st Place –\$50
- 2nd Place –\$35
- 3rd Place –\$25

2nd FCSU Gingerbread House Contest 2022 Back by Popular Demand...



Hot cocoa in your Hand or maybe eggnog

Cold crisp air on your noseor warm sunshine

Let's get ready for the Christmas Holiday!

What would be more fun than to build a gingerbread house - by yourself, or with your family, or maybe with other members at your FCSU Holiday Party?

So Merry Christmas and welcome to our 2nd FCSU Gingerbread House Contest.

3. Entry must consist of all these elements to qualify: name, address, and branch number of each/all participant(s) along with a photo of participant(s) with your gingerbread creation, and a copy of the Jednota newspaper in the photo.
4. You may build and decorate your gingerbread house or village any way you choose.
5. However, the gingerbread house and village etc. must be made out of entirely edible food. If not, the entry will be disqualified.
6. There are two divisions to enter: individual and group (see details below).
7. Deadline to enter is Saturday December 31st, Midnight EST.

INDIVIDUAL DIVISION DETAILS:

- ❖ Members Only!
- ❖ 1 entry per member
- ❖ 1 Gingerbread House per entry
- ❖ Build your Gingerbread House and decorate it anyway you prefer. Have fun; be creative!
- ❖ Review rule number 5!

GROUP DIVISION DETAILS:

- ❖ Members Only!
- ❖ You must have at least 2 houses to qualify in this division; the houses can be built and decorated anyway you prefer. Consider building a Village or Town, perhaps honoring your home town or ancestral village.
- ❖ Review rule number 5!

PRIZE LEVELS (Individual & Group):

- ❖ FIRST PRIZE – \$250
- ❖ SECOND PRIZE – \$150
- ❖ THIRD PRIZE - \$100

HAVE FUN! BE CREATIVE!

CONTEST RULES:

1. You enter by emailing a digital picture of each participant with your gingerbread creation (making sure the photo includes a recent copy of the Jednota Newspaper) to contest@fcsu.com
2. You must be a member to enter. You must include your name, address, email address and branch number in the body of the email with your digital photo.



Sponsored by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey, the Slovak Institute and the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club

Slovenská Viliya
Slovak Christmas Eve Supper
 Sunday, December 4, 2022

12:00PM (Noon) Mass with Dinner Following
Abbey Church and Benedictine High School

Tickets to this event are advance sales only
 Tickets **WILL NOT** be available at the door
\$25 for full meal

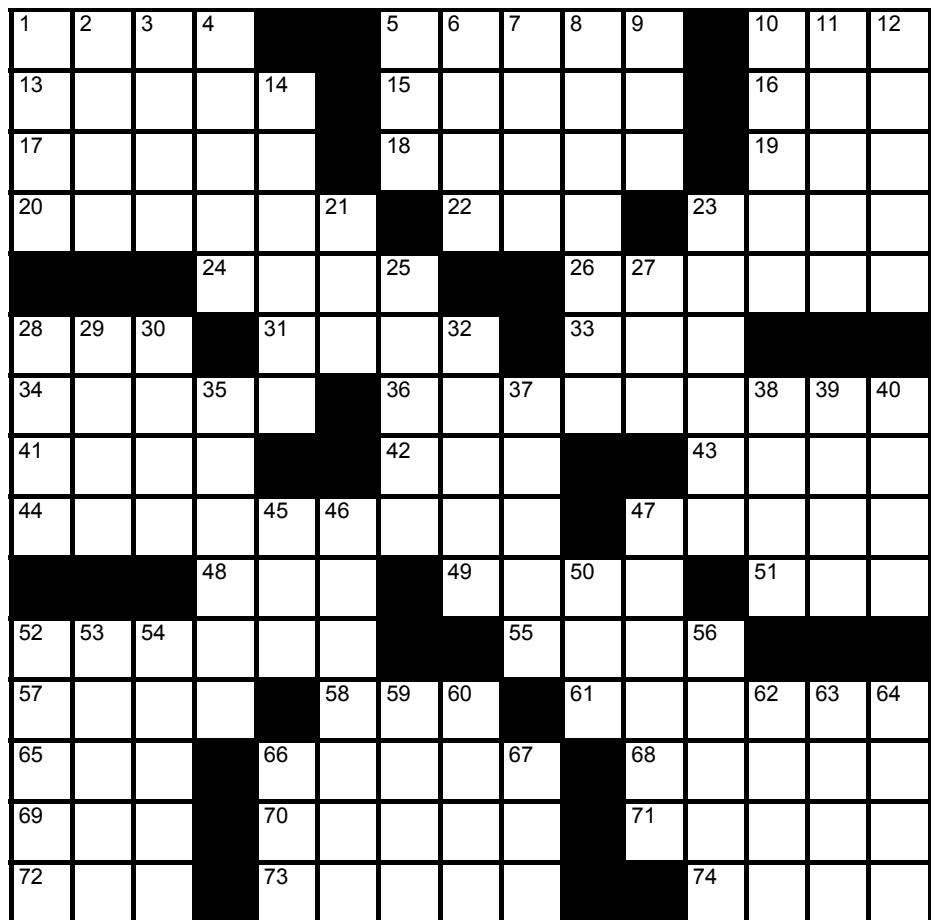
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Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Wildebeests
- 5 Judicious
- 10 Stripling
- 13 Fine thread
- 15 Swelling
- 16 Flowery verse
- 17 Mountaineer's tool
- 18 Go with the flow
- 19 Thorax protector
- 20 German howitzer, Big ___
- 22 Good name for a lawyer?
- 23 Losing proposition?
- 24 ___ souci
- 26 Kind of monkey
- 28 "Platoon" setting
- 31 Flimsy, as an excuse
- 33 Clumsy sort
- 34 Cast out
- 36 Kind of trip
- 41 Sacred Hindu writings
- 42 Young fox
- 43 Lion's den
- 44 Cosmetics queen Arden
- 47 Pigeon's perch
- 48 ___ Jima
- 49 Dynamic start
- 51 Like a wallflower
- 52 By word of mouth
- 55 Gallop
- 57 Pietà figure
- 58 Engine part
- 61 Fashionable
- 65 List abbr.
- 66 Navajo home
- 68 Renter's paper

- 69 "Holy cow!"
- 70 Places in the heart
- 71 Île de la Cité locale
- 72 Append
- 73 Kind of pad
- 74 Winter toy

- 39 Topsy
- 40 Deuce topper
- 45 Saddler's tool
- 46 Protest type
- 47 Townsfolk
- 50 Gnarly
- 52 Alpha's opposite
- 53 Valued
- 54 Like a rainbow
- 56 Foil relatives
- 59 Taj Mahal city
- 60 Mangle
- 62 Bucket
- 63 Feudal worker
- 64 Rustic pipe
- 66 Experiences
- 67 Kindergarten break

Down

- 1 Smooth-tongued
- 2 Not naughty
- 3 Manipulator
- 4 Crib parts
- 5 Mermaid's home
- 6 Chances
- 7 Sweetheart
- 8 Kind of penguin
- 9 Backstabber
- 10 Large-eyed lemur
- 11 French farewell
- 12 Liabilities
- 14 Terry McMillan's "Waiting to ___"
- 21 Carrier to Tokyo
- 23 Desecrate
- 25 Fire sign
- 27 ___ Solo of "Star Wars"
- 28 "Scream" star Campbell
- 29 Skater's jump
- 30 Calf-length skirt
- 32 Madonna title role
- 35 Idly
- 37 Old anesthetic
- 38 Gallivants

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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

The Traditions of Advent

November 27 marks the beginning of Advent, a time of anticipation for the coming of Christ. Many wonderful traditions practiced throughout the world offer a glimpse of the varied ways we can awaken this spirit of anticipation within ourselves, our families, and our communities.

Saint Francis of Assisi initiated what has become one of Advent's most well-known traditions: the Nativity scene. After a visit to the Holy Land, Francis returned to Italy determined to recreate the humble scene of Christ's birth, so he requested and received permission from Pope Honorius III to stage a live Nativity in a cave near the village of Greccio. Nativity scenes soon became a hallmark of Italian homes during Advent and today are one of the most universal ways people around the world prepare for Christmas.

In Poland, an old tradition is kept alive throughout Advent with the daily Roraty Mass, which begins in darkness, before sunrise, with worshippers carrying torches and lanterns. It ends after sunrise, with the light of day symbolizing Christ's birth. Fasting, a common practice worldwide, is the predominant Advent commitment in India; and in Mexico, children take part in a procession called posada, in which they carry candles through the streets, with celebrations, songs, and bible stories, reenacting Joseph and Mary's search for a place to stay in preparation for Christ's birth.

It's helpful to recognize that many of the traditions we practice today have roots dating back centuries, and that much of our preparation for Christmas is about how we engage in these traditions. We're all familiar with criticisms of Christmas becoming overly commercialized, but gift-giving can be a great way to celebrate Christ's birth provided we don't allow ourselves to be distracted by materialism. Gift-giving has a long tradition at Christmas, and the time we spend during Advent making or trying to find that perfect gift for someone we love can be a perfect way to honor Christ. What's important is to engage in the right spirit by focusing on the giving side of things, without expectation of anything in return.

The great short story writer O. Henry captured the beauty of gift-giving at Christmastime in The Gift of the Magi, a story in which a young couple, who have recently been married and are poor except for the love they have for each other, secretly sell their most treasured possessions to buy gifts for each other. The ironic twist at the end of the story, when their gifts are rendered useless in the absence of the treasures they've sold, merely highlights the true gift at the heart of their relationship – the selfless love they have for one another.

This story demonstrates the deeper meaning at the heart of the gift-giving that so often preoccupies our minds during Advent. It's the kind of meaning we can have in all our preparations for Christmas. So, let's embrace the wonderful traditions of Advent, such as decorating our homes, even decorating in simple ways, such as a wreath on the front door. It's a time to set out our nativity scene and enjoy the daily anticipation of an Advent calendar. In all of this, let's remember to sanctify the way in which we partake of these traditions, by connecting them in our minds and hearts to their original purpose to awaken a sense of wonder in this time of year. In this way, we will truly prepare ourselves in this Advent season to be transformed by our anticipation for the coming of Christ.

See Solution on Page 23

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – LAKEWOOD, OHIO

The next meeting of the Saint Joseph Society will be held on November 20, 2022, at 1:00 pm. This will be our annual Christmas party and the election of officers meeting.

Those interested in attending, please contact Rochelle Popovich at 216-789-6390 by November 1, 2022.

Social distancing will be observed so we need to know in advance if you will be attending. All members are welcome to attend.

**Submitted by Barbara J. Golias,
Secretary**

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Michael's Branch 2 will hold our Annual meeting on Monday November 14, at 7 pm at the Eat N Park on Ohio River Blvd., rte. 65. In Bellevue Pa. Please plan to attend as we will be holding election of officers and discuss upcoming events. Please RSVP to Joanne at 412-715-5577.

Submitted by Joanne Roithner

BRANCH 3 – HAZLETON, PA

The 2022 Annual meeting of St. Joseph Society, Br. 003P, will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday December 11, 2022, in the church basement of Saint Joseph Church of the parish of Saint Cyril and Methodius at 604 N. Laurel Street in Hazleton PA. Election of officers for 2023 will be conducted as well as addressing any other matters that will be brought up concerning our branch. Please plan to attend and extend this invitation to any branch members you may contact in your travels.

**Submitted by Mike Koval, Financial
Secretary**

BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Stephen's Society, Branch 06K, will hold its Annual Meeting and Elections of Officers for 2023 on December 17, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at Deangelos Vault Restaurant, 202 E. Main St., Streator, IL.

The meeting will include a report from the delegates who attended the 52nd Quadrennial Convention in Independence, Ohio on July 30-August 2, 2022. Any member in good standing may attend the meeting by calling Paul Chismar (815) 822-8851.

**Submitted by Paul Chismar,
Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 9:00 A. M. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Hall, 52 Parish St., Ramey, PA 16671. Election of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

**Submitted by Joseph C. Cervenak,
President**

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

St. Andrew Svorad Society, Branch 24, will have a meeting on Sunday November 20, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the Walton Hills Village Hall, 7595 Walton Rd, Walton Hills, Ohio (corner of Alexander and Walton Rds, the parking lot is off of Alexander Road).

The agenda will include election of branch officers. Lunch will be served. Please advise Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Tom Ivanec at (440) 668-7797 if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Branch 24 is also providing special members only pricing for the St. Andrew Abbey Vilija Dinner on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Benedictine High School in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch 24 members may purchase a Vilija dinner at the special discounted price of \$5. This discounted ticket is for Branch 24 members only. It is non-transferable and may not be used for carryout orders. The regular cost per dinner is \$25 and may be purchased at this price for non-members. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Tom Ivanec, Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director, at 440-668-7797. Please make checks payable to Branch 24. The deadline to order your meals from Branch 24 (for members and non-members) is Monday, November 14, 2022.

Submitted by Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 - BRADDOCK, PA

St Michaels, Branch 35 will hold its annual meeting via Zoom on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. The agenda will include officers' reports and the election of officers for the upcoming year. Branch members who are interested in attending the meeting are asked to call Janet Sullivan at (412) 824-4185.

**Submitted by Janet Sullivan,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 45 - NEW YORK CITY, NY

The St. Matthew's the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM after the Slovak mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and 1th Avenue, New York City. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

**Submitted by Maria Jurasi,
Financial Secretary**

SPOLOK SV. MATÚŠA Č. 45 - NEW YORK CITY, NY

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že sa uskutoční schôdza sv. Matúša č. 45 1KSJ v New Yorku po slovenskej svätej omši v nedeľu 22. januára, 2023 o 13:00 hodine v osadnej hale slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na Prvej Avenue a 66-tej ulici. Láskaovo žiadame našich členov o aktívnu účasť na tejto schôdži.

**Predložila Mária Jurášiová -
pokladníčka**

BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NY

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. after the Slovak mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and 1st Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, election of officers, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

**Submitted by Maria Jurasi,
Financial Secretary**

ROČNA SCHÔDZA SV. MATÚŠA ČÍSLO 45 1KSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 1KSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 4. decembra 2022 o

13:00 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančnej správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie potom budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie. Úctivo Vás žiadame, o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdži. Ďakujem s pozdravom.

**Predložila Maria Jurasi,
finančná tajomníčka**

BRANCH 55 – PHILADELPHIA, PA

Please note that the Officers of Saint Joseph Society will host our Annual Branch Meeting for 2022 virtually, on Sunday, January 8, 2023, to begin at 2:00 PM. Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, Wesley Hall is not available to us; the Branch Officers decided to hold our Annual Meeting on ZOOM. Unfortunately, we will have to forego our treasured traditional Vilija and Christmas Party for 2022, although we encourage every member to celebrate it in their homes. You can check the Jednota December Issue for a Vilija Menu and Recipe.

The agenda will include the reading of all Officer Reports; Reports from those who attended the Jednota Picnic at Knoebles Grove Park, in Elysburg, PA; the Celebration Dinner held in Ohio before the 52nd Quadrennial Convention; and the Festival at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. We will also hold the Election of Officers for 2023, and the Election of Delegates to the District 8 Spring Semi-Annual Meeting. Discussions will be held on Branch Business, Charitable Donations, review of the 2022 Activities, and plans for 2023.

After reading President Rajec's report and his reminder that we are losing more and more Slovak Churches throughout the country, we realized how fortunate we are here in Philadelphia to have a Slovak Church, and that we should make every effort to encourage our members to attend St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church. Therefore, please see our Special Invitation.

For information and to RSVP your attendance on January 8, 2023, please e-mail John Gaydos, john@johngaydos.com, to request the ZOOM Invitation Link. For any other questions you may call or text President Erik Payne's Cell Phone, (215) 280-1554, or call Helena Gaydos at (215) 613-8987.

May everyone enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving Day, and a Most Blessed Christmas Season with the Blessings of good health and good fortune in the New Year. Veselé Vianoce a Šťastný Nový Rok!

**Submitted by Helena T. Gaydos
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WI

1. Please join us for our Christmas Party on December 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own meal. The cost for guests is \$30.00 per person.

Location: Brisco County Wood Grill
N96W16865 Cumberland Court (Highway 41 North and County Q Exit)
Menomonee Falls, WI

Please call to make your reservation by 11/28/2022. You MUST CONFIRM. Please call Mike Novak, President, Branch 89, at (414) 445-5382.

Please make checks payable to the KNIGHTS OF ST. MARY AND JOSEPH BR 89. Mail checks to Mike Novak, 3237 N. 93rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53222.

2. Please join us for our meeting for The Election of Officers for 2023 and a discussion about donations and activities for 2023. The meeting will take place on Sunday January 29, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own meal. The cost for guests is \$30.00 per person.

Location: Brisco County Wood Grill
N96W16865 Cumberland Court (Highway 41 North and County Q Exit)

Menomonee Falls, WI

Please call to make your reservation by 1/24/2023. You MUST CONFIRM. 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.

**Submitted by Michael Novak, President
Branch 89**

BRANCH 112 – MAHANOEY CITY, PA

Branch 112 will hold an annual meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 1PM. The meeting will be held at Palermo's Restaurant. The agenda will include these: officers reports, a convention report, discussion on donations, new business, and election of officers. If you plan on attending, please call Karen Sterling at 570-640-1796 by December 1, 2022.

**Submitted by Matthew Sterling,
Secretary**

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, BOONTON, NJ

Branch 132 will have its final meeting for the year on 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,
Secretary**

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, IL

Throughout the month of November, we remember our members who have passed on to their eternal reward. Please pray for the following members who died during the past year: Helen Supak, Thomas Ogarek, John Bucz, Ignac Wons, John Pavlik.

**Submitted by Dorothy Jurcenko,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its branch meeting on Sunday, December 4, 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

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Donations Committee will make its recommendations, and Regional Director, James Marmol, will advise us of developments from the home office. Election of officers will take place. Call Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 before November 23rd for reservations for you and your guest to attend the meeting.

**Submitted by Dolores Marmol,
Secretary**

BRANCH 173 – WILKES-BARRE, PA

The Saint John the Baptist Society, Branch 173, located in northeast Pennsylvania, will hold its last meeting of 2022 on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at La Napoli, 427 South Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, PA, starting at 1 pm.

General business and activities of Branch 173 will be discussed, as will the insurance, annuities, and fraternal activities of the FCSU. Election of officers will also take place.

Please make every effort to attend and notify Dorothy Ungvarsky, at (570) 403-2067, so arrangements can be made.

**Submitted by Matthew Ungvarsky,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PA

Branch #199 members and guests will meet at the Westmoreland County Food Bank, 100 Devonshire Drive, Delmont, PA on Monday, November 14, 2022, from 9 AM to 11 AM for a volunteer service project. Your participation is both needed and appreciated as we prepare the food boxes for Thanksgiving distribution for those in our local area in need of food bank services.

Branch #199 members are asked to contact Barb Patula at 724-423-4745 for ticket information for the "Stedry Večer" – A Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner – being held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Christ or Shepherd Center, Greensburg, PA.

**Respectfully submitted by
Barb Patula, Secretary**

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PA

All Branch meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month except June and July at 7:00 p.m. - Nomination of Officers was on Nov. 3rd, and the Election of Officers will be on Dec. 1st.

**Submitted by Vicki Schaub,
Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 213 - PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 213, will hold its semi-annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, 2022. It will take place at 306 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. The meeting may also be accessed via phone. Contact information: weaz1958@aol.com.

The agenda will include: Officer's Reports, Election of officers for 2023, Branch business, and an overview of this year's activities and charitable donations. There will also be discussion regarding any upcoming activities and ways to increase membership.

We will continue to take all precautions regarding Covid, and all safety guidelines will be followed.

Submitted by Anita Nixon, President

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228 will hold their next meeting IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. 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, but they also 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 259 – STRUTHERS, OH

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will hold its Annual Meeting at Donavito's, 139 S. Bridge St., Struthers, Ohio on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 1:00 PM. We will have an election of officers for the coming year 2023, followed by a luncheon-with reservations to be made by calling 330-755-8316.

We would like to extend our wishes for a Holy and Happy Holiday Season to all members.

**Submitted by Beverly Yurcisin,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, Branch 260 will hold a meeting at Belleria Pizza in Struthers, Ohio at 5:00 pm. On the agenda will be discussion of the year's activities and other business. Friday, December 8th, 2023, will be our annual Christmas celebration directly after the meeting. The location and time will be posted at a later date. God Bless!

**Submitted by Carlie M. Peshek,
Vice President**

BRANCH 266, HAZLETON, PA

The 2022 Annual meeting of Saint Peter and Paul Society, Br. 266, will be held on December 11, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the church basement of Saint Joseph Church of the parish of Saint Cyril and Methodius at 604 N. Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Election of officers for 2023 will be held.

**Submitted by Richard Lazar,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PA

The next branch meeting will be held Sunday, November 13 at 1 PM, at Eat & Park Restaurant on Route 30, North Versailles PA, near Walmart and the Great Valley Shopping Center. We will hear reports from the treasurer and financial secretary. We will also discuss district events and the results of the recent national convention. Officers for 2023 will be elected.

The FCSU has expanded its scholarship program. It now includes grades 5-12 as well as college and trade school. Check the Home Page under Membership Benefits/Scholarships for deadlines and eligibility requirements.

**Submitted by Margaret Nasta,
President Branch 276**

BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

1.2022 Vilija: Branch 320 members are invited to attend Vilija in December 2022. Branch #320 members are welcome to call Frances Tarquinio (724.929.9788) for details.

Submitted by Frances Tarquinio Branch Secretary

2. 2022 Breakfast with Santa: Branch 320 members are invited to attend Breakfast with Santa at the American Legion, Post #949. This is an open public event. Branch 320 members are welcome to call Frances Tarquinio (724.929.9788) for details.

**Submitted by Joseph Tarquinio, Branch
Vice-President**

3. 2022 Christmas Pizza Party: Branch 320 members are invited to attend a pizza party at LaEda (Monessen, PA) in December 2022. Please call Frances Tarquinio (724.929.9788) for details.

**Submitted by Mary Anne Higginbotham,
Branch President**

BRANCH 372 - BEAVERDALE, PA

Branch 372 has rescheduled its semi-annual meeting, which will now take place on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Beaverdale, PA.

Please join us in person or by phone. If unable to attend please leave a message on my phone: (814) 533-1826.

**Submitted by Ruth Ann (Kramer) Gerko,
District 7 Secretary**

BRANCH 450 - CLEVELAND, OH

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

The meeting will be held at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, West 54th Street, Parma, OH. 44129.

On the agenda will be officers report, discussion of plans and activities for next year and other business pertaining to the branch.

The election of branch officers will take place at this meeting. We encourage all of our members to attend.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. For more information please call: (440)- 885 - 5702

Submitted by George Carny, President

BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 484J, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, De-

ember 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Eat 'n Park Restaurant, 2301 Rt. 286 South, Indiana, PA. The agenda will include: the election of officers, reports, payment of bills, donations, scholarships, membership, the pandemic, the Ukraine situations, results of the 52nd Convention, and the district meeting that Branch 484 hosted in October, as well as general branch and business issues.

We wish our members, families, and friends a beautiful Fall Season, a Blessed Christmas, and Healthy New Year!

**Submitted by Monica Rura,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

Please Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Wed. 11/16 Mystery Dinner – Lobster Bisque with Shrimp Boat – Served 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Wed. 11/23 Scotch Doubles 6:30 pm

Sun. 11/27 Breakfast Buffet – Served 9:00 – 11:45 am

Sun. 12/4 Annual Vilija Dinner-4:00 pm \$25.00 per person; Call Linda Hanko @330-706-0151 for reservations

Wed. 12/7 All You Can Eat Spaghetti – Served 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Wed. 12/21 Mystery Dinner – Beef Tips and Noodles-Served 4:30-6:30 pm

The Board of Directors wishes you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

**Submitted by Linda M Hanko, Executive
Secretary**

BRANCH 581 - PORTER, IN

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will meet on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 12 noon at the Paragon Restaurant, 1701 E. 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342. Agenda will include elections of officers and results of the Ohio convention. New business will also be discussed. Please RSVP Ann Buczek, 219-947-2793.

Submitted by Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 581 - PORTER, IN

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will meet on Sunday, December 6, 2022, at 12 noon at the Paragon Restaurant, 1701 E. 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342. Agenda will include elections of officers and results of the Ohio convention. New business will also be discussed. Please RSVP Ann Buczek, 219-947-2793.

Submitted by Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 587 - ALIQUIPPA, PA

Branch 587 will hold its annual meeting from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2022, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (Utopia Room). The church is located at 126 Fort Couch Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15241, across the South Hills Village Mall, and be sure to enter on Oxford Drive.

Branch officers for 2023 will be elected and a branch scholarship winner will be announced. The meeting will also review Convention highlights and talk about the Christmas Luncheon. The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 25, 2022.

For questions, contact Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241, tel. (412) 953-4721 or e-mail jfibbi@gmail.com.

Submitted by Joanne Fibbi, President

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

The George Onda District will hold its beautiful annual Štedrý Večer on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at the Christ Our Shepherd Center, Route 30 east, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The festivities begin with Mass at 2 p.m. in the chapel celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Larry J. Kulick, our Chaplain. Following Mass, the "Pittsburgh Slovaks" will present an Advent/Christmas Pageant. Our traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner follows at 4:30 P.M. and the awarding of door prizes. Please plan to attend and preserve our beautiful customs.

Tickets are limited and must be reserved prior to November 23 by calling Vice President Darlene Patty at: 724-493-8712. \$30 age 12 to adult; \$10 age 6 to 11; age 5 and under free.

Submitted by Linda L. Gonta, District Secretary

DISTRICT 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT, MI

The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at SS. Cyril Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, located at 4123 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

Our meeting will begin at 1:15 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:30 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the Agenda will be Officer Reports and New Business which includes 2023 FINANCIAL BUDGET, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2023, and results from the FCSU AUGUST 2022 CONVENTION held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Please notify Robert Kristofik at (PHONE NUMBER) 248-921-7474 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than November 10, so the restaurant can be notified of the number of attendees expected.

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

Submitted by Robert Kristofik, District President

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, PA

The Pittsburgh District congratulates the following members elected to office at the national convention: Brad Matta, Region 5 Director, Joanne Fibbi, National Activities Director, Gary Matta, General Counsel, and Ray Lako, Auditor.

The Pittsburgh District has scheduled the Fall Business meeting at Holy Trinity Hall of St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin PA on Sunday, November 20 at 1 PM. (The Steelers/Bengals game doesn't start until 8 PM.) We will review the convention, discuss business matters, and plan events for the next year. We still need a host branch for the meeting.

Officers for 2023 will be elected at this meeting. The offices of vice president and activities director will be vacant. If you are interested in running for these or any other office, please get in touch with the district president.

The FCSU has expanded its scholarship program. Tuition funding is available for grades 5 through 12, as well as college and trade school. Check the home page under Membership Benefits/Scholarships for forms and eligibility requirements. Contact Joe Senko for information about the 2023 WPSCA scholarship for summer school in Slovakia.

Other announcements of local interest:

- WPSCA: Meets at 7PM first Mondays at the Mount Lebanon Public Library. Consider joining the organization and get their newsletter. November 7: Nativity Sets; December 5: Show & Tell; January 2: To be announced; February 6: Bishop Larry Kulick.

- Slovak classes started again at the Greentree Public Library on Wednesday, September 14. For additional information, contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net.

- NSS Christmas Around the World – Saturday, November 26 – 1-5 PM, animated Bethlehem wood carving, ethnic food, and crafts – free admission

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.

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

DISTRICT 12 - THE MONSIGNOR ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT, PA

The Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District will hold the Annual Meeting at Kings Restaurant at 580 McClelland Rd, Canonsburg, PA on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 1pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, the meeting will also be held via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to all Hlinka District members who attended the March 2022 meeting. Any district member wanting to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom, can contact District Secretary Monica Boone at hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Some topics on the agenda will be the review of the 2022 activities, the annual election of district officers, plus planning the activities for 2023. All Hlinka District members are urged to attend the November meeting.

On December 4, 2022, the Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District will hold a fun event to paint a winter picture in an afternoon. The event is taking place in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. The cost of the event ranges from \$40-\$50. Each person or branch is responsible for their own cost. To attend the event and for more information, please contact the Hlinka

District Secretary Monica Boone at HlinkaDistrictSecretary@gmail.com or 412-341-1577.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Hlinka District Secretary

DISTRICT 14 - REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT, OH, PA

On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. the Annual Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers for 2022 will be held at The Fireplace, 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH 44514.

Christmas Party. District 14, Rev. Joseph Kostik District will be holding and its Annual Christmas Party after a short meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Davidson's Restaurant. 3636 Canfield Rd. in Canfield, OH. The cost is \$27, or \$17 for children 9 and under. Reservations are required and must be paid by December 3, 2022. Contact and mail payments to Sue Carney, 6810 Blue Ridge Dr., Poland, OH 44514, (330-770-6810). Make checks payable to Rev. Joseph Kostik District. Include your Branch number and number of persons attending, and the gender and ages of any children who will be attending. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with all our members.

Submitted by John J. Leskovyansky, Jr., President, 330-559-5981

DISTRICT 15 - AR, CA, KS, MN, OR, WA

The Prince Pribina District will hold its Annual Meeting in Los Angeles on Saturday December 3, 2022.

The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at the Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. The agenda includes: Officer Reports and financial report, the Election of officers for the year 2023, preparation of the Slovak Christmas mass at a new location at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church on 6028 S Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, and planning activities for the year 2023. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate and have their concurrent Annual Meeting. After the meeting lunch will be at the Old Town Placentia restaurant.

The Prince Pribina District will hold a semi-annual Meeting on Saturday October 22, 2012. The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: an up-date on Bylaw changes adopted by 52nd Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland on July 30 – August 2, 2022; a tribute to the deceased Fr. Aloysius Pestun, SDB; activities focused on membership drive. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate.

Okres Princ Pribina bude mať schôdzu v sobotu 3. decembra 2022.

Schôdza začne o 11:00 hod. v Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Na programe je informácia o zmenách Bylaw prijatých na 52-jej convencii v Clevelande 30. Júla - 2. Augusta 2022, udelenie pocty zosnulému otcovi Aloysiusovi Pestunovi, SDB, a orientácia na aktivity zamerané na získanie nových členov. Pozvaní sú členovia všetkých spolkov v okolí.

Submitted by Paul Skuben, President of the Prince Pribina District

DISTRICT 19 - MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT, CANADA

District 19 announces its Annual General Meeting for Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. It will be an in-person meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Mississauga. Lunch to be provided. Any topics for the agenda will be greatly appreciated prior to the meeting.

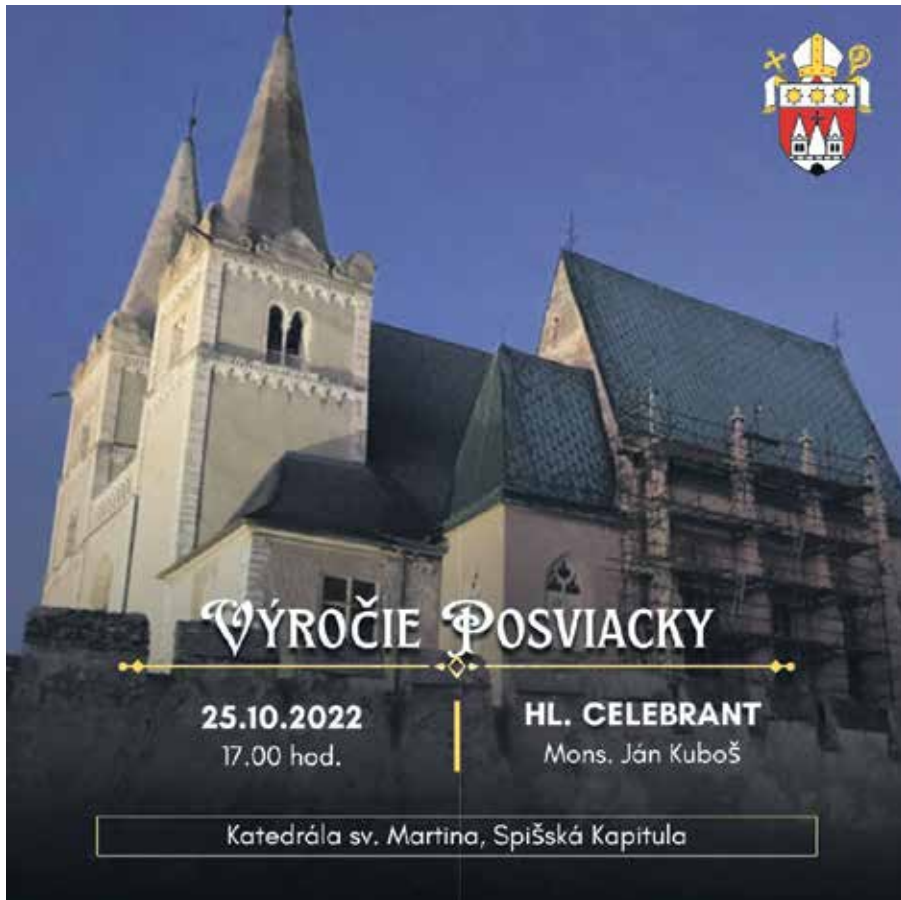
Please RSVP your attendance to Mike Kapitan at 416-621-1534

Submitted by Anne Mitro, Secretary



Branch 320 would like honor all our Veterans this November 11.
Thank You, for your service.

Submitted by: Mary Anne Higginbotham (Branch 320, President)



The Cathedral of St. Martin in Spišská Kapitula Commemorated the Medieval Anniversary of its Consecration on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The Cathedral of St. Martin in Spišská Kapitula, originally a provost's collegiate church, was consecrated on October 25, 1478, after extensive High Gothic reconstruction. The solemn consecration took place in the presence of the chapter of canons and a number of clergy. The temple was consecrated by Ladislav from Široky, the consecrating bishop of Jäger. The memorial document, which has been preserved to this day in the archive fund of the Private Archive of the Spiš Chapter, is kept in the Spiš Archive in Levoča as a deposit of the Spiš Bishopric.

We commemorated this event on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, with a Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m., which was celebrated by the diocesan administrator Mons. Ján Kuboš.

Author: Vladimír Olejník

Katedrála sv. Martina v Spišskej Kapitule, pôvodne prepoštský kolegiálny kostol, bola konsekrovaná 25. októbra 1478 po rozsiahlej vrcholnogotickej prestavbe. Slávnostná konsekrácia sa uskutočnila za prítomnosti kapituly kanonikov a množstva kléru. Chrám konsekroval Ladislav zo Širokého, jágerský svätiaci biskup. Pamätná listina, ktorá sa dodnes zachovala v archívnom fonde Súkromný archív Spišskej kapituly, je uložená v Spišskom archíve v Levoči ako depozit Spišského biskupstva.

Túto udalosť sme si pripomenali v utorok 25.10.2022 svätou omšou o 17.00 hod., ktorú celebraval diecézny administrátor Mons. Ján Kuboš. Autor článku: Vladimír Olejník

The Sign of the Cross in Slovak (Znamenie kríža)

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., editor

Prežehnanie - The Blessing

Znamenie kríža

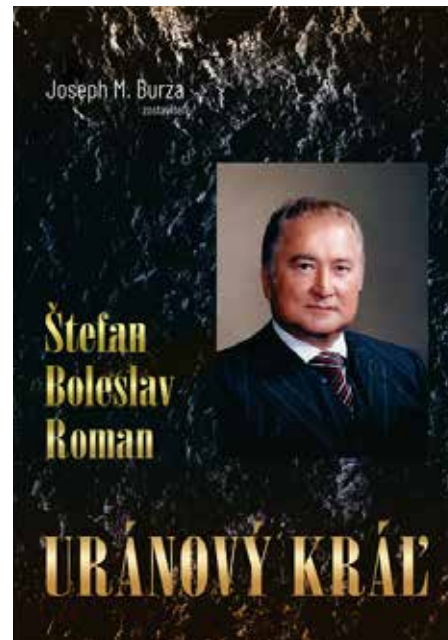
V mene Otca, i Syna, i Duchu Svätého. Amen

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You may listen to the fundamental prayers in Slovak at this website: Znamenie kríža - <http://www.tinyurl.com/ms9d6229>

Since early in the history of Christianity, the faithful have practiced making the sign of the cross. St. Basil the Great (c. 329-379) wrote that the first apostles themselves taught the sign of the cross. The very first references to the sign of the cross noted that it was a long-established custom and they encouraged believers to make it properly. It is a practice that commences most every Catholic religious ceremony and prayers.

This website explains the sign of the cross in English and has Slovak subtitles: Znamenie kríža <https://www.tinyurl.com/32x57rr4>



Reprezentačná kniha o Štefanovi B. Romanovi (A Representative Book about Štefan B. Roman)

Na Slovensku konečne vyšla reprezentačná kniha Uráňový kráľ o najvýznamnejšom podnikateľovi slovenského pôvodu a zakladateľovi Svetového kongresu Slovákov, Štefanovi Boleslavovi Romanovi, tiež k jeho nedožitým 100. narodeninám.

Knihu zostavil Joseph M. Burza, riaditeľ Kanadsko-Slovenskej obchodnej komory v Bratislave a prispelo k nej 35 významných slovenských osobností zo Slovenska aj z Kanady.

Kniha Uráňový kráľ podáva podrobné životopisné údaje nielen o Štefanovi B. Romanovi ale aj o jeho širšej rodine a o jeho podnikateľskom, politickom, náboženskom a spoločenskom vývoji od narodenia 17. apríla 1921 vo Veľkom Ruskove, cez jeho nečakanú a náhlu smrť 23. marca 1988 v Toronte, až po ďalší osud jeho dedičstva dodnes. Túto časť spracoval historik PhDr. Ján Chovanec, PhD. Dozvieme sa v nej veľa fascinujúcich podrobností od jeho detstva na Slovensku, príchodu do Kanady ako 16-ročného chlapca ktorý nevedel po anglicky, cez jeho legendárnu cestu medzi medzinárodne uznávaných priemyselných, hospodárskych, finančných, politických, cirkevných a kultúrnych dejateľov, až po konečné posmrtné uznanie na jeho rodnom Slovensku.

Inž. Marián Naniaš, jadrový inžinier zase spracoval príbeh rastu uránu od jeho úlohy ako nepotrebného odpadu pri ťažení iných kovov a minerálov po jeho rýchly rast ako nenahraditeľný zdroj najprv pre výrobu jadrových zbraní po americkom výskumnom projekte Manhattan, jeho rozmach na výrobu čistej energie v atómových elektrárnach po celom svete, a význam Kanady pre tento vývoj po prvom objave obrovských ložísk uránu, pôvodne ako vedľajšieho produktu v baníctve. Urán sa stal najväčším obchodným úspechom Štefana B. Romana, keď predal za 2 milióny dolárov svoju pôvodnú 10-tisíc dolárovú investíciu pri objavení ropy v oblasti Leduc v Alberte a za túto transakciu kúpil podiel v spoločnosti North Denison Mines ktorá sa neskôr stala najväčšou uránovou baňou na svete.

Dr. Daniel Černý, riaditeľ Slovenského historického ústavu v Ríme zase priblížil Štefana B. Romana ako neobyčajného grékokatolíka ktorého vyvrcholením bolo postavenie katedrály Premenenia pána v Markhame pri Toronte, ktorej základný kameň osobne posvätil pápež Ján Pavol II. Ten bulou Apostolicae Sedis 13. októbra 1980 zriadil eparchiu sv. Cyrila a Metoda pre Slovákov byzantského obradu v Kanade.

Ďalším významným míľnikom Slovákov žijúcich vo svete, ale aj na Slovensku, bolo založenie Svetového kongresu Slovákov 19. až 21. júna 1970 v New Yorku, v ktorom sa prejavil zjednocujúci záujem všetkých Slovákov v túžbe po sebaurčení. V období 1970 až 1987 sa konalo osem Generálnych zhromaždení SKS v metropolách v Spojených štátoch, Kanade a v Európe. SKS významne pôsobilo na pôde Európskeho parlamentu a prednieslo slovenskú otázku na Helsinskej konferencii. Kniha Štefana B. Romana a Eugena Löbla Zodpovedná spoločnosť (The Responsible Society) bola veľmi úspešná a vyšla v preklade v Nemecku, Indii, Brazílii, Japonsku a v mnohých ďalších krajinách.

Podstatnú časť knihy Uráňový kráľ tvoria osobné spomienky a reflexie na Štefana B. Romana od významných osobností slovenského národa, medzi nimi od prezidentov Rudolfa Schustera a Ivana Gašparoviča, Jozefa kardinála Tomku, emeritného biskupa Jána Sokola, prvého veľvyslanca SR v Kanade a spisovateľa Antona Hykyscha, tajomníka SKS Rev. Dušana Tótha, Pavla Dubčeka, Borisa Kollára, Maroša Šefčoviča, Petra Pellegriniho, Františka Mikloška, Eduarda Kukana a iných. Anglický predslov napísal Stephen G. Roman, najstarší syn Štefana B. Romana a predseda predstavenstva firmy Global Atomic Corporation, ktorý pokračuje v otcových šľapajách ako významný podnikateľ v ťažbe zlata, uránu, zinku a iných projektov a ktorý si svoje úspechy pripisuje otcovej filozofii, že „ak chceš mať peniaze aby sa ťa držali, musíš si ich zarobiť sám“.

Táto kniha by nemala chýbať v knižnici žiadneho Slováka s národným cítením, pretože opisuje jednu z najväčších postáv v slovenských dejinách. Štefan B. Roman významne prispel a upravoval pôdu pre samostatnosť Slovenska u najvyšších svetových štátnikov a v medzinárodných organizáciách, bol vizionárom budúcnosti Slovenska a vizionárom svojej grékokatolíckej cirkvi. Táto kniha odstraňuje morálny dlh ktorý má Slovenská republika voči osobe Štefana B. Romana, ako aj činnosti Svetového kongresu Slovákov.

Bohato ilustrovanú reprezentačnú knihu na kriedovom papieri si môžete objednať na internetovej stránke www.kanada.sk/e-shop

Cena je 40 euro, pre objednávateľov z USA 40 USD.

Palo Čarnogurský,
Black Diamond, Alberta

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 628 – WEST HOMESTEAD, PA

The final meeting of the year for Branch 628 will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM at the Penn Hebron Garden Club, 237 Jefferson Road, Penn Hills, PA. Phone: 412-241-9779.

The agenda will include the election of officers for the year 2023 and a summary of events during 2022.

**Submitted by Sylvia J. Vehec,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 670 - DONORA, PA

Branch #670 will hold their Annual Meeting at Kings Restaurant at 580 McClelland Rd, Canonsburg, PA on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 11:30 AM. Some topics on the agenda will be the review of the 2022 Convention and the annual election of Branch officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, the meeting will also be held via Zoom. Any Branch member wanting to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom, can contact branch670secretary@gmail.com for the Zoom link. All Branch #670 members are urged to attend the November meeting.

**Submitted by Maureen Massafra,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 716 - NEW YORK, NY

New York Branch 716 will have its end of the year meeting on Sunday November 20, 2022. The meeting will be held under St. John Nepomucene church after Slovak mass at 1:00 pm. The meeting agenda will discuss old, current, and future Branch activities and business, as well as the election of the new branch officer. Members are highly encouraged to attend.

**Submitted by Emily Lysakova,
Secretary**

BRANCH 721, BANNISTER, MI

Jednota Branch 721 will have their winter meeting on December 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Remenar Home, located at 8977 So. Mason Rd., Bannister, Michigan. Election of officers will be held. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Submitted by Joseph Beno,
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

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 pm.

**Submitted by Jacquelyn Bobby,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 743 – STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 04, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. On the agenda will be Officer's Report, a Convention update, 2022 financial report, approval of the 2023 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2023 Branch Officers will also take place.

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

Sterling Heights, MI.

The annual meeting will follow the Slovak Mass in the Church Social Hall at 1:30. Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

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

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

**Submitted by Victor P. Jiomkowski,
President**

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

Our last meeting of the year will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 12:30 PM at the Garlic Rose Bistro (28 North Avenue West, Cranford, NJ 07016). The agenda will include election of officers and discussion/planning of next year's activities. A Christmas luncheon will follow the meeting (\$50.00 for non-members). Please call or text Mary Ann Ranahan @732-589-1608 by November 23rd if you plan on attending. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry.

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

**Submitted by Mary Kapitan,
Secretary**

BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA

Encourage all Euchre Players to attend "Euchre Night" held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Located at SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church Hall in Mississauga.

On Sunday January 7, 2023, the Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 1:30 pm at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall in Mississauga. All members are encouraged to attend in person. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Milan Zoldak at 647-350-0604 for Euchre Night and especially the Annual Meeting.

**Respectfully submitted by Anne Mitro,
Secretary**

BRANCH 844 - LOS ANGELES, CA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday December

3, 2022, at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. The meeting will start at 11:00 AM with an agenda as follows: Officer Reports and financial report, Election of officers for the year 2023, preparation of the Slovak Christmas mass at a new location (Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church on 6028 S Victoria Ave., Los Angeles), and plan activities for the year 2023. All members in our area are encouraged to participate. After the meeting lunch will be served at the restaurant.

Submitted by Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 853 - CHARLEROI, PA

Branch 853, St. Pio, will hold its Annual meeting on Dec 4, 2022, at 11:30 am at Armando's in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. The meeting will discuss the review of the 2022 activities, plan activities for the 2023 year as well as hold the election of officers for 2023. Branch members attending will be treated to lunch. If you want to attend by zoom link, leave a message and in a return call, information will be given on how to attend. Reservations are required for a seating count. Please leave a message at FCSUBranch853@gmail.com or 412-341-1577 with your name, phone number, and how many branch, and non-branch members will be attending.

Branch 853 members are also encouraged to participate in the program to me-

morialize our WWII veterans. Branch member Charles Boone is spearheading a program to remember of Slovak American WW2 veterans. Members are encouraged to send a photo of their WW2 veteran, if known, information about their war encounters, and from where they immigrated to SlovakAmericanWW2exhibit@gmail.com. See the full article in the September issue of JEDNOTA.

Submitted by Monica Boone, President

BRANCH 855 – CLEVELAND, OH

All members of Branch 855 are invited to attend our final meeting of the year on December 7th at Creekside Restaurant at 8803 Brecksville Rd in Brecksville. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with an early bird cocktail hour to begin at 5:30 pm. On the agenda - election of officers for Branch 855, a re-cap of the convention held in August and other branch matters. Please rsvp by November 28th to Stephanie Sutula by email at fcsu855@gmail.com or by text/phone to (440) 409-9405 for yourself and one guest. Our charity collection for this meeting will be for the West Side Catholic Center. Please bring new socks and/or hat and gloves for men, women, or children for our Christmas donation.

**Submitted by Stephanie Sutula,
Fraternal Activities Director**



(L-R)
State Senator Bartolotta
(PA Senate, District 46),
Bruce Higginbotham
(BSA Troop 1313, Branch
320)



Kudos to the Boys Scouts from Senate District 46 and their families who traveled to Harrisburg, PA

THANK YOU to Bruce Higginbotham from Troop 1313 based out of St. John XXIII Parish in McMurray, PA for serving as the Senate's guest chaplain. Joining him was Bruce's parents, Robert and Mary Anne Higginbotham; grandmother, Frances Tarquinio; and uncle, Joseph Tarquinio. In his three years of scouting, Bruce has earned 18 merit badges and has completed over 50 hours of community service. Bruce is currently a Star Scout, and I (Senator Bartolotta) have no doubt that he will achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in a few years!

Troop Chaplain Bruce Higginbotham's opening prayer and my introduction of him on the floor of the Senate: <https://pasen.wistia.com/medias/dvaax1houw>. www.tinyurl.com/yfd69u8a

Also present in Harrisburg for the annual Boy Scout Day was Cole Marucci from the Laurel Highlands Council (Charleroi, PA) and his father, Keith Marucci. Congratulations to Cole for earning the rank of Eagle Scout! <https://www.senatorbartolotta.com/>.

Submitted by Mary Anne Higginbotham, President, Branch 320



Speváci na prehliadke sólistov slovenskej ľudovej hudby – Cez Nadlak je... (Singers at the parade of soloists of Slovak folk music) Photo: Zuzana Pavelcová



Festivalový orchester prehliadky sólistov slovenskej ľudovej hudby (Festival Orchestra of the Slovak soloists' folk music) Photo: Zuzana Pavelcová

Cez Nadlak je... po dvadsiaty druhý raz

Babie leto každoročne prináša do rumunského mestečka Nadlak kvalitný prednes slovenskej ľudovej piesne. O jeho interpretáciu sa už viac ako dve desaťročia starajú krajskí speváci z Maďarska, Srbska i Rumunska počas chýrečnej dolnozemskej prehliadky sólistov slovenskej ľudovej piesne s príslovečným názvom – Cez Nadlak je...

Počas piatkového a sobotného večera sa spevácke talenty v troch súťažných vekových kategóriách prezentovali pomalou a rýchlou ľudovou piesňou pred poslucháčmi domáceho publika i vzácnymi hosťmi. Krásu ľudového kroja sprevádzanú rytmickými piesňami i emočnými sóliami predviedli speváci z Báčskeho Petrovca, Kulpína, Kysáča, Kovačice, Selenče, Lalite, Starej Pazovy, Nadlaku, Gemelčičky i Bekéšskej Čaby. Súťažné večery vyvrcholili v nedeľnom galaprograme, ktorý vytvoril priestor pre ocenenia tých najlepších. Počas tohtoročného galakonzertu sa prezentovali i dnes už známi speváci, ktorí dávnejšie patrili medzi súťažiacich.

Za sprievodu vynikajúceho festivalového orchestra a dirigentského sprievodu Ondreja Maglovského sa predstavilo 28 spevákov v troch vekových kategóriách. V tomto roku okrem tradičných cien priniesla špeciálnu cenu aj Matica slovenská, ktorá na podujatie delegovala I. podpredsedu Matice slovenskej, Mareka Hanusku a riaditeľku Krajského múzea Matice slovenskej, Zuzanu Pavelcovú. Osobitnú Cenu Matice slovenskej získal Marcel Gergö z Bekéšskej Čaby. Rovnako tak Matica slovenská darovala knižné ceny víťazom všetkých troch vekových kategórií. Vo vekovej kategórii od 6 do 12 rokov prvá cena poputovala do rúk Bianky Slaukovej z Nadlaku, v kategórii od 13 do 18 rokov si vyspievala prvú cenu a tiež Cenu obecnosti Ema Velegová z Nadlaku. V kategórii nad 18 rokov sa na prvej priečke umiestnia Nina Francistyová z Kysáča, Srbsko.

Nadlackské spevácke podujatie aj v tomto ročníku otvorilo možnosť mladým dolnozemským slávikom trilkoovať obecnstvu v koncertných podmienkach. Organizátorom úprimne ďakujeme, zúčastníť sa a víťazom srdečne gratulujeme!

Predkladá Zuzana Pavelcová

Through Nadlak is... for the Twenty-second Time

Every year Indian Summer brings a high quality performance of Slovak folk song to the Romanian town of Nadlak. For more than two decades, regional singers from Hungary, Serbia and Romania has been taken care of its interpretation during the famous Lowlands show of Slovak folk song soloists with the proverbial name – „Cez Nadlak je...“ (Through Nadlak is...).

On Friday and Saturday evenings, the singing talents from three competitive age categories presented slow and fast folk songs to the home audience and distinguished guests. The beauty of folk costume was accompanied by rhythmic songs and emotional solos presented by singers from Báčsky Petrovac, Kulpín, Kysáč, Kovačice, Selenč, Lalit, Stará Pazova, Nadlak, Gemelčička and Bekesská Čaba. The competition evenings culminated in the Sunday gala program, which awarded the best performers. During this year's gala concert, current well-known singers who formerly participated in the competition performed as well.

The 28 singers in three age categories performed were accompanied by an excellent festival orchestra conducted by Ondrej Maglovský. In addition to the traditional prizes, the Matica slovenská also brought a special prize which was presented at the event by the first vice-president of the Matica slovenská, Marek Hanuska, and the director of the Regional Museum of the Matica slovenská, Zuzana Pavelcová. Marcel Gergö from Bekéšská Čaba was awarded the special prize of the Matica slovenská. The Matica slovenská also donated book prizes to the winners of all three age categories. In the category from 6 to 12 years-old, first place went to Bianka Slauková from Nadlak; in the category from 13 to 18 years-old, Ema Velegová from Nadlak won first place and also the Audience Prize. Nina Francistyová from Kysáč, Serbia took first place for those over 18 years-old.

The Nadlac singing event this year again presented an opportunity for the young Lowland nightingales to trill the concert audience. We sincerely thank the organizers, the participants and congratulate the winners!

Submitted by Zuzana Pavelcová, Translated by Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.



Lubomír Kmeť during the presentation of the paper Information about the results of the work of the members of the Association for Genealogical Research of Lowland Slovaks and about the goals and perspectives of their work for the future. Photo: Zuzana Pavelcová

Cover of the publication Matrik Slovenského Komlóša. Photo: Zuzana Pavelcová



Dolnozemske matriky stále bližšie k potomkom

Občianske združenie pre genealogický výskum dolnozemských Slovákov so sídlom v Galante usporiadalo v tomto roku prvý ročník medzinárodnej odbornej konferencie Naši predkovia na stránkach dolnozemských matrik. I napriek tomu, že zaniatení dobrovoľníci pracujú na projekte už viac ako šesť rokov, rozhodli sa výsledky vlastnej práce po prvý raz prezentovať verejne, poukázať na úskalia i pozitíva práce, vytvoriť otvorené diskusné fórum a rozšíriť možnosti spolupráce.

Konferencia, ktorá priniesla viac ako desiatku odborných príspevkov otvorila priestor aj pre prezentáciu príspevkov aktivistov, ktorí stáli pri vzniku projektu a dodnes na ňom pracujú. Ich zámer prepísať (naindexovať) matriku Slovenského Komlóša priniesol hmatateľný výsledok – kvalitnú odbornú publikáciu s názvom Matrika slovenského Komlóša. Plány združenia sú však v mnohom širšie. Združenie sprístupnilo webovú stránku www.dakoda.sk, kde uverejňuje pre všetkých záujemcov o svojich predkov výsledky svojej práce. Počas svojej existencie zindexovali matriky oblastí Bekéšskej a Čanádskej župy, spracovali nadlackské matriky a dnes indexujú prvú obec v Peštianskej župe.

V dôstojnom prostredí kaštieľa Esterházyovcov, za účasti významných hostí, krajanov a odborníkov na krajskú problematiku sa plénu prihovorili členovia združenia – Lubomír Kmeť, Michal Hronec, Ján Hovorka, Renáta Gombárová, Eva Tušková a Juraj Hovorka. Vo svojich príspevkoch sa orientovali najmä na prácu prepisu matrik a celkovú agendu súvisiacu s celým fungovaním projektu. V poobedných hodinách odzneli príspevky pozvaných hostí. Za Maticu slovenskú sa na podujatí prihovoril tajomník Matice slovenskej a riaditeľ Domu Matice slovenskej v Galante – Peter Schvantner. Úprimne poďakoval aktivistom za vynikajúce výsledky práce. Vo svojom príhovore poďakoval i maticiarom, ktorí sa do projektu zapojili vďaka predsedovi MO MS v Galante, Lubomírovi Kmeťovi. Riaditeľka Krajského múzea Matice slovenskej pre konferenciu spracovala príspevok Potenciál archívneho fondu Krajského múzea Matice slovenskej pre možnosti genealogického výskumu potomkov dolnozemských Slovákov.

Úžasná práca dobrovoľníkov postupne naberá na sile i šírke pôsobnosti. Skupina zaniatených čínorodých ľudí by chcela postupne spracovať aj matriky Srbska, Bulharska či Chorvátska. Majú nemalý záujem pribrať do svojho tímu ďalších oduševnených dobrovoľníkov, ktorí by spoločne s nimi pracovali na projekte slovenského dedičstva zachovaného za našimi geografickými hranicami. Všetkých tých, ktorí by mali záujem o takúto prácu srdečne do svojich radov pozývajú. Rovnako tak sú k dispozícii pri vytváraní rodokmeňov, sú ochotní konzultovať, poradiť i pomôcť s prekladmi.

Zuzana Pavelcová

Lowland Registers Are Getting Closer to Descendants

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D., editor

Here I will summarize the above article by Zuzana Pavelcová of the Matica slovenská, the Slovak Cultural Society. It concerns about Slovak genealogy in the Lowlands, i.e., the lands of former Hungary, south of Slovakia. Many Slovaks moved there in the 18th

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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 svieti. 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.

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NEKROLÓGY – OBITUARIES

MICHAEL C. BRENSY, BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PA



Michael C. "Mike" Brensy, 79, of Fairfax Station, VA, formerly from Fairchance, PA, passed away on October 1, 2022.

He was born on June 5, 1943, Fairchance, PA, the son of Michael C. Brensy, Sr. and Elizabeth S. (Boofer) Brensy. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Rev. Canon Joseph L. Sredinski.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Patricia L. (Sredinski) Brensy, four sons: Michael, Mark, Matthew (Julie Taylor), and Christopher; sister Claramae (Charles) Chury of Elyria, OH; granddaughter Kathryn; brother-in-law James (Patricia) Sredinski of Franklin, PA; sister-in-law Sr. Jolenta Sredinski of Pittsburgh, PA; brother-in-law Charles N. Sredinski of Naples, FL and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Mike was a "logistician" by trade while serving as a civilian employee with Headquarters, United States Air Force and as a "loggie" with the Logistics Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Washington DC. Mike was instrumental in establishing a Logistics Systems Division where he served as Deputy Director. He was a recipient of many joint meritorious awards and certifications for his professional service culminating in a 39-year career with a Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time of his retirement from civil service in December 1999. In addition to his public service, Mike also served in the private sector as Operations/Project Manager for BBN Technologies and Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) until his retirement in 2012.

Mike also served with the US Army (1966-1968) as a Personnel Specialist while stationed in the Republic of DaNang, Vietnam.

Mike was a Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Sir Knight, Fr. Thomas Casey Assembly #3596, Fairfax Station, VA.

Friends were received at the Church of

the Nativity, 6400 Nativity Ln. in Burke, VA on October 6, 2022, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. The Knight of Columbus recited a rosary during the viewing and Rev. John Kelly celebrated the Mass. Interment followed at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Cemetery in Fairfax, VA.

Submitted by Patricia Brensy

ELEANOR A. (LUKAC) SEMANS, BRANCH 162 UNIONTOWN, PA



Eleanor A. (Lukac) Semans, 90, of Uniontown passed away on Monday August 29, 2022, at Uniontown Hospital with her family by her side.

She was born March 2, 1932, in Uniontown, daughter of the late Joseph and Anne (Takoch) Lukac. Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Joseph P. Semans, her 3 sons, Joe (Patty), Jim (Donna), and Tom (JoAnn) Semans; her 8 grandchildren; Brian (Ash-

ley), Chris (Mandy), Katie, Aaron Fitzsimmons, Ryan (Jessica) Fitzsimmons, Jen (John) Hines, Megan and Alli and her 8 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, her siblings preceded her in death. Eleanor was a member of St. Mary (Nativity) Roman Catholic Church of Uniontown and their Christian Mother's, the Golden Club and a former choir member there. She was a graduate of St. John's High School Class of 1950 and was employed at Montgomery Ward's Stores in Uniontown and the Laurel Mall. She enjoyed traveling during her retirement and spending time with her family.

The family would like to express its thanks to the staff at the Uniontown Hospital Emergency Room. Viewing and prayers were held at the Stephen R. Haky Funeral Home, 603 N. Gallatin Ave. Ext., Uniontown, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Mary (Nativity) Church, 61 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown. Interment followed at Mt. St. Macrina Cemetery. Personal written tributes and memories are welcome and encouraged at www.hakyfuneralhome.com.

Submitted by Joseph Semans



Auditorium of the genealogical conference in Galanta. Photo: Zuzana Pavelcová

Lowland Registers Are Getting Closer to Descendants

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century when the Kingdom of Hungary offered free land to peasants to work after the Austrian Army routed the Ottoman Turks and pushed them out of the country. So one might be aware that Slovaks lived not just in Slovakia proper, but in different parts of former Hungary, and even in Austria. Some of them even came to America and Canada and could be your

ancestors!

This year, the Civic Association for Genealogical Research of Lowland Slovaks organized an international conference. It is based in Galanta, a town about an hour east of Bratislava. Volunteers have been working on the project for over six years, and they wished to publicize some of their findings, the challengers, and ask for suggestions.

The dozen experts aimed to rewrite (index) the Slovak Komlós civil registry (a town in Békés County, Hungary), and published a high quality work. They also have made available a website, www.dakoda.sk, which explains the results of their work for all those interested in their ancestors. They have indexed the civil registers of the areas of Bekés and Čanád County, processed the Nadlac civil registers, and are currently indexing the first village in Pest County (east of Budapest).

The conference took place at the Esterházy manor house in Galanta, a chateau originally built in the 16th century and updated in the following century. The presenters focused mainly on their work in transcribing civil registers and the scope of their project. The Matica slovenská and its Regional Museum assisted in sponsoring the conference and Matica representatives addressed the attendees.

The work is being performed by an amazing group of „enthusiastic and energetic“ volunteers and they welcome the participation of anyone interested in assisting them. In time, they also plan to process the civil registries from Serbia, Bulgaria and Croatia. They aim to preserve Slovak heritage beyond Slovakia's geographical borders. They have offered to help family history researchers to create family trees, and will consult, advise and help with any translations. The project is a real boon for those trying to document the history of their families who lived in the lowlands of former Hungary.



Msgr. Rura District 4 of New Jersey meeting

On Sunday, October 23, 2022 Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey, District 4 held its bi-annual meeting and luncheon at Carpaccio Ristorante in Middlesex, New Jersey. The hosts were Branch 290 who arranged for the delicious lunch and provided sweet dessert! During the meeting members discussed potential Fall events including attending a NHL Hockey game. There was also time to celebrate special birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to the newly elected District 4 Officers. A very warm welcome to the newly elected District Fraternal Activities Director Stephanie Delay from Branch 290.



Pictured here Branch 746 members Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Mary Ann Ranahan celebrated their 50th anniversary in October!



Surrounded by family and friends, Jo'Anne Peppe also celebrated a very special birthday in October. Pictured along with her are Michele MacMath, Joanne Polt, and Stephanie Delay.



Emilia Filak giving her husband a big hug for his October birthday!

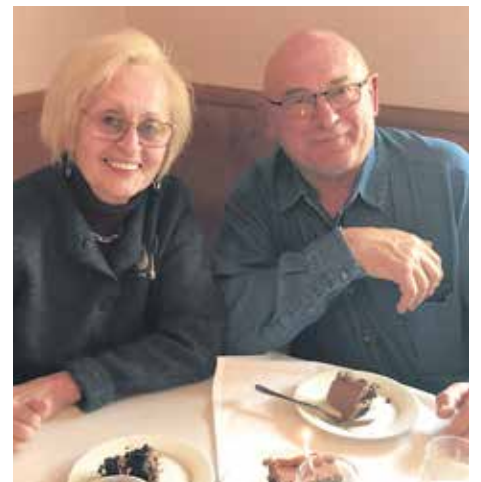


Congratulations to the newly elected District 4 officers! From L to R: Stephanie Delay - District Fraternal Activities Director; Sabina Sabados-President- Emilia Filak; Vice-President- Stephen Minarovich - Treasurer, and Mary Kapitan (attended by Zoom) - Secretary.



The Minarovich family – Karen, Stephen, Lilian, and Michele.

Branch 746 members enjoyed the atmosphere at Carpaccio's from L to R: Eva Kohani, Milan Kohani, Mary Tkach, Mary Ann Ranahan, Martin Budis, and Sabina Sabados.



Mr. and Mrs. Viliam and Milka Choma celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August! Congratulations and many more years of wedded bliss!

Branch 746 After party meeting

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 Branch 746 members held a meeting at Msgr. Komar Hall. The meeting was held on a symbolic date which coincided with the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of Branch 746 which was established in Tremley, New Jersey on the exact date in 1922!

The original Charter of Branch 746 (see picture), was found by a member, Fr. Jozef Krajnak, in the garage of the church rectory of Holy Family Church. Members have played a large role in building the church, raising money, and continue to be active members in the parish. The document was restored, framed, and re-gifted and is prominently display at the church rectory. For being 100 years old the document looks very good!

Members who attended the meeting enjoyed delicious Slovak food catered by Julie Rada. The meeting agenda included discussion of the convention, plans for upcoming events, and a brief recap of the anniversary dinner dance which took place the day before. Stay tuned for a full article and photos of the 100th anniversary event!

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



How to pray the Rosary in Advent - Ako sa modliť ruženec počas adventu

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr, Ph.D., editor

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recommends the following steps in praying the Holy Rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross. - Urobte znamenie kríža.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed. - Držiac kríž, povedzte Apoštolské vyznanie viery.
3. On the first bead, say an Our Father. - Na prvom koráliku povedzte Otče náš.
4. Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads. - Na každom z ďalších troch korálikov povedzte jeden Zdravas Mária.
Say the Glory Be. - Odpovedzte Sláva Bohu.

6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (the Joyful Mystery in Advent, perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture), then say the Our Father.
- Pre každú z piatich dekád ohlásťe tajomstvo (v advente radostné tajomstvo, po ktorom môže nasledovať krátke čítanie z Písma) a potom sa pomodlite Otče náš.

7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.
Počas prstovania každého z desiatich korálikov desiatku, ďalej povedzte desať Zdravasov a zároveň meditujte o tajomstve. Potom sa pomodlite Sláva Bohu.

8. After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

Po skončení každého desaťročia sa niektorí modlia nasledujúcu modlitbu, ktorú si vyžiadala Panna Mária vo Fatime: Ó, Ježišu môj, odpusť nám naše hriechy, zachráň nás od pekelného ohňa a priveď do neba všetky duše, najmä tie, ktoré najviac potrebujú tvoje milosrdenstvo.

9. Following the completion of the five decades of the rosary, recite the Hail Holy Queen:

Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes

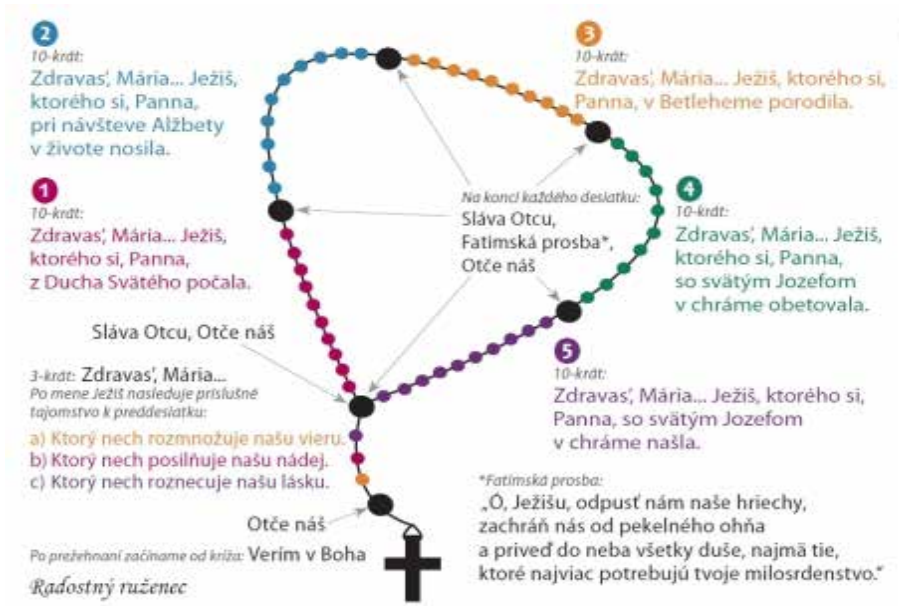
Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Slovak version of the closing of the Rosary is not an exact translation, but this is what Slovaks recite at the conclusion.

Po zavŕšení piatich desaťročí ruženca recitujte Zdravas, Svätá Kráľovná:

Spomienka na Preblahoslavenú Pannu Máriu Lurdskú

Zdravas', Kráľovná, matka milosrdenstva;
život náš i sladkosť a nádej naša, zdravas'.
K tebe voláme, hriešni synovia Evy,
v tomto sĺz údolí stenajúci, plačúci.



A preto teda, Orodovnica naša,
obráť k nám tie svoje premlsrdné oči.
A nám Ježiša, ktorý je požehnaný
plod života tvojho, tam vo večnosti ukáž.
Ó milostivá a nad všetky pobožná,
ó presladká Panna, Matka Božia Mária.

10. Follow with this dialogue:
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- Nasledujte tento dialóg:
V. Modli sa za nás, svätá Bohorodička.
R. Aby sme sa stali hodnými Kristových prislúbení.

11. Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Modlíme sa: Dobrotivý Bože, tvoj jednorodený Syn nám svojim životom, smrťou a zmŕtvychvstaním získal večnú spásu. Daj, prosíme, keď v posvätnom ruženci preblahoslavenej Panny Márie o týchto tajomstvách rozjímame, nech aj podľa nich žijeme a dosiahneme to, čo sľubujú. Skrze nášho Pána Ježiša Krista, tvojho Syna, ktorý je Boh a s tebou žije a kraľuje v jednote s Duchom Svätým po všetky veky vekov.

12. (An optional prayer to St. Joseph may also follow.) Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.
- (Môže nasledovať aj nepovinná modlitba k svätému Jozefovi.) Ruženec ukončíte znamením kríža.

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 14

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