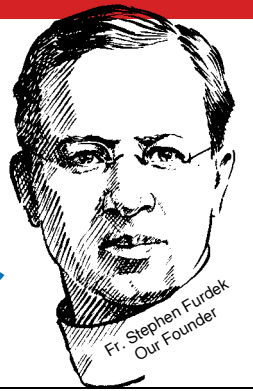




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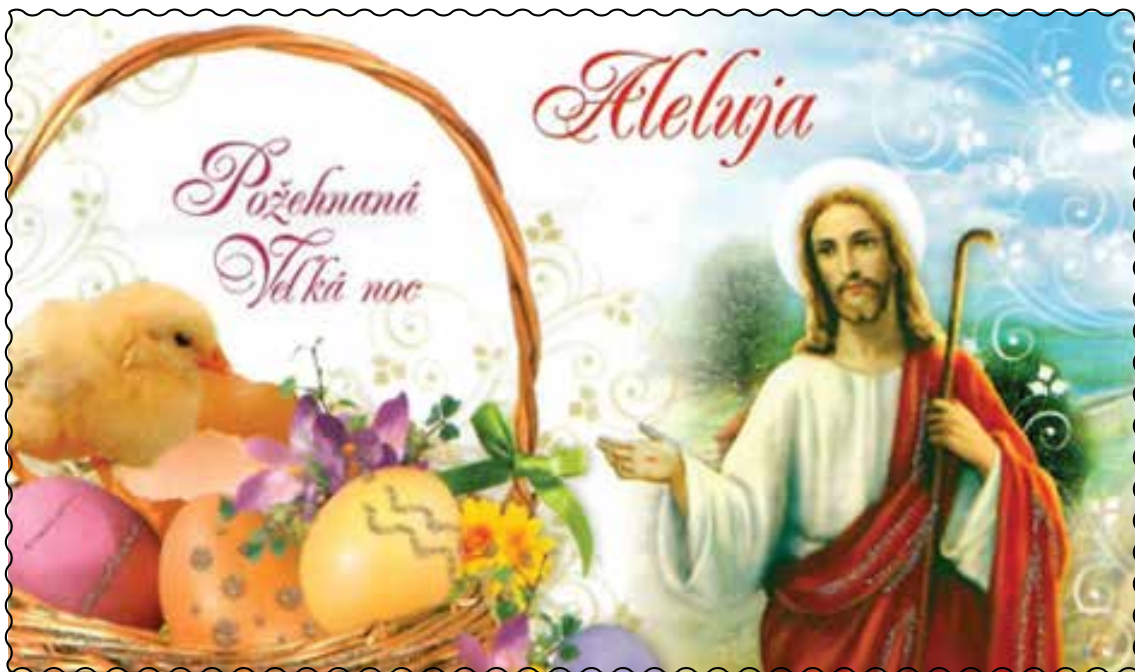
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Easter Basket Blessing Online. Join us!

FCSU National Chaplain Father Thomas Nasta will be blessing the Easter baskets via livestream from his church. The livestream can be viewed on the parish website: olgparishpenndel.org

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023
Time: 12:00 Noon
Link: olgparishpenndel.org



Have a Blessed Easter!

Lenten and Easter Greetings

In today's commercial world, Christmas and Easter are mostly known for giving and receiving gifts. However, with a few exceptions, not much thought is given to why we have these holiday celebrations. They remind us of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Personally, I prefer the Easter season since we get to participate more in the Holy Week services. On Palm Sunday, we receive blessed palms and perhaps be part of a procession through church. On Holy Thursday, some are selected to reenact the washing of the feet at the mass commemorating the Last Supper. On Good Friday we participate in the reading of the Passion and get the opportunity to personally venerate the cross. On Holy Saturday, there's the blessing of the Easter Food in the day and in the evening, we celebrate the sometimes-long Easter Vigil service, where we all can process into church behind the newly lit Easter candle, renew our baptismal promises, and welcome new members into our church.

It's always around Christmas time we hear the phrase, 'Jesus is the reason for the season'. While that is true, we must realize that Jesus is the reason for Easter, too.



Damian Nasta
Vice President

On behalf of my wife Peggy and my entire family, I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter season.

Damian D Nasta, National Vice-President

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Easter Greeting from the President

The Lenten season represents a time of sacrifice, fasting and prayer for us as Christians. The sacrifices we make during this season are symbolic of the sacrifices Jesus made during His 40 days in the desert. This is an opportunity for us to take time to reflect and pray in order to recognize that His sacrifice was made to teach us how to show responsibility in the actions of our everyday lives.



Kenneth A. Arendt
President

As we near Holy Week, we at First Catholic Slovak Union encourage fellow Christians to examine the ways God wants us to treat others in both our words and our deeds. On behalf of myself, my wife Theresa, our family and all of us at FCSU I wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter and hope you will spread peace and forgiveness to others during this holy season and always.

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Reflection

This year we honor St. Joseph, and as usual, in the midst of Lent. Yet this is so like Joseph – to want a limited focus placed on his life. He was betrothed to Mary, but when her pregnancy was revealed, it took an angelic messenger to declare his life's mission. The first chapter of St. Matthew states that Mary "will bring a son to birth.... You, Joseph, will name him Jesus, God Aves, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:23). Thus, Joseph is officially installed as the foster father of Jesus.

Faithfully, Joseph accepts his paternal role as God's choice. As Mary, his spouse, began her life's mission as presented by an angel, so Joseph was directed by angelic visitations in his dreams. St. Matthew lists these in the second chapter of his Gospel: the flight into Egypt, the return to Israel, and the settlement in Nazareth. Each time, Joseph's commitment is silent, prompt, and complete.

A final reference to Joseph is made when Jesus is 12 years old. After searching for and then finding Jesus in the Temple, Mary exclaims, "Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you" (Luke 2: 48).

From this point on, Joseph recedes into a life of quiet ministry. For us, he is shrouded in silence, but speaks loudly in the final message to keep looking for Jesus in our lives.

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M, March 4, 2023

Correction: In the hymn from the February issue, the fifth verse in English, should read: "Pray for us daily, strengthen and guide us."



St. Joseph's Day, March 19 (Kumran.sk)

Tisíc ráz pozdravujeme teba

Tisíc ráz pozdravujeme teba,
šťastný Pestún Krista Ježiša!
Ty si druhá jasnosť v sláve neba,
Teba zvelebujú duša naša.
Ty si po Márii najprvnejší,
Anjel ti chválu vzdávajú,
Pestúnom teba nazývajú.

Zhliadni na nás, ó blažený Jozef,
srdcom vrúcny ť teba žiadame.
Tys' bezpečné útočisko naše,
Po Mária tebe len máme.

Blessed Joseph

Thousand-fold we greet you, Blessed Joseph,
Favored Guardian of the Child Jesus;
Faith and trust in God you lived profoundly,
Help us daily follow you completely.
Now rejoicing, loved, esteemed with Mary,
Heaven magnifies your life in glory;
Angels join in praise for all you've done,
Cherished Foster Father of God's Son.
Caring Joseph, gifted with compassion,
Hear, accept, embrace our prayer petition;
Gentle parent, powerful protector,
Named with Mary, faithful intercessor,

Message from the National Chaplain

The Church for several years has been revising the English translation of her liturgical texts for use in the United States. In addition to the retranslation of the Roman Missal that went into effect about 10 years ago, new translations of the texts for the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage also have been completed and are currently in use.

The next ritual to undergo a revision of its translation from Latin into English is for the Sacrament of Penance. The new translation may be used beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22. After a period of transition lasting about 7 weeks, the revised translation must be used starting April 16, the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Order of Penance is a revision of the Rite of Penance from 1973, the first English translation from the Latin text. For all intents and purposes, the Order of Penance is not changing the way a person goes to confession.

- The Order begins with the priest and the penitent making the Sign of the Cross together. ("Bless me, Father,..." which many continue to say today to begin their confession, was not even in the 1973 text.)

- The priest offers a brief greeting and then may read a short passage from Scripture, after which the penitent says how long since his or her last confession.

- Following the confession of sins by the penitent, the priest gives the penance and invites the penitent to pray an Act of Contrition. The Order of Penance offers 11 options for the penitent to choose.

- When the penitent is finished praying an Act of Contrition, the priest prays the Absolution. This is the newly revised translation he will say:

o God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- Then a brief proclamation of praise to God as found in the 1973 Rite of Penance is offered.

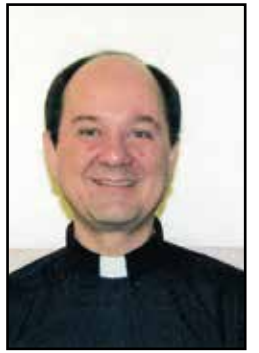
o PRIEST: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

PENITENT: For his mercy endures forever.

- The priest then dismisses the penitent using one of 5 options.

As you see, there is no change to how we go to confession. What will be different are the words of Absolution spoken by the priest.

May all who approach the Sacrament of Penance through the newly revised Order of Penance experience the everlasting mercy of God.



Rev. Thomas Nasta
Chaplain

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

Chválospev ti chceme prespevovať,
meno tvoje chceme zvelebovať,
najkrasnejšie po Božej Matke,
spievame ti piesne presladké.

Zhliadni na rodiny ubiedené,
ktoré v núdzi k tebe volajú.
Pohľad na siroty opustené,
ktoré s plačom k tebe vzdychajú.
Lebo v svete nemáme žiadneho:
po Mária zástupcu iného,
krome teba, Otče, Ochranca,
svätej Cirkvi mocný Obranca!

Prímlúvaj sa, dobrý, svätý Jozef,
za každého svojho čiteľa.
Odvrať od nás mor, hlad a vojnu,
chráň od škody duše i telá.
Keď budeme konečne umierať,
k tebe zrak svoj budeme upierať.
Nech sú naše posledné slová:
Ježiš, Jozef, Matka Mária!

Be our precious friend, a steadfast guide,
Walk as life's companion by our side;
Songs and hopeful prayers we bring you,
Filled with gratitude for all you do.

Listen to each poor and needy fam'ly,
When they call to you in poverty.
Hear the orphaned, lost, abandoned children,
As they cry in fear, abuse, and pain.
While on earth, we need you, Intercessor,
After Mary, advocate to treasure.
Gen'rous Joseph, dutiful and kind,
Father of Christ's Church our humankind.

Intercede for us, O good St. Joseph,
As we honor and revere your name.
Turn away all wars, floods, plagues & hunger.
Shield us from such violence and danger.
When at least our time of death is come,
Help us join you in our heav'nly home.
May our final words of prayer request,
Jesus, Joseph, Mother Mary, bless.

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| Wednesday, June 7, 2023 | Monday, May 30, 2023 |

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Easter Message from the Executive Secretary

During this Lenten Season, I have spent much time reflecting on what Jesus might have been thinking his last few hours: Hope, Faith, Encouragement, and Passion. All these words are tied to very powerful feelings. I have been reflecting on what these words mean to me and how to live by them on a daily basis.

Hope.... of Eternal Life
Faith.... that I will live a Holy and Spiritual Life to my greatest ability.

Encouragement.... that I will help others in times of needs without being asked.

Passion....to live each day with Love and Forgiveness.
I hope that we all have time this Lent to reflect on our lives. May Perpetual Light shine upon our departed members – and May God Bless us all.

Kristus Zomrel. Kristus vstal z mrtvych. Aleluja!



Kevin Collins
Executive Secretary

Message from the National Treasurer

During the month of March, we are well into the season of Lent; a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and a time to prepare for the joyful season of Easter.

There are many symbols that we use around the Easter season. Bunnies, baby chicks and eggs are some of them. Others could be crosses and palm leaves. But whichever ones are used, this is the time of year that Christians use for self-reflection, atonement, and renewal, remembering that Jesus sacrificed Himself to forgive our sins.

My wife Christine and I wish you and your loved ones all the best this Easter Season and may God's blessings be upon you.



John V. Tokarsky
Treasurer

Dear Fellow Fraternal Members and Readers

March (marec in Slovak) is always a month which lies in the heart of Lent (pôst) and we prepare our souls for Easter (Veľká noc) by examining our failings, go to Confession (spoved'), and attend mass and church devotions such as the Stations of the Cross (Križová cesta or Zastavenie križy).

In closing, please remember to send all Branches and District announcements to branch@fcsu.com and district@fcsu.com. Again, I would invite readers to let me know any additional features in the newspaper. Veselé veľkonočné sviatky! - Have a happy Easter!

Fraternally yours in the Risen Christ,
S krajanským pozdravom v zmrtychvstalom Kristovi,
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
Editor

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At the First Catholic Slovak Union, we take every phone call very seriously. Our goal is to deliver the best customer service possible – even in these challenging times.

Please take the following steps when you get our voice mail so that we can provide you with the level of service and attention you deserve.



1. Leave a brief reason for your call.
2. Be sure to state your full name, and spell your last name.
3. Along with your phone number, let us know the best time to contact you between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:30PM, M- F.
4. Remember that we can only discuss a contract or certificate with the owner or with permission from the owner.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2023

- 1** Br 853 – Meeting in Speers, PA
Dist 3 – Saturday Meeting in United, PA
Dist 15 – Mass and Gathering in Los Angeles, CA
- 2** Dist 2 – Meeting in Oak Forest, IL
- 6** Br 200 – Meeting in Ford City, PA
- 7** Good Friday – Veľký piatok
- 9** Easter Sunday – Veľkonočná nedeľa
- 11** Dist 11 – Bus Trip to Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA
- 14** Br 746 – Mass Linden, NJ
- 15** Br 450 – Meeting in Parma, OH
Br 670 - Scholarship application deadline
Br 853 – Spring Event in Pittsburgh (April 1-15)
Dist 8 – Mass and Meeting in Washington, DC.
- 16** Br 1 – Meeting in Rocky River, OH
- 17** Bowling Tournament Application Deadline
- 20** Br 38 – Virtual Meeting online
- 21** Br 716 – Meeting in New York, NY
Br 853 – Mass in Bentleyville, PA
- 23** Br 60 – Meeting in West Homestead, PA
Br 166 – Meeting in Binghamton, NY
Br 716 – Mass and Meeting in New York, NY
- 24** FCSU Word Puzzle Contest Deadline
- 25** Br 313 – Meeting in Orland Park, IL (RSVP 4/13)
- 29** Br 181 – Greensburg, PA (RSVP by 4/24)
- 30** Br 746 – Scholarship deadline
Dist 6 – Meeting in West Mifflin, PA
Dist 7 – Meeting in Wilmore, PA
Dist 10 – Meeting in Lorain, OH

FOR MORE INFO GO TO THE BRANCH AND DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT PAGES.

Cyril Methodius update

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 45th year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. Today, the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and previous donors.

As of March 1, \$6,969.00 has been received from 97 donors. Among the 20 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 35, Branch 85, Branch 112, Branch 153, Branch 213, Branch 484, and Branch 746 and District 16 of the FCSU have donated a combined total of \$550. Donations have also been received from 17 clergy and religious as well as 60 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2023 Appeal but did not receive a letter asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this

article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2023 will be credited toward the 2024 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

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



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Find Scholarship Applications at WWW.FCSU.COM
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For more info call us at 800-533-6682

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:30pm(EST)

Join a webinar

FROM CRADLES TO GRAVES

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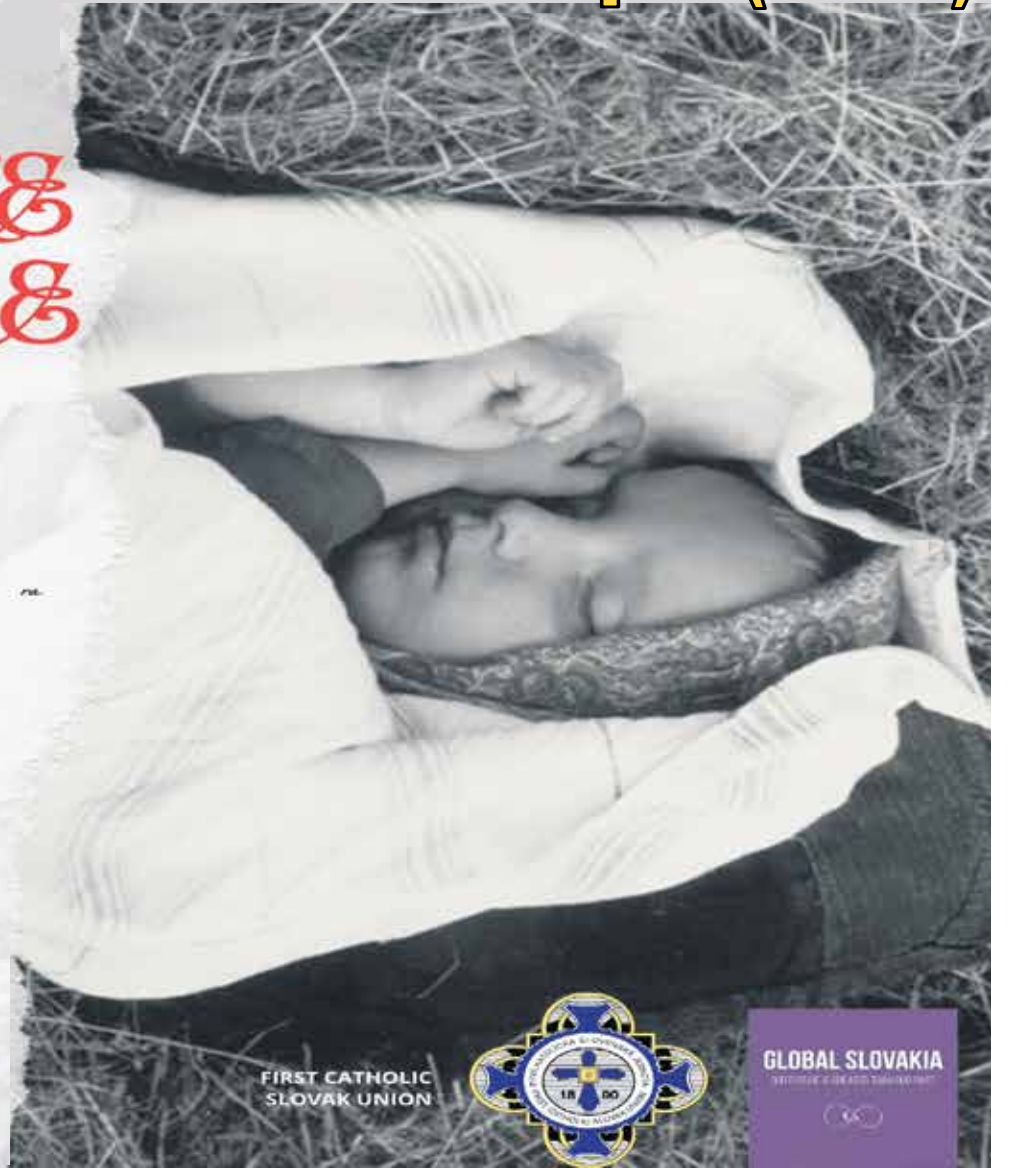
Traditions governed child-birth, various rites of passage, and the departure from this world at the other end of the cycle of life.

Webinar link

<https://tinyurl.com/fromcradlewebinar>

Meeting ID: 811 5937 7249

Passcode: 944014



Branch 55 Celebrated Epiphany at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Slovak Catholic Church in Philadelphia, PA

On a pilgrimage to celebrate the Epiphany in the Slovak Tradition, members of Branch 55 were in attendance: President Erik Payne, Secretary-Treasurer Helena Gaydos, Auditor Laurie Payne, and members Kurt Payne and Rosemary Kridla. All attended the Epiphany Mass at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Slovak Roman Catholic Church where they were warmly greeted by the Parishioners who joined in their celebration: Elaine Roditis, Rosemary Kridla, Helene Rapchick, Helena Gaydos, and Erik Payne, plus Maryann Rapchick, and Charles Rapchick

Although the plan was that everyone who attended the Mass would celebrate the Traditional Epiphany Supper at the home of Member Mary Golden, but because of COVID 19 the meal was eaten by only the five members of the immediate family. The supper is modeled after the Slovak *Vilija* Supper (Christmas Eve Supper) with wine, honey, *oplatky* (wafers with holy pictures), garlic and salt, and the soups (vegetable, mushroom, sauerkraut and *bobalky*), plus *pirohy*, and fish (*ryba*). Kathe Golden-Brady (member) prepared this wonderful meal that is eaten in silence as we wait for the coming of the Magi just as we celebrated *Štedrý Večer* in preparation for the Birth of Jesus.

The celebration ended with a prayer in Slovak by Mary Golden and in English by Triston Hack.

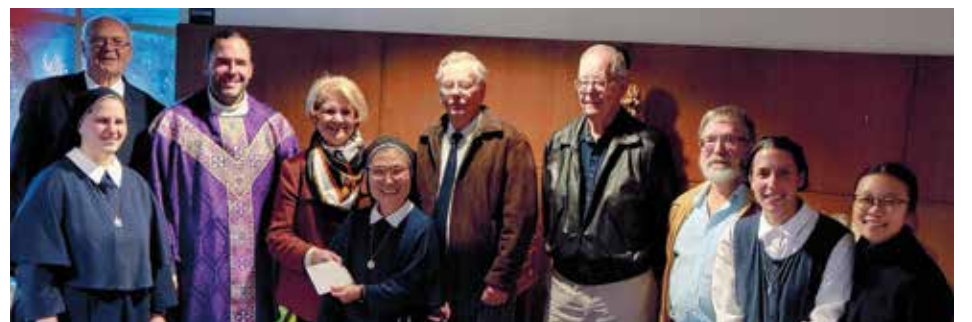
Submitted by Helena Gaydos

Branch 55 Officers Celebrate Epiphany

(The names under the pictures are not in any particular order.)



Branch 55 President Erik Payne, and Secretary-Treasurer Helena Gaydos, Auditor Laurie Payne, and Kurt Payne are shown at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Slovak Roman Catholic Church after attending the Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.



Presentation of check to the Parish Visitor Sisters by officers of Branch 764 and Father Cicero.

Branch 764 Slovak Dinner Fundraiser in Warren, Ohio

November of 2022 hosted a bittersweet opportunity for Branch 764 to hold a final Slovak dinner fundraiser out of the former SS. Cyril & Methodius School kitchen in Warren, Ohio. The parish was closed in the summer of 2022, but the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (the parish formed through a merger of SS C&M and St. James Parish), Father Cicero, was kind enough to offer the use of the kitchen to the Branch to prepare a take-out dinner of stuffed cabbage, *halušky*, green beans, roll and butter and dessert.

Branch 764 has been based at SS Cyril & Methodius for as long as any of the current membership can recall, and the hall was the site of many dinners and celebrations through the years. It is with heavy hearts that we bid adieu to the parish. Proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Parish Visitor Sisters based at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren, Ohio (also Father Cicero's parish).

Submitted by William Hrusovsky



Parishioners Elaine Roditis, Rosemary Kridla, Helene Rapchick, are shown with Helena Gaydos and Erik Payne, Officers of Branch 55 celebrating the Epiphany at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church.

St. Matthew's Society - Branch 45 1KSJ - New York City

The St. Matthew's Evangelist Society, Branch 45, held a meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 1:00 PM. The agenda consisted of planned activities and events with new elected members. In addition, we had two individuals celebrating their birthday, Jozef and Anna Korcak.

Submitted by Jozef Jurasi, Sports Coordinator



(L-R) Joseph Jurasi, Maria Zakovic, Antonia Krajkovic, Anna and Jozef Korcak, Daniel F. Tanzone, Anton Kucharovic, Zelmira Beckova-Kucharovic, Julie Ann Gurega, Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, and Maria Jurasi.



(L-R) Daniel F. Tanzone, Anton Kucharovic, Zelmira Beckova-Kucharovic, Julie Ann Gurega, Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Maria Jurasi, Rev. Stefan Chanas, Joseph Jurasi, Maria Zakovic, Antonia Krajkovic, Anna and Jozef Korcak.



(L-R) Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Rev. Stefan Chanas, Anna Korcak, Maria Zakovic, Joseph Jurasi, Jozef Korcak, Vasil Rusinak, Anton Kucharovic, and Daniel F. Tanzone.

St. Matthew's Society, Branch 45, Hosts Tournament in New York City

The St. Matthew's Society Branch # 45 organized an indoor soccer and ping-pong tournament, which took place on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at St. John Nepomucene Hall in New York City. The main organizers of the event were Jozef Korcak and Anton Kucharovic. The tournament started off with a blessing and prayer by Rev. Stefan Chanas. In addition, we held a tribute for one minute of quiet to our fallen member Jan Zeman (Sports Coordinator). Late Jan Zeman's wife Anna and her daughter Zuzana prepared traditional Slovak cookies and pies for everyone.

Participating were four soccer teams which were Nestville, Krafcik, Junior's, and Fofo. The winner was Team Krafcik. Besides the men's division in the ping-pong tournament, this year we included an additional category of children that competed as well. Anna Korcak, Zelmira Beckova-Kucharovic, Antonia Krajkovic, and Julie Ann Gurega served traditional Slovak home-made „guláš“ and refreshments to all members and guests. To all the players and guests, we truly appreciate their presence, and highly congratulate the winners. Hope to see you all next year.

Submitted by Jozef Jurasi



Ping pong game - Jozef Korcak and guest.



Participants of the events with Rev. Stefan Chanas (standing on the right side) and Rev. Martin Kertys (kneeling in the front row on the right).



Participating Team Nestville - Jozef Korcak with family.



The crew of players, members, and guests during the event.

Br. 24 Member Sofia Fedoriouk Performs at Carnegie Hall in NYC

On February 4, Sofia Fedoriouk, member of Br. 24 had an opportunity to perform with the Honors Performance Series in Carnegie Hall, NYC. This performance was part of an international program series which was established to feature talented young musicians on stage at one of the world's famous music halls such as Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, or the Vienna Opera House.

Performers met in New York for several days of rehearsals with renowned conductors before taking part in their life-changing performance on Saturday evening. They had an opportunity to network with their peers and build the long-lasting friendships. Talented students from China, Korea, Bahamas, and USA arrived at Time Square to create beautiful music and experience a vibrant life of NYC. An entertaining Broadway show, a cruise on a yacht around Manhattan, a birds-eye view of NYC from the observation deck of the Rockefeller Center -all these enriched Sofia's unforgettable experience.

Sofia has been playing violin since the age of 5 and loves to perform for those that share her Slovak and Ukrainian heritage. Since her childhood her aspiration was to



Sofia Fedoriouk of Br. 24 with violin

perform violin on prestigious stages.

With the generous support and encouragement of the FCSU Home Office, a few local branches and their members, Sofia was able to achieve her goal. She is excited to learn a new repertoire and continue her musical journey.

Thank you for all your support.

Submitted by Alexander Fedoriouk



Performance at Carnegie Hall



Group photo in front of Carnegie Hall

Blessing of classrooms at St. Michael's in Trenton

In St. Michael's Church in Trenton, we had a beautiful ceremony on February 19, 2023, the blessing of new classrooms and vestibule. The first idea of renovating the classrooms came up in the year 2021 when we celebrated the 100th Anniversary.

The growing young Slovak community needs bigger and nicer rooms for children learning Religious Education and the Slovak language. We also created a new place, a vestibule, for parents waiting for children. The job was completed in January of this year, 2023.

It was an honor to have National Chaplain of FCSU, Fr. Thomas Nasta, participate in the Mass including saying the homily. He also blessed the classrooms saying the prayers in the Slovak language. At the blessing were Fr. Peter Bujdos (Branch 746 Chaplain) and priest of the Slovak community in Trenton, Sabina Sabados (Region 1 Director) and members of Branch 746 including Mr. and Mrs. Jan and Kristina Draculin and Mr. and Mrs. Emil and Emilia Filak (Supreme Court member).

Following Mass and the blessing of classrooms was a reception with traditional Slo-



FCSU National Chaplain Fr. Thomas Nasta attending the blessing of the classrooms at St. Michael's in Trenton. Members of Branch 746 attended, including Fr. Peter Bujdos serving the Slovak community at the parish.

vak food and homemade pastries. We thank all those who help us make nicer places for our children and parents.

Submitted by Fr. Peter Bujdos, Branch 746



Lexi Glova, Br. 24 Member Performing with Renown Tamburitzans

The Tamburitzans is an internationally renowned folklore ensemble which aims to preserve and celebrate international cultural heritages, mainly of Central and Eastern Europe, through artistic performances. Their repertoire includes a variety of nationalities, including Slovak music, songs, and dances. The group awards talented performers with scholarships to Pittsburgh-based universities for their contributions and dedication to the Arts. Since 1937, The Tamburitzans have dazzled audiences, bringing musical entertainment to millions throughout their tenure as artistic ambassadors. The troupe maintains a record for the longest running stage show in the USA.

One of its members, Lexi Glova, is a member of FCSU Branch 24. In 2022, she was awarded an FCSU Scholarship as well as a Stephen Matula Scholarship. Formerly, she performed with the Cleveland Slovak Ensemble Lučina and now performs with Tamburitzans. We congratulate her for being a member of such a renown ensemble

and wish her the best of luck and the Lord's graces in both her studies and career with the Tamburitzans (Editor).

This year, the Tamburitzans are presenting a new production entitled, "Phoenix – A New Dawn," inspired by Greek and Roman mythology, where the Phoenix represents a symbol of perseverance and strength—an emblem of rebirth. The show includes music, songs, and dances from countries such as Greece, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Italy, Croatia, Serbia, and a suite of music and dances in the Jewish tradition. Hundreds of original costumes, intricate choreographies from cultures around the world, sophisticated lighting, and passionate music—you will experience all of this neatly captured in our two-hour live performance.

Existing as a living tribute to our ancestors, the troupe brings to the stage a new and exciting perspective, combining tradition with the modern era. The ensemble highlights the wealth and splendor of diver-



The Tamburitzans: Lexi Glova of Branch 24 is second from the right.

sity among the world's ethnicities, fostering understanding, respect, and peace. The Tamburitzans are committed to rewarding talented student performers

for their contributions and dedication to the arts.

To learn more, visit thetamburitzans.org
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The Tamburitzans: Lexi Glova of Branch 24 is second from the right.



Tamburitzan Finale of a Ukranian Hopak: Lexi Glova is in the back on the left, playing the violin.

A Special Gratefulness to All Who Contributed to the Slovak-American Exhibit Eldred WWII Museum

I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the one and only Slovak-American WWII exhibit in the US.

If you have never been to the museum, the town of Eldred is very small but the museum is very impressive. This Eldred WWII Museum is different from other museums because they proudly focus on the individuals and their experiences.

Many of the other museums look at "how important was a person in history," before their name would be put in the museum. The Eldred WWII Museum says each individual who fought and/or served made his/her own mark on history. It is the individual veteran's story which makes this museum outstanding.

Our Slovak American Exhibit will feature the stories and personal accounts of the WWII veterans you submitted. Our Slovak American Exhibit is being designed and built at this time. They are planning to have it active, most likely, for summer. I will put in our Jednota when it is active.

Thank you to all who sent donations to the museum.

Thank you to all who are putting their veteran's name on the plaque.

Thank you to all who sent your veteran's story and photos.

I read each story sent to me. The stories ranged from a couple of handwritten sentences on a sheet of yellow tablet paper, to a couple stories that included maps and documents. Most were a page or two of typed information, most with photos. Each veteran's story shared their life, and sometimes their wartime death. Each story was special and memorable.

The Eldred WWII Museum shows all parts of the war, much from the individual's experience:

Gold Star families, European and Asian experiences, how WWI played into WWII, the horrors of the Holocaust, a Medal of Honor recipient, and more. It also honors the women who worked in the Eldred National Munitions Company during the war.

Over the years, the museum has grown immensely. Like any museum, you can walk through it in an hour or less and glance at the exhibits.

OR you can take your time. You can sit and read the experiences - the experiences which, like you, someone sent in about their veteran. You can absorb the displays.

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Jesse Case Executive Director of Eldred WW2 Museum and Charles Boone holding a parachute harness. The harness belonged to Charles Rodacy, our late fraternal brother, and Charles Boone's grandfather.

A Youngstown-Spišská Nová Ves Sister Cities Donation

Since 1991, Spišská Nová Ves, in Slovakia, has been Youngstown, Ohio's sister city. Founded in 1991 by local Slovak Americans, they aimed to find a city in Slovakia, comparable in size to the 60,000 who live in Youngstown. Spišská Nová Ves was chosen because many Slovaks from the Spiš region settled in Youngstown.

The Sister Cities Organization has sponsored English language teachers to instruct people in the Spiš region and sent computers, printers, much-needed medical equipment, and over 12,500 textbooks in conjunction with the Cleveland/Bratislava Sister Cities group. The groups' charity continues to assist Slovaks in the region. FCSU Supreme Court member Jim Bench and his wife Kay are continuing the tradition of charitably assisting the Spiš region.

Vážená p. Haburajová

Len skutočné činy robia skutočné dobro, ktoré vie preklenúť tisíce kilometrov, oceány a celé svety. Len skutočné činy spájajú národy, ľudí z iných kultúr a svetadielov. Aj naši priatelia z partnerského mesta Youngstown (USA) už dlhé roky podporujú rozvoj Spišskej Novej Vsi konkrétnymi krokmi, konkrétnymi činmi.

Medzi aktivity, ktoré sú pozitívne vnímané v širokej spišskonovoveskej obci, patrí aj zásielka slávnostných šiat pre rôzne skupiny dievčat a žien. Sme radi, že výsledkom charitatívnej zásielky z amerického Ohia je nielen spokojnosť konkrétnych majiteľiek šiat, ale aj finančný efekt vo forme daru 400 eur pre Domov Alžbetka. Pevne veríme, že táto, skôr symbolická, pomoc nájde odzvu aj u vás a premeníte ju na konkrétne dobro...

S úctou,
Dávid Demečko, Viceprimátor mesta, Spišská Nová Ves

Spišská Nová Ves, 31 January 2023

Dear Mrs Habura:

Only real actions do real good, and those can span thousands of kilometers, oceans, and whole worlds. Only real deeds unite nations, people from other cultures, and continents. Our friends from our Sister City Youngstown (USA) have been supporting the development of Spišská Nová Ves for many years with concrete steps and actions.

The shipment of festive dresses for various groups of girls and women is very much appreciated in the wider Spišská Nová Ves community. The charitable shipment from Ohio in America not only pleased those who received the dresses, but also benefited financially from the donation of 400 euros to the St. Elizabeth Home (a non-profit organization founded in 2004 by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer - Editor). We firmly believe that this symbolic assistance will also prove transformational and result as well in something concretely good for you...

Sincerely,
Dávid Demečko, Vice Mayor of Spišská Nová Ves



Dear Kay and Jim, I hope this email finds you well.

I want to inform you about our recent action with the dresses that we received from you last year.

I organized a small event for students – girls from high schools in Spišská Nová Ves. It took place in the Reduta building last week - on 23rd January 2023. See the FB event: <https://tinyurl.com/32pvytze>

Girls could buy dresses for a symbolic price 5 euros and the yield from this sale made 475 euros. Institutions like Art School and a small amateur Theatre had dresses for free.

We gave 75 euros to the Youth Parliament because their members voluntarily helped with the organization of this event.

And we gave 400 euros to the St. Elizabeth House – it is a center for children and families in need run by Catholic Church.

I can state that many people benefited because of your gift.

There were many happy girls and you should see them trying all those dresses and taking pictures... You can watch a reportage made by our local TV Reduta: www.tinyurl.com/2p9arakm

And the nuns were also very grateful to receive the donation (see the pictures attached).

A few dresses that left I gave to the High School where the girls can tailor them in order to use them at the different school fashion shows.

Once again you proved how little acts of charity can make some people happier. A big thanks to you for that.

Best regards,
Mgr. Mária Dutková
Tourism and Foreign Affairs Department

Submitted by Jim and Kay Bench



Charles Boone in the Transportation Room at the Eldred WWII History Museum.

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The curator and the volunteers at the museum will proudly talk to you about the war and the museum. When the men and women came home from the war, some never spoke of what they saw or what they experienced. Some veterans saw atrocities we could never imagine – but they went on with their lives. Some veterans documented their service. For others, it is what their de-

scendants learned through the internet, through the documents they could find online.

I appreciated everyone taking part in our Slovak American Exhibit.

Thank you for sharing our heritage and your veteran's story.

Submitted by Charles Boone, Branch 853
Originator of the Slovak American Exhibit

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and follow the Tamburitzans on Facebook and Instagram. You can also email us at info@thetamburitzans.org or contact Alyssa Bushnow, Executive Director, at 412-224-2071, ext. 403 or email: alysa@thetamburitzans.org.

Submitted by Dana Glova,
written by Alyssa Bushnow

Show schedule:

2/11/2023 3:00 PM McKeesport, PA
2/18/2023 7:30 PM Appleton, WI
2/19/2023 3:00 PM Ladysmith, WI
2/26/2023 3:00 PM Boca Raton, FL
3/1/2022 7:00 PM St. Petersburg, FL
3/2/2023 7:30 PM Miami, FL
3/3/2023 7:00 PM Mt Dora, FL
3/4/2023 6:00 PM Atlanta, GA
3/5/2023 3:00 PM Monroe, NC
3/18/2023 6:00 PM Columbus, OH
3/19/2023 2:00 PM Munster, IN
3/25/2023 7:00 PM Baltimore, MD
3/26/2023 3:00 PM Ellwood City, PA
4/1/2023 7:00 PM Toms River, NJ
4/2/2023 4:00 PM Allentown, PA
4/22/2023 7:00 PM Detroit, MI
4/23/2023 3:00 PM Cleveland, OH
4/29/2023 2:00 PM Sharon, PA
5/26/23 - 5/27/2023 7:00 PM Biloxi, MS
6/3/2023 7:30 PM Pittsburgh Playhouse, Pittsburgh PA

Krížová cesta – The Way of the Cross Zastavenie kríží - Stations of the Cross

Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.

I thought that some of our readers might be interested in learning the Stations of the Cross in Slovak. I attended Stations when I lived in communist Czechoslovakia in 1982-83, and it was not until the internet became widespread and during the Covid-19 lockdown that I found some websites which have the Stations in Slovak to follow. Since then, while I still attend in person the Stations on Fridays at our parish church, St. Aloysius, I also recite the Stations at home on Friday evenings.

If you wish to do it gradually because you are learning Slovak, I suggest to try one Station at a time. You may follow the words and the websites, but as in English, there are a variety of words used in Slovak language Stations of the Cross. But each follow the same general format as written below. My translations follow the Slovak, but they will not rhyme and display the same excellence of Sister Maria Hroniec, SSCM, who regularly contributes singable English translations in our Jednota newspaper.

At the end of this article, you will find several websites with Slovak Stations to go to on the web. You may also search on Youtube using key words such as: Krížová cesta, or Zastavenie kríží. The Slovak words pobožnosť or pobožností (plural) refer to devotion or devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross, litanies, etc.

Our readers versed in Slovak may also listen to versions of the Stations of the Cross on Betánia, a Lenten program featuring the Devotions of the Stations and a spiritual reflection, hosted by Pavol Jurčaga. The versions differ from what I have below, and they are more lengthy and more for a native Slovak speaker. Listen to any of these selections organized by title and date from the archive during the Lenten season at Radio Lumen, the Slovak Catholic Radio channel at this website: www.tinyurl.com/2az456uy.

Betánia je pôstny program obsahujúci pobožnosť krížovej cesty a duchovné zamyslenie. Pôstny program Betánia vám odporúčame počúvať vždy v piatok o 16:30(Slovenská hodina).

As we try to draw nearer to the Lord during this Lenten season (pôst), may this translation help enhance your faith and your Slovak language at the same time.

Vstupná hymna - Entrance hymn

The Stations in Slovak may start with the following hymn, which is number 131 in the Jednotný katolícky spevník (JKS - Uniform Catholic Hymnal). I own a hardback copy of the hymnal, which is also a prayer book (modlitebná knižka), which I also use when I attend any Mass. (I always pray in Slovak so that I retain the language and learn more.) The prayer book includes hundreds of Slovak hymns, prayers, and devotions and is organized by the Church seasons. I purchased my copy in Slovakia, but I could not find it in the USA. You may purchase a copy directly from Slovakia by doing a web search with these key words: kúpiť Jednotný katolícky spevník (JKS). On the web, you may find the hymn below at this site: <http://spevník.szm.com/#131>.

The following hymn may precede the devotions of the Stations of the Cross.

131. Ach, poďte, kresťania, — pozdravíť kríž svätý, — na ktorom je Kristus — bolestné rozpätý — (Ref) Kriste na kríži, — Kráľu najvyšší, — zmiluj sa nad nami — Pre päť svätých rán — milosť udeľ nám — a odpusť nám viny.

Oh, come, Christians, — hail the holy cross, — on which Christ — is painfully stretched out.

(Ref) Christ on the cross, — O King most high, — have mercy on us — May Your five holy wounds — grant us grace — and forgive our transgressions.

2. Pod', pod' a dívaj sa, — kresťanská ty duša — ako náš Spasiteľ — preťažky kríž znáša.

(Ref) Kriste na kríži, — Kráľu najvyšší, — zmiluj sa nad nami — Pre päť svätých rán —

milosť udeľ nám — a odpusť nám viny.

2. Come, come and see, - you Christian soul - how our Savior - bears the burdens of the cross (Ref) Christ on the cross, — O King most high, — have mercy on us — May Your five holy wounds — grant us grace — and forgive us our transgressions.

Listen at the websites: www.tinyurl.com/pt7x-2b5x or www.tinyurl.com/mrxteuyb

Modlitby na začiatku a na konci každej stanice - Prayers at the start and end of each Station

As in English, the version used for the Stations of the Cross vary in Slovakia, and the songs and description of the Passion of Christ vary. But prayers precede each Station as in English, and each end with the following refrains. St. Alphonsus de Liguori wrote the prayers as well as series of meditations to accompany devotions of the Stations of the Cross.

Each Station starts with the following refrain:

Klaníme sa ti Kriste a dobrorečíme ti.

Lebo si svojim svätým krížom vykúpil svet.

We adore you O Christ and we bless you.

Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

In Slovak, each station ends with the following refrain:

Ukrižovaný Ježišu, zmiluj sa nad nami. Aj nad dušami v očistci.

Crucified Jesus, have mercy on us. And for the souls in purgatory.

Zastavenia - The Stations

Krížová cesta má tieto zastavenia. - The Way of the Cross consists of the following Stations.

1. Pán Ježiš je odsúdený na smrť. - 1. The Lord Jesus is sentenced to death.

2. Pán Ježiš berie kríž na svoje plecia. - 2. The Lord Jesus carries the cross on His shoulders.

3. Pán Ježiš padá prvý raz pod krížom - 3. The Lord Jesus falls for the first time under the cross.

4. Pán Ježiš sa stretá so svojou Matkou. - 4. The Lord Jesus meets His Mother.

5. Šimon Cyrenejský pomáha Pánu Ježišovi niesť kríž. - 5. Simon of Cyrene helps the Lord Jesus carry the cross.

6. Veronika podáva Pánu Ježišovi ručník. - Veronica wipes the face of the Lord Jesus.

7. Pán Ježiš padá druhý raz pod krížom. - 7. The Lord Jesus falls under the cross a second time.

8. Pán Ježiš napomína plačúce ženy. - 8. The Lord Jesus meets the weeping women.

9. Pán Ježiš padá tretí raz pod krížom. - 9. The Lord Jesus falls under the cross a third time.

10. Pánu Ježišovi zvliekajú šaty. - 10. The Lord Jesus is stripped of His clothing.

11. Pána Ježiša pribíjajú na kríž. - 11. The Lord Jesus is nailed to the cross.

12. Pán Ježiš na kríži zomiera. - 12. The Lord Jesus dies on the cross.

13. Pána Ježiša skladajú z kríža. - 13. The Lord Jesus is taken down from the cross.

14. Pána Ježiša pochovávajú. - 14. The Lord Jesus is laid in the tomb.

At the end of the Stations of the Cross, the congregation recites the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be (Otče náš, Zdravas! Mária, Sláva Otcu). A closing blessing concludes the devotion.

Požehnanie – The Blessing

Priest (kňaz): Nech vás žehná všemohúci Boh, Otec i Syn i Duch Svätý.

People (fudia): Amen.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you. Amen.

Priest (kňaz): Pochvalený buď Pán Ježiš Kristus! – Praise be the Lord Jesus Christ!

People (fudia): Na veky. Amen. – Forever, Amen.

Easter Baking At Holy Family Church In Linden, NJ



Branch 746 members help with baking kolachi for Holy Family Church's annual fundraiser. We welcome all volunteers. Orders for Easter baking will be taken starting Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Please call (908) 862-0379 between the hours of 9AM to 8 PM. Cost of cakes is \$20.00 each. Easter baking at Holy Family Church will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 8:00AM to 5:00P. Pick up will be Sunday, March 26 after the 10:30 AM Slovak Mass until 2:00 PM. All proceeds will go to the church.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**,
Branch 746 Secretary

Branch 670 Scholarship Announcement

Branch 670 of Donora, PA is excited to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2023 Scholarship Program. The committee will award, to the candidates who best satisfy the criteria up to three, one time \$1000.00 scholarships. Any individual of Branch 670 that has had a policy for at least 4 years, is current in their premiums, is a high school senior and will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible to apply.

For applications, you may email your request or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Joe Matinko, 85 Crestline Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 (email: matinko305@comcast.net) ALL APPLICATION REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2023.

Submitted by **Joe Matinko**, President Branch 670 Donora



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Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship

- ✓ Are you a member of Branch 746?
- ✓ Are you currently accepted and/or enrolled in full-time college, post-secondary educational institution, or vocational school?
- ✓ Are you active in Branch 746 or want to become active*?

If you answered YES to the above, you may be eligible for a \$1,500 scholarship!

For more information on the application criteria and requirements go to:
<https://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

Apply by: June 30th

*Check out upcoming meetings and activities offered by Branch 746 in the "Announcements" section of the *Jednota* newspaper. We are meeting via Zoom which is an easy and fast way to get involved! We'd love you to join our meeting!

If you have any questions or just want to chat to see how you can become more involved in your branch feel free to contact Sabina at: ssabados@fcsu.com.

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News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

ODIŠLA LEGENDA: Zomrel režisér Juraj Jakubisko.

Bratislava 25. februára (TASR) - Vo veku 84 rokov zomrel v Prahe krátko pred polnocou v noci slovenský filmový režisér Juraj Jakubisko. Informovali o tom viaceré slovenské médiá vrátane televízie RTVS, ktorej správu o jeho úmrtí potvrdila režisérova dcéra a herečka Janette Jakubisková.

Jakubisko sa preslávil filmami ako Tisícročná včela, Nevera po slovensky, Sedím na konári a je mi dobre, ale napríklad aj historickým veľkofilmom Bathory či rozprávkou Perinbaba.

Profil slovenského režiséra Juraja Jakubiska

Ako režisér sa Jakubisko vyznačoval aj výrazným výtvarným cítením, ktoré je prítomné vo všetkých jeho filmoch a tvorí jednu zo základných charakteristík jeho filmovej tvorby.

Juraj Jakubisko sa narodil 30. apríla 1938 vo východoslovenskej obci Kojšov. V roku 1957 absolvoval štúdium fotografie na Strednej umelecko-priemyselnej škole v Bratislave a v rokoch 1959-1966 študoval v Česku na pražskej Filmovej a televíznej fakulte Akademie múzických umení (FAMU).

Po absolutoriu režijné debutoval filmom Kristove roky (1967). Nasledovali filmy Zbehovia a pútnici (1968), Vtáčkovia, siroty a blázni (1969) a tragikomédia Dovidenia v pekle, priatelia (1970, dokončená 1990), ktoré zakázali v 70. rokoch minulého storočia a Jakubisko sa mohol venovať len dokumentárnej tvorbe.

Jeho film Postav dom, zasaď strom (1979), ktorý nakrútil po niekoľkoročnej odmlke bol majstrovským dielom. Nasledovala komédia Nevera po slovensky (1980). Vrcholom jeho tvorby 80. rokov 20. storočia je historická saga Tisícročná včela (1983), ktorá získala množstvo ocenení, podobne ako filmová rozprávka Perinbaba (1985). Predrevolučné obdobie uzavrel filmom Sedím na konári a je mi dobre (1989), v ktorom si jednu z hlavných úloh zahral Bolek Polívka.

V roku 1990 natočil pre televíziu film Takmer ružový príbeh, dokončil a uviedol do kín tragikomédiu Dovidenia v pekle, priatelia a začal pracovať na filme Lepšie je byť bohatý a zdravý ako chudobný a chorý, ktorý mal premiéru v roku 1992.

Od roku 1993 žil Juraj Jakubisko spolu s manželkou, herečkou a producentkou Deanou Horváthovou a rodinou v českej metropole Prahe.

Z roku 1997 je jeho film Nejasná správa o konci sveta a z roku 2004 film Post coitum v hlavnej úlohe s talianskym hercom Francom Nerom. Veľmi úspešným projektom Jakubiska bol film Bathory, historický veľkofilm o čachtickej pani, ktorá sa podľa legendy kúpala v krvi panien a ktorú prezentujú ako najväčšiu vrahyňu všetkých čias. Film vo svetovej premiére uviedli na Medzinárodnom filmovom festivale (MFF) v českých Karlových Varoch v roku 2008. Slovenská speváčka Katarína Knechtová k nemu naspievala hit Mój Bože, ktorý sa stal najhranejšou skladbou na Slovensku v roku 2008.

V roku 2012 sa Jakubisko stal zrejme najstarším pacientom, ktorému v Česku lekári dali nové srdce.

V roku 2013 sa rámci projektu Košice 2013 - EHMK Juraj Jakubisko predstavil na festivale Jakubiskove dni, a to nielen cez svoje filmy, ale aj výtvarnou tvorbou. Jakubisko vtedy v Košiciach vystavoval cyklus serigrafii, autorské filmové plagáty a olejomalby. Pri tejto príležitosti mu vtedajší primátor Košíc Richard Raši odovzdal Plaketu mesta Košice.

V nakladateľstve XYZ vyšla 20. júna 2013 pri príležitosti 75. narodenín Juraja Jakubiska jeho autobiografia Živé striebro, v ktorej zachytil prvých tridsať rokov svojho života.

Za svoju tvorbu získal Jakubisko množstvo domácich i zahraničných ocenení. Získal napríklad cenu československej kritiky za najlepší československý film roku 1967. V júni 2002 si prevzal cenu Zlatá kamera, ktorú tradične udeľujú osobnostiam domácej i zahraničnej kinematografie za podiel na rozvoji filmového umenia na festivale Art Film v Trenčianskych Tepliciach. Od januára 2003 bol tiež nositeľom najvyššieho štátneho vyznamenania Pribinov kríž II. triedy za zásluhy v oblasti slovenskej kinematografie. Národnú filmovú cenu Slnko v sieti za výnimočný prínos slovenskej kinematografii si Jakubisko prevzal 16. apríla 2016.

Jeho filmy ocenili aj na Grand Prix Unicef a na MFF v Moskve a na MFF v Karlových Varoch. Výročnú cenu Českej filmovej a televíznej akadémie Český lev mu udělili 1. marca 2003. Sošku leva získal za dlhodobý umelecký prínos pre český film. Českého leva získal aj v roku 2008 za divácky najúspešnejší film Bathory a tiež za výtvarný počin filmu Bathory. Dňa 9. júna 2009 si prevzal Cenu Elsy Morante pre zahraničného režiséra. Za účasti talianskej veľvyslankyne na Slovensku Brunelly Borzi Cornacchia mu ju odovzdala Teresa Triscani, riaditeľka Talianskeho kultúrneho inštitútu v Bratislave. Medailu za zásluhy I. stupňa v oblasti v umenia mu v roku 2016 udeľil aj vtedajší český prezident Miloš Zeman.

Juraj Jakubisko bol známy dlhoročnou spoluprácou s talianskou kinematografiou a jej predstaviteľmi, aj preto si vyslúžil pomenovanie "slovenský Fellini", čo on sám považoval za poctu.

Posledným Jakubiskovým filmom je pokračovanie kultovej filmovej rozprávky Perinbaba s názvom Perinbaba a dva svety, ktorej premiéra bola pôvodne plánovaná ešte pred Vianocami v roku 2019, no pre odklady z dôvodu pandémie koronavírusu sa dosiaľ do kín ešte nedostala. Dej novej Perinbaby nadväzuje na pôvodnú rozprávku.

Ako režisér spolupracoval Jakubisko vo veľkej miere aj s divadlom. Úspech malo v roku 2018 napríklad nové naštudovanie opery - Suchoňovo Svätopluka - pod jeho vedením.



Juraj Jakubisko (Foto: TASR/František Iván)

A LEGEND IS GONE: Slovak Film Director Juraj Jakubisko Has Passed Away.

Bratislava, February 25 (TASR) - At the age of 84, Slovak film director Juraj Jakubisko died in Prague shortly before midnight. It was reported by several Slovak media, including RTVS, whose news about his death was confirmed by the director's daughter and actress Janette Jakubisková.

Jakubisko became famous for films such as The Millennial Bee, Never in Slovak, Sitting on a Branch, Enjoying Myself, but also the historical feature film Bathory or the fairy tale Perinbaba.

A Profile of the Slovak director Juraj Jakubisko

As a director, Jakubisko was also distinguished by a strong artistic sensibility, which is present in all his films and forms one of the basic characteristics of his work.

Juraj Jakubisko was born on April 30, 1938, in the eastern Slovak village of Kojšov [Spiš]. In 1957, he graduated from photography at the Secondary School of Arts and Crafts in Bratislava, and from 1959 to 1966 he studied in the Czech Republic at the Film and Television Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU).

After graduation, he made his debut as director with the film Crucial Years (Kristove roky, also known as The Prime of Life, 1967). The films Deserter and the Nomads (1968), Birds, Orphans, and Fools (1969) and the tragicomedy Goodbye in Hell, Friends followed (1970, completed in 1990), were banned in the 1970s (due to communist suppression during the Normalization period after the Soviet-led 1968 invasion, editor); Jakubisko could then only devote himself to documentary work.

His film Build a House, Plant a Tree (1979), which he shot after a hiatus of several years, was a masterpiece. This was followed by the comedy Never in Slovak (1980). The peak of his work in the 1980s is the historical saga The Millennial Bee (1983), which won numerous awards, as well as the fairy tale film The Feather Fairy (Perinbaba, 1985). He closed the pre-revolutionary period with the film Sitting on a Branch, Enjoying Myself (1989), in which Bolek Polívka played one of the main roles.

In 1990, he made the film Almost a Pink Story for television, and completed and released the tragicomedy Goodbye in Hell, Friends, and began work on the film Better to be Rich and Healthy than Poor and Sick, which premiered in 1992.

Since 1993, Juraj Jakubisko lived with his wife, actress and producer Deana Horváthová and family in the Czech capital, Prague.

After 1997 he made the film An Ambiguous Report About the End of the World, and in 2004 the film Post coitum, with the Italian actor Franco Nero playing the main role. A very successful project of Jakubiska was the film Bathory, a historical feature film about a woman from Čachtice who, according to legend, bathed in the blood of virgins and who is presented as the greatest murderer of all time. The film had its world premiere at the International Film Festival (IFF) in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic in 2008. The Slovak singer Katarína Knechtová sang the hit song Mój Bože (My God) in it, which became the most frequently played song in Slovakia in 2008.

In 2012, Jakubisko became probably the oldest patient to receive a new heart in the Czech Republic.

In 2013, as part of the Košice 2013 ECOC project, Juraj Jakubisko presented himself at the Jakubisko Days festival, not only through his films, but also through his artwork. Jakubisko exhibited a series of serigraphs, original film posters and oil paintings in Košice. On this occasion, the then mayor of Košice, Richard Raši, presented him with the City Plaque of Košice.

On 20 June 2013, on the occasion of Jakubisko's 75th birthday, XYZ Publishing House published his autobiography Living Silver, in which he captured the first thirty-three years of his life.

Jakubisko has received numerous domestic and international awards for his work. For example, he won the Czechoslovak Critics' Prize for the best Czechoslovak film of 1967. In June 2002, at the Art Film Festival in Trenčianske Teplice, he received the Golden Camera Award, traditionally given to personalities of domestic and foreign cinema for their contribution to the development of the art of filmmaking. Since January 2003, he has also been the recipient of the highest state award, the Pribina Cross of the Second Class, for services to Slovak cinematography. Jakubisko received the National Film Award Sun in the Net for his outstanding contribution to Slovak cinema on April 16, 2016.

His films have also been awarded at the UNICEF Grand Prix and at the IFF in Moscow and the IFF in Karlovy Vary. For his long-term artistic contribution to Czech film, he was awarded the annual Czech Lion Award of the Czech Film and Television Academy on 1 March 2003. He also won the Czech Lion Award in 2008 for the most successful film Bathory and for the artwork in the film. On 9 June 2009, he received the Elsa Morante Award for Foreign Director. It was presented to him by Teresa Triscani, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute in Bratislava, in the presence of the Italian Ambassador to Slovakia, Brunella Borzi Cornacchia. The Medal for Merit 1st Class in the Arts was also awarded to him in 2016 by the then Czech President Miloš Zeman.

Juraj Jakubisko was known for his long-standing collaboration with Italian cinema and its representatives, which is why he earned the name "Slovak Fellini", which he himself considered an honor.

Jakubisko's latest film is a sequel to the cult fairy tale Perinbaba, Perinbaba and Two Worlds, which was originally scheduled to premiere before Christmas 2019. Due to delays because of the coronavirus pandemic, it has not yet made it to cinemas. The plot of the new Perinbaba follows the original fairy tale.

As a director, Jakubisko cooperated extensively with the theater as well. In 2018, for example, a new staging of the opera - Suchoň's Svätopluk - was successful under his direction.

[Jakubisko was named the Best Slovak Director of the 20th Century and was also a painter and artist. A full list of his films may be found at tinyurl.com/5n8hxxpt. Readers may view some Trailers of Jakubisko's work at the TASR website: tinyurl.com/46w4u4wd - Editor.]



FCSU, GCU, NSS & SCS COMBINED NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The First Catholic Slovak Union, GCU, NSS
proaching and we are pleased to offer you the

Bowling... All bowling will take place at A
Cheektowaga, NY 14225. The phone num
<https://www.amf.com/location/amf-airport>

Hotel... The Buffalo Airport Hotel located
the location for the banquet and also has
thru Saturday nights. You can reserve you
Fraternal Societies Bowling Tournament

No applications will be accepted after April 17, 2023.

10th ANNUAL NATIONAL JOINT SLOVAK BOWLING TOURNAMENT
A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF FCSU, GCU, NSS & SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
"USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED"
AMF Airport Lanes ⇨ Cheektowaga, NY
Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20, 2023

Please note: Bowling Fees must accompany this application for the bowlers to be registered in the tournament.

No applications will be accepted after April 17, 2023.

| BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST) | FCSU TOURNAMENT INFORMATION |
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Please check one: Men's Events Women's Events Mixed Events

DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENTS—SATURDAY, MAY 20
Bowling begins at 10 AM for all bowlers.

TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 19
Hospitality Meal Served 5 PM at Airport Lanes Bowling Begins at 6:30 PM All Teams

Team Name: _____
(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Name of your Local USBC: _____
Association Secretary: _____
Address: _____
Make all Checks or Money Orders payable to: First Catholic Slovak Union
Mail to: **Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.**
Important: Every Individual and Captain on this entry agrees to relinquish his rights to prize money if it should be found that any information herein is false.

Financial Totals for this Application

___ Singles Event@ \$23 ea. = \$ _____

___ Doubles Event@ \$23 ea. = \$ _____

___ Team Event@ \$23 ea. = \$ _____

___ All Events@ \$5 ea. = \$ _____

___ Banquet Fee (Optional)@ \$0 ea. = \$ _____

___ Banquet Fee (Guests)@ \$65 ea. = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

prizes which will continue to be paid as in
Squad Time Assignments... T
events. Team bowling will take place on
uled for **Saturday, May 20 at 10 am**
Friday Evening Hospitality... A
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Saturday Evening Banquet... I
& SCS Combined National Bowling Tour
Saturday evening May 20 at the Buffalo A
Guests are welcome at a fee of \$65 per g
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Payment must accompany requests.
Bowler's Banquet Fee... Bowler
included on the bowling application. Bow
If you do not plan to attend, please do no
Food & Beverage Reservatio
guarantees. We have enclosed a Hospita
April 17, 2023. This will enable us to
Membership Requirements... I
side of the individual society bowling app
extra applications, all of the forms for the
FCSU website—www.fcsu.com; GCU—www.vakcatholicosokol.org.
We'll be in Touch... An additional
prize list and other important information.

- The Tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the United States Bowling Congress.
- This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol, NSS and GCU. The goal of the tournament is to promote sportsmanship and to generate nationwide interest in bowling. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol, NSS and GCU extend a cordial invitation to attend the tournament.
- ELIGIBILITY:** This Tournament is open to all bowlers who are bona fide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. No prize money is awarded.
- CONSENT RULES:** Any grade or high school student under the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent from their parent(s) to participate in USBC Certified Tournaments. Said written consent must be on a form provided by the Tournament Committee at least one week before the tournament unless the student is accompanied by a parent. The parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC requires a parental consent form for all participants under the age of 18.
- The total cost per person for each event is as follows:
a. Prize Fee
b. Bowling Fee
c. Hospitality Fee.....
TOTAL COST (per event)
Banquet Fee (Optional).....
*All Events (Optional).....
Bowlers paying the \$5.00 for the All-Events will receive a PRIZE FEE WILL BE RETURNED 100 PERCENT.
- At least 1 of 10 of participants in each event must be a member of the sponsoring organization.
Note: Contestant may win only one cash prize per event. The prize with the highest actual score is higher. Excluding special prizes. Awarded to the bowler who roll the highest gross and highest actual score.
- SUBSTITUTES.** Bowlers may compete in the tournament manager may allow a bowler who is unable to bowl in the team event rolled with his entering team. A bowler who does not bowl in this tournament except those originally entered or such substitutes who may be authorized by the tournament manager provided the individual whose name appears on the entry has a valid reason to attend the tournament at the time of the tournament.

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

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

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

Life & Slovak Catholic Sokol Joint Bowling Tournament is fast approaching. The following details:

Airport Lanes located at 3754 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY. Phone number is: **716.632.0655** and website is: www.airportlanes.com.

Airport Lanes at 4600 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 will be offering guest rooms available for \$109/night + tax for Thursday night. Reserve your room by calling **716.634.6969** and using Block Code: **7166346969**.

In the past, there will be only one squad time for both the team and doubles & singles on **Friday, May 19 at 6:30 pm**. The doubles & singles squads are scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm.

All bowlers (and pre-paid guests) are welcome to join in for food and fraternal buffet will be served at Airport Lanes beginning at 5 pm.

In the interest of fraternal camaraderie and to celebrate the FCSU, GCU, NSS Tournament, a celebratory dinner for bowlers and their guests will take place on Saturday at Airport Hotel. The evening will include a buffet dinner and a two hour open bar. All guests. Bowlers must complete the enclosed Hospitality Questionnaire form if you wish to reserve a space to register any guests that will accompany bowlers for the dinner.

For those planning to attend the banquet on Saturday, May 20 the fee is \$31.00 and is included in the entry fee. Bowlers have the option of not participating in the banquet on Saturday, May 20. Do not pay the banquet fee with your entry fees.

Reservations... Must be made in advance so we can be precise in our attendance. Complete the Hospitality Questionnaire to complete and return with your application no later than April 17, 2023. We will prepare for the proper number of attendees.

Membership requirements for each organization are available on the reverse side of the application. Forms on Each Organization's Website... Remember, if you need the National Bowling Tournament are available on your organization's website: www.GCUusa.com; www.nsslife.org or www.SlovakCatholicSokol.com—Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The tournament newsletter will be forthcoming with the complete bowling and event schedule. Plan now to have a great tournament!



Hospitality Questionnaire

FCSU, GCU, NSS & SCS
Joint Bowling Tournament

Please complete and return this questionnaire with your bowling application.

Bowler Name: _____

Friday Evening Buffet (Free for Bowlers)

_____ I will have a guest at the Friday Evening Buffet at Airport Lanes on Friday, May 19, 2023. Enclosed is my payment of \$15 per guest for the Friday Buffet.

Friday Buffet Guest _____

Friday Buffet Guest _____

Saturday Evening Banquet

Tossed Salad; Buffet Dinner; Dessert and a two-hour Open Bar.

_____ **YES**, I will attend the Bowlers Banquet at the Buffalo Airport Hotel at 6 PM on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

_____ I will have a guest(s) at the Banquet on Saturday, May 20. Enclosed is my payment of **\$65 per guest** for the Banquet.

Saturday Banquet Guest _____

Saturday Banquet Guest _____

Saturday Banquet Guest _____

_____ **NO**, I will **not** attend the Banquet on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Do you or your guests have any dietary restrictions? If so, please explain:

Return this form with your bowling application by April 17, 2023.

Thank You!

Important to All Tournament Entrants

Read Carefully Information Given Below

Rules and Regulations of Annual FCSU/GCU/NSS/SCS Bowling Tournament

compliance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

The purpose of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol Joint Bowling Tournament is to promote fraternalism and good sportsmanship and to show an interest in the Slovak fraternal organization and GCU wish to extend to all members.

To all First Catholic Slovak Union male and female bowlers. All winners will be checked before the tournament.

For a school student who has not attained the age of 18, the consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to receive cash or merchandise prizes are required. Prizes must be approved by USBC and must be on file with the tournament committee before the bowler is eligible for tournament. Prizes will be accompanied by his/her parents, in which case the prize will be awarded to them.

Rule No. 13. Prizes shall be:

- 1st Place.....\$10.00
- 2nd Place.....\$8.25
- 3rd Place.....\$4.75
- 4th Place.....\$23.00
- 5th Place.....\$0.00
- 6th Place.....\$5.00 *Only for cash awards.

PERCENT IN EACH EVENT. Prizes will win prizes.

Prize event (gross or net), whichever cash prize will be presented to the Contestants. Prizes will be based on net scores in each event.

Prizes will be awarded only once in each event. However, the bowler who has previously bowled to substitute on a bowler's behalf is absent. The score of such bowler will not count for all events. No one may substitute before the tournament opens.

Prizes will be awarded by the team or his appointee. Prizes will be awarded on the entry blank is unable for sufficient information. The National Fraternal Director

shall have power as to the substitutes that are offered by the captain or his legalized representative, and if accepted, each substitute must bowl each event under his full name and only at scheduled time in each event. The substitutes score and handicap from the said event will be used.

7. Any contestant whose current average as of March 15, 2023 of at least 21 games is ten pins or more above his highest average from the previous season must use his current average. HANICAP - Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 240 and last season's 2021-2022 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2023. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap.

and will bowl scratch in the tournament. Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 200 and last season's 2021-2022 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2023. Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament. Under no circumstances will handicaps be increased after participant has bowled. Contestants in this tournament are not required to report any tournament prize winnings for the previous 12-month period.

8. FALSIFYING AVERAGES - PENALTY - The team captain is responsible for reporting all averages of the individual team members, and they are responsible to him. Should the Tournament Committee find at any time that the averages have been falsified, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as their entry fee and will be subject to disqualification and suspension from organized bowling. All prize winners are subject upon request to submit an affidavit of correct league averages.

9. Rerating of Bowlers - According to USBC Rule No. 319 A-E, bowlers may be rerated by the Tournament Committee.

10. All entry applications and bowling fees are to be sent directly to: Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241; not later than April 17, 2023. Rule 310-A2 is in effect.

11. Bowlers who participate in tournament games must be dressed in a presentable manner to appear before public and when possible to use an emblem attached to shirt

or dress so that participant can be identified. 12. Both USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in moral support tournaments with high score protection automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for high score

protection at their option by paying a \$21.00 fee for which the Congress will issue an unattached membership card.

13. NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED. All prize fee money will be paid in prizes.

14. Bowlers may choose to bowl in their respective gender team and doubles event or on a mixed team or mixed doubles team but cannot participate in both divisions. Singles and All Events are gender specific. Mixed team and mixed doubles scores will be used to calculate All Events specific to the gender of the bowler. Must have 6 teams and 10 doubles teams to hold the mixed events. 15. In the Doubles contest the names of both members of the team must be given, because entries with the word "Partner" will not be accepted. Entry blanks so compiled will be returned and the entry money retained until proper blank is received. If both entrants in the Doubles event appear when scheduled, it is understood that they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry blank and no change in position will be allowed at any time after entry blank has been filed.

16. Assignment of Alleys - The Tournament Committee will make up the alley assignments for all entrants in the Doubles, Singles and Team Events. Entrants in the Doubles and Singles Events are required to report fully 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled to bowl. Captains of teams must report their line-up at least 30 minutes before scheduled to bowl.

17. In the Doubles & Singles Events bowling entrants will bowl all six of their games on the same pair of lanes. Bowlers entered in the Singles Event only will be assigned to alleys by the Committee.

18. A team may use a name other than its league name for tournament entry without the payment of additional membership dues as formerly required.

19. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.

Entries will close at midnight April 17, 2023.

Please note: all forms must be filled in completely and sent to: Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. Entry fees, as stated on the front of this entry blank, must accompany this entry. All incomplete forms will be returned to team captain to be completed and resubmitted.

WELCOME TO OUR JEDNOTA FAMILY

FCSU Branch 38 welcomes one of our youngest members, Warren Duke Shope, born December of 2022 to proud parents, Langley and Tyler Shope. Warren Duke is also the grandson of our General Counsel, Gary Matta and his wife, Larissa. Welcome to the First Catholic Slovak Union!
Vitajte!



If you have a child or grandchild who recently became a member of the FCSU, please send us their photo to editor@fcsu.com so that we can feature them in an upcoming issue.



Attention Branch 853

Spring is in the Air

On March 20, 2023 at 5:24pm EDT, we will welcome in Spring. Only a few weeks later on April 9, 2023 the Catholic Church will celebrate Easter.

Branch 853 members, let's see your excitement for Spring and Easter and let's celebrate in style! Branch 853 members participating in this event will receive a \$10 gift card – one entry per branch member.

The event is open between April 1 and April 15, 2023. Send your name and photo to 2670 Crosby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 or email to FCSUBranch853@gmail.com. The photo must be a current photo and needs to include:



- The branch 853 member with your Easter Basket
OR
- The branch 853 member near your door decorated for Spring or Easter
OR
- The branch 853 member inside or outside of your church with displays for Lent or Easter Sunday.

We are looking forward to an energetic participation. The participation is open to all Branch 853 members.

Submitted by: Branch 853 President Monica Boone, FCSUBranch853@gmail.com

“Save the Date” for these 2023 Fraternal Events

FCSU National Picnic, Saturday, June 24, 2023



Location: Frogbridge
7 Yellow Meeting House Rd,
Millstone Township,
N.J. 08510

FCSU National Picnic Saturday, July 15, 2023

Location:
Knoebels
391 Knoebels Blvd.
Elysburg, PA 17824



FCSU National Picnic Saturday, July 29, 2023



Location:
Wiegand Lake Park
9346 Kinsman Rd,
Novelty, OH 44072

2023 International Golf Tournament August 18-20, 2023

Location:
Kensington Golf Club
4171 Westford Place,
Canfield, Ohio 44406





“THE MOST EXCITING TWO MINUTES IN SPORTS”
SATURDAY MAY 6th, 2023

5th ANNUAL F.C.S.U. KENTUCKY DERBY HAT PHOTO CONTEST

Ladies & Gentlemen, Children of All Ages: Help us celebrate the 148th running of the Kentucky Derby by submitting a picture of yourself in your Derby Hat and attire!!!

Listed below are some suggestions, however the more creative the better chance of winning.

Ladies - examples:

- Babuška
- Pillbox
- Fascinator
- Beret
- Cocktail

Men - examples:

- Klobuk
- Fedora
- Bowler
- Cowboy
- Panama

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FEMALE: 3 CATEGORIES: 40 – older; 16 – 39; 15 – younger

MALE: 3 CATEGORIES: 40 – older; 16 – 39; 15 – younger

FAMILY: 1 CATEGORY

PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY:

- 1st Place - \$250
- 2nd Place - \$150
- 3rd Place - \$75

WINNERS - To be Announced In Jednota

RULES:

- 1) All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday May 12th, 2023.
- 2) Contestant in Photo AND ALL Contestants in Family Photo must be:
 - FCSUMembers in good standing to be eligible for prizes
- 3) **ENTRIES WITHOUT a Branch Number filled in will be disqualified.**
- 4) Contestant must be holding a current Jednota 2023 Newspaper in picture.
- 5) All pictures must be 8 x 10:
 - Any other sizes will not be accepted.
 - Pictures will not be returned.
- 6) Please write on back of the photo:
 - Name
 - (All family names must be written on back of Family Photo)
 - Branch Number
 - Entry Category
- 7) Mail to:

Joanne Fibbi **or email your high resolution picture to:**
1741 Hempstead Ln contest@fcsu.com
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

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If entering Family Category; please fill in rest of information below:
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Jednota Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Back biter
- 6 Carve in stone
- 10 Cotton unit
- 14 ___ donna
- 15 Pasternak heroine
- 16 Purim’s month
- 17 Early Judean king
- 18 Persia, today
- 19 Martial art
- 20 Small arboreal monkeys
- 22 Eccentrics
- 24 Pertinent
- 26 “Seinfeld” uncle
- 27 Informal wear
- 28 Desk item
- 32 “Desire Under the ___”
- 34 Spanish sparkling white wine
- 35 Cyst
- 37 Tropical nut
- 41 Neural transmitter
- 42 Squalid
- 45 Dreadful
- 46 Wild dog
- 48 Pass
- 49 Others, to Ovid
- 50 Pair of oxen
- 53 Contaminated
- 55 The Righteous Brothers, e.g.
- 58 Give it ___
- 59 Mins. and mins.
- 60 Outmoded
- 63 Indolence
- 67 Way to go
- 68 Guitarist Lofgren
- 70 Dislike, and then some
- 72 Ocean menace
- 73 Medicinal amount

Down

- 74 Clamorous
- 75 Christmas tree topper
- 76 One more time
- 77 Slow on the uptake
- 1 Dashboard inits.
- 2 They lack refinement
- 3 Turkish money
- 4 In a frenzy
- 5 Tire type
- 6 Biblical high priest
- 7 Member of the arum family
- 8 Baby’s bed
- 9 “Water Music” composer
- 10 Mexican peninsula
- 11 Ticket category
- 12 Soup server
- 13 Irregularly notched
- 21 Gushes
- 23 Fail miserably
- 25 Shade provider
- 28 Bunch
- 29 Prepare for takeoff
- 30 English river
- 31 Twinges
- 33 Roomy vehicle
- 36 Pinch
- 38 Knight fight
- 39 Great Lakes city

- 40 Starring role
- 43 Fable
- 44 A long time
- 47 Girasol, e.g.
- 51 Docket
- 52 Mental picture
- 54 Easter, e.g.
- 55 Student residences
- 56 German sub
- 57 Honshu port
- 61 Bouquet
- 62 “What ___ is new?”
- 64 Mitch Miller’s instrument
- 65 Watered down
- 66 “Bonanza” brother
- 69 Produce duds
- 71 Kvass ingredient

See Solution on Page 10

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 1 – LAKEWOOD OH

The next meeting of the Saint Joseph Society will be held on April 16, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Rocky River Public Library Community Room, 1600 Hampton Road, Rocky River, OH 44116. Those interested in attending, please contact Rochelle Popovich at 216-789-6390 by April 1, 2023. Social distancing will be observed so we need to know in advance if you will be attending. All members are welcome to attend. Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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

BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 7, will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Hall, 52 Parish St., Ramey, PA 16671. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

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

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

Branch 23 of Johnstown will hold its First Annual Branch Meeting on Sunday May 7, 2023. The meeting will take place at Denny's Family Restaurant in Richland on Theater Drive. The Meeting will start at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served. All members of Branch 23 are welcome. We have a large Branch, and we are requesting and encouraging members to attend our meetings. If you have a policy, you are a member of a branch. At this meeting we will be discussing the great new rates FCSU is offering. We also would like to talk about what we can do this year as members. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Cassat at 814-254-2532.

Submitted by **Theresa Cassat**

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 24 is offering discounted tickets to its members for the all-new Tamburitzan Concert on April 23, 2023. The show will begin at 3:00PM at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, OH. The Tamburitzans are the longest-running multicultural song and dance company in the United States. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, the performers are full-time students who receive scholarships for their activities. For details and to purchase discounted tickets through the branch, contact Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Tom Ivanec at 440-668-7797 by April 10, 2023.

Submitted by **John Moynihan, President**

BRANCH 38 - WHITE OAK, PA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38 Will Hold A Branch Meeting On Thursday, April 20, 2023, At 7:00 Pm. Attendees Of This Meeting Will Discuss Possible Branch And District Fraternal Events For 2023. Our Goal Is To Create A More Unified Environment.

Out Of An Abundance Of Caution And With Concern For All Of Our Members, This Branch 38 Meeting Will Be Held Virtually. Any Member Interested In Attending This

Meeting Should Contact Logan Haselhoff, Branch President, By Calling 412-956-9411 Or Emailing Lhaselhoff@Gmail.com, To Set Up The Virtual Meeting Invitation And Details.

All Branch 38 Members Are Urged To Attend. Thank You For Your Continued Support Of Branch 38. Thank You For Your Continued Support Of Branch 38: Logan Haselhoff, President Of Branch 38, Brittany Kowalski, Vice-President Of Branch 38, Cathy Matta, Secretary/Treasurer Of Branch 38. Please Contact Me With Questions Or Concerns!

Submitted by **Logan Haselhoff**

BRANCH 60 - MCKEESPORT, PA

Branch 60 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at Bravo! Italian Kitchen (250 W. Bridge Street, West Homestead, PA 15120) at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officers' reports and upcoming events. All members are urged to attend.

Submitted by **Julie Perla, Branch Secretary**

BRANCH 166 - BINGHAMTON, NY

Saint Joseph the Guardian, Branch 166 Happy Spring! There are a lot of exciting things happening this spring and summer! Our Semi-Annual Branch meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 2:00 PM at St Cyril's Parish Hall, 148 Clinton St., Binghamton, NY. Lunch will be provided for members in attendance. Please RSVP by April 15, 2023. Come out for food, and fellowship and discover what's happening!

Submitted by **Judie Dendler, Secretary**

BRANCH 181 - UNITED, PA

Branch 181 members are invited to attend the meeting at The Boulevard Restaurant on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 5 pm. The Boulevard is located at 900 Towne Square Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please RSVP by April 24 by calling Vicki Hricik at 724-547-0803, or Darlene Patty at 724-493-8712. Planning for the upcoming annual family picnic and other branch activities will be on the agenda. Thank you.

*Check out the Branch 181 Scholarship announcement in this issue for eligible high school seniors. Please e-mail Vicki at vickihricik@gmail.com for an application.

Submitted by **Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PA

Members of Branch 199 are invited to meet at The Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 1215 Jefferson Street, Latrobe, Pa 15650 to honor a Branch 199 member for many years of volunteer service at Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Members will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 pm. A branch donation in honor of Mrs. Tripoli's dedication over many years will be presented to a representative from St. Vincent de Paul. A tour of the store and volunteer hours will also take place.

Branch 199 will hold a meeting on Sun-

day, March 26th at 1:00 pm at Sharkey's Cafe, 3960 Lincoln highway, Latrobe, PA. Plans for summer activities will be discussed. Lunch will be provided by the branch. See you there!

Submitted by **Barb Patula**

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PA

January meetings will be held at a restaurant chosen by the Board in December. Any member wishing to attend the dinner must attend at least 3 meetings during the year prior. We welcome all members to attend any meeting. We are open for suggestions and any comments or concerns you may have. We meet on the 1st Thursdays of the month except in June and July. In the event a special meeting is held or cancelled, there may not be time to publish in the JEDNOTA. Membership cards were recently mailed out to members 21 years and older. Please contact me with any changes you would like to make and don't forget to look your policy over especially beneficiary information. May you all have a successful, healthy, happy, prosperous "2023"! Fraternaly, Vicki Schaub. Contact at Vschaub123@gmail.com or 724-763-9229.

Submitted by **Vicki Schaub**

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge Br. 228 will hold their next meeting on Monday March 20, 2023, at 7 P.M. IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. Beginning in 2023, all quarterly meetings (March, June, September, and December) will be held in the IN-PERSON format at the American Slovak Club. All other monthly meetings will be held in the VIRTUAL format using the FreeConferenceCall.com Audio Conferencing service we have used since late 2020. All meetings will be conducted on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 P.M. Please keep in mind that there are no meetings held in the months of January, February, July, or August. You may contact Lisa at 440-773-1442 for specific instructions to attend virtually if needed.

The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date of this year's election meeting is December 18, 2023. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

The December 2022 election results for Branch 228 officers were as follows: President - Luis Palos, Vice-President - Ryan Trifiletti, Financial Secretary - Lisa Trifiletti-Palos, Activities Director/Auditor Theresa Arendt and Recording Secretary Thomas Zuffa were each re-elected to a 1-year term expiring on December 31, 2023. For representatives to the American Slovak Club Board of Directors, Kathleen Trifiletti and Ryan Trifiletti were each re-elected to a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2025.

We respectfully ask all of our FCSU members to please pray to our Lord God to bless us all with His love, peace and mercy. May He unite the leaders of all nations to

diligently work together for world peace.

Submitted by **Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PA

The meeting scheduled for March is postponed. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 7 at 1 PM at Eat & Park Restaurant on Route 30, North Versailles, PA, across from the post office and the Great Valley Shopping Center. We will hear reports from the treasurer and financial secretary and discuss district events. The fall meeting is planned for November 12.

Submitted by **Margaret Nasta, President**

BRANCH 313 - ORLAND PARK, IL

Happy Spring, Branch 313!! We would like to wish all of our members a blessed spring season. Our first Semiannual Branch Meeting for the 23rd year, will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 11:30 AM. The meeting will take place at, "Southfork Family Restaurant" at the location: 14631 South LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. A complimentary fraternal luncheon will follow the meeting. We encourage those attending to please wear a face mask during the meeting. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the table. Members interested in attending this meeting, please contact Branch President, Marge Dickinson at 708-226-8157, by April 15th, to reserve a place at the meeting.

Submitted by **Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

Branch Meeting: Branch 320 members are invited to attend our Spring Meeting on March 26, 2023, at La Eda's Restaurant - 1723 Grand Blvd. Monessen, PA at 1:00 pm. MUST RSVP BY MARCH 13TH. Please contact Frances Tarquinio (Financial Secretary at 724-929-9788).

Summer Baseball. Any Branch 320 member interested in a baseball game this summer, please reach out to Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary, at 724-929-9788. We will be discussing the possibility of this event during our Spring 2023 meeting.

Submitted by **Mary Anne Higginbotham, President**

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PA

The first meeting of the year for Branch 367 will be on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 12:30 PM at Mountain View Cafe, 1618 Georges-Fairchance Road, Smithfield, PA 15478.

All officer reports and last year activities will be presented, as well as recommendations for donations and activities for this coming year. All members are invited to attend. Please call Kathryn Baranek, secretary at 724-569-1006 if planning to attend.

Submitted by **Kathryn Baranek**

BRANCH 401 - EAST VANDERGRIFT, PA

St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 401 of East Vandergrift, PA, invites all branch members

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to attend the 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 2 pm at Devout Brewery which is located at 1301 Pontiac Court, #101, Export, PA 15632. Members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Kathy Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PA

The SS. Peter and Paul Branch 410 will hold its branch meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main St., Uniontown, PA.

All branch members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call for reservations by Monday, March 13, 2023, at 724-425-2576.

Submitted by Geraldine Buchheit, Financial & Recording Secretary

BRANCH 450 - CLEVELAND, OH

St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be held at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church - Hall, West 54-th Street, Parma, OH, 44129.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities, for summer.

Members are invited and encouraged to attend. Members who want to attend the branch meeting, should contact George Carny, (440) 885-5702. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Submitted by George Carny, President

BRANCH 313 - ORLAND PARK, IL

Happy Spring, Branch 313!! We would like to wish all of our members a blessed spring season. Our first Semiannual Branch Meeting for the 23rd year, will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 11:30 AM. The meeting will take place at, "Southfork Family Restaurant" at the location: 14631 South LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. A complimentary fraternal luncheon will follow the meeting. We encourage those attending to please wear a face mask during the meeting. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at the table. Members interested in attending this meeting, please contact Branch President, Marge Dickinson at 708 226 8157, by April 15th, to reserve a place at the meeting.

Submitted by Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 670 - DONORA, PA

Branch 670 will hold a meeting at Kings Restaurant at 580 McClelland Rd, Canonsburg, PA on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 12 PM. 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 meeting via Zoom, please contact branch670secretary@gmail.com for the Zoom link. All Branch 670 members are invited to attend the meeting.

Submitted by Maureen Massafra, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 716 - NEW YORK, NY

Branch 716 will also hold its first semiannual meeting of the year 2023 on Sunday,

April 23, 2023. The meeting will be held in person at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York, NY following the conclusion of the Slovak mass at 12:30 pm. The agenda will include organization, financial report updates, and discussion of future branch activities and any events. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting and all members of Branch 716 are highly encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Emily Lysáková, Secretary

BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731 recently held our election of officers for 2023. The officers elected were Chaplin Monsignor Robert Siffrin, President Irene Makovec, Vice-president Bridget Bobby, Recording Secretary Maura Blumer, and Financial Secretary Jackie Bobby. Two auditors, John J. Leskovyansky and Tom Krispinsky, were also elected. Our Mass for our Patron Saint will be on March 19, 2023, at 4:00 pm at Saint Columba Cathedral, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Submitted by Maura Blumer, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731 will meet Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be at Café 422, South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio. Ideas for summer events will be discussed.

Submitted by Maura Blumer, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

Easter baking at Holy Family Church will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Orders for kolachi will be taken starting Ash Wednesday, March 22. Please call (908) 862-0379 between the hours of 9AM to 8PM. Cost of cakes is \$20.00 each. Pick up will be Sunday, March 26 after the 10:30 AM Slovak Mass until 2:00 PM. All proceeds will go to the church.

Branch 746 is also offering a scholarship with a June 30, 2023 deadline for application. For further info, see the flyer in the Jednota issue and on the FCSU website.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

Members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7:00 PM (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Masses are offered for the intention of all Branch 746 members living and deceased as follows: April 14th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, November 3rd, and December 1st. October 6th mass is offered for blessings on Branch 746 on the occasion of its 101st Anniversary.

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 are 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/>.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OH

Branch 764 of Warren, Ohio will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, Elm Rd., Warren, Ohio. Come out and greet the newly elected 2023 officers; President, Rosemary Heald, Vice-President, Mae Stark, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, George Yuricek, Recording Secretary, Bill Hrusovsky, Auditors, John Yuricek and Andy Prox. Also, assistance and ideas are requested for activities for summer and fall. Mark your calendar now. Further information available from Bill Hrusovsky, 330-372-1948, hrusovskyw@embarqmail.com.

Submitted by Bill Hrusovsky, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 796 - EGYPT, PA

Branch 796 will hold their semi-annual meeting on March 26, 2023. Meeting will convene at 1pm at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic located at 4102 South Church St. Whitehall, PA 18052. We urge all members to attend, especially those who do not normally attend our Branch meetings. We would love to see some new faces. Stay Safe! Stay Strong! God Bless!

Submitted by Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 844 - LOS ANGELES, CA

Celebrate the Easter season with Slovaks at St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles, CA.

You are cordially invited, to celebrate Easter with Slovaks on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles. Address: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.

Mass will start at 1:00 PM and will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D., pastor of the parish.

We can meet again in this nice Church where is the perfect place for a fraternal gathering after mass and where you are all invited. Samples of Easter desserts and dishes are welcome.

The officers of Prince Pribina District and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles, wish all of you a Blessed and Joyous and Happy Easter.

Prince Pribina District and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles vás pozýva na Veľkonočné slávenie: Veľkonočná Slovenská sv. omša a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska.

Srdečne vás pozývame na Veľkonočnú Slovenskú sv. omšu a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska, v sobotu 1. apríla 2023. Veľkonočné stretnutie sa uskutoční na novom mieste st. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles. Adresa je: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.

Veľkonočná Slovenská omša tam začína o 13:00 hod a bude ju slúžiť Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D., ktorý sa nedávno stal farárom tejto farnosti. Znova máme možnosť sa stretnúť po na novom mieste v peknom

kostole veľkej farnosti. Je tam perfektné prostredie na priateľské posedenie po liturgii na ktoré vás všetkých pozývame.

Vzorka veľkonočného pečiva a veľkonočnej hostiny je vítaná. Dovidenia v St. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles.

Submitted by Paul Skuben

BRANCH 853 - CHARLEROI, PA

Branch 853, St. Pio, will hold its first meeting of the year on Saturday April 1, 2023, at noon at the Speers Street Grill in Speers, PA. The meeting will discuss activities for 2023. Branch members attending will be treated to lunch. If you want to attend virtually, leave a message and 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 the branch members attending.

Branch 853 members are also asked to put April 21 on their calendar for the branch to attend a 9am Mass at the Bentleyville, PA site of the St. Katharine Drexel Parish in memory of the departed FCSU Branch 853 members. Members will meet outside of the church at 8:50 a.m.

Submitted by Monica Boone, President

BRANCH 855 - CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 855 is offering free tickets to its members for the all-new Tamburitzan Concert on April 23, 2023. The show will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, OH. The Tamburitzans are the longest-running multicultural song and dance company in the United States. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, the performers are full-time students who receive scholarships for their activities. For details on how to receive your free ticket through the branch, contact Branch 855 Fraternal Activities Director Stephanie Sutilla at 440-409-9405 by April 10, 2023. Reservations required!

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA SUTILA, PRESIDENT

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Branch 856 will hold their first meeting of the new year on Saturday March 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the home secretary, Marion Mistrik, 4513 Gladwyne Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814. All members are invited to attend. On the agenda will be a discussion on how to get more members involved with the branch, activities that members would like to do, financial report and report on survey taken last year. Plans for our mass in honor of our Slovak Chapel Our Mother of Sorrows at the shrine in Washington, D.C. in September 23, 2023. A light lunch will be served. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-3856 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Submitted by Katherine Nowatkoski, President



FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

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“St. Patrick’s Day” Word List

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| Zlato (<i>gold</i>) | Irish |
| Šťastie (<i>luck</i>) | Shamrock |
| Legenda (<i>legend</i>) | Clover |
| Zelený (<i>green</i>) | Tradition |
| Marec (<i>March</i>) | Coins |
| Dúha (<i>rainbow</i>) | Leprechaun |

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RULES

All FCSU members are eligible to enter. Complete the word puzzle and email it along with your name, address, email and branch number to contest@fcsu.com or mail it to:

FCSU PUZZLE

6611 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

Entries must be received by **April 24, 2023.**

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

Each winner will receive \$50.

March Puzzle Contest

Each month 5 winners of the FCSU Puzzle Contest will be announced in this section.

Each winner will win \$50 for their correct entry.

Happy Puzzling!

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DISTRICT 2 - REV. JOHN J SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT - IL, IN, WI

A District 2 Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, at the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict Convent, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL. A Fraternal Social will begin at 1:30 pm followed by the meeting at 2:00 pm. A fraternal lunch will follow. Please reserve your place by calling Dorothy (708) 995-7378. Looking forward to seeing you.

Submitted by John Jurcenko, President

DISTRICT 3 - THE GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its Semi-annual meeting on Saturday April 1, 2023. We will meet in the Social Hall of St. Florian Church in United, Pa. at 6:30 P.M. Branch news and our successful Štedrý Večer will be discussed. Please RSVP to Vice President Darlene Patty at 724-493-8712 by March 24, 2023. Refreshments and food will be served. We look forward to a great attendance.

Submitted by Linda L. Gonta, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH, PA

The Pittsburgh District has scheduled the Spring Business meeting at Holy Trinity Hall of St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin PA on Sunday, April 30 at 1 PM. Branch 38 will host the meeting. We will discuss business matters and plan events for the spring and summer. The usual Fathers’ Day Brunch has been cancelled. We are looking for suggestions for alternative activities. We also need a host for the fall meeting.

The FCSU has expanded its scholarship pro-

gram. 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.

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. March 6: Summer School in Slovakia; April 3: Palm Weaving; May 1: New Slovak Citizenship Law; June 5: From Košice to Kiev.

- Slovak classes start again at the Greentree Public Library on Wednesday, February 22. For additional information, contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net
- Slovak Day at Kennywood: Thursday, July 20
- Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt – Sunday, November 5 – 1-5 PM, performers, vendors, food – 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, manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON, PA

The Spring 2023 District Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2023. Time is 1:00-4:00pm. The ladies of the church will be providing a hearty Slovak meal and dessert.

Meeting place is St. Bartholomew Pariah Hall at 185 Church Road, Wilmore, PA 15946.

Please come and join us with any questions

or suggestions you may have. Also please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can be sure we have prepared adequately. You can contact either Peter Gerko (814.659.0976) or Ruth Gerko (814.533.1826). If we are not available to answer, please leave us a message.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Gerko

DISTRICT 8 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK - PA, NC

The Reverend Stephen Furdek District will hold its district meeting Saturday, April 15, 2023, in Washington DC. Mass will be at 12:15 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception/Crypt Church located at 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington DC 20017. Meeting will immediately follow mass at 1:15pm at the same location. Please email Jo Austin for information: jeaustin89@gmail.com or call 315.391.0526.

Delegate forms have been sent out to all officers of the branches in this district. They must be returned to district secretary Jo Austin by April 1, 2023, at 7692 Gates Road Manlius, New York 13104.

Submitted by Joann Austin, Recording Secretary and Katherine Nowatkoski, President

DISTRICT 10, REV. STEPHEN FURDEK - OH

District 10 will be holding our first meeting of 2023 on Sunday, April 30, at 2 pm. The Lorain Branch will be hosting this event at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44055. All elected FCSU official are invited to attend and Branch members (District 10) are encouraged to attend. Please contact Linda Hanko @ 330-706-0151 or email me at LHanko@neo.rr.com with a headcount for each Branch and FCSU offi-

cial that plan to attend to assist with refreshment preparations.

Submitted by Linda Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 - MSGR. JOSEPH TISO, PA

Another meeting will be on Sunday June 25, 2023, at the CU Club 914 6th Ave. Ford City, Pa. 16226 at 2 pm.

Annual meeting Sunday November 12, 2023 @ Villa Blanca 2740 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burrell, 15068 @ 2pm. This meeting will be for the election of officers.

The District is planning the Annual Picnic for late July or early August watch for updates.

Please plan to attend the District meetings as everyone’s input is important and welcomed. Be safe, be well. May God be with you always.

Submitted by Karen Greggs, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 12 – THE MONSIGNOR ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT, PA

The Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District will hold the first meeting of the year at the Kings Restaurant at 580 McClelland Rd, Canonsburg, PA, on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 1pm. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting will also be held via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to all Hlinka District members who attended the November 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.

Hlinka District members are urged to attend the March 2023 meeting.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Secretary

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Slovenskí gréckokatolícki biskupi slávilí v Ríme sviatok slovanských apoštolov

V utorok 14. februára, na sviatok spolupatrónov Európy svätých Cyrila a Metoda, sa v Bazilike sv. Klimenta o 18.30 konala slávnostná svätá omša. Zúčastnili sa na nej aj bratislavský eparcha a apoštolský administrátor sede vacante Prešovskej archieparchie Peter Rusnák, ďalej košický eparcha Cyril Vasil' SJ a nový pomocný biskup Bratislavskej eparchie Milan Lach SJ. Navštívili aj Slovenskú sekciu Vatikánskeho rozhlasu, pre ktorú poskytli rozhovor.

Slávnosť vierozvestov sa slávi 14. februára, na výročie smrti sv. Cyrila, a každoročne sa v tento deň slávi v Bazilike sv. Klimenta v Ríme, kde je svätec pochovaný. Tento rok bola Kolégium sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme oslávilo patrónov kostola liturgicky animovaná českým Pápežským kolégiom Nepomucenum sídliacim v Ríme. Na slávnosti, ktorej predsedal olomoucký český biskup Mons. Jozef Nuzík, teda nechýbali hostia pochádzajúci z Českej republiky, Slovinska, Bieloruska, Ukrajiny, i Slováci žijúci v Ríme.

Slovenskí gréckokatolícki biskupi navštívili Večné mesto i pri príležitosti návštevy nového prefekta Dikasteria pre východné Cirkvi, ktorým sa v novembri stal Mons. Claudio Gugerotti.

Rozhovor s vladykom Milanom Lachom, ktorý sa po viac ako 5 rokoch vracia na Slovensko z americkej eparchie Parma, a s vladykom Petrom Rusnákom pripravil vedúci sekcie Vatikánskych médií, o. Martin Jarábek. Ak si chcete vypočuť rozhovor v slovenčine, prejdite na: www.tinyurl.com/yckzucuj

Pápež pripomenul vierozvestov pri audiencii

Pripomeňme, že sviatok slovanských apoštolov pripomenul aj pápež František pri pravidelnej generálnej audiencii, v stredu 15. februára slovami:

„Inšpirovaný svätými Cyrilom a Metodom, apoštolmi Slovanov a spolupatrónmi Európy, ktorých liturgický sviatok sme slávilí včera, vás pozývam, aby ste každý deň vydávali svedectvo o evanjeliu a šíрили okolo seba vôňu Kristovej lásky, ktorá získava srdcia pre dobro.“

District 14 Sponsoring Bus Trip to the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh

The Rev. Joseph Kostik District of the FCSU is sponsoring a bus trip to the Rivers Casino on Tuesday, April 11th. The bus will leave Marcs (Boardman) at 9:00 a.m. and will leave casino at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00, with \$10.00 Free Play for the casino. MUST BRING A LEGAL PHOTO I.D. For more info call 330-755-8316.

Submitted by Vivian Sedlacko



Mail your check by March 7th to:
Rev. Joseph Kostik District FCSU
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Struthers, OH 44471

Slovak Greek Catholic Bishops Celebrated the Feast of the Slavic Apostles in Rome

On February 14, the feast of the co-patrons of Europe, Saints Cyril and Methodius, in the Basilica of St. Clement, a solemn holy mass was held. It was also attended by the Eparchy of Bratislava and the apostolic administrator sede vacante of the Prešov Archeparchy Peter Rusnák, as well as the Eparchy of Košice Cyril Vasil' SJ, and the new auxiliary bishop of the Eparchy of Bratislava Milan Lach SJ. They also visited the Slovak section of Vatican Radio, for which they gave an interview.

The Feast of the missionaries is celebrated on February 14, the anniversary of the death of St. Cyril, and every year on this day it is celebrated in the Basilica of St. Clement in Rome, where the saint is buried. This year it was at College of St. Cyril and Methodius in Rome was celebrated by the patrons of the church liturgically animated by the Czech Papal College Nepomucenum based in Rome. At the ceremony presided over by the Czech bishop of Olomouc, Mons. Jozef Nuzík, so there were guests from the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Belarus, Ukraine, as well as Slovaks living in Rome.



Biskup Lach so spolubratmi kňazmi po omši (Bishop Lach with fellow priests after Mass) Source: Vatican News.

The Slovak Greek Catholic bishops visited the Eternal City also on the occasion of the visit of the new prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches appointed in November, Msgr. Claudio Gugerotti.

An interview with His Eminence Milan Lach, who is returning to Slovakia from the American Diocese of Parma after more than 5 years, and with His Eminence Peter Rusnák was prepared by the head of the Vatican media section, Fr. Martin Jarábek. To hear the interviews in Slovak, go to: www.tinyurl.com/yckzucuj.

The Pope reminded the faithful during the Audience.

Let us recall that the feast of the Slavic apostles was also commemorated by Pope Francis during the regular general audience, on Wednesday, February 15, with the words: "Inspired by Saints Cyril and Methodius, apostles of the Slavs and co-patrons of Europe, whose liturgical feast we celebrated yesterday, I invite you to bear witness to the Gospel every day and spread around you the fragrance of Christ's love, which wins hearts for good."

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 14, REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK: OH, PA
Revised Meeting Date. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.; The Fireplace, 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH 44514. The date change was due to unforeseen complications.

Submitted by John J. Leskovyansky, Jr.,
President

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

Celebrate the Easter season with Slovaks at St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles, CA.

You are cordially invited, to celebrate Easter with Slovaks on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles. Address: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.

Mass will start at 1:00 PM and will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D., pastor of the parish.

We can meet again in this nice Church where is the perfect place for a fraternal gathering after mass and where you are all invited. Samples of Easter desserts and dishes are welcome.

The officers of Prince Pribina District and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles, wish all of you a Blessed and Joyous and Happy Easter.

Prince Pribina District and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles vás pozýva na Veľkonočné slávenie: Veľkonočná Slovenská sv. omša a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska.

Srdečne vás pozývame na Veľkonočnú Slovenskú sv. omšu a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska, v sobotu 1. apríla 2023. Veľkonočné stretnutie sa uskutoční na novom mieste st. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles. Adresa je: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.

Veľkonočná Slovenská omša tam začína o 13:00 hod a bude ju slúžiť Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D., ktorý sa nedávno stal farárom tejto farnosti. Znova máme možnosť sa stretnúť po na novom mieste v peknom kostole veľkej farnosti. Je tam perfektné prostredie na priateľské posedenie po liturgii na ktoré vás všetkých pozývame.

Vzorka veľkonočného pečiva a veľkonočnej hostiny je vítaná. Dovidenia v St. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles.

Submitted by Paul Skuben

DISTRICT 16 - MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA, NEW YORK CITY, NY

Happy New Year! The semi-annual meeting District 16, of the Msgr. Stephen Krasula, in New York City will be held on Sunday March 26, 2023, at 1 pm at the rectory of the St. John Nepomucene Church. The agenda will include discussion of upcoming activities for year 2023.

After the meeting, refreshments will be served. We are kindly asking all officers and members to attend.

Submitted by Renata Jurasiova-Vasil,
Financial Secretary

DISTRICT 17, SAINT CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT - NY, PA

Saint Cyril & Methodius District 17 will hold its Semi-Annual meeting Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2:00 PM at The Spot Restaurant 1062 Front Street Binghamton, NY. Members attending will have their meals covered by the district. All members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Morgan Dendler,
Vice-President

Celebrate Easter ... Slovak Style by Lawrence G. Kozlowski

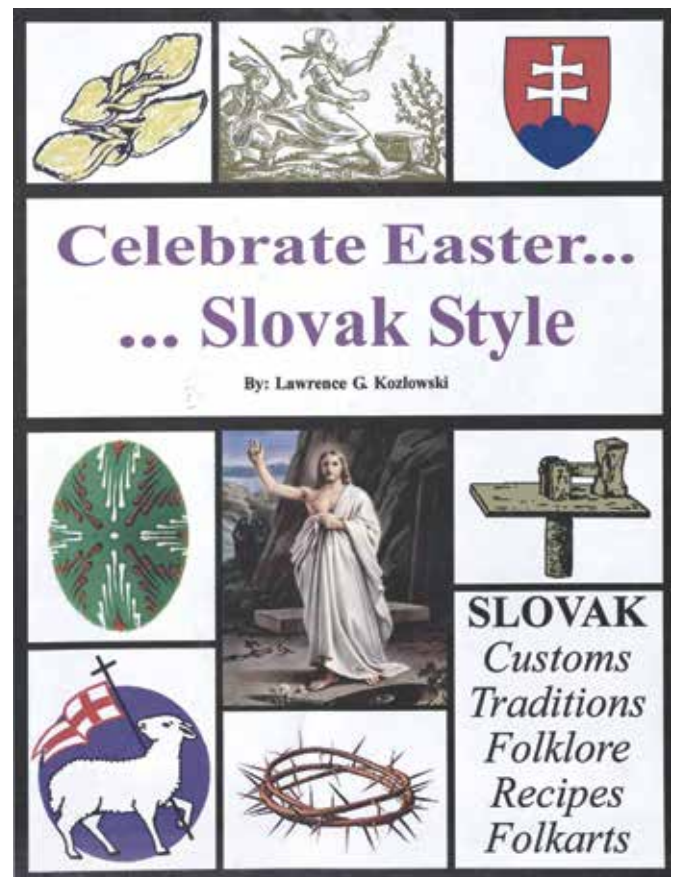
Slovakia is a small territory, a tiny and independent country (since January 1, 1993) in the heart of Europe, rich in heritage, traditions, and folklore. Slovakia is a place where eastern and western cultures mix together. "Celebrate Easter ... Slovak Style" is a unique collection of Slovak customs, traditions (Easter Basket Blessing Symbolism), folklore, recipes (Rezanky, Čeregi, Palacinky, Pirohy, Halubky, Halušky, Pagač, Syrek, Paska, Chren, Klobasi, Kolačky, Rožky, Babovka, Pečene & more), and folk arts (Easter Whips, Palm Weaving & Egg Decorating). Keep your precious Slovak heritage alive and celebrate the priceless treasures of Slovak Easters past and is an inspiration for Slovak Easters of the future.

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Immigrant Sisters



Sister M. Ambrose Kernasovic

Born in Papin, Slovakia, on November 15, 1894, Elizabeth Kernasovič, immigrated to the United States as a young girl. She settled in

Cleveland, Ohio, and attended St. Wendelin parish. She eventually became a Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius, entering at Middletown in 1918 and professing her vows in 1921.

Blessed with a dry sense of humor, she spoke with sincere conviction. Sister Ambrose had the admirable qualities needed for one in domestic service. Neat, orderly, and systematic, she prepared substantial meals, serving as a cook and housekeeper for over 59 years. Sister was so efficient in the kitchen, and she also had time to help the teaching Sisters with their mending and sewing. The greatest gift she possessed, however, was her prayerfulness. Even when she was engaged in active ministry, Sister Ambrose was able to devote much time to prayer and spiritual reading. What edified the Sisters most of all was her spirit of detachment. She kept little or nothing for herself. Unobtrusive and retiring, she died as she had lived, peacefully entering into eternity on the last day of the year December 31, 1979. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated by Father John Zeman, O. S. B., who was also the homilist. Father Augustin Zan, Maria Joseph Manor's chaplain, was a concelebrant.



Sister M. Teresita Tomčik

Emma Tomčik was born in Parížovce, Slovakia (Liptovský svätý Mikuláš District), on December 23, 1892. After emigrating to the U.S.A., she worked as a servant as did many of the young women who came here from Slovakia.

We can thank our Sister Juliana for describing Emma, who was received into the congregation on December 28, 1920. She was "quiet, gentle, prayerful, hard-working." She was remembered with love by those who knew her. She was the gift to the convent, the one who always had the

time to do all the extras for the Sisters. All her waking hours, her lips moved in prayer. Whether she gardened or cooked, cleaned, or washed clothes, she was united with God in prayer." An insight into her values and philosophy of life can be found on a single sheet of paper she herself had written in pencil – "speaking of enemies don't have them. Don't fight. Don't get even. Ignore. Life is too short for grudges and vengeance. Go on. Let the other fellow stew. You keep Sweet. Nothing can punish him worse. If a man does not like you, keep away from him. It's a large roomy world and thank God there is always another side of the Street."

In a paper entitled "They Have Gone Before Us," Sr. Juliana described Sister: "Small, slender, lively—always wore a smile, conscientious, very prayerful, very obliging, grateful for the smallest services." She died peacefully in the Academy infirmary shortly before Father Chapman visited her for the last time. (Father Chapman was a Jesuit priest who gave thirty-day retreats in Danville in July.)

At one time the expression "The novices like it!" was often uttered by the Sisters. It seems it originated with Sister Teresita and was her response to a complaint concerning the unsatisfactory preparation of a certain dish.

After a life of generous service attested to by Sister Juliana and many other Sisters who were the recipients of her goodness, Sister Teresita died on July 27, 1955.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

The Gentleness of Pope Benedict

In the aftermath of Pope Benedict XVI's passing, many beautiful remembrances were written about his life and the impact he had on the world and on those who had the privilege to know him. One of the quieter and more personal remembrances was published on the Vatican News website, and it's worth focusing on for the glimpse it provides of the late pontiff's character. The piece was written by Alberto Gasbarri, who spent many years as the organizer of papal journeys. It was a role that required regular contact with Benedict, and the insights he gained from those interactions are illuminating and heartwarming.

"To those who had an austere and professorial impression of him," Gasbarri writes, "he may have seemed to them detached or indifferent, but on the contrary, in his soul, Pope Benedict was full of gentleness and a disarming kindness frequently accompanied with a subtle and witty good humor."

In trying to capture the nature of Benedict's character, Gasbarri references Mother Teresa, who once gave him a tour of the home where she cared for sick and abandoned people. Gasbarri asked Mother Teresa what chances those in her care had for recovery. The nun responded, "Our fundamental mission is not to heal those who cannot be cured, for this there are hospitals. It is to gently accompany them to their encounter with Jesus."

Relating this bit of wisdom to his initial interactions with Benedict, Gasbarri writes, "Soon after visiting him more closely, I immediately thought back to the gentleness described with Mother Teresa... One could sense [Benedict's gentleness] in private meetings with him, what Mother Teresa called The Gospel of Kindness. 'Be Kind,' was indeed Mother Teresa's admonition, 'because holiness is not a luxury for the few. It is a simple duty for all. Kindness is the basis of the greatest holiness. If you know the art of kindness, you will become more and more like Christ.'"

Through a series of brief vignettes that shed light on the impressions Gasbarri formed of Benedict over the years, he paints a portrait of a man who cared deeply about others and showed profound respect to everyone he encountered. In one of the more dramatic stories, Gasbarri tells of a time when Pope Benedict was at World Youth Day and a powerful storm wiped out the power and damaged the papal stage. There was great concern for Benedict's safety and, Gasbarri writes, "We suggested Pope Benedict leave the stage area and suspend the event, but the Pope's polite but firm reply came as he remained seated in his chair, saying: 'If the young people stay here, the Pope cannot abandon them.'"

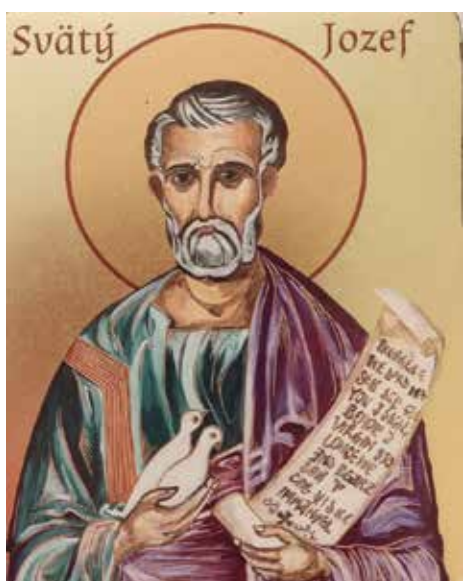
This is such a beautiful picture of a servant of the people. Benedict understood the excitement of everyone who had journeyed from far and wide to attend that World Youth Day, and he wanted to remain there in solidarity with them. What a blessing he was to the Church, and his example of love, fidelity, and gentleness will most certainly be the legacy he leaves to the world.

Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI so that he might be in heaven and intercede for us all. Gasbarri certainly inspires confidence regarding Benedict's path to heaven with the final line of his remembrance: "I am sure that Pope Benedict presented himself with all his gentleness in meeting with beloved Jesus, as I am equally sure many will miss his refined thinking and his exquisite gentleness of heart."

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**If each member would sign up just one new member,
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Modlitba k svätému Jozefovi - A Prayer to St. Joseph



Svätý Jozef, buď nám otcom, v srdci svojom vždy milostnom, daj miestečko prosbám našim ochraňuj nás časom každým. Vypros milosť domu nášmu, stálu svornosť v dobu každú, by sme v láske a pokoji Bohu vždycky verní boli.

Saint Joseph, be as a father to us, always in your loving heart, provide room for our prayers, and protect us at all times. Grant grace in our house, constant concord in all times, so that we would always be faithful to God in love and peace.

K TEBE SA UTIEKAME

Pomáhaj nám z neba, mocný náš ochranca,
v boji s mocnosťami temnosti,
a tak ako si dieťa Ježiša
vyslobodil z veľkého nebezpečenstva života,
obhajuj aj svätú Božiu Cirkev
pred nepriateľskými úkladmi
a pred každým protivenstvom
a nás všetkých prijmi do svojej trvalej ochrany,
aby sme podľa tvojho príkladu
a s tvojou pomocou



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

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

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NEKROLÓGY – OBITUARIES

JOSEPH J. BRUTTS, JR., BRANCH 292 – WINDBER, PA



Loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him, Joseph J. Brutts, Jr., 86, passed away on December 30, 2022. Joe was born on November 23, 1936, in Windber where he built his home with his wife of 63 years and three daughters.

He was well known around town largely due to his nearly five decades working as a butcher. He started as a young man at John's Market where all the young ladies loved to go see him. Joe was an accomplished taxidermist, loved hunting and never turned away a hunter or their deer stories (no matter how long). A proud member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 876th Engineer Battalion, Joe was an incredible handyman, able to fix, build or remake nearly anything. He graciously shared his skills with others, never telling anyone who asked for his help. He most enjoyed spending time with loved ones telling stories, baking pies, nurturing his garden and eating anything with peanut butter. His heart was always full of love and acceptance even until the end when the only words he had left to clearly articulate were "I love you."

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Jo-

seph John Brutts, Sr. and Katherine (Huska) Brutts as well as his brothers, Robert Louis Brutts and Donald Thomas Brutts, and sisters, Patricia M Swaynos, and Madeline F. Meyers. Joe is survived by sisters, Shirley A. Petropolous and Sharon M. Ream. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Mary Ann Brutts, his daughters, Denise Agatep, Dorice Fockler and Deanne O'Dell, as well as his sons-in-law, Felmor Agatep, Todd Fockler and Dennis O'Dell, his two grandsons, Jason Agatep and Eric Agatep, and so many other relatives, friends, and neighbors whose lives were enriched just by knowing him.

A Memorial mass will be celebrated 11 A.M. Monday, April 24, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Windber. Committal military honors will be by Windber VFW at SS. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery, Windber. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates your consideration of a donation in Joe's memory to either Windber Woods Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, where he was well cared for by wonderful nurses and staff in his final years, or the Alzheimer's Association, which offers helpful resources for families dealing with the life-changing effects of dementia.

Submitted by Deanne M. O'Dell

GERALDINE ANKNEY, BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PA

Geraldine Ankney, 84, of Jeannette, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at home. She was born June 3, 1938, in Wall, Pa., a daughter of the

late Stephen and Anna (Bialobok) Bilinski. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy J. Ankney, and sisters, Elsie and Mary Ann. Geri worked as a custodian for Seton Hill University and was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Jeannette. She was also a past member of Young at Heart, Penn Township, and loved gardening and baking.

Surviving are her children, Scott Ankney and wife, Cindy, of Mt. Pleasant, Stephen Ankney, of Mt. Pleasant, Teresa Mull and Michael, of North Huntingdon, Mary Ankney, of Jeannette, and Blair Ankney, of Jeannette; grandchildren, Nicole (Scott), Jeremy and Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Elena, Willow, Damon and Sophie; and numerous nieces and nephews. All services were private. MASON-GELDER FUNERAL HOME INC., Jeannette, assisted the family with arrangements. To send online condolences, visit www.mason-gelder.com.

Submitted by Nicole Zielmanksi

BERNARD JOSEPH WEBER, BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Bernard J. Weber passed away peacefully on Monday, October 17, 2022, at the age of 86. He was reunited with his wife of 55 years,



Patricia, along with his parents and brother Richard in heaven.

Bernie was born to the late Joseph and Sophia Weber in Cleveland, OH. After his service to the U.S. Navy, he married Pat and proudly raised his family in Brunswick, OH. An accomplished handyman, Bernie's hard-working demeanor and mechanical skills served him well in his distinguished career at Ford Motor Company where he retired in 1999 as maintenance supervisor. Bernie loved camping, boating, traveling, golfing, and staying active in the Catholic Church. Most of all, he loved his family and retirement in Sun City West, AZ.

Cherish his memory are his children Mark Weber (Kathleen) and Dana Newhouse (Butch), grandchildren Jordyn, Connor, Joseph and Kevin, brother, Donald Weber (Joan) and sister, Mary Therese Weber, along with countless other family and friends.

Special thanks to all his friends at Village Crossing Retirement Community in Louisville, KY for all their kindness and support over the past two years.

A private memorial was held Friday evening, November 11, 2022, at the American Legion Hall in Parma, OH; details to follow. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.archlheadyresthaven.com for the Weber family.

Submitted by Dana Newhouse

Prince Pribina District 15, and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles vás pozýva na Veľkonočné slávenie.

Veľkonočná Slovenská sv. omša a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska, Celebrate the Easter season with Slovaks at St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles

Srdečne vás pozývame na Veľkonočnú Slovenskú sv. omšu a stretnutie Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska, pred Kvetnou Nedeľou, v sobotu 1 apríla 2023. Veľkonočné stretnutie sa uskutoční na novom mieste st. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles. **Adresa je: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.**

Veľkonočná Slovenská omša tam začína o 13:00 hod a bude ju slúžiť Fr. Pavol Schulak S.V.D., ktorý sa nedávno stal farárom tejto farnosti. Znova máme možnosť sa stretnúť na novom mieste v peknom kostole veľkej farnosti. Je tam perfektné prostredie na priateľské posedenie po liturgii na ktoré vás všetkých pozývame.

Vzorka veľkonočného pečiva a veľkonočnej hostiny je vítaná.

Dovidenia v **St. John the Evangelist Church v Los Angeles**

You are cordially invited,

To celebrate Easter with Slovaks before Palm Sunday, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at **St. John the Evangelist Church in Los Angeles. Address: 6028 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, 90043.**

Mass will start at 1:00 PM and will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D. pastor of the parish. We can meet again in this nice Church where is the perfect place for a fraternal gathering after mass and where you are all invited. Samples of Easter desserts and dishes are welcome.

The officers of **Prince Pribina District and St. Joseph Branch 844, Los Angeles** wish all of you a Blessed and Joyous and Happy Easter.

Submitted by Paul Skuben, FCSU District 15 President

Modlitba pred jedlom (Prayer Before Meals)

Znak kríža (Sign of the Cross) - V mene Otca, i Syna, i Duchu Svätého. Amen.

Požehnaj, Bože, nás i tieto dary, ktoré z tvojej štedrosti budeme požívať. Skrze Krista, nášho Pána. Amen.

Bless us, O God, and these gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kelsey Alexis Fahy, Br. 199, Received the “Hands of Christ Award”

Kelsey Alexis Fahy, Branch 199, was presented the “Hands of Christ Award” by the most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, New York, on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, New York.

Kelsey is a senior at Victor Senior High School, Victor, New York, and a life-long member of Branch 199. Kelsey plans to further her education by attending Nazareth College in the fall of 2023. The “Hands of Christ Award” is a recognition program sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, in which the Bishop of Rochester affirms high school seniors in parishes who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their churches, homes, schools and greater community, and model Christ-like behavior to their peers. Hands of Christ recipients have consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example; have been actively involved in the parish as well as their school and community; have been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.; are a practi-



The Hands of Christ Award

ing Roman Catholic in their parish and the Diocese of Rochester and attend mass; are currently a high school senior.

The plaque may be viewed in the photo.

Submitted by Barbara Patula



Bishop Salvatore R. Matano of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, NY with Kelsey Alexis Fahy.

Veselica Gala Dance Ball, February 11, 2023

The Slovak Folklore Ensemble Veselica was established in 1999 by a group of young Slovak immigrants who met in Chicago, IL. They shared the same dream and passion to preserve Slovak folklore, customs, and traditions thousands of miles away from their homeland. While promoting Slovak ethnic music and dance, Veselica is an integral part of the Slovak community in the Chicago area. Today, Veselica has about 30 members and the children’s ensemble Veselička has more than 40 children.

After more than two years, Veselica has resumed its activities and was happy to announce its annual fundraising event Veselica Gala on February 11, 2023, in Belvedere Chateau, 8055 W103rd St., Palos Hills, Illinois. More than 650 guests attended from

across the Chicago Metropolitan area and other states.

It was an evening celebrating the beauty of Slovak culture, music, dance. Together we dedicated this ball not only to all of us, but also to previous generations who were here before us. Veselica was excited for this year’s special guest, Iconito, a music band from Slovakia and its project “KORENE”/“Roots”. In a short program “From Generation to Generation,” they returned to our roots, the heritage of our fathers, and stories of immigrants... It was a true joy to be part of this celebration and we hope for another great event.

For more information on how to join Veselica, or to book the ensemble for an event, contact the ensemble at veselica@gmail.com. Find Veselica on Facebook or Instagram.

Submitted by Miriam Visnovsky



(L-R): Miriam Visnovsky (Br.24), Magdalena Wells, Beatrice Kovacova, Terezia Poncakova, from FCSU Annuity department (Br.24).



Fr. Marek and Miriam Visnovsky, Br. 24.



Veselica Folk Ensemble

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO
OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 3:00 PM and asked Gregory Maurer to lead the prayer. The Executive Committee Meeting is being held following the special Board Strategy Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Kenneth A. Arendt, President
 Damian Nasta, National Vice President
 Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary
 John Tokarsky, Treasurer
 Gregory Maurer, Chairman of Auditors
 (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the December 10, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by John Tokarsky and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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 Clutterback 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 third 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. The President stated he will invite representatives from MAI, UBS and Clutterback to attend a future Executive Meeting to review our investment portfolios.

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of December 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 December:

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| Death Benefits & Accumulations | \$ | 314,952.00 |
| Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations | \$ | 28,221.00 |
| Matured Endowments & Accumulations | \$ | 0.00 |
| Trust Fund | \$ | 0.00 |

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report.

The Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

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 Board Strategy 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.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented his monthly report to the Executive Committee. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Annuity Rates:

The Executive Committee decided the annuity rates will remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Home Office Marketing team will be working with Visia, our outside marketing firm, to develop marketing strategies to recruit more independent agents and expand marketing our products with advertising campaigns.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Executive Secretary Kevin Collins announced the many events that will be held in 2023. Mr. Collins stated that the bowling tournament will be held May 19-20 in Buffalo, New York, the golf tournament will be held August 19-20 in Ohio and three picnics are planned for Frogbridge in New Jersey, Knoebels Amusement Resort in Pennsylvania and Wiegand Lake Park in Ohio. All the information will be published in the Jednota and posted on our website.

The President stated that the Matching Funds Program will be reviewed and we will develop better guidelines for our branches and districts to qualify for matching funds.

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 Damian Nasta and seconded by John Tokarsky to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Gregory Maurer closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt
 President

Kevin J. Collins
 Executive Secretary

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

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| ASSETS | |
| Bonds | \$484,151,213 |
| Preferred Stock | 4,250,000 |
| Common Stock | 2,115,129 |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | 35,714,386 |
| Property Plant & Equipment | 753,839 |
| Cash | 27,510,199 |
| Certificate Loans | 1,183,895 |
| Other Invested Assets | 6,827,650 |
| Investment Income Due & Accrued | 6,096,045 |
| Uncollected premiums in course of collection | 114,259 |
| Total Assets | \$568,716,615 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Life & Annuity Reserves | 480,814,260 |
| Liability for deposit type contracts | 25,790,037 |
| Death claims payable | 300,000 |
| Provision for dividend payable | 400,000 |
| Interest maintenance reserve (IMR) | 818,116 |
| Asset valuation reserve (AVR) | 4,272,163 |
| Accrual for future convention costs | 0 |
| Post retirement reserve | 401,834 |
| Amounts retained as trustee | 6,336,662 |
| Other liabilities | 1,208,997 |
| Total Liabilities | \$520,342,069 |
| Surplus | 48,374,546 |
| Total Liabilities and Surplus Funds | \$568,716,615 |

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
INCOME STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

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| INCOME | |
| Insurance & Annuity Premiums | \$54,622,568 |
| Net Investment Income | 23,556,485 |
| Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve | 396,681 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 27,608 |
| Total Income | \$78,603,342 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Death Benefits | 3,043,549 |
| Annuity Benefits | 31,198,563 |
| Surrender Benefits | 545,470 |
| Interest on deposit-type contracts | 519,876.00 |
| Increase in reserves - Life & Annuity contracts | 34,626,910 |
| Commissions paid on new contracts | 1,031,744 |
| General Insurance & fraternal expenses | 3,600,342 |
| Insurance taxes, state licenses & fees | 127,931 |
| Total expenses | 74,694,385 |
| Net Gain from operations before dividends | 3,908,957 |
| Dividends paid to policyholders | 435,949 |
| Net Gain from operations after dividends | 3,473,008 |
| Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses) | 450,111 |
| Net Income (Loss) | 3,923,119 |

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

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| Capital & surplus, Dec. 31st, prior year | 46,657,607 |
| Net Income current year | 3,923,119 |
| Change in unrealized capital gain (loss) | -1,648,565 |
| Change in asset valuation reserve | -547,955 |
| Other gains & losses in surplus | -9,660 |
| Net change in capital & surplus current year | 1,716,939 |
| Capital & surplus, Dec. 31st, current year | 48,374,546 |

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