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## A Tribute to Mothers (Pocta matkám)

Where would we be without our mother? For one, we would not exist. But then there is that quality of life a mother gives us that makes her a mom. A good mother not only gives birth and raises us, but is our first teacher, our first guide in life. She helps form our conscience and her voice is always in the back of our minds.

Moms also transform a house into a home. When I think about growing up, it was mom who cooked, baked, cleaned, and made sure all was in order. It is she that we think about from our childhood. I

can still smell the aroma of fresh koláče (nut or poppy seed rolls) over the holidays. It's something impossible to put into words. And mom cared. It was mom who always made sure our lunch boxes were packed with good, healthy foods as we went off to school. Even when we grew up and moved away, she was always concerned. She worried about us when we took on a new job, met a girlfriend, and when we married and had our own children. She cared. She loved and loved unconditionally.

Mothers (matky) have always occupied a very special place in the hearts of Slovaks and Slovak-Americans. Many Americans would think it corny to sing songs about their love for their mothers, but Slovaks did and do exactly that. They intensely love their moms (mamičky).

Once a year we remember our mothers on Mother's Day in May. But she is very special every day, whether she is still living or has passed away. Our moms are always



with us.

Wish your mom a Happy Mother's Day and mean it. Let her know that you love her and treasure your time with her. Once she is gone, it is too late. But you can pray for her soul and thank her.

In Slovak, Šťastný Deň matiek means Happy Mother's Day! It is pronounced Shtyawst-nee dyeň maw-tyek. If you have a Slovak mother, surprise her with a wish in Slovak, and show how much you love her. There is no greater gift we can give her than time with her in a loving spirit.

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

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## Reflection

Living through this season of Easter Joy, it is appropriate to pause and ponder the joy experienced by Mary post-Resurrection. As the mother of Jesus, Mary internally suffered with His passion and death as only a mother can. She witnessed her Son die a horrible criminal's death as she stood beneath His cross. Can you imagine the joyous meeting when Jesus came to her alive on the third day? Of course, we are aware that this meeting has not been documented, but I believe, "What son would not want to see his mother first?" Jesus is the perfect Son.

Thus, Mother Mary becomes the perfect Cause of our Joy! She has come back repeatedly in history to show and encourage us on the way to accept Jesus fully into our lives.

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.



The Apparition of Mary at Fatima.

### 1. Ó MÁRIA, RADOSŤ MOJA,

sladkosť srdca mojho,  
prím mňa pod plášť svoj materský,  
zachraňuj mňa od zlého.

**SBOR**

Ó Mária, o Mária, Matko,  
tvé meno znie tak sladko.

2. Ó Mária, nádej moja,  
dušu, srdce teda dám,  
vypros milosť u Ježiša-  
nám opusteným dieťkam.

**SBOR**

3. Ó Mária, pevnosť moja,  
pros za mňa Syna svého,  
bych nepadol do priepasti  
hriechov sveta márneho.

**SBOR**

4. Ó Mária, biela ruža, prečistá má ľalia,  
naplň citom skrušenosti –  
mé k tebe verné srdce.

**SBOR**

### Ó MÁRIA, RADOSŤ MOJA (O Mary, My Joy)

1. O gentle Mary, my joy and comfort,  
You are sweet solace to my heart;  
Shelter me with your motherly mantle,  
Be my sure refuge daily from harm.

**CHORUS**

O Maria, O Mary, my Mother,  
Your name brings joy which fills my heart.

2. O holy Mary, my hope and shelter,  
My heart and soul I place in your care.  
Ask your Son, Jesus, for gifts of mercy,  
To bless His children lost in despair.

**CHORUS**

3. Mary, my strength, valiant protector,  
Intercede with your Son, I pray,  
That I may never fall into danger –  
Be led to sin in life's worldly ways.

**CHORUS**

4. O lovely Mary, white rose of beauty,  
Our purest lily, we come to you.  
Inspire our hearts to follow you humbly,  
Faithfully live and stay close to you.

**CHORUS**

Correction of line 2, from the April hymn.

6. Hope fulfilled has now been strengthened,  
For we know we, too, shall rise.  
And with Christ, our risen Savior,  
With full joy we'll raise our cries.

## Message from the National Chaplain

The last Monday in May our nation celebrates Memorial Day. A lot of people look forward to that weekend, because for them it means the unofficial beginning of the summer vacation season.

However, there are many others who look upon that weekend and the last Monday in May with more solemnity. They are the ones who remember the reason why there is a Memorial Day in the first place. They recall family members and friends who served their country and have since died or died in service to the country.

If you are to pass by a cemetery near the end of the month, you will see the nation's flag at the graves of our deceased veterans. The flags identify those individuals who in life exhibited traits of leadership, bravery, courage, self-motivation, and other virtues characteristic of those who proudly wear the uniform of one of the branches of the armed services.

In his account of the first Pentecost, Luke tells us of something else that identifies courage, leadership, and bravery. Tongues as of fire, the Holy Spirit, came to rest upon all in that special room.

All were gifted not only with courage and bravery, but also with wisdom and understanding, to preach and teach boldly, without fear and without error, what they saw and heard during the public ministry of Jesus, his Passion and Death on the Cross, and his Resurrection from the dead.

It is a happy coincidence the same weekend we remember and give tribute to those in uniform who exhibited courage and fortitude we also give honor, glory, and praise to the Holy Spirit, who is Courage and Fortitude, and who is also Wisdom, Love, Peace, and Joy.



Rev. Thomas Nasta  
Chaplain

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta  
National Chaplain

## SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

**As of April 29, the 2023 Appeal has received \$18,967 from 157 donors.** Among the 45 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 3, Branch 35, Branch 85, Branch 96, Branch 112, Branch 153, Branch 213, Branch 450, Branch 484, Branch 743, Branch 746, Branch 856, District 16, and the Home Office of the First Catholic Slovak Union have donated a combined total of \$3,425. Donations to

date have also been received from 5 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 80 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2023 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. **Gifts received after November 30, 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

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## NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

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

Issue Date	Copy Date
Wednesday, June 7	Tuesday, May 30
Wednesday, July 12	Monday, July 3
Wednesday, Aug 9	Monday, July 31

When submitting announcements for upcoming events, remember that JEDNOTA is printed MONTHLY, and time is lost in the postal system. Please plan to have your announcements to us in ample time for them to be edited and printed. **Please send all Branch & District announcements to [branch@fcsu.com](mailto:branch@fcsu.com) or [district@fcsu.com](mailto:district@fcsu.com).**

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## Editor Letter, May 2023

Dear Fellow Fraternal Members and Readers,

May (máj in Slovak, pronounced "my") is the second full month of spring (jar), when we look forward to summer. It is the month of May Crowning and devotions to the Virgin Mary, First Communions, Mother's Day, graduations, and starting gardens. And this May, we celebrate both The Ascension of the Lord (*Nanebovstúpenie Pána*) into heaven (*nebo*), a holy day of obligation on May 18th, and on May 28, Pentecost (*Turice*, or *Rusadlá* in eastern Slovakia).

Be sure to prepare for upcoming FCSU events, ranging from Branch and District picnics to the national at Frogbridge, NJ, Knoebels Park, PA, Wiegand Park, OH, and Fraternal Golfing in Canfield, OH. Our ads in *Jednota* will keep you updated about these and other events. And do not forget to take advantage of the great and increased annuity rates for IRAs and savings plans.

Again, I would invite readers to send comments, and critiques are welcome if they are in a constructive and Christian spirit. I am grateful (vďačný) for your continual letters and e-mails of support to reinforce our faith and Slovak cultural heritage.

S krajanským pozdravom v zmŕtvychvstalom Kristovi, and what my Mom taught us when we entered the house--or visited one of our Slovak relatives or neighbors! (not that I was always faithful to do so--regrettably.) Pochválený buď Ježiš Kristus! - Praise be the Lord Jesus Christ! Pán s Vami. - Sestra Parakleta, SS.C.M.

**Fraternally yours in the Risen Christ,**

**S krajanským pozdravom v zmŕtvychvstalom 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**

## SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake,

PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

### 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 2023

- 2 Br 2 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA  
Br 746 – Mass in Linden, NJ  
Stephen J. Matula Scholarship Deadline
- 3 Br 716 – Boat Trip around NY  
FCSU National Picnic at Frogbridge in New Jersey  
Registration Deadline
- 4 Br 581 – Meeting in Hobart, IN  
Br 587 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- 7 Slovak J Club - Spaghetti Dinner, Akron, OH (see Br 553)
- 11 Br 19 – Zoom Meeting  
Br 162 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA  
Br 213 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA  
Br 484 – Meeting in Indiana, PA  
Dist 1 – Meeting on Zoom
- 13 Br 2 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- 16 Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH
- 17 Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH  
Br 153 - Meeting in Harwood Heights, IL (RSVP June 11)
- 19 Br 228 Meeting in Lorain, OH
- 21 Slovak J Club – Seafood Dinner, Akron, OH (See Br 553)
- 23 Dist 11 – Registration Deadline Pig Roast/Picnic
- 24 FCSU National Picnic at Frogbridge in Millstone, NJ
- 25 Dist 11 – Meeting in Ford City, PA  
Br 45 – Meeting in NYC, NY  
Br 181 – Picnic in Mammoth, PA
- 26 Br 785 – Meeting in Mississauga, Ontario  
Dist 19 – Meeting in Mississauga, Ontario  
FCSU May Word Puzzle Deadline
- 30 Br 746 – Scholarship Deadline.  
FCSU National Picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA – Registration Deadline

**The FCSU Home Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, May 29 for the  
Memorial Day holiday.**

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

**THINK ABOUT IT!**



## ANNOUNCING

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>**

\*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](mailto:ssabados@fcsu.com).



**First Catholic Slovak Union**

**Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship**

The Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship was established to award a one-time \$1,500 scholarship to eligible First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 746 members to assist them with the educational pursuits. In order to apply, please complete the following steps.

The application deadline is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Scholarship awards will be announced by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants who do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered for a scholarship but are encouraged to re-apply at a future date.

**Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship eligibility:**

- Member of Branch 746 with paid up life insurance premium of \$5,000 or more;
- Of Slovak descent and Catholic faith;
- Currently accepted and/or enrolled in full-time college, another post-secondary educational institution, or vocational institution;
- High school senior student through junior year of college, post-secondary and/or vocational institution.

**Application criteria:**

Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service to school, church and community
- Involvement in Jednota Branch 746 (applicant should have attended at minimum one meeting and/or event in the current or previous calendar the year of application)

**Applicants will be required to:**

1. Submit a copy of your high school, college, or vocational institution transcript of grades;
2. Provide one (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
3. Compose an essay (minimum 250 words) describing your background; community involvement; scholastic excellence; leadership ability; and career objectives;
4. Submit a copy of paid-up life insurance of \$5,000 or more or letter from home office confirming such contract.

**Submission details:**

Complete scholarship application materials must be emailed to: [JednotaBranch746@gmail.com](mailto:JednotaBranch746@gmail.com) by June 30<sup>th</sup> with "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" in the subject line. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have questions, please send your inquiries to the above address.

## Branch 181 Annual Family Picnic

It's time to gather for great fun, food, and fraternalism at the Annual Family Picnic!

All Branch 181 members are invited to attend the Picnic to be held at Mammoth Park, Mammoth, PA at **Pavilion #14** on Sunday, June 25, 2023. Registration starts at noon with the picnic beginning at 1 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch.

Contact Vicki at 724-547-0803 for more information or directions.

Applications for the 2023 Branch 181 Scholarship for high school seniors planning to attend college or technical/trade school in the Fall are still being accepted through May 31. Email Vicki at [vickihricik@gmail.com](mailto:vickihricik@gmail.com) to receive an application.

**Submitted by Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**



## BRANCH 181 YOUTH MEMBER SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE

For the Fall 2023 school year, St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181 of United, PA, will be offering scholarships to eligible high school senior members planning to attend college or career/technical school. These will be one-time scholarships selected by an independent panel that will evaluate each applicant. The number of scholarships awarded is dependent on the number of eligible applicants.

Scholarships of \$500.00 will be available on a one-time basis to be used for a college or trade school.



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY-  
BRANCH 181 YOUTH MEMBERS**

You may be eligible to qualify for a scholarship if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a member in good standing of The First Catholic Slovak Union, St. John the Baptist Society - Branch 181.
- You have been a member of Branch 181 for four years prior to applying with a minimum \$5,000 insurance policy.
- You are a high school senior preparing to graduate in 2023 and have applied for the 2023 Fall Term at a qualifying educational institution.

**THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SOLELY FUNDED BY YOUR LOCAL BRANCH 181 AND ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION NATIONAL OFFICE.**

To obtain an application and more information, please contact Vicki Hricik phone 724-547-0803 or email [vickihricik@gmail.com](mailto:vickihricik@gmail.com).

**\*Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2023 to be eligible.**

## Call for Articles for the 2023 Edition of "Dobrý Pastier" (Good Shepherd)

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2023 edition of the "Dobrý Pastier" (Good Shepherd). The Good Shepherd is a collection of literary articles submitted by contributing authors on all things Slovak, Catholic, faith, cultural and heritage, the arts, and personal essays or other topics the writer wishes to share with the readers. The Good Shepherd also serves as the only source for contact information for the Church in Slovakia, and those Slovak clergy and religious in the United States, as well as religious congregations, and places of worship. The articles come from authors in the United States, Slovakia, and the Slovak Diaspora from around the world.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication can submit their articles to Sister Barbara Sable, SSCM, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821, or [barbarasable@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarasable@hotmail.com). The Deadline for submitting an article is June 30, 2023. The articles submitted need to be double spaced, typed in doc format, and in Times New Roma font.

Any questions regarding the Good Shepherd, the articles, etc. can be sent to Michael Horvath, [msjhm185@aol.com](mailto:msjhm185@aol.com), Chairperson, Slovak Catholic Federation Communications Committee.

# District 4 Roots for the NJ Devils!

On a rainy March Saturday evening, District 4 members from Branches 290 and 746 gathered to root for the New Jersey Devils who played the Carolina Hurricanes at Prudential Center in Newark! Both teams had a great 2022-23 season making it to Round One of the Stanley Cup playoffs! We shall see who will take home the coveted trophy!

**Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director**



# St. Matthew's Society Branch 45 – Easter Basket Blessing in Clifton, NJ

Members of St. Matthew's Society Branch 45 were blessing baskets at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton, NJ on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Included were members from the families of Jozef Korcak, Jan Vasil, and Joseph Jurasi, as well as, Tomas and Timea Vasil with their three adorable children, who are also Branch 45 Jednota members.

**Submitted by Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**



Father Roman Palecko blessing the Easter baskets inside the church.



(L-R) Timea and Tomas Vasil with their three children, Janik Vasil, Jozef and Anna Korcak, and Maria Jurasi.

## Jednota District 16 Meeting in NYC

On March 26, 2023, District 6 held its semi-annual meeting at the parish of the Slovak church of St. John Nepomucene in New York City. We were all looking forward to it and a large number of members attended. At our meeting we talked about plans for our future, and how to carry them out. The challenging discussion was followed by further light discussion and refreshments.

Submitted by Renata Jurasiova-Vasil



First row (L-R): Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Secretary Treasurer; Maria Jurasi financial Secretary/Treasurer, Branch 45; Maria Zakovic, Recording Secretary; Antonia Krajcovic, longtime member of Jednota.

Second row (L-R): Peter Gaspar Vice President, District 16, NYC; Zelmira Beckova Kucarovic, longtime President, District 16, with husband Tonko Kucharovic; Jozef Korcak, Trustee for District 16, and Anna Korcak, a longtime member of Jednota; Eva and Emily Lysak, Branch 716 and Maria Bozekova, Trustee, Branch 716; Anna Bilik, Branch 716.

## Branch 199 Donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society

On March 15, 2023, members of Branch 199 participated in a guided tour and presented the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in Latrobe, PA with a \$500.00 donation in Honor of Anna Katherine "Nancy" Tripoli. Members of the St Vincent, de Paul Society together with members of Branch 199 thanked Nancy for her many years of volunteer service at St. Vincent de Paul store.

Submitted by Barb Patula



(L-R) Front Row: Bonnie Pipak, Mary Stubbs of St. Vincent DePaul Society, Nancy Tripoli, Renee Bann, Emily Farkas of St Vincent DePaul Society. Back row: John Pipak, Tom Pipak, Jen Tripoli.



(L-R) Mary Stubbs, St Vincent, Paul Society, Nancy Tripoli, volunteer honoree, Jennifer Howard, daughter of honoree.

## District 7 Meeting in Wilmore, PA

The Rev. John Martvon District 7 held its semi-annual meeting at St. Bartholomew Church Hall in Wilmore, PA on April 30, 2023. The District is named after Rev. John Martvon (1857-1948), a Slovak immigrant from Hruštín, Námestovo, Slovakia. He originally served at St. Ladislav Roman Catholic Church in Cleveland's Buckeye neighborhood. After going back to Slovakia in 1893, he returned to the United States in 1894 and served as pastor at St. Stephen's Slovak Catholic Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. During the 1940s and 1950s, St. Stephen was the largest Slovak Catholic parish in the USA. When he died at age 91 in 1948, he was at the time the oldest priest in the country.

Submitted by Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.



(L-R) Loretto Gerko, Steve Gerko, John Hudak, Sally Hudak, Dr. Michael Kopanic, editor, Carl Fabrizio, Pete Gerko, District Vice-President Cody Butara, Annette Fenimore, District President Luke Butara, Theresa Cassat, Bob Cassat, Elaine Capretti, Larry Fenimore.

## District 10 Shows Up for Member Lexi Glova

On Sunday April 23, 2023, 59 members and guests of the First Catholic Slovak Union attended this year's Tamburitzans concert "Phoenix" at Breen Auditorium on the campus of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, OH. All six branches of District 10 were represented – Branches 1, 24, 228, 450, 553, and 855 – along with National President Kenneth A. Arendt and his wife Theresa. Other National and Branch Officers among the attendees were: National Supreme Court Member Henry Horvath, Region 6 Director and Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Thomas Ivanec, Branch 855 President Barbara Sutilla, Branch 24 Vice President Jennifer Allen, and Branch 24 Auditors Susan Moynihan and Robert Kopco. In particular, thirty-nine Branch 24 Members showed up for our own Branch 24 member Lexi Glova as she sang, danced, and played the violin in various numbers. Thomas Ivanec, who is FCSU Region 6 Director as well as Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director, coordinated ticket sales for the FCSU. Branch 24's Terezia Nosek also prepared a delicious luncheon for the Tamburitzans.

In addition, Branch 24's Dana Glova coordinated the attendance of others throughout the Cleveland Slovak-American community, bringing a total of more than 100 people at the show to cheer her daughter on. Congratulations, Lexi!

Submitted by Terri Ivanec, Branch 24



Members and guests of District 10 pose with Branch 24's Lexi Glova at the 2023 Tamburitzan Concert in Cleveland.

## WELCOME TO OUR JEDNOTA FAMILY!

FCSU welcomes one of our youngest members to Branch 831, Chloe Ann Valchar, born in November 2022 to proud parents, Douglas and Eleni Valchar who reside in California. Chloe Ann is also the dear granddaughter of our Branch 831 member Gregory Valchar. 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](mailto:editor@fcsu.com) so that we can feature them in an upcoming issue.

## A Successful Branch 853 Spring is in the Air Event

Thank you Branch 853 members for participating in the Spring is in the Air event. To participate, branch members had to submit a photo with one of the following: a member with an Easter basket; a member near a door decorated for spring or Easter; or a member inside or outside of his/her church with Lenten or Easter displays. All branch participants received a \$10 gift card.

Branch 853 challenges each branch to aim for a 5% participation rate of their total branch members in their branch activities.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Branch President



Charles Boone



Katie Krizman



Marianne Rodacy



Michael Bertovich



Monica Boone



Susan Painter



Ronald Boone



Tatum Krizman



## March Madness Winners

Thank you to all the FCSU Members that participated in the 2023 March Madness Contest. This year we had 144 entries for the event.

Congratulations to the following Regions for finishing in the top 3 for total points:

- 1st Place: Region 6 (30 players) 1452 points
- 2nd Place: Region 4 (25 players) 1268 points
- 3rd Place: Region 2 (24 players) 1110 points

Congratulations to the following individual winners:

- 1st Place: Marion Rubino (Region 3)
- 2nd Place: Bud Dreier (Region 6)
- 3rd Place: Mary Tranchine (Region 4)
- 4th Place: Larissa Matta (Region 5)
- 5th Place: Ronald Kutsko (Region 6)

Thank You again members for a great event.  
FCSU Event Staff

## Branch 746 members Organize Easter Baking Fundraiser

On March 23rd, 2023, Branch 746 members participated in the annual Easter baking fundraiser for Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey. This Slovak church has been baking traditional koláče (nut, cheese, and poppyseed rolls) for decades! Baking is organized by long-time Branch 746 member Julie Rada.

Submitted by Sabina Sabados; Photos: Steve Rada



## Bishop Lorenzo visits the Slovak-American community in Linden, NJ

On April 6, 2023, the Slovak community at Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey was blessed to have Bishop Elias R. Lorenzo, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark celebrate Holy Thursday Mass. The mass was held in both the Slovak and English languages and the Bishop praised the community underscoring the importance of the Slovak community in keeping alive their faith and heritage by celebrating mass in their native tongue. In attendance were members of Branch 746. The branch played a fundamental role in establishing the Slovak church in 1955. Slovak mass is at 9:30am every Sunday. Pictured along with Bishop Lorenzo is the pastor of Holy Family Church, Fr. Mariusz Luksza, and our young Slovak-speaking altar servers, including Patrik and Oliver Fecov, members of Branch 746.

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



## Celebrating Palm Sunday In St. John Nepomucene Church In NYC

Students of the Slovak school in New York City celebrated the start of the Holy week by performing the Stations of the Cross in the St. John Nepomucene Church on Palm Sunday.

## Slávenie Palmovej (Kvetnej) Nedele V Kostole Sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC

Na Kvetnú nedeľu žiaci Slovenskej školy oslávili začiatok Veľkého týždňa hranou Krížovou cestou v Kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC.



Fr. Štefan Chanas, Pastor, first on the left; second row to the right of the Cross Fr. Martin Kertýs, Parochial Vicar and Mária Rechteriková, church organist and cantor; first row to the right of the Cross Renáta Bukovičová, teacher and the students of the Slovak school.

O. Štefan Chanas, Farár, prvý zľava; druhý rad napravo od kríža o. Martin Kertýs, kaplán a Mária Rechteriková, organistka a kantorka; prvý rad napravo od kríža Renáta Bukovičová, učiteľka a študenti Slovenskej školy.





# Popular Slovak band Ščamba performs in NYC!

The popular Slovak band Ščamba drew an audience of more than 400+ people for their concert in New York City on April 29th, 2023. Supporting the event were Region 1 members and officers from Branch 45, 716, and 746 and District 16, as well as Jednota members from Cleveland! The band created a lively atmosphere with their popular pop songs and energetic performance with the audience dancing until the early morning hours!

Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director



Villa Sacred Heart  
Danville PA



# Summer Festival

Saturday  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>** 2023

**10:30<sup>am</sup> - 5:00<sup>pm</sup>**

*Baked Goods · Flea Market · Furniture  
A Variety of Food Trucks · Art & Crafts  
Bingo · Silent Auction · Books*

Saturday Mass for Sunday 5<sup>pm</sup> in the Basilica

Villa Sacred Heart. 1002 Railroad St · Danville, PA 17821

## Invitation to All FCSU Members to Attend Mass at the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows on September 23, 2023 in Washington, D.C.

Branch 856 would like to invite all Jednota members and Slovaks to come to Washington, D.C. to join The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg and FCSU Protector, in celebrating the 58th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 23, 2023. The rosary will be said at 1:00pm followed by mass at 1:30pm.



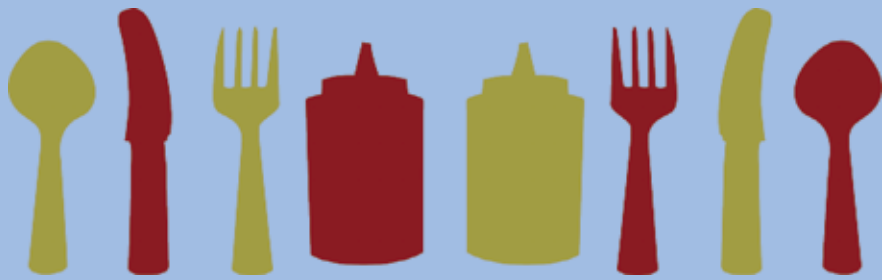
For information regarding the Mass please contact Marion Mistrik at 301-654-3856 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

## Organize your Branch or District to take a bus trip to Washington, D.C. with our help!

The FCSU Corporate Office will subsidize, up to \$500.00 for a bus trip organized by a branch or district who wishes to organize this trip for their members to join in this fraternal celebration.

For info regarding sponsoring a bus please call Barbara at 1-800-533-6682 ext. 122





### 2nd Annual Pig Roast/Picnic

District 11 is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Pig Roast/Picnic July 22, 2023 at the Pony Farm Trap and Gun Club from 1-6 pm. Located at 592 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning, PA 16201. The event is for District 11 Beneficial members and guests.

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

We will be providing pork, potato and macaroni salad, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, rolls, cake, tableware, soft drinks, and water. We are asking you bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The event is BYOB.

**RSVPs are required by June 23, 2023 with the number planning to attend so we have a head count to finalize our planning.**

Please RSVP to:

President Patrick Froncek [patrickf007@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickf007@yahoo.com) 724-236-4226 or  
Secretary Karen Greggs [kgreggs39@gmail.com](mailto:kgreggs39@gmail.com) 724-372-0690 or  
Treasurer Vicki Schaub [vschaub123@gmail.com](mailto:vschaub123@gmail.com) 724-763-9229

Entertainment by Magic Moment DJ. A variety of music including polkas! Come eat, dance, and enjoy cornhole and badminton or bring your own outdoor games.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT ANNUAL PITTSBURGH PIRATES BASEBALL GAME AT PNC PARK



- **ALL DISTRICTS AND BRANCHES ARE INVITED**
- **Date: Monday, July 17, 2023**
  - Tailgate to begin at 5:00 p.m. at Red Lot 5A (hosted by Branch 38)
  - Game starts at 7:05 p.m. against the Cleveland Guardians
- **Cost: \$39.00/ticket**
  - Seats are together in Section 119 (includes \$10.00 voucher for food/drink)
- **RSVP to: Bradley Matta, Tom Ivanec or Joe Tarquino**
  - Contact Information to reserve tickets and make arrangement for payment:
  - Brad Matta: [bmatta41@gmail.com](mailto:bmatta41@gmail.com) / 412-378-7988
  - Tom Ivanec: [tivanec@aol.com](mailto:tivanec@aol.com) / 440-668-7797
  - Joe Tarquino: [Tark918@gmail.com](mailto:Tark918@gmail.com) / 724-929-9788
  - Tickets will be mailed out prior to game or can be picked up at tailgate.

## Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District 12, 3rd Annual Picnic



Date: May 21, 2023

Time: 1pm-5pm

Location: Charleroi, PA

Cost: District 12 members – Free  
Non-District 12 members - \$5

### Fraternalism in Action:

- Bring at least 2 shelf stable food items, OR
- Donate at least \$3
- For the St Andrew the Apostle Food Bank

As we are enjoying the food, friends, and games at our 3rd Annual Picnic, let us remember and help others who are experiencing food insecurities at this time. Please be generous in your donations.

If you are new to attending events of the Hlinka District, please leave your reservation message at [Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com) with your name, branch number, phone number and how many people would attend. We will confirm your reservation.

Questions contact: [Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com) or 412-341-1577  
We look forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Hlinka District Secretary

## For FCSU members in Washington D.C. Area



### SLOVAK AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON D.C.

Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. Picnic

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington VA 22207  
Free parking on premises.

The Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. (SASW) and Friends of Slovakia (FOS) are pleased to invite you to attend our second annual family picnic!

Once again, **SASW and FOS will provide** an assortment of grilled sausages and chicken, a keg of beer, and all necessary picnic supplies (plates, cups, cutlery, napkins).

Please bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert to share. [Use our sign-up sheet](#) to let us know what you plan to bring.

**Cost: \$15 per person (age 14 and older).** Children younger than 14 are free. Pay at the entrance with cash, check, or Venmo. *Sorry, we cannot accept payment by credit card.*

Please R.S.V.P. here so we may plan appropriately: [rsvp@dcslovaks.org](mailto:rsvp@dcslovaks.org)

**Bringing Folding Lawn Chairs Recommended:** The facility has a large number of picnic tables but you may also want to bring folding lawn chairs for added convenience.

**Volunteers Welcome:** This picnic is an all-volunteer effort. The host committee is happy to hear from anyone who is able to help with setup, food preparation and serving, or cleanup.

**For More Information and to Volunteer to Help:** Please write to Marta Sztotakova Galysh at [msztotakova@dcslovaks.org](mailto:msztotakova@dcslovaks.org)

To ensure we may use this facility for future picnics (and for everyone's safety), please respect the policies of the Knights of Columbus and do not bring glass bottles, glass jars, or metal cans on the picnic grounds. You are welcome to bring your own coolers and ice, plus food and soft drinks in plastic containers.



# News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

## Poľnohospodári sú kvôli ukrajinským importom v ťažkej situácii

Bratislava 17. apríla (TASR) - Slovenskí poľnohospodári a potravinári si uvedomujú, že obmedzenie dovozu niektorých komodít musí podliehať vzájomnej koordinácii s Bruselom. Nachádzajú sa však v tak mimoriadne závažnej situácii, ktorá by bez zavedenia zákazu negatívne vplývala na stabilitu trhov a znižovala konkurencieschopnosť našich firiem. Po ohlásení zákazu dovozu niektorých komodít z Ukrajiny to uviedla Slovenská poľnohospodárska a potravinárska komora (SPPK).



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“Na jednej strane si plne uvedomujeme, že obmedzenie dovozov musí podliehať vzájomnej koordinácii s Bruselom. Na strane druhej sa však momentálne nachádzame v tak mimoriadne závažnej situácii, že bez zavedenia takejto formy reštrikcie by sme spôsobovali nové straty slovenským pestovateľom s dosahom na stabilitu trhov a znižovanie konkurencieschopnosti našich firiem,” uviedla hovorkyňa SPPK Jana Holéciová.

SPPK zároveň vyzvala pestovateľov, aby sa snažili čím skôr minuloročné obilie odpredať a uvoľniť tak sklady novej úrody, ktorú budú zbierať už o pár mesiacov.

Vláda na svojom pondelkovom online rokovaní schválila od 19. apríla zákaz dovozu ukrajinského obilia a niektorých poľnohospodárskych komodít z Ukrajiny, nie však ich tranzit cez Slovensko.

## UNESCO podporí projekt SR na ochranu kultúrneho dedičstva Ukrajiny

Bratislava 13. apríla (TASR) – Ľudia násilne vysídlení z Ukrajiny, ktorí našli útočisko na Slovensku, budú mať príležitosť stretávať sa na špeciálnych podujatiach venovaných ich tradíciám a kultúrnemu dedičstvu. Poskytne im to projekt, ktorý vypracoval Ústav etnológie a sociálnej antropológie Slovenskej akadémie vied (SAV) v súčinnosti s Ministerstvom kultúry (MK) SR. “Sumou 100.000 eur ho podporilo UNESCO,” informoval rezort kultúry.

Cieľom programu je ochrana nehmotného kultúrneho dedičstva ukrajinských komunít žijúcich na Slovensku a zvýšenie všeobecného povedomia o dôležitej úlohe živého dedičstva v prostredí násilím presídlených komunít. Na tvorbe programu sa podieľali aj samotní ukrajinskí občania, ktorí utiekli pred vojnou.

“Výsledkom iniciatívy bude séria workshopov a oslavy tradičných sviatkov, ktoré budú zamerané na zdieľanie ukrajinského živého kultúrneho dedičstva. Špeciálna pozornosť bude venovaná ženám, deťom, staršej populácii a znevýhodneným skupinám,” dodal rezort kultúry.

Projekt, ktorého trvanie sa odhaduje na 20 mesiacov, sa bude realizovať na celom Slovensku, väčšina aktivít však bude realizovaná v Bratislave, kde sídli majorita odídencom z Ukrajiny.

## Jeden z najvýraznejších filmových tvorcov Dušan Hanák má 85 rokov

Bratislava 27. apríla (TASR) - Dušan Hanák je autorom výnimočných dokumentárnych a hraných filmov s osobitou autentickou výpoveďou, v ktorých prepájal experimentovanie s civilnosťou. Keďže jeho diela nesplňali ideové kritériá vtedajšieho socialistického umenia, neraz boli pre verejnosť na dlhšiu dobu zakázané. Napriek tomu sa filmy významného umelca napokon dočkali uznania nielen na Slovensku, ale aj v zahraničí.



Jeden z najvýraznejších filmových tvorcov slovenskej kinematografie 20. storočia, režisér a scenárista Dušan Hanák sa vo štvrtok 27. apríla dožíva 85 rokov.

Dušan Hanák sa narodil 27. apríla 1938 v Bratislave. V rokoch 1960 – 1965 študoval réžiu na Filmovej a televíznej fakulte Akadémie múzických umení (FAMU) v Prahe. Ako režisér a scenárista pôsobil v rokoch 1964 – 1991 v Slovenskej filmovej tvorbe v Bratislave. Už počas vysokoškolských štúdií nakrútil krátke snímky ako napríklad Alcron (1963), 6 otázok pro Jana Wericha (1963) alebo Učenie (1965).

Do profesionálneho filmového sveta vstúpil ako nádejný dokumentarista. V diele Prišiel k nám Old Shatterhand (1966) s ľahkosťou, humorom a iróniou zachytil život v socialistickom Československu v 60. rokoch minulého storočia. V krátkometrážnom filme Omša (1967) zaznamenal bohoslužbu v Spišskej Sobote s autentickými liturgickými textami a spevmi.

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## Farmers are in a difficult situation because of Ukrainian imports

Bratislava, April 17 (TASR) - Slovak farmers and food producers are aware that the restriction of the import of certain commodities must be subject to mutual coordination with Brussels. However, they are in such an extremely serious situation that, without the introduction of the ban, it would negatively affect the stability of the markets and reduce the competitiveness of our companies. This was announced by the Slovak Department of Agriculture and Food (SPPK) after the ban on the import of certain commodities from Ukraine was announced.

“On the one hand, we are fully aware that the restriction of imports must be subject to mutual coordination with Brussels. On the other hand, however, we are currently in such an extremely serious situation that without the introduction of such a form of restriction, we would cause new losses to Slovak growers with an impact on the stability of markets and reducing the competitiveness of our companies,” said SPPK spokeswoman Jana Holéciová.

At the same time, SPPK called on growers to try to sell last year's grain as soon as possible to free up storage for the new crop, which will be harvested in a few months.

At its online meeting on Monday, the government approved a ban on the import of Ukrainian grain and some agricultural commodities from Ukraine from April 19, but not their transit through Slovakia.

## UNESCO will support the SR project to protect the cultural heritage of Ukraine

Bratislava, April 13 (TASR) – People forcibly displaced from Ukraine who found refuge in Slovakia will have the opportunity to meet at special events dedicated to their traditions and cultural heritage. This will be provided by a project developed by the Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV) in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture (MK) of the Slovak Republic. “UNESCO supported it with the sum of 100,000 euros,” informed the Department of Culture.



The aim of the program is to protect the intangible cultural heritage of Ukrainian communities living in Slovakia and to increase general awareness of the important role of living heritage in the environment of forcibly displaced communities. Ukrainian citizens themselves who fled the war participated in the creation of the program.

“The result of the initiative will be a series of workshops and celebrations of traditional holidays aimed at sharing Ukraine's living cultural heritage. Special attention will be paid to women, children, the elderly population and disadvantaged groups,” the Ministry of Culture added.

The project, whose duration is estimated at 20 months, will be implemented throughout Slovakia, but most of the activities will be implemented in Bratislava, where the majority of emigrants from Ukraine live.

## One of the most prominent filmmakers, Dušan Hanák, is 85 years old

Bratislava, April 27 (TASR) - Dušan Hanák is the author of exceptional documentary and feature films with a unique authentic narrative, in which he linked experimentation with civility. Since his works did not meet the ideological criteria of socialist art at the time, they were often banned from the public for a long time. Despite this, the films of the important artist finally received recognition not only in Slovakia, but also abroad.

One of the most prominent filmmakers of Slovak cinematography of the 20th century, director and screenwriter Dušan Hanák, turned 85 on Thursday, April 27.

Dušan Hanák was born on April 27, 1938 in Bratislava. Between 1960 and 1965, he studied directing at the Film and Television Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts (FAMU) in Prague. He worked as a director and screenwriter in the years 1964 – 1991 at Slovak Film Production in Bratislava. Already during his university studies, he shot short films such as Alcron (1963), 6 questions for Jan Werich (1963) or Learning (1965).

He entered the professional film world as a promising documentary filmmaker. The work “Old Shatterhand Came to Us” (1966) captured life in socialist Czechoslovakia in the 1960s with lightness, humor, and irony. In the short film “Mass” (1967), he recorded the service in Spišská Sobota with authentic liturgical texts and chants.

Translated by Dr. Michael Kopanic

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# FCSU National Picnic, Frogbridge, NJ

## Saturday | June, 24, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



**FCSU Members are Free**  
 Non-member guests: Adults \$20.00 / Children 4-10 - \$15.00/ Under 3 Free  
 Register online at [www.fcsu.com/events](http://www.fcsu.com/events) by **JUNE 3rd, 2023**  
 Checks can be mailed to: FCSU EVENTS, FCSU 6611 Rockside Rd. Suite 300 – Independence, OH 44131  
 Credit card payments can be made at: 1-800-533-6682 ext. 122



### MENU

### EVENT FAQ'S

**OFF THE GRILL**  
 Angus Beef Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers  
 All Beef Sabrett Hot Dogs  
 Rubbed & Sauced BBQ Chicken  
 Garden Burgers

**SPECIALTY STATIONS**  
 Street Fair Sweet Sausage & Peppers  
 Sautéed peppers and onions on a freshly baked hoagie roll  
 Carolina Pulled Pork  
 Smoked and rubbed with a sweet & tangy BBQ sauce, served on a traditional potato roll

**CLASSIC, SPECTACULAR SIDES**  
 Dutch Oven Vegetarian Baked Beans  
 Sweet Corn on the Cob  
 Baked Mac & Cheese

And more....

- Frogbridge provides all sporting equipment and towels. Bring your sunscreen and your sneakers.
- Guests are not permitted to bring liquor into the park.
  - If it rains day will go on as planned, since your food and beverage area is tented.
  - We have handicapped parking for anyone needing assistance, as well as golf carts driven by staff to help those with special needs.
  - You can bring a stroller into the resort.
  - We have changing areas in the bathrooms.
  - There is plenty of shade and our pavilion area is tented.
  - Due to the Board of Health, no pets are allowed!



**Private Covered Pavilion**  
**Pool Complex & Lake Area**  
**Amenities & Sports Fields**  
**All Sports Equipment Included!**

- |          |                  |                        |
|----------|------------------|------------------------|
| Bocce    | Basketball       | 18-Hole Miniature Golf |
| Soccer   | Beach Volleyball | Golf Driving Range     |
| Softball | Horseshoes       | Ga-Ga (Dodgeball)      |
| Tennis   | Putting Green    | Whiffle Ball Stadium   |

SCHEDULE	
12:00pm	Registration Opens
12:30pm – 3:30pm	Food Service
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Bingo
4:00pm	Mass
5:00pm	Park Closes

Planning to stay overnight? We have you covered!  
 Book your room at the special group rate by June 3rd!  
**SpringHill Suites Philadelphia/Valley Forge for 159 USD per night**  
 875 Mancill Mill Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406  
**610-783-1400**  
 Book your room at [www.fcsu.com/events](http://www.fcsu.com/events)

**Frogbridge Picnic address: 7 Yellow Meeting house Rd, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510**

## 2023 FCSU National Picnic at Frogbridge Registration Form

Pre-registration required, no admission at the door. Rain or shine event, no refunds.

**FCSU Members - FREE | Non Members: 4-10y. -\$15 Over 10y. - \$20**

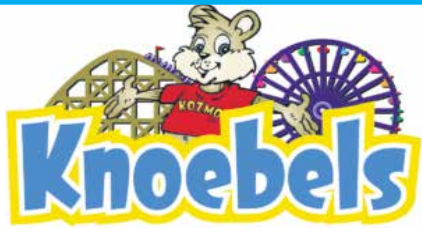
Please cut, fill out and mail the form along with a check to:  
 FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131

CALL 800-533-6682 EXT.122 FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT.

Or register on [www.fcsu.com/events](http://www.fcsu.com/events) by June 3rd, 2023

Member's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Full Name	Member Y/N if yes, specify the Branch #	Email	Phone #	Non member over 10 y. (\$20)	Non-member 4-10 y. (\$15)	Total



## NATIONAL PICNIC Saturday, July 15, 2023

Knoebels Amusement Resort  
391 Knoebels Blvd, Elysburg, PA. 17824

### FREE Park Admission for All.

Each member will have the option to receive 1 free book of tickets (\$20.00 value). Rain or shine event.

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

**Wanted:** Adults and kids if you are interested in a scramble golf game on a par 3 course before the picnic begins please contact Kevin Collins at 1-800-533-6682 ext. 120 or email at [kcollins@fcsu.com](mailto:kcollins@fcsu.com) before 6/16/2023. Open to all ages and skill levels.

### AMUSEMENT PARK

- Check in begins at 11:00am (Pavilion P1)
- Park hours: 12:00pm-8:00pm
- Pool hours: 11:00am-6:00pm (pool day pass adult \$8.50, kids 2-11 \$6.50)
- Complimentary lunch served from 2:30pm-3:15pm (Pavilion P1)
- MASS at 4:30pm celebrated by Fr. Tom Nasta (Pavilion P1)
- **MUST register** to the Home Office by 6/30/2023: email [events@fcsu.com](mailto:events@fcsu.com) or call 800-533-6682 ext. 110

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Hampton Inn, 137 Old Valley School Rd, Danville, PA 17013, (570)-271-2500
- Room rate: 2 queen beds \$149.00 per night. **Use Group Code: FCS** (limited block of rooms, **book before 6/16/2023**)
- Members must make their own hotel reservations at [tinyurl.com/knoebelpic](http://tinyurl.com/knoebelpic)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS

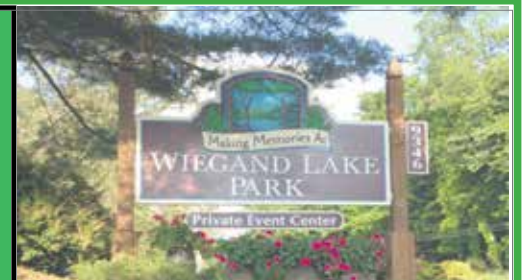
– Bald Eagle Habitat, Carousel Museum, Knoebels History Museum, Mining Museum, Time Machine Theater (interactive theater), Mini Golf 18 holes for \$5.00, XD Theater \$3.00, Lazer Tag \$5.00, Lazer Maze \$3.00.

**To register for the picnic, call the Home Office at 800 533 6682 ext. 110 or email [events@fcsu.com](mailto:events@fcsu.com) by 6/30/2023.**



## NATIONAL PICNIC Saturday, July 29, 2023

Wiegand Lake Park  
9346 Kinsman Rd, Novelty, OH 44072



**FREE Admission and FREE parking for all FCSU Members, Family and Guests from 11:00am –7:00pm.**

With clean, beautiful grounds, there is plenty to do for everyone. You can enjoy paddle boats, playgrounds, softball, horseshoes, swimming, as well as lots of great food served all day long. Shuttle service available from parking lot to picnic grounds and to restrooms.

- Check in begins at 11:00am
- Free all you can eat food from 12:00pm – 6:00pm
- BINGO 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- MASS at 4:00pm celebrated by Fr. Tom Nasta
- Unlimited ice cream treats, hot and cold drinks, popcorn all day.

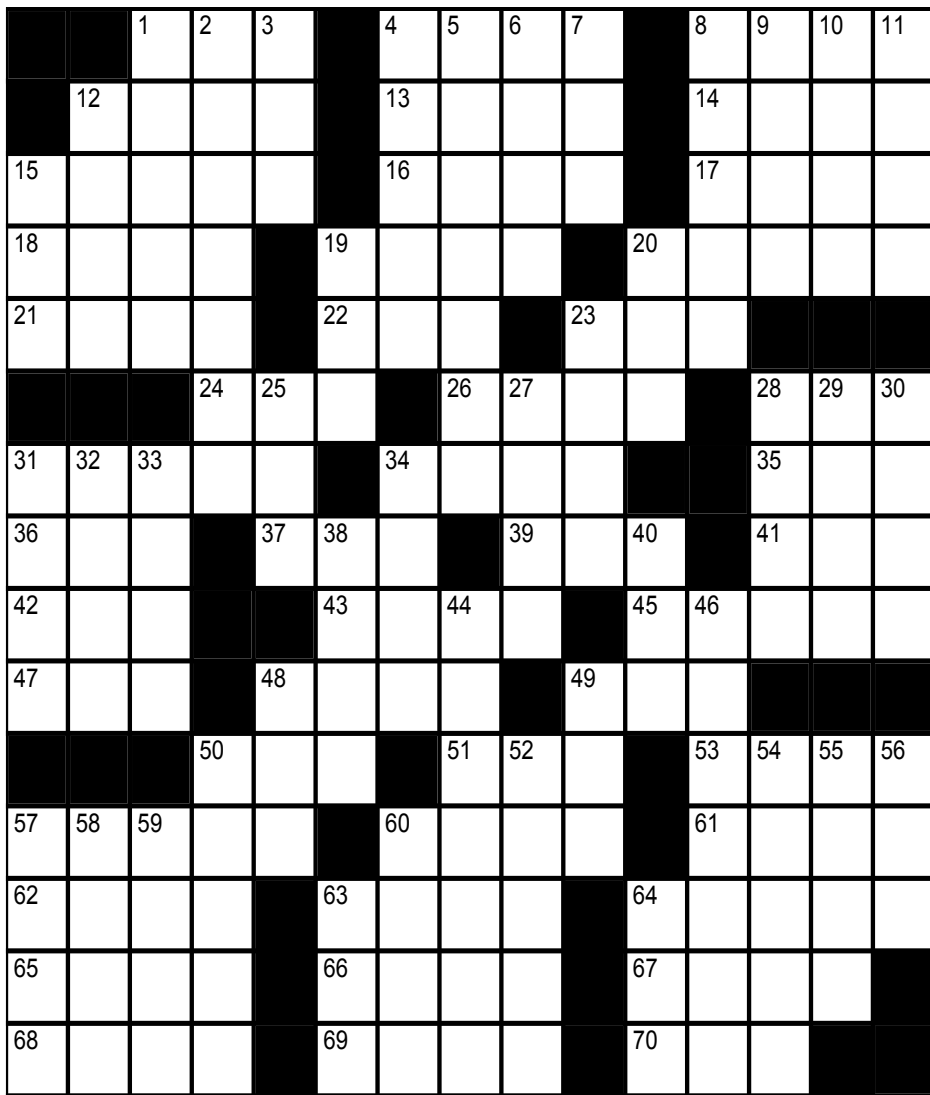
### FREE ACTIVITIES

Corn hole, Sand Volleyball, Basketball, Horseshoes, Soccer field, Softball field, Playgrounds, Springfed Lake with paddleboats and swimming, Face Painting, Bingo. No alcohol or pets permitted on premises. Rain or shine event.

**To register for the picnic, call the Home Office at 800 533 6682 ext. 110 or email [events@fcsu.com](mailto:events@fcsu.com) by 7/7/2023**



# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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**Across**

- 1 Stratego piece
- 4 Horse course
- 8 Roasting rod
- 12 Jai \_\_\_\_
- 13 Wing (Fr.)
- 14 Secret message
- 15 Squirrel's stash
- 16 Lambs
- 17 Talipot palm leaf
- 18 Kaput
- 19 Salad cheese
- 20 Girder material
- 21 Visored cap
- 22 Sea eagle
- 23 Fruitcake item
- 24 Imitate
- 26 Related
- 28 Tartan cap
- 31 Atacama Desert site
- 34 "You said it, brother!"
- 35 Athos, to Porthos
- 36 Ely of Tarzan fame
- 37 Goat god
- 39 Musical ability
- 41 Thai river
- 42 Suffix with infant
- 43 Crowning
- 45 Should, with "to"
- 47 "Fables in Slang" author
- 48 Barbershop request

- 49 Reef dweller
- 50 Fawn's mother
- 51 Eastern newt
- 53 "Once \_\_\_\_ a time..."
- 57 Scarecrow stuffing
- 60 Skedaddle
- 61 City founded by Pizarro
- 62 Tugboat sound
- 63 District
- 64 Archipelago name
- 65 Malarial fever
- 66 Vermin
- 67 English prep school
- 68 Deteriorates
- 69 Requirement
- 70 Soak flax

- 19 Doctor's charge
- 20 Bright star
- 23 Daughter of Ea
- 25 Vigor
- 27 Castle part
- 28 Zingy taste
- 29 Nanjing nanny
- 30 In perfect condition
- 31 Alpaca young
- 32 Phone button
- 33 Arrow poison
- 34 Debate side
- 38 Swiss river
- 40 Seafood delicacy
- 44 Egg dishes
- 46 Howl
- 48 Kind of truck
- 49 Riviera season
- 50 Takes out
- 52 Banquet
- 54 Kitchen light
- 55 Gulf sultanate
- 56 Dissenting vote
- 57 Antares, for one
- 58 Like some pizza orders
- 59 Drubbing
- 60 German title
- 63 Pitcher's asset
- 64 Mal de \_\_\_\_

**Down**

- 1 Single-master
- 2 Incomplete
- 3 Yang's opposite
- 4 Horse opera
- 5 Haiphong locale
- 6 Aquatic plant
- 7 \_\_\_\_ Cayes, Haiti
- 8 Sir Walter, for one
- 9 Fishing need
- 10 Inactive
- 11 Freshwater duck
- 12 Distress signal
- 15 Inquire

See Solution on Page 15

## Alexandria Simmons, Br. 367, Elected President of St. Vincent Alumni Council

Alexandria "Alé" Muzika Simmons was recently elected as President of the Saint Vincent College Alumni Council where she has been a member since 2010. Alé is currently employed as a Senior Business Development Manager for Clark Hill PLC, in Pittsburgh, PA and has worked as a liaison between mine operators, attorneys and judges.

In 2010, she was a recipient of a Jednota Benevolent Foundation Scholarship and was president of her class during her senior year at St. Vincent College. She is a member of Branch 367. FCSU National Chairman of Auditors Greg Maurer has also served as President of Alumni Council.

Submitted by Greg Maurer



Alexandria "Alé" Muzika Simmons and Greg Maurer, FCSU National Chairman of Auditors.

## 2023 International Golf Tournament August 18-20, 2023



**Location:**

Kensington Golf Club  
4171 Westford Place, Canfield, Ohio 44406



# FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

Q E T U O N E R D L I H C P A  
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## “Mother’s day” Word List

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| <b>Mamička</b> ( <i>Mommy</i> )           | <b>Children</b>    |
| <b>Oslava</b> ( <i>Celebration</i> )      | <b>Grateful</b>    |
| <b>Kvety</b> ( <i>Flowers</i> )           | <b>Family</b>      |
| <b>Deň Matiek</b> ( <i>Mother’s Day</i> ) | <b>Caring</b>      |
| <b>Úcta</b> ( <i>Respect</i> )            | <b>Grandmother</b> |
| <b>Láska</b> ( <i>Love</i> )              | <b>Hugs</b>        |

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 Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES

All FCSU members are eligible to enter. One entry per member!

Complete the word puzzle and email it along with your name, address, email and branch number to [contest@fcsu.com](mailto:contest@fcsu.com) or mail it to:

### FCSU PUZZLE

6611 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

Entries must be received by **June 26, 2023**.

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

## May Puzzle Contest

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MARCH CONTEST WINNERS:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Patrick J. Collins Br. 2K        | Fred Koneval Br. 24K     |
| Thomas Grobinski Br. 173K        | Darlene G. LaPay Br.181K |
| Margaret M. Maliszewski Br. 200K |                          |

KEEP PUZZLING!

## Correction: FIRST PLACE winners of the Coloring Contest

REGION 3  
Age Group 4 – 6  
First Place



Jack Hammes  
Branch 166

REGION 5  
Age Group 4 – 6  
First Place



Harper Pelikan  
Branch 38

## Answer to Crossword Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 12

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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 July 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Panera Bread, 19705 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, OH 44116. Those interested in attending, please contact Rochelle Popovich at 216-789-6390 by July 10, 2023. All members are welcome to attend.

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

## BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PA

The Saint Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 2, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00PM at Eat-N-Park, 1002 Ohio River Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Please notify the branch secretary, Linda Collins at [lindaco243@gmail.com](mailto:lindaco243@gmail.com) or 412-266-2119 if you are planning on attending.

Submitted by **Linda Collins, Secretary**

## BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

At this meeting, we will recognize the recipients of the Margaret Evancho award. Gift cards will be sent by mail to the following: Ma'lina Coriano, Charles Griffis, Jet Griffis, Peter Monks, John Pollack, Megan Sherriff, and Jennifer Waters.

This award was established in recognition of the many years Margaret Evancho dedicated to the youth of Branch 19.

We cordially invite interested members to contact me at [csteacher3@gmail.com](mailto:csteacher3@gmail.com) to obtain a link for the meeting. We look forward to reconnecting with our members.

Submitted by **Deborah M. Nelson, Secretary**

## BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 24 is offering its members discounted tickets for the Monday evening July 17 Cleveland Guardians vs Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. Contact Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Tom Ivanec for details at [tivanec@aol.com](mailto:tivanec@aol.com). Please see details for this event in this issue of the Jednota.

Submitted by **Tom Ivanec, Fraternal Activities Director**

## BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK CITY, NY

The St. Matthew's the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, originally was going to hold a semi-annual meeting on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM, but due to unexpected circumstances, the meeting has been rescheduled to June 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM. On the agenda will be a discussion about planned activities and events. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Submitted by **Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 112 – MAHANOEY CITY, PA

A National Picnic sponsored by the FCSU will be held at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Further details will be published in the JEDNOTA newspaper with regards to registration.

All Branch 112 members who have officially registered with the home office and in attendance will receive a \$25.00 stipend.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Submitted by **Matthew Sterling, Secretary**

## BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, IL

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 17, at 11:30 am. It is at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL. A fraternal luncheon will follow the meeting. Please call Dorothy at (708) 995 7378 by June 11 to reserve your place.

Submitted by **Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its branch meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Uniontown Country Club, 25 Bailey Lane, Uniontown, PA.

Officers' Reports will be given, and branch activities will be discussed. The Donations Committee will make its recommendations for the coming year. Regional Director, James Marmol, will advise us of developments at the home office and activities for the summer. The meeting will be followed by breakfast. Call Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 before June 6th for reservations for you and your guest to attend the meeting.

Submitted by **Dolores Marmol, Secretary**

## BRANCH 181 - UNIONTOWN, PA

All Branch 181 members are invited to attend the Annual Family Picnic to be held at Mammoth Park, Mammoth, PA at Pavilion #14 on Sunday, June 25, 2023. Registration starts at noon with the picnic beginning at 1 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch.

Contact Vicki at 724-547-0803 for more information or directions.

Applications for the 2023 Branch 181 Scholarship for high school seniors planning to attend college or technical/trade school in the Fall are still being accepted through May 31. Email Vicki at [vickihricik@gmail.com](mailto:vickihricik@gmail.com) to receive an application.

Submitted by **Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 213 - PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 213, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023. It will be held at 1:00 pm at 306 Barclay Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. If planning on joining the meeting via phone, please contact [weaz1958@aol.com](mailto:weaz1958@aol.com).

The agenda will include all old, current, and new Branch business, officer's reports, and discussion of upcoming Branch and District events and activities.

Submitted by **Joe Belechak, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge

Br. 228 will hold their next meeting on Monday June 19, 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.

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 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

All Branch 320 members – Summer 2023 is upon us and events are happening in and around our area. Please come and join us at one or more of these events. Would love to see you!!

DISTRICT PICNIC: Branch 320 members interested in attending the District 12 annual picnic on May 21 (Charleroi, PA.) Please reach out to Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary, at 724-929-9788

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: All are welcome to join Branch 320, American Legion Post 949, and Sons of the American Legion Post 949 to honor our local veterans with a flag ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Saturday May 27. Please reach out to Joseph Tarquinio, Vice-President at 724-929-9788 or [tark918@gmail.com](mailto:tark918@gmail.com) for details about time and place.

PIRATES BASEBALL: All are welcome to a night of Pirates Baseball on July 17 as our Pirates will be facing the Cleveland Guardians! A fraternal block has been set up in Section 119 at a cost of \$39/seat (this includes a \$10 food voucher). A final count is due June 30 with payment due July 8. Please reach out to Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary, at 724-929-9788 for ticket information.

KENNYWOOD PARK: Branch 320 members interested in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, Thursday, July 20, please contact Frances Tarquinio at (724) 929-9788 by July 8. A ticket stipend may be available for eligible Branch 320 members.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Branch 320 will be scheduling a Minor League Baseball Night. All are welcome to join Branch 320 for a night of fraternal baseball. Please reach out to Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary, at 724-929-9788. Important dates and game details will be published in the next Jednota. A ticket stipend may be available for eligible Branch 320 members.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL EVENTS: Branch 320 members expressing interest in any fraternal events, National Slovak Society

Museum Picnic (McMurray, PA), the FCSU National Picnics at Frogbridge (NJ) or Knoebels Amusement Park (Elysburg, PA), please see this issue of Jednota for details.

MASS WASHINGTON DC: Branch 320 members expressing interest in attending Mass, on September 23, to be celebrated by Bishop Kulick, JCL (FCSU National Protector) at the National Shrine in Washington, DC please see this issue of Jednota for details.

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

## BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PA

The SS. Peter and Paul Branch 410 will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the Highland House, 92 West Main St., Uniontown, PA.

All members are encouraged to attend. Call for reservations by Monday, July 10, 2023, at 724-425-2576.

Submitted by **Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary**

## BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PA

St. Joseph Society Branch 484 KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 2:00 P.M., at Eat'n Park Restaurant, 2301 Rt. 286 South, Indiana, PA. All members are welcome. Discussions will include our branch's financial assistance to organizations, scholarship applicants, more advertising for members and the promotion of the FCSU's annuity rates, and any other business. We are looking forward to a great summer for all.

Submitted by **Monica Rura, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 invites all members of the FCSU to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events and join us for fraternal fellowship:

Branch 553 Members Meeting  
May 21 Sunday Branch Meeting – 2:00pm at the Slovak J Club – 485 Morgan Ave – Akron OH. First lodge meeting of the year – come to learn of all upcoming events.  
Slovak J Club – 485 Morgan Ave – Akron OH

May 17 Wednesday Pork Chop Dinner served 4:30-6:30pm. Reservations required. Call 330-786-9972 after 3:00pm

May 28 Sunday Breakfast cancelled due to Holiday Weekend

June 7 Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner served 4:30 – 7:00pm

June 21 Wednesday Seafood Alfredo Dinner served 4:30-6:30pm. Reservations required. Call 330-786-9972 after 3:00pm

June 25 Sunday Breakfast served 9:00am – 11:45am

July 23 Saturday Annual Kielbasa Open - get your 4 some together

Aug 12 Saturday 3rd Annual Slovak Fest – details to follow at a later date

FCSU National Events/Picnics  
June 24 Frogbridge, Millstone Township, NJ

July 15 Knoebels Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA

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July 29 Wiegand Lake Park,  
Novelty, OH  
Aug 18-20 International Golf Tour-  
namment - Kensington Golf Club, Canfield, OH  
Full details on the Picnic and Golf Tourna-  
ment are published in this newspaper.  
Hope to see you at these upcoming events.  
**Submitted by Linda M Hanko,**  
**Financial Secretary**

### BRANCH 581 - PORTER, IN

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will meet on Sunday, June 4, at 12 noon at the Paragon Restaurant, 1701 E. 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342. The agenda will include new donations and future business. Please join us for a fine dinner and a great time to meet some of the members. RSVP Ann Buczek, 219-947-2793.

**Submitted by Ann Buczek, President**

### BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PA

Branch 587 will host their semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 pm at the home of Branch President Joanne Fibbi - 1741 Hempstead Lane - Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

Topics include summer fraternal activities and a discussion of fall/winter community service projects.

Zoom option is available, contact [jfbbi@gmail.com](mailto:jfbbi@gmail.com) for meeting link. Kindly RSVP to Joanne as a catered meal will be served. 412-953-4721 or [jfbbi@gmail.com](mailto:jfbbi@gmail.com).

**Submitted by Joanne Fibbi, President**

### BRANCH 628 - W. HOMESTEAD, PA

The spring meeting for Branch 628 will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 2:00 PM at 141 Bellevue Drive, Penn Hills, PA. We will discuss upcoming activities of the district and our participation, as well as other events. If anyone has any questions, please send me a message at [sjvehec@aol.com](mailto:sjvehec@aol.com).

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

### BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

The next regular meeting for Branch 682 is scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Materials Research Laboratories, 290 N Bridge St. in Struthers, OH 44471. The meeting will include discussion of sponsored projects/programs for the remainder of the year.

**Submitted by Drew Hirt, President**

### BRANCH 716- NEW YORK, NY

Branch 716 had its first semi-annual meeting on April 23rd, 2023, and the following information was discussed. Masses at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York, NY, are offered for the intentions of all Branch 716 members living and deceased on the following dates: October 2nd, November 13th, and December 4th. Additionally, Branch 716 is planning a boat trip around New York on June 3rd for branch members, refreshments will be provided. The branch also plans to host a picnic event at St. John Nepomucene Church on July 9th, Memorial Day weekend. We invite all Branch 716 members, families, parishioners, and prospective Jednota members to our events. For additional information or questions, contact our branch president Eva Lysakova at (718)-223-0379.

**Submitted by Emily Lysáková,**  
**Recording 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: 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.

Branch 746 is offering a scholarship with a June 30, 2023, deadline for application. For further information, see the flyer in the Jednota issue and on the FCSU website, 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, [hruosovskyy@embarqmail.com](mailto:hruosovskyy@embarqmail.com).

**Submitted by Bill Hrusovsky, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA ONT CANADA

Branch 785 will be holding their Semi-Annual Meeting on Monday June 26, 2023, at 7:30pm at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall - 5255 Thornwood Dr - Mississauga, ON. We will review all the past and future events for the Year 2023. Please RSVP to Milan Zoldak at 647-350-0604 your attendance.

**Submitted by Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Any Branch 853 member who is attending an event celebrating our Slovak heritage, including the following events, may be eligible for a Branch 853 travel stipend to help defray traveling costs. Restrictions apply.

- Any FCSU National Picnic – Frogbridge in NJ / Knoebels in PA / Wiegand Park in OH
- Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown,

OH, June 16 -17

- Summer Festival at Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA, July 8

- 100th Slovak American Day at Kennywood Park, July 20

- Johnstown Slavic Festival, September 15-16

- Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - September 23

- Septemberfest 2022 at NSS Heritage Museum, September 24

Contact the branch president at [FCSUB-ranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUB-ranch853@gmail.com) for details.

**Submitted by Monica Boone, President**

### BRANCH 855 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 855 is offering its members free tickets for the Monday evening July 17 Cleveland Guardians vs Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. If you are a member of 855 and want to join in this district/fraternal event, contact Branch 855 Fraternal Activities Director Stephanie Sutula at 440-409-9405 or [fcsu855@gmail.com](mailto:fcsu855@gmail.com) for information on how you can receive your free ticket. Please see details for this event in this issue of the Jednota.

**Submitted by Barbara Sutula, President**

### BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, DC

Branch 856 would like to invite all Jednota members and Slovaks to come to Washington D.C. to join the Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. Bishop of Greensburg and FCSU Protector, in celebrating the 58th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 23, 2023. The rosary will be said at 1:00pm followed by mass at 1:30pm. 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**

## A Young Slovak Doing Humanitarian Work for Ukraine

Joseph Beno of Branch 743 in Sterling Heights, Michigan, recommended that I talk with Marek Janiga, a humanitarian worker volunteering for the Slovak Catholic Charity (Caritas). Thus, we had a three-way conversation on March 24, 2023, which is summarized here.

Although he lived in Michigan, Janiga was born in Veličná, Slovakia, a village in Orava, near Dolný Kubin. His mother is a university professor his father was a mayor. He is 19 years-old and a student of law at the Comenius University in Bratislava. He also does work for the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Ukrainian war and its consequences for people motivated him and others to want to do something personally to relieve people's suffering in Ukraine. After the Russians invaded Ukraine, he organized a benefit piano recital in the Saint Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church while living in Sterling Heights. Then his brother hooked him up with Caritas, Slovak Catholic Charities.

So, Marek moved back to Slovakia and is currently busy helping the Ukrainians and doing some dangerous work at times. He has spent more than a month in Ukraine and has made six humanitarian trips to Ukraine to help. In fact, he left for a seventh trip taking supplies to Ukraine just a few days after our conversation. When he returns to Slovakia, he gives presentations, interviews, and writes articles about the situation in Ukraine.

In our discussion, we asked what do people of Ukraine think about the outside help? He stated that a common misconception caused by misinformation concerns discrimination or even genocide of the Russian people in Donbass. About 80 percent of the people in Kharkiv speak Russian as their native language, and it is only 30 minutes from the Russian border. Some people in the city and many in the surrounding villages do not speak Ukrainian at all.

He visited the second-largest city (1.5 million

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Marek Janiga at a bombed apartment in Kharkiv

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All new DISTRICT Announcements should be sent to this email address: [district@fcsu.com](mailto:district@fcsu.com)**

### DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT, BRIDGEPORT, CT

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District will conduct its semi-annual meeting via Zoom on June 11, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

At this meeting, we will discuss plans for the coming year. Interested members are encouraged to contact me at [csteacher3@gmail.com](mailto:csteacher3@gmail.com) to obtain a link for the meeting. We look forward to hearing from our dedicated members.

**Submitted by Deborah M. Nelson,  
Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH PA

The Pittsburgh District held its Spring Business Meeting at St Agnes Hall of St Thomas the Apostle Parish on Sunday, April 30. The meeting was hosted by Branch 38.

All members are welcome to attend a Cleveland-Pittsburgh baseball game on Monday, July 17. Branch 38 will host a tailgate prior to the game at 5:00pm. Seats are along the 3rd base line. Tickets are \$39 which includes a \$10.00 food voucher. RSVP to Brad Matta at [bmatta41@gmail.com](mailto:bmatta41@gmail.com) or Cathy Matta at 412-225-5087. Check this issue of Jednota for more details.

A bus trip is being planned for September 23 to attend mass at the Mother of Sorrows Chapel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. Contact Sue Ondrejco at [sue.ondrejco@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ondrejco@gmail.com) for details.

Many national events are scheduled for the spring and summer: bowling, golf, several picnics. Check the Jednota for details.

The Fall Business Meeting will be hosted by Branch 60 at a time and place to be determined. We will discuss business matters and plan events for next year. Officers for 2024 will be elected.

Other announcements of local interest:

\* WPSCA: Meets at 7 PM first Mondays at the Mount Lebanon Public Library. June

5: From Kosice to Kiev. Meetings resume in the Fall.

\* Slovak Day at Kennywood: Thursday, July 20 - Contact Sue Ondrejco for tickets.

\* Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt - Sunday, November 5 - free admission.

\* Slovak radio program - WPIT 96.5 FM or 730 AM.

As always members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as social events and contests. Be sure your beneficiaries are up to date. Insurance information and forms can be found at [FCSU.com](http://FCSU.com).

**Submitted by Margaret A. Nasta,  
Secretary**

### DISTRICT 9 - FRANK T HOLLY JR DISTRICT, PA

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill at 575 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

Those attending will be briefed on the updates of the Jednota from District President, James Marmol.

**Submitted by Barbara A Holly, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEPH TISO, PA

June 25, 2023 - A District meeting will be held at 2:00PM at the CU Club - 6th Ave - Ford City, PA 16226.

November 12, 2023 – the Annual District meeting for the election of officers will be held at Villa Blanca 2740 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burrell 15068.

Please plan to attend the district meetings as your opinion and ideas are important to us! Come share your thoughts and enjoy a meal with fellow members. God Bless and stay safe and healthy!

**Submitted by Karen Greggs,  
Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEPH TISO, PA

We are sponsoring our 2nd Annual Pig Roast/Picnic July 22, 2023 at the Pony Farm Trap and Gun Club from 1-6 pm. Address: 592 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning PA., 16201. The event is for Beneficial members and guests. This is an indoor/outdoor facility and is air-conditioned, holding approximately 400 guests.

The District provides pork, potato and macaroni salads, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, rolls, cake, tableware, soft drinks and water. We are asking you to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The event is BYOB. Entertainment by Magic Moment DJ. Outdoor games are also available.

RSVP please by June 23, 2023 with number planning to attend.

RSVP to: Patrick Froncek [patrickf007@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickf007@yahoo.com) 724-236-4226 or

Karen Greggs [kgreggs39@gmail.com](mailto:kgreggs39@gmail.com) 724-372-0690 or

Vicki Schaub [vschaub123@gmail.com](mailto:vschaub123@gmail.com) 724-763-9229

**Submitted by Karen Greggs,  
Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 12 MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT: PA

The 3rd Annual Hlinka District Picnic is being held on May 21 from 1-4 pm. Please bring a shelf stable donation for the St Andrew the Apostle Foodbank. Contact the District Secretary at [HlinkaDistrictSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HlinkaDistrictSecretary@gmail.com) with questions.

**Submitted by Monica Boone, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 12 – MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA, PA

PIRATES BASEBALL: All are welcome to a night of Pirates Baseball on Monday, July 17 as our Pirates take on the Cleveland Guardians! In conjunction with District 6 (Pittsburgh, PA) District 10 (Cleveland, OH) and District 14 (Youngstown, OH), a fraternal block has been set up in Section 119 at a cost

of \$39/seat (this includes a \$10 food voucher). A final count is due June 30 with payment due July 8. Please see this issue of Jednota for details.

**Submitted by Joseph Tarquinio,  
Vice President**

### DISTRICT 14 – REV JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Calendar Year District 14 Meeting Schedule  
Following are the currently Scheduled District Meetings for Calendar Year 2023.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.; Fireplace. (Semi-annual meeting).

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. (Annual Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers for 2024); Fireplace.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. (Short Meeting and Christmas Dinner); Location TBD

\*Date changes are possible due to unforeseen complications.

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

Meetings will be held at The Fireplace 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH 44514; unless otherwise specified, indicated, or announced.

**Submitted by John J. Leskovyansky, Jr.,  
President**

### DISTRICT 19 – MSGR MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT - CANADA

The Monsignor Michael Shuba District will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting on Monday June 26, 2023, at 7:30pm, at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall - 5255 Thornwood Dr - Mississauga, ON. We will review the past 6 months and what future events are to come to the end of the year. Please RSVP attendance to Mike Kapitan at 416-621 1354.

**Submitted by Anne Mitro, Secretary**

## Pocta Jánovi Hollému V Dobrej Vode

Katolíckeho kňaza, výnimočného básnika, prekladateľa zo starogréčtiny a latinčiny, vzdelanca, veľkú osobnosť slovenského národa Jána Hollého si uctili v piatok 14. apríla 2023 položením vencov na jeho hrob v Dobrej Vode pri príležitosti 174. výročia jeho úmrtia Daniela Suchá, predsedníčka občianskeho združenia CYRILOMETODIADA, a dobrovodský rodák otec Irenej Ciutti, farár v Hrachovišti. I napriek dvom storočiam, ktoré nás delia od jeho života, jeho pôsobenie a tvorba sú stále súčasťou nášho národného a kultúrneho jestvovania. Bol to on, kto Bernolákovou slovenčinou vospieval dušu nášho ľudu i ospieval krásu našej vlasti. Vo svojich eposoch čerpal z bohatej histórie nášho národa, približoval jeho dávnu slávu i výnimočné osobnosti, ktoré stáli pri jeho duchovnom zrode.

Pani prof. Eva Fordinálová Jánovi Hollému venovala básnickú zbierku Hore, srdcia! <https://tinyurl.com/2ydduay3>. Vzdajme hold Jánovi Hollému prečítaním si týchto vzácných básní.

**DANIELA SUCHÁ, FOTO: ŠTEFAN SUCHÝ**



**Irena Ciutti and Daniel Suchá at the Ján Hollý statue in Dobrá Voda.**

## A Tribute to Jan Hollý in Dobrá Voda

The Catholic priest Ján Hollý was an exceptional poet, a translator of ancient Greek and Latin, a scholar, and a great personality of the Slovak nation. He was honored on April 14, 2023, by the laying of wreaths on his grave in Dobrá Voda on the occasion of the 174th anniversary of his death. Performing the honors were Daniel Suchá, president of the civic association CYRILOMETODIADA, and Irena Ciutti, whose father was a Dobrá Voda native and the parish priest in Hrachovište. Despite the two centuries that separate us from his life, his work and work are still part of our national and cultural existence. He sang about the soul of our people and the beauty of our homeland in Bernolák's Slovak. In his epics, he drew from the rich history of our nation and brought to light its ancient glory and the exceptional personalities who stood out during its spiritual birth.

Professor Eva Fordinálová dedicated a collection of poems to Ján Hollý entitled "Lift



**Ján Hollý (1785-1849)**

up your Hearts!" To read them in Slovak, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2ydduay3>. Let's pay tribute to Ján Hollý by reading these precious poems.

**Daniel Suchá, Photo: Štefan Suchý;  
Translation by Michael Kopanic**

## The Centennial Celebration of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, Thursday JULY 20, 2023

### Bishop David A. Zubik And Bishop Larry Kulick To Celebrate Liturgy | Slovak Ambassador To The United States Radovan Javorcik To Speak

For 100 consecutive years the Slovaks of Western Pennsylvania have come together to celebrate Slovak Tradition, Family, and Faith at Kennywood Park. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, a sing along, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. Special guests include the Slovak Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Radovan Javorcik; His Excellency The Most Reverend Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and His Excellency Bishop Larry Kulick, Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

A Centennial Party will be held at the Main Stage at 2:00pm until 3:00 pm. Music by the Rusynsky Bet'are ( Rusyn Rascals) will be there for dancing, a birthday cake and a Meet and Greet with Ambassador Javorcik will be a part of the party from 3-4pm.

The Main Stage program will begin at 3:00 pm with a parade of dignitaries from Slovakia, the Slovak Fraternals. Ambassador Javorcik will address the community.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the con-celebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion directly behind "The Old Mill" at 4:00 pm. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be Bishop David A. Zubik and Bishop Larry Kulick, along with FCSU National Chaplain Fr. Thomas Nasta and several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Johnstown-Altoona Dioceses. Immediately following will be a sing along and the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the "Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS)" and the "Pittsburgh Slovaksians".

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), haluski (sweet cabbage and noodles), pirohy and kolbasy. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite - ceregi and Paska.

Enjoy this delicious dinner or ala carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all of the "Slovak favorites". Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride "Old Mill" from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out. In Pavilion #3 you will be able to see an exhibit on "Slovak Kroj" prepared by the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak Cultural Displays provided by the Slovak Fraternals. Also in Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak vendors selling goods from Slovakia.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 pm by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat.

## Special Slovak Day ticket price - \$25

Good for July 20th only.

For tickets contact the Home Office at 800 533 6682 ext.110

All FCSU pre-registered members will receive a special gift.

Stop by the FCSU Vendor table to claim it.



### PROGRAM

- Slovak Fraternal Societies—Displays (Pavilion 5)
- 12:30pm** Slovak Kitchen Opens (P4)
- 12:30pm** Children's Activities (P5)
- 1:00pm-3:00pm** Music by George Batyi & Friends Gypsy Stringz (P4)
- 2:00pm-3:00pm** 100th Anniversary Party with Rusynsky Bet'are (Rusyn Rascals) (P5)
- 3:00pm** Greetings and Introductions (P5)
- 4:00pm** Con-Celebrated Slovak Mass (P5 Stage)  
 Celebrant—Bishop David Zubik from the Diocese of Pittsburgh  
 Celebrant Bishop Larry Kulick from the Diocese of Greensburg,  
 FCSU National Chaplain Fr. Thomas Nasta  
 Priests and Deacons of Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses
- After Mass** Slovak Sing-along, Slovak Folk Entertainment, PAS, Pittsburgh Slovaksians

## Background Information On Slovak Day

Slovaks are a large part of the tapestry that has helped form Western Pennsylvania.

For 100 years, Slovaks of Western Pennsylvania have gathered at Kennywood Park to bring together family and friends to celebrate their Slovak heritage. In the early years, Slovaks in America had a difficult time. They had to contend with language barriers, low incomes, difficult travel since there were just a few cars, telephones not readily accessible, and most importantly there was separation from family and friends. In order to help the Slovak immigrants assimilate into American culture, twenty eight Slovak parishes were formed in Western Pennsylvania. Those parishes worked together to help educate, support, and celebrate their faith. They felt it would be great to gather Slovaks together to celebrate their Slovak heritage and their new American home. Kennywood was a natural for the celebration: it had picnic grounds, rides for the kids and a place for them to gather. So on July 8, 1924 the first Slovak Day was inaugurated at Kennywood Park.

Slovak Day has for 100 years consecutively celebrated their ethnic heritage through the Great Depression, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the pandemic. Through the years the Slovaks have put Tradition, Community, Family and Faith at the heart of its celebration.

Tradition included the food they prepare. Many of the recipes are as old as the celebration. The music, song and dance performance are provided by the Pittsburgh Slovaksians and The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS). Many Slovak folk bands have also provided music for listening and dancing.

There are displays of Slovak culture along with speakers who have enhanced the festivities.

Community participation has always been a part of the day. Slovak Day has engaged itself in selling War Bonds during WWII, projects for Veterans, being a Member of the Sister Cities project, and ongoing support for the religious and the cultural communities.

Family and friends have always been at the center of Slovak Day with dancing and singing, picnic baskets, and games for the kids.

In the early days attendance at mass in the morning of Slovak Day was part of the day's routine. After mass, parishioners would proceed to the park in their village dress. This was the norm until the 1940's when Mass was brought into the park in Slovak. The Mass continues to be celebrated at the Park in English but the hymns are sung in Slovak.

Slovak Day has evolved since that first day in 1924 when the first generation Slovak immigrants could freely speak their language and express their culture. The Slovak Churches and priests that promoted Slovak Heritage have greatly diminished. The spirit continues, however, of being proud of our heritage and belief in the American dream prevails. We look forward to celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Slovak Day July 20, 2023 at Kennywood Park.

# Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
002K	Henry Mizgorski	181K	Elizabeth Marcinko	367K	Joseph E Rivosecchi	636K	Frank S Kalisik
003K	Dawn Marie Thielen	181K	Lucy Y Chang	372K	Paul Rose	652K	Christopher J Schwartz
005P	Diane Ambrose	181K	Rose N Black	401K	Joseph L Filipek	716K	Margaret R Jezik
006K	Robert J Kascak	199K	Loretta Forkey	404K	John Uhiren	731K	Jerome J Kacvinsky
019K	Priscilla Pellis	199K	Thomas Pauvlik	456K	Frank J Pallo	746K	Diane B Russell
024K	Helen Belovich	213K	Mary C Belechak	465K	Carol Ann Rozic	746K	Jeffrey Astalos
024K	Rev Christopher Robert Schwartz, OSB	228K	Brenda Dziak Jones	465K	Paul Bukoskey	746K	Nancy E Petroski
038K	John Pancurak	228K	Norman J Hudak	484K	Martha J Desabatino	746K	Wendy Bajger
038K	Richard Raposky	254K	Edward Grosick	543K	Christine Stanislawski	756K	Steve F Janicek Jr
055K	Eugene Jowder	259K	Theresa Macejko	553K	Margaret Suley	796K	Kathryn Ann Talianek
055K	Josephine Pecko	276K	Thomas V Morrissey Jr	553K	Michael S Lionetti	831K	Paul A Pongrance
060K	Evelyn Pastor	313K	Cheryl Colson	553K	Richard W Timko	855K	Ann Marie Kalister
096K	Stephen Krejnus	315K	Victor M Zilinskas	553K	Rose Marie Machek		
112K	Joan Demshock	320K	Jerome Eugene Franko	553K	Shelvia J Zuschak		
157K	Lorraine T Micek	320K	Mary Emily Oliverio	618K	Timothy S Hovanec		
173K	Daniel Husovsky Sr	322K	Dorothy A Torretti	628K	Jacob Rabatin		

\* Processed in the month of April 2023

## NEKROLÓGY – OBITUARIES

### JOSEPHINE T. PECKO, BRANCH 55 – PHILADELPHIA, PA



Josephine T. Pecko (née Petko), 94, of West Chester, PA, passed away on January 20, 2023.

Born in Philadelphia, PA in 1928, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna (née Grosco) Petko. Josephine was a devout Catholic and was active in the church throughout her life. She enjoyed crocheting. Her favorite thing was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Josephine was the beloved wife of the late Edward F. Pecko; loving mother of Dianna P. Trainor (James) and Janice A. Berry (Stephen); caring grandmother of Michael Trainor (Rachel), Joseph Trainor (Pam), Christopher Trainor (Katie), Matthew Berry, and Kimberley Berry; adoring great-grandmother of Brandon, Alexis, Jonathan, Melanie, Caroline, and Austin Trainor; dear sister of Joseph Petko (Pat) and sister-in-law of Betty McCann.

Relatives and friends visited at The Donohue Funeral Home, 1627 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA, 19382. A Funeral Mass followed at SS. Simon & Jude Church in West Chester. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to SS. Simon & Jude Church at the address listed above would be appreciated.

Submitted by Dianna P. Trainor

### PATRICIA PIROH, BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CT



Patricia "Pat" Ellen Piroh, age 81, of Milford, passed away suddenly on January 3, 2023, in Bridgeport Hospital surrounded by family.

Patricia was born in Bridgeport, CT on March 12, 1941, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Martha (Svihra) Piroh and a lifelong member of the St. Joseph Society Branch 19 FCSU. She was a graduate of SS. Cyril & Methodius Commercial High School and then entered the community of the Sisters of SS. Cyril & Methodius in 1958 with two other friends from Bridgeport. She received her BS ED degree and MS in Religious Education from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. She served as a teacher and formation director during her 30 years as a religious sister. She then went on to become an office manager for many years at both the former West Wynde and Soundview Skilled nursing facilities in West Haven, CT, as well as Maplewood at Strawberry Hill in Norwalk, CT. In March 2013, she began working as a part time evening secretary at St. Mary Church in Milford, CT where she was a valued and faithful member of the staff and church right up until the time of her death.

Pat enjoyed traveling and took many trips throughout her lifetime to destinations such as Italy, France, and Spain. She also loved

spending time gardening and at the beach with family and friends. Pat had a way with words, and it was guaranteed that every card you received from her, you could always expect an eloquently written paragraph in her exquisite penmanship filled with sincere words of encouragement, faith, and blessings.

One of Pat's greatest loves was her love for all kinds of animals. She will be dearly missed by her faithful dog, Benny, who was always by her side. Pat's love and care transcended animals and of course, also extended to people. Her strong faith, which was the core of her being, enabled her to comfort and guide family and friends through their most difficult times. She was a pillar not only in her family and church community but with her friends as well.

Survivors include her devoted sister, Carol Sequin of Seymour, several cherished nieces and nephews, as well as several great nieces and nephews who simply adored her, as well as many lifelong friends.

In addition to her parents, Patricia was pre-deceased by her beloved sisters, Rosemarie Abric, Susan Mino, and Barbara Piroh. Visitation took place on Wednesday, January 11th from 4-7 p.m. at the Adzima Funeral Home in Stratford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary-Precious Blood Parish, Milford, CT. Interment followed at Resurrection Cemetery, Newtown. In remembrance of Pat, please consider a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or your local animal shelter/rescue. To make an online condolence, please visit [www.adzimafuneralhome.com](http://www.adzimafuneralhome.com).

Submitted by Patty Mercure

### RICHARD W. TIMKO, BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OH



Richard W. Timko, age 76 of Moundsville, WV died Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at WVU Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling, WV.

He was born June 10, 1946, in Glen Robbins, OH the son of the late Joe and Pauline Pipa Timko.

He was a former employee of Stewart Warner of Chicago, and the Troy Group; and was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Timko.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Miller Timko; two daughters, Valerie (Chad) Watkins, and Kimberly Scarbin, all of Moundsville; five grandchildren, Andrew, Lauren, Isaac, Paige, and Olivia; a sister, Joan Kaye of PA; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends with a Memorial Service at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Fr. That Son Ngoc Nguyen officiating. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 610 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041, or St. Joseph Catholic Church, 21 Rosary Dr., New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Submitted by Mary J. Timko

## Below is The Apostles' Creed in Slovak

### Verím v Boha (Apoštolské vyznanie viery)

Verím v Boha, Otca všemohúceho, Stvoriteľa neba i zeme,  
i v Ježiša Krista, jeho jediného Syna, nášho Pána,  
ktorý sa počal z Ducha Svätého, narodil sa z Márie Panny,  
trpel za vlády Poncia Piláta, bol ukrižovaný, umrel a bol pochovaný.  
Zostúpil k zosnulým, tretieho dňa vstal z mŕtvych, vystúpil na nebesia,  
sedí po pravici Boha Otca všemohúceho, odtiaľ príde súdiť živých i mŕtvych.  
Verím v Ducha svätého, v svätú Cirkev katolícku,  
v spoločenstvo svätých, v odpustenie hriechov, vo vzkriesenie tela a v život večný.

Amen.

## LIGHT ONE CANDLE In the Footsteps of Mary

This year, Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 14, just one day after the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Together, these two days make up a special weekend in this month already dedicated to our Blessed Mother. It is fitting that our celebrations of motherhood and Mary coincide because she is the guardian of mothers in this world. Mary is the model for motherhood in both joy and sorrow, and she shows the way of mercy at all times.

The story of Mary standing at the foot of the cross resonates with mothers in their deepest moments of suffering. When Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, behold, your son!" He was entrusting her to the care of John. He followed that by saying to John, "Behold, your mother!" So, He was entrusting John to her care as well, and by extension, He was entrusting us all to Mary's care.

The numerous and well-documented Marian apparitions that have occurred over the years confirm Mary's role as mother to us all and her profound connection to God. Credible Marian apparitions have occurred in many cultures at important moments in history, and the apparitions at Fatima remain among the most astounding.

Mary's final apparition at Fatima made international news, and it was reported that somewhere between 30,000 and 100,000 people made pilgrimages to the Cova da Iria, a field where Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto pastured their families' sheep. There, the pilgrims witnessed Mary's promised sign as the sun broke through dark rain clouds and defied the laws of physics, dancing in the sky and, at one point, appearing to fall to earth before finally returning to its normal position, leaving the ground the people were standing on and their previously wet clothes completely dry.

In her appearances to Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta, Mary asked for prayers, reparations, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and she made statements about war and peace that proved prophetic throughout the 20th century. At every turn, her intervention at Fatima was marked by a profound care for humanity and the hope that we would follow Christ and discover the Mercy of God.

Mary's role as the mother of Jesus is the lens through which to understand why she is such a powerful intercessor for us. Consider the story of the Wedding at Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine at His mother's request. Midway through the gathering, she said to Him, "They have no wine," and Jesus answered, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." At this point, Mary turned to the servants and said, "Do whatever He tells you."

What amazing confidence Mary had that Jesus would do as she asked even after He expressed displeasure at the request. This is the type of confidence we should have in asking for Mary's intercession because she will always bring our needs to the foot of the cross where all good things have been made possible in Christ.

In His actions at the Wedding at Cana, Jesus demonstrates the tremendous loyalty and respect we all owe to our mothers, who walk in the footsteps of Mary in the countless selfless acts they perform on our behalf. We should turn to the intercession of Mary to ask Christ to bless us with the same devotion to our mothers that He showed to His, so we can honor them this Mother's Day and throughout our lives.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note CREATING A LOVING FAMILY AND HOME, write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org.



## Bishop Kulick's Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, the FCSU Protector and Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, conducted pastoral visits to five parish communities during Lent to conduct 'Lenten Evenings of Reflection'.

Each week, Bishop Kulick presented a different topic, focusing on the major themes from the Lenten weekend gospels. Each of the reflections started with prayer followed by the Bishop's reflection. The theme of each reflection differed.

Bishop Kulick stated, "As we continue our three-year Eucharistic Revival, I am asking you to make prayer and intentional discipleship an important part of your Lenten discipline.... For those of you who are able to attend one of these Lenten Reflections, I will have a special gift for you – a Lenten pin that is a symbol of our unity as we walk as disciples of Christ during the 40 days of Lent."

Each of Bishop Kulick's Lenten reflections were recorded and are posted on the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page and on the Eucharistic Revival page on DioceseofGreensburg.org. They can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/6cjk89z9>.

Thanks to FCSU National Chairman of Auditors Greg Maurer for informing of us of these thoughtful presentations of faith by our Protector.

## The Ascension of the Lord

### Lectionary 58, Gospel Matthew 28: 16-28

Why did our Lord depart from us and ascend to the Father? This is a question which I have been asked several times and which Christians from the earliest days of the Church have asked. The question makes sense: after all, if Christ truly loves his people and desires salvation for them, would he not remain with us following his resurrection in order to accompany us? As St. Paul tells us "We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him" (Rom 6:9). Does it not seem natural that believers of all eras would say to him, if they could, what the disciples on the road to Emmaus said the very day of Jesus' resurrection—"Stay with us, Lord!" (Luke 24:29).

Given all of that it is important to understand why the Lord departed from us and returned to the Father. He did so first so that his human existence which began with the incarnation might be brought to completion. When a person dies they are no longer physically present to us, though they may be present in spirit. It is true that when Jesus died he did in fact return to his earthly disciples briefly after the resurrection—a unique event in human history—to show himself as risen and to teach them further. But he then

departed since it is not the course of human nature to continue on this earth after death; that is the existence of a ghost rather than a human being.

His ascension also has a "divine dimension": returning to the Father was the natural state for the Son who in his human nature is known as Jesus, and so after his earthly life was complete and he had reassured the disciples that he was truly risen it is to be expected by his faithful that the Son should depart: "If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father" (John 14:28).

Going further we can say that Jesus ascended to the Father so that through faith we might freely choose to follow him and thereby come to the fullness of our own human dignity and come to salvation. Saint John addresses this in recording the words of the Lord when he spoke to Thomas: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). Saint Paul agrees, writing to the Corinthians: "We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:6-7).

Using the God given gifts of our intellect and will we can make this free choice, freely doing the will of the Father



like Christ, freely becoming more like Christ who perfectly obeys the will of the Father, and freely being transformed into the image and likeness of God in which we were originally made (Gen 1:26-27). Doing so we fulfill the will of our heavenly Father just as Jesus himself fulfilled God's will through the mystery of his incarnation, death, and resurrection.

The Ascension of Christ thus brings before us the glorious mystery of Christ's victory over sin and death and his ex-

ultation at the right hand of the Father. At the same time it invites us to use the beautiful gift of freedom, itself a reflection of God's nature, to choose to draw ever nearer to the One in whose image we were made and to whose image we are destined to return. Today let us rejoice in the knowledge that Christ is risen and ascended to the Father—the Father to whom we too will return when our human nature is united to his divinity.

**Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.**

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

### TELECONFERENCE

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and asked Rev. Thomas Nasta to lead the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members attending: Kenneth A. Arendt, National President  
Damian Nasta, National Vice President (via teleconference)  
Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary  
John Tokarsky, Treasurer (via teleconference)  
Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain  
(by invitation of the President)  
(via teleconference)

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by John Tokarsky and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held on March 25, 2023. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his or her review. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**Investment Updates

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

Financial Report

The Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the fourth 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 Clutterbuck 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 February 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 February:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	257,919.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	33,926.00
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.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented his monthly report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held on March 25, 2023. Following the report, he answered the Board's questions.

**ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**Annuity Rates:

The President stated a new marketing program with incentives to increase sales with new interest rates to be implemented on May 1, 2023 is in the works. The program will be published in the Jednota newspaper on our website.

**FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

Executive Secretary Kevin Collins and Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi announced at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held on March 25, 2023 the many events that will be held in 2023. They 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 Canfield, 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. They also discussed other fraternal events for the upcoming year.

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

The Home Office Marketing team is working on a new marketing campaign for our annuity products to increase sales.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The President stated that the Branch stipend checks will be sent out the Branches who qualified for 2022. A list of the Branches who did not qualify will be published in the Jednota newspaper. If a Branch officer has any questions they should contact the Home Office.

Rev. Thomas Nasta led a review of the 2022 Fraternal Statistical Report provided by ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, LLC to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting on March 25, 2023. A section of the report offers comparisons among the top 50 fraternal benefit societies in the nation. The FCSU is doing very well when compared to many other fraternal societies.

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

Rev. Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt  
President

Kevin J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

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

FCSU HOME OFFICE  
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SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

The *QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING* of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on:

*Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9:00am*  
*Virtual Meeting*

All Officers are requested to consult Section 6.03(b) and Section 6.03(c) of our Bylaws for further information concerning officer participation and the conduct of this meeting.

Officers who are required to give reports at the Quarterly Meeting should send them to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office on or before Friday, June 2, 2023.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to June 2, 2023.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held following the Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

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

Kenneth A. Arendt  
National President

Kevin J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

# A Young Slovak Doing Humanitarian Work for Ukraine

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people before the war) on five occasions and saw destroyed neighborhoods and a non-functioning city. The Russians were in the city in the first days of the war. He was in the city already in July when the Russian army was only 15 kilometers from the city. The holes where bombs fell were visible. Until 2014, many people saw Russians as natural brothers, and hoped for cooperation, but all has changed, and now only very few people, mostly in their 80s are more pro-Russian and gave vague answers. Almost everyone wants the Russians to go away for good.

When he went to Kharkiv, nothing was functioning in the city and Russians were just 15 minutes away. They helped a local charity, Caritas Spes-Kharkiv. Several vans arrived from Slovakia, and they united with other charitable volunteers. They needed to coordinate because of security. With a chain of cars of

local volunteers, they brought mostly food and medications, baby products, blankets, and water to the northernmost district of Kharkiv called Saltivka that was under Russian shelling at the time. About 3,000 people lined up in a long line.

How many Slovaks are involved? He said that many people helping/collecting aid at home and dozens of Slovaks are driving with aid back and forth. It is a 20-hour drive to deliver the aid to eastern Ukraine, going through many military checkpoints. Since the beginning of the war, Slovak Catholic Charity has delivered 900 tons of humanitarian aid. In the beginning, they used to send trucks with 200,000 euros worth of supplies, but now they are short of money because popular support has been declining because of donor's fatigue.

When asked if there is a story that describes best what is happening, he replied that the hardest thing is to see the children, who suffer and dream and hope for a brighter future. One particular child, 8-year-old Inha, used to go to

Kharkiv for dance classes but had not been able to leave the house for months because of the Russian occupation. Her grandfather was hit by shrapnel from a rocket that fell around 3 meters from him while working. With wounds in his lungs, intestines, heart, arm, and leg, he had to crawl 300 meters to his house. When his wife had asked the occupying Russians for help, they refused to care for him, and locals drove him to the nearest Russian hospital where he was treated for his injuries and later moved through Finland and back to Poland and Ukraine.

Marek got as close as 3 km from the Russian lines. They were not targeted specifically, but a few days before our talk, they started shelling nearby, 6-700 meters away, and as close as 400 meters to him in Kharkiv. The windows and the walls were shaking.

If citizens in the USA want to help sending material, what can they do? He suggested finding a person or an organization that you trust and can see the results of your contribution. Things often get lost if given to a non-verified person. Sending material aid from the US is not worth it because the prices are much lower there. Organizations like Caritas provide humanitarian aid, not military equipment, and all those materials can be bought in Europe.

He did relate that Ukraine still has problems with corruption and a black market, at a high level and at the local level. If given to a non-trusted person, it happens that the aid "gets lost" in someone's cellar. The military is very strict about enforcement, security, and thefts in the conflict areas.

A network helps organize where help goes. In Kharkiv, three Polish priests help the Ukrainian Catholic Charity assist in telling where some-



**Marek Janiga with a Ukrainian grandmother, just a few kilometers from Russian line.**

thing is needed. He left again on the last Wednesday in March and would be gone 6-7 days, and when he returned, he planned on making yet another run to Ukraine. Such is his dedication and that of many other Slovaks.

If you wish to help, Slovak Catholic Charities is a safe choice as 95% of the funds collected go directly to those in need; Caritas keeps administrative costs at a minimum and uses volunteers. Here are links in English and Slovak to give donations:

English - <https://charita.darujme.sk/help-ukraine/>  
Slovak - <https://charita.darujme.sk/ukrajina/>

**Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr., editor**



**A Ukrainian woman talking with Marek Janiga, dressed in protective gear near the Russian front.**

## Jeden z najvýraznejších filmových tvorcov Dušan Hanák má 85 rokov

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V roku 1969 Dušan Hanák debutoval celovečerným filmom 322, v ktorom hlavný hrdina v spojitosti s vlastnou vážnou diagnózou prehodnocuje svoj doterajší život a hodnoty. Psychologická dráma napriek komunistickej cenzúre v Československu získala Veľkú cenu na Medzinárodnom filmovom festivale (MFF) v Mannoheime. Vo filme okrem viacerých nehercov účinkovali aj poprední českí a slovenskí herci Václav Lohniský, Josef Abrahám, Miroslav Macháček, František Zvarík či poľská herečka Lucyna Winnicka.

Veľký úspech režisér zaznamenal aj dokumentom *Obrazy starého sveta* (1972), ktorý patrí medzi najvýznamnejšie filmy slovenskej kinematografie. Uznania sa však dočkal až po rokoch, pretože kvôli ideovým a estetickým kritériám bol na istú dobu zaradený k tzv. trezorovým dielam. Snímka o starých, životnou múdrosťou obdarených dedinčanoch žijúcich mimo modernej civilizácie bola nominovaná na Oscara v kategórii dokumentárny film (1991). Získala tiež niekoľko zahraničných festivalových ocenení i Cenu Asociácie filmových kritikov v Los Angeles (1990).

Priazeň laickej i odbornej verejnosti vzbudil filmový tvorca tiež poetickou tragikomédiou *Ružové sny* (1976), ktorá je príbehom lásky medzi dedinským poštárom a krásnou rómskou dievčinou. V hlavných úlohách sa predstavili Juraj Nvota a Iva Bittová.

V roku 1980 nakrútil Dušan Hanák romantickú drámu *Ja milujem, ty miluješ*. Film sa však dostal do distribúcie až v novembri 1988. O rok neskôr získala táto snímka ocenenie *Strieborný medveď* za najlepšiu réžiu na MFF v Berlíne a v Štrasburgu zase *Hlavnú cenu* a *Cenu FIPRESCI*.

Psychologickú sondu do vnútra mladých žien predstavujú drámy *Tichá radosť* (1985) a *Súkromné životy* (1990), ktoré sa tiež dočkali viacerých ocenení. Medzinárodne úspešná bola aj dokumentárna snímka o vzťahu občana a totalitnej moci s názvom *Papierové hlavy* (1995).

Z mnohých prestížnych ocenení, ktoré režisér získal doma i v zahraničí možno spomenúť Cenu za vynikajúci výkon vo filmovom umení, ktorú Dušanovi Hanákovi udelili v roku 1991 na prehliadke filmov v americkom Denveri. V roku 2004 si talentovaný tvorca prevzal štátne vyznamenanie *Pribinov kríž I. triedy* "za mimoriadne významné zásluhy o kultúrny rozvoj Slovenskej republiky". O dva roky neskôr putovala do jeho rúk *Cena za celoživotné dielo* (Award to the Career) na MFF umeleckých filmov v Bergame. Taktiež si odniesol Cenu Stredoeurópskej iniciatívy za celoživotné dielo na filmovom festivale v Terste (2011). V roku 2014 získal Cenu za výnimočný prínos svetovej kinematografii na MFF v Sofii a tiež národnú filmovú cenu *Slnko v sieti* za výnimočný prínos slovenskej kinematografii.

Uznávaný filmový tvorca v minulosti pôsobil ako pedagóg na Filmovej a televíznej fakulte Vysokého školy múzických umení (VŠMU) v Bratislave a podstatným spôsobom ovplyvnil nastupujúcu generáciu režisérův a režisérůk. V roku 2021 sa stal Dušan Hanák laureátom ocenenia *Igric* za celoživotný prínos slovenskej kinematografii. Na jeseň minulého roka si na 26. medzinárodnom festivale dokumentárnych filmov *Ji.hlava* prevzal ocenenie za celoživotný prínos kinematografii.

## One of the most prominent filmmakers, Dušan Hanák, is 85 years old

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In 1969, Dušan Hanák made his debut with the feature film 322, in which the main character, in connection with his own serious diagnosis, reevaluates his previous life and values. Despite communist censorship in Czechoslovakia, the psychological drama won the Grand Prize at the International Film Festival (IFF) in Mannheim. In addition to several non-actors, leading Czech and Slovak actors Václav Lohniský, Josef Abrahám, Miroslav Macháček, František Zvarík and Polish actress Lucyna Winnicka acted in the film.

The director also achieved great success with the documentary "Pictures of the Old World" (1972), which is one of the most important films of Slovak cinematography. However, he did not receive recognition until years later, because due to ideological and aesthetic criteria, he was for a while included in the so-called treasury works. The film about the old, wisdom-endowed villagers living outside of modern civilization was nominated for an Oscar in the documentary film category (1991). It also won several foreign festival awards and the Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award (1990).

The filmmaker also won the favor of the lay and professional public with the poetic tragicomedy "Pink Dreams" (1976), which is a love story between a village postman and a beautiful Roma girl. Juraj Nvota and Iva Bittová played the main roles.

In 1980, Dušan Hanák filmed the romantic drama "I love you, you love me". However, the film was not released until November 1988. A year later, this film won the Silver Bear award for best director at the Berlin IFF and the Main Prize and the FIPRESCI Prize in Strasbourg.

The dramas "Silent Joy" (1985) and "Private Lives" (1990), which also won several awards, provide a psychological probe into the inner world of young women. A documentary film about the relationship between citizens and totalitarian power called "Paper Heads" (1995) was also internationally successful.

Among the many prestigious awards that the director received at home and abroad, we can mention the Award for outstanding performance in film art, which was awarded to Dušan Hanák in 1991 at a film festival in Denver, USA. In 2004, the talented creator received the Pribina Cross First Class "for extremely significant contributions to the cultural development of the Slovak Republic". Two years later, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award (Award to the Career) at the Bergamo Art Film Festival. He also won the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Central European Initiative at the Trieste Film Festival (2011). In 2014, he won the Award for Outstanding Contribution to World Cinema at the IFF in Sofia, as well as the National Film Award Sun in the Net for Outstanding Contribution to Slovak Cinema.

In the past, the renowned filmmaker worked as a teacher at the Film and Television Faculty of the University of Performing Arts (VŠMU) in Bratislava and significantly influenced the upcoming generation of directors. In 2021, Dušan Hanák became the laureate of the *Igric* award for lifetime contribution to Slovak cinematography. Last fall, at the 26th International Documentary Film Festival in Jihlava, he received an award for lifetime contribution to cinematography.

Translated by Dr. Michael Kopanic



# Stephen C. Matula SCHOLARSHIP



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