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## A Tribute to Fathers (Pocta otcom)

Where would we be without our father and grandfather (*otec a dedo*)? As with our mother and grandmother (*matka a babka*),

without them we would not exist. But to earn the title of a real father, he also must be engaged in the raising of his children. Traditionally, the father was the protector and provider of the family, although modern society has modified that role.

A true father also adds to the quality of life but in a different way than a mother. Like a mom, he is one of our first teachers, offering guidance in life. He also helps form our conscience and reinforce our faith. Like mom's, his voice is always in the back of our minds.

There is a reason that our faith teaches us that God is our Father. He created us, He cares for us, He listens to us, He sent His Son to die for our sins, and He resurrected Him to promise us eternal redemption if we follow His path to salvation. He

sent the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us through the ups-and-downs of life. He sets the rules, which we as Christians should follow, whether we like them or not.

Fathers follow the pattern of our heavenly Father. While they are the providers and protectors, they also usually apply discipline in a family. They take care of the outside of a home so the inside will be safe and secure. Grandparents keep tradition in the family and remind their heirs that they do not live in a vacuum and owe much to be grateful for to their ancestors who preceded them.

### Slovak Fathers

Like mothers (*matky*), fathers (*otcovia*) have always occupied a very special place in the hearts of Slovaks and Slovak-Americans. There are very few songs in English about their love for fathers, but Slovaks have always sung them. Slovaks intensely love their fathers; they are family people.

Wish your father a Happy Father's Day and mean it. Let him know that you love him and treasure your time with him. He is not perfect, just like you are not. Forgive him, as he always forgave you. Love is what

really counts, not some little squabbles. Family is precious. Once he is gone, it is too late. Heartily welcome into your house anytime when you are an adult. Better now than never. After he passes, you can only pray for his soul, be thankful, and visit his grave. Better to show you love him now.

In Slovak, *Šťastný deň otcov* means Happy Father's Day! It is pronounced Shtyawst-nee dyeň ot-tsow. If you have a Slovak father or grandfather, surprise them with a wish in Slovak, and show how much you love them. As with a mom on Mother's Day, there is no greater gift you can give than time in a loving spirit. If separated by distance, visit your father and grandfather, for they will not be there one day.

Najlepším darčekom ku Dňu otcov by bolo tráviť čas so svojimi deťmi a/alebo vnúčatami.

The best Father's Day gift would be to spend time with one's children and/or grandchildren.

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

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## Reflection

On our Catholic Church calendar, June is primarily dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year the Feast is celebrated on Friday, June 16th. In the Sacred Heart litany, the Heart of Jesus is titled as "full of goodness and love." This is so appropriate a description since it helps to open the Church Ordinary season of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

In his Gospel, St John reviews for us how Jesus prepared His apostles before His Ascension. "It is to your advantage that I go; for if I do not leave, the Advocate will not come. But if I go, I will send Him to you." (John: 16:7) This Advocate (or Paraclete) is the Spirit of Truth, the very Spirit of Jesus who will continue to guide and direct them – at that time in history, and us today – to follow all that Jesus had said and done in union with His Father – and ours. By the Presence of the Spirit of Jesus in our souls through our baptism we can be led to live and love as Jesus had taught His disciples in history and teaches us today in the twenty-first century.

**Sr. Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.**

### JEŽIŠU, LÁSKA, SRDCA MŮJHO,

ktorýs' ma toľko miloval,  
že si zanechal Otca Svojho,  
aby si so mnou prebýval.

#### SBOR

Ježišu, Teba milujem,  
srdce Ti svoje darujem.

2. Ježišu, pevne včul' vyznávam.

že vo Sviatosti živý si;  
Tebe poklonu svoju vzdávam,  
V nej Boh môj opravdivý si.

#### SBOR

3. Pán môj a Boh môj, nádej moja!

dúfam len v Tebe jedine;  
život, útecha, láska moja!  
bez Teba duša má hynie.

#### SBOR

4. Bár by srdce moje nehodné

iného nič nepoznalo,  
Len aby Teba, v noci, vo dne,  
Ježišu, môj, milovalo!

#### SBOR

### JESUS, BELOVED OF MY HEART

(Ježišu, Láská Srdca Mójho)

1. Jesus, beloved of my heart,  
You love me more than I can tell,  
for You obeyed and left your Father,  
You came to earth, with me to dwell.

**CHORUS** Jesus, you know I love you,  
too,  
And daily offer my heart to You.

2. Jesus, by faith I do accept  
Your Presence in the Bread and Wine;  
I offer my profound adoration,  
To your Heart filled with Love Divine.

#### CHORUS

3. My Lord, My God and Hope Eternal,  
I place my trust in You alone;  
Your comfort, peace - with joy o'erflowing,  
strengthens me 'til my life is done

#### CHORUS

4. Would that my heart so weak and fragile,  
Sought no one else as Confidant;  
Accept the fervent prayers I offer,  
Jesus, my Love, You're all I want.

#### CHORUS

## Message from the National Chaplain

The saints are not only powerful intercessors on our behalf before the heavenly throne, but they are also role models for us to emulate.

We look up to some saints for their example of perseverance in prayer, others for their care and concern for the least among us, still others for their work in evangelization.

Saint Thomas More (1478-1535), whose feast day is June 22, is a role model and intercessor for our day. Born in London, throughout his adult life he would devote himself daily to prayer and reading the Sacred Scriptures. He eventually became a lawyer and a member of Parliament. His great wisdom, intelligence, and impartiality in brought him into favor with King Henry VIII. Thomas More became Lord Chancellor in 1529.

When Henry wanted to have his marriage to Catherine of Aragon annulled, he looked to Thomas for support, but Thomas would not grant it. When Henry declared himself head of the Church in England, Thomas did not back him. What led him to those decisions to disobey the king was a deep conviction of the truth of Christ's teaching on marriage: "Let no one separate what God has joined" (Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:9). Thomas More's conscience would not allow him to hold any other position.

The Second Vatican Council describes conscience as that inner voice that calls us to do what is good and to shun and avoid what is evil at every moment of life. Every person is to follow one's conscience, a conscience properly formed by one's adherence to the Gospel of Christ together with its enlightenment by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

Saint Thomas More went to his death at the Tower of London on July 6, 1535, ever faithful to his conscience and ever faithful to his God. Pray for us, Saint Thomas More, that we may ever say and do with a clear conscience what is right and just.

**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 May 29, the 2023 Appeal has received \$21,678.51 from 169 donors.** Among the 53 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 1, Branch 3, Branch 35, Branch 85, Branch 96, Branch 112, Branch 153, Branch 213, Branch 290, Branch 382, Branch 450, Branch 484, Branch 743, Branch 746, Branch 855,

Branch 856, District 16, and the Home Office of the First Catholic Slovak Union have donated a combined total of \$3,775. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 83 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*

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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, July 12	<b>Wednesday, June 28</b>
Wednesday, Aug 9	Monday, July 31
Wednesday, Sep 13	<b>Wednesday, Aug 30</b>

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## 2023 Jednota Branch 682 Scholarship Winner

Struthers High School Senior Chloe Neider (Jednota FCSU Branch 682 scholarship winner) with Struthers Rotarian & Jednota Branch 682 President Drew Hirt. Peyton has participated in numerous civic activities and is a member of the Struthers Rotary Interact Club. Of Slovak heritage, Peyton was selected for her academic achievements and dedication to serving the community. She plans to enter a field associated with the science or medical professions. The scholarship was presented at a Scholarship Luncheon on May 16th hosted by the Struthers Rotary Club.

**Submitted by Drew Hirt,  
Branch 682 President**



### Editor Letter

Dear Fellow Fraternal Members and Readers,  
In the month of June (**jún** – pronounced “yoon”), we celebrate and Corpus Christi and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (**Najsvätejšie Srdce Ježišovo**). June is also a time to enjoy branch picnics.

Please be sure to **turn in all submissions for the July Jednota issue by the NEW EARLY DEADLINE**, Wednesday June 28, as many people will be on vacation in early July. It would be most appreciated. S Bohom – God be with you.

Fraternally yours in the Risen Christ,  
S krajanským pozdravom v zmŕtvychstalom Kristovi,  
Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., editor (redaktor)  
editor@fcsu.com



**Dr. Michael J.  
Kopanic, Jr  
Editor**

## SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew

S. Hvozdivic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, 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, Penn del, 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  
Penn del, PA 19047-4052



## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2023

- 5** Br 553 – Spaghetti Dinner in Akron, OH
- 7** FCSU National Picnic – Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, OH - Registration Deadline  
Br 746 – Mass in Linden, NJ
- 8** Villa Sacred Heart Summer Festival – Danville, PA
- 9** Br 213 – Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA  
Br 716 – Picnic in New York, NY  
Br 731 – Meeting in Boardman, OH  
Dist 9 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA
- 10** Br 199 – Meeting/Day at Park at Waldameer Park in Erie, PA
- 13** Br 410 - Meeting in Uniontown, PA (RSVP 7/10)
- 14** Br 40 - Scholarship Deadline  
Br 166 – Picnic Registration Deadline
- 15** FCSU National Picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park – Elysburg, PA
- 16** Br 40 - Meeting in Streator, IL (RSVP 7/14)
- 17** Regions 4 / 5 / 6 Pittsburgh Pirates vs Cleveland Guardians Game in Pittsburgh, OH
- 18** Dist 14 – Meeting in Poland, OH  
FCSU International Golf Tournament – Registration Deadline
- 19** Br 553 – Mystery Dinner in Akron, OH
- 20** 100th Slovak Day – Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, PA
- 22** Br 553 – Kielbasa Open in Akron, OH  
Dist 11 – Annual Pig Roast/Picnic – Kittanning, PA (RSVP 6/23)
- 23** Br 1 - Meeting in Rocky River, OH (RSVP 7/10)  
Br 35 – Zoom Meeting at 1:00PM
- 29** FCSU National Picnic at Wiegand Lake Park - Novelty, OH
- 30** Br 553 – Sunday Breakfast in Akron, OH

**The FCSU Home Office  
will be closed on  
Tuesday, July 4  
for the  
Independence Day  
holiday.**



## The Deadline for the Jednota Branch 746 Scholarship is June 30th.

We encourage branch members to apply for this \$1,500 scholarship. Details/criteria can be found on the FCSU website or go to: <https://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>.



## 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.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You may be eligible to win a scholarship if:

- You are a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union's St. Clement's Society Branch #40 of Streator, Illinois
- You are in high school and have applied for a fall term at a qualifying college institution
- You are attending a Private Grade School

St. Clement's Society Branch #40 will be offering Scholarships to their youth members. They will be giving out one One-Time \$500.00 scholarship for college and one One-Time \$250.00 scholarship for a Private Grade School student.

These scholarships are solely funded by your local lodge Branch #40, not the national office.

For more information and an application, please call Theresa at 815-257-6142 (leave a message) or E-mail her at [ttegraves@mchsi.com](mailto:ttegraves@mchsi.com).

Applications must be postmarked by July 14, 2023.



### Branch #166

### ST. JOSEPH THE PROTECTOR

## FAMILY PICNIC

**When: Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Time: 11 am – 4 pm**

**Where: Nathaniel Cole Park**

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**Pavilion # 3**

Bring a dish to pass. **Hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks** and an ice cream truck all provided **free to branch #166 members and their families**. Non-Members \$10.00 to be donated to Catholic Charities

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**Come for the whole day!**

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**MORGAN DENDLER**

**607-231-0461**

**NO LATER THAN JULY 14TH**

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

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2023 edition of the "Dobry 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.



## Branch 23 Held its Spring Meeting in Johnstown

Branch 23 convened its semi-annual meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Johnstown, PA. Branch Chaplain Father Sylvester Bendzella prefaced the meeting with a short prayer in Slovak. In addition to summarizing financial reports and the previous district meeting, members discussed again hosting a booth at the Johnstown Slavic Festival on September 15-16.

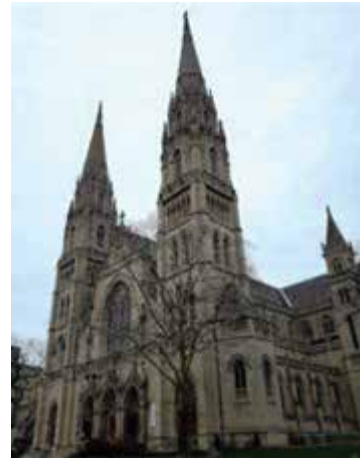
During the summer, it was suggested to sponsor a bus trip from Johnstown to the 100th Anniversary Slovak Festival at Kennywood Park. Any District 7 members interested in taking a bus to the event should contact Theresa Cassat at (814) 254-2532.

Rev. Bedzella closed the meeting with a prayer followed by members singing together "Hej Slováci," the national Slovak song.

Submitted by Michael Kopanic, Jr.



(L-R) Front row: Elaine Capretti, Larry Fenimore, Sally Hudak, John Hudak, Branch Chaplain Rev. Sylvester J. Bendzella. Back row: Mitch Hockycko, Theresa Cassat, Editor Dr. Michael Kopanic, Carl Fabrizio, Vice-President Cody Butara, Annette Fenimore, Luke Butara, Branch President Marian Hockycko, Darlene Bellak; photo by John Cassat.



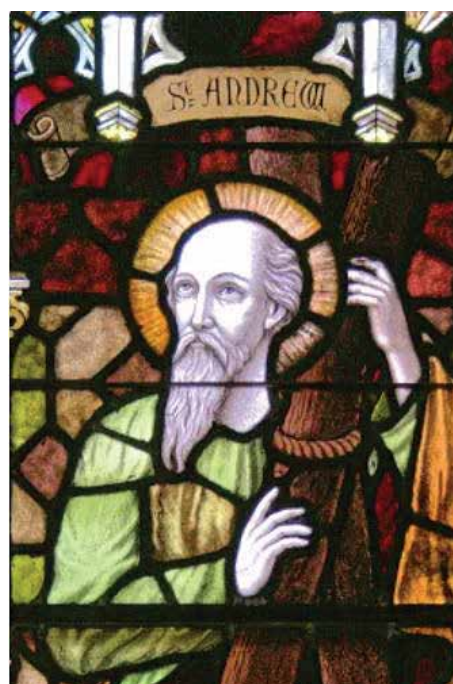
## Branch 320 Members a part of the 68th Annual Scout Convocation

The 68th Annual Scout Convocation was celebrated at Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh PA. with Mass, and an Award Blessing Ceremony. The Most Reverend David A. Zubik (Bishop of Pittsburgh) and the Reverend Kenneth Matlovits (Scout Chaplain) were concelebrants.



The purpose of the Pope Pius XII Emblem is to have the BSA Scout candidates examine their Catholic faith and how it affects daily life in the real world, how to share their faith and practice religion among peers. The program is organized in steps based on the seven Sacraments.

<https://catholicscouting.com/religious-emblems-and-activities/>



## Branch 320 at the 68th Annual Scout Convention

The Food Bank of St Andrew the Apostle Parish serves the Communities of Monongahela, Donora, and Charleroi. It runs strictly on a volunteer basis and is funded through the generosity of our Parish Community. Branch 320 would like to continue the Parish commitment to the community through a contribution. Special thanks to all volunteers and to District 12 for scheduling this food drive.

May God bless our community.

Submitted by Mary Anne Higginbotham, Branch 320 President

## 2023 Lacrosse Playoff Berth

Branch 320 is proud to announce playoff berths Hempfield Area H.S. (Greensburg, PA.) and Petters Township Area H.S. (McMurry, PA.) in the 2023 WPIAL Section 1-AAA. Congratulations to both Joey (#44 - Hempfield Goalie) and Bruce (#66 - Peters Twp. Goalie).

Branch 320 would offer luck to both teams and prayers for the safety of all teams.

Submitted by Mary Anne Higginbotham, Branch 320 President



The Most Reverend David A. Zubik (Bishop of Pittsburgh) and the Reverend Kenneth Matlovits (Scout Chaplain)



(L-R) Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bruce Higginbotham (BSA TR#1313) and Peter Seidling (BSA TR#1313). Bruce and Peter were the only Troop #1313 to receive this honor, the Pope



(L-R) Frances Tarquinio (Financial Secretary - Branch 320), Most Reverend David A. Zubik (Bishop of Pittsburgh), Joseph Tarquinio (Vice President - Branch 320).



Congratulations to all who received awards at this 68th Scout Convocation.

Branch 320 was honored to share in this celebration, and we salute our member, Bruce Higginbotham, on this prestigious accomplishment.

Submitted by Joseph Tarquinio, Branch 320 Vice President



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# Branch 320 Honoring Memorial Day

**Thank You for your service...**

American Legion Post 949, Sons of the American Legion Post 949, Branch 320, BSA TR1313 and Ringgold Area H.S. honored our local veterans with a flag ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Over 3000 flags were placed during this event. A tradition flag disposal, Flag Burning Ceremony, will be held at the post later this year. Thanks to all that were involved.



Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to Jesus and his love. It is symbol of both the divine and human love that Jesus has for his Father and for us. It also symbolizes the interior life of Jesus which led to his willingness to lay down his life for us.



**Placement by William Bury (Branch 320) on his father's grave.**

**Joseph Bury, veteran of World War II.**



**Placement by Patricia Davies (Branch 320) on her uncle's grave.**

**John Bury, veteran of World War II.**



**Branch 320 members, led by Frances Tarquinio (Financial Secretary) said a special prayer before placing flags on family who served. Placement by Frances Tarquinio (Branch 320) on her husband's grave.**

**Joseph E. Tarquinio, veteran of the Korean War.**



**Placement by Joseph M. Tarquinio (Branch 320) on his father's grave.**

**Joseph E. Tarquinio, veteran of the Korean War.**



**Ringgold Area H.S. students were in attendance to honor family and friends who served**

Special thanks to William Bury (Branch 320) and George Eckert (Mon Valley Honor Guard) for scheduling this event with American Legion Post 949.

**Submitted by Joseph Tarquinio, Branch 320 Vice-President**

## Branch 320 members were proud to receive the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Challenge Coin.



Since 1962, the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps has maintained its mission to create strong leaders. The youth program has strived to install every cadet the highest degree of honor, respect, commitment, and service. The national Sea Cadets has grown exponentially. Today, there are over 380 divisions in 47 states.

Branch 320 would like to thank Joe Higdon, WO, NSCC (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Executive Officer) and Gregory Shughart (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Commanding Officer) for inviting Branch 320 to their drill weekend. This weekend youth development program was designed to shape future leaders. Special thanks to William Bury (Branch 320) for scheduling this event.



(left-center to right-center) Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320 – Vice-President) and Joe Higdon, WO, NSCC (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps)

Thanks to all the volunteers for making this a success.

In appreciation of the of the Sea Cadets, a donation was made from Branch320.



A Challenge Coin is a uniquely designed coin that represents an organization. A Challenge Coin represents comrade or unity and proves membership of a certain group, as well as honoring the actions of those who receive them.

Challenge Coins were awarded to William Bury (Branch 320), Frances Tarquinio (Branch 320 – Financial Secretary), Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320 – Vice-President)

The Sea Cadets are always looking for



(L-R)Gregory Shughart (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps), Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320 – Vice-President), Joe Higdon, WO, NSCC (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps)

new recruits. Please contact your local battalion for additional information.

May God Bless our U.S. Naval Cadets and keep them safe.

**Submitted by: Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320 – Vice President)**







## Branch 746 oslávil Deň matiek s Lipkou Academy

Byť matkou je vzácny dar. Mama – to je predovšetkým náruč bezpečia. Každý rok sa druhá májová nedeľa nesie v znamení osláv všetkých mamičiek. Je to oslava materstva, obetavosti a lásky matiek voči svojim deťom.

Vzdať úctu mamkám môžeme rôznymi spôsobmi. Deti z Lipky Academy (Linden, NJ) si zvolili spôsob, ktorý je vzácny hlavne tu v Amerike.

V slovenskom jazyku zarecitovali, zaspievali a humornou scénkou pobavili nielen mamky, ale všetkých, ktorí sa oslavy Dňa matiek zúčastnili.

Taktiež nechýbali slovenské tance a spevy v kroji. Deti, ktoré navštevujú Lipku Academy od svojich 3 rokov sú príkladom toho, že slovenčina je živým jazykom aj u mladej generácie žijúcej v USA a udržiavaním a pracovaním na jej zachovaní vďačíme aj členom Jednoty na čele s ich regionálnou riaditeľkou Sabinou Sabados, ktorí svojich najmladších členov prídu vždy podporiť. Sme im vďační za podporu a možnosť stretávať a spolupracovať s nimi.

Nechýbal ani miestny kňaz Mariusz Luksa, ktorý je správcom slovenskej farnosti v Linden.

Všetci prítomní si odniesli domov úsmev na tvári a veľa zážitkov. Ďakujeme našim mamkám, že dávajú tak veľa a svojou obetavosťou a láskou prispievajú k lepšiemu životu.

**Predkladá Marianna Fečová, odbor 746 a riaditeľka Lipka Academy**



## Branch 746 celebrated Mother's Day with Lipka Academy

Every year, the second Sunday in May celebrates all moms, motherhood, sacrifice, and the love mothers have for their children. Being a mother is a precious gift. Mom - she is above all the source of security.

The children of Lipka Academy in Linden, New Jersey paid a tribute to their mothers through a special program they prepared for the occasion which included the recitation of poems, singing, and dancing. The children also prepared a humorous skit in the Slovak language.

There were also Slovak dances and singing in traditional folk dress. The children, who have been attending Lipka Academy since they were 3 years old, are an example that Slovak is a living language even among the younger generation living in the U.S.A. And we owe the preservation of this language to the members of Jednota, headed by their regional director Sabina Sabados, who has always supported the youngest members. We are grateful for their support and the opportunity to meet and work with them.

Members of Branch 746 (pictured) attended the special Mother's Day program and enjoyed the excellent program and delicious food. Also present was the local priest, Fr. Mariusz Luksa, the administrator of the Slovak parish in Linden, NJ.

Everyone there went home with a smile on their face and many memorable experiences. We thank our mothers for giving so much and contributing to a better life with their dedication and love.

**Submitted by Marianna Fečová, Director of Lipka Academy (Branch 746 member).**





## 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.

### PROGRAM

Slovak Fraternal Societies—Displays (Pavilion 5)	
<b>12:30pm</b>	Slovak Kitchen Opens (P4)
<b>12:30pm</b>	Children's Activities (P5)
<b>1:00pm-3:00pm</b>	Music by George Batyi & Friends Gypsy Stringz (P4)
<b>2:00pm-3:00pm</b>	100th Anniversary Party with Rusynsky Bet'are (Rusyn Rascals) (P5)
<b>3:00pm</b>	Greetings and Introductions (P5)
<b>4:00pm</b>	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
<b>After Mass</b>	Slovak Sing-along, Slovak Folk Entertainment, PAS, Pittsburgh Slovaksians

## 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.



## 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.



## WELCOME TO OUR JEDNOTA FAMILY!

FCSU welcomes one of our youngest members, Patricia Zhenyan Bitner, a member of Branch 181. She was born on March 17, 2023, to proud parents Nicholas and Yuqing Bitner who reside in Kingman, AZ.

Patricia is the granddaughter of Branch 181 members Paul and Mary Bitner of Mount Pleasant, PA. She is named after her great-grandmother Patricia Malia Bitner who was also born on Saint Patrick's Day.

**Submitted by Paul R Bitner, Mount Pleasant, PA**



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.

## Chartering a Bus to the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

Attention to anyone considering reserving a bus for the mass in the crypt at the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C. A local bus provider stated that their company commits to transporting college teams to their destinations, therefore, anyone interested in chartering a bus should book their bus reservations as early as possible so that transportation will be available.

St Wendelin Branch 162 of the FCSU at St. Mary's Nativity Church in Uniontown, PA will be providing a charter bus to the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. A bus seat will cost \$50 per person and is non-refundable. Reservations will be confirmed when payment is made and will be on a first come first serve basis. The bus holds a maximum of 54 occupants. Snacks and water will be provided. The bus will stop for breakfast on the way to DC and for dinner on the return trip. Meals are at your own expense. Bus will depart from St. Mary's Church parking lot at 61 North Mt. Vernon Ave in Uniontown, PA at 6:00 AM and leave at 5:00 PM from DC. The trip and stops will take about 5 hours and a toilet will be available on the bus. Please save this date in your calendar and additional information will be available in the coming months. For reservations, please contact Nancy Blake at St. Mary Church by calling 724-437-4441. Payments and reservations must be completed by September 1, 2023.

**Submitted by James Marmol, Region 4 Director**

## Your Phone Call Is Important to Us!



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

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

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



# SIMPLY SLAVIC



## FCSU at the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, Ohio

SIMPLY SLAVIC, the festival created specifically to celebrate Youngstown's Slavic community, will take place on Friday, June 16th, 2023, from 5pm to 11pm, and Saturday, June 17th, 2023, from Noon to Midnight on Federal Plaza East and the Central Square in Downtown Youngstown. The event will include live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, and ethnic vendors. A full weekend of entertainment and education is planned. Admission is \$5.00. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge on both days.

The Simply Slavic Heritage Festival showcases the rich traditions of the Slavic ethnicities present in the Mahoning Valley.

The modern-day European nations representing the origins of our region's Slavic ancestors are Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. In addition, they also have many descendants of Carpatho-Rusyn immigrants present in our area, who are represented at the festival. Individually, each group's numbers may not seem large, but together, they represent a powerful presence.

By enhancing the community's knowledge of these lively peoples through a joyful, family-friendly experience, they hope to honor the shared past of our beloved ancestors by educating and enriching the lives of a future generation.

Please explore their site to see photos, maps and information regarding not only the festival but also general information which may begin your journey learning more about your ancestry and the beautiful places in Europe from which your Slavic ancestors originated. They also work year-round to provide information regarding local and regional Slavic ethnic performances, picnics, and festivals on our Simply Slavic Facebook page. See: <https://www.simplyslavic.org>.

## 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 301-654-5638 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





## 2023 Milwaukee Slovak-American Day

Our 91st Annual Slovak-American Day will take place on Sunday, July 30, at the Croatian Park in the Milwaukee area, starting with a Holy Mass at noon. At 2:30 pm, a cultural presentation will feature the Tatra Slovak Dancers and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers.

We are warmly inviting all the members of the Knights of SS. Mary and Joseph FCSU Branch 89 of Milwaukee.

Submitted by Kathy Valent, Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee



The Tatra Slovak Dancers of Milwaukee will be performing at 2:30 at the Slovak-American Day.

## District 10 Meets & Greets at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

District 10 held its first meeting of the year at 2:00PM on April 30, 2023, at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH. Members from all six branches of the district attended, either in person or virtually. The meeting was conducted by District 10 President Greg Petrasek. National President Ken Arendt gave a Home Office update, and Branch 855 President Barbara Sutilla, who also is a Home Office Staffer, reminded members of her new duties as the district/branch liaison. Region 6 Director Tom Ivanec reported on the success of past district activities and shared news about upcoming national and district activities. The meeting was hosted by Branch 228. A delicious luncheon was prepared by Theresa Arendt for all attendees to enjoy during the afternoon of fraternalism and friendship.

Submitted by District 10 President Greg Petrasek



## 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.



Submitted by Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary



### 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.



# News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

## Prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová vymenovala novú vládu Ľudovíta Ódora

Na snímke prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová (vpravo), ktorá vymenovala Ľudovíta Ódora (vľavo) za predsedu vlády odborníkov v Prezidentskom paláci v Bratislave v pondelok 15. mája 2023. (Pictured is Slovak President Zuzana Čaputová (right), who appointed Ľudovít Ódor (left) as Prime Minister of the Government of Experts in the Presidential Palace in Bratislava on Monday, May 15, 2023. Foto: TASR Jaroslav Novák)



Slovensko nemal riadnu vládu od decembra 2022, keď parlament vyslovil nedôveru vtedajšiemu premiérovi Eduardovi Hegerovi. Začiatkom mája oznámil Heger svoj zámer vzdať sa postu šéfa vlády po tom, čo ministri zahraničných vecí a pôdohospodárstva oznámili svoje odstúpenie.

Nový dočasný premiér Ľudovít (Lajos) Ódor v minulosti pôsobil ako viceprezident Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS). Narodil sa v Komárne, je 46-ročný ekonóm a hosťujúci profesor na Stredoeurópskej univerzite (CEU). Ódor a nový minister financií Michal (Mihály) Horváth sú etnicki Maďari (redaktor).

Bratislava 15. mája (TASR) - Prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová v pondelok vymenovala vládu odborníkov na čele s Ľudovítom Ódorom.

Vicepremiérkou zodpovednou za plán obnovy a využívanie eurofondov sa stala Lívia Vašáková. Na post ministra financií nastúpil Michal Horváth. Kreslo ministra obrany obsadil Martin Sklenár. Novým ministrom zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí je Miroslav Wlachovský. Ministrom vnútra je Ivan Šimko.

Za ministra hospodárstva prezidentka vymenovala Petra Dohuna. Ministrom pôdohospodárstva a rozvoja vidieka sa stal Jozef Bireš. Novým ministrom investícií, regionálneho rozvoja a informatizácie je Peter Balik. Ministerstvo dopravy prevezme Pavol Lančarič.

Za ministra zdravotníctva prezidentka vymenovala Michala Palkoviča. Ministrom školstva, vedy, výskumu a športu sa stal Daniel Bútor. Novou ministerkou kultúry je Silvia Hroncová.

Ministerkou práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny sa stala Soňa Gaborčáková. Ministerstvo spravodlivosti povedie Jana Dubovcová. Miesto ministra životného prostredia obsadil Milan Chrenko.

Na snímke uprostred v popredí predseda vlády odborníkov Ľudovít Ódor stojí pred prezidentskou SR Zuzanou Čaputovou (nie je na snímke) počas vymenovania novej vlády odborníkov v Prezidentskom paláci v Bratislave v pondelok 15. mája 2023

Vláda odborníkov vystriedala dočasne poverený kabinet Eduarda Hegera. Heger požiadal prezidentku o zbavenie poverenia viesť vládu po tom, ako ohlásili odchod ministri Samuel Vlčan i Rastislav Káčer a prezidentka neprijala ani jeden z jeho návrhov, ktoré považoval za stabilnejšie než vymenovanie úradnickej vlády.

## President SR Zuzana Čaputová Appoints Caretaker Government Headed by Ľudovít Ódor

Slovakia has not had a regular government since December 2022, when parliament voted no confidence in then Prime Minister Eduard Heger. In early May, Heger announced his intention to resign as head of the government after the foreign and agriculture ministers announced their resignations.

The new temporary prime minister, Ľudovít (Lajos) Ódor, previously served as vice president of the National Bank of Slovakia (NBS). Born in Komárno, he is a 46-year-old economist and a visiting professor at the Central European University (CEU). Ódor and the new finance minister Michal (Mihály) Horváth are ethnic Hungarians (Editor).

Bratislava, May 15 (TASR) - President Zuzana Čaputová on Monday appointed a caretaker government with Ľudovít Ódor at the helm.

Lívia Vašáková has become the Vice-premier in charge of the recovery plan and the use of EU funds. Michal Horváth is the caretaker Finance Minister. The Interior Ministry will be managed by Ivan Šimko. Martin Sklenár leads the Defense Ministry. Miroslav Wlachovský holds the post of Foreign and European Affairs Minister.

Peter Dohun is the caretaker Minister of the Economy. The president appointed Jozef Bireš as Agriculture and Rural Development Minister. Peter Balik has become the new Investment, Regional Development and Information Minister. Pavol Lančarič has assumed the post of Transport Minister.

The post of Health Minister is occupied by Michal Palkovič. The Education, Science, Research and Sport Ministry is now managed by Daniel Bútor. Silvia Hroncová is at the helm of the Culture Ministry. Soňa Gaborčáková has become the caretaker Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and the Family. The Justice Ministry is led by Jana Dubovcová. Milan Chrenko is the new Environment Minister.

The caretaker government has replaced the interim government of Eduard Heger, who asked the president to revoke his mandate late last week. He decided to do so after ministers Samuel Vlčan and Rastislav Káčer tendered their resignations, and the president didn't accept any of Heger's proposals that he considered to be more stable than appointing a caretaker government.

## V Pavlovciach nad Uhom otvorili múzeum vystahovalectva do Ameriky

Prezentované artefakty sú z USA a Kanady, väčšina bola darom od krajanov, niečo sa podarilo kúpiť, vybaviť i zachrániť pred zánikom.

Pavlovce nad Uhom 6. mája (TASR) - Múzeum vystahovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky v sobotu slávnostne otvorili v obci Pavlovce nad Uhom v okrese Michalovce. Približuje emigráciu Slovákov najmä do Spojených štátov a ich tamojšie kultúrne aktivity.

"Múzeum mapuje spolkový život Slovákov a Rusínov v Amerike, máme 4000 artefaktov, ktoré svedčia o ich veľmi bohatom kultúrnom živote," uviedol zakladateľ múzea, historik Martin Javor. "Tretina národa sa nám vysťahovala bez akejkoľvek reflexie v slovenskej spoločnosti, to bol hlavný dôvod založenia. A druhým bolo, že slovenská menšina v Spojených štátoch končí, úplne sa asimilovala," doplnil s tým, že snahou bolo zachrániť kultúrne dedičstvo Slovákov v Amerike.

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Súčasťou prezentácie je aj najväčšia zbierka stúh slovenských spolkov v Amerike, osobitná vitrína je venovaná bankárovi Michalovi Bosákovi, ktorý sa podpísal pod dolárovú bankovku. Vidieť napríklad aj



Na snímke dolárové bankovky počas otvorenia Múzea vystahovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky s názvom Kasigarda v obci Pavlovce nad Uhom, miestnej časti Ťahyňa v okrese Michalovce v sobotu 6. mája 2023. Foto: TASR - Roman Hanc (In the photo, dollar bills during the opening of the Museum of emigration from the territory of Slovakia to North America called Kasigarda in the village of Pavlovce nad Uhom, local part of Ťahyňa in the district of Michalovce on Saturday, May 6, 2023.)

## A Museum of Emigration to America Opened in Pavlovce nad Uhom

The artifacts presented are from the USA and Canada, and most of them were donated by compatriots, some were bought, arranged, and saved from extinction.

Pavlovce nad Uhom, May 6 (TASR) - The museum of emigration from Slovakia to North America was inaugurated on Saturday in the village of Pavlovce nad Uhom in the Michalovce district. The museum is dedicated to the emigration of Slovaks to the United States and their cultural activities there.

"The museum maps the social life of Slovaks and Rusyns in America, we have 4,000 artefacts that testify to their very rich cultural life," said the founder of the museum, historian Martin Javor. "A third of our nation emigrated without any recognition in Slovak society, and that was the main reason for its establishment. And the second was that the Slovak minority in the United States was fading, and much of it has completely assimilated," he added, adding that the effort was to preserve the cultural heritage of Slovaks in America.

The presented artefacts are from the USA and Canada, most of them were donated by compatriots, some were bought, equipped, and saved from extinction. The exposition is located in the reconstructed so-called American house in the local part of Ťahyňa. "It is a house built with money earned in America, we had it declared a national cultural monument and we managed to reconstruct it exactly as it was in 1892," Javor explained. Ťahyňa used to be an

independent village, from which many of its inhabitants also emigrated across the ocean. The presentation also includes the largest collection of statues of Slovak societies in America, and



# 2023 Jednota Scholarship Winners



## JEDNOTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF FRANK PALENCAR AND FAMILY



**PALENCAR, JENNA**  
College: Northampton Community College  
Major: Early Childhood Education

## SOLTIS & BOSAK FAMILY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP



**NOVAK, DANIELLE**  
Branch: 181K  
College: SUNY Buffalo  
Major: Nursing

## 2023 FCSU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL (5-8)



**CARNY, NICHOLAS**  
Branch: 450K  
Catholic Grade School: Holy Family Catholic School  
Grade: 8



**CARNY, STELLA**  
Branch: 450K  
Catholic Grade School: Holy Family Catholic School  
Grade: 5



**LAMONT, LILLIAN**  
Branch: 764K  
Catholic Grade School: St. Ursula Villa  
Grade: 6

## MICHELE MAGER SCHOLARSHIP

### CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL



**DESOPO, NICHOLAS**  
Branch: 746K  
Catholic Grade School: Lacordaire Academy  
Grade: 7

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



**STOLARIK, SOPHIA**  
Branch: 855K  
Catholic High School: Notre Dame – Cathedral Latin  
Grade: Junior

### COLLEGE



**HORNACK, ADAM**  
Branch: 001K  
College: Cleveland State University  
Major: Marketing

### GRADUATE SCHOOL



**WALD, RACHEL**  
Branch: 670K  
College: University of Chicago – Booth School of Business  
Major: MBA

## CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL (5-8)



**REISING, JAMESON**  
Branch: 002K  
Catholic Grade School: St. Henry School  
Grade: 6



**REISING, MASLEY**  
Branch: 002K  
Catholic Grade School: St. Cecilia Academy  
Grade: 8



**SCALLY, LUKAS**  
Branch: 450K  
Catholic Grade School: St. Ambrose  
Grade: 5



**FAY, RACHEL**  
Branch: 090K  
Catholic High School: Holy Cross High School  
Grade: Senior

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



**FEDORIOUK, ARTEM**  
Branch: 024K  
Catholic High School: Padua Franciscan High School  
Grade: Freshman



**HUMMEL, NOAH**  
Branch: 173K  
Catholic High School: Holy Redeemer High School  
Grade: Freshman



**MARMOL, SYDNEY**  
Branch: 162K  
Catholic High School: Bishop Shanahan High School  
Grade: Senior



**MCMULLAN, BRENDAN**  
Branch: 019K  
Catholic High School: Fairfield Prep  
Grade: Senior



**MUHA, ALEXANDER**  
Branch: 038K  
Catholic High School: Marquette University High School  
Grade: Freshman



**PACHMAYER, NATHAN**  
Branch: 228K  
Catholic High School: St. Petersburg Catholic School  
Grade: Junior, High School



**SCHMIDT, ELIZABETH**  
Branch: 002K  
Catholic High School: Holy Family Catholic High School  
Grade: Sophomore



**VISNOVSKY, CAROLINE**  
Branch: 450K  
Catholic High School: Saint Joseph Academy  
Grade: Junior







# 2023 Jednota Scholarship Winners



## TOP COLLEGE MALE



**LAPAY, STEPHEN**  
Branch: 181K  
College: Harrisburg University of Science & Technology  
Major: eSports Management

## TOP COLLEGE FEMALE



**PARIMUCHA, KRISTINA**  
Branch: 045K  
College: High Point University  
Major: Nursing/Health Care Administration/Psychology

## COLLEGE



**BANAS, ANGELINA**  
Branch: 746K  
College: New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



**BETZNER, THOMAS JONATHAN**  
Branch: 038K  
College: Seton Hill University  
Major: Musical Theatre and Music Education



**BRUCCOLIERE, AIDAN**  
Branch: 175K  
College: East Carolina University  
Major: Business-Finance



**BULIC, ANDREW**  
Branch: 001K  
College: Ohio State University  
Major: Accounting



**BURRELL, BELLA**  
Branch: 038K  
College: University of Pittsburgh  
Major: Bioengineering



**CORL, JACKLYN**  
Branch: 372K  
College: Hollins College  
Major: Biology



**CREWS, LIAM**  
Branch: 367K  
College: University of New Mexico  
Major: Exercise Science



**DLUGOS, ELIZABETH**  
Branch: 199K  
College: Bucknell University  
Major: Biology (possibly Psychology)



**DOYLE, CONNOR**  
Branch: 743K  
College: University of Michigan - Dearborn  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



**FAHY, KELSEY**  
Branch: 199K  
College: Nazareth College (Nazareth University)  
Major: Sociology



**FELS, SARAH**  
Branch: 888K  
College: North Carolina State University  
Major: Elementary Education



**GIZEWICZ, ALEKSANDRA**  
Branch: 855K  
College: North Central College  
Major: Elementary Education



**GLOGOVSKY, JULIA**  
Branch: 153K  
College: Florida Southern College  
Major: Marine Biology



**GOURASH, LINDSEY**  
Branch: 060K  
College: Virginia Tech  
Major: Engineering



**GRAVES, EMMA**  
Branch: 040K  
College: University of Loyola Chicago  
Major: Human Resource Management



**HOGAN, GRAYDEN**  
Branch: 157K  
College: Pennsylvania State University  
Major: History/Prelaw



**KOLESAR, GRACE**  
Branch: 855K  
College: University of Cincinnati  
Major: Biology



**LALLY, JOHN**  
Branch: 001K  
College: University of Dayton  
Major: Marketing/Minor in Finance



**MCGINTY, MAIGEN**  
Branch: 162K  
College: Duquesne University  
Major: Biology



**MIZIKAR, MCKENNA**  
Branch: 181K  
College: Bloomsburg University  
Major: Medical Imaging



**MUHA, KATARINA**  
Branch: 038K  
College: Duquesne University  
Major: Speech-Language Pathology



**MUHA, KLAUDIA**  
Branch: 038K  
College: Duquesne University  
Major: Elementary Education



# 2023 Jednota Scholarship Winners



**NEMITZ, ANDREW**  
Branch: 085K  
College: Undecided (possibly Penn State University)  
Major: Communications



**NGUYEN, CARTER**  
Branch: 367K  
College: Kennesaw State University or Georgia State University  
Major: Business



**NOVAK, STEPHANIE**  
Branch: 181K  
College: Colorado State University  
Major: Construction Management



**PALOS, NATHAN**  
Branch: 228K  
College: Ohio State University – Fisher College of Business  
Major: Business Administration/Accounting



**PARIMUCHA, JOSEPH**  
Branch: 045K  
College: University of Florida  
Major: Computer Science in Engineering



**RUDAT, DAVID**  
Branch: 173K  
College: University of Vermont  
Major: Biomedical Engineering



**RUDAT, JULIA**  
Branch: 173K  
College: Susquehanna University  
Major: Environmental Studies/ Spanish



**SCHALLER, SARAH**  
Branch: 731K  
College: Ohio State University  
Major: Biology



**SCHWERTFEGER, NATHAN**  
Branch: 162K  
College: West Virginia University  
Major: Business



**SENTO, KACI**  
Branch: 670K  
College: Undecided  
Major: Advertising



**SMITH, KAILEY**  
Branch: 553K  
College: Ohio State University  
Major: Nursing/Pharmacy



**SOLGA, ROSE**  
Branch: 796K  
College: Oberlin College  
Major: Philosophy/Sociology



**STANGER, KYLIE**  
Branch: 002K  
College: Duquesne University  
Major: Physician Assistant Studies



**VALE, FAITH**  
Branch: 001K  
College: Ohio University  
Major: Undecided/College of Arts & Sciences



**VOYTEN, JENNA**  
Branch: 162K  
College: Pennsylvania State University  
Major: Undecided/Dermatology



**WILSON, OLIVIA**  
Branch: 200K  
College: Marietta College  
Major: Early Education



**WINDSHEIMER, JANE**  
Branch: 002K  
College: Carlow University  
Major: Communications: Advocacy & Social Change



**YODER, KYRA**  
Branch: 001K  
College: Kent State University  
Major: American Sign Language



**YODER, QUINTON**  
Branch: 001K  
College: University of Cincinnati  
Major: Chemistry



**YURICEK, JOSH**  
Branch: 764K  
College: Chipola College  
Major: Business



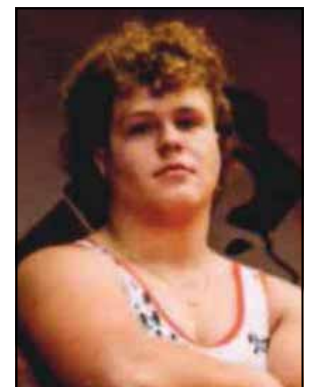
**ZAKOVIC, SOPHIA**  
Branch: 045K  
College: Penn State University  
Major: Undecided



**VANDEGRIFT, LAUREN**  
Branch: 652K  
College: Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Major: Masters in Special Education



**WILSON, VICTORIA**  
Branch: 200K  
College: Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Major: Masters in Student Affairs



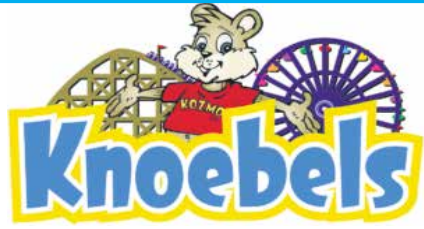
**SUDO, DAVID**  
Branch: 173K  
College: Johnson Tech  
Major: Electrical

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

## TRADE/ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL







## 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/knoebelspic](http://tinyurl.com/knoebelspic)

#### 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**





## 2023 International Golf Tournament

A JOINT FRATERNAL EVENT  
of the FCSU, GCU and SCS



Entry form and details are in the June Jednota  
and online at [fcsu.com/events/golf-tournament/](http://fcsu.com/events/golf-tournament/)

<p><b>Event Overview</b> <b>August 18-20, 2023</b> Friday - Sunday</p> <p><b>Locations</b></p> <p><b>Kennsington Golf Club</b> 4171 Westford Place, Canfield OH 44406 330-533-8733</p> <p><b>Flying B Golf Course</b> 13223 W. Middletown Rd. Salem OH 44460 330-337-8138 One day play per course.</p> <p><b>Flights/Handicaps</b> Six flights including Senior's Women's and Callaway Handicaps based on two years/4 rounds of Tournament Play or a modified Callaway System</p> <p><b>Golf &amp; Hospitality Package</b> FCSU member cost \$190</p>	<p><b>Enter by Mail</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry form is available online at <a href="http://FCSU.com/events/golf">FCSU.com/events/golf</a></li> <li>Print and complete form. Make check payable to FCSU (use golf in memo line.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Mail to: Joanne Fibbi,</b> <b>1741 Hempstead Lane</b> <b>Pittsburgh, PA 15241</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Or use the entry form in the June edition of the <u>Jednota</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Entry Deadline: July 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>••• <b>ACCOMMODATIONS</b> •••</p> <p><b>Book and pay hotel directly</b></p> <p><b>Courtyard by Marriott Canfield</b> Call 330-533-6880 \$139 per night plus tax Slovak Golf Tournament Rate Includes breakfast Adjacent to Kennsington Golf Club</p> <p><b>Holiday Inn Boardman</b> Call 330-726-1611 \$129 per night plus tax</p>	<p><b>Tournament Schedule</b></p> <p><b>Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Practice Rounds</b> Contact the club to reserve your tee time.</li> <li><b>Evening Hospitality</b> 7:00 pm at the Waypoint Banquet Hall adjacent to the Courtyard.</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tournament Round One</b> 8:00 am Shotgun Start</li> <li><b>Mass</b> 4:00 pm at Waypoint Banquet Hall. Celebrated by FCSU Chaplain Fr. Thomas Nasta</li> <li><b>Dinner Banquet</b> 5:30 pm Waypoint Banquet Hall</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tournament Round Two</b> 8:00 am Shotgun Start</li> </ul>
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## 2023 International Golf Tournament

Show your support with a  
Hole Sponsorship!



\$50 for a 24" x 18" sign

Cheer on our golfers as they  
compete on August 18-20<sup>th</sup>

Promote your branch, district, family or  
business with a Hole Sponsorship sign.

Mail your sign information and check to:

Joanne Fibbi  
1741 Hempstead Lane  
Pittsburgh. PA 15241  
**Deadline: July 18<sup>th</sup>. Make check payable to the FCSU**  
(with "hole sponsor" on the memo line.)

Good Luck to our FCSU Members  
and all golfers at  
Kennsington Golf Club and Flying B Golf Course

### FCSU MEMBER ENTRY FORM

## 2023 International Golf Tournament

A JOINT FRATERNAL EVENT PRESENTED BY THE FCSU, GCU AND SCS

August 18-20, 2023

Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield OH and Flying B Golf Course, Salem OH

U.S.G.A. 36 HOLES    6 FLIGHTS    SHOTGUN START: 8:00 am

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MY TWOSOME/FOURSOME NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWO PREVIOUS FCSU/JOINT FRATERNAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN TWO PREVIOUS FCSU/JOINT FRATERNAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM A MALE GOLFER AGE 62+ AND WISH TO ENTER THE SENIOR FLIGHT. I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWO PREVIOUS TOURNAMENTS.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM A FEMALE GOLFER AND WISH TO ENTER THE WOMEN'S FLIGHT.

\_\_\_\_\_ **GOLF & HOSPITALITY PACKAGE ~~\$220~~ \$190** Includes: Entry Fee • Tournament Expense Fee • Practice Round • Two Day Tournament Play w/Cart • Friday Hospitality • Saturday Banquet. (FCSU covers the cost of the banquet for our golfing members.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the banquet    \_\_\_\_\_ I will not attend the banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ **BANQUET GUEST \$30** Per Person \_\_\_\_\_ # attending

Banquet Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to FCSU and include "GOLF" on the memo line.  
Mail check and entry to: Joanne Fibbi 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. Questions: [jfibbi@fcsu.com](mailto:jfibbi@fcsu.com)

Entry form and full payment must be received no later than July 18<sup>th</sup>

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Make your reservations early. You will contact and pay the hotel directly.

**Courtyard by Marriott Canfield** - Call 330-533-6880 - 4173 Westford Place, Canfield  
\$139 per night plus tax. Slovak Golf Tournament Rate. Includes breakfast. (Adjacent to Kennsington Golf Club)

**Holiday Inn Boardman** - Call 330-726-1611 - 7410 South Ave. Youngstown \$129 per night plus tax.

### 2023 International Golf Tournament

A JOINT FRATERNAL EVENT PRESENTED BY THE FCSU, GCU AND SCS

August 18-20, 2023

Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield OH and Flying B Golf Course, Salem OH

RULES and REGULATIONS

- Each participant must be a member of First Catholic Slovak Union in good standing, with a current annuity or life insurance policy.
- The tournament shall be conducted under prevailing U.S.G.A. rules.
- Tournament play is 36 holes, with 18-hole rounds played on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. The shotgun start begins at 8:00 am.
- Practice rounds are Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Golfers must contact the club directly to schedule practice rounds. **Kennsington at 330-553-8733 prompt #3 or Flying B at 330-337-8138**
- The tournament will consist of six (6) flights as listed below (prior to applying 75% of handicap)
 

• <b>A Flight 0-12 handicap</b>	• <b>D Flight Callaway System</b>
• <b>B Flight 13 - 20 handicap</b>	• <b>S Flight Senior 62 years+</b>
• <b>C Flight 21 and over handicap</b>	• <b>W Flight Women Callaway System</b>
- Only the FCSU/GCU/SCS handicap will be accepted for all flights.
- All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by the Handicap Committee. In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared the flight winner.
- The maximum handicap per round: Men - 40 Women - 50
- Callaway flights will include golfers who do not have a Tournament handicap. (Tournament handicaps are based on two years or four rounds of Tournament play.) Following the Callaway Modified System, two blind holes from each round will be used to calculate a daily handicap.
- Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.
- Participants who want to designate their twosomes/foursomes, must include partners' names on the entry form. If not indicated, foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- The penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be in accordance with U.S.G.A. rules, and will result in loss of position.
- Entry Fee is \$15.00 and Tournament Expense Fee is \$15.00. (Included in your Golf Package Price)
- There will be a Champion in each flight. Corresponding prize money will be awarded according to the number of golfers participating in each flight.
- A Tournament Banquet will be held Saturday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Waypoint Banquet Hall, 4180 Westford Place, Canfield, OH 44406
- Entries must be received no later than July 18, 2023.** Payment in full must accompany the entry form.

Make checks payable to: FCSU - with "Golf" on the memo line.

Mail checks and entry forms to:

Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241



# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All new BRANCH Announcements should be sent to [branch@fcsu.com](mailto:branch@fcsu.com)

## 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 6 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Stephens Society branch 6 will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 22, 2023. The meeting will be at Gaetano's Vault, 202 E. Main St., Streator, Illinois at 11:30 am. The branch will be discussing a fraternal gathering for its members. All members are invited to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Chismar at 815-822-8851.

Submitted by **Paul Chismar, Recording 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 35 - BRADDOCK, PA

St Michaels, Branch 35 will hold a semi-annual meeting via Zoom on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. The agenda will include officers' reports and a discussion of upcoming events. Branch members who are interested in attending the meeting are asked to call Janet Sullivan at (412) 824-4185.

Submitted by **Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 16th at Chipper's Grill 1733 N. Bloomington St. Streator, IL at 2:00 PM. All members are urged to attend the meeting. Lunch will follow. Please RSVP by calling (815) 257-6142 (leave a message) by July 14th.

Submitted by **Theresa Graves, Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

## 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 89 – MILWAUKEE, WI

Dear Members:  
Please join us for our meeting on August 20, 2023  
Time is 11:30 AM  
Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own meal.

The cost is \$40.00 per person.  
Location: Brisco County Wood Grill  
N96W16865 Cumberland Court  
Menomonee Falls, WI

That is at Highway 41 North and County Q exit.

Please call to make your reservation by 8/15/2023. You MUST CONFIRM. Please call the President of Branch 89, Mike Novak, at 414-445-5382.

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

Mail to Mike Novak - 3237 N. 93rd St - Milwaukee, WI 53222

On the meeting agenda: Donations and Activities. Fraternal Regards,

Submitted by **Michael Novak, President**

## 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 166 - BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings Branch 166! As summer is quickly approaching, just a reminder to take advantage of the upcoming events. July 15th is the National Picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA. Register at the home office by June 30th at 800-533-6682 Ext. 110. Also on Saturday, August 5th come to our Branch Picnic at Nathaniel Cole Park Harpursville, NY Pavilion 3 from 11 am to 4 pm! "IMPORTANT" RSVP by July 14th to Morgan Dendler at 607-231-0461. Thank you! Have a wonderful June!

Submitted by **Judie Dendler, 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 cov-

ered dish to share. Drinks and main entrées will be provided by the branch.

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

Submitted by **Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PA

A business meeting for Members of Branch 199 will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Tunnel #2 Picnic Grove at Waldameer Park, Erie, PA.

A group photo will be taken immediately following the meeting. Following the meeting and photos, members are encouraged to spend the "Day in the Park" to share food and fellowship. Tickets for Branch 199 members are available by contacting Sue Owens at 814-476-1541 or Barb Patula at 724-423-4745.

Submitted by **Barb Patula, 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 254 - PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at noon at Panera's restaurant located in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads. The meeting will include past, present, and future 2023 activities.

For reservations, contact Joe Senko - 2000 Cliff Mine Rd - Park West Two - Suite 210 - Pittsburgh, PA 15275 - Office (412) 531-2990 - Fax (412) 531-4793 - Cell (412) 956-6000 - Home (412) 343-5031 - email: [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINK) "mailto:jtsenko@aol.com"jtsenko@aol.com.

Submitted by **Joseph Senko, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

All Branch 320 members – Summer is around the corner 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!!

PIRATES BASEBALL: All are welcome to a night of Pirates Baseball on July 17, 2023, as our Pirates will be facing the Cleveland Guardians! A fraternal block has been set up in Section 119. Branch 320 members, please reach out to Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary, at 724-929-9788 to order tickets or the Jednota for 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 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), 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 553 – AKRON, OH

June 21Wed Mystery Dinner –Seafood Alfredo Dinner, Served from 4:30-6:30pm

June 25 Sun Breakfast – Served 9:00 – 11:45 am

July 5 Wed All You Can Eat Spaghetti – Served 4:30-7:00 pm

July 19 Wed Mystery Dinner – Served 4:30-6:30 pm

July 22 Sat Kielbasa Open Mayfair Country Club – shot gun start- call club to reserve your 4 some. Payment must be received before the event to save your spot. \$85.00/golfer; \$340.00/team. Call club after 3 pm. 330-786-9972

July 30 Sun Breakfast – Served 9:00-11:45 am

Aug 3 Wed All You Can Eat Spaghetti – Served 4:30-7:00 pm

Aug 12 Sun Third Annual Slovak Fest to be held at the Slovak J Club Akron

Aug 17 Wed Mystery Dinner – Served 4:30-6:30 pm

Aug 27 Sun Breakfast Served 9:00-11:45 am

Hope to see you at these events – Thank you for your continued support of Your Club and Branch.

Submitted by **Linda Hanko, Financial Secretary**

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## BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All new **BRANCH** Announcements should be sent to [branch@fcsu.com](mailto:branch@fcsu.com)

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### BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PA

There has been a merger between Branch 580K West Mifflin, PA and Branch 060K, McKeesport, PA. All members of Branch 580K will now hold membership in Branch 060K. The merger took place on May 2, 2023. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact:

JULIE ANN PERLA  
1937 DEARBORN DR.  
MCKEESPORT, PA 15131  
(412) 672-1510

We wish to thank all past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

**Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary**

### 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. The branch also plans to host a picnic event at St. John Nepomucene Church on July 9th. 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 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731 members will meet on Sunday, July 9, 2023. The meeting will be at Café 422, 8586 South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio, at 5:00 PM. Final plans will be revealed about the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. As a reminder, if you are interested, please call (330) 503-3260 prior to June 14, 2023.

**Submitted by Maura Blumer,  
Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731 members will meet on Sunday, July 9, 2023. The meeting will be at Café 422, 8586 South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio, at 5:00 PM.

**Submitted by Maura Blumer,  
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: 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 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.

- 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 Mu-

seum, 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 Sutila 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 Sutila, 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**

## 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.
- \* Slovak Day at Kennywood: Thursday, July 20 - \* 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 2:00 PM 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 num-

ber 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, 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).

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# Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Andrew J Poploske	055K	Joan C Sklencar	313K	Joyce E Adam	746K	Nancy Zaleski
001K	Florence M Ptak	075K	James Fallat	373K	Rita M Batcho	764K	Joy A Brunetti
001K	Joseph A Kocab	086K	Anastasia P Clausner	419K	Lorraine M Vacula	780K	Cecilia H Rokosz
001K	Richard Korecko	112K	Elizabeth Lutz	543K	Lawrence C Knizner	796K	Frank A Micek
002K	James R Marshall	128K	James R Yancik	553K	Judith A Adam	831K	Dolores Vidra
002K	Mildred Ezo	157K	Helen Sedmak	553K	Richard W Timko	831K	John A Pavlik
003P	Alice Piazza	162K	John Richnafsky	553K	Valerie A Wallo	831K	Lillian M Sepelyak
006K	Frank A Risavy	166K	Michael D Burns	587K	Edward Balog	831K	Paul Suschak
006K	Norris Mohr	198P	John K Parana	595K	Emmett S Moore Jr	888K	Emilia Helen Rafaidus
019K	Patricia E Piroh	199K	Philomena C Grohal	595K	Francis D McCarthy	900K	Delores Sebesak
024K	Frances M Maggio	199K	Ronald Ulishney	628K	Edward J Masley	923K	Virginia B Pischera
024K	Frances Margaret Magyar	228K	Matthew Augustine Garcia	633K	Rose Mary Bagley	924K	James A Connor
024K	Joseph Hanzely	260K	Michael R Sinchak	721K	Rudolph Dvorski	924K	Martin L Lee
038K	Donald A Dudas	260K	William Andrew Tomich	731K	Michael S O'Connor	926K	Joseph E Demeuse
040K	Daniel A Vargochik	290K	Mary Geba Petroski	733K	Helen Dayeen		
040K	Sharon S Chalkey	292K	Philip Huston	743K	Anna M Sabol		
040K	Shirley May Hansen	312K	Drew J Skoff	746K	Judith Landmesser		

\* Processed in the month of May 2023

## LIGHT ONE CANDLE Dad Improves Inclusion of Special Needs Children

This Father's Day weekend is the perfect time to remember 96-year-old baseball great Carl Erskine, a dad who improved this country for special needs children. Erskine had already modeled a humble Christian life by the time he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s, become a close friend of Jackie Robinson, and promoted more racial inclusion in baseball. But there was another chapter of Carl's life waiting to be written, a chapter chronicled by filmmaker Ted Green in his Christopher Award-winning documentary "The Best We've Got."

On April 1, 1960, Carl's wife Betty gave birth to their son Jimmy, who had Down syndrome. This was not a welcoming era for people with intellectual challenges. During a "Christopher Closeup" interview, Ted explained that the Industrial Revolution led to factories being built and competition becoming king. Anyone who couldn't keep up was blamed for pulling society down. That attitude led to the eugenics movement, which said people with intellectual disabilities "need to be eliminated or not allowed to have children. Otherwise, they'll be like bad cattle who infect the herd." Eugenics became popular and gained support from the highest levels of government. In 1907, Carl's home state of Indiana passed the country's first compulsory sterilization law for people with intellectual disabilities, and other states soon followed suit.

The eugenics movement in the United States lost steam during World War II because it was similar to what the Nazis were doing. However, that's when parents were told they should institutionalize their "defective" children (the term used at the time) so their family wouldn't be held back from an affluent lifestyle. "That is what the doctors were saying to everybody," explained Ted. "That is what they said to Carl and Betty."

But the Erskines pushed back. When Betty's doctor suggested sending Jimmy to an institution, she responded, "No way. I've been carrying this guy for nine months, and he's coming home with me." Carl and Betty were not the first to make this choice. They became part of what was called "The Parents' Movement," in which moms and dads raised their own disabled children, highlighting that the best treatment for them is love and respect.

The Erskines, however, took it a step further by taking Jimmy everywhere they went and building a community with other families of children with disabilities. Both Special Olympics of Indiana and The Arc of Indiana cite Carl and Betty as being at the epicenter of improving inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

When Jimmy was born, doctors predicted he would only live to age 35. Well, Jimmy turned 63 a few weeks ago. He worked at Applebee's for 20 years, competed in Special Olympics for 50 years, and has even moved out of his parent's home to live by himself (with some outside assistance). He is living a rich and full life, thanks to his parents.

Regarding the totality of Carl's life, Ted believes he is worthy of the term "hero." And he believes Carl's is the best kind of heroism because it is attainable by anyone. "You don't need to be able to dunk a basketball or memorize Beethoven's fifth," Ted concluded. "We all have it in us to put others first and to look out for others ahead of ourselves." To view "The Best We've Got: The Carl Erskine Story," you can visit the film's website at CarlErskineFilm.com or check your local PBS station.

For free copies of the Christopher News Note WALKING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES, write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org.

## The Importance of Life Insurance in Protecting You and Your Family's Future

There is no better time than now to think about the future and the need to protect you and your family. Life insurance offers a way to do that. When unforeseen events happen, life insurance offers a measure of protection for our families and provides funding for funeral expenses. But it can be much more than that. Buying more insurance can ease the financial trials associated with the untimely passing and ensure that a family does not lose its home or jeopardize a family's business. It can provide a steady source of income during a time of difficult adjustment and help ensure that children can afford a college education. For peace of mind, you need to have an adequate life insurance policy. FCSU can fulfill that need.

Many Americans and Canadians lack adequate life insurance coverage. When our former National Vice President, Andy Harcar, wrote an article about this topic in the 2016 Jednota, he wrote that "30 percent of US households had no life insurance whatsoever." According to Bankrate estimates, in 1921 about 50 percent of American owned a life insurance policy, but only 30 percent owned enough coverage adequate for post-mortem expenses. The percentage of insured has been declining over the last few years despite the risks associated with unexpected events like the Covid-19 pandemic.

Not only should you have life insurance for yourself but consider buying insurance for your children when they are born. Life insurance purchased at an early age is far more affordable. And remember, as a recipient of an FCSU life insurance policy, your children will enjoy lifetime benefits such as the opportunity to obtain scholarships and to participate in branch/fraternal activities.

Now might also be a good time to look at your beneficiaries on your life insurance policy. Times change, new children are born, and relationships evolve. A reevaluation of your life insurance policies will help you make necessary adjustments and additions that reflect where you wish benefits to go upon your passing. Life insurance can also serve as a tax-free way to pass on assets to your loved ones. Purchasing life insurance is an important part of your estate planning and can save your heirs a great deal of time and make their lives easier during their time of grief.

To be sure that your policy reflects your needs for today and in the future, check with your branch officer or the Home Office to review your coverage and your beneficiaries. Take a look at our website at [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com) to find out more information on all of the products we have to offer and request a quote? There's no time like the present.

Insurance with FCSU is a gift that keeps on giving. Your family will thank you for that.

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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 un-

foreseen 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**





# FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

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## "Father's day" Word List

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Otecko</b> (Father)          | <b>Wisdom</b>         |
| <b>Silný</b> (Strong)           | <b>Protector</b>      |
| <b>Deň Otcov</b> (Father's day) | <b>Supportive</b>     |
| <b>Pracovitý</b> (hardworking)  | <b>Problem solver</b> |
| <b>Manžel</b> (Husband)         | <b>Mentor</b>         |
| <b>Oblek</b> (suit)             | <b>Safety</b>         |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 **July 24, 2023**.

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

**Each winner will receive \$50.**

## June Puzzle Contest

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE APRIL CONTEST WINNERS:

- |                                  |                                    |
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| <b>John Belch, Br. 2K</b>        | <b>Cheryl Koloshinsky Br. 199K</b> |
| <b>Warren C. Jacobson Br. 5P</b> | <b>Eleanor Straka Br. 743K</b>     |
| <b>Kelly Shedlock Br. 855K</b>   |                                    |

KEEP PUZZLING!

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 1 Rush order?
- 5 Vichyssoise ingredient
- 9 Young 'uns
- 13 Volcano feature
- 14 Exhort
- 15 Blacksmith's block
- 16 Scent
- 17 Sharpener
- 19 Related
- 21 Barbershop sound
- 22 "I'm impressed!"
- 23 Choose
- 26 First lady
- 27 "Oh! Susanna" composer
- 30 PC linkup
- 31 Fraternity members
- 34 It's hailed by city dwellers
- 35 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play
- 37 Debonair
- 39 Like the Gobi
- 40 \_\_\_ annum
- 42 Winter forecast
- 43 Citadel student
- 45 Track
- 47 Fraternal group
- 48 Keats creation
- 49 Mantel piece
- 52 Flower child's shirt

### Down

- 54 Jersey call
- 55 Conceit
- 56 B'way posting
- 59 \_\_\_ reflection
- 61 Season to be jolly
- 65 Ramshackle
- 69 Face-off
- 71 "The Waste Land" poet
- 72 In \_\_\_ of (replacing)
- 73 Squirrel's nest
- 74 Prefix with physical
- 75 "\_\_\_ go brag!"
- 76 Ticked off
- 25 Stumble
- 27 Electrical unit
- 28 Nitrous \_\_\_ (laughing gas)
- 29 Fries, maybe
- 31 Hairy-chested
- 32 Bring to mind
- 33 Tidings
- 34 Chalupa alternati
- 36 Rocker Nugent
- 38 Secondhand
- 41 Learning method
- 44 Ruckus
- 46 One-horse carriage
- 50 1948 Hitchcock thriller
- 51 Soup type
- 53 Long stretch
- 56 Goblet feature
- 57 Be the monarch
- 58 Leave out
- 60 Roulette bet
- 62 Bookie's quote
- 63 Continental cash
- 64 Look like a wolf
- 66 Gaudy scarf
- 67 Chinese dynasty
- 68 Wimple wearer
- 70 Burn cause

See Solution on Page 23



# The Grand Opening of Kasigarda, the Museum of Emigration from Slovakia to North America

(Harajdova chýža [cottage] in Ťahyňa, May 6, 2023) More than 400 people gathered on a clear warm spring morning in the rural village of Ťahyňa, an hour and half drive east of Košice, to mark the opening of Kasigarda, the Museum of Emigration from Slovakia to North America (Múzeum vysťahovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky). Four folk dance and music groups, numerous national and regional officials and Slovak RTV and radio.

Coming from Minnesota where it was just beginning to thaw after an exceptionally long and snowy winter, it was quite wonderful to see golden fields of rapeseed, tulips in full bloom, and trees in full spring foliage. Two storks nesting on a utility pole at the entrance to the grounds watched and one did a fly over at the start of events. A highly festive afternoon began with a liturgy led by the archbishop of the Slovak Catholic Eparchy of Košice, Cyril Vasif, a Jesuit.

Prešov-born Milan Kobulský, the director of The Slovak Institute in Cleveland, and I were the only U.S. Slovak-Americans that day, and we were treated like royalty, as was my wife, Cecelia, by Mayor Anton Kocela of the host municipality of Pavlovce nad Uhom. Global Slovakia's two leaders also attended.

Michal Razus, regional representative in Slovakia for the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, served as translator for some remarks I made in English, which are attached.

There were several dignitaries from the Ministries of Defense and Agriculture and Slovak educators who had remarks. The Slovak Republic's Defense Ministry has been a major sponsor of Kasigarda, and has a special interest in recognizing Slovak-Americans who have served in the U.S. military over the past two centuries.

The highlight of the opening ceremonies was a great play created for the event that included folks in kroje (traditional folk dress) depicting 19th century immigrants carrying suitcases, singing and dancing with mixed emotions about the passage from villages to America.

As they walked across the stage, the names of villagers who emigrated were read, and a steam ship's horn sounded - an "East Side story" which was as compelling as any Broadway production.

The Kasigarda museum has about 4,000 items in its collection, and curator Professor Martin Javor has done an exceptional job of bringing together a wide range of material from many communities. Although only the size of a small single-family home, the museum packs a lot - including the story of a Czechoslovak Legionnaire who settled in Pittsburgh, several cabinets devoted to Slovak sokols and fraternal, Slovak newspapers and publications, a multi-generational suitcase that opens with 19th century items and climbs to a 21st century one, and a projected screensaver set against the New York skyline.

Slovak heritage singer-songwriter Bon Jovi provided an autographed photo as part of a display case devoted to Slovak musicians.



There are a number of items from Wisconsin and Minnesota - one interesting one being a commemorative plate about the 1923 founding of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis, a church where CGSI held genealogy events in its formative years.

This was a parish founded by Slovaks living in the city's Bohemian Flats neighborhood. In fact, this April 8 marked the 135th anniversary of the first Lutheran services conducted by Rev. Karol Hauser, a Slovak-speaking missionary, for that community, whose neighbor is now a Minneapolis city park.

That same year -1888 - also saw the formation of the Cyril and Methodius Society in Minneapolis for Roman Catholic Slovaks, and a fraternal ribbon at Kasigarda recognizes this event, as the Minnesota group joined with Slovaks in Cleveland and Pittsburgh to form one of the first nationwide Slovak fraternal insurers a few years later.

At Kasigarda, there are touches of sadness that do not speak well for how some Americans have treated items of historical and artistic importance. One of the larger exhibits are portions of a mural from a church in Pennsylvania that originally depicted a risen Christ surrounded by Slovak immigrants engaged in industrial and craft occupations on one side and building new homes on the other alongside a mother cradling her child.

The Slovak faces on the mural are very Baroque, artistically symbolic of the many Baroque angels one sees in churches in Slovakia, and perhaps culturally comparable to the composite faces depicted in Latin American Marian icons such as Our Lady of



Guadeloupe. Some misguided person tore out the Christ figure from the mural and had discarded the immigrant portions of the mural, which Javor then rescued.

Some Slovak-Americans have expressed reservations about the museum being out in a very rural area, and that this will make it harder to attract American tourists. I think a journey back to a region/village from which immigrants left by foot, horse or cart is an essential part of the learning experience. I encourage all to make the trip.

**Remarks by Mark Dillon**

Dobrý deň Pán Profesor Javor i Ministeri Nad' (Minister of Defense) i Vlčan (Minister of Agriculture). It is a joy to be here to celebrate the special bond of kinship Slovaks and the people of the United States have shared for two and a half centuries. Part of our mission at CGSI is to help our 2,000 members reach across time, distance, and language to discover shared heritage, family ties and learn from each other.

There is much to admire about Slovakia's progress as it marks its 30th year as a vibrant democracy, and how its thoughtful leadership sets a positive and courageous example as a champion of truth, integrity, faith, and global fellowship.

We hope this museum will be a place where both Americans and Slovaks can together discover the paths and passions that took them from the Tatras and Carpathian foothills by horse, rail, ship, and plane across an ocean to build new lives.

It is for us the living to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work of our ancestors, those who journeyed West with hope and ambition since the time of Jan Polereczky and Milan Štefánik, those who stayed behind, those who returned to the homeland to build a new nation, and all who sacrificed so much



in the 20th Century.

This is the great task before us -- to safeguard our mutual cultural achievements while striving for the respectful civil society that was our ancestors' ideal. Let us honor their wisdom and experiences here at Kasigarda, as well as support new learning and creativity that is a unique expression of every generation.

**Conclusion**

Mark Dillon, Chair of the Board of Directors of CGSI, a fourth generation Slovak, attended in person along with our Jednota member, Milan Kobulský, the Director of the Slovak Institute. Professor Michael Kopanic, Jr., the Jednota editor, will be traveling to Slovakia to visit the Museum and meet in person Professor Martin Javor, the director of the Museum. One may visit the Kasigarda website at this address: <http://www.kasigarda.sk/en/kasigarda-2/>. Donations and/or an in-person visit to the museum are very welcome.

Look for more information about Kasigarda at the CGSI website at: <https://cgsi.org/>. You may view the YouTube link to a 26-minute video posted today by Slovak RTV about the May 6 opening of Kasigarda at this site: [www.tinyurl.com/24vnrvc](http://www.tinyurl.com/24vnrvc).

**Mark Dillon and Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.**



(L-R) Genealogist Michal Razus, Kasigarda director, Professor Martin Javor, Dr. Gabriela Beregházyová of Global Slovakia, Milan Kobulský, Br. 450 director of the Slovak Institute in Cleveland, Dr. Zuzana Palovic of Global Slovakia, Mark Dillon of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International.



# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

### TELECONFERENCE

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 1:30 PM and asked Vice President Damian Nasta to lead the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members attending: Kenneth A. Arendt, National President  
 Damian Nasta, National Vice President (teleconference)  
 Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary  
 John Tokarsky, Treasurer (teleconference)  
 Sabina Sabados, Regional Director  
 (by invitation of the President) (teleconference)

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the March 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Kevin Collins to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., prepared an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report for the Executive Committee Meeting. Each member of the Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his/her review. The Committee will contact Mr. White with any 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 first quarter of 2023 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 March 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 March:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 310,560.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 50,622.00
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.

The President led a review of our FHLB advances and their current rates for possible future advancements.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Executive Committee reviewed the Treasurer's monthly written report.

**ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**

Annuity Rates:

The Executive Committee discussed the current annuity rates. The President stated that an annuity campaign will begin on May 1, 2023 with an increase on all our annuity rates. The rates will be as follows:

- 8 Year Flex Annuity or IRA – 6.00% (1st year guaranteed on new contracts)
- 8 Year Flex Annuity or IRA - 4.50% (current contracts)
- 6 Year Fixed Annuity or IRA – 4.75%
- 6 Year Flex Annuity or IRA – 4.25%
- Park 2 Annuity – 4.25%
- Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA – 3.00%

Details regarding the annuity campaign will be published in our Jednota newspaper, on our website and sent in our monthly newsletter. Members are asked to contact the Home Office with any questions.

**FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

Executive Secretary Kevin Collins announced the many events that will be held in 2023. Mr. Collins stated that the bowling tournament will be held May 19-20 in Buffalo, New York, the golf tournament will be held August 19-20 in 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.

Executive Secretary Kevin Collins stated that he is working with Fraternal Activities Director Jo-

anne Fibbi on these events along with the Kentucky Derby Hat Contest.

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

Executive Secretary Kevin Collins is reviewing our current ads and working with local radio stations in Cleveland and Pittsburgh for advertising opportunities. The Home Office is also working on rebranding the FCSU logo and a marketing program for our insurance and annuity products.

The President stated that an insurance campaign is in the process of being developed. Details will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website when finalized.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The President stated that Barbara from the Home Office will be working closely with our Branches/Districts to increase fraternal activities. She will also work with Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi on new fraternal activities.

All Branch announcements should be sent to branch@fcsu.com.

All District announcements should be sent to district@fcsu.com.

The President stated that the FCSU has rejoined the Cuyahoga County Chamber of Commerce to establish relationships with other local businesses.

**REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:**

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Damian Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt  
 President

Kevin J. Collins  
 Executive Secretary

STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2023 OF THE FCSU

**ASSETS**

	Current Statement Date			December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds	486,839,886		486,839,886	484,151,207
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks	4,250,000		4,250,000	4,250,000
2.2 Common stocks	1,952,784		1,952,784	2,115,136
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens	37,275,029		37,275,029	35,714,386
3.2 Other than first liens			0	0
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$ encumbrances)	468,219		468,219	473,127
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$ encumbrances)	270,880		270,880	280,712
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$ encumbrances)			0	0
5. Cash (\$ 14,636,542 ), cash equivalents (\$ ) and short-term investments (\$ 8,559,300 )	23,195,842		23,195,842	27,510,198
6. Contract loans (including \$ premium notes)	1,184,564		1,184,564	1,183,895
7. Derivatives			0	0
8. Other invested assets	7,160,850		7,160,850	6,827,650
9. Receivables for securities			0	0
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets			0	0
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets	0		0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11)	562,598,054	0	562,598,054	562,506,311
13. Title plants less \$ charged off (for Title insurers only)			0	0
14. Investment income due and accrued	6,096,290		6,096,290	6,096,045
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection	102,945		102,945	114,259
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$ earned but unbilled premiums)			0	0
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums (\$ ) and contracts subject to redetermination (\$ )			0	0
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers			0	0
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies			0	0
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts			0	0
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans			0	0
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon			0	0
18.2 Net deferred tax asset			0	0
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit			0	0
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software			0	0
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$ )			0	0
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates			0	0
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates			0	0
24. Health care (\$ ) and other amounts receivable			0	0
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 to 25)	568,797,839	550	568,797,289	568,716,615
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts			0	0
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27)	568,797,839	550	568,797,289	568,716,615
<b>DETAILS OF WRITE-INS</b>				
1101.				
1102.				
1103.				
1198. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 11 from overflow page	0	0	0	0
1199. Totals (Lines 1101 through 1103 plus 1198)(Line 11 above)	0	0	0	0
2501. Deposits 550	550	550	0	0
2502.				
2503.				
2598. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 25 from overflow page	0	0	0	0
2599. Totals (Lines 2501 through 2503 plus 2598)(Line 25 above)	550	550	0	0



STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2023 OF THE FCSU  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts \$ ..... less \$ ..... included in Line 6.3 (including \$ ..... Modco Reserve) .....	481,280,432	480,814,261
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$ ..... Modco Reserve) .....	0	0
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$ ..... Modco Reserve) .....	25,441,293	25,790,038
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life .....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health .....	0	0
5. Policyholders' dividends/refunds to members \$ ..... and coupons \$ ..... due and unpaid .....	0	0
6. Provision for policyholders' dividends, refunds to members and coupons payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Policyholders' dividends and refunds to members apportioned for payment (including \$ ..... Modco) .....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Policyholders' dividends and refunds to members not yet apportioned (including \$ ..... Modco) .....	0	0
6.3 Coupons and similar benefits (including \$ ..... Modco) .....	0	0
7. Amount provisionally held for deferred dividend policies not included in Line 6 .....	0	0
8. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$ ..... discount, including \$ ..... accident and health premiums .....	59,055	51,250
9. Contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
9.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts .....	0	0
9.2 Provision for experience rating refunds, including the liability of \$ ..... accident and health experience rating refunds of which \$ ..... is for medical loss ratio rebate per the Public Health Service Act .....	0	0
9.3 Other amounts payable on reinsurance, including \$ ..... assumed and \$ ..... ceded .....	0	0
9.4 Interest Maintenance Reserve .....	743,720	818,116
10. Commissions to agents due or accrued life and annuity contracts \$ ..... , accident and health \$ ..... and deposit-type contract funds \$ ..... .....	68,508	83,408
11. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed .....	0	0
12. General expenses due or accrued .....	78,710	43,770
13. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$ ..... accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves, net of reinsured allowances) .....	0	0
14. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued, excluding federal income taxes .....	18,841	18,776
15.1 Current federal and foreign income taxes, including \$ ..... on realized capital gains (losses) .....	0	0
15.2 Net deferred tax liability .....	0	0
16. Unearned investment income .....	0	0
17. Amounts withheld or retained by reporting entity as agent or trustee .....	6,381,789	6,336,662
18. Amounts held for agents' account, including \$ ..... agents' credit balances .....	0	0
19. Remittances and items not allocated .....	0	0
20. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates .....	9,511	9,511
21. Liability for benefits for employees and agents if not included above .....	0	0
22. Borrowed money \$ ..... and interest thereon \$ ..... .....	0	0
23. Dividends to stockholders declared and unpaid .....	0	0
24. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
24.01 Asset valuation reserve .....	4,436,288	4,272,163
24.02 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$ ..... ) companies .....	0	0
24.03 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$ ..... ) reinsurers .....	0	0
24.04 Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates .....	0	0
24.05 Drafts outstanding .....	0	0
24.06 Liability for amounts held under uninsured plans .....	0	0
24.07 Funds held under coinsurance .....	0	0
24.08 Derivatives .....	0	0
24.09 Payable for securities .....	0	1,000,000
24.10 Payable for securities lending .....	0	0
24.11 Capital notes \$ ..... and interest thereon \$ ..... .....	0	0
25. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities .....	480,544	404,114
26. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 25) .....	519,698,691	520,342,069
27. From Separate Accounts Statement .....	0	0
28. Total liabilities (Lines 26 and 27) .....	519,698,691	520,342,069
29. Common capital stock .....	0	0
30. Preferred capital stock .....	0	0
31. Aggregate write-ins for other than special surplus funds .....	0	0
32. Surplus notes .....	0	0
33. Gross paid in and contributed surplus .....	0	0
34. Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds .....	0	0
35. Unassigned funds (surplus) .....	49,098,598	48,374,546
36. Less treasury stock, at cost:		
36.1 ..... shares common (value included in Line 29 \$ ..... ) .....	0	0
36.2 ..... shares preferred (value included in Line 30 \$ ..... ) .....	0	0
37. Surplus (Total Lines 31+32+33+34+35-36) (including \$ ..... in Separate Accounts Statement) .....	49,098,598	48,374,546
38. Totals of Lines 29, 30 and 37 .....	49,098,598	48,374,546
39. Totals of Lines 28 and 38 (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3) .....	568,797,289	568,716,615
<b>DETAILS OF WRITE-INS</b>		
2501. Postretirement Reserve .....	403,263	401,833
2502. Security Deposits .....	2,281	2,281
2503. Convention Accrual .....	75,000	0
2598. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 25 from overflow page .....	0	0
2599. Totals (Lines 2501 through 2503 plus 2598)(Line 25 above) .....	480,544	404,114
3101. ....	0	0
3102. ....	0	0
3103. ....	0	0
3198. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 31 from overflow page .....	0	0
3199. Totals (Lines 3101 through 3103 plus 3198)(Line 31 above) .....	0	0
3401. ....	0	0
3402. ....	0	0
3403. ....	0	0
3498. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 34 from overflow page .....	0	0
3499. Totals (Lines 3401 through 3403 plus 3498)(Line 34 above) .....	0	0

STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2023 OF THE FCSU  
**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts .....	9,788,103	19,207,670	54,622,568
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies .....	0	0	0
3. Net investment income .....	6,100,054	5,180,197	23,556,485
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR) .....	95,420	93,233	396,681
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains or losses .....	0	0	0
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded .....	0	0	0
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded .....	0	0	0
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts .....	0	0	0
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts .....	0	(4,592)	27,608
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income .....	1,973	0	0
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3) .....	15,985,550	24,476,508	78,603,342
10. Death benefits .....	360,893	826,528	3,043,549
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments) .....	0	0	0
12. Annuity benefits .....	13,242,479	5,237,023	31,198,563
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts .....	0	0	0
14. Coupons, guaranteed annual pure endowments and similar benefits .....	0	0	0
15. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts .....	151,836	154,378	545,470
16. Group conversions .....	0	0	0
17. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds .....	(107,579)	172,542	1,383,366
18. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies .....	0	0	0
19. Increase in aggregate reserves for life and accident and health contracts .....	466,171	16,238,104	34,626,910
20. Totals (Lines 10 to 19) .....	14,113,800	22,628,575	70,797,858
21. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations, and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only) .....	155,658	359,822	1,031,744
22. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed .....	0	0	0
23. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses .....	1,265,578	944,540	3,600,342
24. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees, excluding federal income taxes .....	44,315	42,048	127,931
25. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums .....	0	0	0
26. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance .....	0	0	0
27. Aggregate write-ins for deductions .....	(216,901)	(198,051)	(863,490)
28. Totals (Lines 20 to 27) .....	15,362,450	23,776,934	74,694,385
29. Net gain from operations before dividends to policyholders and federal income taxes (Line 9 minus Line 28) .....	623,100	699,574	3,908,957
30. Dividends to policyholders and refunds to members .....	79,202	77,850	435,949
31. Net gain from operations after dividends to policyholders, refunds to members and before federal income taxes (Line 29 minus Line 30) .....	543,898	621,724	3,473,008
32. Federal and foreign income taxes incurred (excluding tax on capital gains) .....	0	0	0
33. Net gain from operations after dividends to policyholders, refunds to members and federal income taxes and before realized capital gains or (losses) (Line 31 minus Line 32) .....	543,898	621,724	3,473,008
34. Net realized capital gains (losses) (excluding gains (losses) transferred to the IMR) less capital gains tax of \$ ..... (excluding taxes of \$ ..... ) .....	0	0	450,111
35. Net income (Line 33 plus Line 34) .....	543,898	621,724	3,923,119
<b>CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT</b>			
36. Capital and surplus, December 31, prior year .....	48,374,546	46,657,607	46,657,607
37. Net income (Line 35) .....	543,898	621,724	3,923,119
38. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$ ..... .....	347,680	(743,727)	(1,648,565)
39. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss) .....	0	0	0
40. Change in net deferred income tax .....	0	0	0
41. Change in nonadmitted assets .....	0	0	0
42. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies .....	0	0	0
43. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis, (increase) or decrease .....	0	0	0
44. Change in asset valuation reserve .....	(164,125)	172,211	(547,955)
45. Change in treasury stock .....	0	0	0
46. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period .....	0	0	0
47. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement .....	0	0	0
48. Change in surplus notes .....	0	0	0
49. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles .....	0	0	0
50. Capital changes:			
50.1 Paid in .....	0	0	0
50.2 Transferred from surplus (Stock Dividend) .....	0	0	0
50.3 Transferred to surplus .....	0	0	0
51. Surplus adjustment:			
51.1 Paid in .....	0	0	0
51.2 Transferred to capital (Stock Dividend) .....	0	0	0
51.3 Transferred from capital .....	0	0	0
51.4 Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance .....	0	0	0
52. Dividends to stockholders .....	(3,401)	0	(9,660)
53. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus .....	724,052	50,208	1,716,939
54. Net change in capital and surplus for the year (Lines 37 through 53) .....	49,098,598	46,707,815	48,374,546
55. Capital and surplus, as of statement date (Lines 36 + 54) .....	49,098,598	46,707,815	48,374,546
<b>DETAILS OF WRITE-INS</b>			
08.301. ADVERTISING & SUBSCRIPTION INCOME .....	1,350	890	3,775
08.302. MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER INCOME .....	623	(5,472)	23,833
08.303. ....	0	0	0
08.398. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 8.3 from overflow page .....	0	0	0
08.399. Totals (Lines 08.301 through 08.303 plus 08.398) (Line 8.3 above) .....	1,973	(4,592)	27,608
2701. Net Change in Pension Fund .....	(216,901)	(198,051)	(863,490)
2702. ....	0	0	0
2703. ....	0	0	0
2798. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 27 from overflow page .....	0	0	0
2799. Totals (Lines 2701 through 2703 plus 2798)(Line 27 above) .....	(216,901)	(198,051)	(863,490)
5301. ACCRUAL & ASSET ADJUSTMENTS .....	(3,401)	0	(9,660)
5302. ....	0	0	0
5303. ....	0	0	0
5398. Summary of remaining write-ins for Line 53 from overflow page .....	0	0	0
5399. Totals (Lines 5301 through 5303 plus 5398)(Line 53 above) .....	(3,401)	0	(9,660)

**Answer to Crossword Puzzle**  
*Solution to Puzzle from page 20*

A	S	A	P		L	E	E	K		T	A	D	S	
D	O	M	E		U	R	G	E		A	N	V	I	L
O	D	O	R		G	R	I	N	D	S	T	O	N	E
	A	K	I	N			S	N	I	P		W	O	W
					O	P	T		E	V	E			
	F	O	S	T	E	R		L	A	N		M	E	N
T	A	X	I		W	I	T			S	U	A	V	E
A	R	I	D		P	E	R			S	N	O	W	
C	A	D	E	T			D	O	G		E	L	K	S
O	D	E		U	R	N		T	I	E	D	Y	E	
				M	O	O		E	G	O				
S	R	O		U	P	O	N			N	O	E	L	
T	U	M	B	L	E	D	O	W	N		D	U	E	L
E	L	I	O	T		L	I	E	U		D	R	E	Y
M	E	T	A			E	R	I	N		S	O	R	E

**V Pavlovciach nad Uhom otvorili múzeum vstahovalectva do Ameriky**

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uniformu amerického Slováka z československých légii z čias prvej svetovej vojny. "Financovali sme to z rôznych projektov a vlastných peňazí," uviedol zakladateľ múzea.

Vyššie 4000 zbierkových predmetov podľa dočasne povereného ministra obrany Jaroslava Naďa vypovedá o časti histórie, ktorá doposiaľ nebola takto podrobne zmapovaná. "Ide o unikátne pamiatky a príbehy, ktoré sa s nimi spájajú," podotkol. Rezort obrany podporil projekt múzea prostredníctvom dotačnej schémy, a to v celkovej hodnote 40.000 eur.

Názov múzea Kasigarda je podľa historika slovenskou skomoleninou anglického Castle Garden, hlavnej brány imigračného úradu v New Yorku, ktorou musel prejsť každý imigrant. Expozícia je prístupná po telefonnickej dohode.

**A Museum of Emigration to America Opened in Pavlovce nad Uhom**

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a special display case is dedicated to banker Michal Bosák, who signed the dollar bill. One can also see, for example, the uniform of an American Slovak from the Czechoslovak legions during the First World War. "We financed it from various projects and our own money," said the museum's founder.

The more than 4,000 items in the collection, according to Jaroslav Naďa, the interim defense minister, tell a part of history that has not been mapped in such detail until now. "These are unique monuments and the stories associated with them," he noted. The Ministry of Defense supported the museum project through a subsidy scheme, with a total value of 40,000 euros.

According to the historian, the name of the Kasigard museum is a Slovak corruption of the English Castle Garden, the main gate of the immigration office in New York, through which every immigrant had to pass. The exhibit is accessible by appointment by calling.



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