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## President's Message

Can you believe it's September already? 2023 has gone by within a blink of an eye! Before you know it, we'll be gathered around the TV watching the ball drop for 2024.

Although many people may look past September and towards the approaching new season, this month is a great time to discuss a very important, and often forgotten, necessity, namely, life insurance.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. Initially started by the non-profit organization Life Happens, the purpose of Life Insurance Awareness Month is to raise consciousness among people of every age on the importance of life insurance and having a financial plan.

According to Life Happens, Only 50% of Adults have Life Insurance. Why is that?

There are several common misconceptions when it comes to purchasing life insurance. A big myth is life insurance is too expensive and will cost you thousands of dollars a year. This is not the case; the majority of people overestimate the cost of life insurance by three times or more. In reality, you can customize your plan and pay as little as a few hundred a year. Another myth is life insurance is only for people who are older in age and something to worry about later down the road. This is also not true; life insurance is for anyone at any age. You cannot predict when tragedy strikes, but you can start financially planning your future at any time.



**Kenneth A. Arendt**  
President

### Who is Life Insurance for?

Life insurance is for anyone who wants to save for their future and prepare for unexpected circumstances. Typically, insurance is for those with financial responsibilities or obligations. For example, people in relationships dependent on dual income, couples with children, single parents or someone saving for future expenses.

Imagine if you were to leave today, would your loved ones be able to afford everything? And if so, how long would they last without your income? Life Happens states four out of ten households say they'd face financial hardships in six months if a wage-earner passed, and nearly a quarter say they would struggle financially within one month.

### Financial Planning

Financial burdens do not have to fall on those you love. This is where life insurance comes in as a resourceful tool! Come up with a financial plan for yourself. Consider all you pay for now in terms of mortgage, car payments or a child's college fund. Even if you have no debt, maybe you would like to leave a little cash behind for your family. Go to our website, fcsu.com, click Products, and take a look at the variety of options that are available for you to choose. Life insurance adds extra relief and less stress for people trying to prepare their future. According to Forbes, 68% of life insurance owners say they feel financially secure.

### Final Expenses

Life insurance is also a major relief to your family when it comes to paying final expenses. Funeral or cremation services can cost thousands of dollars, and a sudden death can add pressure on your loved ones to scrape up the funds quickly. With life insurance, you can eliminate the stress and costs for others by providing those funds.

### Let the FCSU Help

For anyone interested in learning more about different life insurance policies and what the FCSU has to offer, please visit our website [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com). There you will find descriptions of products, information on how they work and the forms to sign up. If there

are any questions about our policies or any other products, please do not hesitate to call us at: 1-800-533-6682.

Before I end my message for this month, I need to address something brought to my attention. There have been certain questions about how the FCSU contests work, and I would like to give some clarity here. All fraternal contests are judged by outside sources and have no involvement with The Board of Directors. The judges are unbiased with their decisions and pick winners based on the rules provided. In the several instances where there were limited numbers of entrants within certain categories of competitions, the judges arrange those who did enter in rank accordingly. The same principles apply when it comes to the FCSU Scholarship, the Jednota Benevolent Foundation Scholarship and the Stephen C. Matula Scholarship. An independent committee comprised of four educators, including a

Priest at St. Andrew Abbey, decide awards fairly and without bias based on established guidelines and rules. Cheating or unfair treatment is something the Board and I take very seriously and is not tolerated. I assure you all winners have had honorable wins and worked hard to wow the judges! I encourage everyone to get involved with more fraternal fun contests, such as the pumpkin contest published in this issue of the Jednota!

Once again, the FCSU Home Office staff is always willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. I encourage all Members to keep the meaning of September in mind and consider life insurance for yourselves or your loved ones. Please also join in on all the upcoming holiday contests! I enjoy seeing all the involvement and creativity from our Members.

Fraternally,  
**Kenneth A. Arendt**

# Leave On a Good Note...



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## September Reflection

The Feast of the Seven Sorrows of our Sorrowful Mother is celebrated on September 15. In Slovakia, this is not only a liturgical holy day but also a legal national holiday. Schools are closed and businesses curtailed while time and activities focus on devotions and pilgrimages nationwide, especially to the shrine in honor of our Mother of Sorrows in Šaštín (Shâsh-teen). These activities recall the gift that Jesus gave to us before He died on the cross. As Sacred Scripture cites, "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.'" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." (John 19:26-27, Rev. Stnd. Versn. Cath. Ed.).

With this formal exchange, as she was sharing in the death of her only-begotten Son, Mary also became the spiritual Mother of all the living on earth. Truly in this moment of a Mother's bitter grief, her heart opened wide to accept each of us.

Our Slovak nation clung to Mary's comforting embrace throughout its history of persecution and control by other nations. Then as emigrants and refugees began to depart from Slovakia, they held on to her consoling presence in their hearts and homes. She became the Star of Hope in new lands.

I can attest to this fact with my own family history as well as in our immigrant-founded Slovak parish, Holy Trinity, Gary, Indiana. Family and parishioners never lost their love for Slovakia. The adoption of a new land became the devoted focus of their lives, concerns, and loyalty. Mother Mary supported them on the way through travel, trials, joys, and sorrows.

So it is that in my selected hymn poetic translation, the Slovak nation's cultivated spiritual values extend world-wide in its people and in their faithful trusting devotion to our Sorrowful Mother. The FCSU-sponsored Mother of Sorrows Chapel in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. bears witness to this endearing spiritual heritage. May our Mother of Seven Sorrows continue to embrace us in her loving care as we reach out and pray to her from and for all the nations to which Slovaks have been scattered and planted.

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

### Ó MÁRIA BOLESTIVÁ

1. Ó Mária bolestivá, naša ochrana,  
slovenský náš národ volá:  
Pros za nás Boha!

#### SBOR:

Ty si Mať dobrotivá,  
Patrónka lútoštivá,  
oroduj vždy za náš národ  
u svojho Syna!

2. Hlad, mor, vojny odstráň od nás,  
vypros pokoja,  
slovenský ľud nech vždy stráži  
ochrana tvoja.

#### SBOR:

3. Tebe sa tu oddávame,  
Matka, pomôž nám,  
By sme i my, i potomci  
vyhli vždy vojnám.

#### SBOR:

4. Vlast' našu stráž a obhajuj,  
vypros milosti,  
nech nás Syn tvoj posilňuje  
vo viere, čnosti.

#### SBOR

### GRIEVING MARY

1. Grieving Mary, pierced with sorrow,  
Keep us in your care;  
Hear our nation's fervent pleading,  
Beg God be aware.

#### CHORUS

You are Mother compassionate,  
Patroness, tender Advocate;  
Be our nation's Intercessor  
With your beloved Son.

2. Shield from famine, wars, and danger,  
Help us flourish in peace;  
See us as we firmly trust  
Your care will never cease.

#### CHORUS

3. All to you we consecrate,  
O Mother, hear us, we pray;  
Grant our future generations  
Peace above the fray.

#### CHORUS

4. Guide and Mentor, strong Defender,  
Give our country this grace:  
From your Son, a firmer faith  
As virtue we embrace.

#### CHORUS

To listen to Ó, Mária bolestivá, go to the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/26bmps4f> (Editor).

## Message from the National Chaplain

This is the first in an occasional series on persons who exhibited a deep piety and reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist in response to the current National Eucharistic Revival.

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) was born in London. Shortly after his birth, he and his parents relocated to Milan, Italy. He soon developed a very strong love for the Lord, a love constantly reinforced with attendance at Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and daily praying of the Holy Rosary. His parents at first did not practice the faith as strong as he, but they later returned through his holy example.

The youth Carlo had his parents take him on various religious pilgrimages to shrines of saints and locations where miracles attributed to the Most Holy Eucharist occurred. His passion for the Lord in the Eucharist together with his outstanding computer skills led him to spend 4 years constructing a website, [miracolieucaistici.org](http://miracolieucaistici.org), which gives details of every recorded Eucharistic miracle throughout the world.

Carlo died at the age of 15, within one week after he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. While on his deathbed, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and the universal Church. His devotion to Saint Francis led him to his request to be buried in Assisi.

The cause for his canonization was opened seven years after his death and he was beatified on October 10, 2020. His body is on public display in a church in Assisi for veneration by the faithful. It is dressed in his favorite clothes, a casual athletic shirt, jeans, and sneakers.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is patron of youth and computer programmers. A traveling photo exhibition of miracles associated with the Holy Eucharist put together by him continues to circulate all over the world. His feast day is October 12. As far as can be determined there are two parishes, one in the Archdiocese of Birmingham (England) and other in the Archdiocese of Chicago that are named for him.



**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 August 30, the 2023 Appeal has received \$23,058.51 from 186 donors.** Among the 57 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Branch 1, Branch 3, Branch 19, Branch 35, Branch 40, Branch 85, Branch 96, Branch 112, Branch 153, Branch 213, Branch 290, Branch 320, Branch 382, Branch 450, Branch 484, Branch 743, Branch 746, Branch 855, Branch 865, District 16, and the Home Office of the First Catholic Slovak Union have donated a combined total of \$4,000. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 96 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*

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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. Any article that is not received by this deadline will not necessarily appear in the following Wednesday's issue.

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## Editor Letter

Dear Fellow Fraternal Members and Readers,

This issue is filled with news from summer events such as picnics, golf, and baseball events.

I will mention the celebration of the 5th anniversary of Blessed (Blahoslavená) Anna Kolesárová's beatification which took place on September 1, 2023, in Vysoká nad Uhom. After a mass with Msgr. Bernard Bober, Archbishop of Košice-Metropolitan celebrant, the faithful united in the prayer of the Holy Rosary. Afterwards, the program featured music, testimonies about her holiness, and time for sacred adoration. In the words of the program: "We are happy that Blessed Anka is helping many to live true Christian and human values. We draw spiritual and mental strength and ask for grace for those who need it most." I have included a photo of her grave, which Professor Martin Javor took us to visit. He is the director of Kasigarda, the Museum of Emigration from Slovakia to North America, which FCSU General Counsel Gary J. Matta and his wife also visited this earlier this summer. If you wish to visit or help the museum, Professor Javor can be reached at [javorisko@gmail.com](mailto:javorisko@gmail.com).

A special Ďakujem (Thank you) to those who met the deadline of August 30 for the September issue of Jednota.

Fraternally yours in the Risen Christ,

S krajanským pozdravom v zmŕtvychvstalom Kristovi,

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

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



Anna Kolesárová grave in Vysoká nad Uhom with (L-R) Professor Michael Kopanic, Musician Miloš Kopaničák, his wife Ľubica and daughter Esterka.

## SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, 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, Pennel, 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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Slovak Catholic Federation  
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Pennel, PA 19047-4052

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2023

- 1 Dist 2 – Meeting in Oak Forest, IL  
Br 746/Dist 4 – Slovak Pilgrimage to Marian Shrine In Haverstraw, NY
  - 2 Br 716 – Mass in New York, NY
  - 4 Slovak J Club – Spaghetti Dinner in Akron, OH
  - 6 Br 746 – Mass in Linden, NJ
  - 7 Br 844 – Meeting in Fullerton, CA  
Dist 15 – Meeting in Fullerton, CA
  - 8 Br 112 – Zoom Meeting  
Dist 4 – Grounds For Sculpture Outing – Hamilton, NJ  
Dist 8 – Zoom Meeting
  - 11 Slovak J Club – Bus Trip to Wheeling Casino, WVA
  - 14 Br 181 – Meeting in Latrobe, PA (RSVP 10/1)  
Slovak J Club – Casino Night in Akron, OH
  - 15 Br 7 – Meeting in Ramey, PA  
Br 60 – Meeting in West Homestead, PA  
Br 746 – Meeting in Linden, NJ (RSVP 10/7)  
Dist 10 – Meeting in Parma, OH
  - 16 Br 228 – Zoom Meeting
  - 18 Slovak J Club – Pork Chop Dinner in Akron, OH
  - 19 Br 410 - Meeting in Uniontown, PA
  - 21 Br 153 – Meeting in Harwood Hts., IL
  - 22 Br 24 – Meeting in Walton Hills, OH (RSVP 10/18)  
Br 716 – Mass & Meeting in New York, NY  
Dist 7 – Meeting in Portage, PA  
Dist 9 – Meeting in Uniontown, PA  
Dist 16 – Meeting in New York, NY
  - 24 Br 313 – Meeting in Mokena, IL
  - 25 Br 38 – Zoom Meeting
  - 28 Br 401- Meeting in Vandergrift, PA  
Dist 17 – Meeting in Dickson City, PA (RSVP 10/24)
  - 29 Dist 4 – Meeting in Middlesex, NJ (RSVP 10/22)  
Slovak J Club – Breakfast Buffet in Akron, OH
  - 31 FCSU Benevolent Scholarship Deadline
- For more info go to the Branch and District announcement pages.



Kaplnka Jednoty Panny Márie Bolestnej v Bazilike Národnej svätýne Nepoškvrneného počatia vo Washington, DC (The Jednota Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC).



## Executive Secretary's Message

Summer is officially coming to a close and it is time to reflect back on the festivities we enjoyed as a fraternal. We have had great weather, good food and amazing turnouts, which I hope to see again next year. Approaching the new season, we are preparing for more gatherings and contests as well as the holidays. Deadlines and events come up fast, so be sure to keep an eye out in the newspaper or online. As we are planning ahead and thinking of what comes next, I would like to remind Branches of the necessary steps to take in order to receive your stipends.



**Kevin J. Collins**  
Executive Secretary

Stipends will be sent out before you know it, so it is important to get ahead and make sure you are doing everything according to the Bylaws to qualify. By the end of March 2024, the Home Office will pay each Branch \$7.00 per member per year provided they have met the Bylaw requirements. My goal is to have every Branch be able to receive their stipend for 2023. In doing so, here is a checklist to help you make sure you are on the right track to qualify for your Branch stipend.

This is just a snapshot of requirements to qualify for your 2023 stipend. Please refer to the Bylaws effective January 1st, 2023, sections 4.05 and 14.01 for more detail. You can find the Bylaws online at: [fcsu.com/bylaws](http://fcsu.com/bylaws). If you have any questions regarding receiving your stipends or clarification of any Bylaws, please feel free to contact me at: 1-800-533-6682 ext. 120.

Kevin J. Collins, Executive Secretary



### Branch Stipend Checklist:

- Conduct at least 2 Branch meetings per year  
(1 of the meetings must be announced as an election of officers)
- Send meeting announcements 30-days prior to meeting to be published online and in newspaper
- Submit an Annual Report to the Executive Secretary by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Include Financial Report, Meeting Attendance Sheet, Branch Officer Directory, fraternal activities report and minutes of the meetings)
- Send 1 Branch representative to attend at least 1 District meeting
- Be in good standing with your District by paying current fiscal and outstanding dues
- Provide the Home Office with current information about members (Current addresses, completed change of beneficiary forms, death reports and other required forms)

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This special offer expires **October 31, 2023.**





# Branch 24 Meeting and Picnic in August

Branch 24 held a combined branch meeting and picnic at Walton Hills Lake Club, Walton Hills, OH, on Saturday, August 12, 2023. After the meeting which began at 1PM, members and their guests enjoyed a delicious cookout of hamburgers and hotdogs along with sauerkraut and klobasa, halušky, macaroni salad and many other side dishes and desserts attendees brought to share. Kids enjoyed swimming in the club's man-made lake adjacent to the large, covered pavilion. Approximately 40 attendees enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fraternalism. A special thanks to Branch 24 Vice President Jennifer Allen for arranging such a great venue for our branch meeting and picnic.

Submitted by John Moynihan, Branch 24 President



# Fraternalism in Action: District 12

At the recent annual Hlinka District picnic, Branches 853, 320, and 670 all contributed to the St Andrew the Apostle Food Bank in Donora, Pennsylvania. Three boxes filled with food items and cash donations made this Fraternalism In Action another successful event. Congratulations Hlinka District!

Submitted by Monica Boone, District 12 Recording Secretary



A representative from the St Andrew Food Bank and Monica Boone, District 12 Recording Secretary.



# Food, Fun & Baseball: Pittsburgh & Cleveland Districts' July Event

On the evening of July 17, 2023, members and guests of FCSU Regions 5 and 6 joined together to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Cleveland Guardians at PNC Park in downtown Pittsburgh, PA.

Many members and guests from Ohio Region 6 (District 10 and District 14) attended by bus, including National President Ken Arendt and his wife Theresa; Region 6 Director Thomas Ivanec, and his wife Terri; District 10 President Greg Petrusek and his wife Roberta; Branch 553 President Debra Speck; Branch 553 Vice President Joan Dilauro-Lewis; Branch 553 Treasurer Terry Eller; Branch 731 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Bobby; Branch 731 Chaplain Msgr. Robert Siffrin; Branch 731 Auditor Tom Krispinsky and his wife Maria. Other members drove separately, including National Chaplain Thomas Nasta; National Vice President Damian Nasta; Executive Secretary Kevin Collins; Region 2 Director Nicole Nasta; Branch 731 Vice President Bridget Bobby; and Branch 731 Recording Secretary Maura Blumer. Members from Region 5 (Districts 6 and 12) included Region 5 Director Bradley Matta and his wife Gretchen; District 6 President Dave Matta; District 6 Recording Secretary Margaret Nasta; District 12 President Cheryl Hyatt; District 12 Vice President Joseph Tarquinio; District 12 Recording Secretary Monica Boone and her husband Ron; District 12 Treasurer Maureen Massafra; Branch 38 Secretary Catherine Matta and Branch 320 President MaryAnne Higginbotham.

Many thanks to the FCSU Home Office for helping to sponsor the event, to Branch 553's Joan Lewis for coordinating the bus, and especially to Branch 38 for hosting such a fantastic tail gate before the game!

Over 140 FCSU members and guests enjoyed a great evening of food, fraternalism and fun.

**Submitted by Thomas Ivanec,  
Region 6 Director**





# The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club 2023 Slovak Festival

On the afternoon and evening of August 19, 2023, the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club reprised its popular Slovak Festival to a well-attended crowd of more than 350. This year's event was held outdoors on the beautiful picnic grounds of St. Sava Parish in Broadview Heights, OH. Music was provided by Anthony Culkar Band for dancing and listening pleasure under a large, covered pavilion. There also was face painting for kids and those young-at-heart as well as opportunities to join in lively games of corn hole and soccer on the adjacent spacious field and basketball on the nearby courts.

Delicious Slovak food including klobasa, halušky, schnitzel, pirohy, and halupky was prepared onsite by members of the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, many of whom also are FCSU members. Radio Club President Henry Horvath is an FCSU National Supreme Court Member and Branch 855 Auditor; Radio Club Vice President and Program Director Milan Kobulsky is a member of Branch 450; Karin Scally is the Radio Club Treasurer and also Branch 855 Vice President; Radio Club Trustees Vlad Cvicela and Dana Glova are members of Branch 24; and Radio Club Trustee Martin Kulik is a member of Branch 1. Other members of both organizations who worked at or contributed to the event included: Tim Scally, Joe Elias, Jana Horvath, Jana Chuba, Jessica Chuba, Susie Halley, Lily Halley, Maria Cvicela, Milka Anderko, Joe Oros, Terri Ivanec, and Tom Ivanec. In addition, four local-area FCSU Branches offered their members food and beverage tickets. Seventy-two members of Branches 1, 24, 450, and 855 attended. Thanks to the FCSU Home Office for helping to sponsor the event as well as to all our members who came to the festival. A very special round of applause to the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club for working so hard to put together a wonderful event that brought us together after such a long time apart and helped to keep our great Slovak traditions alive.

Submitted by Thomas Ivanec, Region 6 Director





# Wild Things Baseball Branch 320 – Rostraver Twp, PA

Friends and family of FCSU, Branch 320, enjoyed a fraternal day of Frontier baseball. The Washington Wild Things are a professional baseball team in the Frontier League that plays in Washington, PA. [www.washingtonwildthings.com](http://www.washingtonwildthings.com)

The Washington Wild Things were founded in December 2001. In April 2002, the team moved to Falconi Field, with an inaugural home-opener against the Canton Coyotes on May 29, 2002.

Branch 320 was happy to see The Washington Wild Things win in divisional play.

Branch 320 (members and guests) were welcomed to the park by The Wild Thing.

Special Thanks: To the staff at Falconi

Field. They made this event an awesome experience for Branch 320.

This was an extra special day for the Branch. MaryAnne Higginbotham (Branch 320 President) celebrated her second 29th birthday during the 7th inning stretch. Joseph Tarquinio and Elley Beatty (Branch 320) decided to surprise MaryAnne. The Wild Thing joined us in a birthday song and supervised the cake cutting.

Deanon Boig caught a foul ball, Rob Higginbotham ordered ice cream for the kids, and Falconi Field lit up the sky with fireworks. Frances Tarquinio ended the night with prayer thanking God.

Branch 320 would like to offer a special thanks to all involved in making this a successful fraternal event.

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



**Bruce Higginbotham (Branch 320), Robert Higginbotham (Branch 320), Peter Seidling, The Wild Thing, MaryAnne Higginbotham (Branch 320 President), Frances Tarquinio (Branch 320, Financial Secretary) and Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320, Vice President).**





## Branch 320 Rostraver Twp, PA at Slovak Day



Friends and Family of the FCSU Branch 320 enjoyed a perfect fraternal day at Kennywood Park. Fellow Slovaks gathered to celebrate their heritage in prayer, music, food and dance. Special thanks to Bishop David Zubik, Bishop Larry Kulick and Fr, Thomas Nasta celebrating Mass. Branch 320 would like to thank all involved in making this a successful fraternal event!

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



Cheryl Hyatt with her beautiful grandbabies (all grown-up).



Branch 320 (members and guests) taking a break. (Left to right) Thomas Davies (Branch 320), Emily Patch, Nate Edwards, Sara Davies (Branch 320), Bruce Higginbotham (Branch 320), Matthew Burns, Joseph Tarquinio (District 12 Vice-president), Bishop Larry Kulick (FCSU Protector) and Frances Tarquinio (District 12 Secretary Emeritus) can be found in this picture. MaryAnne Higginbotham (Branch 320 President) was overwhelmingly proud of her FCSU family enjoying this day of fraternalism at Kennywood.



(right to left/top to bottom) Rev Thomas Nasta (FCSU, National Chaplin), Joseph Tarquinio (Branch 320, Vice-president) and Frances Tarquinio (Branch 320, Financial Secretary).



(left to right) Bob and Kim Bury (Branch 320) enjoying Kennywood Slovak Day. The Burys drove from Alabama for this Slovak Event. Great Job Bury Family.



Sara Davies (Branch 320) accompanied by Joseph Tarquinio catches a minute with Bishop Kulick. Sara has always embraced her Slovak Heritage and was proud to meet our FCSU Protector.



(right to left) Bruce Higginbotham (Branch 320) and Matthew Burns were caught having a cheat day at the historic potato patch - breaking their daily carb limit for the Peters Twp. Summer Lacrosse Program.

## New Jersey District 4 Had a "Peachy" Time!



On a sunny Saturday afternoon on 5 August 2023, District 4 members from Branches 290 and 746 gathered in Princeton, New Jersey at Terhune Orchards to enjoy a Peach and Wine Festival. Members enjoyed music, featured peach snacks and drinks, and picking their very own peaches. A fun time was had by all!

**Submitted by Stephanie Daley, District 4 Fraternal Activities Director**

## Newly Elected Officers for Branch 393



The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 393 recently held elections at their August 20 meeting. The elected officers are (L-R) Michael Birchak (Financial Secretary), Kirstin Meyer (President), Martin Meyer (Auditor), Randy Opsitnick (Auditor), Eileen Myers (Recording Secretary), Bernard Myers (Treasurer), Bruce Nalevanko (Vice President).

**Submitted by Eileen Myers, Branch Secretary**



# Region 1's Annual Summer Picnic in the Park

The annual Region 1 Summer Picnic, hosted by Branch 746, was held on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at the Al Kalla Park in Linden, New Jersey. The day was filled with fraternalism, great Slovak food by Julie Rada Catering, and lots of laughter. Although the weather forecast predicted a hot and humid 92 degrees, under the shadow of the walnut trees it was pleasantly cool with a slight breeze.

The fun-filled afternoon began with a brief welcome by Region 1 Director Sabina Sabados. After the delicious meal members were surprised with a special treat -- the So Delicious Ice Cream Truck, a family-owned local company, arrived with a wide selection of premium hand churned ice creams and toppings that satisfied all kinds of sweet cravings!

The afternoon concluded with the awarding of the Jednota Branch 746 Scholarships to a talented young athlete who have demonstrated scholastic excellence and community leadership. The Branch 746 Scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Angelina Banas, who is a freshman at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science. In addition to her scholastic endeavors, she will be making her dream a reality by playing Division I basketball at NJIT. Congratulations Angie!

A great big thank you to all the members and friends who attended the picnic and continue to enthusiastically support Jednota activities. See you all next year!

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



**Angelina Banas is the 2023 Branch 746 Scholarship winner! Congratulations Angie!**





# News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

## Prezidentke Čaputovej za prínos k európskej integrácii udelili Cenu Cisára Otta

Magdeburg 30. augusta (TASR) – Slovenskej prezidentke Zuzane Čaputovej v stredu udelili Cenu cisára Otta. V nemeckom Magdeburgu si ocenenie za mimoriadny prínos k procesu európskej integrácie prevzala za svoju proeurópsku orientáciu a odhodlanie presadzovať právny štát, mier a slobodu.

“Cena, ktorú ste mi udelili, nám pripomína dôležitosť európskej spolupráce, ako projektu, založeného na mierových a demokratických hodnotách,” zvýraznila slovenská prezidentka v príhovore v magdeburskej katedrále počas slávnostnej ceremónie. Poukázala na to, že v ostatnom období, keď je Európa konfrontovaná s viacerými súbežnými krízami i efektom ruskej agresie na Ukrajine, je obrana mieru i demokracie o to dôležitejšia. Rovnako sa podľa nej v týchto časoch zvýrazňuje dôležitosť rozhodnosti i zásadovosti demokratických politikov. “Demokracia si žiada lídrov, ktorí vidia svoje poslanie ako službu ľuďom, nechcú byť gladiátormi, ktorí túžia získať moc nad druhými,” upozornila.

Vyzvala zároveň na aktívnu obranu voči nástrahám a šíreniu extrémizmu. “V obrane demokracie musia byť demokrati odvážni a rezolútni,” vyhlásila v súvislosti s pozornosťou, ktorú je potrebné venovať zásadným pilierom demokracie, ako deľba moci, zákonnosť a ochrana ľudských práv. Zvýraznila však aj dôležitosť



Slovak President Zuzana Čaputová (Foto: TASR)

obranu demokracie v prostredí sociálnych médií. “Demokracia neznamená presadzovanie vlastných práv na úkor práv iných,” pripomenula. Za zásadnú označila dôležitosť vyspelej občianskej spoločnosti, schopnej kritického myslenia, empatie a rešpektu k druhým.

Kultúrna nadácia cisára Otta udeľuje Cenu cisára Otta od roku 2005 v dvojročných intervaloch. V minulosti sa jej laureátmi stali napríklad bývalý nemecký prezident Richard von Weizsäcker, bývalá nemecká kancelárka Angela Merkelová či rumunský prezident Klaus Johannis.

## President Čaputová Was Awarded Emperor Otto Prize for Contribution to European Integration

Magdeburg, August 30 (TASR-correspondent) - Slovak President Zuzana Čaputová was awarded the Emperor Otto Prize in Magdeburg, Germany on Wednesday, receiving the award bestowed for extraordinary contributions to the European integration process for her pro-European orientation and determination to promote the rule of law, peace, and freedom, TASR learnt on the same day.

“The prize you awarded me reminds us of the importance of European cooperation as a project based on peaceful and democratic values,” emphasized the Slovak head of state in her speech in Magdeburg Cathedral during the ceremony. She pointed out that recently when Europe is confronted with several simultaneous crises and the effect of the Russian aggression in Ukraine, the defense of peace and democracy is all the more important. According to her, the importance of decisiveness and adherence to principles of democratic politicians is emphasized in these times. “Democracy requires leaders who see their mission as

a service to the people, they don't want to be gladiators who desire to gain power over others,” she pointed out.

Čaputová also called for active defense against the dangers and spread of extremism. “Democrats must be courageous and resolute when defending democracy,” she stated in connection with the attention that must be paid to the fundamental pillars of democracy, such as the separation of powers, lawfulness, and the protection of human rights. However, she also emphasized the importance of defending democracy in the social media environment.

The Emperor Otto Prize has been awarded in two-year intervals since 2005. German ex-president Richard von Weizsäcker, former German chancellor Angela Merkel, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Romanian President Klaus Johannis have all become laureates.

## Matičné oslavy 160. výročia pritiahli do Martina tisíce návštevníkov

V Martine sa 3. až 6. augusta 2023 uskutočnili celoslovenské matičné slávnosti pri príležitosti 160. výročia založenia Matice slovenskej a 30. výročia vzniku samostatnej Slovenskej republiky. Oslavy 160. výročia MS odštartovali dvojdným V. kongresom matíc a inštitúcií slovanských národov v priestoroch Turčianskej galérie. Na kongres sa prihlásilo 19 delegácií z 11 európskych krajín. Prítomní boli zástupcovia zo Slovinska, Chorvátska, Srbska, Česka, Čiernej Hory, Poľska, Maďarska a z iných krajín. Vzácnou bola návšteva slovenských matíc v zahraničí. Oficiálny program v piatok 4. augusta pokračoval v poobedňajších hodinách odhalením busty pred druhou budovou Matice slovenskej predsedovi Zahraničnej Matice slovenskej, autorovi súčasnej slovenskej vlajky a exilovému gréckokatolíckemu kňazovi, ktorý žil v Kanade, Mons. Františkovi Fugovi. Bustu požehnal emeritný arcibiskup prešovskej archieparchie Ján Babjak SJ, ktorý taktiež vystúpil aj s príhovorom. Prítomný bol podpredseda Národnej rady SR Juraj Blanár, ktorý poďakoval Matici slovenskej, že nezabudla na tohto nášho rodáka, ktorý sa narodil presne pred sto rokmi. Z rodinných príbuzných boli prítomní synovci Františka Fugu, bratia Cupákovci. Po slávnostnom odhalení busty sa uskutočnil vstupný program slávností, ktorý sa odohral pred sídelnou budovou MS v parku sv. Cyrila a sv. Metoda.

RNDr. Ján Seman, tajomník Matice slovenskej

## Matica Celebrations of the 160th Anniversary Attracted Thousands of Visitors to Martin

On August 3-6, 2023, all-Slovak Matica celebrations took place in Martin on the occasion of the 160th anniversary of the foundation of Matica slovenská (MS) and the 30th anniversary of the independent Slovak Republic. The celebrations of the 160th anniversary of the MS started with a two-day 5th Congress of Maticas and Institutions of the Slavic Nations in the premises of the Turčianska Gallery. Nineteen delegations from 11 European countries applied for the congress. Representatives from Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, the Czech Republic, Montenegro, Poland, Hungary, and other countries were present. The visit of the Maticas presidents in other countries was special. The official program on August 4, continued with the unveiling of a bust of Msgr. František Fugo in front of Matica slovenská, an exiled Canadian Byzantine priest, former president of MS Abroad and originator of the current Slovak flag. The bust was blessed by the archbishop emeritus of the Prešov archeparchy, Ján Babjak SJ, who also gave a speech. The Deputy Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, Juraj Blanár, was present, who thanked the MS for not forgetting this native of ours, who was born exactly one hundred years ago. Among family relatives, the nephews of František Fuga, the Cupák brothers, were present. After the ceremonial unveiling of the bust, the entrance program of the festivities took place in front of the headquarters of the MS in the park of SS. Cyril and Methodius. For further reading, see: <https://tinyurl.com/2p97usfz>.

## Vo veku 91 rokov zomrel herec Juraj Sarvaš.

Bratislava 17. júna (TASR) - Vo veku 91 rokov zomrel slovenský herec, scenárista, režisér, pedagóg, recitátor Juraj Sarvaš. Rádio Regina Stred RTVS pripomenulo, že Sarvaš bol tiež úzko spätý so začiatkami vysielania banskobystrického štúdia Československého rozhlasu v roku 1957. “Hlas Juraja Sarvaša toto vysielanie otváral a zároveň celou prvou reláciou sprevádzal,” priblížilo.

V roku 2021 pri príležitosti svojich 90. narodenín Juraj Sarvaš pre TASR uviedol: “Obdobie v Slovenskom národnom divadle - v tomto chráme kultúry - bolo úžasné, bolo to obdobie umeniu veľmi prajné. Napríklad, keď bol v divadle francúzsky spisovateľ Sartre na predstavení svojej filozofickej drámy Diabol a Pán Boh, povedal, že v Európe to bola najlepšia inscenácia.”

Na divadelných doskách vytvoril Juraj Sarvaš desiatky rôznorodých charakterových postáv. Upútal napríklad ako Braňo (Nepokojná mladosť, 1957) alebo v úlohe inžiniera Rohoňa (Dobrodružstvo pri obžinkoch, 1959).

Sarvaš v roku 1984 získal titul zaslúžilý umelec a v roku 2009 mu prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič udelil štátne vyznamenanie Pribinov kríž II. triedy za mimoriadne zásluhy o kultúrny rozvoj Slovenskej republiky najmä v oblasti hovoreného umeleckého slova.



Juraj Sarvaš. Foto: TASR Radovan Stoklasa

## Actor Juraj Sarvaš Passed Away at Age of 91

Bratislava, June 17 (TASR) - Slovak actor, screenwriter, director, teacher, and reciter, Juraj Sarvaš, passed away at the age of 91. Rádio Regina of Central Slovakia (RTVS) recalled that Sarvaš was also closely connected with the beginnings of the broadcasting of the Czechoslovak Radio Studio in Banská Bystrica in 1957. “The voice of Juraj Sarvaš opened this broadcast and at the same time led the entire first session,” it added.

In 2021, on his 90th birthday, Juraj Sarvaš told TASR: “The period in the Slovak National Theater - in this temple of culture - was amazing, it was a very auspicious period for art. For example, when the French writer Sartre was in the theater for a performance of his philosophical play Diabol a Pán Boh (The Devil and the Lord God); he said that it was the best production in all of Europe.”

Juraj Sarvaš created dozens of diverse characters on stage. He attracted attention, for example, as Braňo

(Restless Youth, 1957) or in the role of engineer Rohoň (Dobrodružstvo pri obžinkách - An Adventure at the Harvest Festival, 1959). [Ed., you may view the play: <https://tinyurl.com/39kyhxx8>.]

Sarvaš was awarded the title of meritorious artist in 1984, and in 2009 the President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič awarded him the Pribina Cross II State Award for extraordinary merits in the cultural development of the Slovak Republic, especially in the art of the spoken word.

Translated by Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.



# SPOOKTACULAR Pumpkin Carving Contest Enter if You Dare!

Monsters are prowling and werewolves are howling, as witches take flight on their brooms.

Zombies are moaning and ghosts are out roaming, as mummies arise from their tombs.

Jack-O-Lanterns glare in frightful delight, as they glow in the dark on Halloween night.



“More Fraternal Fun from the FCSU”

Carve your  
SCARIEST  
FUNNIEST  
MOST  
ARTISTIC  
or  
\*MOST  
REALISTIC\*  
pumpkin  
for your chance  
to win \$100!

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Your entry may be a real pumpkin or gourd of any color. Craft or foam pumpkins/gourds are not permitted.
- Pumpkins must be carved and/or shaved. Paints or markers may also be used in the design.
- Props may be attached to the pumpkin as part of the design. Additional backdrops/scenery is not allowed.
- Craft machine die cuts or pre-cut decals, stickers, etc. are not permitted as part of the final design.
- Carved pumpkins should be illuminated with non-flammable candles or other battery-operated lights.
- Family category must include a minimum of two pumpkins. All participants must be FCSU members.
- FCSU Members may enter once per category, but cannot enter the same pumpkin in multiple categories.
- A minimum of two entries per category/age group must be received for prize to be awarded.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: November 3, 2023**

**SUBMIT:** Three photos of your pumpkin (only the pumpkin) with the official entry form. **1.** Photo of your pumpkin prior to carving. **2.** Photo of your fully carved pumpkin in daylight. **3.** Photo of your carved pumpkin illuminated at night.

**WINNERS:** One winner will be selected in each of the four categories per age group. Total of **20** winners.

**PRIZES:** **\$100** will be awarded to individual winners, and **\$150** to the family/group winners.

-----ENTRY FORM-----

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:**  Scary  Funny  Artistic  \*Realistic\* **Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group:**  8-12  13-19  20-49  50+  Family or Group

**Email your photos (jpeg) and entry form to:** [Contest@FCSU.com](mailto:Contest@FCSU.com) Please use "Pumpkin Contest Entry in the subject line.

Or mail your entry form and photos to: Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

**Entries must be received no later than November 3, 2023**

**\* Most Realistic depiction of an animal, fictional/movie character or real person (living or dead.) \***

**Please identify the subject of your design on the line above.**





## THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2023 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is accepting applications for its  
2023 Scholarship Program.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO **TEN (10) \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS**  
TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

Applicants, even those who are previous recipients of this scholarship, may apply yearly.

### Jednota Benevolent Foundation Award Criteria:

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who is **currently enrolled in college or another post secondary educational institution** is eligible for a Scholarship.
- 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
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
  - An official high school or college transcript of grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
  - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
  - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
  - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
  - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
  - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
  - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

**For applications, please contact:**

**Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.**

**First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131**

**Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310**

E-mail: [fcsu@fcsu.com](mailto:fcsu@fcsu.com) – Website: <http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2023**

Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.



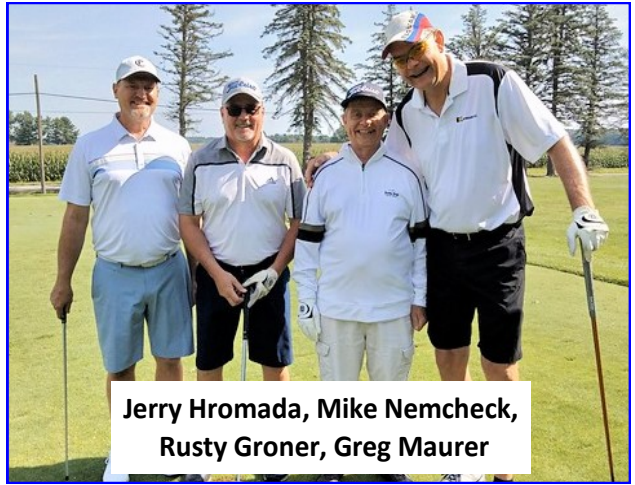
# FCSU Golfers Showcase Their Skills at the 2023 Golf Tournament



**John Metarko, Bill Quinn, John Rosa, Dave Schmucker**



**Kevin Collins, Gary & Larissa Matta, Nick Sweitzer**



**Jerry Hromada, Mike Nemcheck, Rusty Groner, Greg Maurer**

A powerful, summer thunderstorm left the courses wet for Friday's practice rounds, but it did not dampen the spirits of FCSU members at the 2023 International Golf Tournament in Canfield, Ohio. Our golfers teed off at the Flying B Golf Course on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and at the Kennsington Golf Club Course Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the FCSU foursomes brought families together and reunited old friends, while others help forge new relationships. The field of golfers represented members of all ages and abilities, with some having played in the tournament for more than 30 years. And, it was wonderful to welcome so many first-time participants.

One foursome matched two father and son teams. Shawn Adam and Ken Adam from Br. 553 golfed with John E. Pastorek and John D. Pastorek from Br. 831. It proved to be a successful pairing, as Shawn and John E. both went on to finish first in their respective Callaway and B Fights. John Rosa, Br. 199 narrowly beat out Dave DeGol, Br. 372 for 1st place in the A Flight competition. Rounding out the FCSU 1st place finishers was John Grottenthaler, Br. 2 who took home top honors in the C Flight.

The FCSU can also boast of two winners in the Closest to the Pin Competition. David DeGol Br. 372 prevailed at the Flying B course, and Nick Sweitzer, Br. 38 took the prize at Kennsington.



**Jeff Sutila, Rick Sutila, Leo Derk, John Grottenthaler**



**David DeGol, Anthony Nastasi, Marty Finklestine, Bruno Felus**

On Saturday evening, Fr. Tom Nasta, National Chaplain of the FCSU celebrated Mass before a lovely buffet-style banquet was enjoyed by all.

While FCSU golfers had a great time at the tournament, many also finished in top spots. Congratulations to all of our golfers especially those who finished in the top 10 for their flights. The results of all FCSU, SCS and GCU golfers can be found at: [tinyurl.com/golfresults2023](https://tinyurl.com/golfresults2023). Be sure to visit the FCSU website for more photos.

Thanks to our amazing FCSU golfers for a great tournament experience and such an enjoyable weekend. See you all next year for more fraternal fun with the FCSU.

## FCSU GOLFERS TOP 10 PERFORMANCES

### A Flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Rosa, Br. 199
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave DeGol, Br. 372
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rick Yokopenic, Br. 199

### B Flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> John E. Pastorek, Br. 831
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Yokopenic, Br. 199
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jerry Hromada, Br. 228
- 10<sup>th</sup> Scott Harr, Br. 199

### C Flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Grottenthaler, Br. 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mike Nemcheck, Br. 199
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nick Sweitzer, Br. 38

### Women's Flight

- 5<sup>th</sup> Larissa Matta, Br. 38

### Callaway Flight

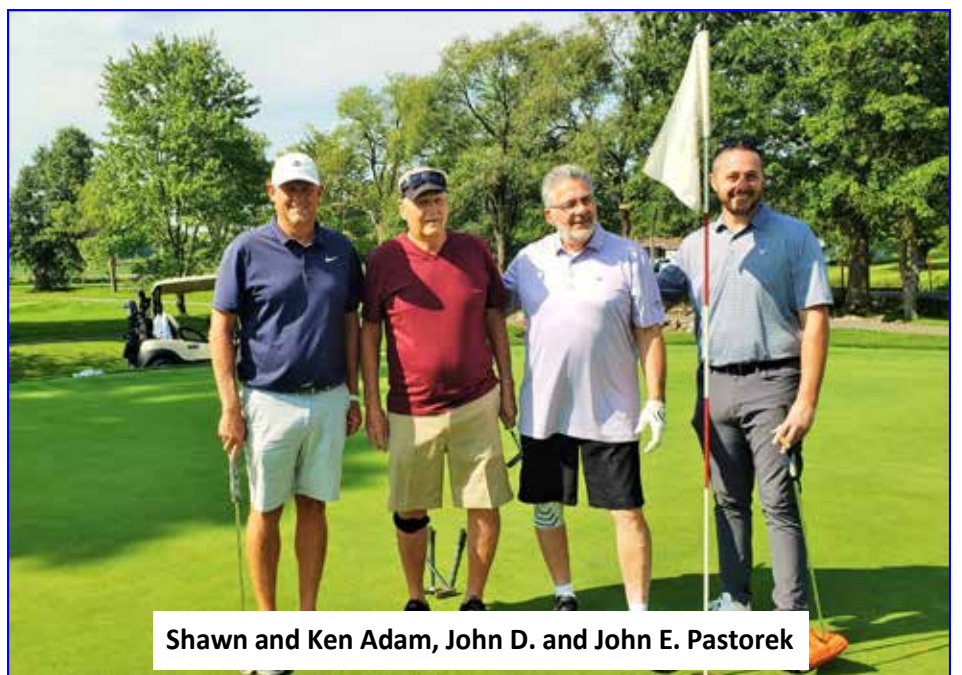
- 1<sup>st</sup> Shawn Adams, Br. 553
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Kozusko, Br. 312
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alex Kozusko, Br. 312
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dennis Roth, Br. 260
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mark Owens, Br. 199

### Senior Flight Ages 62-69

- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Sinagra, Br. 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> John D. Pastorek, Br. 831
- 9<sup>th</sup> William Quinn, Br. 312

### Senior Flight Ages 70+

- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Barton, Br. 2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Anthony Nastasi, Br. 372
- 7<sup>th</sup> Lewis (Bud) Dreier, Br. 553
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rusty Groner, Br. 228



**Shawn and Ken Adam, John D. and John E. Pastorek**





# FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

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

## “September” Word List

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>HARVEST</b>   | <b>JABLKO</b> (Apple)    |
| <b>ORCHARD</b>   | <b>JESEŇ</b> (Autumn)    |
| <b>LEAVES</b>    | <b>ŠKOLA</b> (School)    |
| <b>SUNFLOWER</b> | <b>KNIHA</b> (Book)      |
| <b>BACKPACK</b>  | <b>ŽALUĎ</b> (Acorn)     |
| <b>HOMEWORK</b>  | <b>TÁBORÁK</b> (Bonfire) |

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** or mail it to:

### FCSU PUZZLE

6611 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

Entries must be received by **November 27, 2023**.

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

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

## September Puzzle Contest

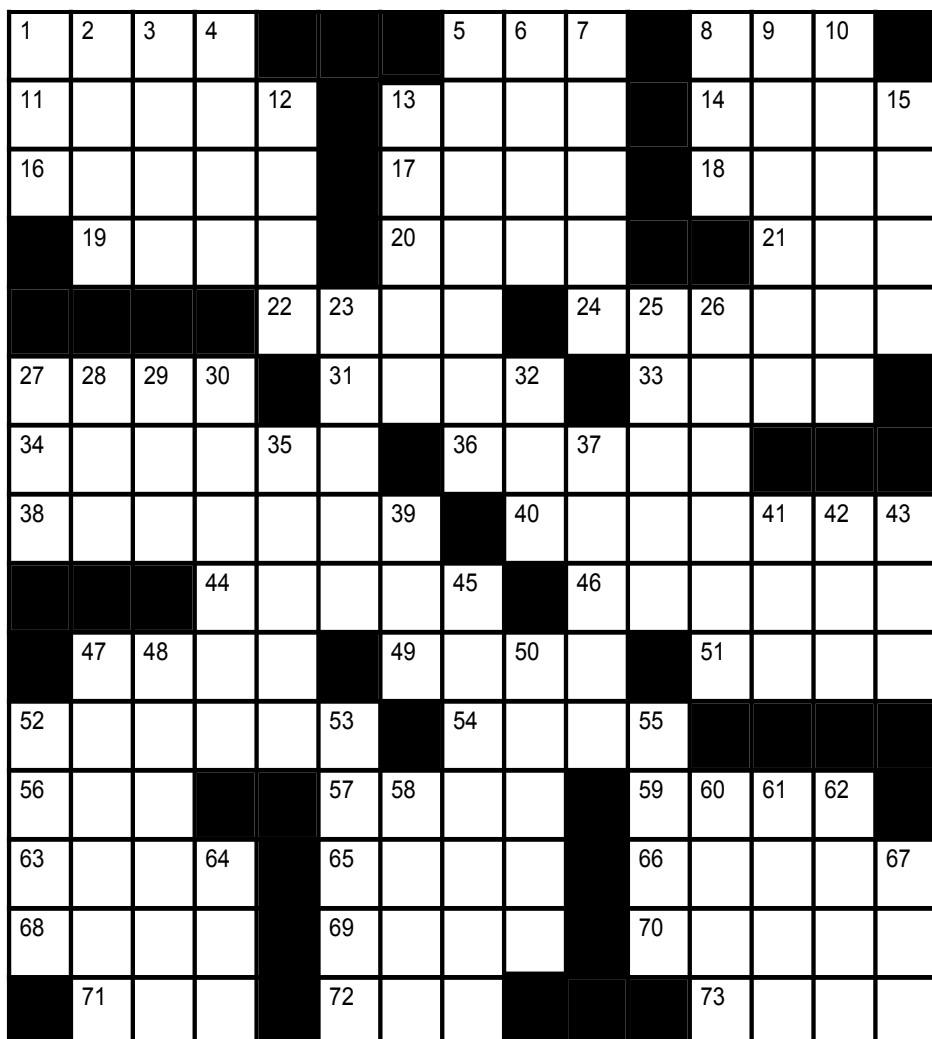
Each month 5 winners of the FCSU Puzzle Contest will be announced in this section.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JULY CONTEST WINNERS

- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Patrick Pharo, Br 24</b>     | <b>Ann Marie Hricko, Br 382</b>  |
| <b>Rudolph Holloman, Br 162</b> | <b>Mary Ann Gillooly, Br 587</b> |
| <b>Mary Jo Zima, Br 796</b>     |                                  |

**KEEP PUZZLING!**

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Bit of baby talk
- 5 Place to relax
- 8 The land of \_\_\_
- 11 Cake topper
- 13 Glance over
- 14 Dundee denizen
- 16 Trial's partner
- 17 Essential
- 18 Clearasil target
- 19 Sicilian erupter
- 20 One of four Holy Roman emperors
- 21 It has strings attached
- 22 Damon of "Good Will Hunting"
- 24 Court figures
- 27 Show the way
- 31 Kind of phone
- 33 Obligation
- 34 Owing big bucks
- 36 Downy duck
- 38 Take apart
- 40 Shoreline problem
- 44 Buenos \_\_\_
- 46 Main course
- 47 Make one
- 49 Falafel bread
- 51 Native of Novi Sad
- 52 Jacqueline Susann's "\_\_\_ of the Dolls"
- 54 Othello, e.g.

- 56 Assistance
- 57 Diamond Head locale
- 59 Sharpen
- 63 Certain hockey shot
- 65 Plumbing problem
- 66 Oil supporter
- 68 Forum wear
- 69 Feminine suffix
- 70 Indian coin
- 71 River to the Mississippi
- 72 Type of cabin
- 73 Wildcat

### Down

- 1 Expire
- 2 Part of a plot
- 3 Tabloid fodder
- 4 Erelong
- 5 Sink
- 6 Former
- 7 Playwright Chekhov
- 8 Secretive org.
- 9 Supernatural
- 10 Beast of burden
- 12 Fat unit
- 13 Walloped, old-style
- 15 Some souvenirs
- 23 Thespian
- 25 Ancient Greek theater
- 26 Explodes
- 27 Jar part
- 28 Chemical ending
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- 30 Particular
- 32 Fanciful story
- 35 Pickling liquid
- 37 Night vision
- 39 Slangy assent
- 41 Ill temper
- 42 Across, in verse
- 43 Beak
- 45 Sign of frustration
- 47 Prison guard
- 48 Time of life
- 50 Brownish gray
- 52 Like the Great Plains
- 53 Alpine call
- 55 Water pitcher
- 58 River of Tuscan
- 60 Drag
- 61 Catch sight of
- 62 Adolescent
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- 67 Superman foe \_\_\_ Luthor



# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BRANCH 1 – LAKEWOOD, OHIO

The next meeting of the Saint Joseph Society will be held November 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. at the Burntwood Tavern, 19304 Detroit Rd., Rocky River, OH 44116.

This will be our annual Christmas party and also the election of officers meeting.

Those interested in attending, please contact Rochelle Popovich at 216-789-6390 by November 1, 2023. All members are welcome to attend.

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

## BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 9:00AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Hall, 52 Parish St. Ramey, PA 16671. Election of officers will be held. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

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

## BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

We will hold our second annual meeting on Sunday Nov. 12, 2023, at 1:30 PM. The meeting place will be Denny's Family Restaurant on Theater Dr. in Richland, Johnstown PA. All members of Branch 23 are welcome. There will be an election of officers at this meeting.

Just a reminder to our Branch and District 7 members, again we will host a table at the Annual Slavic Festival. This event is being held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 & 16 at the Johnstown Area Heritage Association in Cambria City section of Johnstown. Admission is free to all. It is a fun and delightful event with good entertainment, music, and ethnic food to purchase. People come from all over to attend this Festival. If anyone would like to join us to represent FCSU at our booth, you are more than welcome. Any questions please call Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary, at (814) 254-2532.

Submitted by **Theresa Cassat, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2023, starting at 1PM. Branch 24 members will meet in the Walton Hills Village Hall, 7595 Walton Rd, Walton Hills, OH (corner of Alexander and Walton Rds; the parking lot is off of Alexander Road). Lunch will be served directly after the meeting. All members who plan to attend must call Branch 24 Fraternal Activities Director Tom Ivanec at 440-668-7797 by October 18, 2023. On the agenda: election of officers, general branch business and fraternal activities. All members are welcome.

Submitted by **John Moynihan, President**

## BRANCH 38 - WHITE OAK, PA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38 will hold a virtual branch meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact Logan Haselhoff, Branch President, by calling 412-956-9411 or emailing LHASELHOFF@gmail.com, to set up the virtual meeting invitation and details. Attendees of this meeting will discuss 2023 Branch activities and plan for 2024. Our goal is to create a more unified environment. Additionally, Branch 38 officers will be elected at this meeting. All Branch 38 members are urged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of Branch 38.

Logan Haselhoff, President of Branch 38 and Britany Kowalski, Vice-President of Branch 38

Submitted by **Cathy Matta, Secretary/Treasurer**

## BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NY

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. after the Slovak mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and 1st Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, the election of officers, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Submitted by **Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

## ROČNA SCHŔDZA SV. MATÚŠA ČÍSLO 45 1KSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 1KSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 3. decembra 2023 o 13:00 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančnej správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie potom budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie. Úcti-

vo Vás žiadame, o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdzi.

Ďakujem s pozdravom, **Mária Jurási, pokladnička**

## BRANCH 60 - MCKEESPORT, PA

Branch 60 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at Bravo! Italian Kitchen (250 W. Bridge Street, West Homestead, PA 15120) at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officers' reports, upcoming events, and election of officers. All members are urged to attend.

Submitted by **Julie Perla, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 112, MAHANAY CITY, PA

A meeting for members of Branch 112 will be held via Zoom at 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 8, 2023. We will discuss the very successful National picnic that was held at Knoebel's Grove on July 15 and ideas for contributions to your favorite charities. If interested, please contact Karen Sterling [karenenglesterling@hotmail.com](mailto:karenenglesterling@hotmail.com) 570-640-1796 for more details.

Submitted by **Matthew Sterling, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, IL

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL. Election of officers and Charitable Donations are on the agenda. Luncheon will follow. Reserve your place by October 15 with Dorothy (708) 995 7378.

Submitted by **John Jurcenko, President**

## BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its branch meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Shoney Restaurant, Uniontown, PA. Breakfast will be served following the meeting. On the agenda: Officers' Reports will be given and branch activities will be discussed and the Election of Officers for 2024 will take place. Please call Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 before November 13, 2023, for reservations for you and your guest to attend the meeting.

Branch members are invited to participate in the WVU Medicine Uniontown Hospital Volunteer Services Annual Festival of Trees to be held November 29 thru December 13, 2023. The trees will be located in the main corridor off the hospital lobby. Tickets will be sold at \$2 each which are deposited at the trees of your choice. Drawing for winners will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. All winners will be notified if not present. Winners will receive the decorated tree and tree skirt. Proceeds from this event will be used in support of Volunteer Patient Projects. Branch 162 members will decorate the 7ft slim tree with decorations provided by the branch with this year's theme being "Winter Wonderland/Frosty Christmas". All members are welcome to decorate on Friday, November 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby corridor.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

Submitted by **Dolores Marmol, Secretary**

## BRANCH 166 - BINGHAMTON, NY

Greetings members of St. Joseph the Protector, Branch 166! Fall will soon be upon us; hope you enjoyed your Summer! We had a nice time at the Ice Cream Social on August 5th at the Schoolhouse Creamery in Windsor, NY, the weather was perfect! Thank you to all who came out to make this event possible!

A semi-annual meeting is planned for Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. The location will be announced in the October issue of the Jednota. Come join us to find out about upcoming events and plan some events of our own. This meeting is also for the election of officers; your attendance is greatly encouraged! A meal will be provided free for members of Branch 166 and our yearly Birthday celebration for members is also planned. Join us for food, fellowship, and a fun time!

For information on the upcoming November 5th meeting, contact Morgan Dendler at 607-206-7243 or email us at [catholicfcsu@gmail.com](mailto:catholicfcsu@gmail.com). Until next time enjoy what's left of Summer!

Submitted by **Judie Dendler, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PA

Branch 181 members are invited to the dinner meeting at Aroma Italiano at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The restaurant is located at 220 Ligonier St, Latrobe, PA 15650. BYOB if desired.

Reservations are required so please RSVP by Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Walk-ins without a reservation will not be served dinner.

RSVP to Vicki at 724-547-0803 or Darlene at 724-493-8712. The meeting agenda will include Election of Officers.

Submitted by **Vicki Hricik, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge Br. 228 will hold their next meeting on September 18, 2023, at 7 P.M. IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. Beginning in 2023, all quarterly meetings (March, June, September, and December) will be held in the IN-PERSON format at the American Slovak Club. All other monthly meetings will be held in the VIRTUAL format using the FreeConferenceCall.com Audio Conferencing service we have used since late 2020. All meetings will be conducted on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 P.M. Please keep in mind that there are no meetings held in the months of January, February, July, or August. You may contact Lisa at 440-773-1442 for specific instructions to attend virtually if needed.

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

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 259 – STRUTHERS, OH

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259 will hold their Annual Meeting at Donavito's, 139 S. Bridge St., Struthers, OH on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. We will have an election of officers for the coming year 2024 followed by a luncheon. Reservations are to be made by calling 330-755-8316.

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

Submitted by **Beverly Yurcisin, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 276 - MCKEESPORT PA

Our next branch meeting will be held Sunday, November 12 at 1 PM at Eat & Park Restaurant on Route 30, North Versailles PA, across from the post office and Great Valley Shopping Center. We will hear reports from the treasurer and financial secretary and will discuss upcoming district events. Officers for 2024 will be elected. Meeting dates for next year will be selected.

Submitted by **Margaret A Nasta, President,**

## BRANCH 313 - CHICAGO, IL

Happy Autumn, Jednota Members! Branch 313 will be holding its 2nd semi-annual meeting for the year 2023, on the date of October 24th at 11:30am. The meeting will be held at Fox's on Wolf at the location of 11247 W 187th St, Mokena, IL 60448. This meeting will include the "Election of Officers". And will be followed by a complimentary fraternal luncheon. Please R.S.V.P. to Financial Secretary Jennifer Carlton at 708-475-8042 by October 21st, 2023. Branch members are encouraged to attend! We hope to see you there! God Bless!

Submitted by **Jennifer Carlton, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

ALL Branch 320 members: Officers Board Meeting on September 17 at 1pm at the home of Frances Tarquinio to discuss upcoming events.

FCSU 2023 Scholarship Fund applications are due October 31. Please see the Jednota for details.

In-House Transfer Offer: FCSU is offering a 6% rate on in-house transfers. Members are encouraged to explore their options. This offer expires October 31. Please see the Jednota for details.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL EVENTS:  
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 RSVP ASAP. There will be a stipen for

eligible Branch 320 members. Please see this issue of Jednota for details.

COMMUNITY SLOVAK EVENTS:

Branch 320 members expressing interest in Septemberfest 2023, please RSVP to Frances Tarquinio. There will be a pierogi stipend for eligible Branch 320 members. This year's event will be held at The National Slovak Society Museum (McMurray, PA) on September 30, from 11 AM to 4 PM. \*\*FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC\*\*

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

## BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PA

Branch 382K Schedules Fall Meeting and Election of Officers

Saints Cyril & Methodius Society, Branch 382K of Scranton, PA, will conduct its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Officers and members will gather at 12:30 P.M. in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include a report by the Branch officers and the representatives to the District 17 meeting.

A report of the August 26 Branch Picnic will be presented.

Members will also discuss future branch activities, donations, and the Annual Report for 2023. Information from the home office will be disseminated.

Election of officers for 2023-24 will be held.

Refreshments and socializing will follow. All members are urged to attend.

Officers of the Branch are: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, President; Michael J. Czankner, Vice President; Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., Treasurer; Laura Christianson, Recording Secretary; and John J. Slovenkai, Sr., Financial Secretary.

Submitted by **Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, President**

## BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PA

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 393 is offering a limited number of discounted tickets to their members for the December 3, 2023, District 3 Štedrý Večer. Interested members should contact branch secretary Eileen Myers at 724-539-2764 prior to September 25.

Submitted by **Eileen Myers, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 401 - EAST VANDERGRIFT, PA

St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 401 of East Vandergrift, PA, invites all branch members to attend the 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, October 28, at 4:30. This meeting will be held at Anna's Cucina Rustica restaurant located at 118 Carolina St. Vandergrift, PA 15690. Members are encouraged to attend as upcoming activities will be discussed and 2024 officers will be elected.

Submitted by **Kathy Froncek, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PA

The SS. Peter and Paul Branch 410 will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 19, 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, October 16, 2023, at 724-425-2576.

Submitted by **Geraldine Buchheit, Secretary**

## BRANCH 450 - CLEVELAND, OH

St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The meeting will be held at 11:00am at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129.

On the agenda will be officers' reports, discussion of branch activities for members and other business pertaining to the branch. The election of branch officers for 2024 will take place at this meeting.

All branch members are welcome and urged to attend. Please call George Carny at (440) 885-5702 if planning to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Submitted by **George Carny, President**

## BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553 will be holding a Branch Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2023 (last meeting of the year). The meeting will be held at the "J" Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 4431 at 1:00 pm. The Branch will be electing officers for the 2024 year. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors – submit your letter of intent by November 1,

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2023, addressed to the Nominating Committee care of the J club. You must list the position you wish to fill in your letter.

Mark your calendar for the following events:

9/20	Meat Loaf Dinner	Served
4:30-6:30 pm. Reservations required by Tuesday 9/19 330-786-9972		
9/29	Breakfast Buffet	Served
9:00 -11:45 am		
10/4	All You Can Eat Spaghetti	Served
4:30-7:30 pm		
10/11	Bus Trip to Wheeling Casino	Cost
\$45.00 per person, you will receive \$20.00 free play and \$10.00 Food Voucher. Call Joan Lewis at 330-730-8285 by 9/26 to reserve a spot on the bus.		
10/14	Casino Night	Appetizer
Buffet 6 pm; Gaming 7-10pm		
10/18	Pork Chop Dinner	Served
4:30-6:30 pm Reservations required by Tuesday 10/17 330-786-9972		
10/28	125 Club Dinner	Year
End Drawing 7 Buffet – Members will be notified at a later date.		
10/29	Breakfast Buffet	Served
9:00-11:45 am		
11/19	Branch Lodge Meeting	Last
meeting of year – election of officers for 2024.		

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

## BRANCH 670 - DONORA, PA

Branch 670 will hold a hybrid meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 11:30 AM (location to be determined). This meeting will be the election of officers for 2024. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, the meeting will also be held via Zoom. Any branch member wanting to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact [branch670secretary@gmail.com](mailto:branch670secretary@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. All Branch 670 members are invited to attend the meeting. More information to come.

Submitted by **Maureen Massafra**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 716- NEW YORK, NY

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. 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 716 – NEW YORK, NY

The St. Stephen Society Branch 716 will hold its

second semiannual meeting of the year 2023 on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023. The meeting will be held in person at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York, NY following the conclusion of the Slovak Mass at 12:30 pm. The agenda will include the year 2023 financial report updates, as well as the election for Branch Officers for the year 2024. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting and all members of Branch 716 are highly encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Emily Lysáková**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Saint Joseph Branch 731 members will meet on Sunday, September 10, 2023. The meeting will be at Café 422, 8586 South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio, at 5:00 PM. We will decide if we want a Christmas celebration this year, and what activities we will have in 2024.

IMPORTANT: November 12, 2023, at 5:00 pm we will have election of officers for 2024. The meeting will also be at Café 422.

Submitted by **Maura Blumer**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 743--- STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. On the agenda will be Officer's Report, 2023 financial report, approval of the 2024 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2024 Branch Officers will also take place.

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

The annual meeting will follow the Slovak Mass in the Church Social Hall at 1:30.

Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

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

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

Submitted by **Joseph C Rimarcik**, **President & Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

FALL EVENTS:

Members are encouraged to attend the annual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 23rd. Rosary recitation begins at 1:30 PM followed by mass at 2:00 PM (SPECIAL NOTE: THESE ARE NEW TIMES).

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg and FCSU Protector will celebrate the 58th anniversary of our Slovak Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Members can contact Mary Ann at 732-589-1608 after the event to confirm attendance for travel reimbursement.

The Slovak Heritage Festival will take place on Sunday, September 24th at the Middlesex County Fair Grounds (655 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, NJ). Holy Mass is at 10:00 AM. Program starts at 1:30 PM. For more information, go to <http://www.slovak-fest.com>.

The annual Slovak Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Haverstraw will start with an outdoor mass at 11:30 AM on Sunday, October 1st. Priests will be available for confession prior to the mass. The day will conclude at 2:30 PM with the recitation of the Rosary along Rosary Way. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. If interested, please contact Fr. Chanas at 212-734-4613 or Maria Bozekova at 347-612-1934. The cost is \$10.00.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**, **Secretary**

## BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NJ

Members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7:00 PM (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Masses are offered for the intention of all Branch 746 members living and deceased on November 3, 2023, and December 1, 2023.

The mass on October 6, 2023, is offered for blessings on Branch 746 on the occasion of its 101st Anniversary.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**, **Secretary**

## BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NJ

FALL MEETING:

Branch 746 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the basement meeting room of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. The meeting agenda will include discussion of plans for the Christmas party and activities for 2024. Lunch will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt @732- 762-3148 by October 7th if you plan on attending. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**, **Secretary**

## BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA, CANADA

On Sunday September 17, 2023, "Our Mother of Sorrows" celebration will be held with the 9am and 11am Slovak Masses at SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church, 5255 Thornwood Dr, Mississauga.

Branch 785 will co-sponsor a "Coffee & Bagel Breakfast" after the masses.

For more details, please call Anne Mitro (905) 279-8154.

Submitted by **Anne Mitro**, **Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 844 - LOS ANGELES, CA

St. Joseph Society, Branch 844 will hold its semi-annual Meeting on Saturday October 07, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831.

The Branch program will focus on Activities based on membership drive. Luncheon will be served directly after the meeting.

Submitted by **Milan Konkol**, **Secretary**

## BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Recently Branch 853 members enjoyed a branch event at the Washington County Agricultural Fair. Branch 853 member Susan Painter continued her winning expertise at canning, which was brought over by her grandparents from the Old Country. Congrats to Charles Boone for his blue ribbon on his recycling project and to Marianne Rodacy for her superb gardening skills which brought first place blue ribbons for her fruits.

Congrats to all Branch 853 members for participation in not only the Washington and Westmoreland County fairs in Pennsylvania, but also to the other branch 853 members participating in other states, counties, and parishes.

Submitted by **Monica Boone**, **President**

## 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.

- Johnstown Slavic Festival, September 15-16  
- Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - September 23

Contact the branch president at [FCSUBranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUBranch853@gmail.com) for details.

Submitted by **Monica Boone**, **President**

## BRANCH 855 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 855 will be hosting the District 10 meeting on October 15, 2023. The meeting will take place at Keystone Pavilion at West Creek Reservation at 2277 W. Ridgewood Dr in Parma, OH at 2:00pm. This is an election of officers meeting for the District. For details on becoming an officer see the District 10 Announcement in this issue.

The Keystone Shelter is an open-air pavilion so dress appropriately. We will have a fire burning in the huge fireplace and after the business meeting we will have a delicious fall cook out and possibly catch the Browns game. A collection of non-perishable items (canned goods, baby food, medicine, toiletries, cereals, rice, etc.) will take place for the West Side Catholic Center. Help fill the trunk!

We encourage all 855 members to attend and to bring their family.

Submitted by **Barbara Sutilla**, **President**

# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## DISTRICT 2 – REV JOHN J SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT, IL/IN/WI

District 2 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 1 at the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict Convent, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL.

A Fraternal social will begin at 1:30 pm followed by a meeting at 2:00 pm. At this meeting, we will have elections. A fraternal luncheon will follow.

Please reserve your place by calling Dorothy (708) 995 7378. Bring a raffle prize. Look forward to seeing you.

Submitted by **John Jurcenko**, **President**

## DISTRICT 3 – GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2023, after the 5:00 P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, Pa. We will meet in the Social Hall to elect new officers for the coming year, plan our upcoming Štedrý Večer and receive news from our branches. Food and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to me via email prior to September 23 at: [mamaonnet@aol.com](mailto:mamaonnet@aol.com). We look forward to a great turnout.

Submitted by **Linda L. Gonta**, **Secretary**

## DISTRICT 4 - MSGR. RURA DISTRICT, NJ

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the luncheon meeting at Carpaccio Ristorante, 651 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, NJ 08846. Please RSVP to Steve at 908-507-0505 or via email ([minarovich@hotmail.com](mailto:minarovich@hotmail.com)) by October 22nd if you plan on attending. The agenda will include the Election of Officers for 2024, as well as discussion of plans and activities for the next year. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

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The GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE outing will take place on Sunday, October 8th. Wear comfortable walking shoes as The Grounds is an outdoor sculpture and art exhibit. It is located at 80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Plan to meet at the entrance at 1:00pm. Please contact Stephanie @ 908-566-8175 for more information.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**, **Secretary**

## DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH PA

Thanks to Region 5 Director Brad Matta, District Activities Director Cathy Matta, and Branch 38 for hosting the tailgate at the baseball game on July 17. A bus load of Cleveland fans joined us as well. We are considering a return trip to Cleveland next year for another Pirates/Guardians game.

A September 23-24 bus trip is being planned for Mass at the Mother of Sorrows Chapel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. Contact Sue Ondrejco ASAP for reservations. Per person fare: Double/Single \$299/\$395. Highlights include Mass at the National Basilica, St John Paul II National Shrine, Toby's dinner theater, World War II Memorial, and more.

The Fall Business Meeting will be hosted by Branch 60 at 1 PM on Sunday, November 19 at Holy Trinity Church Hall, West Mifflin PA. 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 Monday's at the Mount Lebanon Public Library. Consider joining the organization and get their newsletter. Meetings resume in the Fall.

- Local Mother of Sorrows Mass - Thursday, September 14 - Holy Trinity in West Mifflin.

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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
102K	Edwin Zorechak	200K	Pauline Kamody	571K	Helen S Klanchar	900K	Barbara A Eichman
112K	Joseph C Basovsky	228K	James J Kokinda	581K	Philip R Saliga	916K	Keith V De Grush
144P	George Shofran Jr	238K	Michael A Fedor Jr	595K	Michael John Miller	916K	Marilyn Hernandez
153K	Francis Murrell Barrett	312K	William J Rosa	670K	John V Perunko	916K	Robert E Ahlstrom
157K	Edward M Bolcar Sr	315K	Joseph F Kushner	670K	Theodore F Bloom	921K	Ellen M Akotchik
162K	Antonia McClintock	320K	Barbara Ann Felak	682K	David E Bortmas	921K	Reta M Steele
162K	Margaret Hebda	320K	Michael Korba	702K	Francis L Stanko	924K	Alice M Christopher
166K	Gary Gaube	333K	John J Mickney	716K	Linda Marciniak	924K	Mildred G Honnis
173K	Carole A Mehalenko	367K	Richard Brenzy	731K	Robert J Chizmar	924K	Mildred G Honnis
181K	Edward C Kendi	382K	Frances Klem	733K	Charles S Harrington II	926K	Frederick E Day
181K	Eileen A Douglas	393K	Florence M Kruki	743K	Eileen Checkle	926K	Gary J Meulemans
199K	Anna Mae Henry	484K	Dolores Shedlock	746K	Robert Baran		
199K	Eugene E Andiorio	484K	Joseph P Vasilko	756K	Stephen J Sherry		
200K	Juliann Nagel	543K	Lillian K Lasek	855K	George F Baka Jr		
200K	Madeline Rogalski	553K	Pollyann M Fassnacht	856K	William J Tomey		

\* Processed in the month of August 2023

## Nekrológy – Obituaries

### Margaret F. Nasta, the Wife of FCSU National Vice President Damian D. Nasta, Passed into Eternal Life on August 7, 2023

#### MARGARET F. NASTA, BRANCH 857 - LEVITTOWN, PA

Margaret F. Nasta (Peggy) passed peacefully into eternal life on August 7, 2023, at the age of 71 after a several months long battle with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia.

Peggy was born on July 20, 1952, in Philadelphia, PA as Margaret Frances Guinter to the late Harry Lloyd Guinter and the late Margaret Mary Guinter (Hill). She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Damian Nasta, and their children Kelly Troland (Brian), Sharon Logan, Andrew Nasta (Danielle) and Nicole Nasta. Peggy was previously married to William Patrick Logan. She was the mom-mom to seven wonderful grandchildren (Ella, Ethan, Danny, David, Charleigh, Carter, and Lincoln). Peggy is also survived by her sister, Helen Strohecker (Bill), sister-in-law Connie Frantz, in-laws Donald and Charlotte Nasta, brothers-in-law Rev. Thomas Nasta, James Nasta (Eva), Edward Nasta, many nieces and nephews, and many friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Marie Morris.

Peggy was a parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Levittown, PA where she did a lot of volunteering. While her children were attending there, she could be seen at the parish school many school days as a home-room parent, selling pretzels or doing other volunteer work. She would also usually be the team parent for her children's CYO sports teams. For several years, she was a tireless volunteer at the St. Michael's Parish Annual Fair either working the pizza or gaming tables, coordinating the parish volunteers, or helping with the ride ticket sales. Peggy also served for a time on the parish's CYO Athletic Association board as the fundraising officer. She was also a local branch officer of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

One thing that was important to Peggy



was children; regardless of if they were her children or not. She was careful that they were all treated fairly and equally; from trying to make sure everybody got the same number and value of Christmas gifts down to making sure everybody got the same number and color of jellybeans in their Easter baskets. When she served as the cookie mom for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, she made sure every girl got credit for the

same amount of sales, regardless of how many they sold.

Peggy worked for several years in a few jobs such as collections, accounts payable and payroll, but it wasn't until around the year 2000 that she found her passion in working with small children. Without any formal training, Peggy began volunteering at the parish school as a teacher's assistant in the pre-kindergarten classroom. A few years after that, she got a job working a similar role at Bucks County Community College in the Early Learning Center where she worked for 17 years, retiring in June 2020. There she worked with 3-5-year-olds, helping the children learn their letters, numbers, colors, how to play games, sing, dance and how to get along with each other. She would spend many hours at home researching ideas for activity centers to do with the children the next week. It was work she truly enjoyed doing.

Peggy touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Almost everyone who knew her would say she was the sweetest and most generous person they knew. Someone described her with the scout motto of Always be Prepared as she always was; ready to give of herself and would always seem to have that odd something you needed in her purse.

Special thanks go to the administration and staff of Arden Courts Promedica Memory Care in Hatboro, PA, and the Angelica Hospice for the absolute wonderful care they provided Peggy during the last 4+ months.

Donations can be made in her name to: St. Michael the Archangel Memorial Fund 66 Levittown Parkway Levittown, PA 19054, or the First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship Fund, 6611 Rockside Road Independence, OH 44131.

Family and friends were received at the James O. Bradley Funeral Home, Inc.,

Penndel, PA on Sunday, August 13, 2023. A mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Levittown PA on Monday August 14, 2023. The main celebrant was her brother-in-law Rev. Thomas Nasta.

Submitted by Damian Nasta

#### THEODORE FRANKLIN BLOOM, BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PA

Theodore Franklin Bloom Jr., 71, of Greensburg, PA, formerly of Roscoe, PA, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Exela Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, PA.

Ted was born March 3, 1951, in Connellsville, PA. He is the son of the late Theodore F. Bloom Sr. and Alberta Baldwin Bloom. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Guiler Bloom.

Ted worked for Guttman Supply, Belle Vernon, PA, Mon Valley Transit Authority, and Denny's Engine Machine Shop in Coal Center, PA. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing.

Left to cherish his memory is his brother, Dennis Bloom and wife Veronica, of Brownsville, PA; niece, Amy Guty and husband Greg; great-nieces, Ashtyn Guty and Aubrey Guty; and great-great-niece, Avery Guty, all of Seven Fields, PA.

The family would like to thank the staff of Twin Lakes Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Greensburg, PA for their compassionate care of Ted. To honor Ted's wishes, funeral services were private under the direction of Leo M. Bacha Funeral Home in Greensburg.

Submitted by Dennis Bloom

#### FRANCES ANN KARZENIOWSKI, BRANCH 45: NEW YORK, NY

Frances Ann Karzeniowski, of Yonkers, NY, Fort Pierce, FL, and Valhalla, NY, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at age 90.

Francis the dear Godmother of 4, sister-

in-law of Elizabeth Drobnak and is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Stefan and Anna (Kovalick) Drobnak, her husband, Michael Karzeniowski, brothers Andrew, Stephen, and John Drobnak, and sister Anna Harvanka.

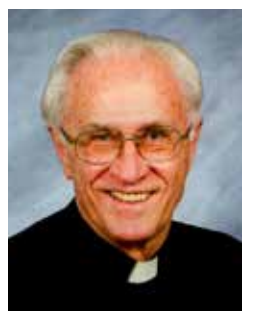
Visitation was at Duchynski-Cherko (in Community Home for Funerals, Yonkers, NY) on May 8, 2018. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 9, 2018, in St. Casimir's Church in Yonkers. Interment followed at Oakmont Cemetery.

Submitted by Stephen F. Drobnak

#### REV. EDWARD E. MEHOK, BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

Rev. Edward E. Mehok, Senior Priest retired age 90, died Feb. 19, 2023. He was born on Sept. 25, 1932, in Akron, Ohio. Beloved son of the late Stephen and Mary A. (née Phillips); dear brother of Donald (wife Bonnie); also survived by six nieces and nephews and 13 great nieces and nephews of which he officiated many baptisms and weddings.

He was educated at St. John the Baptist Elementary School, St. Vincent High School, both in Akron, The University of Akron, St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati and St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 18 May 1957, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Archbishop Edward F. Hoban ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Dio-



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## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- NSS September Fest - Saturday, September 30 - 11 AM to 4 PM - 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray PA 15317 - vendors, Slovak food, Giggles the Clown, Polka Classics and the Pittsburgh Slovaks - free admission.  
- Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt - Sunday, November 5 - 1 to 5 PM - performers, vendors, food - free admission.  
- Slovak Radio Program - WPIT 96.5 FM; 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. FCSU insurance information and scholarship information can be found at [www.FCSU.com](http://www.FCSU.com).

Submitted by Margaret A Nasta, Secretary

### DISTRICT 7 - REV JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT, PA

District 7 will hold its Second Annual Meeting on Sunday Oct. 22, 2023. The meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall 185 Church Hill Rd, Portage, PA 15946. We hope to start the meeting at 1:30pm.

Ladies of the church will be cooking the delicious Slovak Food for this meeting. If you come to the meeting, you will enjoy it.

Election for Officers will take place at this meeting. If you are a member of a Branch in this District, please attend. Any questions please call Theresa at 814 254 2532.

Submitted by Theresa Cassat, Vice President

### DISTRICT 8 - REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT, PA, NC

The Reverend Stephen Furdek District will hold its second meeting of 2023 via Zoom for all members on Sunday October 8, 2023, at 1 pm. This meeting will include election of District officers so please contact District Recording Secretary Jo Austin for meeting information at [jeaustin89@gmail.com](mailto:jeaustin89@gmail.com) or call 315.391.0526.

Submitted by Joanne Engle Austin, Recording Secretary

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

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 22 2023, at 1:00 PM at Dairy Queen Grill and Chill at 575 West Main Street Uniontown, PA.

District President and Regional Director James Marmol will be informing the members of upcoming Jednota events.

All members are urged to attend.

## Kentucky Derby Hat Contest Corrections

We are publishing the original photos submitted to the Jednota for the 2023 Kentucky Derby Hat Contest posted in the July issue. This was an editing mistake on our part as photos were cropped and zoomed in to better fit the page. We take our rules very seriously and assure all contestants followed the guidelines accordingly. Thank you for understanding.



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cese of Cleveland.

Fr. Mehok's first assignment was as Parochial Vicar of St. Catherine, Cleveland. On 21 June 1960, he was appointed to serve on the faculty of Borromeo College Seminary, Wickliffe. During this assignment he attended Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. to pursue further studies. On 29 August 1967 Fr. Mehok was named Vice Rector of Borromeo College. During this assignment he assumed the duties of Rector of Borromeo College until a new Rector was appointed (1972).

Fr. Mehok was assigned to serve as a member of the Pastoral Team for St. Felicitas, Euclid with residence at Borromeo Seminary effective 1 September 1973. During this assignment he served as Faithful Friar for Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Knights of Columbus Assembly #1767. On 1 January 1990 he was appointed to serve Notre Dame College, S. Euclid as Campus Minister and faculty member. Fr. Mehok was well read, loved teaching English Literature, having studied Old English at Cambridge University in England, and was dedicated to his priestly ministry. His gentle smile, pipe and tobacco in hand, friendly disposition and words of wisdom sprinkled with humor will be greatly missed.

The wake began with Vespers on Feb. 23, 2023, at St. John of the Cross Parish, in Euclid, Ohio, with Michael G. Woost serving as the presider and Fr. Marty Polito as the homilist. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 24, 2023, at St. John of the Cross Parish. Bishop Edward C. Malesic was the main celebrant and Fr. Dan Divis delivered the homily. A private interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron.

Submitted by Donald Mehok

Submitted by Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

### DISTRICT 10 – REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT, OH

The meeting for District 10 will take place on October 15, 2023, at 2:00pm. This meeting will be hosted by Branch 855 and will take place at the Keystone Shelter (Pavilion) at 2277 W. Ridgewood Dr. in Parma, OH. On the agenda – election of officers for 2024. If you would like to be an officer of the District (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor), please submit a Letter of Intent including the position you wish to be elected to. Please send your letter of intent to Linda M. Hanko at 1473 Ries St. in Barberton, OH 44203, or email [lhanko@neo.rr.com](mailto:lhanko@neo.rr.com). By October 8, 2023

We encourage all members of Branches (1, 24, 228, 450, 553, 855) in District 10 to join us at this meeting. We will be having a delicious fall cookout including hot dogs, kielbasa, chili, soups, and cold beverages. And if you are a Cleveland Browns fan, we hope to have the game playing also. This is a great family park to take your kids for a fall hike before or after the meeting. So come have some fraternal fellowship with other members of your district on a fall afternoon.

If you could RSVP a headcount to Linda by calling or emailing that would be greatly appreciated. Tel. (330) 706-0151 or [lhanko@neo.rr.com](mailto:lhanko@neo.rr.com).

Submitted by Barbara Sutilla, Branch 855 President

### DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEPH TISO, PA

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 12 - MSGR ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT, PA

The Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District will hold the annual meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 1:00pm. The election of officers for 2024 will take place at this meeting.

A Zoom link will be sent to all Hlinka District members who attended the March 2023 meeting. Any district member wanting to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom can contact District Secretary Monica Boone at HYPERLINK "mailto:hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com" hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Hlinka District members are urged to attend.

More information will be forthcoming.

Submitted by Monica Boone, Recording Secretary

### 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, 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 possible due to unforeseen complications.

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

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

Submitted by John J. Leskovyansky, Jr., President

### DISTRICT 15 – LOS ANGELES, CA

The Prince Pribina District will hold a semi-annual Meeting on Saturday October 07, 2023.

Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: Activities focused on membership drive. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate.

Submitted by Paul Skuben, President

### SCHŌDZA OKRESU PRINC PRIBINA - LOS ANGELES, CA

Okres Princ Pribina bude mať schôdzu v sobotu 7-ho októbra 2023.

Schôdza začne o 11:00 hod. v Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Na programe je orientácia na aktivity zamerané na získanie nových členov.

Pozvaní sú členovia všetkých spolkov v okolí.

Predkladá Paul Skuben, predseda

### DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA, NEW YORK CITY, NY

Happy summer to all our members and friends of Jednota! The annual meeting District 16 of Msgr. Stephen Krasula in New York City will be held on Sunday October 22, 2023, at 1 pm at the rectory of the St. John Nepomucene Church.

The agenda will include discussion of upcoming activities for the year 2024.

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

Submitted by Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Financial Secretary

### DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHODIOUS DISTRICT – NY, PA

Saints Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties in Pennsylvania and Broome County in New York will conduct its Annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. Branch members will gather at Colarusso's Coal-Fired Pizza, 208 Main Street, Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

District President Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr. noted that the agenda will include reports from the officers and the Regional Director, future activities, and donations.

Election of officers for 2023-2024 will take place.

A luncheon buffet and socializing will follow. All branches are urged to send representatives to this meeting to meet one of their stipend qualifications.

Branches must contact District President Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr. at 570-342-7562 to confirm attendance by Tuesday, October 24, 2023 to provide the restaurant with an accurate count for the meal.

Colarusso's is easily accessed from Interstate 81. From Interstate 81 South, take Exit 190; at the light at the end of the ramp, turn right onto Main Street and go .3 (3/10) mile. From Interstate 81 North, take Exit 190; at the light at the end of the ramp, turn right onto Main Street and go approximately 1 block. The restaurant will be on your right. Parking is available in front of the restaurant and also in the lot across the street.

Submitted by Michael J Slovenkai, Sr., President

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

On Sunday September 17, 2023, "Our Mother of Sorrows" celebration will be held with the 9am and 11am Slovak Masses at SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church, 5255 Thornwood Dr, Mississauga.

Branch 785 will co-sponsor a "Coffee & Bagel Breakfast" after the masses.

For more details, please call Anne Mitro (905) 279-8154.

Submitted by Anne Mitro, Recording Secretary



Statement as of June 30, 2023 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**  
**ASSETS**

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds .....	484,936,862		484,936,862	484,151,207
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks .....	4,250,000		4,250,000	4,250,000
2.2 Common stocks .....	1,845,806		1,845,806	2,115,136
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens .....	41,773,066		41,773,066	35,714,386
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	0
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$ encumbrances) .....	463,310		463,310	473,127
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$ ..... encumbrances) .....	261,049		261,049	280,712
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$ encumbrances) .....			0	0
5. Cash (\$ ..... 12,271,114 ), cash equivalents (\$ ..... ) and short-term investments (\$ ..... 7,059,300 ) .....	19,330,414		19,330,414	27,510,198
6. Contract loans (including \$ ..... premium notes) .....	1,186,999		1,186,999	1,183,895
7. Derivatives .....			0	0
8. Other invested assets .....	7,338,111		7,338,111	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	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11) .....	561,385,617	0	561,385,617	562,506,311
13. Title plants less \$ ..... charged off (for Title insurers only) .....			0	0
14. Investment income due and accrued .....	6,081,119		6,081,119	6,096,045
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection .....	102,181		102,181	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) .....	567,569,467	550	567,568,917	568,716,615
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts .....			0	0
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27)	567,569,467	550	567,568,917	568,716,615



Statement as of June 30, 2023 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**  
**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) .....	483,658,437	480,814,261
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$ ..... Modco Reserve) .....		0
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$ ..... Modco Reserve).....	19,985,118	25,790,038
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life .....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health .....		0
5. Policyholders' dividends/refunds to members \$ ..... and coupons \$ ..... due and unpaid .....		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) .....		
6.2 Policyholders' dividends and refunds to members not yet apportioned (including \$ ..... Modco) ....	400,000	400,000
6.3 Coupons and similar benefits (including \$ ..... Modco) .....		
7. Amount provisionally held for deferred dividend policies not included in Line 6 .....		
8. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$ ..... discount; including \$ ..... accident and health premiums .....	46,905	51,250
9. Contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
9.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts .....		
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 .....		
9.3 Other amounts payable on reinsurance, including \$ ..... assumed and \$ ..... ceded .....	0	0
9.4 Interest Maintenance Reserve .....	668,405	818,116
10. Commissions to agents due or accrued-life and annuity contracts \$ ..... , accident and health \$ ..... and deposit-type contract funds \$ .....	147,726	83,408
11. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed .....		
12. General expenses due or accrued .....	27,332	43,770
13. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$ ..... accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves, net of reinsured allowances) .....		
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) .....		
15.2 Net deferred tax liability .....		
16. Unearned investment income .....		
17. Amounts withheld or retained by reporting entity as agent or trustee .....	6,421,480	6,336,662
18. Amounts held for agents' account, including \$ ..... agents' credit balances .....		
19. Remittances and items not allocated .....		
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 .....		
22. Borrowed money \$ ..... and interest thereon \$ .....		
23. Dividends to stockholders declared and unpaid .....		
24. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
24.01 Asset valuation reserve .....	4,594,383	4,272,163
24.02 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$ ..... ) companies .....		0
24.03 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$ ..... ) reinsurers .....		
24.04 Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates .....		
24.05 Drafts outstanding .....		
24.06 Liability for amounts held under uninsured plans .....		
24.07 Funds held under coinsurance .....		
24.08 Derivatives .....	0	0
24.09 Payable for securities .....		1,000,000
24.10 Payable for securities lending .....		
24.11 Capital notes \$ ..... and interest thereon \$ .....		
25. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities .....	555,544	404,114
26. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 25) .....	516,833,682	520,342,069
27. From Separate Accounts Statement .....		
28. Total liabilities (Lines 26 and 27) .....	516,833,682	520,342,069
29. Common capital stock .....		
30. Preferred capital stock .....		
31. Aggregate write-ins for other than special surplus funds .....	0	0
32. Surplus notes .....		
33. Gross paid in and contributed surplus .....		
34. Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds .....	0	0
35. Unassigned funds (surplus) .....	50,735,235	48,374,546
36. Less treasury stock, at cost:		
36.1 ..... shares common (value included in Line 29 \$ ..... ) .....		
36.2 ..... shares preferred (value included in Line 30 \$ ..... ) .....		
37. Surplus (Total Lines 31+32+33+34+35-36) (including \$ ..... in Separate Accounts Statement) .....	50,735,235	48,374,546
38. Totals of Lines 29, 30 and 37 .....	50,735,235	48,374,546
39. Totals of Lines 28 and 38 (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3) .....	567,568,917	568,716,615



**Statement as of June 30, 2023 of the FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**  
**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 .....	21,383,855	34,173,227	54,622,568
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			0
3. Net investment income .....	13,037,360	11,297,634	23,556,485
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR) .....	191,433	197,264	396,681
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains or losses .....			0
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded .....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded .....			0
8. Miscellaneous Income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			0
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts .....			0
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income .....	2,512	18,353	27,608
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3) .....	34,615,160	45,686,478	78,603,342
10. Death benefits .....	1,170,657	1,753,240	3,043,549
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments) .....			0
12. Annuity benefits .....	25,733,990	11,660,395	31,198,563
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts .....			0
14. Coupons, guaranteed annual pure endowments and similar benefits .....			0
15. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts .....	317,715	293,238	545,470
16. Group conversions .....			0
17. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds .....	(34,145)	(63,490)	1,383,366
18. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies .....			0
19. Increase in aggregate reserves for life and accident and health contracts .....	2,844,176	27,281,123	34,626,910
20. Totals (Lines 10 to 19) .....	30,032,393	40,924,506	70,797,858
21. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations, and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only) .....	470,852	648,799	1,031,744
22. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed .....			
23. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses .....	2,212,721	2,129,820	3,600,342
24. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees, excluding federal income taxes .....	77,995	72,094	127,931
25. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums .....			0
26. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance .....			0
27. Aggregate write-ins for deductions .....	(425,207)	(418,743)	(863,490)
28. Totals (Lines 20 to 27) .....	32,368,754	43,356,476	74,694,385
29. Net gain from operations before dividends to policyholders and federal income taxes (Line 9 minus Line 28) .....	2,246,406	2,330,002	3,908,957
30. Dividends to policyholders and refunds to members .....	153,502	151,530	435,949
31. Net gain from operations after dividends to policyholders, refunds to members and before federal income taxes (Line 29 minus Line 30) .....	2,092,904	2,178,472	3,473,008
32. Federal and foreign income taxes incurred (excluding tax on capital gains) .....			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) .....	2,092,904	2,178,472	3,473,008
34. Net realized capital gains (losses) (excluding gains (losses) transferred to the IMR) less capital gains tax of \$ .....	1,915	(109,928)	450,111
35. Net income (Line 33 plus Line 34) .....	2,094,819	2,068,544	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) .....	2,094,819	2,068,544	3,923,119
38. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$ .....	565,945	(1,342,497)	(1,648,565)
39. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss) .....			
40. Change in net deferred income tax .....			
41. Change in nonadmitted assets .....			0
42. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies .....			0
43. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis, (increase) or decrease .....			0
44. Change in asset valuation reserve .....	(322,220)	(95,034)	(547,955)
45. Change in treasury stock .....			0
46. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period .....		0	
47. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement .....			
48. Change in surplus notes .....			
49. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles .....			
50. Capital changes:			
50.1 Paid in .....			0
50.2 Transferred from surplus (Stock Dividend) .....			
50.3 Transferred to surplus .....			
51. Surplus adjustment:			
51.1 Paid in .....	0	0	0
51.2 Transferred to capital (Stock Dividend) .....			0
51.3 Transferred from capital .....			
51.4 Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance .....			
52. Dividends to stockholders .....			
53. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus .....	22,145	(717)	(9,660)
54. Net change in capital and surplus for the year (Lines 37 through 53) .....	2,360,689	630,296	1,716,939
55. Capital and surplus, as of statement date (Lines 36 + 54) .....	50,735,235	47,287,903	48,374,546



# Minutes Of The Executive Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, July 25, 2023, Videoconference

**OPEN MEETING:**

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Vice President Damian Nasta to lead the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the June 10, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Kevin J. Collins to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction and Review Report. Each member of the Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Investment Updates

The President and 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 President and the Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the second quarter of 2023 and answered the Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

The President and 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 President and the Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of June 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 June:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	217,342.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	67,368.00
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 and he answered the Committee's questions.

**ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:**

Annuity Rates:

The President led a review of the current annuity campaign that began May 1, 2023. There has been a favorable response to the program.

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

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

The President led a discussion on rebranding the FCSU logo and a marketing program for our insurance and annuity products.

The President stated that he is working with our actuary consultants to develop an insurance campaign that should be finalized by the end of the year. Details will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

The Executive Secretary is reviewing our current ads and working with local radio stations. There is currently an ad running with the Cleveland Guardians and he is finalizing an ad to run with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

**FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

The Executive Secretary led a review of the National Picnic held at Knoebels Amusement Resort in Pennsylvania on July 15, 2023. He stated that we had over 200 members attend and that a Mass was celebrated by our National Chaplain Rev. Thomas Nasta. The event was very successful. He wanted to thank the Home Office staff and Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi for all their hard work.

The Executive Secretary gave a summary of the Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Cleveland Guardians major league baseball game held on July 17, 2023. He stated we had 144 members who attended the game in Pittsburgh. He wanted to thank Regional Director Bradley Matta and Cathy Matta for sponsoring the tailgate party before the game. We hope to hold more joint events in the future.

The Executive Secretary stated that we have over 200 members registered for our National Picnic on July 29, 2023 at Wiegand Lake Park in Ohio. The Home Office is working with Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi on organizing the picnic.

The Executive Secretary stated that the International Golf tournament will be held August 19-20, 2023 in Canfield, Ohio.

The Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi is working on ideas for more fraternal events and contests.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The President wants to remind everyone that if the Branches/Districts have any questions, they should contact Barbara at branch@fcsu.com or district@fcsu.com.

**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 J. Collins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Damian Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt  
 President

Kevin J. Collins  
 Executive Secretary

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

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**8:00am Meeting**

**Mass will be at 4:30pm**

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

Officers who are required to give reports at the Quarterly Meeting should send them to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office on or before Friday, September 15, 2023.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kevin J. Collins and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to September 15, 2023.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held following the Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

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

Kenneth A. Arendt  
 National President

Kevin J. Collins  
 Executive Secretary

## Answer to Crossword Puzzle

*Solution to  
 Puzzle from  
 page 15*

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## The FCSU sponsors one of the biggest Slovak festivals in America!

All FCSU Members are invited to attend the 45th Slovak Heritage Festival in New Jersey. We hope to see many of you there!

45TH SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
IN NEW JERSEY  
24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

## PROGRAM 2023

**CATHOLIC MASS**  
10:30 AM

**MAIN PROGRAM**  
1:30 PM

**LIMBORÁČIK**  
2 PM | CHILDREN'S FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE | NEW YORK | NEW YORK

**LIPKA**  
2:30 PM | CHILDREN'S FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE | LINDEN | NEW JERSEY

**LITMANIVKY**  
3:40 PM | FEMALE FOLK SINGING GROUP | LITMANOVÁ | SLOVAKIA

**ŠARIŠAN**  
4:30 PM | FOLK ENSEMBLE | PREŠOV | SLOVAKIA

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