



## FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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Dear Rev. Thomas Nasta, President Kenneth Arendt, Executive Officers and fellow members of the FCSU Board of Directors,

I attended all board meetings either by attendance or teleconference and also at the request of the president. A special board meeting was held on Jan. 21, 2023 where I was in attendance and also the executive board meeting where I attended by teleconference and was held on August 28, 2023. I attended meetings of the Frank T. Holly, Jr. District #9 in March, July and October, 2023, the Rev. John Martvon District #7 meeting on October 22, 2023 and two meetings of the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District #12 in March and November, 2023. I attended one district meeting of the George Onda District #3 in September, 2023 and the very popular Vilije dinner on December 3, 2023. I attended the meeting of Branch 393 in Greensburg, PA to re-establish their branch and elect new officers on August 20, 2023.

Some of the other activities included attending the National Picnic in Novelty, OH on July 29, 2023 and paid last respects to Margaret Nasta, the loving wife of our Vice President, Damian Nasta, with a visit to Pendel, PA on August 13, 2023. I had the opportunity and honor to do the second reading at a mass held in the crypt of the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C. to honor the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our Slovak sponsored Mother of Sorrow Chapel. I attended the summer picnic of the George Onda District in June, 2023 and the Branch 181 meeting on October 14, 2023.

2024 looks to be a very active year with many more activities planned locally as well as nationally. Consider attending the Johnstown, PA Slovak Festival which will be held on September 20-21, 2024. All the activities, friends, ethnic foods and drinks make it a wonderful experience which I had the pleasure to experience for the past two years. Note that all of our fraternal events can be found on our website, <https://www.fcsu.com/events> and in our Jednota newspaper. Please save the dates of these activities and I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year.



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I have encouraged and invited others to become more involved with our fraternal and I look forward to even more success in the year ahead. I have maintained my Pennsylvania fraternal insurance license and will continue to promote our insurance and annuity programs while inspiring other members to become fraternal agents.

I'd like to thank all my fraternal brothers and sisters for their past hospitality where both my wife and I were graciously welcomed at district meetings, regional and national events. I hope that I can inspire more members to participate in their branch, district and national activities this coming year. It truly was a pleasure to serve as your regional director this past year and I look forward to serving my term over the next three (3) years. Our new administration has implemented a new vision for our fraternal and you have seen the many changes and increased activities. I support those efforts and encourage our membership to become more active. So, stay tuned and get involved! There is much more to do to help grow our society with fraternal strength in God, country and family. I'd like to recognize our Executive officers in their accomplishments this past year and all of their extended efforts in helping move our fraternal forward.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at my home at 724-437-0892, on my cell at 724-970-7642 or by email at "[jrmarmol@verizon.net](mailto:jrmarmol@verizon.net)".

Respectfully and fraternally,

James R. Marmol, Regional Director, Region IV