

Dear Reverend Nasta, President Arendt, Executive Officers, and Fellow Board Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union:

In 2023, my Region saw an increase in the number of meetings, events and activities that our members were able to attend in person. As the Regional Director, I helped organize as well as attended many of these functions.

In 2023, 99 members and guests of all 6 branches of District 10 attended a minor league Cleveland Monsters hockey game in March. In April, 48 members from Branches 24 and 855 attended the Tamburitzans concert in Cleveland.

In July, over 40 members of Districts 10 and 14 travelled by bus and car to PNC Park in Pittsburgh to attend the Pittsburgh Pirates/Cleveland Guardians baseball game. Close to 100 of our Pittsburgh Jednota brothers and sisters waited for us to arrive for a pre-game tailgate hosted by Branch 38. Also in July, I personally contacted and encouraged the participation of all members on a region-wide basis to attend the FCSU National picnic at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, OH. As mentioned in my previous reports, many members of the local Cleveland area Slovak-American social clubs are also our members, attending the events and in many instances, volunteering to work at the events. In August, the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club hosted its annual outdoor picnic/festival at St Sava's picnic grounds in Broadview Heights, OH. I helped organize and manage the participation of four local area FCSU branches at this popular event. Members of Branches 1, 24, 450, and 855 were offered free food & beverage tickets by their branch: a total of 71 members attended. Also in August, District 10 once again offered a fraternal event at the minor league ballpark in Avon, OH, for the Lake Erie Crushers game. Sixty-four members and guests enjoyed a baseball game and a picnic. In September, I coordinated participation of 36 members from Branches 24 and 855 in the Slovak Heritage Society's annual outdoor Pig Roast at the Slovak Sokol Campground. Members of these two branches received discounted dinner tickets from their participating branch. Then in December, Branches 1, 24, 450, 553, and 855 attended the annual Benedictine Vilija on the grounds of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. The FCSU sponsored a money-tree raffle that benefited the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey. Also in December, I attended and donated a basket for raffle at the District 14 Christmas party in Austintown, OH. I participated in all National Board Meetings and at an Executive Committee Meeting by invitation of the National President.

I am proud to report that the active districts and branches of Region 6 continued to work hard to keep FCSU fraternalism alive and well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Region 6 Director

Breakdown of 2023 Events Attended by Date

- 1/19: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 1/21: National Board Meeting, Independence, OH
- 2/1: Branch 855 Meeting and Bowling, Akron, OH
- 3/9: Branch 260 Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 3/12: Branch 24 Meeting, Walton Hills, OH
- 3/18: District 10 Minor League Hockey Game, Cleveland, OH
- 3/20: Branch 228, Lorain, OH
- 3/21: District 14 Meeting, Poland, OH
- 3/25: National Board Meeting, Independence, OH
- 4/16: Branch 1 Meeting, Rocky River, OH
- 4/18: Branch 228 Meeting. Virtual
- 4/23: Tamburitzans Concert, Cleveland, OH
- 4/30: District 10 Meeting, Lorain, OH
- 5/21: Branch 553 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 6/10: National Board Meeting, Virtual
- 6/12: Funeral Hurland Parker, Jr., Akron, OH
- 6/19: Branch 228 Meeting, Lorain, OH
- 7/9: Branch 731 Meeting, Boardman, OH
- 7/15: National Picnic, Elysburg, PA
- 7/17: Pirates vs Guardians Baseball Game, Pittsburgh, PA
- 7/29: National Picnic, Novelty, OH
- 8/12: Branch 24 Meeting and Picnic, Walton Hills, OH
- 8/14: Margaret Nasta Funeral, Levittown, PA
- 8/19: Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Picnic, Broadview Hts., OH
- 8/22: Branch 855 Meeting, Brecksville, OH
- 8/26: District 10 Minor League Baseball Game, Avon, OH
- 9/09: Slovak Heritage Society Pig Roast, Broadview Hts., OH
- 9/10: Branch 731 Meeting, Boardman, OH
- 9/13: Branch 682 Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 9/23: National Board Meeting, Hyattsville, MD
- 10/15: District 10 Meeting, Parma, OH
- 10/20: Executive Committee Meeting, Virtual
- 10/22: Branch 24 Meeting, Walton Hills, OH
- 11/7: District 14 Meeting, Poland, OH
- 11/12 Branch 731 Meeting, Boardman, OH
- 11/16: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 11/19: Branch 553 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 12/3: Benedictine Vilija, Cleveland, OH
- 12/5: Branch 259 Meeting, Struthers OH
- 12/9: Branch 855 Meeting, North Royalton, OH
- 12/12: District 14 Meeting/Christmas Party, Youngstown, OH
- 12/15: Branch 260 Meeting, Struthers. OH
- 12/16: National Board Meeting, Virtual