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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2006

Presented March 16, 2007

Fellow Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

This is my first report to you as the newly elected President.

In 2006 the Society again reached historic milestones in both assets and surplus in what was and will continue to be a very competitive and challenging interest rate and insurance marketing environment.

Highlights of the 2006 Annual Statement filed with the Ohio Department of Insurance are as follows:

1. Assets increased to \$197,310,824 from \$195,540,901.

While the Society did not quite reach the \$200,000,000 mark, progress was made toward that goal. I understand, that primarily because of bank competition, some fraternal actually experienced a reduction in assets, primarily from annuity withdrawals.

2. Surplus grew an impressive \$1,689,042 (17.17%) to an all-time high of \$11,555,594 compared to a surplus gain of \$1,288,423 in 2005. Net income after realized gains/losses and after paid dividends was \$1,539,009 compared to \$1,169,361 in 2005.

The change in surplus resulted as follows:

a. The 2006 net gain from operations was \$1,798,772 before dividends compared to \$1,650,483 in 2005. Investment income remained about the same. The gain in net operating income was achieved in spite of the extra expenses incurred for the 2006 Convention in Boca Raton, Florida.

b. Death benefits paid were \$2,502,460 which was \$83,319 less than in 2005.

c. General and fraternal expenses increased \$327,852 primarily due to the 2006 Convention expenses.

d. The Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR) on 12/3/06 stood at \$3,540,809 a decrease of \$77,962, but the Asset Valuation Reserve (AVR) stood at \$2,590,136 an increase of \$431,991.

e. Realized Capital gains (excluding \$210,078 transferred to IMR) were \$49,903 versus a loss of \$173,043 in 2005.

Net unrealized capital gains were \$551,836 (versus \$320,251 in 2005).

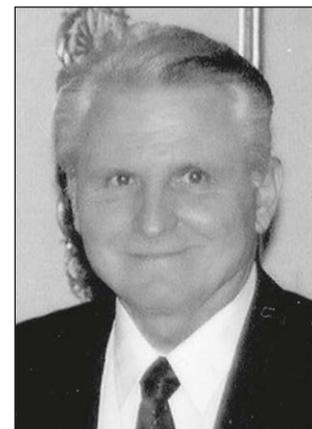
The Society is making a conscious effort to reduce the maturity dates of the bond portfolio. We only invest in the highest grades of securities as identified by the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) for the protection of our Members.

3. Life insurance in-force at 12/31/2006 was \$328,716,000, less reinsurance ceded of \$3,326,000. There was an in-force increase of \$4,188,000 over 2005, obviously not sufficient, since much of this was in low premium JEP policies. We are in the process of developing programs to address this issue.

4. Investment income was \$11,746,690 a slight decrease (about \$18,000) from 2005 in a very tight fixed income investment environment.

5. The net investment rate of return was 6.2% again an outstanding figure and among the highest for any fraternal benefit society.

6. Reserves are at a very conservative level and in conformance with Ohio Department of Insurance regulations.



Andrew M. Rajec

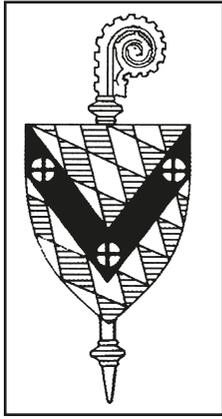
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From the desk of the Executive Secretary:

DIVIDENDS INCREASED BY 25%

Board of Directors and Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union are pleased to announce a 25% dividend increase for 2007. Through management control and wise investments over the last 12 years our Society has enjoyed tremendous growth. We have experienced a surplus increase from 2006 to 2007 of 17.1%. As a result we want to reward our members for showing confidence and trust in our Society.

Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Fr. Campion P. Gavaler, O.S.B. and Father Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

April 15, 2007

Second Sunday of Easter

Gospel Summary

The first thing that we notice in today's gospel account is the amazing effect of the presence and words of Jesus on his confused and frightened disciples. He finds them cowering and in hiding, completely immobilized by the terrible memory of the death of their beloved leader. He addresses them cheerfully with the standard greeting: Peace. Under normal circumstances, this simply means that one wishes another well. But it conveys far more than that when spoken by the risen Lord. The disciples feel that

the world is out of control. Jesus assures them that such is not the case. In fact, he is there to offer them the gift of deep and unshakable confidence. In spite of dire appearances, all is well.

The reason that all is well is because Jesus now offers them the Spirit. This Holy Spirit has the ability to enter the deepest recesses of their being and to make Jesus more truly present to them than he ever was when they knew him in the flesh. Jesus offers the same Spirit to us also and this Spirit can make Jesus wonderfully present to us. For it is this Spirit who convinces us of the love of God for us and when we know that we have nothing to fear.

We recall how God took his good spirit from King Saul and gave it to David (1 Sam 16:13-14). The consequences were dramatic. Saul would slip deeper and deeper into darkness and despair, while David seemed to lead a charmed life in spite of sins and tragedies. In fact, he became the model of the Messiah.

Thomas was not there to receive the Spirit and so he could not trust the good news that the other disciples shared with him. However, when he met Jesus later everything changed and he allowed Jesus to become thenceforth the center of his life. The witness of others is always important, but nothing can replace a personal encounter with the Lord.

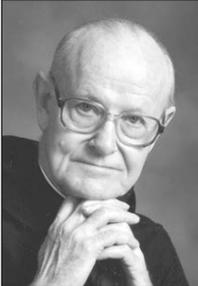
Life Implications

One need not look far in our world for attitudes of cynicism and distrust. We should avoid becoming gullible or naïve, of course, but we must at all cost learn how to trust. The risen Lord offers us his Spirit and, if we open our hearts to that best of all gifts, we will be able to trust when it is necessary to do so.

Most of all, we will trust God's promises, which tell us, in essence, that we can share in the life of Jesus if we dare to be kind and thoughtful and loving in a world that is too often thoughtless and cruel. We really cannot be trustful persons, however, without the help of God. With that divine help we can avoid the terrible pessimism of Saul and acquire the positive, hopeful spirit of David. This spirit is found everywhere in the Psalms, which have been attributed to David, not because he wrote more than a few of them, but because the authors of these beautiful prayers were all people with David's positive and trusting spirit.

A special gift of the Spirit is the confidence and freedom that allow us to forgive others. Life is just too short for holding grudges or for nursing old injuries. And when we let go of these burdens we will enter more and more into the joy and generosity of the Spirit. In this way, we will not only be free to face the future with courage but we will also become much more pleasant fellow travelers for those who are making the journey with us.

John 20:19-31

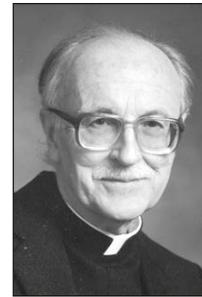


Demetrius R. Dumm,
O.S.B.

Third Sunday of Easter

Gospel Summary

Simon Peter and his companions after fishing all night catch nothing. At dawn as they approach shore, someone on the shore whom they do not recognize directs them to cast out their net. When the net is filled with a large catch, the beloved disciple recognizes Jesus, now risen from death, and says to Peter, "It is the Lord." When they reach shore, they see a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus invites them to eat with him. He takes bread and gives it to them and in like manner the fish. Jesus then asks Peter three times if he loves him, and says to him in turn, "Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep." Jesus then speaks of the kind of death Simon Peter will undergo, and says to him, "Follow me."



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

April 22, 2007 (Year C)

John 21:1-19

Life Implications

Friendship with Jesus is the one essential thing of life, regardless of any other circumstance--sickness or health, poverty or wealth, low or high position in society or church. That is the supreme truth John wants to tell us in his gospel. The good news is that Jesus desires our friendship, and offers it to all who welcome him in faith. We can identify with many of the persons Jesus encounters in the gospel—the Samaritan woman, Martha and Mary, Lazarus (at whose death Jesus wept), Peter, Mary Magdalene, the beloved disciple. The gospel also warns us not to identify with those who reject friendship, and even betray friendship with Jesus. Jesus can also call us his friends because he has told us everything he has heard from his Father (Jn 15:15). The titles that we use to address Jesus (Messiah, Lord, Son of God), however orthodox and exalted they may be, are inadequate to express the full meaning of Jesus for us unless they include "Beloved Friend."

A personal, loving relationship with the Risen Lord clearly was a distinguishing characteristic of John's community. Sad experience, however, soon revealed that individual relationships with Jesus were not sufficient to hold the community together. We can see from the First Letter of John that various individuals, claiming to speak with the Spirit of Jesus, began to teach false doctrines. Eventually they formed splinter groups that separated people from the community. In our gospel passage today, John shows us that individual friendships with Jesus must be complemented by authority within the community. The Risen Lord commissions Peter to serve that function.

That authority that Jesus gives, however, must be exercised out of deep friendship with him. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter the crucial question three times as he commissions him to tend and to feed his sheep. The principle, of course, applies not only to the successor of Peter, but to everyone who exercises authority in the church, from the family to the chancery. Only in this way does human authority become an expression of the authority of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

In today's gospel passage, John also links friendship with Jesus with his real presence at our Eucharistic meal. The meal Jesus shares with his disciples together with the feeding of the large crowd (John 6) and the Last Supper Discourse reveal the meaning of the Eucharist for us. Jesus, the Risen Lord, truly is with us at our sacred meal— speaks to us, prays with us, leads us in self-giving to the Father, gives himself to us as our bread and wine. He calls us his disciples and his friends: the life implications remain the same. Jesus also says to us: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). The way we will fulfill his request to follow him as disciples in service of others is unique and particular for each of us. We can count on the Spirit of Jesus to guide us in discerning what that service will be.

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Insights and Viewpoints

Apostleship of Prayer

Intentions for April 2007

GENERAL INTENTION

Call to Holiness. That guided by the Holy Spirit, each Christian may respond enthusiastically and faithfully to the universal call to holiness.

We who belong to the Church founded by Jesus Christ commit sins every day, yet the Church of Christ is perfectly holy. How can this be? The Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* explains that the Church is holy because it is the very Body of Jesus Christ, the uniquely holy Son of God. Jesus loved the Church as His bride, delivering Himself up for her to make her holy. Jesus and His bride, the Church, are one, and this union is holy.

Christians are called to practice holiness, to walk as Jesus walked. We all receive power from on high through the Holy Spirit to believe, to love, and to be virtuous in every way. Jesus said, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mat. 5:48). Yet what is perfect for one person is not what is perfect for another. We have differing gifts of the Holy Spirit just as we have different roles in life, different circumstances, and different challenges. We learn to embrace God's perfect will in all of them.

We are not to judge one another's lack of holiness, but to help one another become as holy as each one can. When we sin, we confess our sins, and God forgives us and cleanses us—no matter how many times we fail.

To attain the holiness of Jesus, we each must learn how to lay down our lives for others. The Apostleship of Prayer asks its members to offer each day as a sacrifice for others—all our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings. Such sacrifice is our daily participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Through our daily offering, we abide in Christ. In Christ and by the Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to God in reparation for our own sins and the sins of others until we all come into the holiness of the Kingdom of God.

For Reflection

In what area do you need the Holy Spirit to renew your hope of holiness and grant you grace to overcome sin?

MISSION INTENTION

Vocations. That the number of priestly and religious vocations may grow to meet the needs of North America and countries of the Pacific Ocean.

In his Message for the 2006 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Benedict XVI states that we were all called by God before the creation of the world. Whatever our call, love is the reason. Whatever our response, God always loves us first. Many stifle God's call to religious life out of fear that they are too sinful to serve God. To them the Pope replies, "The prodigal son's awareness of his own sin allowed him to set out on his return journey to the Father." So St. Paul understood that the power of Christ rested upon him in weakness, not strength (2 Cor. 12:9).

Pope Benedict reflects that God calls to the priesthood men "who are to exercise a fatherly role." And God calls to consecrated life women who like Mary, Mary of Bethany, or Mary Magdalene "follow him on their own initiative, simply out of love." For by the Code of Canon Law the first duty of all who are called to religious life is to seek "union with God in prayer" (663 1). Jesus knew that His sheep would need many shepherds. "The harvest is abundant and the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest" (Mat. 9:37-38). To that Pope Benedict adds, "It is not surprising that, where people pray fervently, vocations flourish."

So our vocation is to pray for vocations. Let men and women respond to God's call to religious life, especially in areas of the world where they are most needed, including in North America and the countries of the Pacific.

For Reflection

God calls, but always leaves us free to refuse. Facing many questions, Mary said, "Be it done unto me according to your word."

From the desk of the Executive Secretary –
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Exciting News – The Jednota Newspaper (English and Slovak sections) is now on our web page and for your convenience 4 back issues and the current issue are maintained on the web page at all times. If you missed an article or looking for a recipe you need only go to the web site

Branch and District Officers announcements are now on the web page and listings of all activities for the various regions.

If you are looking for forms or applications you may find those also on the web site.

We encourage our branch and district officers to use this means of keeping in touch with their branch members and announcing events. The email address is fcsu@aol.com if you wish to send your information to the home office.

We will continue to update the web page, please check for announcements such as our special 2% bonus now being offered through our annuity program, special offers on our insurance products, trips to Slovakia, and our Alaskan Cruise Membership Meet.

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Reflections on Our Christianity

Msgr. Edward V. Rosack



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Resurrection

The accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the gospels and in the epistles of Paul can be difficult to harmonize because each account is a partial one. Nevertheless, the following is our attempt at this very task. This is a composite of all texts.

On the first day of the week, when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, went to the sepulcher, the tomb, to see it. They brought with them spices to anoint the body of Jesus Christ. They came while it was still dark, as it began to dawn, when the sun had just risen. (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:1, John 20:1)

A stone, however, had been rolled across the entrance to the tomb. As they approached, they conversed, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (Mark 16:3)

Suddenly the ground shook, an angel appeared and rolled back the stone. The guards "grew paralyzed with fear of him and fell down like dead men. (Matthew 28:4)

Entering the tomb, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw one/two young men standing there clothed in white. (Mark 16:5 & Luke 24:4) The body of Jesus was not here.

The young man sitting at the right side said, "You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6) "Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him.'" (Matthew 28:7) "Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you'." (Mark 16:7)

Frightened and trembling, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome, fled in fear and in joy and accompanied now by Joanna and the other women that were with them told the apostles what they had witnessed. (Matthew 28:8 & Luke 24:10)

Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb, the other disciple, running faster but he did not enter the tomb. Peter entered and saw the wrappings lying on the ground and the head covering rolled up in a place by itself. The other disciple John believed at once in the Resurrection. (Luke 24:12 & John 20:3-10)

Peter and John left the tomb and went home, Peter wondering what had happened.

Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb and stood outside weeping. Stooping down, she looked inside and saw two angels in dazzling robes sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain. The angels asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She replied, "Because the Lord has been taken away, and I do not know where they have put him." (John 20:11-13)

Mary Magdalene then turned around and saw Jesus standing there. "Woman, why are you weeping?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it you are looking for?" Mary thought he was the gardener and replied, "If you are the one who carried him off, tell me where you have laid him and I will take him away." (John 20:14-15)

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She replied in Hebrew "Rabbouni!" ("Teacher") (John 20:16)

She rushed to embrace his feet. Jesus stopped her saying, "Do not cling to me, for I have

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President's Annual Report

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7. The 2006 results include a total dividend payment to members of \$309,671 (\$308,079 in 2005), which reflects payment on in-force policies on the Society's regular dividend payment schedule.
8. The safety of Members' funds is a primary goal of management; 92.4% of Society invested assets are in bonds and preferred stock and over 86.6% of bonds held by the society (\$140,359,032) are in the top 2 rating categories (of 6) as established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Society owns bonds of only 1 company whose bonds are rated in default (Delta Airlines) and those bonds are at 12/31/06 only \$101,000 under original cost. In order to diversify investment risk and maintain the high level of investment income, the Society has invested in preferred stocks, (9.2%). All preferred stocks are in the top three rating categories. Reflecting a conservative investment policy the Society had only \$1,532,745 invested in common stock at 12/31/06.
9. In addition to policy reserves, the Society investment reserves are \$6,130,945 (\$2,590,136 - AVR; \$3,540,809 - IMR) as required by current regulation.
10. Fraternal expenditures were \$940,983, which are greater than prior years. At year-end, the society maintained a strong cash position to deal with unexpected contingencies and opportunities in the economy.

These are significant accomplishments for the society. Detailed analysis will be in the Actuarial Report, which will follow along with additional internal financial reports.

The foregoing deals with our financial health, but since we are a fraternal society, we must also be aware of our fraternal side. This is why our name is First Catholic Slovak Union. We are not just another insurance company.

Each year in January, we join in the National March for Life in Washington D.C. We have been protective of life, revere life, endeavor to sustain life and coming from Slovak parentage we cannot do otherwise. We are a fraternal, and a fraternal is made up of people who recognize the sanctity of life. It is a gift from God.

Our Society was founded in 1890 by Father Stefan Furdek. We celebrated the 150 years of Father Furdek's birth in 2005, and the 115th year of our founding.

Father Furdek not only was a great humanitarian but he was also an astute businessman. He was responsible for our presence in the Middletown, PA area. He bought the original acreage there.

We now have approximately 300 acres with 2 modern office/mixed use buildings. The parcels have an appraised value of over \$10 million dollars, which is very conservatively carried on the Society's Statement at a much lower figure. We have the opportunity and obligation to build value on these holdings for the benefit of our Society's Membership. We will discuss and develop a plan regarding these properties.

Overall, from the financial perspective 2006 was an excellent year.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting is twofold: first to review the past year and secondly to plan for the future.

Most fraternal, including the ethnic fraternal insurance companies, have experienced a declining membership i.e. Eagles, Moose etc. In our modern world younger people aren't "joiners" for many reasons, i.e. time, other interests, mobility etc.

Fraternal are founded on the lodge system. We will be taking positive steps to address the condition of our lodge system during 2007. Merging branches is only a placebo but a part of a necessary process.

I have said that we must have a copy of our Jednota newspaper in every Member household. This is our primary means of communication and in many cases the best way to get our insurance products in front of our Members' eyes. This is in the process of happening. You will note that I put this item in my "Message from the President" in the February 21, 2007 Jednota issue.

The old axiom in sales, is "the best customer for new sales is your old customer".

We will follow that axiom by supporting our own current recommenders with additional help from the Home Office and by contacting our inactive lodges from the Home Office. We will also be more aggressive in appointing independent agents in other states and areas where we do not have active lodges or active recommenders.

I have said with regard to our Society's future, "This is America". We need to recognize the fact that the "American Dream" also resulted in assimilation of our forefathers and, us, their descendants. While we will honor and preserve our Catholic, Slovak heritage, we must also deal with reality.

Even many third, fourth, and fifth etc. generation descendants of our Slovak immigrants have knowledge of their Slovak heritage. Genealogy is a favorite hobby for many younger people today. However, young consumers today are not making financial decisions based primarily on ethnic heritage. Their decisions are based primarily on cost, benefits, service etc. Our insurance and annuity products are excellent and competitive, but we must get the word out. That's our challenge.

In addition, if our Society wants to retain a Slovak character in coming generations, we must attract the wave of young immigrants that have come and are coming to the U.S. They must be involved in the Society at all levels, from the Branch to the National. Our challenge is to attract them, and our challenge to them is to join us.

I have often heard that we have the greatest Slovak Society in the world, let's prove it.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

**IT'S TIME YOU GET INVOLVED —
ATTEND LODGE MEETINGS!**

Reflections on Our Christianity

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not yet ascended to the Father, Rather, go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God!' Mary Magdalene immediately went to the disciples and said to them, "I have seen the Lord. (John 20:16-18)

The disciples did not believe Mary. (Mark 16:11)

Matthew's account is different.

After the angel told the women that Jesus "has been raised," he added, "Go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him'." On the way to telling the disciples, Jesus, "suddenly without warning" stood before them and said, "Peace!" The women "came up and embraced his feet and did him homage." Jesus then said, "Do not be afraid! Go and carry the news to my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, where they will see me." (Matthew 28:6-10)

After the guards at the tomb recovered from their collapse, (Matthew 28:4), some of the guards went into the city to tell the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled the elders and after consulting with them gave the guards a lot of money and told them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him while we were asleep. And if any word of this gets to the procurator, we will straighten it out with him and keep you out of trouble.'" (Matthew 28:13-14)

"This is the story that circulates among the Jews to this very day." (Matthew 28:15)

Paul the Apostle writes in Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."

In 1 Peter 1:21, Peter writes, "It is through him that you are believers in God, the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God.

See also Acts 2:24, 1 Corinthians 15:15 and Galatians 1:1.

Reference now: The New Jerome Biblical Commentary, (81:132-135), page 1377, The Resurrection of Jesus.

In the gospel narratives, the Koine Greek verb, aor. pass., egerthe, is normally translated "He was raised up." In A Grammar of New Testament Greek (London, 1963), passive forms of Koine Greek can be translated intransitively as "He is risen." Jerome translated egerthe as surrexit (Latin), "He is risen." "He was raised", however, is to be preferred in the Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). In John's gospel, however, John 10:30, "The Father and I are one," shows a development in theology wherein Jesus and the Father act by the same divine power. Therefore, one may say that Jesus rose by his own power. John 10:17-18: "The Father loves me for this: that I lay down my life to take it up again. No one takes it from me, I lay it down freely and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." Consequently, egerthe should probably be translated, "When he had risen from the dead."

The Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia states, "...the Lord Jesus rose from the dead through his own power, because of the union of the human and divine natures in the One Divine Person of Christ. When Holy Scripture (see above) says that Christ was raised by God or by the Father, it is to be understood that these statements refer to his human nature, but that the cause of the resurrection was the hypostatic union (divine and human natures) of Christ's humanity with the Godhead."

When Jesus appeared to the Eleven, after the two disciples related their Emmaus experience to them, Jesus appeared and asked, "Have you anything here to eat? They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence." (Luke 24:41-43) This exemplifies the humanity of his hypostatic union.



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MINUTES OF THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA JULY 6, 2006 ~ BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

FIRST SESSION

Thursday Morning, July 6, 2006

OPENING OF MEETING

President Thomas M. Hricik called the meeting to order at 8:43 A.M. Chaplain Thomas A. Nasta led the opening prayer.

President Thomas M. Hricik asked Theresa Ondrejco to sing the National Anthems of the United States of America, Canada and Slovakia.

ROLL CALL

Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt read the roll call with the following members present:

Reverend Thomas Nasta, Chaplain;
Thomas M. Hricik, National President;
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President;
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary;
George F. Matta, Treasurer;
Joseph T. Senko, Chairman of Auditors
Theresa Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director;
Andrew M. Rajec, General Counsel;
Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director, Region 1;
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2;
Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3;
George Sprock, Regional Director, Region 4;
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5;
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6;
Rudolph Glogovsky, Regional Director, Region 7;
Anthony Makovsky, Regional Director, Region 8;

Regional Director Michael Dobis was absent and excused.

CALL TO MEETING

Executive Secretary Arendt stated that there was no Call to the Semiannual Meeting of the Board of Directors because we had to receive permission from the Convention to have the meeting on this date.

AGENDA

President Hricik presented the agenda for the Semiannual Meeting and asked for acceptance of the presented agenda. President Hricik also asked that the following items to be added to the agenda – gratuities and stipend paid to the staff and clergy. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by George Sprock to accept the agenda as amended and to give the President the authority to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Hricik appointed the following committees for the meeting:

<u>Donations Committee</u>	<u>Welcome Committee</u>
George Matta	George Sprock
Joseph Senko	Joseph Minarovich
Henry Hassay	Regis Brekosky

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

President Hricik stated that he did not have a welcome message because his welcome message was given to the Convention.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES IN MARCH 27-28, 2006

The approval of minutes was tabled for later to give a chance to Board of Directors to review the minutes.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL REPORT

Executive Secretary Arendt presented the 2007 Budget and Financial Report to review. There was a discussion regarding the budget with the Executive Secretary satisfactorily answering the Board members questions. Executive Secretary Ken Arendt stated that the 2007 Budget may have to be reviewed and adjusted if we make changes in our marketing strategy for 2007 (hiring of a Marketing Director, advertisements etc.). Secretary Arendt distributed copies of the Financial Report and answered the Boards questions.

A motion was made by Rudolf Glogovsky and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to accept the Secretary's 2007 Budget and Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

President Hricik turned the gavel over to Vice President Andrew Harcar, to discuss membership and marketing.

General Agents and Agent Contracts – Vice President Andrew R. Harcar led a discussion regarding our general agents and our independent agents. The Vice President gave a short report on their production for year to this date. Vice President Harcar stated that he continues to advertise for independent agents and will update the Board of Directors on his progress. He also asked the General Counsel Andrew M. Rajec to review the general agents and independent agents contracts to see if they need to be updated.

Newspaper Advertising – Vice President Harcar stated that we advertise in diocesan newspapers only and on 2 radio stations. Treasurer George Matta talked about possibility of advertising for mortgage insurance. There was also a discussion concerning a listing of our Regional Directors' phone numbers and addresses in the diocesan newspapers.

Regional Directors will have a list of proposers that he will refer to a potential member. A letter will be mailed to our proposers to see who will be willing to participate in this program. A lengthy discussion followed among the Regional Directors. Regional Director Regis Brekosky suggested having a sales contest for the Branch Officers. This possibility will be discussed at a later date.

Seminars – Vice President Harcar said that there are going to be seminars in Damian Nasta's region, Carl Ungvarsky's region, the Michigan region and Westfield, Massachusetts. Vice President Andrew Harcar also led a discussion on how to improve our presentations/procedures in conducting more effective seminars. He suggested contacting more Branch Members and Proposers and inviting them to attend these seminars. He also led a discussion concerning a better method of receiving feedback and follow up.

Search for National Sales Director – Vice President Harcar said that he placed an ad in our Jednota newspaper and the Fraternal Monitor for the National Sales Director Position. He will keep the Board of Directors updated on the progress and along with the Executive Secretary draw up a job description for this position.

A motion was made by Joseph Minarovich and seconded by George Sprock to accept the Membership and Marketing Report as presented. Motion carried.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

Bowling and Golf – Director of Fraternal Activities Theresa Ondrejco gave summarized information regarding the Bowling and Golf tournaments. The Fraternal Activities Director also gave an outline on reimbursements of cost at Regional picnics.

She said there are 2 methods of paying for invoices :

- 10 % will be paid to the Branch on all invoices submitted to the Home Office or
- \$5.00 per member

Then she presented the outlines for reimbursement:

- the region must advertise the function
- must send a list of members attending the event (for verification)
- must have 50% of members attending the function
- must submit pictures from the event to Jednota for publication
- must submit description of the nature of the function
- must submit a request to Executive Committee for approval

After further discussion it was decided to accept the \$5.00 per member as method of reimbursement. It was also discussed that the cost of functions sponsored by local branches should be the responsibility of the local branches. A motion was made by George Matta and seconded by Father Thomas Nasta to accept the Fraternal Activities Director Report as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Andrew M. Rajec discussed why it was necessary to have an outside legal counsel, Mr. William Leahy of Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs, LLP. at the Convention. He stated that if the "Five day rule" would be questioned then it would be better if the answers are given by an outside counsel and also if any other issues would arise during the convention. A motion was made by Joseph Senko and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to pay the fees to legal counsel for being present at the convention but only after the review by our General Counsel. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Reverend Thomas Nasta, Chaplain, closed the session with prayer.

SECOND SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, July 6, 2006

President Hricik called the meeting to order.

REPORT ON JEDNOTA ESTATES

Report on PSU-HIA Jednota Access Study President Hricik led a lengthy discussion on the PSU-HIA Jednota Access Study and answered the Board's questions concerning this report.

President Thomas Hricik stated that he would write a letter to the County Commissioners stating that we will not be able to participate in this project. President Hricik will update the Board of Directors with more information as it becomes available.

President Thomas Hricik also led a discussion concerning the possibility of hiring CB Richard Ellis to perform a feasibility study on this property. President Hricik presented a proposal of a feasibility study on the property. After the discussion the proposal was rejected. President Hricik stated that there are no offers on any of the properties.

Leasing of Printery Building – President Thomas Hricik led a lengthy discussion regarding leasing the Printery Building. He stated that he received an offer from a local real estate company stating that they had a potential buyer for one of our properties. A motion was made by Rudolf Glogovsky and seconded by Regis Brekosky not to offer a single part listing to this local real estate agency. The vote 2 for, 12 against the motion. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Joseph Senko and seconded by Henry Hassay to give the leasing agreement to High Associates for the property in Middletown. The vote 11 for, 2 against, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Study for land use - A motion was made by Therese Ondrejco and seconded by George Matta to secure a RVP development plan for our Middletown property. Motion carried.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Branch 7— HOUTZDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 7, will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the King Parish Center, Houtzdale, Pennsylvania. All members are invited to attend.

Marie Sedlak, Recording Secretary

Branch 45— NEW YORK CITY

The St. Matthew Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Joseph Jurasi, President

Branch 55— PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 55, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall of St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

We try to follow the tradition of Slovak Catholic fraternal societies of having a Mass before a meeting. Therefore, we urge all members to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass before the meeting. Please call the president at 610/356-7956 for directions.

Josephine E. Gerba, Secretary

Branch 380— CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Ignatius Society, Branch 380, will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at 236 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Graytok

Branch 456— HAWK RUN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 456, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 12:00 noon at the Lincoln Club Meeting Room, Fourth Street, Hawk Run, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend.

Frank Danko, Secretary

Branch 567— ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 567, will hold a meeting on Wednes-

day, April 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 North Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Members are urged to attend the meeting. On the agenda will be a report of the spaghetti supper held on Saturday, March 31, in the church social hall.

We wish all the members a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Helen Fiala, Recording Secretary

Branch 743— DETROIT AND STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The Financial Secretary of the St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, is searching for the addresses and phone numbers of several members. Some of these people may be deceased and beneficiaries are entitled to life insurance proceeds.

Help is needed to locate the following members born between 1910 and 1929: Frances Atkinson, Angelo Bertoloni, Josephine Gordon, George J. Gronsky, John Korpak, Pauline E. Maas, and Frank Kacir. Help is also needed to locate the following born between 1930 and 1945: Donald Churhan, Dorothy Comito, Rebecca Dinardo, Maryann Karafa, Joseph Lesky, Christina Madar, Judith Madar, and Marvin Rimay.

Anyone who can provide a current address or telephone number for any of the above named individuals is asked to contact: Joseph C. Rimarcik, President/Financial Secretary, 42909 Sussex Park Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Phone: 586/254-0225. Email: j1d21344@wowway.com.

**Joseph C. Rimarcik, President/
Financial Secretary**

Branch 746— LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church, Linden, New Jersey. On the agenda will be a discussion and planning for the summer picnic and other possible events. Please bring your suggestions. Refreshments will follow.

We are sponsoring a bus trip on Saturday, October 6, 2007, to see "In the Beginning" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Join us for the show and dinner. Please call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331 for information and reservations.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kosko Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Mary Kosko, of Munhall, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. In honor of the special occasion, a Mass was celebrated on Sunday, February 11, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Agnes Church in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, by the Rev. Joseph Grosko. The day was especially appropriate since it was World Marriage Day. A special blessing was given to Robert and Mary by Father Grosko. The couple also renewed their marriage vows and had their rings blessed. All the married couples in attendance joined them in the blessing and renewing of their marriage vows.

Sharing Robert and Mary on their special day were their children and grandchildren. Their son Gerald and his family from California, and a grandson Garrett, who is serving in the Air Force in Texas, were unable to attend.

A luncheon was held for the anniversary couple at Bravos Restaurant after the liturgy.

Robert, Mary and their family are all members of Branch 738 in Munhall. Robert Kosko has served as president of Branch 738 for 25 years.



Robert and Mary Kosko

WPSCA News



The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) has several great events planned for 2007. Watch for details in upcoming issues.

10th Anniversary and Annual Meeting

This year's Spring meeting at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning will be combined with a special 10th anniversary luncheon. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for May.

Pittsburgh Agreement Ceremony

The formal presentation of the original Pittsburgh Agreement will be made jointly by the Slovak League of America and WPSCA to the Heinz History Center for permanent display. The ceremony will include a luncheon and greetings from several prominent officials. Watch for the Fall date for this event.

Slovak Film Festival

This year's films will include "Perinbala", (The Feather Fairy). This enchanting film is directed by the renowned director Juraj Jokubisko. It is a film suitable for children and adults and is shown in Slovakia during the Christmas season. In addition, other films are being reviewed for viewing. The dates and location for this Spring event have not yet been finalized.

WPSCA is offering intermediate Slovak classes this Spring. Classes will be held every Tuesday from March 27 through May 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh. Tuition is free excluding materials and graduation ceremony. To register, call Pam during regular business hours at 412/531-2990.

Annual membership to the WPSCA is \$15.00 per person and \$20.00 for a family. To become a member, make a check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to WPSCA and mail to: WPSCA, Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Bridgeport Slovak Society Offers Scholarship

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport, Connecticut, is offering a College Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is available to those students entering their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year of college. In order to be eligible, the applicant, his parents, or grandparents must be members of the Alliance for a minimum of three years. The applicant must also be of Slovak descent. To obtain an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Eileen S. Wilson, 395 Pilgrim Lane, Stratford, CT 06614. The deadline is May 1, 2007.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY: FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION ANNUITY INTEREST RATE INCREASES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

Effective April 1, 2007, the annual yield on existing First Catholic Slovak Union Flexible Premium Deferred Retirement Annuity and Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is 5.00% (4.879% APR).

The annual yield on the Park 2 Annuity 4.75% (4.641% APR).

The annual yield on accounts with the "Cash Interest" Option will be 4.75% (4.641% APR).

Settlement Options will be based on an annual yield of 4.50% (4.402% APR).

If you have any questions about our annuities or IRAs, please contact the Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA.

THESE RATES WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007.

**Kenneth A. Arendt
National Secretary**

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT—

Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at St. Ann's Church, Lansford, Pennsylvania. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in St. Ann's Church, East Bertsch and Tunnel Streets, Lansford. Dinner will be served after the liturgy at 12:30 p.m. at the Lansford Am Vets, at 201 West Ridge Street. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person. Make your checks payable to host Branch 293 and send it along with your credentials by Monday, April 16. Please send them in on time. Make note of my new address on the credentials.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting. Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Helen Fiala, Recording Secretary

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT—

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Pittsburgh District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Woodstock Avenue, Swissvale, Pennsylvania. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be a discussion of plans for the annual Father's Day Brunch and a discussion on the Slovak Day Picnic and Mass that will be held at Kennywood Park. All branches in the Pittsburgh District are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

George Matta, National Treasurer

REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT—

Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Convent, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois. There will be a short period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments at 1:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 2:00 p.m. All branches are encouraged to send delegates to the meeting. Delegates will be treated to dinner. If you plan to attend, please call District II President John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

MICHIGAN DISTRICT—

Michigan

The Michigan District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The hotel is located on the southwest corner on Van Dyke at 15 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a buffet lunch followed by a brief district meeting, and immediately followed by a Sales Seminar presented by the Home Office.

We will begin the day with a Slovak Mass at 11:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights. All members are urged to attend.

Since the Home Office is providing lunch you must call in your attendance reservation to Ken Arendt at 1/800-533-6682 by April 16, 2007.

Please note that section 4.05 (g) of the 2007 bylaws requires branch attendance at least one (1) district meeting per calendar year.

Selling our insurance and annuity products is critical to our Society's growth. Be there!

Anna Magusin, Secretary

GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT—

Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

The George Onda District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet in the Eastgate Plaza, Route 30, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT—

Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church Hall, Main Street, Carrolltown, Pennsylvania. District branch members are reminded of the requirements of Section 4.05 (g & h) of the bylaws to be eligible to receive the \$4.00 per member in 2007. One branch representative must attend at least one District Meeting per year and current fiscal dues and any past outstanding dues must be paid. Let's have a good turnout at this semiannual meeting.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT—

New Jersey

The Msgr. John E. Rura District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey. Branch 290 will host the meeting. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich at 732/469-5256 by April 12 with the number of members who will be attending. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

MSGR. JOSEPH TISO DISTRICT—

Allegheny-Kiski Valley, Pennsylvania

The Msgr. Joseph Tiso District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania. A light luncheon will be served. Branch delegates are asked to call Grace Charney at 724/763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

Minutes of the Semiannual Meeting

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Treasurer George Matta led a discussion and suggested to the Board of Directors to explore the potential use of our property.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS REPORT

Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt stated that the scholarship recipients have been chosen and the checks are being sent. He also stated that documentation from the college showing that the recipient is registered is required for a scholarship to be given.

Jednota Benevolent Scholarship Foundation - Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt gave a report on Jednota Benevolent Scholarship and stated that the awards will be given in December. A motion was made by Theresa Ondrejco and seconded by Joseph Senko to accept the Scholarship report as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer George Matta led a discussion for a better method of presenting the By-Laws Committee Report to our Convention. It was concluded that a seminar for our delegates on our Society's products as well as a presentation on our Slovak heritage ought to be given consideration for future conventions.

Damian Nasta led a discussion concerning a better method of the elections process and of tallying the election results. This will be discussed at a later date.

BRANCH TRANSFERS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER TRANSFERS

Regional Director Damian Nasta has volunteered to perform a study on Branch mergers. Motion made by Joseph Senko and seconded by Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt to authorize the study. Motion carried.

Results will be presented at our March 2007 Board of Directors Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 27 & 28, 2006 MINUTES OF ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A motion was made by Theresa Ondrejco and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Father Thomas Nasta led a discussion regarding difficulty of having the Board Meetings on weekends. In the future two of the Board Meetings will be done by teleconference.

Regional Director Regis Brekosky talked about a possibility of developing a film about our Society. This will be discussed at a later date.

REPORT OF THE DONATIONS COMMITTEE

Treasurer George Matta made the report of the Donations Committee. All requests were reviewed and acted upon. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Regis Brekosky to accept the recommendation of Donations Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Tony Makovsky to pay all bills for the semiannual meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to adjourn. Motion carried.

President Hricik led the closing prayer.

Thomas M. Hricik
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

From the Office of the Vice President



What the Membership and Marketing Committee is doing for all their 2007 Seminars!

For every three (3) new JEP Contracts...Or...one (1) new Ten Year Term Policy...or...any new Whole Life Policy with a face value of at least \$10,000 you bring to the seminar in your area, you will receive a Modra Dish made in Slovakia. There is no limit on the number of dishes you can receive. The following seminars are being finalized.

April 22, 2007 Sterling Heights, Michigan

April 28, 2007 Allentown, Pennsylvania

April 29, 2007 Scranton, Pennsylvania

May 5, 2007 Uniontown, Pennsylvania

May 20, 2007 Westfield, Massachusetts

Additional information will be forthcoming and more seminars are being scheduled.

As I've said repeatedly...the Committee would like to see a larger turnout from members interested in learning more about our insurance and annuity products. In order to actively promote our portfolio, we must educate ourselves by attending seminars. The more we know about our products, the more confident and the more effective we'll become as proposers.

Please form a car pool and attend the seminars that will be scheduled in your area.

Until next time...

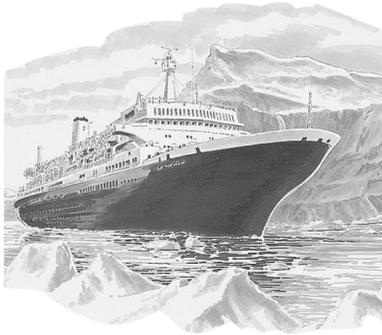
Good luck and God bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.

National Vice President

Membership & Marketing Chairman

A SAILING WE WILL GO!



Come on board with the First Catholic Slovak Union for a seven (7) night Alaskan Cruise.

The Membership and Marketing committee is sponsoring their 2007 membership meet from July 27 – August 3 aboard the Vision of the Seas. Your accumulated points up to December 31, 2006 will be used towards the cost of the cruise.

Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas is one of the most popular cruise ships in the world. On the ship you will be staying in an ocean view stateroom. Our itinerary from Seattle, Washington includes stops in Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska and Prince Rupert, B.C.

The cost for a large ocean view stateroom which includes the cruise, port and government taxes, the new \$50.00 Alaska state tax, all pre-paid gratuities and transfer from the airport to the cruise ship and back is \$1,523.00. (Optional insurance and airfare package is available through Carolyn Pollack of Ambassatour Travel at 724-375-8687).

The First Catholic Slovak Union will provide your on board stateroom (double occupancy) plus meals and entertainment as provided by the cruise line. You must settle any additional expenses incurred prior to departure.

The First Catholic Slovak Union is not responsible for your travel arrangements to and from Seattle, Washington. Please contact Ambassatour Travel or your own travel agency.

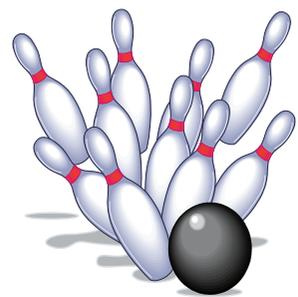
The cut off date for reservations is May 4, 2007. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required when you make your reservations. Final payment is due May 18, 2007. The trip is open to all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union and their guests.

To all recommenders – here is your chance to enjoy your vacation unlike any other. This will be an experience of a lifetime. From January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007, the First Catholic Slovak Union is offering all cruise participants an opportunity to earn double points for insurance and annuity sales – that's right – **DOUBLE POINTS!** These double points will only count toward the Alaskan Cruise Membership Meet and payment will be made upon your return. If you have any further questions - please contact the home office and ask for Karen at 1-800-533-6682.

HURRY – ROOMS ARE LIMITED!

We only have 45 staterooms at that price (90 people). These rooms will be given out on a first come – first serve basis.

Until we meet at the meet!
Good luck and God bless,
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman



Hotel Information for Bowling Tournament April 20, 21, 22, 2007

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JEDNOTA BOWLING RESULTS

AKRON MIXED RETIREES (BRANCH 553) February 1, 2007

Team	Won	Lost
Alley Cats	75	51
Revelers	74	52
Old Timers	72	54
Hot Shots	70	56
Phantoms	63	63
Saints	61	65
Bits & Pieces	59	67
Mark'm	59	67
Strugglers	55	71
Cliff Hangers	44	82

High single game team: Alley Cats-845. High three games team: Alley Cats-2448. High single game individual: (woman) Connie Pisciotta-177; (man) Tony Petrasek-222. High three games individual: (woman) Doris Clapp-489; (man) Gary Kolb-588. Next four high single games: (women) Betty Reed-176, Doris Clapp-173, Betty Nolan-170, Joanne Head-162; (men) Hurland Parker-207, Tom Walsh-207, Gary Kolb-202, Steve Dishauzi-198. Next four high three games: (women) Betty Nolan-442, Betty Reed-438, Joanne Head-430, Connie Pisciotta-427; (men) Hurland Parker-581, Tony Petrasek-560, Ernie Chudick-545, Tom Walsh-524.

February 8, 2007

Team	Won	Lost
Hot Shots	77	56
Alley Cats	77	56
Old Timers	74	59
Revelers	74	59
Phantoms	70	63
Mark'm	66	67
Saints	61	72
Strugglers	60	73
Bits & Pieces	59	74
Cliff Hangers	49	84

High single game team: Phantoms-823. High three games team: Phantoms-2467. High single game individual: (woman) Marilyn Bohling-177; (man) Gary Kolb-234. High three games individual: (woman) Katie Corall-477; (man) Gary Kolb-603. Next four high single games: (women) Katie Corall-173, Kay Dishauzi-168, Cecelia Petrasek-165, Vera Thomas-163; (men) Hurland Parker-200, Jim Misanko-199, Steve Dishauzi-198, Tony Petrasek-192. Next four high three games: (women) Kay Dishauzi-442, Vera Thomas-427, Doris Clapp-425, Cecelia Petrasek-391; (men) Steve Dishauzi-554, George Kacsanek-552, Jim Misanko-552, Hurland Parker-544, Tom Petrasek-527.

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53rd Men's & 44th Women's International Bowling Tournament

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 20, 2007

4:30 PM	Registration Airport Lanes 3754 Genesee St. Cheektowaga, NY
4:30 – 6 PM	Hospitality Reception Airport Lanes
5:45 PM	Opening Ceremonies
6 PM – 11:30 PM	Team Events
7:30 – 9 PM	Hospitality Reception Airport Lanes

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 AM – 3 PM	Doubles and Singles Events Airport Lanes
5:30 PM	Mass Holiday Inn Buffalo Airport
6:30 PM	Tournament Banquet

Sunday, April 22, 2007

9 AM – 3 PM	Doubles and Singles Events Airport Lanes
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JEDNOTA BOWLING RESULTS

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February 15, 2007

Team	Won	Lost
Alley Cats	82	58
Hot Shots	79	61
Old Timers	79	61
Revelers	76	64
Mark'm	73	67
Phantoms	70	70
Saints	66	74
Strugglers	62	78
Bits & Pieces	61	79
Cliff Hangers	54	86

High single game team: Saints-823. High three games team: Phantoms-2296. High single game individual: (woman) Kay Dishauzi-202; (man) Tom Walsh-211. High three games individual: (woman) Kay Dishauzi-506; (man) Tom Walsh-598.

Next four high single games: (women) Doris Clapp-177, Marge Simkanin-160, Connie Pisciotta-158, Joanne Head-157; (men) Hurland Parker-209, Gary Kolb-200, Joe Simkanin-197, Jerry Reed-188.

Next four high three games: (women) Doris Clapp-491, Betty Reed-434, Joanne Head-419, Marge Simkanin-412; (men) Joe Simkanin-543, Hurland Parker-528, Gary Kolb-500, Jerry Reed-500, Lenny Gmerek-480.

February 22, 2007

Team	Won	Lost
Alley Cats	84	63
Old Timers	83	64
Hot Shots	82	65
Revelers	81	66
Phantoms	73	74
Mark'm	73	74
Saints	70	77
Strugglers	69	78
Bits & Pieces	68	79
Cliff Hangers	54	93

High single game team: Old Timers-825. High three games team: Old Timers-2308. High single game individual: (woman) Kay Dishauzi-166, Katie Corall-166; (man) Joe Simkanin-213. High three games individual: (woman) Kay Dishauzi-475; (man) Joe Simkanin-580.

Next four high single games: (women) Ruth Perich-166, Vera Thomas-163, Betty Reed-

159, Betty Nolan-159, Mary Falatok-159, Marge Simkanin-158; (men) Ernie Chudick-205, Hurland Parker-204, Art Berndt-203, Walt Blateric-194.
Next four high three games: (women) Joanne Head-444, Katie Corall-440, Betty Nolan-437, Betty Reed-434; (men) Art Berndt-560, Ernie Chudick-554, Steve Dishauzi-552, George Kacsanek-544.

Vera Thomas, Secretary

TORONTO SLOVAK MIXED

(BRANCH #785)

January 31, 2007

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost
1	6	Jerry Siman	97.0	50.0
2	2	Stan Pella	88.0	59.0
3	15	Michael Kapitan	88.0	52.0
4	5	Joe Jursa	85.0	62.0
5	4	Emil Jursa	82.0	65.0
6	3	Rose Pikul	79.0	68.0
7	8	Jim Szabo	78.0	69.0
8	13	Anne Mitro	77.0	70.0
9	14	John Jursa	74.0	73.0
10	7	Hank Gryns	73.0	74.0
11	11	Jason Ubeika	73.0	74.0
12	1	Sharon Tomas	72.0	75.0
13	9	Greg Gryns	72.0	75.0
14	12	Ed Jursa	66.0	81.0
15	10	Denise Ricciuti	58.0	89.0

This Week's Individual High Scores
HI-SERIES-FLAT: Greg Gryns-647; Chris Goodyear-484.

HI-SERIES-HCP: Frank Bokor-711; Christine McKee-663.

HI-GAME-FLAT: Frank Bokor-256; Helen Hrcka-176.

HI-GAME-HCP: Frank Bokor-300; Helen Hrcka-243.

February 7, 2007

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost
1	6	Jerry Siman	104.0	50.0
2	15	Michael Kapitan	95.0	52.0
3	2	Stan Pella	90.0	64.0
4	5	Joe Jursa	88.0	66.0
5	3	Rose Pikul	84.0	70.0
6	4	Emil Jursa	84.0	70.0
7	8	Jim Szabo	81.0	73.0
8	13	Anne Mitro	81.0	73.0

9	7	Hank Gryns	80.0	74.0
10	14	John Jursa	79.0	75.0
11	9	Greg Gryns	77.0	77.0
12	1	Sharon Tomas	76.0	78.0
13	11	Jason Ubeika	73.0	81.0
14	12	Ed Jursa	66.0	88.0
15	10	Denise Ricciuti	60.0	94.0

This Week's Individual High Scores
HI-SERIES-FLAT: Greg Gryns-653; Cathy Szabo-533.

HI-SERIES-HCP: Hank Gryns-773; Sharon Tomas-713.

HI-GAME-FLAT: Greg Gryns-245; Cathy Szabo-215.

HI-GAME-HCP: Hank Gryns-266; Sharon Tomas-266, Nellie Zeman-266.

February 14, 2007

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost
1	6	Jerry Siman	108.0	53.0
2	15	Michael Kapitan	100.0	54.0
3	2	Stan Pella	92.0	69.0
4	3	Rose Pikul	91.0	70.0

5	4	Emil Jursa	91.0	70.0
6	5	Joe Jursa	88.0	73.0
7	14	John Jursa	84.0	77.0
8	7	Hank Gryns	83.0	78.0
9	8	Jim Szabo	83.0	78.0
10	13	Anne Mitro	83.0	78.0
11	9	Greg Gryns	82.0	79.0
12	1	Sharon Tomas	78.0	83.0
13	11	Jason Ubeika	78.0	83.0
14	12	Ed Jursa	73.0	88.0
15	10	Denise Ricciuti	60.0	101.0

This Week's Individual High Scores
HI-SERIES-FLAT: Greg Gryns-670; Anne Mitro-532.

HI-SERIES-HCP: Greg Gryns-676; Helen Kochuta-695.

HI-GAME-FLAT: Danny Zrobok-245; Helen Kochuta-180.

HI-GAME-HCP: Danny Zrobok-264; Bernie Zrobok-258.

Sharon Tomas, Secretary

Coming Events

APRIL

- 15 – The Pittsburgh District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Woodstock Avenue, Swissvale, Pennsylvania
- 22 – The Michigan District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, Michigan.
- 22 – The Msgr. John E. Rura District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey.
- 22 – The Rev. Stephen Furdek District's Semiannual Meeting in Lansford, Pennsylvania. Mass at 11:00 a.m. in St. Ann's Church, East Bertsch Street, followed by dinner and the meeting at the Lansford Am Vets, 201 West Ridge Street.
- 29 – The George Onda District's Semiannual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, in the Eastgate Plaza, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
- 29 – The Rev. John Martvon District's Semiannual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church Hall, Main Street, Carrolltown, Pennsylvania.
- 29 – The Msgr. Joseph Tiso District's Semiannual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania.
- 29 – The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Convent, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois.

2008 JEDNOTA INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT OFFERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Any District or branch interested in sponsoring the 2008 Bowling Tournament may submit their offers. The customary dates for the Tournament are April 11-13, or April 18-20, 2008. If circumstances would warrant, we would use both weekends. We prefer using only one weekend. Please furnish the following information in your written offer.

Branch or District hosting the Tournament:

Local Contact Person:

Name
Address
Phone Number

Bowling Lanes:

Name
Contact Person at Lanes
Address
Phone Number
Number of lanes available

**Please note: A minimum of 40 lanes will be needed for one weekend, preferably more. If two establishments are to be used, we will need at least 40 lanes in one house and at least 30 lanes in the other house.

Approximate cost per game
Scoring Equipment Available

Housing:

Please enclose a list of nearby hotels/motels, including addresses and phone numbers.

Deadline for all offers is July 1, 2007.

Please send offers to the FCSU Fraternal Activities Director:
Susan Ondrejco
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
sueo99@yahoo.com

2008 JEDNOTA INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone interested in suggesting a course for the 2008 Golf Tournament may submit their proposal. The customary dates for the Tournament are July 12-13 or July 19-20, 2008. Please furnish the following information in your written proposal.

Local Contact Person:

Name
Address
Phone Number

Golf Course/Resort:

Name
Contact Person at Course
Address
Phone Number

Number of holes

**Please note: A 36-hole course is preferred. Two nearby 18-hole courses would also be acceptable.

Approximate cost per round of golf

Housing:

Please enclose a list of nearby hotels/motels, including addresses and phone numbers.

Deadline for proposals is July 1, 2008.

Please send proposals to FCSU Fraternal Activities Director:
Susan Ondrejco
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
sueo99@yahoo.com

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FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA**ASSETS**

	Current Year			Prior Year
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	4 Net Admitted Assets
1. Bonds (Schedule D).....	162,016,069		162,016,069	166,997,543
2. Stocks (Schedule D):				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....	17,935,108		17,935,108	9,933,283
2.2 Common stocks.....	1,532,745		1,532,745	1,522,050
3. Mortgage loans on real estate (Schedule B):				
3.1 First liens.....	2,370,622		2,370,622	2,476,816
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate (Schedule A):				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,341,948		1,341,948	1,395,478
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,012,278		1,012,278	1,050,770
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	562,675		562,675	562,675
5. Cash (\$....4,844,625, Sch. E-Part 1), cash equivalents (\$.....0, Sch. E-Part 2) and short-term investments (\$.....0, Sch. DA).....	4,844,625		4,844,625	5,898,232
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	703,594		703,594	657,602
7. Other invested assets (Schedule BA).....	2,441,458		2,441,458	2,503,620
8. Receivables for securities.....			0	
9. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
10. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 9).....	194,761,122	0	194,761,122	192,998,069
11. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
12. Investment income due and accrued.....	2,533,487		2,533,487	2,524,181
13. Premiums and considerations:				
13.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in course of collection.....	16,215		16,215	18,651
13.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
13.3 Accrued retrospective premiums.....			0	
14. Reinsurance:				
14.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
14.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
14.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
15. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
16.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
16.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
17. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
18. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
19. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....			0	
20. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
21. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
22. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
23. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	29,740	29,740	0	0
24. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 10 to 23).....	197,340,564	29,740	197,310,824	195,540,901
25. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
26. TOTALS (Lines 24 and 25).....	197,340,564	29,740	197,310,824	195,540,901

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LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Year	2 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life certificates and contracts (Exhibit 5, Line 9999999) (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	172,460,000	170,929,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (Exhibit 6, Line 16, Col. 1) (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (Exhibit 7, Line 14, Col. 1) (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	1,019,847	1,260,174
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life (Exhibit 8, Part 1, Line 4.4, Column 1 less sum of Columns 9, 10 and 11).....	300,000	330,000
4.2 Accident and health (Exhibit 8, Part 1, Line 4.4, sum of Columns 9, 10 and 11).....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid (Exhibit 4, Line 10).....		
6. Provision for refunds payable in following calendar year-estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	320,000	320,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums (Exhibit 1, Part 1, Col. 1, sum of Lines 4 and 14).....	265,626	283,532
8. Contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR, Line 6).....	3,540,809	3,618,771
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued-life and annuity contracts \$.....0 ; accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	2,532	4,570
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued (Exhibit 2, Line 12, Col. 7).....	432,102	856,894
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued (Exhibit 3, Line 8, Col. 6).....	23,205	17,955
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	4,381,480	4,862,659
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	5,000	20,000
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve (AVR, Line 16, Col. 7).....	2,590,136	2,158,146
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Payable for securities.....	99,501	696,227
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	314,992	316,421
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	185,755,230	185,674,349
24. From Separate Accounts statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 and 24).....	185,755,230	185,674,349
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	11,555,594	9,866,552
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (Page 4, Line 47) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts statement).....	11,555,594	9,866,552
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 26, Col. 3).....	197,310,824	195,540,901

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FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year	2 Prior Year
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts (Exhibit 1, Part 1, Line 20.4, Col. 1).....	4,725,387	7,596,237
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....		
3. Net investment income (Exhibit of Net Investment Income, Line 17).....	11,746,690	11,764,645
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR, Line 5).....	288,040	236,039
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains or losses.....		
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded (Exhibit 1, Part 2, Line 26.1, Col. 1).....		
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....		
8. Miscellaneous Income:		
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....		
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....		
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	33,803	27,493
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	16,793,920	19,624,414
10. Death benefits.....	2,502,460	2,585,779
11. Matured endowments.....	9,092	22,091
12. Annuity and old age benefits.....	7,776,463	5,594,769
13. Disability, accident and health benefits, including premiums waived \$.....0.....		
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	470,016	443,675
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contracts funds.....	335,244	179,377
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....		
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	1,531,000	6,763,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	12,624,275	15,588,691
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only) (Exhibit 1, Part 2, Line 31, Col. 1 less Col. 5).....	54,789	68,448
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed (Exhibit 1, Part 2, Line 26.2, Col. 1 less Col. 5).....		
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses (Exhibit 2, Line 10, Cols. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6).....	2,588,945	2,261,093
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees (Exhibit 3, Line 6, Cols. 1, 2, 3 and 5).....	73,424	82,675
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....		
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....		
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	(346,290)	(26,976)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	14,995,143	17,973,931
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	1,798,777	1,650,483
28. Refunds to members (Exhibit 4, Line 17, Cols. 1 + 2).....	309,671	308,079
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	1,489,106	1,342,404
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) (excluding \$.....210,078 transferred to the IMR).....	49,903	(173,043)
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	1,539,009	1,169,361
SURPLUS ACCOUNT		
32. Surplus, December 31, previous year (Page 3, Line 30, Col. 2).....	9,866,552	8,578,130
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	1,539,009	1,169,361
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses).....	551,836	320,251
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....	15,000	
36. Change in nonadmitted assets and related items.....	84	17,502
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized companies.....		
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis, (increase) or decrease (Exhibit 5A, Line 9999999, Col. 4).....		
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	(431,991)	(193,255)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....		
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts statement.....		
42. Change in surplus notes.....		
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....		
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....		
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	15,104	(25,436)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	1,689,042	1,288,423
47. Surplus December 31, current year (Lines 32 + 46) (Page 3, Line 30).....	11,555,594	9,866,552

YOUTH ROUND-UP

John Barczynski Awarded Arrow of Light



John Edward Barczynski

John Edward Barczynski, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Barczynski, was among a group of Cub Scouts who were presented recently with the Arrow of Light Award at the Pack 935 Blue and Gold Dinner. The Arrow of Light is the highest award available in Cub Scouting, and is the only rank insignia that can also be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. At that ceremony, John was also the recipient of his fifth Family Award, and crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 81.

During his Cub Scout years, John was able to earn all 20 of the Webelos Activity badges available, as well as all 40 Belt Loops and all 40 Pins that are part of the Sports and Academics Program. In addition to several other awards achieved, he has been the recipient of the Light of Christ, the Parvuli Dei, and the International Religious Awareness Awards.

A fifth grader at Marshall Elementary School, John recently won the Sto-Rox Senior Division First Place Trophy on the local level in the 34th Annual Allegheny County Library Association Chess Tournament, and will represent Sto-Rox on the county level later this month. John is on the YMCA Swim team, in the School Chorus, Small Ensemble, and Orchestra, and the St. Alphonsus Children's Choir.

John lives in Franklin Park, Pennsylvania with his parents and sisters, and is a fourth generation member of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 567, in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



Melissa Smith Honored by Civil Air Patrol

Melissa Smith, a seventh grade student from Portland, New York, was one of four honor cadets at the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Western New York annual Cadet Leadership School held over Presidents' weekend at the Air Force Reserve Base, in Niagara Falls. During the two-day program, Melissa attended classes and learned about team building, physical training, customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, and the proper wearing of the uniform. Over 80 cadets from Western New York participated in the leadership school and more than 27,000 youth are involved in the CAP program across the United States.

The CAP is a volunteer section of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, which performs search and rescue, transport operations and humanitarian missions. The CAP accepts youths from age 12 to 18. At age 12, Melissa is one of the youngest members. She has been involved with CAP for nine months and belongs to the Jamestown Composite Squadron.

Melissa was inspired to become part of CAP through her uncle, Tom Hebeisen. A Vietnam War veteran and a retiree of the New York Army National Guard, Hebeisen participates in the CAP senior program with the hopes of earning his private pilot's license to eventually fly CAP missions.

Melissa and her uncle Tom Hebeisen are both members of Branch 484, in Coral, Pennsylvania. They are descendants of Joseph and Mary Baran who immigrated from Slovakia and settled in Black Lick, Pennsylvania. Two sons of Joseph and Mary Baran, Thomas Baran and Michael Baran, were killed in World War II.



Civil Air Patrol Cadet Melissa Smith during a flight session.



MAKING HISTORY – During the meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovak League of America in New York City on March 3, the artist's rendition of the special commemorative stamp, which Slovakia will issue to honor the centennial of the founding of the organization was shown. This special stamp will be issued in Bratislava during the Slovak League Centennial Tour in May. Members of the Executive Board shown above on the photo include, seated, L-R: Eileen S. Wilson, Daniel F. Tanzone, president; Nina Holy, secretary/treasurer; Stephanie Seigel and Andrew M. Rajec, supreme president of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Standing, L-R: Gabriel Kovac, 3rd vice president of the Slovak League; John A. Holy, honorary secretary/treasurer and chairperson of the centennial committee; Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec; Joseph Goda, who represented the National Slovak Society and Kenneth A. Arendt, executive secretary of the First Catholic Slovak Union. The first date of issue for the stamp is May 15, 2007, in Bratislava.

Slovakia to issue 100th anniversary commemorative stamp Slovak League Executive Board finalizes its historic centennial tour to Slovakia and national celebration

In its first activity of its centennial year, the Slovak League of America hosted its Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, March 3, in New York City. This civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in 1907, in Cleveland, Ohio, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. The meeting brought together the leadership of the American Slovak community to finalize centennial year plans. The Slovak League was



founded at a time when the Slovak nation at home was subjugated as one of the subject peoples of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. From its founding, the Slovak League has championed the rights of the Slovaks to choose their own form of government. Guided by our American ideals of freedom and equality, the Slovak League assisted our brethren in our ancestral homeland in their quest to join the family of free and independent nations of the world. As early as 1914, the Slovak League went on record advocating the freeing of Slovakia from the Magyar yoke. Following the First World War, with the blessings of President Woodrow Wilson and his Fourteen Points, the Slovak League labored with Czech groups in helping to form the first Czecho-Slovakia Republic.

It was the Slovak League in 1918, which championed the Pittsburgh Agreement, one of the most important documents in the history of the Slovak nation. The League invited Thomas G. Masaryk to Pittsburgh to explain just how Czecho-Slovakia would be administered and precisely the status of Slovakia within the new state. Signed in Pittsburgh on May 18, 1918, by Masaryk, who would become the first president of Czecho-Slovakia, the Pittsburgh Agreement assured Slovaks that Slovakia would be autonomous, would have its own schools, its own language, its own local administration, its own courts, and its own legislative assembly. Masaryk signed this pact in the presence of the representatives of the leadership of the American Slovak and Czech communities. Such an agreement was thought necessary to get specific guarantees that the numerically superior Czechs would respect Slovakia's political and cultural autonomy in the proposed new state. When in fact Czecho-Slovakia was established in 1919, the guarantees of the Pittsburgh Agreement were completely ignored. Instead of the promised autonomy, Slovakia became a part of a centralized government in which the Czechs completely dominated from Prague. Had the provisions of the Pittsburgh Agreement been respected, many feel that Czecho-Slovakia might have lasted even until our own day. The original copy of the Pittsburgh Agreement has

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been housed in the archives at the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, in Passaic, New Jersey, for many years. During a special centennial year program, the Slovak League will present the original copy of the Pittsburgh Agreement to the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center on September 9, 2007.

Thus, the Executive Board of the Slovak League met in the rectory of St. John Nepomucene Parish in Manhattan through the kindness of its pastor, the Rev. Martin Svitan. The board meeting was called to order by the League President, Daniel F. Tanzone. Reports were presented including that of Nina Holy, the League's national secretary/treasurer and John A. Holy, honorary secretary/treasurer, who presented his report on behalf of the centennial committee.

The League will host a tour to Slovakia, May 5-16, 2007. During the tour, a special historic seminar devoted to the work and history of the Slovak League of America and the American Slovak community will be hosted by Matica Slovenska, Slovakia's leading historic and cultural organization. A highlight of the visit will be the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the Slovak Government honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak League of America. It is the first time that an American organization has been honored with a commemorative stamp by Slovakia. Slovakia's President Ivan Gasparovic will receive the participants of the centennial tour at a special reception at the Presidential Palace in Bratislava.

While in Bratislava, the tour participants will also participate in the unveiling of the bust honoring the Rev. Stephen Furdek, co-founder of the Slovak League of America, and pioneer Slovak American immigrant leader. Father Furdek (1855-1915) was the founder of the First Catholic Slovak Union and assisted in the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. This bust of Father Furdek was made possible through the generosity of the Slovak League, which sponsored a special fund drive for this purpose last year. The tour participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Slovak Parliament and view the huge painting in its lobby devoted to Slovak immigration to the United States. This \$30,000 mural was a gift of the Slovak League following Slovakia's independence in 1993.

Individuals are still welcome to join in this once-in-a-lifetime tour to Slovakia, which departs New York's JFK Airport on May 5 and returns May 16. Cost of the tour is \$2,450.00 per person based on double occupancy. For details on this tour contact Danube International Travel at tel. 1-866-232-0755 or email Danube@Eastern-EuropeanTravel.com.

The meeting also finalized plans for the 100th anniversary celebration slated for the New York-New Jersey area for the weekend of June 9-10. On Saturday, June 9, a special evening cultural program will be held in New York City featuring a number of distinguished visitors from Slovakia. On Sunday, June 10, the centennial banquet will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, conveniently located on Route 3 just a few miles from the Lincoln Tunnel. The reception begins at 1 p.m. followed by dinner at 2 p.m. Cost of the banquet tickets will be \$50.00. For ticket information, call the Slovak League office, which is located in the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Office building in Passaic, New Jersey, at tel. 973/472-8993.

Representatives from the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society were present at the March 3 Executive Board Meeting. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, although not represented at the board meeting, have assured full cooperation for the centennial year activities of the Slovak League.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Michigan Sales Seminar in April

On Sunday, April 22, 2007 - The Membership and Marketing Committee will hold a sales seminar at the Best Western-Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights, Michigan. The hotel is on the 15 Mile Road, SW corner.

The host for this event will be Branch 743. This sales seminar will be available to district officers, branch officers and recommenders of the following districts.

- Michigan District
- Rev. John J, Spitzkovsky District

Any First Catholic Slovak Union members interested in learning about and selling our insurance and annuity products are also urged to attend this seminar. Form a car pool and get involved in sales.

We will start off with an 11:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Immediately after Mass (approximately 1 p.m.) lunch will be served at the hotel. The seminar will be at 2:00 p.m. sharp!

Please be sure to make your reservations by calling our National Secretary Ken Arendt at 1-800-533-6682 by April 16, 2007.

See you on the 22nd.

Until then,
Good Luck and God Bless,
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
National Vice-President
Chairman - Membership and Marketing



JEDNOTA Has Contributed to the Revival of Classical Music over Washington Radio

Jan Simko, Ph.D.

I. In the issue of October 18, 2006, JEDNOTA had printed my article: "Decline of the Culture of Classical Music." In so doing, JEDNOTA'S unequivocal stand on the side of classical music's fierce struggle for survival on the airwaves of the Nation's Capital has substantially helped to tip the balance in favor of classical music.

What happened? WETA, the PBS radio station in Washington, D.C., used to allot c. 16 hours of its daily air time to broadcasting classical music alongside c. 8 hours for the spoken word (news, etc.). As a devotee of classical music, I was, for many years, one of the material supporters of WETA, expecting classical music programs to be aired at specific times, day and night. So much so that, on my radio, the dial was permanently set on the WETA wave length. Whenever I woke up at night, it needed no more for me to do than to press the button, and there was a piece of classical music to be heard.

Came Monday midnight, February 28, 2005, and, again, I automatically, even blindly, pushed the button expecting to hear the "sweet" sounds of a piece of classical music. Did the expected indeed happen even then? To my surprise, not at all! For, instead of the expected kind of "my" music, I was unpleasantly awakened by--- spoken words! Presuming that this may have been just a temporary change of program, I went back to sleep. But, wait! There was something much worse to come!

The following night, I repeated my preceding night's routine. After waking up, I was very cautious to make sure that I would indeed push the proper button. But, what did I hear? Not the (hopelessly) expected music but, again, words spoken with a clearly British accent. Later, during the day, I did find out that, yes, indeed, the surprising change of program was not a temporary aberration but a radical restructuring of the WETA program. That is: ALL classical music was discontinued, except the Saturday afternoon seven broadcasts of the Washington National and the twenty New York Metropolitan Opera Companies' respective programs. Most of the spoken programs came from the BBC, some from the PBS. This drastic change amounted to a real coup d'etat on the airwaves! I had absolutely no prior information about it at all.

II. At that time, and for many years before, Washington, D.C., had another radio station broadcasting classical music, called the Good Music Station (WGMS). It earned its upkeep from broadcasting commercials interspersed with incidental classical music. But, it, too, sank to a far cry from what it used to be some years ago, in its heyday. For unspecified reasons, its owner intended to give it up.

The only radio station of the wider area, keeping up "the good work" in line with a long-standing tradition, has been the Baltimore City Community College radio station broadcasting classical music all day long without the spoken programs of the WETA. Later in the evenings, it broadcasts concerts of leading symphony orchestras in the U.S. and abroad. And, on Saturday afternoons, it airs, all year long, an opera program: the former item completely and the latter item partially missing from the D.C. radio program. How this small community college can finance its rich and expensive classical music broadcasts, while the classical music radio programs in the Nation's Capital have had to wage a fierce battle for mere survival, remains' a mystery to me. Unfortunately, after my having moved, in mid-2002, from Capitol Hill to Foggy Bottom, my reception of Baltimore's attractive music programs has deteriorated.

III. Being just "a very minor fry," I, as an individual, had, on my own, absolutely no effective means at my disposal to challenge this radical change in WETA's overall program. While I did see a value in the information richness of the BBC offerings, it was not easy completely to live without the previous rich musical program detailed in my previous article. What I did was to let WETA know in no uncertain terms that "You have killed Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and, consequently, I cannot continue my financial support for WETA, its original purpose having been to help you in continued broadcasting of classical music." There was no reaction from WETA.

I cannot but presume, however, that mine was not the only letter of protest sent to

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WETA. For, in the long run, the patience of us, the classical music lovers, has indeed been crowned with a sweet reward! As a Slovak proverb holds: "God's mills grind slowly." But, I am going ahead of myself.

IV. Unlike the previous painful nocturnal stealthy "burial" of classical music in February 2005, reported above, the glorious, victorious revival and resurrection of classical music to its previous glory took place, for all to hear, in broad daylight.

Thanks to some unexplained inner impulse, I had my radio tuned to the only good music station in Washington, D.C., the just mentioned WGMS. It was at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007, when this announcement was read out: "Shortly, you will hear an important announcement."

So as not to miss or misunderstand any one single word about to be spoken, I made the radio sound louder and fully opening my ears: WGMS closes down its operations as of this minute and it will merge with WETA at 8 p.m.!

Thereupon, not a second more "wasted" on classical music, the successor to the cashiered WGMS immediately switched to light music! What a stark contrast between the respective qualities of the two types of music! Let us say in parting: "Thanks for the memories, and good-bye, WGMS." WETA has mercifully adopted the acronym, WGMS, for its Hagerstown, Maryland, subsidiary relay station.

V. After an impatient five hours, I rushed to tune in to the traditional WETA wavelength so as for me to be an "ear-witness" to the historic, undisputed "counter-revolutionary" beginning of a new phase of, or if you will, a return to the previous, but interrupted classical music radio program.

Came 8 p.m., and we are pleasantly surprised to hear the original, previous amiable music announcer, Nicola LaCroix, and WETA's general manager Don DeWanny, who proclaimed the magic words: As of this hour, the WGMS operations will merge with those of the WETA to become a 24-hour classical music station. Really? (I rhetorically asked myself.) Yes, indeed! Without a second's delay (so as to quash any doubts), his hopeful words become the irrefutable truth: classical music is, after a long hiatus or "hibernation", again to be broadcast over WETA! And, as the following days have shown, announcers trained in classical music, such as Edith Gruber, Marylinn Cooley, and several others who, during those two "lean" years, had been demoted to mere readers of prosaic texts and announcements, have achieved a glorious release in so far as having been able to return to display their original qualifications as classical-music announcers and interpreters. But, this is far from all yet. The very best and, for me at least, the most important part to come testifies to the truth of Shakespeare's memorable assertion, namely, that "All's Well That Ends Well." But, indeed, even, in this case, much better than just "well."

The announcer asks us to tune in at 9 p.m. so as for us to join in celebrating this incredible revival and unexpected resurrection of the classical music broadcasts by listening to Beethoven's glorious Ninth Symphony.

VI. The excellent recording featured the performance of the Revolutionary and Romantic Orchestra under conductor John Eliot Gardner joined by four solo singers in the last, the fourth movement to sing to the memorable words of Schiller's "Ode to Joy and Brotherhood." For me, however, the most significant and memorable moment of this historic celebration was the mention of the first name among the singers, namely, that of the Slovak soprano Luba Orgonasova!

What more appropriate and significant culmination of this amazing and unprecedented revival of classical music on WETA radio in the Nation's Capital than with Slovak participation in the performance of one of the most solemn and majestic classical music scores.

From the joyous fact of Luba Orgonasova's participation in this unique, historic event, I cannot but derive great satisfaction. For, it was several years ago that I had drawn our

readers' attention to her activities as an opera singer, significantly in the musically very advanced Germany; then in the U.S., appearing in Chicago Lyric Opera's production of The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart. From there she advanced to singing with the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra under conductor Wolfgang Sawallisch in this same Ninth Symphony by Beethoven. She was selected by the famed conductor to join the orchestra in their Asian tour including South Korea and Japan where, on May 20, 1996, she had sung in this symphony in the great city of Nagoya. For her having been active mainly abroad, the print organ of the Matica slovenska (Slovak Mother) of Martin, Slovenske narodne noviny (Slovak National Newspaper), changed the original title of my article about her to read: "Doma malo znama" (At Home Little Known). This impression of her was confirmed to me during my several previous return visits to Slovakia.

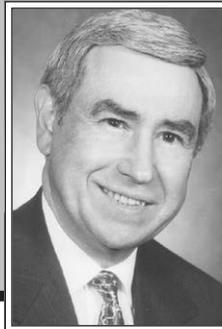
As to the recording played over WETA radio on that memorable Monday, January 22, although, in the quartet of singers, she had no solo passage to sing, yet I was nevertheless able to discern Luba's voice soaring above those of the other three.

Conclusion

Incredible as it may sound, but this is the unalloyed truth: Classical music can be said to have revived over the WETA radio station in Washington, D.C., both thanks to the JEDNOTA for having printed my article deploring the decline of the culture of classical music, and with the participation of the outstanding Slovak soprano Luba Orgonasova in the celebratory opening performance of Beethoven's solemn Ninth Symphony.

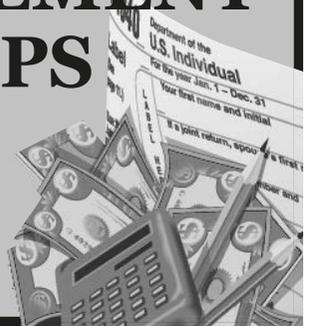
This glorious culmination of the saga of the resurrection of classical music over Washington, D.C.'s WETA radio cannot but make us, Slovaks, indeed, proud!

MONEY MANAGEMENT & TAX TIPS



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How The Gift Tax Affects Large Gifts

Are you thinking of making a large gift to your children or grandchildren? Before you do, make sure you understand the tax consequences of your actions. To help you understand your tax liability and that of your recipients, here are answers to some frequently asked questions about the gift tax.

What is Considered a Gift?

For tax purposes, a gift is a transfer of property without expecting to receive something of at least equal value in return. In most cases, if you don't intend to be reimbursed or get something in return, it's generally considered a gift.

What Gifts Are Subject to the Federal Gift Tax?

When making gifts of property or assets, including cash, you must consider the possibility of paying the gift tax. However, there are ways you can make a substantial gift without being subject to gift taxes. For starters, you can give any number of people gifts that do not exceed the annual exclusion amount. For 2007, the annual exclusion is \$12,000 per recipient.

Paying someone's tuition bills or medical expenses is not a gift for gift tax purposes, as long as you pay those amounts directly to the school or medical provider. Be aware that the exclusion for directly paid education expenses applies only to tuition. It does not include room and board or books and supplies. Under separate marital deduction rules, you can give any amount to your spouse, providing he or she is a U.S. citizen.

How Many Annual Exclusions Can I Take?

The annual exclusion applies to each recipient. For example, for 2007 you can give each of your children and grandchildren up to \$12,000 without gift tax implications. If you are married, you and your spouse are each entitled to the annual exclusion amount if your spouse consents to split the gifts on IRS Form 709. That means you and your spouse together can then give \$24,000 to each recipient.

What If I Give More Than the Limit? Who Pays the Gift Tax?

The donor is generally responsible for paying the gift tax, but just because you give more than \$12,000 to a recipient in a year doesn't mean you necessarily will be subject to a gift tax payment. Here's how it works: If you exceed the current annual exclusion amount to one person, the excess amount is applied to your lifetime federal gift exemption, which is \$1 million. If married, both you and your spouse are entitled to separate \$1 million lifetime gift tax exemptions. You are responsible for filing Form 709 to declare the large gift and to keep a running total of the lifetime exemption used. No gift tax is due as long as there is some lifetime gift tax exemption remaining.

How Do You Report the Gift Tax?

If you make a gift that exceeds the annual conclusion, you must file Form 709, U.S. Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax, which is due April 15 of the year following the one in which you made the gift. Even if you do not owe a gift tax because you have not reached the lifetime gift exclusion, you are still required to file this form.

If you have additional questions on this subject, contact Joe Senko at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 or 412/531-2990 or fax 412/531-4793 or jsenko@mvs-cpa.com

Darlene Kovach Crowned Pennsylvania Polka Princess

Darlene Kovach, a member of Branch 749, in Ellsworth, Pennsylvania, was crowned the 2007 Pennsylvania Polka Princess at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, on January 10.

Darlene was born in the United States. She is the daughter of the late Paul and Mary Kovach, natives from the village of Cicava near Vranov, Slovakia. She graduated from Bentworth High School and Penn Commercial Business College. Well-known as an excellent organist, Darlene plays at several local churches.

Congratulations Darlene!



Darlene Kovach was crowned the 2007 Pennsylvania Polka Princess in the large arena at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, on January 10, 2007.

REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

FRANK J. MARCINEK Branch 75 Shamokin, Pennsylvania



Frank J. Marcinek, 88, of 1634 West Chestnut Street, Coal Township, Pennsylvania, died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania.

He was born February 24, 1919, a son of the late Michael J. and Elizabeth (Sebek) Marcinek.

Frank was educated at St. Mary's Catholic Grade School and graduated from Coal Township High School in 1936.

A member of the 85th Coast Artillery, he entered the U.S. Army on August 12, 1942, and advanced to the rank of staff sergeant. On January 25, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

Frank enjoyed a long, successful career with Marcinek's Inc., where he rose to the rank of president. He was co-owner and operator until his retirement in 2001.

On June 27, 1946, he married the former Joan Hoy, who survives. This past June, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

He was a parishioner of the former St. Mary's Slovak Church and Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township. He was a member of the Moose, Elks, Lithuanian Club, Knights of Columbus Cardinal Mindszenty Fourth Degree, St. Francis Home Association, Fairview Fire Co., East End Fire Co., Fairview Gun Club and the American Legion. For a number of years, Frank was chairman of the Coal Township Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

He was also a member of the St. Mary's Society, Branch 75, of the First Catholic Slovak Union, in Shamokin. Soon after his birth he was signed up with the St. Aloysius Society, Junior Branch 137, in Shamokin. On February 1, 1937, he was admitted to the senior division or Branch 75.

Frank thoroughly enjoyed his work and his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Frank; daughter-in-law, Cindy; two grandsons, Frank and Scott; a brother, John of Indian Wells, California; a sister, Betty Katona of Kulpmont, Pennsylvania; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Kurtz, and brothers, Stephen E. and Matthew A.

Ronald M. Anderson

ELEANOR M. ROBERTSON Branch 7 Houtzdale, Pennsylvania

Eleanor M. Robertson, 81, of Atlantic, Pennsylvania, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at her residence where she lived with her daughter, Donna.

Born October 24, 1925, in Pacific, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Helen Takach. She was the last of her generation.

On June 28, 1947, she married Jack Robertson at Sacred Heart Church, Houtzdale.

Eleanor Robertson was a member of Christ the King Church, Houtzdale, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 7 of the First Catholic Slovak Union. She was also a member of the Sanborn Grange.

She is survived by six children, Mrs. Robert (Jacquelyn) Shimmel of Pacific, Mrs. Joel (Patricia) Albert of Kylertown, Mrs. Jack (Karen) Wilkinson Jr. of Morrisdale, Mrs. Greg (Donna) Shawver of Atlantic, William Robertson of Punxsutawney, and Eugene

Robertson of Pacific; 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and a dear friend, Charlie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two infant brothers, a brother, Francis, and her husband.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Christ the King Church by Father Zab Amar. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Brisbin.

The officers and members of Branch 7 extend their deepest sympathy to the family of their deceased member, Eleanor. May she rest in peace.

Marie Sedlak

MARY V. TRUCKLEY Branch 831 Tarentum, Pennsylvania

Mary V. Truckley, 92, of Natrona Heights, Harrison, Pennsylvania, died Monday, March 5, 2007, in Alle-Kiski Medical Center, Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights.

She was born December 2, 1914, in Lanesville, Ohio, the daughter of the late Paul and Agnes Polka.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Parish, Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Natrona Heights.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, flower gardening, small trips to Atlantic City and Mountaineer-Park and trips to her daughter and son-in-law to their camp in Smethport. She also loved to enjoy her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and having her entire family around her.

She is survived by her daughter, Dolores (Andrew) Kraynick of Natrona Heights; sons, Lawrence Truckley of Natrona Heights, John Truckley of Valencia, and Rudy (Sandy) Truckley of Curtisville, West Deer; grandchildren, Denise Inparto of West Palm Beach, Florida, Mark (Jackie) Kraynick of Mt. Jewett, Cindy (Jeff) Allenberg of Natrona Heights, Larry Truckley of Prospect, Kimberly Truckley of Natrona, Keith (Kim) Truckley of North Washington, Paul Truckley of Natrona, Louis (Rebecca) Truckley of Oxford, Paula (Tony) Kult of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, Rudy (Gina) Truckley Jr. of Sarver, Buffalo Township, Shelly (Ron) Moretti of Saxonburg, and Pam Truckley of Curtisville; and 29 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Truckley, in 1986; two sons, Louis Truckley in 1961, and Paul Truckley Jr., in 1999; a granddaughter, Deborah Truckley Parker, in 2005; a great-grandson, Ron Moretti Jr. and daughters-in-law, Nancy and Shirley Truckley.

Friends were received at the Cicholski-Zidek Funeral Home Inc., Natrona Heights, where a blessing service was held. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Most Blessed Sacrament Church by the Rev. Gary Krummert. Burial was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Frazer.

Kathleen M. Persun

PHILLIP J. GALGON Branch 567 Allentown, Pennsylvania

Phillip J. Galgon, 62, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Hospice House of the VNA of St. Luke's, Bethlehem.

Born February 11, 1945, in Allentown, Phillip was the son of the late John J. and

Helen E. (Hunara) Galgon. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church, Jednota Branch 567, Slovak Catholic Sokol, all of Allentown.

He is survived by a sister, Barbara and her husband Edward Dempsey, and brother, John, all of Allentown; and two nieces and a nephew.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church. Interment was in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Pula Funeral Home Inc., Mount Pocono, David M. Sefcik, supervisor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Scholarship Fund and/or Hospice House of the VNA of St. Luke's, both c/o of the Pula Funeral Home Inc., 35 Sterling Rd., Route 196, Mount Pocono, PA 18344.

The officers and members of Branch 567 extend their deepest sympathy to the family.

Helen Fiala

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY – KENNETH A. ARENDT ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICERS!

At the 48th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union held in Boca Raton, Florida in July 2006, it was agreed that in order to qualify for your \$4.00 per member stipend for 2007 you must meet the following requirements as stated in the Bylaw section 4.05:

"By the end of February of each year, the Home Office shall pay each local branch \$4.00 per member, per year, not to exceed \$8,000.00, provided the local branch has fulfilled the following requirements:

(a) Published, announced and conducted two (2) semiannual meetings, one (1) of which shall be an annual meeting held for the election of officers. Meeting attendance sheets shall accompany the reports submitted to the Executive Secretary.

(b) Submitted an annual report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(c) Submitted a financial report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(d) Hosted, sponsored, promoted, or attended at least one fraternal activity in the past year.

(e) Produced at least one (1) new contract in the previous calendar year. Branches with two hundred fifty (250) or more members must produce at least two (2) new contracts.

(f) Provided the Home Office, on a continuing basis, current addresses of members and completed change of beneficiary forms, death reports, and such other documents as required by the Home Office.

(g) Sent a branch representative to attend at least one (1) district meeting per calendar year. Those in attendance at the district meeting may vote to provide a branch with an excused absence.

1. Members attending a district meeting shall sign an attendance sheet evidencing their presence at the event. The district shall notify the Executive Secretary of those branches failing to meet this attendance requirement of article "g" above by no later than February 15th of the following year.

2. The Executive Secretary shall publish no later than March 31st of the following year in the Official Organ those branches failing to meet the requirement of section 4.05.

(h) Maintained good standing within it's district by paying current fiscal year dues and any other dues that may be outstanding from previous years."

Your branch meeting announcement for publication in the Jednota Newspaper should be sent directly to Jednota Estates, Attn: Anthony Sutherland, Editor, 1011 Rosedale Avenue, Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057; Fax (717) 944-3107. Announcements may also be sent directly to the Home Office to be placed on the Branch and District Web Page. All copies are due by 4:30 p.m. the Monday before the issue date.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE BE SURE YOU
PRODUCE ONE NEW CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR.**





Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



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Spomienka na Bratislavský Veľký piatok

Bratislava (TASR) – Pred 19. rokmi 25. marca 1988, sa na Hviezdoslavovom námestí v Bratislave zhromaždilo niekoľko tisíc veriacich so zapálenými sviečkami, aby tichým protestom poukázali na hrubé nerešpektovanie náboženských práv a slobôd v bývalom Československu pred novembrom 1989.

I keď táto sviečková manifestácia vznikla z podnetu veriacich, náboženského a občianskeho disentu, tajnej cirkvi, vyjadřila aj požiadavku za úplné dodržiavanie občianskych práv pre všetkých občanov - veriacich i neveriacich. Proti tisícim modliaci sa ľudia so zapálenými sviečkami v rukách zasiahla vtedajšia moc obuškami a vodnými delami. Kvalitou občianskeho odporu, šírkou záberu požiadaviek, odvahou vzoprieť sa totalitnej moci možno túto manifestáciu považovať za systémový začiatok definitívneho pádu komunistickej totality na Slovensku, ku ktorému došlo po 17. novembri 1989.

Zhromaždenie bolo kultivovanou a čitateľnou reakciou na vtedajšiu situáciu, ktorú charakterizovali proticirkevné zákony, cenzúra náboženskej tlače a aktivít, väznenia a trestania

kňazov, rehoľníkov, laikov, infiltrácia cirkvi Štátnou bezpečnosťou.

Perzekúcie cirkvi počas komunistického režimu sú vážnou témou, ktorou sa zaoberá v zmysle zákona aj Ústav pamäti národa (ÚPN).

Spomienka na tichú manifestáciu veriacich v roku 1988 - známu aj ako Bratislavský Veľký piatok, sa uskutočnila v nedeľu 25. marca 2007. Účastníkom spomienkového stretnutia sa prihovorili predseda Fóra kresťanských inštitúcií (FKI) Pavol Kossey, predseda Kresťanskodemokratického hnutia (KDH) Pavol Hrušovský, archivár Ústavu pamäti národa (ÚPN) Patrik Dubovský a bratislavský dekan Ján Formánek.

Následne sa v Konkatedrále - Dóme sv. Martina konala svätá omša, ktorú celebroidal biskup Stanislav Zvolenský. Spomienku na 25. marec 1988 uzavrelo modlitbové zhromaždenie - večeradlo na Hviezdoslavovom námestí, pred kostolom Notre Dame za účasti tajomníčky Združenia Máriina doba Alžbety Vojtkovej. Organizátormi spomienkového podujatia boli Fórum kresťanských inštitúcií, Rímskokatolícky dekanát mesta Bratislava, Mesto Bratislava a Združenie Máriina doba.

Európa potrebuje čerpať zo svojich duchovných koreňov

Výzva biskupa Tondru

k 50. výročiu Rímskych zmlúv

25. marca 1957

Bratislava (TASR) – S výzvou k všetkým veriacim, aby prispeli k väčšej duchovnej a občianskej zrelosti Slovenska a zjednotenej Európy, sa obracia predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) František Tondra pri príležitosti 50. výročia podpísania tzv. Rímskych zmlúv (25. marca 1957). Výzvu prečítali v katolíckych kostoloch 24. marca a v nedeľu 25. marca na záver všetkých svätých omší.

Tondra pripomína, že všetci nesieme zodpovednosť za ďalšie smerovanie a charakter Európy. Bez kresťanstva by sa Európa nestala tým, čím je dnes, "V duchu týchto myšlienok vyzývame spoločne budovať európsky dom, založený na židovsko-kresťanských základoch, v ktorom bude víťaziť kultúra

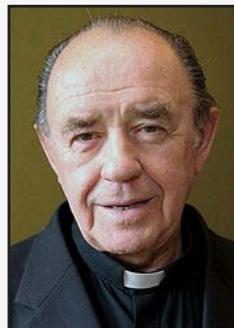
života a úcty k pravým hodnotám nad kultúrou smrti a relativizáciou pravdy a slobody," uvádza sa vo výzve.

Jubileum Európskej únie, ktorej súčasťou je aj Slovenská republika, je podľa Tondru príležitosťou vzdávať vďaka Bohu za dar slobodnej demokratickej spoločnosti a za nové možnosti rozvoja našej vlasti v pokoji a v spolupráci s krajinami EÚ. Tondra takisto pripomenul, že slovenskí katolícki biskupi už v septembri 2002 vydali Pastiersky list, v ktorom podporili európsku integráciu a vstup SR do EÚ a zdôraznili, že Európa potrebuje čerpať zo svojich duchovných koreňov. V katolíckych kostoloch v sobotu aj nedeľu čítali aj Pastiersky list biskupov k 25. marcu - Dňu počatého dieťaťa.

Veľkonočný pozdrav všetkým Slovákom v Amerike

Blížia sa veľkonočné sviatky a moja myseľ zabieha za more, k Vám a všetkým Slovákom v Amerike. Všetkých chcem pozdraviť prostredníctvom vašich novín. Cez veľké sviatky, či už sú to Vianoce alebo Veľká noc, sú ľudia k sebe bližší a akoby v rodine prežívajú tajomstvo našej spásy. Navzájom si posielajú pozdravy. Viac na seba myslia a sú k sebe pozornejší. Aj ja posielam veľkonočný pozdrav skrze Vaše noviny.

Veľká noc nás upozorňuje na lásku Boha ku všetkým ľuďom. Vykúpenie znamená oslobodenie človeka od hriechu nielen osobného ale aj spoločenského. Naše spoločenské vzťahy budú len vtedy krásne a prinesú nám radosť z každého spoločenstva, keď budú podrobené Kristovej vykupiteľskej milosti. Pokoj vám! Ja som to! Nebojte sa! To sú Kristove slová apoštolom, ale aj nám. Nebojme sa, majme nádej, a v pokoji prežívajme svoje každodenné udalosti. To prajem všetkým z celého srdca.



Biskup František Tondra

*Mons. František Tondra
spišský biskup a predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska*

Warholovo dielo na dražbe v Košiciach

Košice (TASR) – Rovných 770,000 korún zaplatil neznámy majiteľ za certifikované dielo kráľa pop-artu Andyho Warhola Zámok na aukcii umenia a starožitnosti aukčnej spoločnosti DARTE v košickom hoteli Slovan. Spoločnosť ponúkla solventným zberateľom vyše 140 diel rôznych techník od obdobia baroka až po súčasnosť. V cene vydraženého obrazu konkuroval Warholovi len slovenský maliar európskeho významu Ľudovít Fulla svojou olejomalbou Regrút, do ktorého investoval záujemca 410,000 korún. Košická smotánka prejavila značný stupeň konzervativizmu, keď na odbyt išli väčšinou realistické diela. Nepredali sa napríklad originály takých svetových modernistov ako je Joan Miro či Salvator Dali, alebo náš Ján Zelibský, či Vladimír Kompánek.

V ponuke boli a dobre sa predávali také mená ako Martin Benka, Koloman Sokol, Vojtech Borecký, Fedor Manajlo a s ním aj ďalší maliari ukrajinskej Úžhorodskej školy. Záujem verejnosti o aukciu bol veľký. Najbližšiu - už 13. aukciu umeleckých diel pripravuje DARTE na máj.



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Budova Starej národnej galérie v Berlíne slávnostne osvetlená poľským umelcom Sylwesterom Luczakom 24. marca 2007 pri príležitosti 50. výročia podpísania Rímskych zmlúv, ktoré položili základy únie.

PRAKTIZUJTE FRATERNALIZMUS

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

Slovenské ministerstvo zahraničných vecí privítalo iniciatívu Senátu USA na rozšírenie počtu krajín v americkom bezvízovom programe, vrátane Slovenska. Zákon o vnútornej bezpečnosti, ktorý Senát v utorok 13. marca schválil, by mal v budúcnosti oslobodiť od vízovej povinnosti občanov nových členov EÚ, ktorých Washington považuje za svojich spojencov v boji s terorizmom. Krajiny, ktorých sa má zákon týkať, musia splniť aj požiadavky, akými sú vydávanie technicky dokonalejších cestovných pasov či zdieľanie bezpečnostných informácií. "SR spĺňa alebo v krátkom čase splní všetky požadované kritéria," uviedol hovorca Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR Ján Škoda. Na rokovania o konkrétnych otázkach vízového režimu najmä bezpečnostného charakteru budú zamerané návštevy ministra zahraničných vecí Jána Kubiša a ostatných predstaviteľov SR v prvej polovici budúceho roku.

Slovensko podľa Medzinárodného menového fondu s vysokou pravdepodobnosťou splní kritériá pre prijatie eura tak, aby mohlo jednotnú európsku menu prevziať v plánovanom termíne od januára 2009, uviedol vedúci misie MMF pre Slovensko Biswajit Banerjee. "Vyhlídky Slovenska na prijatie eura sú dobré," poznamenal Banerjee. Krajina je na najlepšej ceste k znižovaniu inflácie a už v súčasnosti viac-menej spĺňa podmienky pre vstup do eurozóny, dodal.

Aj keď daňový systém nie je jediným faktorom, ktorý zahraniční investori pri svojom rozhodovaní posudzujú, ten slovenský je pre nich veľmi atraktívny. "Na slovenskom daňovom systéme je atraktívna jeho jednoduchosť a nižšie daňové zaťaženie v porovnaní so západnou Európou. Daňový systém v západnej Európe, žiaľ, nemá tieto charakteristiky," uviedol v diskusnej relácii Slovenského rozhlasu Sobotné dialógy riaditeľ úseku komunikácie PSA Peugeot Citroen Slovakia Peter Švec. Ďalšími faktormi dôležitými pri rozhodovaní sa investora o lokalite je jej dostupnosť dopravnou infraštruktúrou či kvalifikovaná pracovná sila. V tejto oblasti je slovenský trh podľa Šveca blízko nasýtenia. S tým, že je pre budúcnosť Slovenska potrebná zásadná školská reforma, súhlasí pritom svorne koalícia aj opozícia.

Zvláštne ocenenie 10. ročníka ankety Vojenský čin roka 2006 dostanú občania maďarskej obce Hejce za nezištnú obetavú pomoc pri záchranných prácach, ktorú poskytli po havárii lietadla Ozbrojených síl SR 19. januára minulého roka nielen záchranárom, ale aj novinárom pracujúcim na mieste nešťastia. V ankete sú každoročne oceňovaní ľudia, ktorí nezištné vykonali mimoriadny skutok, či už pri záchrane ľudských životov, alebo pri budovaní civilno-vojenských vzťahov. Slávnostné vyhodnotenie ankety spolu s galaprogramom sa uskutočnilo 22. marca v Koncertnej sále Slovenského rozhlasu, ktorého sa zúčastnil aj starosta obce Hejca Gejza Rohály.

Spomedzi tých, ktorí prejavujú priazeň niektorej politickej strane, si v marci získal vládny Smer-SD sympatie u 45.3 percenta občanov. V poradí preferencií nasleduje SDKU-DS, s ktorou sympatizuje 13.6 percenta voličov, SNS má 11% a LS-HZDS 10.4 %. Vyplýva to z prieskumu verejnej mienky, ktorý uskutočnil Ústav pre výskum verejnej mienky (ÚVVM) pri Štatistickom úrade SR na vzorke 1,131 respondentov od 1. do 9. marca. SMK, ktoré získalo v prieskume piatu priečku, preferuje 9.1 percent opýtaných, šieste je KDĽ, s ktorým sympatizuje 7 percent občanov. V ďalšom poradí je KSS (1.4%), HZD (0.9), Slobodné fórum (0.6), a ANO (0.6). So žiadnym politickým subjektom nesympatizuje 27.7 percenta občanov. Poradie v rebríčku sympatií sa určilo podľa hlasovania zvyšných 72.3 percenta opýtaných.

Slovensko už dlhodobo mešká s prebratím 21 smerníc Európskej únie. Viacero z nich pritom malo Slovensko prijať ešte k dátumu, vstupu do EÚ k 1. máju 2004. Najviac restov v prijímaní eurolegislatívy majú rezorty dopravy a hospodárstva. Vyplýva to z informácie o transpozičnom deficite a harmonograme jeho odstránenia, ktorý na rokovanie vlády predložil minister spravodlivosti Štefan Harabin. Za neplnenie záväzkov môže Európska komisia vymáhať od Slovenska pokutu v sume od 725 tisíc (24 miliónov Sk) do 14.5 milióna eur (482 miliónov Sk).

Ázijský región je pre Slovensko zaujímavý, tak ako je Slovensko zaujímavé pre ázijských investorov. V exkluzívnom rozhovore pre singapúrsku televíziu Singapur OLV to uviedol minister hospodárstva SR Ľubomír Jahnátek. Podľa jeho slov o tom svedčia mnohé podnikateľské aktivity spoločnosti Sony, Lenovo a v ostatnom období miliardové fabriky - automobilka Kia pri Žiline a výrobca bielej techniky Samsung pri Trnave.

Slovenskí a českí krajanovia v Taliansku sa po prvý raz v histórii dvoch samostatných republík spoločne zúčastnili 21. marca na generálnej audiencii pápeža Benedikta XVI. vo Vatikáne. Podujatie pripravili Slovenská katolícka misia v Ríme, Združenie krajanov a priateľov Českej republiky Associazione Praga a Taliansko-slovenské združenie pre podporu kultúry a turizmu Slov-Ital Forum v spolupráci so slovenským a českým veľvyslanectvom pri Svätej stolici. Počas generálnej audiencie pozdravia hlavu katolíckej cirkvi pri príležitosti jej nadchádzajúceho životného jubilea - 80. narodenín, aj bohoslovci z Gréckokatolíckeho kňazského seminára blahoslaveného Pavla Petra Gojdiča v Prešove.

Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti dosiahla vo februári úroveň 9.2%. Oproti januáru klesla o 0.25 percentuálneho bodu. V porovnaní s rovnakým mesiacom roka 2006 miera nezamestnanosti klesla o 2.46 percentuálneho bodu. Informovalo o tom Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (UPSVaR).

Informačná kancelária Európskeho parlamentu (IKEP) na Slovensku vydala 21. marca pri príležitosti 50. výročia podpísania zmluvy poštovou známku s personalizovaným kupónom. Znáмка s hradom Devín a s kupónom vyobrazujúcim logo jubilea Rímskej zmluvy v nominálnej hodnote 10 Sk vyšla v náklade 10 tisíc kusov. Rímskou zmluvou z 25. marca 1957 šesť štátov založilo európske spoločenstvo, ktoré je jadrom európskeho integračného procesu. Oslavami podpísania Rímskej zmluvy si pripomenuli päťdesiat rokov bez vojny medzi krajinami, ktoré dnes tvoria EÚ.

Pri Martýriu na cintoríne v Spišskej Novej Vsi sa 23. marca popoludní konala pietna spomienka na obeť tzv. Malej vojny z marca 1939. Pred 68 rokmi horthyovské maďarské vojská napadli z východnej hranice Slovensko a bombardovali Spišskú Novú Ves a tunajšie letisko. O život prišlo 6 vojakov a 10 civilistov. Tragické udalosti, ktoré súviseli s obsadením východnej časti prvej Slovenskej republiky, sa v histórii uvádzajú ako maďarsko-slovenská alebo tiež Malá vojna. Malá vojna sa začala ráno 23. marca 1939, keď maďarské vojenské jednotky bez vypovedania vojny prekročili hranice východného Slovenska a postupovali do vnútrozemia. Hlavná základňa slovenského letectva bola v Spišskej Novej Vsi. Tamojšie letisko sa stalo 24. marca 1939 pár minút po 17. hodine terčom bombardovania, ktoré však zasiahlo aj civilné obyvateľstvo.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

II. verejná zbierka na pamätník pápeža Jána Pavla II. a troch košických mučeníkov

Z minulých vekov ostalo pre nás veľa odkazov o dôležitých udalostiach, či osobnostiach na pamäť ktorých naši predkovia dokázali postaviť pripomínajúce pamätníky.

Aj naša doba priniesla svoje výnimočné udalosti, medzi ktoré nesporne patrí návšteva sv. Otca Jána Pavla II. v Košiciach 2. júla 1995, kedy na zhromaždení sa zúčastnilo vyše 400 tisíc ľudí. Pri slávnostnej liturgii na letisku v Barci boli svätorečení traja Košickí mučeníci a bola vyhlásená Košická arcidiecéza a udelené arcibiskupské pálium. Tieto udalosti v rámci celého sveta zviditeľnili mesto Košice i mestskú časť Barcu, na území ktorej sa konali.

Pri príležitosti 10. výročia týchto udalostí umocnených ukončením životnej púte svetovej osobnosti Jána Pavla II., sa podarilo zabezpečiť a zastrešiť získanie finančných prostriedkov na vybudovanie dôstojného pamätníka celomestského významu, ktorý 15. júla 2006 v Košiciach-Barci odhalil a požehnal kardinál Stanislav Dziwisz, krakovský arcibiskup, za prítomnosti apoštolského nuncia Svätej Stolice v SR Mons. Henryka Józefa Nowackého a košického arcibiskupa Mons. Alojza Tkáča.

Pamätník v zmysle usmernenia arcibiskupskej liturgickej komisie je umiestnený a postavený v zeleni pred vstupom do Barčianskeho parku, v blízkosti konečnej zastávky električky č. 4 v Barci a hlavného ťahu južne z mesta v smere k štátnym hraniciam s Maďarskom. Bohužiaľ chýbajú však financie na dokončovacie práce či už pri úprave zlého prístupu k Pamätníku, alebo nedostatku parkovacích miest a kvetinovej výzdoby okolia.

Na základe našej žiadosti o povolenie, Obvodný úrad v Košiciach príslušný na konanie rozhodol a potvrdil usporiadať druhú verejnú zbierku organizovanú Mestskou časťou Košice - Barca, Abovská 24, 040 17 Košice - Barca, zastúpenú Františkom Krištofom, starostom mestskej časti, za účelom získania ďalších finančných prostriedkov.

Verejná zbierka bude trvať do 18. júna 2007. Prosíme všetkých dobrodincov, ktorí by sa rozhodli zapojiť do zbierky, aby príspevky na tento nezištný úmysel zasielali na účet, ktorý bol špeciálne otvorený: v DEXIA banke a.s. pobočka Košice č. účtu 0427704007/5600; alebo poštou na Miestny úrad mestskej časti Košice - Barca, Abovská 24, Košice - Barca 04017 Košice, Slovak Republik.

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František Krištof

Starosta mestskej časti Košice-Barca



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NECHAJTE INÝCH VEDIEŤ O JEDNOTE

ZA ŽIVOT

Život je dar od Boha. A tak by sme s ním aj mali zaobchádzať a chrániť ho. A to nielen svoj, ale aj ten, ktorý každá matka nesie pod svojím srdcom.

Každoročne sa konajú veľké manifestácie po celej Amerike, aby bol vydaný zákon, ktorý by zabránil zabíjaniu detí ešte pred narodením. Doteraz je ich viac ako 40 miliónov, a to len zaregistrovaných potratov. Prečo, keď nám rodičia darovali život, my bránime našim deťom prísť na svet? Koľko z nich dnes mohlo byť budúcich vedcov, lekárov, inžinierov, kňazov, rehoľných sestier, a rôznych iných kvalifikovaných robotníkov. Neobrúti sa to raz proti tým, alebo ich deťom, ktorí sú ľahostajní k týmto výzvam? Hovorí sa, že "Božie mlyny melú pomaly, ale isto". Žiaľ, nadobúdám názor, že hluchota je tam veľká, kde by mali hlasy prenikať. Len aby sa tieto manifestácie nestali pre tých hluchých, iba atrakciou.

Aj ja som sa spolu s manželom toho roku v januári zúčastnila vo Washingtone, DC, pochodu Za život. Boli sme medzi zástupcami fraternalistických organizácií konkrétne Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, IKSŽJ, SKS a Slovenskej Pennsylvánskej Katolíckej Jednoty, ktoré každoročne neochvejne protestujú proti potratom.



Na snímke Anna Birošová v spoločnosti slovenských seminaristov Dalibora Ondreja a Martina Chovanca ktorí sú v USA na ročnej pastoračnej praxi.



Pohľad na pochodujúcich fraternalistov v prostriedku otec Philip Altavilla, predseda Združenia slovenských katolíkov.

Pri tejto príležitosti by som sa chcela s čitateľmi podeliť o skutočný príbeh, ktorý som osobne zažila na Slovensku. Raz prišiel za mnou jeden kňaz, menom Anton Srholec, ktorý bol v tom čase kaplánom Blumentálskeho kostola v Bratislave. Na Slovensku je dobre známy pre svoju obetavú činnosť s bezdomovcami, ktorým v Bratislave rôznym spôsobom pomáha zapojiť sa do normálneho života. Opýtal sa ma, či by som nevzala do svojej opatery skončenú vysokoškoláčku, ktorá už nemôže bývať na internáte a domov sa bojí ísť. Prečo? Čaká dieťa. Pri spovedi vyznala, že rodičia jej ako dar k promóciám venovali pobyt pri mori. Spolu s rodičmi trávila pri mori dva týždne. Zoznámila sa tam s chlapcom a žiaľ zoznámene nezostalo bez následkov. Keď zistila, že je tehotná, rozhodovala sa aj pre potrat. Nemala kde bývať. Bála sa to prezradiť prísny rodičom, ktorí mali v dedine postavenie riaditeľa podniku a učiteľky.

Kňaz okamžite pri spovedi reagoval, že dieťa sa musí narodiť a on nájde pre ňu riešenie. Keď kňaz prišiel za mnou, bola som v rozpakoch. Ako to vysvetlím deťom a ako to ony prijmu. Dopadlo to nad očakávanie. Prikýpili sme posteľ a milú Aničku nám kňaz doviedol do bytu. Moja dcéra, v tom čase osemročná, si ju obľúbila. Anička pracovala v nemocnici ako ekonómka. Pod srdcom jej dieťaťo rástlo, ale Anička sa snaďalej bála oznámiť to rodičom. Kňaz často navštevoval našu domácnosť a posilňoval ju k neobjacnosti, že všetko dobre dopadne. To, čo nikto nečakal, raz v noci sa zobudím a Anička stojí na chodbe. Odchádzala jej plodová voda. Dieťa sa ohlásilo na svet dva mesiace predčasne. Rýchlo som sa obliekla a budila susedov, ktorí mali auto. Uháňali sme do nemocnice ako šialení, až kým nás policajti nezastavil. Po náležitom vysvetlení nás nechal bez pokuty. Dieťa sa narodilo takmer v nemocničnom výťahu. Ešte sme so šoférom vyčkávali pokým nám nedali správu, že sa narodilo dievčatko menom Patrícia.

Ja som oznámila Aničkiným rodičom, že sa stali starými rodičmi. Nechceli počuť vlastným ušiam. Nakoniec všetko dobre dopadlo.

Asi pred piatimi rokmi som spolu s manželom stála v rade v Bratislave u Františkánov na spoved'. Nieko mi zrazu zo zadu jemne zakryl oči. Ozval sa hlas: "Hádajte, kto som?". Bol to ženský hlas. Nastalo ticho. Po chvíľke mi neznámy

hlas šepce do ucha: "Vy ste moja mama, vám vďačím za život". Otočím sa a vidím krásnu Patríciju s nádhernými dlhými čiernymi vlasmi, ako havran. Obom sa nám pri zvitani objavili slzy v očiach.

Dnes Patrícia, farmaceutka, je šťastne vydatá a má krásnu dcérku, tiež Patríciju. Som šťastná, že som prispela k záchrane tohto nádherného Božieho dieťaťa. Pri pomyslení na to, že by sa bolo stalo inak, sa mi zviera hrdlo.

25. marca sme si pripomenuli Deň počatého dieťaťa. Dokedy budú mlčať tí, ktorí sú tvorcami zákonov, aby sa zabránilo ďalšiemu vraždeniu nevinných detí!

Anna a Jozef Biroš

Na Slovensku treba stavať pamätníky

Beckov (TASR) Na Slovensku by sme mali stavať viac pamätníkov a spomínať si na slovenských dejateľov nielen vtedy, keď majú okrúhle výročia. Domnieva sa to podpredsedníčka parlamentu Anna Belousovová, ktorá sa 17. marca spoločne s predsedom vlády Dušanom Čaplovičom zúčastnila v Beckove na spomienkových oslavách pri príležitosti 190. výročia narodenia Jozefa Miloslava Hurbana. Podľa nej sú pamätníky potrebné, aby ich ďalšie generácie mali ako "živú učebnicu histórie svojho národa". Hurban, ktorý sa stal prvým predsedom Slovenskej národnej rady, bol podľa nej bojovníkom za práva slovenského národa a ten mu vďačí za svoju existenciu. Podľa podpredsedníčky v čase európskej integrácie musíme posilňovať myšlienku národnej identity viac ako kedykoľvek predtým. "Byť súčasťou európskeho spoločenstva neznamena strátiť vlastnú identitu alebo rozplynúť sa v nejakej beztvarej mase európskeho spoločenstva. Slováci majú čo priniesť Európe aj svetu," dodala. Čaplovič povedal, že Slováci si v dejinách tisíckrát dokonale overili skúsenosť, že sa môžu spoliehať iba sami na seba.

"Vláda Slovenskej republiky chce slúžiť občanom Slovenska s takou oddanosťou, s akou jej slúžil Jozef Miloslav Hurban," vyhlásil.

Rok J. M. Hurbana vyhlásila Národná rada SR 30. januára tohto roku a spomienka v Beckove bola úvodným podujatím. Po slávnostných službách Božích v evanjelickom kostole a položení vencov k pamätnej tabuli na rodnom dome sprístupnili v beckovskom múzeu výstavu Život a dielo J. M. Hurbana. Na výstave návštevníci nájdu napríklad najstarší zachovaný portrét Hurbana z roku 1848, nábytok z jeho pracovne v Hlbokom, vzorku vlasov, osobné pečatidlo, originál listov a prvé vydanie jeho kníh.

Jozef Miloslav Hurban bol prvým predsedom Slovenskej národnej rady. Pôsobil ako spisovateľ, novinár, politik a organizátor kultúrneho života, evanjelický kňaz a vedúca osobnosť povstania v rokoch 1848 a 1849. Bol vydavateľom a redaktorom literárneho periodika Slovenské pohľady, asistoval pri tvorbe novej spisovnej slovenčiny. Bol spoluzakladateľom Matice slovenskej v Martine v roku 1863.

Salezián, Martin Mazák usnul v Pánovi

Dňa 17. novembra 2006 si Všemohúci povolal k sebe svojho služobníka otca Martina Mazáka. Zomrel krátko pred dňom svojich 93. narodenín. Slúžil stotočne, vytrvalo, ako príkladný dušpastier a misionár Slovákov pre Romandské Švajčiarsko. Ešte v stredu slúžil sv. omšu a niesol sv. prijímanie chorej. Po návrate domov (Soral) náhle odpadol. Našli ho s poraneniami na zemi ležiaceho jeho spolubratia. Pri prevoze do nemocnice sa ešte prebral k vedomiu. Potom však znovu upadol do bezvedomia. Po odborných vyšetreniach hodnotili lekári jeho zdravotný stav za veľmi vážny a nedali mu veľkú nádej na uzdravenie.

Otec Martin Mazák sa narodil 12. 12. 1913 v dedinke Frivald (Rajecká dolina). Slovensko opustil už ako dospievajúci chlapec. V Taliansku začal svoju rehoľnú formáciu v kongregácii Saleziánov. Ešte ako mladého klerika ho však určili pre misionársku prácu vo vtedajších francúzskych protektorátoch v severnej Afrike. Na území Tuniska a Alžírka, kde zväčša vykonával úlohu učiteľa na francúzskom gymnáziu, prežil 14 rokov. Potom sa vrátil do Európy. Vždy spomínal, že má "chatrné zdravie" - chorľavel. Prvé rehoľné sľuby zložil v roku 1937, doživotné rehoľné sľuby v roku 1940 a kňazskú vysviacku mal dňa 24. 2. 1945. Už ako rehoľný kňaz prináležal do francúzskej saleziánskej provincie (Paríž). Od samého zrodu Slovenských Katolíckych Misií pôsobil ako misionár pre slovenských emigrantov vo Švajčiarsku. V tejto práci hrdinsky vytrval až do posledného dychu svojich síl. Ešte dva dni pred jeho smrťou pisateľovi dvakrát telefonoval a medzi 10. a 12. novembrom poslal tri poštové zásielky. Pripravil "Program svätých omší" pre mestá Ženeva a Lausanne. Až do konca svojho pôsobenia mal výbornú pamäť a nadšenie pre misionársku prácu. Bol nadovšetko človekom dobrého srdca. Nech odpočíva vo svätom pokoji!

Andrej Macko

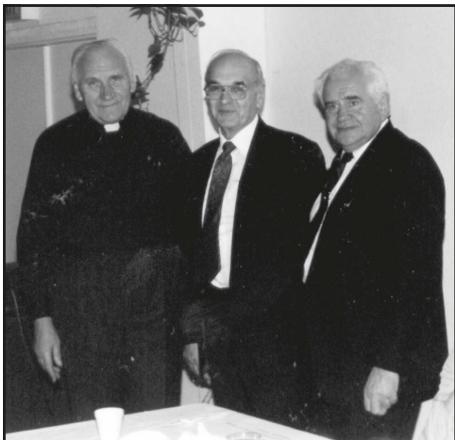
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Otec Martin Mazák (Foto archív 1983)

Otec Kamil Ján Hudák vo večnosti

V 87. roku svojho života a 53. roku kňazstva sa 5. januára 2007 v Českých Budějoviciach, odobral na večnosť otec Kamil Ján Hudák. S drahým zosnulým spolubratom sa rozlúčili Petríni 11. januára 2007 o 2. hodine popoludní v kostole Panny Márie Ružencovej v Českých Budějoviciach. Po zádušnej svätej omši bolo jeho telo prevezené na východné Slovensko do obce Staré pri Michalovciach. Slávnostný pohreb sa konal 13. januára 2007 za veľkej účasti jeho starých veriacich a mnohých kňazov Košickej arcidiecézy. Pohrebnú svätú omšu slúžil košický arcibiskup Alojz Tkáč a pomocný biskup Bernard Bober. Pochovaný bol na tamojšom cintoríne, kde bude odpočívať do slávneho vzkriesenia.



Zľava: Otec Kamil J. Hudák počas Slovenského dňa na Floride; Andrej Croftcheck a Andrej F. Hudák, vtedajší predseda Slovenskej záhrady.

Otec Kamil Ján Hudák sa narodil 23. októbra 1919 v Ploskom, okres Košice. Študoval na Bohosloveckej fakulte v Litoměřiciach v Českej republike. Za kňaza bol vysvätený 27. júna 1954 ako člen rehole Kongregácie bratov najsvätejšej sviatosti (Petríni). V roku 1955 pôsobil ako kaplán v Prešove, v r. 1957 v Bardejove a v r. 1962 mu odňali štátny súhlas. Odvtedy bol mimo pastoraácie. Bol istý čas aj väznený. Po prepustení pracoval vo výrobe, neskôr ako zamestnanec Vojenskej správy vo vojenskej nemocnici v Trnave. V roku 1966 sa stal kaplánom v Trebišove, od r. 1967 bol farárom v Zemplínskom Branči a v r. 1972 bol vymenovaný za farára v obci Staré.

V Starom pôsobil 25 rokov a za tú dobu sa postaral o dôkladnú opravu farského kostola a kostolov vo filiálkach v Oreskom a Krivoštanoch. 27. júna 2004 oslavoval 50. výročie svojej kňazskej vysviacky.

Po odchode na odpočinok v r. 1997 ako 80-ročný vrátil sa späť do kláštora Kongregácie bratov najsvätejšej sviatosti v Českých Budějoviciach. Tam okrem toho, že bol rektorom kostola Panny Márie Ružencovej a administrátorom farnosti Sedlec, mal na starosti získavanie seminaristov pre Petrínsku reholu zvlášť zo Slovenska. Dával duchovné cvičenia rozličným radom sestričiek v okolí Českých Budějovic. Ako vzorného kňaza a dobrého kazateľa si obľúbili veriaci nielen na Slovensku, ale i v Amerike. Na pozvanie autora tohto článku navštívil viackrát konkrétne Slovenskú záhradu na Floride, ktorú považoval za svoju druhú malú farnosť. Počas jedného Slovenského dňa, ktoré Slovenská záhrada každoročne usporiadala, slúžil svätú omšu v slovenčine za účasti vyše 1,500 ľudí z celých Spojených štátov. S veľkým elánom taktiež slúžil svätú omšu v slovenskom kostole sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Lakewood, Ohio. Mal neustály písomný kontakt so Slovákmi v Amerike. Vo svojom farskom kostole v Starom často kázal o Slovákoch žijúcich predovšetkým v Clevelande a na Floride.

Otec Hudák za svoju vieru veľmi trpel, ale nedal sa zlomiť. Nech dobrotivý Boh ocení jeho prácu vo vinici Pánovej a nech mu udelí odpočinok večný!

Andrej F. Hudák

Riaditeľ Slovenského ústavu v Clevelande, Ohio

S úsmevom

“Kedy ste boli naposledy na spovedi?” opýtal sa don Bosco. Muž sa zamyslel: “Pred desiatimi rokmi.” “Takže to bude desať frankov,” povedal kňaz pokojne. “Ako to, myslel som si, že rozhrášenie je zadarmo!” “Čože? Vy ste to vedeli?” opýtal sa don Bosco s úžasom. “Prečo ste potom čakali desať rokov?”

Posledný odkaz Dr. Jozefa Tisu

“V duchu tej obety, ktorú prinášam, odkazujem slovenskému národu, aby bol svorný a jednotný v sledovaní veľkej zásady “Za Boha a národ” – vždy, všade a v každom ohľade.

Je to nielen jednoznačný smysel slovenských dejín, ale aj výslovný príkaz Boží, ktorý ako prirodzený zákon stvoril a do národa a každého jeho príslušníka vstúpil.

Tomuto zákonu slúžil som celý svoj život, a preto sa považujem za mučeníka v prvom rade obrany kresťanstva proti bolševizmu, ktorého sa musí národ nielen v duchu svojho kresťanského charakteru, ale aj v záujme svojej ďalšej budúcnosti všemožne chrániť.

Ako si prosím od Vás, aby ste si v modlitbách svojich spomínali na mňa, tak i ja budem za Vás prosiť vševládneho Boha, aby národu slovenskému v jeho životnej borbe za Boha a národ žehnal, aby národ slovenský bol vždy verným a oddaným synom Cirkvi Kristovej.”



V Bratislave, 18. apríla 1947 o 3. hodine ráno.

DR. JOZEF TISO



Posledné stretnutie s otcom Kamilom J. Hudákom (vprostriedku) v novembri 2006 v Českých Budějoviciach. Zľava: Pani Kovačič, Andrej F. Hudák a Jozef Valenčík.

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Členská schôdza spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ v New York City

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že schôdza sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ v New Yorku sa uskutoční v nedeľu 15. apríla 2007 po slovenskej omši o 12:30 hodine v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na Prvej Avenue a 66. ulici. Láskavo žiadame našich členov o hojnú účasť na tejto schôdzi.

Jozef Juráši, predseda

Zájazd do Washingtonu, DC

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty usporiada poznávací zájazd do Washingtonu, DC v dňoch 19. - 20. mája 2007 (sobotu a nedeľu) s návštevou historických miest (Biely dom, Kapitol, Arlington cintorín a ďalšie).

Odchod je v sobotu 19. mája v ranných hodinách od Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, kam sa aj vrátite. V nedeľu v dopoludňajších hodinách navštívime “Basilica of the National Shrine”, kde sa bude slúžiť slovenská svätá omša.

Prosíme záujemcov, aby sa urýchlene prihlásili na telefónne čísla: Jozef Bilík (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922. Presné informácie o zájazde podáme neskôr. Tešíme sa na vašu účasť.

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K pamiatke prezidenta

Dr. Jozefa Tisu

Po Svätoplukovi, bol druhá naša hlava.
Jemu slovenský národ chválu a úctu vzdáva.
Boh ho stvoril, by viedol a chránil náš národ,
keď rúcali sa svety a nik nemal plán, liek-návod,
ako zastaviť mašineriu, čo valcovala Európu.
Mocní sa triasli, padali ako muchy, kričali na ratu.
A tu v strede tohto nebezpečného, vojnového víru,
keď na všetky strany sveta hrozí vojna, čosi vrie,
tu slovenský vodca, do očí povie führerovi ríše: Nie!
Vtedy, keď červená Moskva, silný Paríž a Londýn,
videli v oblakoch nebezpečie, oheň a čierny dym.

A náš prezident Dr. J. Tiso, s breviárom, rozumne vládne,
ľud slovenský spokojný je, Dr. J. Tiso v boji neochladne.
Slovenský štát vedie vzorne, kedy tu vládol blahobyť,
čo pre vodcov veľkého sveta bolo a je ťažko pochopiť.

Dnes na 60. výročie Tvojej hanobnej popravy,
dávame slovenský národ zase do Tvojej ochrany.
Kľáčiaci, vrúcne obetujeme naše modlitby Pánu Bohu,
prosíme Ho, by mocným osvietil rozum a odpustil tomu,
čo ho súdil. Aj Jánovi K., čo potiahol štranok-slučku.
My modlitbami sme mu dávali s Bohom na rozlúčku,
keď bezbožná lúza vybíjala sa alkoholom v radovánkach.
Lúza, čo nebola hodná mu zaviazat šnôrky na topánkach,
kňazovi-svätcovi, čo tak verne slúžil národu a Bohu.

Až dnes svet vidí, ako ďaleko bezbožná lúza zašla,
keď polobohmi boli Igor Daxner a prokurátor A. Raša.
Čo vám bolo v ceste? Coho ste sa báli, vtedy mocní páni,
keď nevíete, čo sa stalo s jeho telom, kde je pochovaný?
Či, žerie vás svedomie? Či, aj vy hľadáte kňaza, ako Husák?
Čo pokoril sa, objal kríž a navždy odhodil kladivo aj kosák?

Bože, daj Tvojmu služobníkovi-kňazovi slávu v nebi
a vypočuj jeho orodovanie za náš národ, našu krásnu vlasť.
My, neprestaneme vence našich modlitieb na jeho hrob kľásť!

Jozef Smák