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Memorial Day 2012

The meaning of Memorial Day has become blurred over the past few generations.

World War II involved so many servicemen and women and mobilized the entire world that it impacted on several generations.

In the Korean and Vietnam era, during which I served, there was still a draft. Even though there were student deferments etc. more people had "something to lose". With the advent of the "all-volunteer" armed forces, there seems to be some disconnect with much of the American public. While almost everyone supports our Armed Forces, even if they personally oppose a particular military action, since most people now don't have someone serving in the active military, they seem more detached from the loss of lives or injuries.

The Jednota would like to recognize and honor those who served their country, starting with WWII, the "greatest generation" and including those who served in Korea the "forgotten war", Vietnam and the succeeding conflicts.

Let's remember those who served for us, especially those who paid the ultimate price. Pay your respects and thanks this Memorial Day and infuse in our younger generations a respect and appreciation for those who sacrificed, so we may live peacefully.

Please see the accompanying note from our Editor Teresa Ivanec on page 3 of this issue, and share with our Jednota members the names, some information and perhaps some recollections of these sacrificing Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice with their death.



Andrew M. Rajec

Andrew M. Rajec
President

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on Saturday, JUNE 23, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. (telephonically).

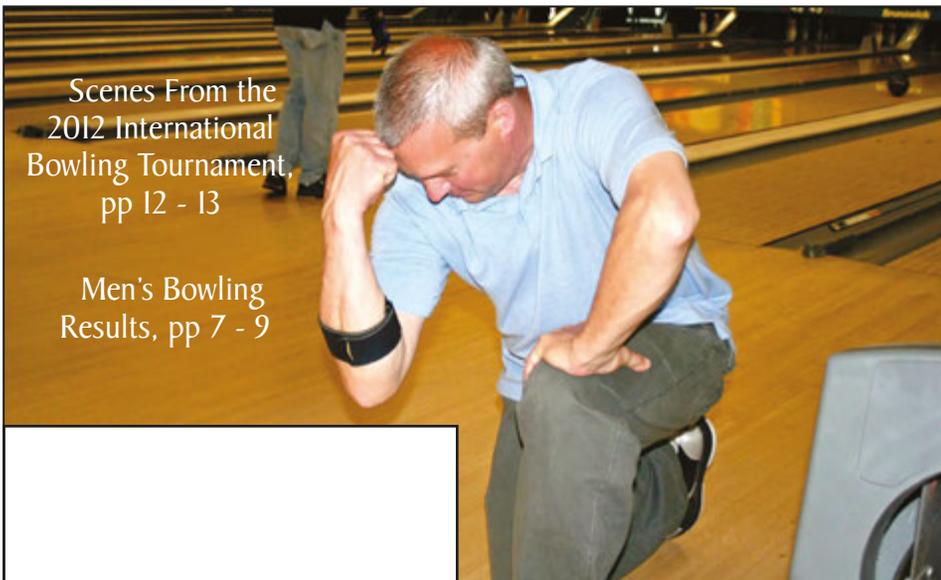
The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, June 22, 2012.

All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office prior to June 11, 2012.

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

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



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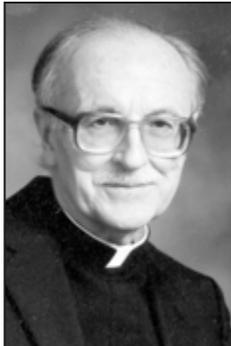
June 3, 2012

Trinity Sunday

Matthew 28:16-20

Gospel Summary

This carefully crafted passage is the climactic summary of the essential themes of Matthew's gospel. Jesus, now Risen Lord, reveals that all power in heaven and on earth has been given to him, and thus he has authority to commission his disciples to continue and to extend



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

his mission to all the nations of the earth.

Jesus' epiphany and commission to the eleven take place on a mountain, the symbolic place where humans encounter the divine presence.

The mountains of encounter unite in a single narrative the biblical covenants, and make all history a sacred history. These awesome places of the divine presence evoke the memory of crucial turning points of human history: Ararat, Moriah, Sinai, Zion, Carmel. Matthew, fully in harmony with this tradition, brings the narrative of the divine plan to its climax. He tells of Jesus' trial of temptations, his sermon, and his transfiguration on a mountain. From the severe testing of faith on the Mount of Olives, Jesus descends to suffer and die in obedience to his Father's will.

Now on a mountain, Jesus with divine authority commissions the eleven to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God's promise to Abraham after the testing of faith on Mount Moriah will at last be fulfilled. Through Jesus, son of Abraham, "all the nations of the earth shall find blessing" (Gn 22:1-18). All nations will hear the good news, and be taught to observe what the Lord has commanded. Matthew concludes his gospel and begins the era of the church with the promise of Jesus: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Life Implications

The good news we hear proclaimed on Trinity Sunday is that Jesus the Risen Lord wants us to share divine life with him in the oneness of intimate, familial love with his Father and Holy Spirit. Through the gift of baptism we belong to God, and God belongs to us. With Jesus we can say Our Father. We are at home in God.

To be certain that we do not imagine the era of the church to be an illusory Utopia above the ambiguities of the human condition, Matthew interjects a surprising note of realism. He tells us that though the eleven disciples recognize Jesus as Risen Lord and worship him, at the same time they doubt. He uses the same Greek verb for "doubt" as he did when Jesus stretched out his hand to Peter, frightened and sinking in the stormy water: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt" (Mt 14:22-33)?

A theme of Matthew's gospel is the contrast between the total, single-minded faith of Jesus and the double-minded, little faith of his disciples. Jesus tells the disciples that because of their little faith they do not understand him, and for the same reason they are unable to cast out a demon (Mt 16:8 and 17:20).

The disciples, except for one of the original twelve, are willing to follow Jesus and listen to his commands; but at the same time their "common sense" tells them that what Jesus expects is way beyond their capacity to accomplish. It is not difficult for us present-day disciples to identify with the feeling of inadequacy and doubt in the face of the powerful forces that oppose the fulfillment of the divine promise of blessedness in our own circumstances. Like the first disciples, we worship the Risen Lord; and we doubt. Yet we go on because we trust with our little faith that all power in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.

The Risen Lord, who conquered even death, is with us as he promised. When we do not under-

stand what is going on, when the demons in us and around us seem invincible, when we begin to sink in the stormy water, when the task at hand seems too much for us, Jesus stretches out his hand and says: "O you of little faith, why do you doubt?" With our little faith, we can only respond: "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief."



June 10, 2012

The Body and Blood of Christ

Mark 14: 12 - 16 and 22 - 26

Gospel Summary

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, which we call the Eucharist, is not just one of the seven Sacraments. It is the supreme Christian Sacrament and it is presented as such in all the Gospels. Mark makes it clear that Jesus instituted this Sacrament during a Passover meal, which in turn re-enacts the central Exodus event in the history of Israel. For Jesus, this Sacrament interprets his own dying and rising as the definitive Exodus—the supreme act of liberation from bondage—now intended for all people and for all time. This represents for us, therefore, the ultimate liberation from sin and death...and therefore from the bondage of guilt and fear and despair.

In this profoundly symbolic action at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals to his disciples the meaning of his imminent death and resurrection. He will not be dying as a misguided idealist, who loses everything at the end and who is believed by some naïve persons to have been somehow victorious. Rather, he is one who freely gives his life for others and whose love leads directly to his resurrection, since God cannot ignore such generous and unselfish love.

The earlier readings in today's liturgy, taken from the Book of Exodus and the Letter to the Hebrews, make it clear that participation in this Sacrament implies a solemn covenant, by which we commit ourselves to the kind of unselfish love that we see in the life and death of Jesus.

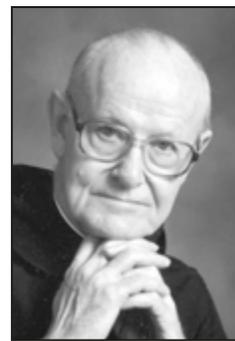
Life Implications

It is important to take seriously the words of Jesus about the reality of his presence among us in the Eucharist. It is a mistake, however, to think that the profound symbolic meaning of this Sacrament is in any way incompatible with its reality as the very Body and Blood of the Lord. In fact, if the reality alone is emphasized, there is always the danger of a simplistic and magical understanding of this Sacrament.

When we truly appreciate the symbolic and universal meaning of the Eucharist, we will see it, not only as the supreme example of the love of Jesus, but also as a claim on all who receive it to make that unselfish love the central feature of their own lives. In other words, we must by all means reverence this Sacrament and receive it with great devotion, but it is even more important to live its meaning when we return to our workaday lives. Receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord and continuing to be self-centered and insensitive at home or at work is clearly a serious contradiction.

It is very difficult, of course, to be truly and consistently dedicated to unselfish service. When we receive the Eucharist with profound awareness of its true meaning, we experience the reality of God's love for us and, as that experience deepens, we become ever more free to be the kind of loving presence in our world that Jesus calls us to be.

The importance of all this becomes clear when we realize that our participation in the victory of Jesus will ultimately depend on how well we have lived his message of love and concern for others. In other words, in the end it will be the quality of our loving that will be decisive and not just the frequency of our reception of the Eucharist. It is precisely that dedication to unselfishness in all we do that will enable us to join Jesus in his glorious resurrection. Honoring and receiving the Eucharist will surely help us to live in that way but it is our loving care and concern for others that will make the Eucharist victorious in our lives.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

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My Memories: FCSU Members Asked to Share Stories of Fallen Soldiers



Memorial Day, a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May in the United States, originated as Decoration Day during the American Civil War. It once commemorated Union soldiers fallen during that battle between the States. By the 20th century, however, Memorial Day was extended to honor all American service-men and -women who died in all wars.

Now Jednota invites you to send in your personal stories of FCSU members who fell in battle. These may be your own memories or those in your family – grandparents or great grandparents – who died in service to our country. Any photos of that deceased member should be sent in as well, if you have them available.

Then, throughout the year, Jednota will print selected stories honoring our FCSU members who fought and died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

Please send your memories and your branch affiliation, as well as any available photos to Jednota Editor Teresa Ivanec, c/o FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131 OR you may send materials via email to fcsulifeeditor@gmail.com (note: if you are sending photos electronically, please scan and send them in a jpeg format).



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Jerry Costello for *The Christophers*

A Good Samaritan Motorist

Here's the situation: You're stuck on the side of a fairly remote road in the nation's Northwest and one of your tires has blown out. You've got a spare but no jack, and even though you managed to mount a handmade sign with a basic plea--NEED A JACK--car after car, truck after truck passes you by. You've been waiting for someone to stop for about three hours. Now, what do you do?

If you're like Justin Horner, you're ready to give up and start hitch-hiking. But, as he told the real-life story in *The New York Times Magazine* a year or so ago, just as he was about to call it quits a van pulled over and the driver climbed out. He quickly sized up the situation and indicated he could help.

The man spoke no English, but his daughter did. Emerging from the van, she talked briefly to her father and then explained to Horner that their jack was too small for his car, but with a little ingenuity could probably do the job. And so, with the proper bracing, it did--until Horner, starting to take the wheel off, broke the tire iron, snapping its head clean off. That might have been an insurmountable problem, but not for the Good Samaritan motorist. He asked his wife to drive back to the nearest town, where she bought a new tire iron. She returned in 15 minutes and the job was quickly done.

Both Horner and his Good Samaritan were covered with dirt and sweat, and the man's wife produced a water jug they used to clean up. Horner thanked them profusely. When the man politely refused Horner's twenty-dollar bill, Horner pressed it into the hand of his wife. He asked the young girl where they lived, thinking he would send them a gift. She explained that their home was in Mexico, and that they were in Oregon for a few weeks to pick cherries. Afterward they would pick peaches, and then head back home.

Horner was amazed. "This family," he wrote, "undoubtedly poorer than just about everyone else on that stretch of highway, working on a seasonal basis where time is money, took a couple of hours out of their day to help a strange guy on the side of the road while people in tow trucks were just passing him by."

More surprises were to come. The girl asked Horner if he'd had lunch, and when he said no she gave him a foil-wrapped tamale. Dumbfounded, he uttered a few words of thanks, only to be taken aback once more. When he unwrapped the foil, there was the twenty-dollar bill.

Horner ran to the driver, about to pull away. He pleaded with him to take the money, but the man only smiled and shook his head. With great concentration, he said in English, "Today you, tomorrow me."

How beautiful. I thought at once of one of our new Christopher News Notes, on gratitude, and the words of our writer: "In the midst of abject poverty, you can often find incredible generosity, unceasing gratitude, and inspiring faith."

One day on a lonely highway in Oregon, just as he was about to give up, Justin Horner realized how true those words were. That was the day he saw them come to life.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, *YOUR CAREER COUNTS*, write: *The Christophers*, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org

Fr. Cyril M. Repko Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Ordination

On June 10, 2012, Fr. Cyril M. Repko O.F.M. Cap., will gather with family, friends, brother Capuchin Franciscans and parishioners at Holy Trinity Church, West Mifflin, PA to celebrate in Thanksgiving, 50 years of priesthood.

Fr. Cyril is the son of the late Joseph and Wilma (Vesonder) Repko. The example of his parents and the large extended family nourished a faith that grew into the recognition of a vocation to the priesthood. As an altar boy for Father John Kerchnyak, the Pastor, being taught catechism and being with Fr. George Jurica and Fr. Raymond Must set an example.

The years at Holy Trinity School with the Sisters of the Incarnate Word of Texas and the Vincentian Sisters of Charity continued to strengthen the call. Sister Cyril would tell the story of the missionary saints, SS Cyril and Methodius that would evangelize the Slovak people. He would be an altar boy at the Mass of Fr. Michael Bodnar SVD, a son of the parish that would go to Papua New Guinea as a missionary. Praying for Fr. Bodnar and sending him help were part of being a member of the Holy Trinity Parish.

Fr. Cyril would go to St. Fidelis Seminary and College. It would be at that time that the Franciscan Capuchin life would be recognized as his calling. He would join the Order of Friars Minor, Capuchins, of the St. Augustine Province of Pittsburgh, PA. In 1955, the Holy See requested the friars of St. Augustine to accept a newly opened area of Papua New Guinea, the Southern Highlands. His theology studies were completed at Capuchin College, Washington, DC. Ordination was at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, June 9, 1962. A year later, he would depart for the missionary apostolate in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea.

The first few years, 1964 - 68 were filled with a lot of walking, visiting villages and introducing people to the Good News of Jesus Christ. With the people's acceptance of the Word of God, and the arrival of more missionaries, the area could be divided and developed. The area visited in the four years became three parishes, St. Fidelis, St. Joseph and St. Martin de Porres. Father would be responsible for being part of the development of and first pastor of St. Joseph Parish. He would later be Pastor of St. Martin de Porres, St. Clare's and St. Francis Solano. In 1989, he was assigned to be Novice Director in the Capuchin Franciscan Formation program and Guardian of St. Felix Friary. The Chapter of the Vice Province of St. Michael the Archangel elected him as Vice Provincial in 2001. At the fulfillment of two terms of office, he was assigned to St. Fidelis in Madang, Madang Province, PNG, as Guardian, Spiritual Director and Director of the Spiritual Year. St. Fidelis Seminary is the beginning of the program of formation for the Diocesan Priests for Papua New Guinea.

Fr. Cyril will be at St. Augustine Friary, Pittsburgh until the end of July. His plans and hopes are to return to his ministry in Papua New Guinea.



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Report of Region 1 Director

Reverend Father, Mr. President and Fellow Members of the Board:

As previously mentioned we had an "Okres" meeting and a seminar that was very good. We also had the Slovak Festival at the New Jersey Arts Center, which was very well attended. We had a booth and the President and Vice President, Stephen Adam Minarovich all passed out newspapers and Jednota applications. We had a lot of Slovaks asking questions about our organization. I hope it will pay off.

I attended the New Jersey, New York Fraternal Congress meeting and convention and I am sorry but none of our students won this year.

Two years ago, I sent letters to all the branches in Region 1 and I was rewarded with two letters in answer. It is very hard to get their interest, but I will keep trying. The telephonic meetings are working out really well and we have saved some money.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Minarovich
Region 1 Director

Report of Region 2 Director

Rev. Thomas Nasta, President Andrew Rajec and Fellow Members of the FCSU Board of Directors:

It has once again been a privilege and an honor to serve as the Regional Director for Region 2.

In this past year, I performed all duties required of me as stipulated by the bylaws. I've attended all Board of Directors meetings, which were held either in Cleveland, OH, in Las Vegas, NV, or over the phone as a teleconference. In June 2011, I attended the monthly Executive Committee meetings in Cleveland, OH, at the invitation of the President. I attended both district meetings that my region held in Allentown, PA, and Levittown, PA.

I attended and participated at the bowling tournament in New Brunswick, NJ, in April and the golf tournament in Sharon, PA, in July and am looking forward to doing so again in 2012.

On September 18, 2011, my wife, daughter and myself attended the annual Mass held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the crypt church, sponsored by Branch 856. While attendance was light, it was a beautiful service and we had an enjoyable lunch afterwards.

As always, I will continue to try to keep my branches informed through the mail and at district meetings and will continue to do so in the future.

Fraternally,

Damian D. Nasta
Region 2 Director

Report of Region 3 Director

My fellow members of Region Number 3, the Saints Cyril and Methodius District Number 17, Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, Pennsylvania and Broome County New York, and members and officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union, it has been an honor to serve you as Regional Director this past year.

I have participated in every annual, semi-annual and telephonic board meeting of the First Catholic Slovak Union this past year. At each of these board meetings I have voted for the betterment and goals established by the founding fathers of our Society. I have attended and participated in all District meetings and functions and promoted "JEDNOTA" with our members and potential members.

As a member of FCSU Properties Inc., a for-profit subsidiary of our organization, I actively participated in each meeting for the best profitable use of this valuable asset of the FCSU.

In this period of attrition of our older members and declining membership of all fraternal societies, it has been my aim to help rebuild membership and enhance the fiscal solvency of the FCSU.

At each meeting of District No. 17, I have reported to the members any action from the national board meetings, spoke of ways to promote the FCSU and answered any questions. I am always available to any members or branch officers, by phone, email, or in person for help in filling our forms or any other general society business. As an insurance and annuity licensee, I have outlined the latest insurance forms and rates at each meeting and have promoted both the insurance and annuity programs of the FCSU to our members.

At each district meeting, I have read or referred to the correspondence from the Executive Secretary or other national officers that was sent to each branch, to ensure that each member has the latest and most useful information about the FCSU. By doing this I hope to promote an active discussion or questions concerning this correspondence and therefore reinforce the subject that the national officers wish to convey and hopefully have more informed and active members and recommenders.

I have attended and participated in the District Picnic when not in scheduling conflict with the FCSU Board Meetings.

If each of us would sign up a new member this year among our family and friends we can build our Branches, District and the FCSU.

I stand ready and available to help in any way to serve the best interest of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Carl Ungvarsky
Region 3 Director

Report of Region 4 Director

Dear Rev. Nasta, President Rajec, Executive Officers and fellow members of the FCSU Board of Directors:

This is my second annual report as Regional Director.

I've attended all board meetings either by attendance or teleconference and was present for the Executive Board Meeting held on August 19th, 2011, at the home office at the request of the president.

I attended at least one District Meeting of each district within my region. In March I attended the Frank T. Holly, Jr. District Meeting, District 9, in Paril the George Onda District Meeting, District 3, and in May, the Rev. John Martvon District Meeting, District 7.

I helped coordinate a sales seminar of June 12th with Districts 9 and 12 at the Hampton Inn in Uniontown, PA. Attendance was approximately 25 and included President Rajec and his wife Idka, Vice President Andrew Harcar and Executive Secretary Ken Arendt.

I attended the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District Meeting, District 12, in June. I also attended the summer picnic held by Branch 181 in Greensburg, PA, in June and our National Summer Picnic in Novelty, OH, in August.

In October I attended two District Meetings, the first was District 13, the Jozef Cardinal Tomko District in Osceola Mills, PA, and the second was District 7, the Rev. John Martvon District in Johnstown, PA.

I attended the membership meet, which was held on the Norwegian Cruise Ship from November 14th until the 18th, 2011.

I attended two Vilija Dinners. The first was held on December 4, 2011, in Greensburg, PA, and was sponsored by the George Onda District. The second was held on December 9, 2011 in Fairchance, PA, and was sponsored by the Ss. Cyril and Methodius R.C. Church Christian Mothers. I was asked to be a guest speaker and spoke about the history and current status of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada.

Currently I am working with President Rajec in developing a budget and proposal for a memorial on the property at Middletown, PA, for our founding father, Father Stephen Furdek, and all of our past and current members.

I will begin to review with the district officers their schedule of planned district meetings for the upcoming year and start making plans to attend all available meetings. I was graciously welcomed at all meetings and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at my office at 724-439-3440, or my home by calling 724-437-0892 or sending me an email at jrmarmol@verizon.net.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Marmol
Region 4 Director

Report of Region 5 Director

Rev. Thomas Nasta, Andrew Rajec, President, Officers of the Executive and fellow members of the FCSU Board of Directors:

Report of the Regional Director of Region Number 5, as per FCSU Bylaws effective January 1, 2011.

I have attended all meetings of the Board of Directors called by our President, Andrew Rajec, including all necessary telephonic meetings. This totaled four meetings for the year. I also attended District and Lodge meetings in my district.

At our district meetings, Treasurer George Matta and myself gave the membership information on new products and reviewed our regular products that we have in our portfolio. We also answered questions from the membership present and on sales materials received from Andrew Harcar, Membership and Marketing, and our home office. We also reviewed district sales insurance and annuity sales.

Listed below are some of the functions attended in 2011:

Pittsburgh Districts' Annual Fathers Day Luncheon

First Catholic Slovak Union National Golf Tournament in Sharon, Pennsylvania

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

National FCSU Picnic at Novelty, Ohio

Slovak Radio Hour Annual Dinner Dance, South Side, Pittsburgh

Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress Annual Meeting, Grantville, PA

In addition to my duties as Regional Director Number 5, I am President of Jednota Properties and Building Manager of Building Number 2.

As President of Jednota Properties, Inc., I keep in contact with our tenants as to their needs as directed in their leases.

As building manager, I see that their leased spaces and building is in good repair, the landscaping is in good condition, water sprinkling system is in operating condition, etc. See that taxes are paid, payment of all utilities are up to date, fire retarding system taken care of by Triangle Fire Protection, is in working order.

As building owner, our tenants' needs are our primary concern.

Jednota Properties Inc. Board of Directors:

Regis P. Brekosky, President

Joseph Minarovich, Vice President

Joseph Bielecki, Secretary

Joseph Senko, Treasurer

Carl Ungvarsky, Membership

Respectfully submitted,

Regis P. Brekosky
Region 5 Director
President, Jednota Properties, Inc.

Report of Region 6 Director

Dear Mr. President, Rev. Nasta, Fellow Board Members:

Since our last annual meeting, I have stayed tuned in to all the happenings on the Board level. I am delighted that our investments under the direction of Larry White and our Executive Board are doing very well, which reflects in our annual report.

Historically, I have been an advocate of mergers or consolidations with other societies. I am pleased that our President and his immediate staff are making progress with the consolidated efforts. This year's golf event with the NSS lends testimony to the fact that they are making progress.

The home office is doing an excellent job in assisting all the branches with all the potential Federal tax issues, before they become major problems with the IRS.

I continually strive to serve our society by attending all meetings on the national level in person or telephonically. Locally I attended various activities, in Akron, Campbell, Warren, etc. I'm always available.

Our recommenders are a very important element of our society; we must preserve this by constantly serving them so that they can better serve our members, and new members. It is important that we expand our outside sales force to be more professionally competitive. Our sales force is growing impressively.

Our pastors could help us increase our membership by supporting us from the pulpit. Today they are reluctant to do this for fear of offending other parish fraternal. If we could consolidate or merge, it would be easier for them to help.

Respectfully,

Henry Hassay
Region 6 Director

Report of Region 7 Director

After being elected Region 7 Director in 2010, I hit the ground running in 2011.

My wife and I attended 20 Slovak activities and enjoyed them all. Most were in Region 7 (WI, IL, IN, and MI) and a few in Ohio. I look forward to meeting new people at FCSU branches and encouraging them in their fraternal activities. I'm focused on bringing in more young people into the FCSU with the hope that they will become active members someday.

Respectfully,

Rudolph W. Bernath
Region 7 Director

Report of Region 8 Director

Mr. President, Executive Committee, and Fellow Board Members:

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as the Regional Director for Region 8.

In 2011 I performed all duties required of me as stipulated in the bylaws.

I attended both the annual and semi-annual Board of Directors' meetings and participated in both quarterly teleconference meetings.

I have also attended the local annual meetings of Okres Msgr. Michael Shuba District and Branch 785 as well as their semi-annual meetings.

Personally I participated in fraternal activities of the FCSU by taking part in the International Bowling Tournament held in April 2011 in New Jersey and the International Golf Tournament in July 2011.

For our local fraternal activities, I participated and assisted in the following:

- Our Annual Communion Breakfast; we were the designated coordinators with four other Slovak Spolky.
- The summer Regional Picnic held in August 2011 in Mississauga, Ontario, which was well attended by our members.
- Also a bi-annual bus trip to Rama Casino was organized by Branch 785.
- Our local Annual Golf Tournament was held in September 2011 at the Deerfield Golf Club.
- Monthly Euchre Nights during the winter months.
- Being a member of the Toronto Slovak Bowling League.

I also attended funeral services of our deceased members in Mississauga, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

Milos Mitro
Region 8 Director

Scenes From The Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors which was held March 23 -24 at the FCSU Home Office.



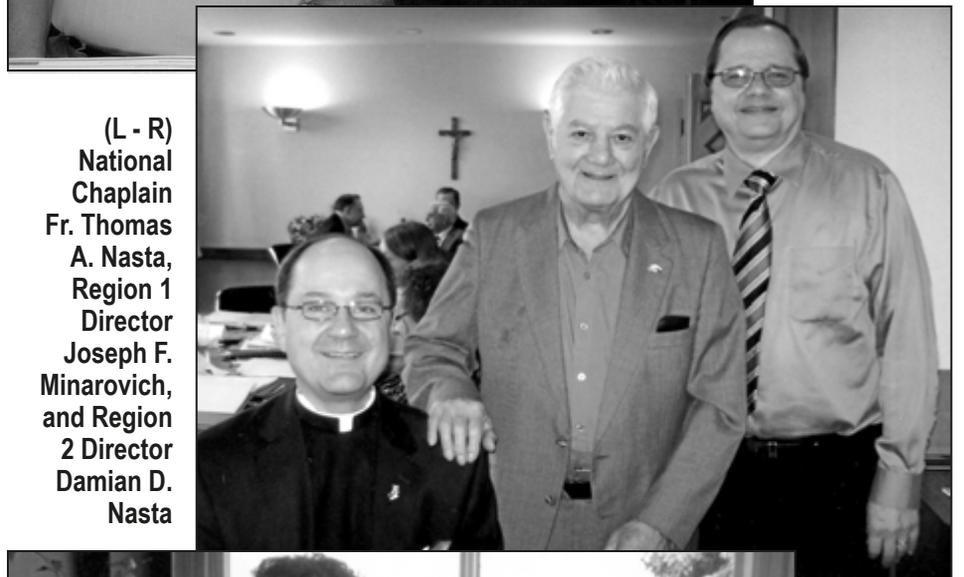
(L - R) Region Director Henry Hassay and Region 3 Director Carl Ungvary



(L - R) Region 5 Director Regis Brekosky and Region 8 Director Milos Mitro



(L - R) Region 7 Director Rudolph Bernath and Region 4 Director James R. Marmol



(L - R) National Chaplain Fr. Thomas A. Nasta, Region 1 Director Joseph F. Minarovich, and Region 2 Director Damian D. Nasta



(L - R) National Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt and Director of Fraternal Activities Susan Ondrejco

Address Changes?

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Accent on Activities



2012 International Tournaments

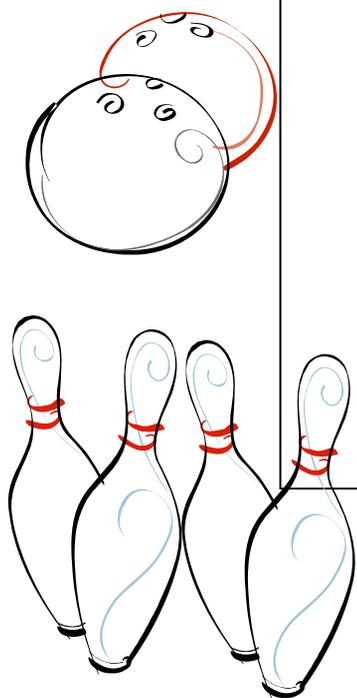
May 2012

Bowling Tournament

The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternal's International Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament was held the weekend of May 4 - May 6 in Wickliffe, Ohio. Bowlers from Mon Valley, Pittsburgh, Barberton, Akron, Levittown, and Toronto arrived at the Freeway Lanes to meet and compete in the tournament. Friday night, men's and women's teams tried to knock over the most pins. Saturday and Sunday, the men and women competed in doubles and singles events. We had approximately 240 participants from the Jednota, National Slovak Society, and Slovak Catholic Sokols.

Saturday evening, Fr. Tom Nasta celebrated Mass at the Embassy Suites Hotel. At the conclusion of Mass, the bowlers attended a buffet dinner. The current standings were announced and two special awards were presented to the men's and women's team who put their best foot forward and played with utmost enthusiasm, even though it wasn't reflected in their final scores. The winner of the "Better Luck Next Year Award" was Mon Valley #4 and the winner of the "Don't Stand a Chance Award" was Group 19B.

Additional pictures from the 2012 Bowling Tournament are posted at www.fcsu.com.



50/50 Winners:

Pete Kolecky, NSS
 Judy Babik, Sokol
 John Schumacher, Sokol
 Tom Helman, Jednota
 JoAnne Lako, Jednota
 Sharon Tomas, Jednota
 Robert Velocci, Sokol
 Al Pogorelec, Sokol
 David Bulwin, Sokol
 Pete Kolecky, NSS
 Mary Ann Wallace, Sokol
 Kitty Sweeney, Sokol
 JoAnne Lako, Jednota

Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament will be held in Sharon, Pennsylvania. On Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15, a reverse shotgun is scheduled from the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. Tam O'Shanter is known for its lush green watered fairways and fast bentgrass greens bordered by large native hardwoods and pines. The signature hole is the 115-yard Par 3 #14 known as "Death Valley" because of the many good scores that have died in its depths. Your tee shot is through a narrow corridor of large trees to a plateau green. A ball falling short makes a par difficult. A tombstone memorializes those that have fallen in its depths.



The fun starts Friday night at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course when they host our hospitality evening. Golfers will be treated to a lunch at the turn on Saturday and be eligible to participate in a hole in one contest. We will close the weekend festivities with a luncheon at Tam O'Shanter golf course on Sunday.

The Mass and banquet will be held at the Park Inn by Radisson. Renovations have been completed and we eager to see the final transformations. Hotel accommodations will also be provided by the Park Inn by Radisson.

Further details and registration forms can be found at www.fcsu.com. Information was mailed May 11, so contact Susan Ondrejco at 412-421-7967 if you did not receive your forms.

NEW THIS YEAR

In addition to having a joint golf tournament with the National Slovak Society, we have also added a Par 3 Challenge. This event is a Closest to the Pin contest on every Par 3 hole. The cost is \$10 and will enter you for both days of competition.



Hope to see you there!
 July 14 - 15, 2012
 Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
 Sharon, PA

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 13, through Sunday, July 15, 2012. The *Jednota* sponsors the tournament Friday through Sunday and a banquet Saturday evening.

This year we are looking for skill contest sponsors: (Longest Drive, Longest Putt, etc.)

Skill Contest Sponsor: \$100 – a sign will be placed on the hole where the skill contest will occur with your Branch, District, or Region name.

If you are interested in being a skill contest sponsor, please send the wording for your sign and your check payable to "FCSU Activities" to:

Susan Ondrejco
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 30, 2012.



1st Annual United Slovak Fraternal Men's Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	Perry Sokol II	2682
2	SCS Assy #59 Wilkes-Barre	2659
3	Lilly Team 2	2647
4	Sokol's Too	2643
5	Perry Sokol IV	2635
6	Pittsburgh #3	2613
7	Mon Valley #7	2609
8	Parma Oh W -153	2604
9	Barberton Jednota #1	2591
10	Macko Family	2575
11	Reading	2556
12	Group 16	2542
13	Crown Royal Express	2530
14	Group 19 A	2511
15	NSS#5 Men	2496
16	Mak's Pro Shop	2473
17	4 Kolečky's	2469
18	Pittsburgh #4	2462
19	Lilly Team 3	2461
20	Shake that Rack	2458
20	Lilly Team 1	2458
22	Mon Valley #9	2455
23	Dave's Crew	2447
24	Clifton Assy. #162	2444
25	Barberton Jednota #2	2410
26	Mon Valley #6	2405
27	I'm Bowling with Stupid	2402
28	The Professors	2388
29	Mon Valley #5	2387
30	Pytels	2381
31	Detwiler's	2372
32	Lilly Team 5	2355
32	Perry Sokol V	2355
32	Kapitan's Limousines	2355
35	Levittown Branch 857	2353
36	Loaded with Game	2352
37	Oneida Services	2351
38	Akron Jednota	2302
39	Mon Valley #8	2285
40	NSS#4 Men	2262
41	Beer Drinkers	2259
42	Clifton, NJ	2225
43	Lilly Team 4	2212
44	Perry Sokol I	2175
45	Mon Valley #11	2153
46	Team Romanchik	2114
47	Group 19 B	2085

Place	Doubles Partners	Total Pins
1	Sinagra Dunn	1437
2	Johnston Johnston	1407
3	Collins Barron	1372
4	Oswald Tokich	1352
5	Berardo Marchese	1328
6	Helman Roberts	1318
7	Detwiler Andrasik	1303
8	LeJeune Johnson	1278
9	Hlas Hlas	1274
10	Walko Lako	1270
11	Hickler Greene	1263
12	Velocci Gombita	1243
13	Barna Moeller	1233
14	Richnafsky Beckinger	1230
14	Lako Silay	1230
16	Stavarz Underation	1229
17	Vorell Topola	1223
18	Gober Gober	1222
19	Krasonic Krasonic	1213
20	Rausch Newman	1209
21	Dziuba Cincar	1208
22	Shedlock Shedlock	1202
23	Pupik Sr. Szymanski	1201
24	Matty Seruga	1199
25	Sir Louis Good	1194
25	Harms Harms	1194
25	Glodava Pogorelec	1194
28	Kovac Jursa	1192
29	Keturakis Spitler	1191
30	Anthony Anthony	1185
31	Durcansky Ventura	1181
32	Pytel, C Pytel, S	1178
33	Pytel, M Pytel, D	1167
33	Underation Underation	1167
35	Balog Hutzel	1164
36	Strother Bruno	1163
37	Holloman Todd	1162
38	Madison Murtha	1161
39	Sabo Sabo	1161
40	Risko Duporack	1158
41	Carny Jr Carny Sr	1154
41	Smith, VC Smith, D	1154
43	Motruncs Sir Louis	1151
44	Christopher Rostek	1145
45	Smith, J Smith, VE	1142
46	Anderson Ribic	1141
47	Kolečky, Jr Kolečky, Sr.	1137
48	Checton Elnikar	1131
49	Iskra Jacob	1129
50	Ślota Thayer	1127
51	Krzysik Jr. Krzysik Sr.	1124
52	Nasta, E Nasta, T	1123
53	Check Degnan	1122
53	Matras Matras	1122
55	Kacsanek Gmerek	1117
55	Shank Shank	1117
57	Topczij Topczij	1116
58	Papcun Papcun	1113
58	Spisak Onderko	1113
60	Goberish Simon	1112
61	Forma Jursa	1111
61	Kazmierczak Kazmierczak	1111
63	Duda Bright	1106
64	Nasta, A Nasta, D	1097
65	Burkhart Hunt	1093
66	Romanchik Gallagher	1091

Place	Doubles Partners	Total Pins
67	Detwiler Detwiler	1090
68	Keagy Phillips	1085
68	Rice Lutes	1085
70	Warnick Schumacher	1083
71	Patterson Eller	1077
72	Milius Moeller	1073
73	Healey Tretinik	1072
74	Genet Macko	1068
75	Sadler Erhardt	1064
76	Romanchik Romanchik	1062
77	Werner Werner	1056
78	Glass Mangiafico	1053
79	Schwab Frolo	1039
80	Selip Cassisi	1037
81	Kaptian Zoldak	1029
82	Risko Risko	1022
83	Novotney Novotney	1021
84	Kudlacik Pavlica	1017
85	Bender Sr. Muldoon Jr.	1000
86	Bart Smith	983
87	Shirilla Berdnick	980
88	Kolečky Kolečky	940
89	Bulwin Krack	902

Place	Seniors Competition	Total Pins
1	Kacsanek George	664
2	Good John	658
3	Stavarz Al	657
4	Underation Pete	656
5	Healey Larry	644
6	Jursa Joe	639
7	Greene Dick	627
8	Krasonic John Sr.	624
9	Papcun John	621
10	Kovac Slavo	620
11	Jursa Emil	614
12	Topola Richard	612
13	Lako Ray	604
14	Underation Rich	602
15	Elnikar Ed	600
16	Genet Joe	595
17	Muldoon Jr. Tom	594
18	Seruga Bernard	592
19	Kaptian Michael	591
20	Gmerek Len	590
21	Duda Ron Sr.	585
21	Glodava Anthony	585
23	Checton Clarence	582
24	Cassisi Nick	581
25	Anthony Bob	576
26	Kolečky, Sr. Donald	575
27	Zoldak Milan	573
28	Sir Louis Oliver	572
29	Vorell John	566
30	Pogorelec Albert	561
31	Smith Vernon C.	559
32	Romanchik Michael J	541
33	Pupik Sr. John	534
34	Risko Francis	526
35	Johnston Lynn	523
36	Forma Ed	502
37	Shank Clarence Sr.	500
38	Eller Terry	486
39	Bender Sr. Jerry	393

Men's Prize Amounts			
Place	Teams	Doubles	Seniors
1	\$606.00	\$326.00	\$49.00
2	\$540.00	\$305.00	\$44.00
3	\$480.00	\$285.00	\$39.00
4	\$420.00	\$265.00	\$34.00
5	\$360.00	\$245.00	\$29.00
6	\$320.00	\$225.00	
7		\$205.00	
8		\$185.00	
9		\$165.00	
10		\$145.00	
11		\$125.00	
12		\$105.00	

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Place	Singles Event		Total Pins
1	Tokich	Jake	808
2	Krasonic	John Jr.	774
3	Hickler	George	740
4	Sinagra	Dave	724
5	Matras	Mark	719
5	Risko	Brian	719
7	Matty	Dave	712
8	Sabo	Ron	704
9	Underation	Marty	697
10	Motruncs	Art	693
11	Kazmierczak	George	692
12	Johnson	Stu	689
13	Spisak	Mark	683
14	Helman	Tom	675
15	Barron	Joe	672
16	Thayer	Reg	670
16	Slota	Paul	670
18	LeJeune	Dave	667
19	Warnick	Brian	664
19	Kacsanek	George	664
21	Gombita	John	658
21	Good	John	658
23	Velocci	Rob	657
23	Milius	Chris	657
23	Stavarz	Al	657
26	Underation	Pete	656
26	Pavlica	Frank	646
28	Gallagher	R J	645
29	Healey	Larry	644
30	Roberts	John	641
31	Jursa	Joe	639
32	Silay	Tom	637
33	Pytel	Chris	636
34	Macko	Robert	635
34	Rostek	Mike	635
36	Hlas	Joe	634
37	Rausch	David	633
38	Novotney	Alan	631
38	Ribic	Anthony	631
40	Detwiler	Dan	627
40	Greene	Dick	627
42	Gober	Tony	624
42	Krasonic	John Sr.	624
44	Andrasik	Robert	623
44	Mangiafico	Eric	623
46	Papcun	John	621
47	Kovac	Slavo	620
48	Ventura	Frank	618
48	Walko	Dan	618
50	Newman	Kyle	616
50	Barna	Jay	616
50	Lako	Mike	616
53	Cincar	Andy	615
53	Bruno	Donald Jr.	615
55	Jursa	Emil	614
55	Erhardt	David	614
57	Hunt	Zach	613
58	Topola	Richard	612
59	Papcun	Don	611
60	Shank	James	610
60	Pytel	Dave	610
62	Iskra	Dave	609
63	Smith	David	607
63	Harms	Jeff	607
63	Beckinger	David	607
66	Oswald	Howard	605
67	Lako	Ray	604
68	Underation	Rich	602
68	Sir Louis	Robert	602
68	Schwab	Randy	602
71	Detwiler	Chuck	601
71	Romanchik	Daniel	601
73	Elnikar	Ed	600

74	Berardo	Emilio	599
74	Pytel	Shawn	599
76	Dziuba	Chet	597
76	Marchese	Mario	597
76	Szymanski	Jeff	597
76	Richnafsky	Nathan	597
80	Genet	Joe	595
80	Duporack	Steve	595
82	Onderko	John	594
82	Muldoon Jr.	Tom	594
84	Gober	Justin	593
84	Dunn	Alex	593
86	Nasta	Fr. Tom	592
86	Seruga	Bernard	592
86	Balog	Glen	592
86	Novotney	David	592
86	Frolo	Robert	592
91	Kaptian	Michael	591
91	Anthony	Rick	591
93	Gmerek	Len	590
94	Topczij	Eric	588
95	Krack	Thomas	586
96	Glodava	Anthony	585
96	Duda	Ron Sr.	585
98	Selip	Scott	584
98	Carny Jr	George	584
98	Burkhart	Joe	584
98	Smith	Vernon E.	584
102	Shedlock	Robert	583
102	Shedlock	Corey	583
102	Collins	Pat	583
102	Johnston	Derek	583
106	Checton	Clarence	582
107	Cassisi	Nick	581
108	Check	David	580
109	Smith	Jim	578
110	Anthony	Bob	576
111	Keturakis	Bernie	575
111	Kolecky, Sr.	Donald	575
111	Moeller	Keith	575
111	Smith	John	575
115	Hlas	Nick	574
116	Zoldak	Milan	573
117	Sir Louis	Oliver	572
117	Gebura	Joseph V.	572
119	Patterson	Sean	571
120	Lutes	Donald Jr.	570
121	Matras	Mike	569
121	Sadler	Richard	569
123	Vorell	John	566
124	Pogorelec	Albert	561
124	Holloman	Rudy	561
126	Bright	Richard	559
126	Smith	Vernon C.	559
128	Anderson	Joseph	558
129	Spitler	Randy	556
129	Werner	Larry	556
131	Sabo	John	553
132	Goberish	John	550
133	Kolecky, Jr	Donald	549
134	Topczij	Luke	548
135	Risko	Gary	547
136	Bulwin	Dave	545
136	Harms	Tony	545
138	Phillips	Brian	544
139	Pytel	Matt	542
140	Romanchik	Michael J	541
141	Simon	Doug	540
142	Krzysik Jr.	Joe	538
143	Krzysik Sr.	Joe	537
144	Pupik Sr.	John	534
144	Hutzel	James	534
144	Jacob	Jeff	534
147	Murtha	Joseph	527
148	Risko	Francis	526

149	Glass	Jeremy	525
150	Shirilla	Tom	524
150	Detwiler	Dean	524
150	Durcansky	Rich	524
153	Johnston	Lynn	523
154	Kudlacik	Marc	519
155	Kazmierczak	Bill	518
156	Strother	Brent	517
157	Carny Sr	George	516
158	Madison	Dave	512
159	Degnan	Marty	504
160	Forma	Ed	502
161	Schumacher	John	502
162	Kolecky	Peter	501
163	Tretinik	Robert	500
163	Shank	Clarence Sr.	500
165	Romanchik	Michael S	496
166	Berdnick	Ryan	487
167	Eller	Terry	486
168	Nasta	Damian	485
169	Rice	David	482
170	Nasta	Edward	481
171	Werner	Lance	479
172	Moeller	Joe	460
173	Bart	James	455
174	Nasta	Andrew	450
175	Kolecky	Michael	420
176	Todd	Mike	403
177	Christopher	Dave	397
178	Bender Sr.	Jerry	393



Men's Prize Amounts		
Place	Singles	All Events
1	\$182.00	\$72.00
2	\$176.00	\$68.00
3	\$171.00	\$62.00
4	\$166.00	\$58.00
5	\$161.00	\$52.00
6	\$156.00	\$48.00
7	\$151.00	\$42.00
8	\$146.00	\$38.00
9	\$141.00	\$32.00
10	\$136.00	\$28.00
11	\$131.00	\$25.00
12	\$126.00	
13	\$121.00	
14	\$116.00	
15	\$111.00	
16	\$106.00	
17	\$101.00	
18	\$96.00	
19	\$91.00	
20	\$86.00	
21	\$81.00	
22	\$76.00	
23	\$71.00	
24	\$66.00	
25	\$61.00	

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Place	All Events		Total Pins
1	Krasonic	John Jr.	2067
2	Tokich	Jake	2065
3	Sinagra	Dave	2030
4	Sabo	Ron	1986
5	Underation	Marty	1975
6	Velocci	Rob	1947
7	Johnson	Stu	1942
8	Hlas	Joe	1923
9	Gober	Justin	1917
10	Motruneacs	Art	1907
11	Ribic	Anthony	1897
12	Warnick	Brian	1895
13	Smith	Vernon E.	1893
14	Iskra	Dave	1888
14	Matty	Dave	1888
16	Barna	Jay	1873
17	Beckinger	David	1872
18	Barron	Joe	1868
18	Risko	Brian	1868
20	Hickler	George	1867
21	Johnston	Derek	1865
22	Dunn	Alex	1861
23	Kazmierczak	George	1857
24	Spitler	Randy	1843
25	Stavarz	Al	1840
26	Anthony	Rick	1832
27	Silay	Tom	1827
27	Walko	Dan	1827
29	Shedlock	Corey	1816
30	Good	John	1809
31	Helman	Tom	1806
32	Degnan	Marty	1805
33	Roberts	John	1797
34	Szymanski	Jeff	1796
35	LeJeune	Dave	1791
36	Collins	Pat	1790
37	Johnston	Lynn	1789
38	Smith	Vernon C.	1787
39	Spisak	Mark	1780
40	Berardo	Emilio	1779
41	Duporack	Steve	1777
42	Balog	Glen	1774
43	Andrasik	Robert	1763
43	Greene	Dick	1763
43	Carny Jr	George	1763
46	Matras	Mark	1762
47	Underation	Pete	1759
48	Papcun	John	1757
49	Kovac	Slavo	1756
50	Lako	Mike	1750
51	Sabo	John	1747
52	Sir Louis	Robert	1744
52	Milius	Chris	1744
54	Marchese	Mario	1742
54	Romanchik	Daniel	1742
56	Bruno	Donald Jr.	1741
57	Papcun	Don	1740
58	Anthony	Bob	1739
59	Rausch	David	1738
60	Detwiler	Chuck	1731
60	Pytel	Chris	1731
62	Rostek	Mike	1730
63	Gombita	John	1729
64	Novotney	Alan	1727
65	Topola	Richard	1724
66	Check	David	1722
67	Seruga	Bernard	1721
68	Sir Louis	Oliver	1720
69	Checton	Clarence	1719
70	Keturakis	Bernie	1716
71	Kolecky, Jr	Donald	1715
72	Kacsanek	George	1711
72	Slota	Paul	1711

72	Harms	Jeff	1711
75	Pytel	Shawn	1708
76	Erhardt	David	1707
77	Shank	James	1705
77	Smith	David	1705
77	Hunt	Zach	1705
77	Novotney	David	1705
77	Pogorelec	Albert	1705
82	Nasta	Fr. Tom	1703
83	Thayer	Reg	1702
84	Frolo	Robert	1700
85	Healey	Larry	1699
85	Gallagher	R J	1699
87	Simon	Doug	1697
88	Newman	Kyle	1692
89	Oswald	Howard	1685
90	Jursa	Joe	1679
91	Krack	Thomas	1678
92	Smith	Jim	1677
93	Detwiler	Dan	1676
94	Krasonic	John Sr.	1675
94	Moeller	Keith	1675
96	Shank	Clarence Sr.	1674
97	Macko	Robert	1669
98	Pytel	Dave	1661
98	Pavlica	Frank	1661
100	Kaptian	Michael	1660
100	Risko	Gary	1660
100	Underation	Rich	1660
103	Lako	Ray	1658
104	Hlas	Nick	1656
104	Smith	John	1656
106	Glodava	Anthony	1653
106	Matras	Mike	1653
108	Kolecky, Sr.	Donald	1652
108	Shedlock	Robert	1652
110	Schwab	Randy	1651
111	Genet	Joe	1648
112	Topczij	Eric	1637
113	Lutes	Donald Jr.	1636
114	Dziuba	Chet	1626
115	Nasta	Damian	1625
115	Christopher	Dave	1625
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117	Jacob	Jeff	1622
117	Murtha	Joseph	1622
120	Richnafsky	Nathan	1620
121	Jursa	Emil	1616
121	Bright	Richard	1616
123	Selip	Scott	1614
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128	Risko	Francis	1600
129	Shirilla	Tom	1599
129	Duda	Ron Sr.	1599
129	Vorell	John	1599
132	Hutzel	James	1595
132	Cassisi	Nick	1595
134	Sadler	Richard	1590
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Look for Ladies' Bowling Tournament Results in the June issue of Jednota

Turíce or Rusadľa - Pentecost in Slovakia

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

Seven weeks after Easter, Christians in Slovakia have typically celebrated the feast of Turíce as an important religious holiday. Occurring at the time of the year when spring was turning into summer, Turíce marked the beginning of new life in nature, and above all, a new life of faith.

In American culture, the feast of Turíce is known as Pentecost Sunday. The name derives from the Ancient Greek word *pentekostē*, meaning the fiftieth day, i.e., fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The feast celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Twelve Apostles, who had gathered in an upper room in the days after Jesus' Ascension into heaven.

Throughout the world to this day, the Church uses a bright red color to symbolize Pentecost. Red reminds us of the tongues of flame, showing the power of the Holy Spirit enabling the Apostles with a fiery courage and miraculous ability to speak many languages so they could go out and preach the Word of God. The bright red also reminds Christians of the blood many martyrs shed as a price for their unbending faith in the Lord.

On the Jewish calendar, Pentecost occurred at about the same time as Shavuot; it was a special occasion for the apostles, who were accustomed to celebrating Jewish holy days. The Jewish feast recalled Yahweh's freeing the Hebrews at Passover and the gift of the Torah, the Jewish holy book. Since Moses received the Ten Commandments in the desert on Mount Sinai after Passover, Shavuot recalled God's revelation of His will to the Chosen People. The feast commenced with the harvesting of barley after Passover and concluded after 50 days on Shavuot, with the harvesting of wheat. One can draw inferences that the Lord was likewise harvesting souls.

During the rule of the Roman Emperor Constantine (306-337 A.D.), Christianity became a legal religion in the Empire, and the Church started to use the word Pentecost in order to differentiate the Christian feast from that of the Jews.

When speaking of Pentecost, the English frequently use the term Whitsuntide or Whitsun. Some etymologists claim the English word found its origins by identifying with the white garments of catechumens, those awaiting baptism on the vigil of the feast. In early Christian times, infant baptism was less common, for most converts were adults new to the faith. Young women also traditionally wore white dresses to church on that day.

Other scholars ascribe a different origin to Whitsun. An Augustinian canon, John Mirk (1382?-1414), believed the name derived from the "wit and wisdom" ("wytte and wisdom") which the Holy Spirit inspired among Jesus' disciples.

When referring to Pentecost, most American Catholics think about the tongues of fire which appeared over the heads of the apostles. The Holy Spirit literally fired up the Apostles and emboldened them to go out into the world and spread the Word of God.

The Catholic Church today emphasizes the holy days as the birthday of the Church, for it marked the beginning of a more systematic effort to spread Christianity. Priests wear red vestments, the color symbolizing the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire.

The Biblical passage describing the events of Pentecost are found in the Book of Acts, chapter 2: verses 1-47. Here is a short excerpt, from Acts, 2: 1-8.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?"

Similar to Catholics, Protestants in Slovakia also celebrate Pentecost but also use the term Letnice, or Sviatok Letnic (The Feast of Letnica). The name derives from the Old Slavic name for the harvest time.

On the other hand, Catholics in Slovakia prefer the word Turíce for Pentecost. It is also an



Pentecost (from the ancient Greek meaning "the fiftieth day") is a great feast day commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the remaining eleven Apostles of Christ, after the Resurrection of Jesus. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday.



Pentecost Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Bratislava, Slovakia.



Pentecost parade in the town of Dobšina, Slovakia.

ancient Slavic name that derives from the word *tur*, meaning an ox. The ox was a traditional symbol of protection and ancient Slavs frequently used the ox in sacrifices.

In eastern Slovakia, one also finds the term *Rusadľa* used for Pentecost, which refers to the ancient Slavic worship of the rivers. It is a common term among Byzantines and the Eastern Orthodox faith. Its origins are connected with the ancient festivals known as *Pascha rosatum*, a term associated with red vestments and the name is still commonly used in southern Italy. In researching ancient archives, scholars have found evidence showing that the ancient Slavs celebrated this feast with a "bountiful feast of eating, masked processions, jovial entertainment, shooting, and village marches with torches."

As recently as the eleventh century, Slavs still sacrificed "animals to the rivers, springs and water demons." Superstitions persisted for many years, and people believed that water flowing at this time of year sparked magical powers among fairies, water sprites, and forest demons. A common belief held that certain rites with water could reveal treasures and towns which had disappeared into the earth.

The traditions gradually transformed with time, and the cleaning of wells became a custom associated with the coming of Pentecost. The Medieval Slavic peoples also used the festivals at Pentecost to pay tribute their ancestors.

In the Eastern rite, Carpatho-Rusyns and Slovaks traditionally decorated both their churches and homes with green branches and green flowers. For this reason, the feast of Pentecost is typically known as "Zeleni Sviata" or the Green Holy Day. The custom recalled the Jewish tradition of decorating their homes with green vegetation in order to remember the Ten Commandments give to Moses.

Eastern rite Christians also celebrated Pentecost all week long after the holy day and referred to it as "Zalhalnytsia" or Compact Week. The Monday after Pentecost even used to be a Holy Day of Obligation for the faithful. *Zalhalnytsia* was so special that the Eastern Church allowed meat to be eaten on Fridays during this holy week.

In northern Slovakia, similar traditions existed, with an accent on remembering one's ancestors. Villagers typically placed eggs or green twigs on the graves of their ancestors and celebrated memorial services for those who had died within the past year. Thus we see a

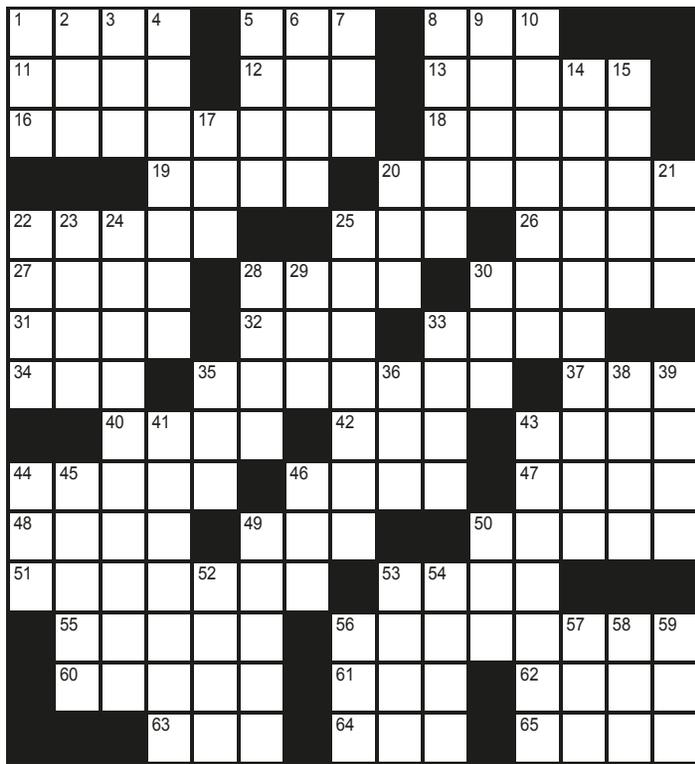
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Jednota Crossword Puzzle Reprint

Editor's Note: Some May 9th puzzle clues were deleted from that issue. Thanks to all our faithful puzzlers for contacting Jednota concerning the error. This reprint is for you.

Across

- 1 Fr. seasons
- 5 Insect
- 8 Fire residue
- 11 Soybean paste
- 12 Deer
- 13 Board game
- 16 Current
- 18 Accomplish
- 19 Alaska city
- 20 Boudoir
- 22 Ladies
- 25 Sibling
- 26 Gr. portico
- 27 Wood stork
- 28 Mackerel shark
- 30 Lizard
- 31 Animal skin
- 32 NV city
- 33 Sock
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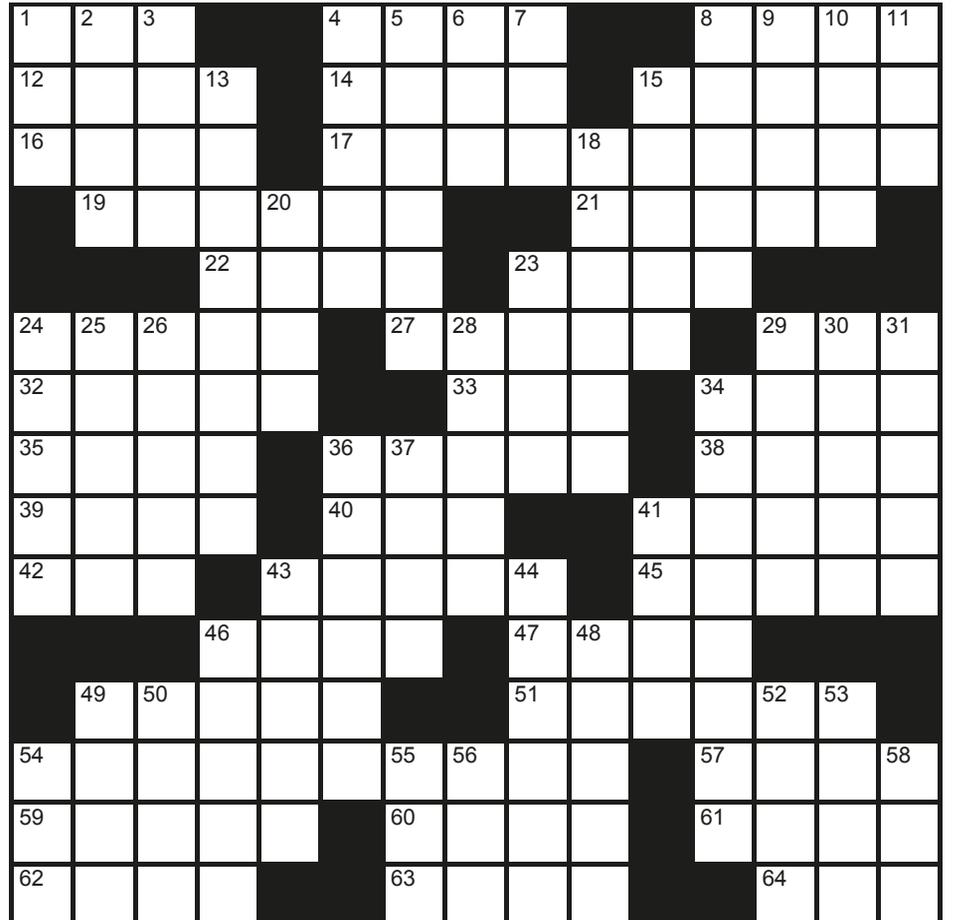


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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 65 Auditory system | 20 Life story, for short | 38 Molecule |
| 44 Anticipate | 21 Fmr. Chinese leader | 39 Kettle of fish |
| 46 Mild oath | 22 Whisk off | 41 Hotdogs |
| 47 Aeneid | 23 Conform | 43 Aristocracy |
| 48 Mantle | 24 Denver and New York, for example | 44 Perform |
| 49 Chinese kitchen item | 25 Bird that sings at great heights | 45 Hospital areas |
| 50 Swarms | 28 Hateful | 46 Morse code signal |
| 51 Passage | 29 Completely | 49 Weak and ineffectual |
| 53 Mix | 30 Fuel | 50 Can |
| 55 Aspiration | 33 Root vegetable | 52 Cruise |
| 56 Adolescent | 35 Rodent | 53 Scorch |
| 60 Comic ____ | 36 Crete mountain | 54 Camping tool |
| 61 Pallid ____ | | 56 Deuce |
| 62 Pierce | | 57 Gazelle |
| 63 Cunning | | 58 Goof |
| 64 Morsel | | 59 Thing, in law |

Down

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Edge tool
- 4 Mariner
- 8 Jab
- 12 Front of a ship
- 14 Cookie
- 15 Lukewarm
- 16 Narrative
- 17 Grow worse
- 19 Comic book hero
- 21 Banishment
- 22 Actress Eichhorn
- 23 Egg-shaped
- 24 Jamborees
- 27 Adventure stories
- 29 Pat
- 32 Broker
- 33 Secondhand
- 34 City in 15 Down
- 35 Nail
- 36 Bib. town near Jerusalem
- 38 Wager
- 39 1940's First Lady
- 40 Rodent
- 41 Speak
- 42 Still
- 43 Gr. letters
- 45 Flower starters
- 46 Legumes
- 47 Assert
- 49 Very thin
- 51 Booed
- 54 Inspector Clouseau's attire
- 57 Composer Jerome
- 59 Soil
- 60 Halo
- 61 Pelvic girdle
- 62 Andy's pal

Down

- 63 Watch face
- 64 Infiltrator
- 1 Tending toward
- 2 Dreary
- 3 French novelist Emile ____
- 4 Soft drinks
- 5 Stadiums
- 6 Limb
- 7 Digit
- 8 Hazard
- 9 Translucent gem
- 10 Small hawk
- 11 Dutch city
- 13 Bird sanctuaries, at times
- 15 Lone-Star State
- 18 Silver State
- 20 Haze
- 23 Leer
- 24 Loquacious
- 25 Concur
- 26 Slightest
- 28 Main artery
- 29 *Divine Comedy* poet
- 30 Emoted
- 31 Transvaal settlers
- 34 Slalom, lake-style
- 36 Inhalation
- 37 Breakfasts
- 41 Applies
- 43 Judge's work place
- 44 Libyan Desert
- 46 Football plays
- 48 Critical
- 49 Fat unit
- 50 Flight (Pref.)
- 52 Congers
- 53 Faucet problem
- 54 Oolong, e.g.
- 55 Heel with no soul
- 56 French okay
- 58 House vote



U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Theodore Sedgwick and Bratislava Mayor Milan Ftacnik To Visit Cleveland



Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA) and Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities (CBSC) present U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Theodore Sedgwick and Mayor of Bratislava Milan Ftacnik.

To register, visit www.ccwa.org and click on the Speaker Programs tab and follow instructions to register or call 216-255-9002.

Date : Thursday, June 14, 2012 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Admission: \$15 for members of CCWA and Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities, \$25 for nonmembers and \$10 for full-time students

Location: The Union Club of Cleveland, 1211 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

Program:

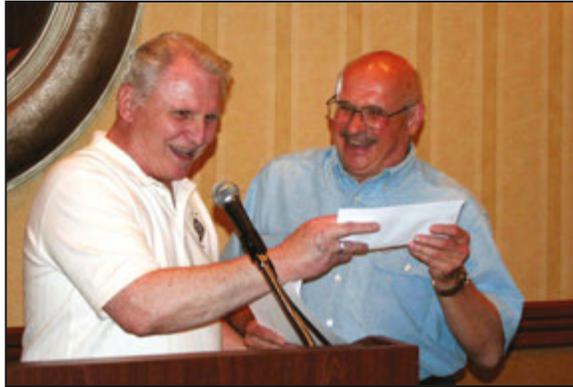
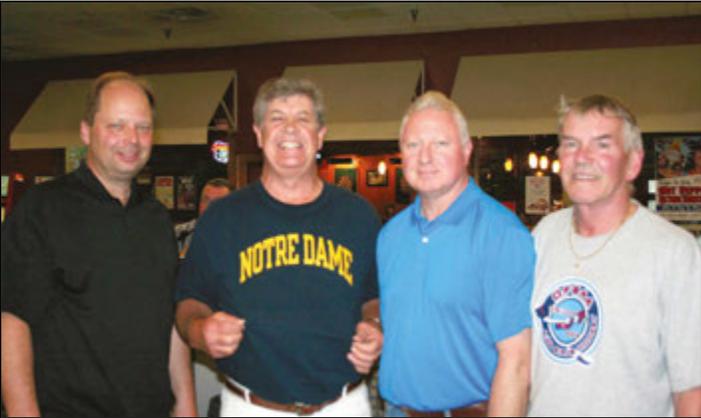
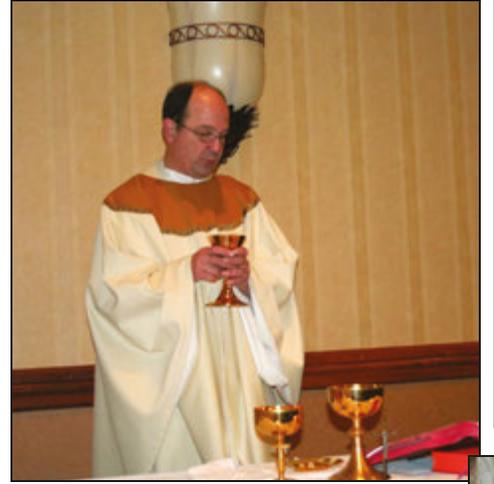
6 PM - Registration and Reception

6:30 PM - Program begins, followed by a questions and answers session.

If each member would sign up just one new member, we could double our Society immediately
THINK ABOUT IT!

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Scenes From The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternal



more photos from the tour

International Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament



Tournament available at fcsu.com

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society- Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday June 17, 2012 at the Faith United Church of Christ Hall, 21 Faith Drive, West Hazleton, PA. All members are encouraged to attend. A breakfast buffet sponsored by the Pardeesville Christian Association will be provided for all branch attendees. Please call M. Koval at 570-454-0004 for details and directions, if needed.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 10 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, Pennsylvania invites all Branch 10 members, and their families, to attend the annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 24, 2012. The 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish, 200 Delaware Ave., Olyphant will be celebrated for all living and deceased members of Branch 10, FCSU. Immediately following the Mass, a complimentary breakfast for members and their families will be held at the Regal Room, 212-218 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant, PA. Reservations are requested, and may be made by phoning (570) 489 9819 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. no later than Friday, June 15, 2012.

Church directions: www.holycrossolyphant.org/Directions.html

Restaurant directions: regalroom.com/directions.html
William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 23 - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

There will be a meeting on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. for all Branch 23 members at the Oratory Hall of the Resurrection Parish, 408 8th Avenue, (corner of 8th Ave & Chestnut Str.) Johnstown, PA 15906.

The topic of discussion will be the future of Branch 23.

The meeting will be chaired by Andrew M. Rajec, President of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary of the FCSU will also participate.

All members are urged to attend. This matter is of great importance to members of Branch 23 of the FCSU.

Andrew M. Rajec, National President, FCSU

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Andrew Svorad, Branch 24, will hold a short branch meeting on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at St. Andrew Abbey following the 1:00 Mass, luncheon, and presentation. For details on the day's program, see the related article in this edition of the Jednota newspaper.

To make reservations (required) or for more information, contact Susan Lang at 216/896-0957. Lunch will be complimentary for Branch 24 members. Non-members may purchase tickets by calling St. Andrew Abbey at (216) 721 – 5300.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

We encourage you to attend two upcoming summer events. The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will hold their annual picnic on Sunday June 17th; The American Slovak Zemplin Club's picnic will be on Sunday July 15th. Both will be at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Rd, Broadview Hts, OH, from 12 to 8 PM.

Why not join your fellow Jednota Branch 24 members for delicious Slovak food, refreshments, music and dancing? Please help support our fine Slovak organizations.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 41 – YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41 K.J., will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2012, in the Rectory of Most Holy Trinity, 18 Trinity Plaza, Yonkers, NY, after the 5:00PM Mass. Financial reports will be presented and suggestions will be discussed. We urge all members to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally,

Florence Lutz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 41 – YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41 K.J., is sponsoring our Annual Communion Breakfast on Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2012, following the 9:30AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It will be held at our Parish Hall, Trinity & Walnut Streets, Yonkers, NY. The menu will consist of: juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, rolls, donuts, sugar-free cake, coffee and tea.

An outdoor procession through the local streets will precede the Holy Sacrifice of Mass at 9:00AM.

Reservations and tickets are available for this parish event by contacting any of our Branch Officers: President Emeritus Jon Fialkovich at 914/965-7546, Financial Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus Albert Figura at 914/963-8229, President Paul Fialkovich at 914/375-1650, Vice President and Recording Secretary Florence Lutz at 914/337-2026, Financial Secretary and Treasurer Robert J. Lutz at 914/337-2026, and Auditor Robert Figura. Reservations and checks (payable to Jednota Branch 41 K.J.) can be mailed to Robert J. Lutz, 10 Meadow Avenue West, Bronxville, NY, 10708.

Breakfast is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of 10. The deadline for making reservations is Wednesday May 30, 2012.

Reserve this date June 3, 2012, Trinity Sunday, for this parish event sponsored by Branch 41 K.J. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Florence Lutz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 75 - SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 75KJ will hold a meeting on July 15, 2012, from 10:00AM - 11:00AM, at the residence of the Financial Secretary, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. On the agenda: a discussion of mid-year business activities. All members are encouraged to attend.

Ronald A. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

We will have our Spring Communion Breakfast: Sunday June 3, 2012. Mass will be 9:00 AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3970 N. 92nd St, Milwaukee, WI, 53222.

Immediately following the Mass all are invited to breakfast. Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own breakfast. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Location: Mykonos Family Restaurant, 8501 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53222.

Please call to make your reservation. Please call Mike Novak at 414-445-5382 by 5/31/2012

**Fraternal Regards,
Michael Novak, President**

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

All meetings will be held the second Sunday of the month at 1:30PM on every second month throughout the year. Meetings are held at the home of President Susan Salko. Please phone Susan at 973-906-1145 if you plan on attending.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at the Jurcenko home, 7113 West Talcott Avenue. A fraternal luncheon will follow.

May God grant eternal rest to the following members who have recently passed away: Barbara Bronkala, Joseph Potocek, Raymond Tomaszek, and John Ivancik.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2012, at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Father's Day Breakfast will be provided for those in attendance following the meeting. Call for directions if needed. Any inquiries and updating information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 169P – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Michael's Society, Branch 169P, Johnstown, PA, will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 1:00PM at the Slivosky residence: 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, PA. All members are welcome.

Betty Slivosky, Secretary

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold its annual family picnic at Mammoth Park on Sunday, June 24th at Pavillion #14. As in the past, the Branch will provide the main course and drinks. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish with some extra to share with guests. We will have many door prizes and prizes and games for the children. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with fellow members and friends. A meeting will be held after the picnic.

Gery Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 213 – VALENCIA, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael Branch 213 will hold a semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2012. It will be held at 2603 Eloquent Lane, Valencia, PA, at 1:30PM. All members are asked to attend.

Joe Belechak, Secretary

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

St. Matthews Branch 260 will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 17, 2012, at Bedford Trails at 1:30PM. Important items will be discussed and we urge members to attend and participate in the discussion.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday June 17, 2012 at 9:30 am at the United Church of Christ Hall at 21 Faith Drive West Hazleton, PA. All members are asked to attend and become involved. A buffet breakfast will be provided by the Pardeesville Christian Association for all branch attendees. For more information and to get directions if needed, contact R. Lazar @ 436-5978 or any other branch officer.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 292 – WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 292 will hold their semi-annual meeting and celebrate the feast of their patron. This event will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2012 at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA. A Mass will be celebrated at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, on June 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., for the living and deceased members of the branch. All members are asked to attend both events. A buffet dinner will be held after the meeting.

Edward T. Surkosky, F.I.C., President

BRANCH 320 - BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of SS Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday June 24, 2012, at noon, at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, PA. Since lunch will be served, please call Fran at (724) 929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 484- CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

A semi-annual meeting of the St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 484 will be held Sunday June 10, 2012 beginning at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the home of the financial secretary Joseph E. Rura, 43 Rugh Road, Coral, PA 15731.

Joseph E Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553, will hold a lodge meeting on Sunday, July 22, 2012 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311 at 2 pm. We invite all members to come to the meeting and take an active part in your lodge. We will be discussing the parking lot situation and other activities of the lodge. If you plan on attending, please notify Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Hanko,
Financial/Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 581 – GARY, INDIANA

The St. Michael Archangel, Branch 581 of Gary/Whiting will hold its regular meeting Sunday, June 10, at 1 pm at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 East Old Ridge Road,

Hobart, IN. The agenda will be -- information on the Railcats game and the new Annuity promotion. RSVP Ann Buczek, 947-2793 or George Kelchak, 926-2410.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

The following is the schedule of upcoming events and meetings for Tatra Hall. We invite all of our members to come and enjoy themselves. May 27nd, Sunday, Tatra Hall Breakfast from 8:30-12:00PM for \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids. Hope to see you all at these activities.

Sue Moore, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Monthly meetings are held at Tatra Hall, Sixth Street and Sherman Blvd., on the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. (September through May).

As always, you can call 231 733 7525 for additional information of current events.

Donna Stone, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 628 - MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 628, St. Michael Archangel will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 2:00 PM at the Eat & Park Restaurant at the Waterfront in Homestead, PA

The agenda will include ongoing business of the branch and the plans for the remainder of the year.

Sylvia J. Vehec, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. George Society, Branch 682, will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 2:30PM at Material Research Laboratories, located at 290 North Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. On the agenda: planning for the 100th anniversary. All members are encouraged to attend.

Andrew J. Hirt, President

BRANCH 764 WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 held their monthly meeting on April 17, 2012 at Bella Women's Center that included a tour of the facility. We were able to view the bottle-less water dispenser that our Branch donated to them. Lunch was provided by Bella.

We had discussions about the upcoming breakfasts planned at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Newton Falls in September and also a breakfast at St. Cyril & Methodius in Warren in November.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2012 at Bella Women's Center, 1192 North Park Road, NE, Warren, OH.

Hope to see you there!

**Joy Brunetti
Recording Secretary**

BRANCH 587 – ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 587 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2011 at 2PM at the home of Albert Valo, 1835 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA. On the agenda will be a discussion of all policies and annuities. All members are welcome to attend.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 10:30 AM in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Final details for the summer picnic and the fall bus trip will be finalized. The picnic will take place on Sunday July 22nd in Linden Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Tremley Point, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. The Lancaster dinner/show trip will take place on Saturday, November 17th. To RSVP and for more details, please contact Mary Karch @732-572-2331.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual meeting of St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 in Levittown, PA, will be held on Wednesday June 27, 2012. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

**Fraternally,
Damian D NastaRecording Secretary**

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District of the FCSU will hold its annual Fathers Day Brunch on Sunday, June 17, at the church hall at Holy Trinity parish in West Mifflin, PA. Sunday Mass begins at 9:30 AM. Brunch will follow and the program should wrap up by noon or 1 PM. Branch 38 is hosting the brunch. Prices are \$12 (\$7 for those under 13). RSVP by June 1 to either Flo Matta 412-466-7460 or Brittany Matta at 412-672-5330. Please include the number of men over 18 who will be attending.

Branch 628 is doing the program booklet. Fees are the same as last year. Please contact Karianne Barnes at kvehec@hotmail.com about your ad by the middle of May

We look forward to seeing everyone on Fathers' Day. There are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention. For example:

** 55th International Pittsburgh Folk Festival: Monroeville Convention Center Friday, May 18, through Sunday, May 20th. Festival hours are Friday, 4-10 pm, Saturday, 11 am-10 pm, and Sunday, 11 am-7 pm. Advance tickets: \$8.00 each (\$10 at the door). Children under 10 are free. Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh Slovaks & mail to 234 Ilion St, Pittsburgh, PA. 15207

** Cooking, Crafts and Customs Workshops at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum: Saturday, June 16: The NSS Heritage Museum will sponsor a workshop on the art of Slovak paper cutting, the making of TRDELNIK, a traditional cake, and sweet pastry made over a spit popular in Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Saturday, September 8: Christmas-in-September will be celebrated at the NSS Heritage Museum. Participants will learn to make traditional straw ornaments, medovniky (honey cakes), and salónky and more to decorate their Christmas trees Slovak style!

Cost is \$20/person and includes all materials and light refreshments. The classes are held at the NS-SHM, 351 Valley Brook Rd in McMurray. Call 1-800-488-1890 for reservations. Everyone is welcome!

** 89th Annual Slovak Day will be held Thursday, July 19 in Kennywood Park. Sue Ondrejco and Fr. Grosko will have tickets for sale at the Father's Day Luncheon

** 30th Annual Dinner-Dance for the Western PA Slovak Radio Hour will take place on Saturday, October 6 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Center in Southside, Pittsburgh. Contact Sue Ondrejco for more information.

** 22nd Annual Slovak Heritage Festival will take place on Sunday, Nov 4, Pitt Cathedral of Learning, 1-5 pm, Admission is free.

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary, Pittsburgh District

DISTRICT 9 - FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at 1PM, which will be at K2 Engineering Building, 234 Pittsburgh Road. Members are invited to attend.

Fraternally,

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 - STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

The Stephen Furdek District #10 meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at the home office, 6611 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131 at 1 pm. Please come and take an active roll in your District and learn the latest news about our organization. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 or via email at Lhanko@neo.r.com. We would like to have an approximate count of those attending. If you have questions or concerns please contact Linda.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 14 - REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Rev. Kostik District will hold its next meeting Tuesday June 19, 2012, at St. Matthias Church Rectory 6:30 PM. The agenda will include: insurance seminar, casino bus trip and participation in local Slovak Summerfest.

Carlie Peshek, President

DISTRICT 16 - MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT - NEW YORK CITY

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District, District 16, will hold a Semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 1:00PM in the Rectory, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York City.

On the agenda: a financial report, a discussion of activities, and other business.

We urge all District branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU - not just delegates - are welcome.

Refreshments will be served by Branch 45, St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, NYC, after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT - MONTREAL

The Prince Rastislav District - Montreal - will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday June 10, 2012. Following the 10:30 AM Mass at Sts Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. Branches 784 and 810 are urged to send their representatives. Refreshments will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President



Invitation to Branch 746

Picnic in July

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, cordially invites you to a picnic.

Sunday, July 22, 2012 -- 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM

Linden Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Tremley Point

There will be a \$10.00 charge for non-members.

To RSVP and for more information, please contact Mary Karch @732-572-2331

Mary Kapitan, Secretary



Focus on Fraternalism

Frank J. Lysy

Frank John Lysy, a member of the Mother of Sorrows, Branch 856, of the First Catholic Slovak Union, diplomat, and great Slovak patriot, recently passed into eternity, a few months shy of his 96th birthday. Throughout his lifetime, Frank Lysy exemplified the values of fraternalism, family and faith upon which our Society is founded.

Born on February 5, 1916, in Spišské Vlachy, Slovakia (then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire), Frank was the son of a state railroad maintenance supervisor and was the first in his family to go beyond secondary school, eventually attaining two PhDs. The first was in Slavistics and Philosophy at the Slovak University in Bratislava, and the second was in Linguistics at the University of Padua in Italy.

Frank's deep interest and affinity for his Slovak heritage was evident throughout his long and storied career. From his employment in the newly re-constituted Czechoslovak government at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague in 1947; to his subsequent posting in Oslo, Norway, at the Czechoslovak Legation; to his work in the US at the Czechoslovak Desk of Radio Free Europe; and ultimately to his long career (from 1956 to 1991) at the Czech and Slovak service of the Voice of America, Frank always worked diligently to foster pro-Slovak interests.

His faith was strong. For many years and in addition to his regular assignments, he wrote and edited the weekly program on religion for Slovakia at the Voice of America. Through that programming and through his strong ties to his church and to Slovak religious figures, he developed personal relationships with a number of Vatican officials. On one trip to Rome he met Mother Teresa, and then acted as an intermediary in setting up the first meeting between her and the then President Ronald Reagan.

Frank was also active, especially in the early days of the newly independent Slovak Republic, in helping organize and arrange numerous visits of government delegations from Slovakia to Washington, D.C., as well as delegations of senior Catholic clergy. Through his contacts and perseverance he was able to arrange for meetings with members of Congress and senior officials in the US government, and special masses at the Slovak chapel at the National Shrine in Washington.

Frank also loved his family. In 1947 he married his beloved Edith, who was born and raised in Bánovce nad Bebravou, Slovakia. They met while both worked at the Foreign Ministry in Prague after World War II. They had four sons - Dušan (wife, Janet), Frank (wife, Sue), Daniel (wife, Helen), and Peter (wife, Mary); nine Grandchildren - David, Kara, Erin, Sherri, Chris, Emma, Edward, Eleanor, George; and a Great-Grandchild - Trey.

Frank was, first and foremost, a selfless person. He was incredibly caring and gentle, especially with the weakest, with children, with animals, and with the downtrodden. He loved to garden, or, perhaps more accurately, to plant. His garden was always too large, with most of its produce ultimately to be given away to family, friends and acquaintances. And while his garden was carefully fenced to keep out the animals that could be selectively applied. For example, when he once found a rabbit's nest inside the fence, he protected the baby rabbits even though they would grow to eat his produce.

And he was a man of stories, stories that reflected his deeply held principles and truths, his love and pride in his Slovak heritage, in Slovak freedom, in his church and in his moral grounding. Stories were also about his youth, about the war, about the glory of his homeland, about European politics and intrigues and about the Slovak quest for independence. He was proud of his origins, his church, his country of birth, and the country that gave his children freedom and opportunity.

He showed extreme kindness to any and all, to any individual whenever he sensed any need, and without regard to perceived social status or any other factors that others have used to divide our society and our world. If someone needed money or help, he gave freely and generously. The only needs he would not consider were his own.

Frank always built for the future. He was planting saplings well into his 90's, even though he would never see them mature. Whenever he constructed anything, he built it to last, insisting on craftsmanship and quality - much like his legacy of fraternalism, faith and family, qualities that continue to be honored today in the First Catholic Slovak Union.

- Based on information provided by John A. Vacval, friend to the Lysy family



Reminder For All Branches

Among the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend, under Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES, is the following:

14.01 General Rules

a) Branch and district meetings must be held in the close proximity of the hub of its members. The meetings shall be held at least semiannually, one of which must be for the elections of officers, who shall assume their duties upon election. **Notice of each of these meetings shall be published in the Official Organ at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.**

Turíce or Rusadľa - Pentecost in Slovakia

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possible connection between American Memorial Day tributes to our fallen soldier and family members and ancient Slavic customs.

In modern history, Slovaks often would carry green twigs to church for a blessing. After Mass, they carried branches and/or bahniatka (catkins – pussy willows) home and put them on the windows of their houses, sheds, and barns. This custom supposedly protected them from unwanted fires and ensured good health.

Scholars have even found historical sources that referred to the selection of a “Pentecostal King.” The village youth apparently elected such a person as an honor, and this person would become a leader of young people. However, the Church banned this custom by the 18th century. The custom persisted longest in Moravia, just west of Slovakia.

As one can see, the Slovaks and other Slavs developed a series of rich traditions around the feast of Easter. These began with the festivities of Fašiangy (Shrovetide – Mardi gras) before Lent, and then turned into a period of fasting and preparation for Christ’s passion and glorious resurrection at Easter. The season finally ended with Turice, Pentecost, and the beginning of new life in the Church and the commencement of the planting season in the agricultural world they lived in.

Being acquainted with these rich and meaningful traditions surely enables us to understand better the rich faith and cultural life of our ancestors.

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Honoree Dr. Michael Kopanic is flanked (L – R) by UMUC Dean, Dr. Marie Cinci and UMUC Provost, Dr. Greg von Lehmen

Dr. Michael Kopanic Receives Prestigious Teaching Award

Dr. Michael Kopanic, FCSU member and regular contributor to Jednota, received a Teacher Recognition Award the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. One of only five to receive this prestigious award, Dr. Kopanic was honored at an Awards Banquet held at the UMUC Inn and Conference Center.

Annual July Pierogi Fest in Whiting IN



THE WHITING PIEROGI FEST is a three-day “street festival” in Whiting, Indiana, located about 20 minutes from Chicago, IL. It is presented by the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce and draws almost 200,000 visitors each year. The Pierogi Fest is held the last full weekend in July, which means this year it runs July 27-29, 2012, from 11AM to 10PM on Friday and Saturday and from 11AM to 5PM on Sunday.

Jam packed with street vendors selling food, drinks and fun novelty items like t-shirts, the fest also features events like the Polka Dance Off, judged by Mr. Pierogi and Ms. Paczki. Friday night is the annual International Polka Parade, with its special Precision Lawn-mower Drill team, the Twirling Babushka Brigade, the Marching MBA’s, the World’s Original Lazy Boy float, high school band, the Pierogi Queen and her court, and the “Beer-o-gies.” The parade salutes Eastern European heritage with a little tongue in cheek. It’s like no other parade you’ll ever see!

At Pierogi Fest 2012 not only can you tap your toes to the live and pulsating music of polka bands each day, but you can sit and watch the beautifully costumed young men and women from four different Slovak dance troupes – Lučinka Children’s Slovak Folk Ensemble from Cleveland, OH; Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble from Detroit, MI; Veselica Slovak Folk Ensemble from Chicago, IL; and the Vychodna Slovak Dancers from Mississauga, Ontario – many of whom are FCSU members. Šarišan is directed by Milan Straka, Branch 743 while Lučinka’s honorary director Tom Ivanec is a member of Branch 24 and its acting director Michele Mager is a member of Branch 228. Vychodna’s Executive Vice President of Cultural Events Dušan Dorich is a member of Branch 785.

The dancers perform from 2 – 4PM on Saturday and noon – 2PM on Sunday. For more information, visit the official Pierogi Fest website: www.pierogifest.net or call toll free 1-800-659-0292

FCSU at 89th Annual Slovak Day Kennywood Park in July



The 89th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday July 19, 2012 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It is a day with colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, Slovak performances, delicious Slovak food, special children’s activities, music for dancing and listening pleasure, and much more.

Slovak Day was established in 1923 to celebrate and preserve the Slovak heritage of Western Pennsylvania. Slovak Day 2012 at Kennywood Park will be filled with music, food, dancing, displays, and children activities beginning at 12:30 pm, with a Slovak Kitchen opening at 1:00PM and entertainment starting at 2:00PM. Executive members of the First Catholic

Slovak Union will be there to meet and greet attendees, and provide information on our Society. Look for more details in an upcoming issue of Jednota.

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- Excellent gift for children or grandchildren



2012 Easter Coloring Contest Winners



Winners of Spitzkovsky District Easter Coloring Contest



The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, has announced the winners of the 2012 Easter Coloring Contest. Prizes were awarded for First, Second, Third Place, and Honorable Mention for ages 4 – 6, 7 – 9, and 10 – 12. We wish to thank all of our young branch members of District II for their participation and creative drawings. The winning entries were chosen by the members attending the District II meeting on April 22, 2012.

Our District Winners:

Ages 4 – 6: 1st Place Emma Graves, 2nd Place Aubrey Johnson, 3rd Place Madison Mokosiak

Ages 7 – 9: 1st Place Evan Jurcenko, 2nd Place Jonathan Fayta, 3rd Place (Tied) Rachel Rossman and Natalie Vaughan

Ages 10 – 12: 1st Place Joseph Hawes, 2nd Place Julian Seida, 3rd Place (Tied) John Jurek and Britney Johnson

Honorable Mention:

Ages 4 – 6: Miles Mokosaik

Ages 7 – 9: Riley McAllister, Regina Turner, Adyen Fayta, Sharon McAllister, and Sarah Peters

Ages 10 – 12: Chris Peters, Mary Fayta, Aiden Jurcenko, and Jennifer Manzella

Ages 4-6



**1st PLACE
Emma Graves**



**2nd PLACE
Aubrey Johnson**



**3rd PLACE
Madison Mokosiak**

Ages 7-9



**1st PLACE
Evan Jurcenko**



**2nd PLACE
Jonathan Fayta**



**3rd PLACE
Rachel Rossman**

3rd Place Tied - Natalie Vaughan - No Picture

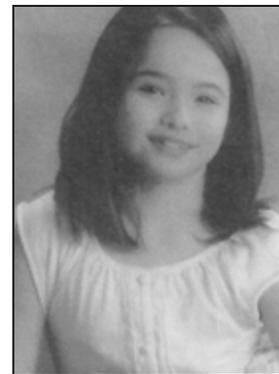
Ages 10-12



**1st PLACE
Joseph Hawes**



**2nd PLACE
Julian Seida**



**3rd PLACE
Britney Johnson**

3rd Place Tied - John Jurek - No Picture

Congratulations to all!

Barbara Fayta, Chairperson, Easter Coloring Contest

2012 Golf Tournament Info Sheet

Friday, July 13

- ◆ 24 tee times reserved (beginning at 12:28) Contact Tam O'Shanter to set up your time
- ◆ Hospitality Night, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Saturday, July 14

- ◆ Registration begins at 7 AM. Reverse Shotgun starts at 8:04 AM.
- ◆ Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
- ◆ Lunch Tickets provided at Registration
- ◆ Hole in One Contest
- ◆ Mass begins at 5:00pm at the Park Inn by Radisson, Sharon.
- ◆ Cocktails at 6 PM with buffet dinner at 6:45pm at the Park Inn by Radisson, Sharon.

Sunday, July 15

- ◆ Reverse Shotgun starts at 8:04 AM. Please arrive no later than 7:15 AM.
- ◆ Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
- ◆ Awards Barbeque to begin at 12 PM

Hotel Information

Prices have been negotiated at the following hotel:

Park Inn by Radisson, Sharon
 3377 New Castle Road
 West Middlesex, PA 16159
 724-528-2501
 Rate: \$99/night +tax



** Cut off date June 13, 2012, for Group Rate**

** Mention the First Catholic Slovak Union or National Slovak Society to receive the Group Rate **

Hotel check in time is 3 PM on Friday. Checkout time is 12 noon.

Questions? Contact Susan Ondrejco at (412) 421-7967 or sueo99@yahoo.com



St. Thomas A'Becket Festival rides



Homemade donuts at St. Thomas A'Becket Festival

St. Thomas A'Becket Annual Festival, June 28 – 30, 2012

The St. Thomas A'Becket Annual Festival will be held on Church Property at 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA, from 6:00PM to 11:00PM each day. There will be C&L amusement rides for children and adults – including the Giant Slide – with presale ride tickets available. Special attractions and entertainment daily: Thursday, June 28 features Nancy Deckant & the Black Rock Country; Friday, June 29, is the Eldorado's Band – Country; and Saturday, June 30, is Sam Ferrella & the New Holidays.

A Super Auction will feature prizes with various themes on display each day, with the drawing on Saturday night. Presale auction tickets are available. Bingo will be outdoors with cash prizes.

Dinner will be served each evening with food to satisfy everyone's taste:

- Thursday: Chicken Planks and Meatball Hoagies
- Friday: Battered Fish Dinner, Pierogie (Pirohy), Haluski
- Saturday: Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner

In addition, there will be homemade donuts, haluski, klobassi, hot sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, funnel cakes, and much more ...

The public is invited to this great event! Bring your family and spread the news! For more information, call 412-655-2885 or 412-653-4322.



The First Catholic Slovak Union and National Slovak Society Present The 2012 National Golf Tournament July 13 – 15, 2012

Tam O'Shanter of Pennsylvania Golf Course
 Hermitage, PA
Room accommodations provided by
 Park Inn Hotel Sharon
 3377 New Castle Road
 West Middlesex, PA 16159
 724-528-2501
 Room Rates: \$99 per night/ King or 2 Queen

Deadline for Entry Forms is June 13, 2012

	Sat. Banquet (X)	Sunday BBQ (X)	Par 3 Challenge (X)	Name	Address	Phone or E-Mail	Branch and Certificate Number
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GOLFERS (fees are listed per person):

Saturday and Sunday Golf - \$100.00
 2 rounds of golf with cart
 Hospitality Night
 Saturday Lunch at the turn
 Tournament Fee (\$8)
 Prize Fee (\$12)

Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)

Saturday Banquet - \$15.00

Sunday BBQ - \$15.00

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

- _____ Will attend Hospitality Night @ \$0.00
- _____ Guest Banquet Dinners @ \$28.00
- _____ FCSU Member Banquet Dinners @ \$15.00
- _____ Youth (13-17) Dinners @ 14.00
- _____ Child (12 & under) FREE
- _____ Will attend Sunday BBQ @\$15.00

Mail Entry Fee Payable to:
 FCSU Activities

Mail to:
 Susan Ondrejco
 234 Ilion St.
 Pgh. PA 15207

\$ _____ TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM

FCSU Event in Whiting, IN

On May 6, 2012, fraternal members and invited guests gathered to discuss the recently completed "Souper Bowl of Caring" and address the success and planning of future strategies. The meeting was held after a morning Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in the Panel Room of St. John the Baptist School in Whiting, IN, with special guest speakers Chuck Kosalko, director of the Whiting Food Pantry, and Michael Boos, director of the Association for Wolf Lake Initiative.

After singing America The Beautiful, guest speakers gave brief presentations and students were honored for their participation in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Homemade nut rolls were provided by FCSLA Branch 452, and a light lunch was provided by the FCSU Home Office and participating FCSU branches. FCSU Members in attendance included Andrew R. Harcar, National Vice President; Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director; George Kelchak, Branch 581 Financial Secretary; Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Valarie Vesely, Branch 493 Secretary, Andrew P. Rajec, from the FCSU Home Office and Branch 89 Member; and Ed Bach, Branch 581 Member and Event Coordinator.

All adult attendees were later invited to the nearby American Slovak Club in Whiting, IN, 46394, to review the day and discuss future potential projects and events.



Stained glass window donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union to St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, IN.



Fraternal members from the FCSU gathered with others on May 6, 2012 in the Panel Room of St. John the Baptist School, Whiting, IN.



Branch 482 members of the First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association baked homemade nutrolls for the meeting.



Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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FCSU members in attendance included (L - R, Standing): Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director, Liz Bernath, Branch 493 Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 581 Financial Secretary George Kelchak, Branch 581 Treasurer and Secretary Betty Kelchak, FCSU Home Office and Branch 89 Member Andrew P. Rajec, and FCSU National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.; Kneeling, Branch 581 member and event coordinator Ed Bach

Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

News From Slovakia

Gasparovic Stresses Need to Maintain Dialogue with Ukraine

Bratislava, May 3 (TASR) - President Ivan Gasparovic is convinced that it isn't a lack of communication but an honest and open dialogue with Ukraine that can serve as the best way of presenting Slovakia's opinions and comments on current political developments in that country, the president's spokesman Marek Trubac told TASR on Thursday.

Trubac was speaking in reaction to the fact that a growing number of European politicians such as German President Joachim Gauck, Austrian President Heinz Fischer, Slovenian President Danilo Turk, Bulgarian President Roden Asenov Plevneliev, Czech President Václav Klaus, Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, and recently also Croatian President Ivo Josipovic have announced that they won't take part in the annual meeting of Central European Presidents set to take place in Yalta, Ukraine on May 11-12 in protest at the prosecution of former Ukrainian premier Yulia Tymoshenko.

Gasparovic said that he doesn't want to pose as a judge vis-a-vis the jailing of Tymoshenko but hopes that Ukraine will do its utmost to make court proceedings just and in accordance with the standards of the international law.

"Of course, Slovakia is closely monitoring this case as well as the cases of other opposition politicians, and we're disconcerted with the approach of Ukrainian courts, something that we clearly warned Ukrainian representatives about also with respect to Ukraine's European integration ambitions," said Gasparovic. "We think that it's important to maintain a constant dialogue with our neighbour Ukraine, and to use every opportunity to communicate our stances and objections. The meeting at Yalta offers such an opportunity, and we're still interested in taking part in it, therefore."

Presidents' Summit Sees Agreement on Co-operation in Tourism

Strbske Pleso, May 6 (TASR) - A wide range of issues were discussed at the summit of the presidents of the Visegrad Four (V4 - Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary) countries in the High Tatra mountains (albeit without Hungarian head of state Janos Ader) this weekend, TASR learnt on Sunday.

The topics included the strengthening of the V4 region's identity to be pursued by boosting ties in tourism and by presenting the region beyond its borders. Infrastructure, transport and railway construction were also broached.

"Tourism isn't just recreation, it's also a question of economics and politics; and activities must be carried out in this area," said Slovak head of state Ivan Gasparovic.

Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski noted that the Tatras are a great place for discussing tourism, as Poland, the Czech Republic and, if the weather is good, even Hungary can be seen from the mountain tops there.

The presidents also discussed their individual countries' standpoints ahead of an upcoming NATO summit due to take place in Chicago later in May. "As far as this area is concerned, we discussed mainly Afghanistan, and what will happen beyond 2014," said Gasparovic.

As regards the European Union's relations with Ukraine, Gasparovic said that ties need to be developed to the benefit of both the EU and Ukraine. "Ukraine and Russia are very interesting countries for Europe in all respects," he asserted.

Budget Gap Up Slightly M-o-M to €1.171 billion as of April

Bratislava, May 2 (TASR) - The budget deficit rose slightly from €1.155 billion in March to €1.171 billion in April 2012, compared to the €1.019 billion recorded as of April 2011, according to preliminary figures from the Finance Ministry on Wednesday.

Budget revenues amounted to €3.748 billion as of the end of last month, which is 3.1 percent higher on an annual basis. The figure represented 27.5 percent of the revenue plan for the whole year - €13.625 billion.

State expenditures for the first four months of 2012 stood at €4.919 billion, which represents an increase of 5.7 percent year-on-year. This sum accounts for 28.4 percent of the figure (€17.3 billion) projected for the entire year.

A deficit of €3.675 billion is projected for the whole of 2012, or 4.6 percent of GDP, with the latest figure accounting for 31.9 percent of the projection.

Gov't Okays Re-directing €270 mn in EU Funding to Boost Jobs for Youth

Bratislava, May 2 (TASR) - The Government at its session on Wednesday approved the re-allocation of EU funding from a number of EU operational programmes to initiatives aimed at boosting the employment of young people, TASR learnt on the same day.

Assent from the European Commission is now required.

"We want to put together €270 million from several operational programmes (OPs) - €100 million from the OPIS (Operational Programme for the Informatisation of Society), another €50 is already included in the 'Employment and Social Inclusion' programme, a further €50 million will flow from the 'Education' OP, €35 million will come from the 'Research and Development' OP, while 'Transport' will provide €35 million," said the premier.

"The €270 million will be split into two operational programmes, namely 'Competitiveness and Economic Growth' and 'Employment and Social Inclusion'. We want this money to be used towards diverse projects, such as job creation. Employers might receive a sum of money towards keeping a young person employed for longer. The youth would then acquire working habits as well as experience, which is so vital for landing another job," said Fico.

Fico didn't specify the planned number of new jobs to be created via the initiative. "It will all hinge on the extent to which the European Commission approves our proposal," he added.

Slovakia's Largest Job Fair in Nitra to Offer 10,000 Vacancies

Bratislava, May 3 (TASR) - Up to 10,000 jobs will be up for grabs at the second edition of Slovakia's largest job fair Job Expo 2012 in Nitra on May 10-11, Labour Minister Jan Richter told a press conference in Bratislava on Thursday.

"The visitors will be given information on vacancies and employers in Slovakia and fellow European Union countries alike, and right there at the fair they'll be able to have interviews for the jobs offered. A number of accompanying events have been prepared - people can attend lectures and seminars on issues such as how to prepare for a job interview and pass it successfully," said Richter, who also pointed to seminars on how to pick the right occupation and launch a business.

The first such fair in 2010, organised by the Labour, Social Affairs and the Family Centre (UPSVaR), was attended by 129 employers offering 1,400 vacancies. Nearly 3,000 job interviews were held on site, with 1,078 applicants receiving preliminary job contracts. Up to 21,000 people attended the fair.

Number of Tourists to Bratislava Region in 2011 Up Nearly 15% Y-o-Y

Bratislava, May 6 (TASR) - A total of 879,878 people visited Bratislava region in 2011, which represents a rise of 14.6 percent on an annual basis, the Statistics Office has announced.

The share of foreign tourists stood at 63.6 percent. The region accounted for 24.6 percent of all those holidaying in Slovakia as a whole and for 38.3 percent of all foreign visitors to the country.

The average number of nights that tourists, both Slovak and foreign, spent in the Slovak capital in the aforementioned period was two. For foreigners alone the number stood at 1.8 nights. For the country as a whole, the figures stood at 2.9 and 2.8 nights, respectively.

When it comes to foreign countries of origin, visitors from the Czech Republic were top on 18.5 percent, followed by Germans (10.3 percent), Poles (7.2 percent), Italians (6.2 percent) and Austrians (5.8 percent).

❖❖❖ ❖❖❖ ❖❖❖ Fujara Course Offered This Summer

Every Slovak knows the fujara, majestic symbol of Slovak folk music, many heard the instrument and loved its tone and some even have fujara at home, on the wall as a decoration only. Now is the chance to learn to play fujara in one week, enjoy the music, and play for your community. Please register early, the course is limited to 12 students. Level: beginner, no music experience necessary. Let your friends know, this might be a one-time opportunity.

For the first time (in USA), a week-long fujara playing course will take place at McDaniel College in Westminster Maryland, first week of July 2012. The number of participants is limited to 12, please register early at Common Ground on the Hill, here:

<http://www.commongroundonthehill.org/index.html>

To see Master schedule of all the courses offered, click:

Traditions Week 1 / Master Schedule

For description of the class, click "Overtone flutes - Fujara and koncovka", for teacher's Bio, click his name.

Fujara class is every day, Mo - Fri, in the 1st Period (9:00 - 10:15), from 7/2 to 7/6, 2012.

Check the web site, you can pick other classes at other periods, instrumental, visual arts and more, tuition depends on number of classes taken.

There is also a whole day program for children (ages 5 - 12) called World Village. Sometimes whole families come for the program as a family vacation, the campus is one of the best I have seen, in hilly area on the outskirts of a small town.

Pašiový sprievod na Velký piatok v Košiciach

Ekumenický pašiový sprievod na Velký piatok 6. apríla 2012 zorganizovalo už po osemnásťkrát Ekumenické spoločenstvo cirkví na území mesta Košice. Na snímke pašiový sprievod sa končí tradične pri Dóme sv. Alžbety.

The Ecumenical Passion Procession was held on Good Friday, April 6, 2012 in Kosice. Participants processed from church to church carrying a cross. In the photo is shown the procession ending in St. Elizabeth Cathedral.



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Po stopách erbov

Erb, jednoduché, občas sa vyskytujúce slovo znamenajúce znak, odznak, symbol. Ako, kedy vzniklo a aký má význam? Aby sme si to ozrejmili, musíme sa preniesť do pradávnej i dávnej histórie.

Slovo erb pochádza z latinského arma, čo znamená zbraň. Prenieslo sa aj do iných jazykov charakterizujúcich osoby, ktoré ju oddávna používali a podnes používajú: armáda, army, Arme, Armija...

Medzi najstaršie erby patrí kríž so svojou vyše dvetisíc ročnou históriou. Aj tu sa stretávame so zbraňou ako erbom. Ukrižovanému Ježišovi na Golgote prepichne vojak kopijou bok, odkiaľ mu vytekla krv a voda. Kríž ako erb sa prenáša odvtedy z pokolenia na pokolenie a je aj dnes najrozšírenejším symbolom kresťanstva na celom svete.

Aj na Slovensko prenikal s prenikaním kresťanstva, ale predovšetkým po príchode slovanských vierozvestcov zo Solune, Cyrila a Metoda, v r. 863, ktorých pozval knieža Pribina.

V tom období sa už začali zjavovať erby aj na minciach, pečatiach kráľov, kniežat, cirkevných hodnostárov..., ba začali ich používať aj bohatí zemanovia, mešťanovia, majitelia hradov, zámkov, kaštieľov... Objavujú sa aj na priečelí týchto budov. Boli to rodové erby.

So vznikom miest sa objavovali mestské erby. Medzi najstarší mestský erb v Uhorsku patrí erb Košíc. Je viac miest na Slovensku, ktoré majú vo svojom erbe kríž, napr.: Žiar nad Hronom, Sládkovičovo, Šaštín – Stráže, ... Keď štúrovci začali používať v 14. storočí dvojkriž, stal sa erbom niektorých miest, napr.: Nitra, Zvolen, Levoča, Topoľčany, Žilina, Skalica ... Dvojkriž na trojvrší je aj symbolom slovenskej štátnosti.

So vznikom cechov, remesiel pribúdali ďalšie erby, ktoré vystihovali ich činnosť. Mali ich: kováči, mlynári, pekári, mäsiari, krajčíri, tesári, kožušníci, garbiari, obuvníci, debnári, tehliari, hrnčiari, sklenári... Mali ich aj niektoré druhy povolania, napr.: horári (vetvička smreka), baníci (prekrižené kladivá), námorníci (kotva)...

Pred niekoľkými rokmi sa zrodila zaujímavá myšlienka, že každá obec by mala mať svoj erb, ktorá našla medzi obyvateľmi pochopenie, rýchle sa ujala, a tak dnes naozaj ho má každá obec, ktorý vystihuje obyčajne niekdajšiu obživu obyvateľstva.

Takmer sme zabudli, že erb so štátnou vlajkou, má aj každý štát. Niektorá typicky vystihuje jeho krajinu, napr. Kanada (javorový list), USA, Austrália, Nový Zéland ... (hviezdy označujú počet územných celkov)...

Križ ako erb majú na vlajke aj štáty: Dánsko, Švédsko. Nórsko, Fínsko...

Andrej Štelmák, Sliach, Slovakia

Pápež Benedikt XVI. pokrstil v Bazilike sv. Petra aj Slovenku

Počas slávnostnej vigílie na Bielu sobotu 7. apríla prijala sviatosti kresťanskej iniciácie priamo od pápeža Benedikta XVI. aj Bratislavčanka Daša Macková. Ako povedala pre Tlačovú kanceláriu Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (TK KBS) v Bratislave, veľmi sa tešila na tento okamih a očakáva plné precítenie života v Kristovi.

Macková v súčasnosti pôsobí na Veľvyslanectve SR vo Vatikáne. Prezradila, že si vybrala krstné meno Anna. Krstnými rodičmi boli Slovenka Mária Buchtová a Švajčiar Daniel Anrig.

Daša Macková sa narodila 15. januára 1960 v Bratislave. Vyštudovala na Univerzite Komenského v Bratislave. Je vydatá, má dvoch dospelých synov. Spomína, že v detstve nedostala kresťanskú výchovu a jej prvý kontakt s vierou pochádzal z návštev starých rodičov v Močenku. K Bohu sa dostala popri bežných radostiach a starostiach. Začala chodiť do kostola a učila sa rozumieť katolíckemu vierovyznaniu, ktoré ju priťahovalo najviac. Od októbra 2010 začala pracovať na Veľvyslanectve SR v Ríme a práve tam vyvrcholila jej túžba prijať sviatosti.

Rím a Vatikán sú podľa D. Mackovej ako stvorené na rozjímanie a precíťovanie viery. Strela tam niekoľko ľudí, ktorí ju povzbudili na ceste. Určite k nim patrí duchovný správca Slovenskej katolíckej misie v Ríme Martin Kramara, ktorý ju pripravoval na prijatie sviatostí. O možnosť prijať sviatosti priamo v Bazilike sv. Petra požiadala sama na Rímskom vicariate.

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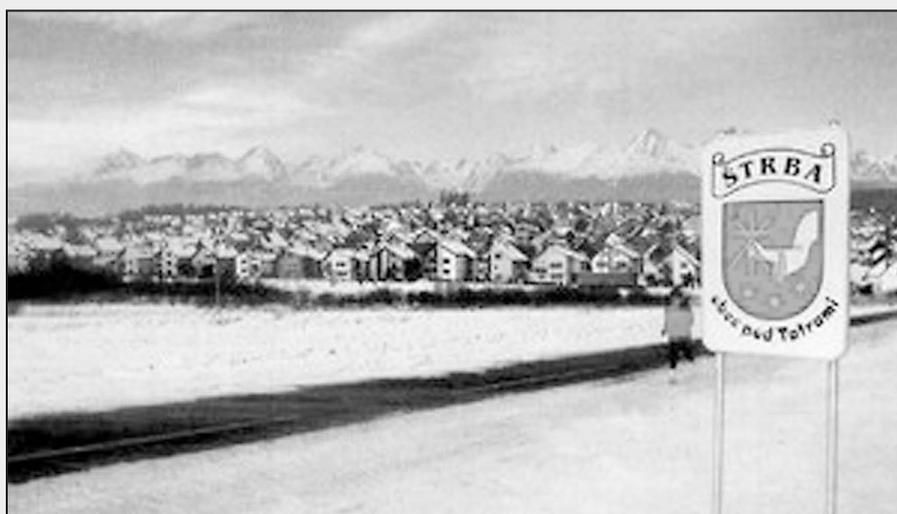


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Kniha Štrbské premeny je plná dobových fotografií

Nová kniha Štrbské premeny je plná dobových fotografií a mapuje život v tejto podtatranskej obci od 19. storočia. „Je to taká zvláštna kniha, nie je to typická monografia obce, na ktoré sme zvyknutí. Chceli sme, aby sa hlavne vo fotografii zaznamenali premeny obce Štrba. Sú tu fotografie od 19. storočia až po súčasnosť, táto knižka je hlavne o ľuďoch,“ priblížila zostavovateľka textov Zuzana Kollárová.

Ľudia sú v tejto knižke zobrazení v krojoch, pri práci v jednotlivých obdobiach a hospodárskych odvetviach i službách. „Štrba je známa hlavne svojou kultúrnou činnosťou. Myslím si, že sa nám podarilo zaujímavé dielo, zozbierali sme vyše 1000 fotografií od rodín, ktoré tu žijú a žili,“ dodala Kollárová. Vytvorenie knihy trvalo minimálne sedem rokov, pretože pôvodný zámer bol trochu iný. „Vždy sa našli nejaké nové materiály, ktoré bolo treba doplniť. Technicky veľmi veľa zabezpečil Obecný úrad v Štrbe a jeho pracovníci, veľmi činné boli aj miestne spoločenské organizácie,“ doplnila.

Kniha je dvojjazyčná, obsahuje aj anglický preklad. „Zaujímavosťou tejto knižky je, že keď sme ju robili, tak Štrbské Pleso chvíľu patrilo a chvíľu nepatrilo k Štrbe, čo sme museli zosúladiť, pretože pán starosta dbá o to, aby žiadna obecná časť nebola nejakou ukrátená,“ vysvetľuje Kollárová. Jej otec Peter Švorc napísal vôbec prvú knihu o Štrbe, ďalšiu o štrbských zvykoch a štrbskej svadbe napísal jej brat Peter Švorc. Najnovšia kniha obsahuje kapitoly o cestovnom ruchu, významných osobnostiach, obyvateľstve, duchovnom živote, ale aj o nešťastných a vojnových udalostiach.

V okresoch Poprad a Kežmarok má podľa Kollárovej už 50 percent obcí takúto, resp. podobnú monografiu. „Stáva sa to akousi prestížou, mať takúto knihu o obci, ľudia si už na to zvykli. Z takýchto monografií sa dáva materiál pre cestovný ruch, pre médiá, obec sa tým propaguje. Nie všade na Slovensku majú obce takýto záujem,“ konštatovala Kollárová. Po vydaní tejto knihy chcú v Štrbe spracovať aj dejiny Štrbského Plesa. Kollárová sa podieľala aj na zostavovaní takýchto materiálov o obciach Vlková a Gerlachov, ktoré sú pripravené do tlače.

Kniha Štrbské premeny, ktorú 28. marca 2012 pokrstili na Obecnom úrade, už putovala do každej štrbskej rodiny. „Bol to zámer, máme spracovaný zoznam rodín, celkovo sme rozdali do 2000 kníh, vydali sme 3000 kusov. Je to kniha pre tých, ktorí majú vzťah k obci, ale aj pre tých, ktorí chcú obec bližšie, cez tie fotografie, spoznať,“ uviedol starosta obce Michal Sýkora. Zaznamenal veľa pozitívnych ohlasov na knihu, a aj práve to je dôvod vydania ďalšej, tentoraz o Štrbskom Plese. „Bude 140. výročie Štrbského Plesa, takže už máme spracovanú knihu cez dobové pohľadnice, a potom ďalšiu o tom, ako vznikali Tatry, ako vznikalo jazero, niečo o víchrici, niečo o histórii, pokračovať by sme chceli cez knihu o športe,“ doplnil Sýkora.

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Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Polročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu, Spolok č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 24. júna 2012 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia na fare Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Program schôdze bude zameraný na prípravu plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie ako aj finančnú správu. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ.

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

55. kongres Slovenskej ligy bude 8. a 9. júna v Bridgeporte, CT

Na základe rozhodnutia Výkonného výboru Slovenskej ligy oznamujeme, že 55. kongres Slovenskej ligy sa bude konať v piatok a sobotu 8. a 9. júna 2012 v hoteli Bridgeport Holiday Inn v Bridgeport, Connecticut. Adresa hotela je: Bridgeport Holiday Inn, 1070 Main Street, Bridgeport CT 06640. Telefónne číslo na rezervácie je 1-888-465-4329.

Prvé zasadanie kongresu bude v piatok 8. júna o 1:30 hodine popoludní a ďalšie zasadanie bude v sobotu o 9. hodine a bude pokračovať popoludní. Banket bude v sobotu 9. júna. Recepčia začne o 6.30 večer a banket bude o 7:30 hodine.

Slovenská liga pozýva na 55. kongres členské organizácie, spolky, zbory Slovenskej ligy a doživotných členov, ako aj slovenskú verejnosť. Bližšie informácie a inštrukcie budú poskytnuté v písomných komunikáciách v ďalších tlačových správach Slovenskej ligy.

**Daniel F. Tanzone, predseda
W. Nina Holy, tajomníčka**

Slovenská katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Slovenskú katolícku púť, ktorá sa uskutoční v nedeľu 12. augusta 2012 v Marian Shrine, saleziánov Don Boska, vo West Haverstraw, New York, 10993. Pred svätou omšou budú mať pútnici možnosť sa vyspovedať.

Svätá omša začne o 11:00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed sa začne o 12:30 hodine odpoľudnia a Ružencová procesia bude o 2:30 hodine odpoľudnia. Kto by mal záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, nech sa prihlási u brata Jozefa Bilika. Ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov, autobus bude pristavený pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku.

Bližšie informácie o púti vám podajú: Jozef Bilik: (718) 463- 2084; Henrieta Daitová: (201) 641-8922.

Krajanania novej slovenskej vláde adresujú niekoľko požiadaviek

Svetové združenie Slovákov v zahraničí (SZSZ) vypracovalo memorandum, v ktorom formulovalo niekoľko požiadaviek. Reflektovať by mali na problémy, ktoré ich trápia. Tento dokument v marci podpísal predseda združenia Vladimír Skalský. Adresovaný je dezinovanému premiérovi Robertovi Ficovi (Smer-SD), ktorému ho odovzdá tieňová ministerka zahraničných vecí Smeru-SD Oľga Algayerová.

Tá na tlačovej konferencii pripomenula, že Slováci žijúci v zahraničí sú dôležitou zložkou zahraničnej politiky, pričom môžu napomáhať nielen ekonomickej, ale aj kultúrnej a verejnej diplomacii, ako aj tvorbe imidžu Slovenska v zahraničí. "Som presvedčená, že naša vláda venovala dostatočnú pozornosť otázkam, ktoré Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí trápia. Za posledné dva roky tomu tak nebolo, nemal to žiadny podpredseda vlády, žiadny minister v agende," upozornila. Zároveň vyjadrila presvedčenie, že tvoriaci sa kabinet nadviaže na kontinuitu rokov 2006-2010 a bude venovať tejto problematike zodpovedajúci záujem. "Viem, že bude minimálne minister, ktorý bude zodpovedný za túto agendu," konštatovala.

Slovenský svet požaduje v prvom rade nápravu vážnych pochybení vo fungovaní Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí (ÚSZZ). Taktiež zaradenie problematiky Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí do kompetencie niektorého člena vlády. Za vhodné považuje aj to, aby sa obnovila komisia Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí v Národnej rade (NR) SR, ktorá v predchádzajúcom období zanikla. Ďalšou z požiadaviek je zjednodušenie volieb zo zahraničia a ich príprava prostredníctvom internetu. Vypracovať by sa mala i nová koncepcia štátnej politiky starostlivosti o krajanov. Novela zákona o Slovákoch žijúcich v zahraničí má zase odstrániť problémy s ich osvedčeniami.

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Volkswagen Slovakia vyplatí zamestnancom rekordné odmeny

Volkswagen Slovakia (VW SK) vyplatí svojim zamestnancom historicky najvyššiu odmenu za hospodárske výsledky spoločnosti v roku 2011. Priemerná výška odmeny na zamestnanca je 905 eur. Navyše, k odmenám dostanú pracovníci aj bonus za flexibilitu 200 eur.

Odmeny za hospodárske výsledky spoločnosti v roku 2011 budú vyplatené všetkým tarifným zamestnancom, ktorí v uvedenom roku pracovali vo VW SK, so mzdou za mesiac august. Preddavok odmeny v priemernej výške 200 eur bol už zamestnancom vyplatený so mzdou za mesiac marec 2012.

VW SK zvýšil výrobu automobilov v roku 2011 takmer o 50 %. Produkcia prevodoviek a komponentov dosiahla rekordnú úroveň. Spoločnosť úspešne odštartovala výrobu malých mestských vozidiel Volkswagen up!, ŠKODA Citigo i SEAT Mii. Pretrvávajúci dopyt zákazníkov z celého sveta po SUV vozidlách – Volkswagen Touareg, Audi Q7 a Porsche Cayenne zabezpečil stabilnú produkciu v 7-dňovej prevádzke.

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Národná púť na Devine 29. apríla 2012 organizovanej Maticou slovenskou v spolupráci s Bratislavským samosprávnym krajom pri príležitosti 1150. výročia príchodu vierozvestov svätého Cyrila a Metoda. Na snímke vľavo dezignovaný veľvyslanec Macedónskej republiky v SR Gjorgji Filipov odovzdáva urnu so zemou z miesta v Macedónsku, kde je pravdepodobne pochovaný Gorazd do rúk predsedu Matice slovenskej Mariánovi Tkáčovi.

A national pilgrimage was organized by the Matica Slovenska to Devin to mark the 1150 anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia. To celebrate the occasion, Macedonian Ambassador Gjorgji Filipov brought soil from the burial place of St. Gorazd in Macedonia to Matica Slovenska president Marian Tkac in Devin on April 29, 2012.

Modré vlaky pod Tatrami zatiaľ ostávajú

K zachovaniu vlakov a zintenzívneniu dopravy má prispieť aj zavedenie vlaku Euroregio Goral medzi Popradom, Starou Ľubovňou, Plavčom a poľskou Krynicou a Krakovom. Zástupcovia region vyšli s iniciatívou, ktorú postavili na štyroch prioritách. Prvou je zachovanie motorových jednotiek radu 840 na železničnej trati 185 Poprad Tatry-Plaveč. Druhou prioritou je integrovaná doprava vo verejnom záujme ako podpora zachovania a zefektívnenia regionálnych tratí.

Treťou je zvýšenie záujmu zo strany cestujúcich o túto regionálnu trať s podporou miestnej územnej samosprávy a poslednou je zatraktívnenie cestovania v podtatranskom regióne s možnosťou zavedenia vlaku Euroregio Goral na trati Poprad-Kežmarok-Spišská Belá-Podolíne-Stará Ľubovňa-Plaveč-Muszyna-Krynica-Stary Sącz-Nowy Sącz-Tarnów-Kraków.

Zavedenie vlaku Euroregio Goral by podľa predpokladu prilákalo viac turistov a pozdvihol by sa imidž železničnej dopravy vo vzťahu k mestám podtatranského regiónu. Podporil by sa cestovný ruch návštevnosťou významných historických a kultúrnych pamiatok miest a obcí v Prešovskom kraji v regióne Spiša a Šariša, kúpeľných miest Vyšné Ružbachy a Krynica, pútnického miesta Litmanová. Zavedenie tohto vlaku by malo dopad na obecné a mestské pokladnice hlavne rozvojom služieb v cestovnom ruchu, a tak v konečnom dôsledku aj na zamestnanosť a zvýšenie životnej úrovne obyvateľov v tomto prihraničnom regióne.

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Veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone navštívil Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Pokračovanie zo str. 24



Na pôde Konzulátu v Los Angeles, Kalifornia sa veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky, Peter Burian stretol 2. marca 2012 s niektorými členmi krajanovej komunity. Na snímke v prvom rade zľava: Dr. Maria Cyprich, Maria Keller, Dr. Alica Skubeň, Pavol Skubeň, veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone D.C. Peter Burian, manželka veľvyslancu Nina Burianová, Vice Consul Milan Kováč, Fr. Pavol Sochulak S.V.D., PhDr. Julius Saitz, Igi Brezo. V pozadí zľava: Eva Fekete, Luboš Ďurďovič, Consul Economic Affairs Miroslav Sedlák, Peter Saitz.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Webová stránka Bratislavy** získala medzinárodné ocenenie v oblasti informatizácie verejnej správy Eurocrest. Stránku tiež ohodnotili za to, že vytvára priestor pre interaktívnu komunikáciu občanov s verejnou správou a za ponúkaný servis informácií o kultúrnom, spoločenskom a verejnom živote v meste. Víťazi súťaže o cenu Eurocrest boli v tomto roku vyhlásení už po siedmy raz. Do hodnotiaceho procesu sa mohli zapojiť obce a mestá z krajín strednej Európy. Zástupcovia Bratislavy si ocenenie prevzali počas medzinárodnej konferencie Informačné systémy v štátnej správe a samospráve, ktorá sa konala v prvý aprílový týždeň v českom Hradci Králové.

• **Žilinská automobilka** Kia Motors pritiahla na sever Slovenska ďalšie desiatky miest. Po tom, čo k rozširovaniu výroby pristúpili jej dodávatelia v Mobise či Sungwoo Hitech, s novým projektom prichádza aj Webasto Donghee Slovakia. Kórejská firma, ktorá v Strečne vyrába panoramatické strešné okná do automobilov, chce investovať 1.2 milióna eur. Investíciou by malo byť vytvorených vyše 120 miest. V Strečne vyrastie nová hala a k dnešným 450 zamestnancom pribudne ďalších 124. Stavať by sa malo začať už v druhej polovici tohto roku. Okrem Kie dodáva Webasto okná aj nošovickejmu závodu Hyundai.

• **Nový spravodajský portál** Tlačovej agentúry Slovenskej republiky Teraz.sk za necelý prvý mesiac prevádzky navštívilo už viac ako 100,000 unikátnych návštevníkov, ktorí si spolu pozreli viac ako 600,000 stránok. Portál, ktorý odštartoval 7. marca, zverejnil zatiaľ 3,500 správ z TASR, viac ako stovku fotogalérií a verejnosti sprístupnil aj viac ako 200 videí z produkcie TASR. Spravodajský portál TASR Teraz.sk spustil aj novú službu – živé výsledky futbalových, hokejových, tenisových a basketbalových zápasov. Spravodajský obsah Teraz.sk dnes rozšíril aj o výsledkový online servis pre športových fanúšikov. Na stránke www.teraz.sk/livescore prináša aktuálne výsledky všetkých svetových lig vo futbale, hokeji, basketbale a výsledky tenisových turnajov. Skóre jednotlivých zápasov je aktualizované online.

• **Prehľad** o časoch stoviek rímskokatolíckych svätých omší a obradov na Slovensku môžu všetci záujemcovia získať zadarmo vo virtuálnom priestore. Umožní im to internetová stránka dokostola.sk, ktorá vznikla spojením stránok KamNaOmsu.sk a Bohoslužby.sk. Na projekte sa podieľajú dobrovoľníci z občianskeho združenia Admissam. Nový portál ponúka šancu získať denné informácie o časoch svätých omší vo viacerých regiónoch. Vyhľadať ich je možné vďaka prehľadnej mape alebo podľa osobitného členenia – štátneho či cirkevného. Jedinečnou je tiež možnosť vyhľadať bohoslužbu podľa lokality v sekcii „Podrobne“. Momentálne stránka obsahuje časy rímskokatolíckych svätých omší vo väčších mestách Slovenska.

• **Na Zemplínskej šírave** začali nedávno s výstavbou aquaparku. V rekreačnom stredisku Kaluža pribudnú nové kryté aj vonkajšie bazény, tobogany, wellness centrum a ďalšie atrakcie. Aquapark s celoročnou prevádzkou sa bude nachádzať v rekreačnom stredisku Kaluža neďaleko Vojenskej zotavovne. V plnej prevádzke by mal byť od júna 2014. Výstavbu aquaparku financuje spoločnosť TRR centrum Kaluža, s. r. o. Obec v spolupráci s podnikateľskými subjektami, ktoré prejavili záujem podieľať sa na tom, aby došlo k rozvoju Zemplínskej šíravy, vytvorila spoločnosť, ktorá zabezpečuje výstavbu turisticko-relaxačného a rehabilitačného centra. Jednou zo stavieb je aj aquapark, ktorý by mal slúžiť na oživenie cestovného ruchu a podnikateľských aktivít na Zemplínskej šírave.

• **Podľa Google** je Slovensko krajinou, v ktorej sa používateľom webové stránky načítavajú na počítačoch najrýchlejšie. Vyplýva to z prieskumu, ktorý uskutočnil z dát zozbieraných službou Google Analytics. Trvá to v priemere 3.3 sekundy, kým sa na obrazovke slovenského počítača zobrazí akákoľvek stránka. V Indonézii čakajú používatelia na rovnaký výsledok viac ako 20 sekúnd. Slovensko predstihlo i Južnú Kóreu s 3.5 sekundami či Japonsko so štyrmi. Výsvetlenie, prečo to tak je, chýba. Rýchlosťou internetových prípojok a počítačov to pravdepodobne nebude. V mobiloch sa internetové stránky najrýchlejšie načítavajú v Južnej Kórei s priemerným časom 4.8 sekundy. Slovensko je na desiatej priečke s priemerným časom 7.6 sekúnd. Informoval o tom server Bloomberg.

• **Geniálny vynálezca** a umelec Leonardo da Vinci sa na pol roka presťahoval z Florencie do Košíc. V stredu 18. apríla sa otvorila výstava Leonardo da Vinci – geniálny vynálezca, ktorá potrvá netradične dlho až do 31. októbra. Výstava prezentuje umenie Leonarda a jeho mnohostrannú vynaliezavosť, ktorý sa venoval objavovaniu prírodných fenoménov i anatómie človeka, študoval zákony, ktorými sa riadia morské prúdy a vlny, sledoval let vtákov a navrhoval stroje na uľahčenie ľudskej práce.

• **Pred šiestimi rokmi** prvá vláda Roberta Fica (Smer-SD) privatizáciu bratislavského letiska, za ktorú mal dostať štát 300 miliónov eur, zrušila. Druhá Ficova vláda už pripúšťa vstup súkromníka do letiska. „Možné je strategické partnerstvo, nie privatizácia“, napísali z Úradu vlády. Štát za žiadnych okolností nesmie stratiť vplyv na majetok letiska, povedal štátny tajomník ministerstva financií Peter Pellegrini. Jednou z možností je však podľa neho prenájom. Pravdepodobne pôjde o prenájom na 20 až 30 rokov. Letisko bude v najbližších rokoch potrebovať asi 230 miliónov na obnovu dráh.

• **Slovenské syry** sa bez problémov vyrovnávajú kvalitou aj presláveným francúzskym lahôdkam. Taký je verdikt rozhodcov po prvom ročníku syrovej súťaže, ktorá bola v polovici apríla v Nitre. Vzhľad, konzistencia, vôňa a chuť! To sú dôležité parametre pri posudzovaní kvality syrov. Odborná komisia najskôr preskúmala vzhľad 99 vzoriek syrov, potom ich konzistenciu, vzápätí si k vzorkám privoňala a posledné body udeľovala po ochutnávke. Sú tu iba slovenské syry, ovčie a kravské: tvrdé, mäkké, polotvrde, parenice, nite, oštiepky a ich údené či neúdené kombinácie. Kvalitou môžu pokojne konkurovať aj presláveným francúzskym syrom. Slovenskí syrári sú vraj veľmi zdatní a vyrábajú aj obdoby zahraničných syrov. Zato slovenské oštiepky, nite či ovčiu bryndzu v cudzine podľa odborníkov zatiaľ nevedia napodobniť.

• **Regióny** na celom Slovensku zaostávajú v platoch za Bratislavským krajom o stovky eur. Ten tromfol aj celoslovenský priemer. Kým v Bratislavskom kraji je možné v priemere v hrubom aj s odmenami zarobiť 1,104 eur mesačne, celoslovenský priemer je oproti tomu len 900 eur. Najmenej zarábajú v každom kraji ľudia s najnižším vzdelaním. Z nich opäť najlepšie sa majú v Bratislavskom kraji s priemernou mzdou 630 eur mesačne, najmenej zarobia v Nitrianskom - 550 eur. Výrazné platové rozdiely sú aj v jednotlivých kategóriách pozícií. Kým informatik v Bratislavskom kraji zarobí mesačne v priemere 1,467 eur, jeho kolega v Prešovskom kraji má iba 951 eur.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Nekonečné horizonty kardinála Korca sú Knihou roka 2011

Nekonečné horizonty kardinála Korca z vydavateľstva Perfekt autora Mariána Gavendu sa stali Knihou roka 2011 v hlasovaní čitateľov dvojtýždenníka Knižná revue, ktorý vydáva Literárne informačné centrum. Laureátov 21. ročníka tejto populárnej ankety nedávno vyhlásili v bratislavskom Klube spisovateľov. Druhé miesto si odniesla Andrea Coddington za román Cudzí krv z vydavateľstva Ikar, na treťom mieste je román Xénie Faktorevej s názvom Amarandia a tajomné kľúče z vydavateľstva Daxe. Štvrtú pozíciu v hlasovaní čitateľov obsadila Elena Hidvéghyová-Yung s románom Dážď slivkových kvetov (Slovart), na piatej priečke sa umiestnili zhodne poviedkový román Jozefa Heribana Schovaný, neschovaný, idem (Herial) a kniha Leopolda Moravčíka Výhybky dejín (Perfekt).



Knižný životopis Jána Chryzostoma kardinála Korca sa dostal na pulty knižných obchodov v minulom roku. Jeho autorom je katolícky kňaz a publicista Marián Gavenda.

V kategórii Debut roka 2011 získala najvyššie ocenenie Anika Pastoreková za román Príbeh jednej lásky z vydavateľstva Slovenský spisovateľ, na druhom mieste je Maroš Krajňák a jeho kniha lyrizovanej prózy Carpathia z vydavateľstva Trio, tretie miesto získala básnická zbierka Michala Badína s názvom Rieka a tiež z vydavateľstva Knižné centrum. Štvrtá pozícia patrí básnickej zbierke Sviatiš keď miluješ Daniely Bojnanskej (Renesans), piate miesto získala kniha Vlasy dupkom Ľubomíry Romanovej (Hladohlas). V kategórii Vydavateľstvo roka 2011 si prvenstvo odnáša Ikar, na druhej pozícii skončil Slovart, tretie je vydavateľstvo Perfekt, na štvrtom mieste Marenčin PT, na piatom mieste skončilo vydavateľstvo Daxe.

Kniharokaje čitateľská súťaž Knižnej revue, v ktorej sú, narozdiel od iných súťaží, kde majú hlavné slovo odborné poroty, jedinou porotou a meradlom úspechu kníh názory samotných čitateľov. Anketa má tri kategórie – kniha roka, debut roka a vydavateľstvo roka. Čitatelia sa môžu zapojiť vyplnením ankety a vyplnením ankety v každom čísle Knižnej revue. Knihou roka 2010 sa stala publikácia Dóm. Katedrála sv. Martina v Bratislave autorov Jozefa Haľka a Štefana Komorného, v roku 2009 získal ocenenie román Klimtov bozk Borisa Filana, v roku 2008 si toto ocenenie odniesol Jozef Banáš za román Zóna nadšenia.

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Zomrel spišský emeritný biskup Mons. František Tondra

Prehral boj s ťažkou chorobou

V košickej nemocnici 3. mája 2012 predpoludním zomrel spišský emeritný biskup Mons. František Tondra. Zaopatrený sviatosťami, odovzdal Stvoriteľovi svoju dušu v 76. roku svojho života a 50. roku kňazstva.

František Tondra sa narodil 4. júna 1936 v Spišských Vlachoch (okres Spišská Nová Ves). Od 11. júna 1991 pôsobil ako predseda Biskupskej konferencie ČSFR, od 4. mája 1993 ako predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska. Predsedom KBS bol s prestávkami do 28. októbra 2009. Mons. prof. ThDr. František Tondra sa zaslúžil o znovuoobnovenie Kňazského seminára biskupa Jána Vojtaššáka v Spišskej Kapitule ako i o vznik Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku.

Emeritný biskup spišskej diecézy František Tondra absolvoval v apríli 2012 komplikovanú operáciu srdca v košickom Východoslovenskom ústave srdcových a cievnych chorôb (VÚSCH).



Biskup František Tondra

Duch Svätý, to je úsmev Boha

nad ľudstvom umytým v krvi Ježiša. To je jeho dôvernosť, jeho dôvera k nám. Boh, v Duchu Svätom, hľadá na ľudstvo pohľadom plným lásky a dáva ľudstvu možnosť zjednotiť sa s ním a v ňom, zjednotiť sa s bratmi. Duch Svätý, ktorý je zároveň Duchom Ježiša aj Otca, je oslavou Boha, radosťou Boha, prstom Božím na našich ranách, svetlom Božím v našich srdciach, milosrdenstvom Boha k našim hriechom. Duch Svätý je to, čo sa stalo Zachejovi pri Ježišovej návšteve: „Polovicu svojho majetku dám chudobným a ak som voľ akomu ukrivdil, vrátim mu to štvornásobne.“ Duch Svätý je to, čo sa zjavilo v srdci Magdalény, keď sa jej dotkol Ježiš, to, čo osvietilo Petrovu myseľ účinkom Otca a on mu vloží do úst: „Ty si Kristus, Syn živého Boha.“

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Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

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Predseda vlády SR Robert Fico (vpravo) prijal vo svojom úrade amerického veľvyslanca na Slovensku Theodora Sedgwicka (vľavo) 25. apríla 2012 v Bratislave.

Newly elected Slovak Premier Robert Fico receives American Ambassador Theodore Sedgwick in his office in Bratislava on April 25, 2012. Among the topics discussed at the meeting, was America's request that Slovakia invest more in NATO.

USA by privítali väčšie investície SR do obrany

Spojené štáty americké by privítali, keby Slovensko investovalo viac do svojej obrany. Avšak vzhľadom na to, že Slovensko zohráva významnú úlohu pri nasadzovaní ozbrojených síl v medzinárodných operáciách, Washington berie do úvahy aj ekonomickú situáciu, v ktorej sa dnes SR nachádza.

Slovensko v súčasnosti investuje do obrany zhruba 1.1 percenta HDP. NATO však od členských krajín očakáva výdavky na úrovni dvoch percent. To však v súčasnosti nedodržiava viacero krajín a minister obrany Martin Glváč (Smer-SD), ako aj Fico už avizovali, že v najbližšom období nemožno očakávať, že by sa k nej mohlo Slovensko dostať.

Fico a Sedgwick 25. apríla prebrali aj ďalšie oblasti spolupráce SR a USA. Veľvyslanec USA pritom vyzdvihol predovšetkým spoločné záujmy oboch krajín v oblasti podnikania a diplomacie. Zároveň sa počas stretnutia zaujímal o priority novej vlády. Od premiéra si podľa vlastných slov vypočul veľa dobrých nápadov a zaželel vláde veľa úspechov. Americký veľvyslanec predpokladá, že medzi predstaviteľmi oboch krajín by sa mohli už v najbližšej budúcnosti uskutočniť aj rokovania na najvyššej úrovni.

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Štátny tajomník Peter Burian na rozlúčkových prijatiach vo Washingtone

Štátny tajomník Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR Peter Burian pri príležitosti ukončenia svojho vyslania vo funkcii mimoriadneho a splnomocneného veľvyslanca SR v USA absolvoval v dňoch 26. a 27. apríla 2012 vo Washingtone rozlúčkové stretnutia na pôde Ministerstva zahraničných vecí USA a Kongresu. V rámci rozhovoru s námestníkom MZV USA pre Európu a Euroáziu Philomom Gordonom štátny tajomník Peter Burian potvrdil záujem SR o ďalší rozvoj dialógu s USA. Predmetom rozhovoru boli aj otázky spojené s pôsobením SR v Afganistane a aktuálny vývoj v regióne západného Balkánu.

V Kongrese USA sa uskutočnili rozlúčkové stretnutia veľvyslanca Buriana s predsedami Slovenského kongresového výboru, kongresmanom Joe Wilsonom a Pete Viscloským ako i predsedom výboru Snemovne reprezentantov pre dopravu, kongresmanom slovenského pôvodu Johnom Micom. Peter Burian informoval predstaviteľov Kongresu o prioritách zahraničnej politiky SR. Boli taktiež posúdené perspektívy ďalšieho rozvoja bilaterálnych vzťahov. Kongresmani ocenili osobný prínos Petra Buriana v rámci pôsobenia vo funkcii veľvyslanca k rozvoju výborných vzájomných vzťahov. Peter Burian pri tejto príležitosti poďakoval kongresmanom Wilsonovi a Viscloskému za ich úsilie pri vytvorení Slovenského kongresového výboru.



Peter Burian

MZV SR

Kresťania na celom svete slávia sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého

Kresťania na Slovensku i vo svete slávia sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého, známy aj ako Turíce. Grécky názov tohto sviatku je Pentecoste. Zároveň si pripomínajú aj založenie kresťanskej cirkvi.

Veriaci si počas bohoslužieb pripomínajú udalosť, keď na päťdesiaty deň po Kristovom zmŕtvychvstání Duch Svätý zostúpil v podobe ohnivých jazykov na apoštolov zhromaždených v Jeruzaleme. Kňazi v tento sviatok zvyknú pripomínať veriacim prioritu ducha nad hmotnými vecami a význam sily pôsobenia Ducha Svätého na ľudí.

Duch Svätý bol zjavený ako tretia božská osoba Svätej Trojice. Známym je sedem darov Ducha Svätého - Dar múdrosti, Dar rozumu, Dar rady, Dar sily, Dar poznania, Dar nábožnosti a Dar bázne Božej.

Následne po zoslaní Ducha Svätého apoštol Peter predniesol kázeň, na základe ktorej sa dalo pokrstiť vyše 3000 ľudí. Preto je Svätodušná nedeľa aj pamätným dňom založenia prvého kresťanského cirkevného zboru v Jeruzaleme.

V Katolíckej cirkvi sa na Svätodušné sviatky tradične konajú púte. Na Slovensku je známa najmä Svätodušná púť v Šaštíne.

Podobne ako Vianoce a Veľká noc aj sviatok Zoslania Ducha Svätého dostal ďalší deň sviatku - Svätodušný pondelok. Svätodušná nedeľa a Svätodušný pondelok sú po Vianočiach a Veľkej noci tretie výročné kresťanské sviatky.

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Veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone navštívil Los Angeles, Kalifornia



Veľvyslanec SR Peter Burian udelil predsedovi Spolku Slovak –American Center v Los Angeles, Kalifornia Pavlovi Skubeňovi medialu veľvyslanca Slovenskej republiky v Spojených štátoch amerických ako výraz ocenenia jeho dlhoročnej práce za prínos udržiavania slovenského dedičstva a národného povedomia v radoch slovenskej krajanskej komunity v Južnej Kalifornii, ako aj za podporu rozvoja spolupráce medzi Slovenskom a Spojenými štátmi americkými.

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