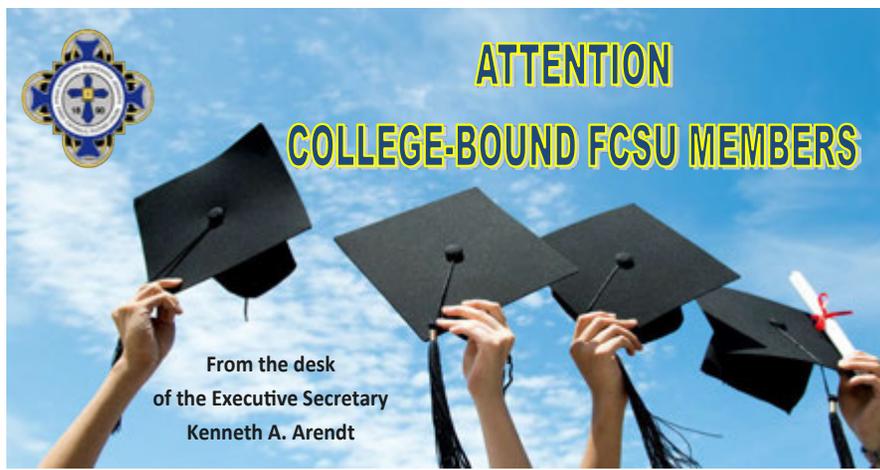




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ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND FCSU MEMBERS

From the desk
of the Executive Secretary
Kenneth A. Arendt

THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION IS NOW ACCEPTING 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Eighty (80) ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to the winners.

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- A "Philip Hrobak Scholarship" and "Stephanie Husek Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,250.00 each will be awarded to the highest ranking male and female applicants respectively.
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In addition, upon proof of college graduation and completed insurance application, each recipient will be issued a paid up \$3,000 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy.

For rules, requirements and applications go to

www.fcsu.com/scholarships

or call the Home Office at 800.533.6682

**Applications must be postmarked by midnight,
February 29, 2016**



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The Right IRA Can Significantly Impact Your Retirement

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

A secure, comfortable retirement what we all hope for, isn't it? Particularly now that we're living longer, healthier lives than our parents and grandparents did, which means more of us will have the opportunity to enjoy longer retirements is than in the past.

Yet hoping for a comfortable retirement clearly isn't enough. Future financial security requires adequate financial planning today. Perhaps you are well on the way to acquiring a nice nest egg by participating in your employer's retirement program, likely a 401(k), with or without matching funds.

Many of you, however, may not be covered by an employer plan. According to the US Department of Labor, up to 26% of full-time workers aren't covered by an employer's plan and 63% of part-time workers have no workplace retirement account. And nearly a third of working-age Americans have no retirement savings or pension at all -- including 19% of people between the ages of 55 and 64, says a recent report from the Federal Reserve.

For those left on their own to save up for retirement, an IRA account may be the perfect place to start.



Kenneth Arendt

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APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

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UNITED STATES



January 2016

Universal Intention

Interreligious Dialogue. That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.



Since Pope Paul VI instituted it in 1967, every new year begins with the World Day of Peace. In a conversation with Japanese teachers and students, Pope Francis said: "It is impossible for peace to exist without dialogue. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash are due to a lack of dialogue. When there is a problem, talk: this makes peace."

But dialogue means more than talking at each other. It means listening. "And what is the deepest approach we should have in order to dialogue and not quarrel? Meekness, the ability to encounter people, to encounter cultures peacefully; the ability to ask intelligent questions. Listening to others and then speaking. All this is meekness."

Jesus described his heart as meek and humble. As we ask him to make our hearts like his, we are asking to have the meekness that is the basis for encounter and dialogue—the way to peace.

When he visited Turkey, Pope Francis spoke of the "sacred character" of "human life, a gift of God the Creator." He said: "Fanaticism and fundamentalism need to be countered by the solidarity of all believers. This solidarity must rest on the following pillars: respect for human life and for religious freedom."

And he gave us the challenge that is behind our prayer this month: "The world expects those who claim to adore God to be men and women of peace who are capable of living as brothers and sisters, regardless of ethnic, religious, cultural or ideological differences."

Reflection

How are dialogue and peace-making grounded in respect for life?

Scripture

Hebrews 12: 12-17 Strive for peace with everyone.

Evangelization Intention

Christian Unity. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

The world wonders if peace is possible when the followers of the Prince of Peace are divided and have for centuries and into the present killed one another over their differences. Unbelievers will have a hard time accepting Christianity as long as its adherents are divided.

Every year from January 18-25 we celebrate a time of intense prayer for Christian unity. At the conclusion of the 2014 week of prayer, Pope Francis said that "we may not regard divisions in the Church as something natural, inevitable in any form of human association. Our divisions wound Christ's body, they impair the witness which we are called to give to him before the world."

He quoted also the words of Vatican II's decree on ecumenism: "...division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the sacred cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature." And he added this comment: "We have all been damaged by these divisions. None of us wishes to become a cause of scandal."

"And so we are all journeying together," the pope continued, "fraternally, on the road towards unity, bringing about unity even as we walk; that unity comes from the Holy Spirit and brings us something unique which only the Holy Spirit can do, that is, reconciling our differences. The Lord waits for us all, accompanies us all, and is with us all on this path of unity."

It has been fifty years since the Second Vatican Council ended. Are we any closer to unity? Or are we further apart? The world urgently needs Christian witness which demonstrates that conflicts can be overcome through dialogue and charity. As we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's power that alone can bring about unity.

Reflection

In what ways have I experienced the urgency of praying and working for Christian unity?

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not behaving in an ordinary human way?

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours



The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016, in observance of Presidents' Day.

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as newspaper subscription payments.
Contact the Home Office for details:
1-800-JEDNOTA or info@fcsu.com.**

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Message from Our National Chaplain

Dear Friends,

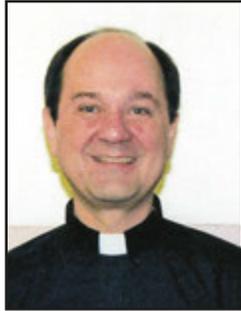
Happy New Year! May the Lord in His goodness continue to bless you and your families with an abundance of His mercy during this Year of Jubilee.

With Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent just a few days away, you may be searching for a good book to assist you during those 40 days of recommitment to discipleship in Christ Jesus. Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly is a book worth having. Mr. Kelly is an internationally known author and speaker about a topic near and dear to his heart as it should be in each of ours – our Catholic faith.

Rediscover Jesus is arranged into 40 brief chapters of no more than five pages each with questions for personal prayer and reflection at the end of each chapter, making it an excellent tool for the daily use during Lent. I have several copies of the book and they are available to anyone who wishes one (or two, or three, or more). There is no charge for the book.

Please fill out the form below and mail it to me, along with a donation of \$3.00 for postage and handling for each book. Thank you and may Jesus, the Face of Mercy, shine on you and your loved ones now and forever.

Fraternally,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly

Name _____

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Please mail this form and donation of \$3.00 for each book to:

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Our Lady of Ransom Church
6701 Calvert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19149

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

HOME OFFICE
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 - SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

The ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on *Friday, March 18, 2016* - *Saturday, March 19, 2016*.

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

Officers who are required to give reports at the Annual Meeting should send them to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office on or before Friday, March 11, 2016.

All correspondence relative to the Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt, and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to March 11, 2016.

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

The Right IRA Can Significantly Impact Your Retirement

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The Basic Intel on IRAs

There are 3 basic types of IRAs available to individuals:



- A traditional IRA is designed to offer a tax deduction for the tax year in which the contribution was made, which is the good news. You do need to keep in mind that withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxed as regular income; and withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to IRS early withdrawal penalties.

- A Roth IRA is never tax-deductible. However, the benefits of Roth IRAs are that withdrawals are tax-free after the age of 59-1/2. Both deductible IRAs and Roth IRAs have income thresholds that govern who can make qualified contributions to the accounts.

- A nondeductible IRA is generally the only alternative for very high earners who otherwise don't qualify for the other types.

The Best Time to Open or Add to an IRA

You must be younger than 70-1/2 to open a traditional IRA, but you can start a Roth IRA account at any age; and, ideally, experts agree the sooner, the better. But regardless of where you are in your career or in life, don't let another tax year pass you by without doing something – whether that is opening an IRA for the first time or adding to an existing account. Consistent saving coupled with a reasonable rate of return over a long period of time could yield a sizeable nest egg. At the very least, having an IRA in your financial portfolio will help you ease into retirement with money to pay bills or for more enjoyable pursuits – in other words, give you access to savings in your golden years that you otherwise may not have had.

The deadline for filing your 2015 taxes – April 14, 2016 – is right around the corner, so don't delay. For guidance in selecting or updating an IRA strategy that works for you, call the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-533-6682 or your local FCSU branch.

There's Still Time to be a Part of the Jednota Memorial



A Site Dedicated to Members & Their Families

As highlighted in the October 21, 2015 issue of Jednota, the First Catholic Slovak Union has recently dedicated a Memorial site for our members and their families on a permanently dedicated ½ acre of land of Jednota property fronting on Rosedale Avenue in Middletown, PA. It sits on land that was once occupied by the Jednota Orphanage, purchased at the urging of our founder Fr. Štefan Furdek for just such a purpose. A rebronzed "Doughboy" statue is a key highlight of this Memorial, honoring those who served in any wars and also giving the opportunity for our Members to honor and remember their ancestors and family members who have made and make our Society great.

Jednota Memorial Granite Bricks are Available for Purchase



It is important, however, to remember that this memorial is not restricted to veterans or families of veterans. You can remember a loved one, a branch or a district in our Society. All those who purchase a "brick" or "bricks" in the granite panels found throughout the Memorial will receive a photo of the panel on which their brick or bricks are mounted.

If you haven't yet ordered your "brick" you can go to www.fcsu.com to Jednota Memorial to download your order form or call the Home Office at 1-800-533-6682.



ATTENTION JEDNOTAR BOWL



United Slovak Fraternal
5th Annual
Bowling Tournament
April 22- 23, 2016

Friday:

Teams Event – Opening Ceremonies to begin at 7:15 pm with the team event starting at 7:30 pm at Sawmill Lanes.

Hospitality Night - Hospitality Night beginning at 7:00 PM at Sawmill Lanes in Columbus, OH. Enjoy food, refreshments, and socializing.

Hotel – Holiday Inn Columbus, OH will be housing our guests for the weekend. The phone number to the hotel is provided below. You must identify yourself as a member of USF or United Slovak Fraternal to receive the group rate: \$114 / night (plus tax)

Deadline for hotel reservations is March 22.

Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington (50 rooms)
7007 N. High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
614-436-0700

Saturday:

Doubles/Singles Event - To begin at 8:30 am and 12:30 pm

Mass - will be held at 5:00 pm at the hotel.

Banquet - will be held in the Holiday Inn. Cocktails at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM.

Sawmill Lanes: 4825 Sawmill Rd. Columbus, OH – (614) 889-0880

If you require additional information, please contact Rudy Ondrejco at your convenience at 412-421-7967 or rudy.ondrejco@gmail.com

The 5th Annual United Slovak Fraternal
Bowling Tournament
April 22-23, 2016
Columbus, OH



Would you like to sponsor a lane?

It is only \$50.00 to have a sign placed on a lane and your generosity will go far in making this event an enjoyable weekend for all!

If you are interested in being a lane sponsor, please mail this form in with the wording for your sign printed below and check payable to "FCSU Activities".

Please feel free to contact Rudy Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director with any questions at 412-421-7967 or rudy.ondrejco@gmail.com

The deadline for sponsoring a lane is March 4, 2016.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Branch # / District: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Yes!! We would like to sponsor a lane. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Wording for Sign: _____

Mail to: FCSU Activities 234 Ilion St. Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Thank you in advance for your participation in this fraternal event.

A Peek into the Past



(L – R) Martin Gonda (now Fr. Gerard), his mother Margaret Gonda, and brother Denis Gonda on the steps of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception one month before the dedication of the FCSU's Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Washington, DC, 1965.

- Submitted by Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, President of Benedictine HS and Branch 24 Member

Join Us for Our 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia and its Neighbors

August 28 – September 10, 2016



Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko and his Slovak born wife, Albina, have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia which includes history- rich cites of Bratislava, Saštín, Skalica, Trenčín, Bojnice, Rajecké Teplice, Čičmany, High Tatras, Ždiar, Stará Ľubovňa, Košice, Bardejov and Prešov.

As you travel through the various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives or family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some of the highlights of our tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a tour of the Dobšinská Ice Cave, a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting between Slovakia and Poland, spa treatments, and a welcome reception with the Mayor of Prešov.

At no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included a tour of Vienna and Poland.

While in Poland we will visit the famous shrine of Czestochowa, Zakopane, and Krakow, including tours of Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, air-conditioned bus, and a professional guide and more. At \$3899, this is the lowest price of any deluxe tour to Slovakia. For a detailed daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000.

- Submitted by Joseph Senko, Slovak Honorary Consul and Branch 254 Member

**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately**

THINK ABOUT IT!

ERS: SAVE THE DATE IN APRIL



Requests - Please circle choice times			
Event	Date	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice
TEAM			
DOUBLES & SINGLES			

2016 April 22 - 23, 2016
 Entries Close
 March 4, 2016

BOWLING ENTRY BLANK

Please Read Carefully

The 5th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's Men's and Women's Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

Hosted by First Catholic Slovak Union and
 National Slovak Society
 A/k/a the United Slovak Fraternal's

Sawmill Lanes
 Sawmill Road, Columbus, OH

Entry Fees - Members
 Prize Fee.....\$7.00
 Bowling Fee (3games).....\$6.75
 Tournament Fee.....\$4.25
Total Each Event\$18.00

Entry Fees - Non-Members
 Prize Fee.....\$14.00
 Bowling Fee (3games).....\$6.75
 Tournament Fee.....\$4.25
Total Each Event.....\$25.00

Optional Events
 All Events\$3.00
 Senior Singles Event (60+)\$5.00

Banquet Fees
 Member.....\$25.00
 Non-Member\$40.00

Total Included.....\$_____

Mail Entry Fee Payable to:
 FCSU Activities

Mail to:
 Rudy Ondrejco
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Team Name: _____ Captain Name: _____
 League: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ Phone: _____

All Events (X)	Attend Banq (X)	CORRECT TEAM LINEUP (Print or Type)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	USBC NO.	ADDRESS	CERT./POLICY NO. MUST BE FILLED IN	BRANCH/ ASSM NO.
		1.					
		2.					
		3.					
		4.					
Singles (X)	Attend Banq (X)	TWO-MAN EVENT (Print or Type Full Names)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	Seniors (X)			
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		2.					
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Friday, April 22
 Registration 6:30 PM
 Bowlers: 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 23
 Bowlers:
 Events 8:30 AM
 12:30 PM

Team Events

ALL BOWLING AND, ENTRY FEES
 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH
COMPLETE INFORMATION

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE
 RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND
 MUST BE RESUBMITTED

Substitutes **must** bowl in the position vacated by the original entrant as per USBC.

The Men's and Women's 5th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society for the purpose of promoting fraternalism and good sportsmanship, and to generate nationwide interest in the Slovak fraternal organizations. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to the Host City, Columbus, OH, in this tournament.

The 5th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's Handicap Tenpin Bowling Tournament will be held at Sawmill Lanes, 4825 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, Ohio. The tournament will be held April 22-23, 2016. Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday, April 22, at 7:15 PM.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MARCH 4, 2016. PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY. ENTRY FEES, AS STATED ON THE FRONT OF THIS ENTRY BLANK, MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY. ALL INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN FOR RESUBMISSION.

In submitting this entry, the captain and the team members agree to forfeit all rights to prize money as well as the total entry fees in the event that any information listed herein should be found to be false. We are not responsible for errors in averages made in filling out this entry form. No refunds of tournament entry fee.

USBC Bowling Rules shall govern in all matters concerning the actual play on the lanes in this Tournament.

ELIGIBILITY: This Tournament is open to all First Catholic Slovak Union and National Slovak Society male and female bonafide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. All winners will be checked before any prize money is awarded.

Only members with USBC Membership Cards will be eligible for the USBC special awards in this USBC Certified Tournament. Bowlers without USBC Membership Cards may purchase some from the Tournament Committee at current local fees prior to actual participation in this Tournament.

CONSENT RULES: Any unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to participate

in USBC Certified Tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Said written consent must be on a form approved by United States Bowling Congress and must be on file with Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his/her parents, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC Rule No. 13

AVERAGES: All entrants will use their highest average of any USBC league of at least 21 games from the 2014-2015 season. Bowlers with no such average from the 2014-2015 season and with at least 21 games in the 2015-2016 season will use their current league average. This must be designated as such on entry form by his name and a league year-to-date statistics sheet must be presented to the Tournament Committee at the Tournament. Non-certified bowlers, with no certified league average, that have bowled in previous FCSU or NSS tournaments will have their averages calculated from their three most recent tournaments. All male bowlers with no established USBC average will bowl a 175 scratch. All female bowlers with no established USBC will bowl a 150 scratch. Summer league averages will be accepted. Any contestant whose current average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2016, is TEN (10) PINS or more above his or her average from previous season, must use his or her current average and will indicate this on the entry form at time of entry.

AVERAGE CHANGES: The original averages submitted on the Entry Blank cannot be changed prior to participation by anyone except the Team Captain, who must submit written proof thereof to the Tournament Committee. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score of submitted average if lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average.

Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of a series if the tournament manager prior to the completion of the first game of the series has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct his average.

TEAMS: Mixed teams comprised of at least 1 person of the opposite gender are allowed. Mixed teams will be grouped with men's teams for prize distribution (see PRIZES), unless at least 21 mixed teams participate. If 21 or more mixed teams enter, a separate mixed prize fund will be established and one prize will be paid for every five (5) entries.

DOUBLES: Mixed doubles are allowed. Mixed doubles will be grouped with men's teams for prize distribution (see PRIZES), unless at least 21 mixed doubles participate. If 21 or more mixed doubles enter, a separate mixed prize fund will be established and one prize will be paid for every five (5) entries.

HANDICAPS: The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 210 and the submitted average. The maximum handicap awarded to any bowler will be 65 pins. Under no circumstances will handicap be increased after participant has bowled.

PRIZES: MEN and WOMEN - One prize will be paid for every five (5) entries in each event, with the exception of All Events, which will pay one prize for every fifteen (15) entries. No duplicate prizes will be awarded and prize fees will be returned 100 percent.

All prizes will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee. Any entrant who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event of a tournament in the 12-month period prior to entry, must report actual score, position, and amount won to tournament management at time of entry for possible rerating.

LINE-UP CHANGES: All participants must bowl according to where they are listed on the submitted entry form. Any replacement of participants originally scheduled to bowl on team or doubles will take same position on team and doubles event.

ABSENTEES: To alleviate absentee problems, the Tournament Committee will provide a replacement bowler when notified of the absentee. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Tardy Bowler will receive zero for each frame missed. USBC Rule 322

SCORING: Errors in scoring or calculations must be presented to the Tournament Committee within 48 hours after completion of play. Captains of Teams or Doubles Partners have the option to pick up duplicate score sheets upon completion of play.

The Beginnings of Industrialization in Slovakia, 1848-1914

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

When I was a young student, I wanted to understand why many of our ancestors emigrated from Slovakia, and the conditions of industry was one of those factors. My maternal grandfather had worked in the Krompachy Ironworks (Krompašská železiareň) until 1921. Before World War I, the Krompachy complex employed about 3,500 employees and was the largest ironworks in the Kingdom of Hungary. Then it laid off many of its workers, my grandfather included. This motivated me to find out more about the state of industry in Slovakia and how the economy changed so that he and others were compelled to search for work elsewhere. In this first part of several essays, we will look at the situation of industry in Slovakia and its relative position in central Europe prior to the Great War that commenced in 1914.

Slovakia's economy industrialized as a part of Hungary, not the Czech Lands, even though both were in Austria-Hungary. Although the peoples of Slovakia and the Historic Czech Lands would join hands and form one country after World War I, the economic and some of the social contrasts between the regions were significant. Industrialization came to Slovakia later in the nineteenth century, whereas the Czech lands were developing a mature industry at mid century. Likewise, the working class was smaller in Slovakia.

Before the First World War, Slovak economic development was closely linked with the Hungarian economy. Although Slovakia did not constitute a separate part of Hungary, it was often simply referred to as Northern Hungary. Frequently no separate statistics are available for the region. Thus during the pre World War I period, Slovakia and Hungary will often be referred to jointly, for their economies were similar and interdependent.

The process of early industrialization in Hungary and Slovakia can be divided into two periods: 1) the early 1830's to the 1880's, and 2) the industrial revolution beginning in the 1880's and lasting until 1914. The early phase of industrialization was limited to only three industry groups which accounted for about 70 percent of the value added to manufacturing: food (flour milling, sugar, beer, alcohol), lumber (lumber mills), and metal production (iron, gold, silver, copper and lead). Metal production rose rapidly from 1867 to 1873 during the first railroad boom, but the depression of 1873-1879 interrupted that growth. From 1879 on, steady growth continued despite a 1884 to 1888 depression, which had less effect on Slovakia and the rest of Hungary than on other parts of Europe. The most rapid growth occurred from 1887 to 1899, but this spurt extended to all branches of industrial production. With the exception of a few interruptions, economic expansion continued at a steady rate throughout the pre World War I period.

Industrialization first came to the Austrian Empire during the early nineteenth century. Industry there did not expand as rapidly as it had in the English economy, the model which historians are most familiar with. During its early phases, modern industry throughout the Austrian Empire grew in a more gradual, protracted manner. The empire contained a sufficient number of craftsmen and had the capital to pay English mechanics, but it lacked the commercial ties and natural resources of a Germany or France. Nevertheless, industry was far from stagnant and a modern factory system had already begun to develop in the empire, but primarily in the western half, and particularly in the Czech Lands. Still the effort was only piecemeal at first and was hindered by outmoded laws and bureaucratic red tape. The ruling aristocracy deliberately allowed the pace of industrial expansion to proceed slower and later than in most Western European states. The Viennese government had remained suspicious of large scale production because of its threatening political and social consequences.

These factors which inhibited an industrial revolution did not stop it from developing during the post Napoleonic period. Industrialization came a half century earlier in Cisleithania, the name used to refer to the western part of the empire. The flood of cheap English textiles into Central Europe forced the enterprises in Bohemia to mechanize and create modern factories. Heavy industry soon followed. By 1914, about 70 percent of industry in the Austrian half of the monarchy found its home in the Czech Lands. They became the industrial hub of the Austrian Empire.

Industrial progress in the Hungarian half of the empire was much slower. Like the rest of old Hungary, Slovakia continued to have an economy based primarily on agriculture. Because it was located farther to the east, Slovakia was more distant from more lucrative markets in Central and Western Europe. A smaller native middle class and the predominance of the Magyar nobility combined to delay industrial development in the Hungarian half of the empire. Outdated laws and heavy tax burdens further impeded industrial growth. The economy of Slovakia and Hungary did not industrialize to any significant extent until the second half of the nineteenth century.

Despite these unfavorable factors, conditions for industrial development were better in Slovakia than in the rest of Hungary. Slovakia possessed an abundance of natural resources, which included iron ore, coal, gold, silver, copper, magnesium, forests, waterpower, and fertile soil in southern Slovakia. The region also inherited a long tradition of mining, crafts production, and town life. Before the Napoleonic Wars, mining, craftsmanship, and urban life in Slovakia were well in step with the western half of the Habsburg Empire.

After 1815, however, Slovakia failed to keep pace with the level of economic development in Austria and the Historic Czech Lands. The textile industry in Slovakia nearly disintegrated because of the competition of cheaper manufactured goods from Bohemia and Moravia. Only papermaking and sugar refining continued to increase their size and output substantially. Factories began to appear in these industries through the 1840's. Other businesses such as breweries, distilleries, and glass and ceramics remained small and relied on artisan methods of production.

Not until after the Revolutions of 1848 were the preconditions laid for the broader industrial development of Hungary and Slovakia. In Slovakia, free access to Austrian markets stimulated agricultural growth and production in nearby southern and western Slovakia. During the 1850's, agriculture became increasingly more mechanized, although the northern



and eastern parts of Slovakia remained far behind the areas adjacent to Austrian Lands. The application of scientific methods and crop rotation spurred growth, particularly on the larger estates which could afford to hire highly skilled and trained managers. In turn, the expansion of agricultural industries raised demand for products such as sugar beets, tobacco, and potatoes. As in other European states, the growth of agri-

culture laid the foundations for the expansion of industry.

Mechanization in agriculture stimulated the modernization of the iron industry, which became the fastest growing sector of the Slovak economy. Blast furnaces replaced the old "Slovak ovens" and Slovakia led the rest of Hungary in iron metallurgy. Of the 60 blast furnaces in Hungary in 1856, 54 of these were located in Slovakia. Food processing ranked second behind the iron industry in this early phase of the industrial revolution in Slovakia. The largest enterprises were the sugar refineries. Five of the nineteen Hungarian refineries were in Slovakia, including the largest in the country. Most other food processing continued to rely on artisan modes of production.

Other light industries developed at a slower pace. The decline of the textile industry in Slovakia continued unabated. In most other areas of light industry such as glassmaking and leather tanning, artisan and small businesses predominated. Wood processing was the one exception to this generalization. Slovakia possessed a rich supply of forests. Only one new large papermaking facility was constructed, but wood processing expanded due to the rising demand for furniture and construction products. Sawmills experienced particularly high growth.

A number of factors slowed the growth of industry in Slovakia, but the most glaring was the lack of good transportation and a developed banking system. In the 1850's, the first steps were taken to create an extensive Austrian Hungarian railroad network. Since 80 percent of all trade traveled via land routes, industrial development required cheap and efficient transportation to connect the large industrial cities of the empire with the countryside in order to bring goods from the countryside to market. The need for railroads in turn stimulated the mining, iron and machine industries.

Substantial railroad building and economic expansion did not get underway in Slovakia until after the 1867 Austro-Hungarian Compromise, or Ausgleich. The Compromise granted Hungary extensive control over its internal affairs, and it used the new powers to enact measures which paved the way for more rapid industrial development. Large scale construction of railroads in Slovakia began soon afterwards.

For the most part, private companies built Hungarian railroads in Slovakia with the help of generous state subsidies of five percent interest on capital invested. By World War I, most railroad lines in Slovakia continued to be privately owned, while most Czech lines were publicly owned. Integration during the interwar period would be extremely difficult because of these differences in the future Czechoslovak state.

The coming of the railroads had an enormous impact on the Slovak economy. It stimulated new markets by transforming internal and external communications. The people themselves became more mobile and the number of wage laborers quickly increased. The construction of the railroads themselves required large numbers of workers and stimulated the further development of shipping as well. As railroads expanded, they connected areas which had remained relatively isolated for centuries.

Railroad construction also contributed to the development of banking and credit institutions to finance the huge construction projects. To meet the need for new capital, a large number of credit organizations sprang up at a rapid rate, especially in Vienna. These financial institutions funded the industrialization of Slovakia. Only a few of those in Slovakia belonged to ethnic Slovak entrepreneurs. Magyar and foreign capital were in firm control of the money that was building Slovak industry.

The year 1890 marked a departure point in the history of industrial development in Slovakia. Two very significant developments occurred – a period of quick industrial expansion which continued until World War I, and the simultaneous rapid growth in the size of factories and the working class. The number of enterprises in Hungary employing over 20 workers grew from 1,200 in 1890 to 2,049 by 1900. The total number of workers in those enterprises more than doubled from 102,484 to 212,097, a 106.9 percent rise. Slovakia accounted for about twenty percent of both of these figures in 1900. Over 51,000 workers were employed in enterprises with over twenty employees. The age of large industry had come to stay.

One can date the "takeoff" period of sustained growth in Slovakia and Hungary during the period from 1887 - 1913. The foundations of the infrastructure had been laid from 1857 - 87 and a definite shift towards capitalism had changed the economy. In agriculture it went from crop production to animal production and a greater variety of crops. In industry, production growth shifted from food, lumber and primary metals to producers' goods and textiles. In the second and rapid growth period after the mid 1880's, the electric power industry, electro-technical engineering, new branches of the chemical industry, and the textile, leather, paper and printing industries all added to the expansion of railroads, heavy industry, farm tools and

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At the annual December meeting, the following Branch 743 officers were elected for 2016 (L – R): Ruzena Kovacova Treasurer; Daniela Grisak Auditor; Milan Straka (Chairman of Auditors); Joseph C Rimarcik (President & Financial Secretary); Anna Magusin (Retiring Treasurer after 30 years) Stefanie Gervais (Auditor); and Jozef Kovac (Auditor), not shown.

Branch 743 Annual Meeting & Christmas Party

Branch 743 held its annual meeting and Christmas party on December 13, 2015, where officers for 2016 were elected. After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed entertainment by children in the branch who played musical instruments, sang songs and told jokes and riddles.

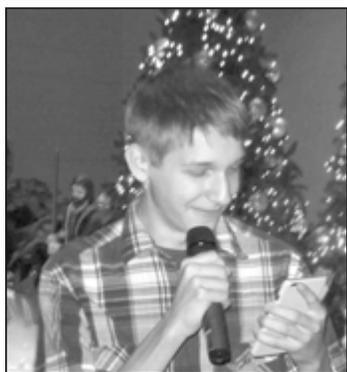
- Submitted by Joseph C Rimarcik, Branch 743 President.
Photos courtesy of Milan Straka.



Anna Magusin remarks upon retiring



Grace Zelenak singing.



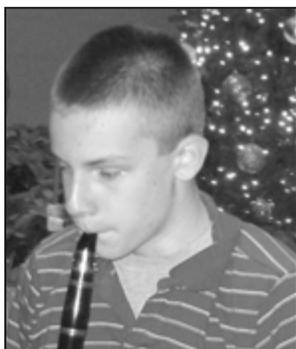
William Elliott telling a riddle.



(L – R) Grace Zelenak, Matus Kovac and Vicki Kovac singing a song together.



Joseph Kovac playing the violin.



Andrew Elliott playing the clarinet.



Daniel Zelanek telling a joke.



Joseph C Rimarcik, Branch 743 President, presenting a retirement gift and roses to Anna Magusin recognizing her 30 years of service to Br. 743 while Stefanie Gervais looks on.

Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius: Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year

Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.

On December 13, 2015, the Doors of Mercy were opened at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA. The Basilica was named a place of pilgrimage for the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA for the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year, December 2015 – November 2016. The Basilica, on the grounds of Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, is the motherhouse chapel for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius was named after the spiritual patrons of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius: the missionary brothers Cyril and Methodius. The Basilica is the daily place of prayer for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and is also the site of ecumenical gatherings, pilgrimages, weekend and week-long retreats and days of prayer, not only for the Sisters, but for the general public. During this Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year the Basilica will also house special Jubilee events, and welcome pilgrims throughout the year.

The chapel was designated as a Basilica in 1989. The designation of a basilica is given to certain churches because of their architectural beauty, historical significance and importance as centers of worship and pilgrimage. The Basilica is visited regularly by many who admire beautiful buildings, the stained glass windows and the mosaics. However, the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius is primarily a place of prayer.

Since the dedication of the chapel on October 17, 1939, the Basilica has been used for prayer by hundreds of thousands of people, and the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have gathered here for prayer every day and have brought the whole world with them in their prayers. Pilgrims are especially welcome to the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius during this Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year.

Events to be held at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA During the Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Basilica is open daily from 9:00 am-5:00 pm for private prayer and pilgrimage. Guided tours of the Basilica are available by calling in advance, 570-275-3581.

Evening Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration – Every Sunday evening from 4:00 – 4:30 pm, January 10, 2016 - November 13, 2016 there will be public celebration of Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, coupled with Eucharistic Adoration.

February 2, 2016 – Closing of 40 Hours Devotion, coinciding with the end of the Year of consecrated Life. Services at 4:00 pm

There will be a retreat specifically for those discerning a vocation to Religious Life, May 27-29

There will be a series of Directed 24- Hour Retreats

Feb. 19-20; March 18-19; June 10-11; September 9-10; October 28-29

There will be a series of Silent Directed Retreat Weekends: Feb. 19-21; March 18-20; June 10-12; September 9-11; October 28-30

There will be two Taize Prayer Services: March 11, 7-8:00 pm; April 15, 7-8:00 pm

There will be two day-long Retreats:

March 5, 10 am-3 pm, "People of the Passion"

April 23, 10 am-3 pm, "Compassionate Caregiving: Dimensions of Religion and Spirituality in Health Care Settings"

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius for individuals or groups upon request.

For information on any event, about visiting the Basilica, or to make arrangements for a group pilgrimage, call 570-275-3581.

Fr. James Lease, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Danville, was celebrant for the Liturgy opening the Year of Mercy at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius



More than 100 pilgrims attended the Liturgy opening the Year of Mercy at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius



The Doors of Mercy through which pilgrims pass to enter the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius

SS Cyril & Methodius in Mississauga, O

Preparing for Christmas with Tasty Treats

SS Cyril and Methodius Parish held their 2015 Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 29, 2015. The event took almost an entire week of manual labor to create all the delicious items for sale - cookies, klobasa, cabbage rolls, pirohy, dumplings, etc. - that ensured a successful bazaar. There was something for everyone, including the kids who had their own special area filled with activities and games just for them.

Helen von Friede



Ontario, Celebrated The Holidays in Style

dl, Branch 785

Ring in the New Year in Style

SS Cyril and Methodius Parish welcomed in 2016 with plenty of good food, great music, and a cheerful attitude from everyone present, including members of Branch 785.



Winter Slovak Sports Roundup

Tichomir Miko

Slovak Skiers Climbing



The 2015-2016 Women's World Cup ski season has seen the rise of two Slovak skiers; the veteran Veronika Velez-Zuzulova and the promising young Petra Vlhová.

On December 13, 2015, Petra Vlhová earned her very first trip to the podium on the World Cup circuit with a gold finish at the World Cup meet in Are, Sweden. The Liptovský Mikuláš native dominated the hill from outside the draw, winning the race after skiing the fastest first run and holding onto the victory through the second. Before the Are slalom, Vlhová's career best results were scored in Aspen in November, where she finished 11th – and seventh. The 20 year old has skied on the World Cup circuit since 2012, but too frequently failed to finish an event due to errors and falls because of her aggressive and risk-taking style. It seems the icy conditions on the hill – which Vlhova said she likes – finally played to her advantage in Are.

Two weeks later, Petra Vlhová continued her successful start to the World Cup Slalom season by finishing third at the December 29 meet in Linz, Austria. She posted the fastest second-run time and finished in third place, 0.93 seconds behind the winner Frida Hansdotter of Sweden, the current leader on the circuit. Wendy Holdener of Switzerland was second. Vlhova had the fastest time of all in her second run which combined with her first run was good enough to land her a bronze. "I'm delighted with my run, since I was not completely

healthy. I am going home now for a few days to see if I can get rid of the bug. My next slalom competition will be in Italy in the New Year." Her older and more experienced countrywoman Veronika Velez-Zuzulova placed 6th in the race, adding points to her overall score.

At the January 5, 2016, World Cup meet in Santa Caterina, Italy, it was Velez-Zuzulová's turn to shine, while her younger compatriot succumbed to the conditions of the course. The meet was supposed to have been held in Croatia, but conditions there were far from ideal and the weather in Santa Caterina proved to be only slightly better. Veronika was not happy with her first run, but improved sufficiently on her second run to earn the third best combined time. Vlhova fell on her first run, ending any hopes of gaining points that day. (The top 30 finishers in each race earn points, with 100 for the winner, 80 for second, 60 for third, and then decreasing by smaller increments for each lower place; these accumulated points decide the leader and winner at the end of the season). The two Slovak athletes were now tied for third place overall on the World Cup circuit with 220 points each.

At the double meet at Flachau, Austria, both Slovaks shone. Velez-Zuzulova took gold in the Slalom race held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, and then on Friday, took gold again with Vlhova close behind in third. Ski history was made as the athletes mounted the podium to receive their medals; for the first time ever, two Slovaks stood on the podium at a World Cup ski competition. Velez-Zuzulova upset the heavy favourite Frida Hansdotter of Sweden who finished second just ahead of third place finisher Vlhova.

In the World Cup circuit standings, Velez-Zuzulova is now in second place overall with 420 points and Vlhová is fourth with 320. Frida Hansdotter of Sweden continues her hold on first place with 505 points while Šárka Strachová of the Czech Republic occupies third spot with 396. There are four meets left in the season; any one of the top skiers stands an excellent chance of finishing first. On March 5th – 6th Alpine Skiing World Cup in women's giant slalom and slalom will be held at the ski resort Jasná in the Nízke Tatry of Slovakia.

Veronika Velez-Zuzulová (née Zuzulová) was born in Bratislava and started skiing at age 3. born 15 July 1984). The 31 year old athlete specialises in the slalom and is the most successful Slovak alpine skier in recent years. She is coached by her father, Timotej Zuzula, and Vladimír Kovár. In 2012 she married her team condition coach, Romain Velez of France, in the St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava. Although Veronika now resides in France she continues to proudly represent Slovakia in world competition.

The 20 year old from Liptovský Mikuláš has skied on the World Cup circuit since 2012. In 2014 she won gold in the slalom competition at the 2014 Alpine Junior World Ski Championships held in Jasna, Slovakia. She also represented Slovakia at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Slovak Finishes Second at Dakar Rally

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, motorcyclist Štefan Svitko completed the 2016 Dakar Rally and placed second with his combined overall time. The 33 year old from Žaškov set a new Slovak record by improving on compatriot Ivan Jakeš's fourth place finish at the 2013 Dakar Rally. It was Svitko's seventh time at the rally. At his first rally in 2010 he finished 13th; his best finish until the 2016 event had been a ninth placement in 2014.



This year he climbed to first place overall after the third stage but then slid to fourth spot. He took over second spot after the ninth stage and held onto it right to the end.

The rally started in Rosario, outside Buenos Aires, and for the next two weeks (Jan. 2 to Jan. 16) the racers raced across Argentina, up into the Andes, into Bolivia, across salt flats, returning to Rosario. The conditions were among the harshest on the planet earth. Extreme temperatures and high altitudes wreaked havoc with men and machines. Ivan Jakeš, the other Slovak in the race had a spill in stage 5, injuring his knee and suffering contusions to his hands and abrasions to his body, forcing him to withdraw. He had been steadily improving his position and was already among the top ten riders when his accident happened. Even less lucky was Mathias Walker of Austria who broke his femur on a tumble, ending his hope for 2016 – he was in third place overall at the time.

The Dakar Rally is the longest and most challenging race in the world. There are four categories: cars, trucks, quads (four wheel ATV's), and motorcycles. This year there were Slovak competitors only in the motorcycle category. Both Svitko and Jakeš rode KMT motorcycles as did the winner of the rally, Toby Price of Australia. There is little doubt that both Jakeš and Svitko will return next year.



The Slovenkai cousins get ready to take their "gifts of warmth" to St. Ann's Basilica for delivery to the homeless. Standing in the back are Briana C. Slovenkai and John J. Slovenkai, Jr. Michael J. Slovenkai, Jr. kneels in front with his package.

Following their performance in the Living Nativity, the three cousins stand in the sanctuary of St. Ann's Basilica. Standing left to right are Briana C. Slovenkai, John J. Slovenkai, Jr., and Michael J. Slovenkai, Jr.



Branch 382's Slovenkai Cousins Help Celebrate Christmas at St. Ann's, Scranton

The Slovenkai cousins of Scranton, PA, participated in two Christmas 2015 activities at their home parish of St. Ann's Basilica.

The CCD program encouraged the children to make gift packages for the homeless of Scranton. The three children prepared boxes with gifts of warmth: hats, scarves, gloves, socks, tissues, lip balm, and hand lotion. They then solicited their fathers and aunt for blankets.

On December 20, the cousins took part in the Living Nativity presented in the Basilica during the annual Christmas concert. John J. Slovenkai, Jr. served as narrator telling about the angels and the shepherds; Michael J. Slovenkai, Jr. was an innkeeper with no room for Mary and Joseph, and Briana C. Slovenkai was an angel heralding the birth of Jesus.

All three children are members of Branch 382K.

- Submitted by Elizabeth Slovenkai, Branch 382, Vice President

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.**

Branch 45's Renata Jurasiova-Vasil Performs Piano Recital in Dec

Branch 45's Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, performed a piano recital of classical music this past December at Shea Recital Hall on the grounds of William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ.



Born in Slovakia, Renata started playing piano and reciting poems in three languages at the age of seven. In 2001, she received both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Slavic languages and linguistics from the University of Presov, Slovakia. In 1993, she received a Diploma from the Academy of Art, majoring in the art of piano performance. Currently, she is a junior classical piano performance major at William Paterson University. She is looking forward to pursuing a career in teaching and performing after graduation.

Renata has been very active as a performer for Slovak organizations, including the FCSU. Members and guests may remember her performing with her family in the well-known Slovak folk ensemble Kontakty at various festivals and FCSU-sponsored events.

Attention HS Seniors in Branch 670: You May Qualify for \$1,000 Scholarship



Branch 670 of Donora, PA is excited to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2016 Scholarship Program. The committee will award, to the candidates who best satisfy the criteria, up to three, one-time \$1000.00 scholarships. Any individual of Branch 670 that has had a policy for at least 4 years, is current in their premiums, is a high school senior and will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible to apply.

For applications, you may email your request or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to 1 of the following

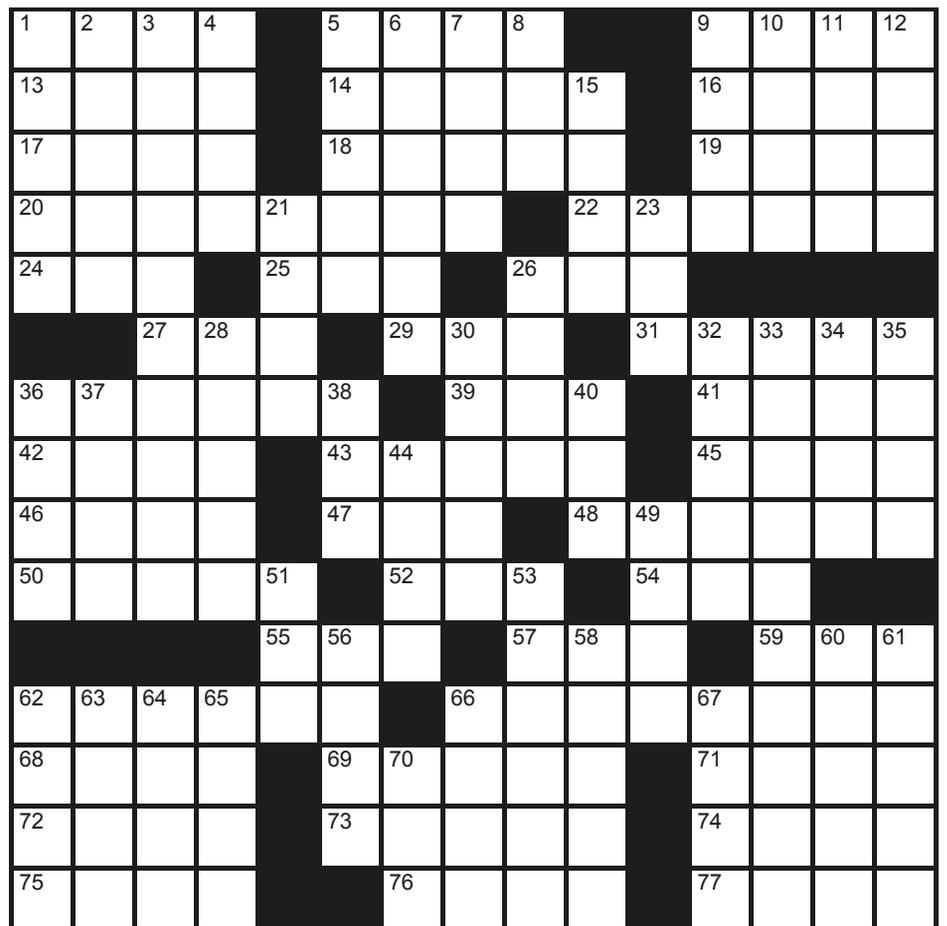
officers:

- Dorothy Petrus, 545 Castner Ave., Donora, PA 15033
- Joe Matinko, 85 Crestline Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 (email: matinko305@comcast.net)
- Cheryl Hyatt, 410 Sunset Hills Drive, Freedom, PA 15042 (email: hyattfamily@comcast.net)

ALL APPLICATION REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2016

- Submitted by Joseph Matinko, Branch 670 Financial Secretary

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Water stoppers
- 5 Choir voice
- 9 Locksmith items
- 13 Wicked
- 14 Fencing move
- 16 Matinee hero
- 17 Daft
- 18 Candle
- 19 Telegram
- 20 Indefatigable
- 22 Merged
- 24 Ruckus
- 25 Fury
- 26 Where the buoys are
- 27 Letters of distress
- 29 Tree juice
- 31 Nobleman
- 36 Type of valve
- 39 Quick swim
- 41 Theater box
- 42 Accepted
- 43 Offering to voters
- 45 Summer coolers
- 46 Scruff
- 47 Label
- 48 Dissonance
- 50 Stadium
- 52 Dry, like wine
- 54 Journey segment
- 55 Realtor's offering
- 57 Wordsworth work
- 59 Epoch
- 62 Rankle
- 66 Scope
- 68 Fictional hunchback
- 69 Get into shape
- 71 Rodin sculpture at the Met
- 72 Choir attire
- 73 Tender spots

Down

- 74 *Scream* star Campbell
- 75 To be, in old Rome
- 76 Off the mark
- 77 Midge
- 1 River divider
- 2 Bypass
- 3 Scientist's tool
- 4 Tart plum
- 5 Following
- 6 Charters
- 7 Waiting rewards
- 8 Solitary
- 9 Fuzzy fruit
- 10 Blue-pencil
- 11 Time past
- 12 Winter toy
- 15 Test choice
- 21 Speech problem
- 23 Capture
- 26 Roasting rod
- 28 Like some buckets
- 30 Saw
- 32 *The Brady Bunch* housekeeper
- 33 Lawn ornament?
- 34 Curved molding
- 35 Egg container
- 36 Sicilian peak
- 37 Skyrocket

- 38 Ultimate ending
- 40 Via
- 44 Cobbler's tool
- 49 Actor Guinness
- 51 Draft pick
- 53 Simulated
- 56 Crumbs
- 58 Obtuse
- 60 Tropical fruit
- 61 Pismire
- 62 After cross or wild
- 63 They're inflatable
- 64 Blubbers
- 65 Forest unit
- 66 Hindu garment
- 67 Zest
- 70 Propel a boat

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Publication Schedule for 2016

Issue Date

- February 10
- March 2
- March 30
- April 20
- May 11
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- Sept 7
- Sept 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16
- December 7

Deadline to Receive Information

- February 1
- February 22
- March 21
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- June 6
- July 11
- August 8
- August 29
- Sept 12
- Sept 26
- October 10
- October 24
- November 7
- November 28

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Part II of the 2015

People



First Place – Theresa Zemelman
Woodbridge, VA, Branch 2

“The 1st Day of
Spring”



Second Place –
Michelle Macmath
Bridgewater, NJ, Branch 290

“MetLife Stadium”



Third Place – Michelle Vecchio
Pittsburgh PA, Branch 35

“Two Young Girls by the Sea”

Nature or Environment



First Place – John Molchany
Menomonee Falls, WI, Branch 796

“Monarch Butterfly”



Second Place – Erika Koval
Vienna, VA, Branch 5P

“Shenandoah National Park”



Third Place – Derek Macmath
Bridgewater, NJ, Branch 290

“Big Sur National Park, CA”

Photo Contest Results

Travel or Destinations



First Place – Ryan Ranahan
E. Brunswick, NJ, Branch 746

“Selman Resort Morocco”



Second Place – Graham Joiner
Aurora, ON, Branch 785

“Acropolis of Athens”



Third Place – Diane Chadwick
Mississauga, ON, Branch 785

“People on Angled Palm Tree
Samana, Dominican Republic”

FCSU Fraternal Activity



First Place – Marianne Rodacy
Charleroi, PA, Branch 853

“Traditional Crafts
Ornament”



Second Place – Rudy Bernath
Glenview, IL, Branch 153



Third Place – Ryan Ranahan
E. Brunswick, NJ, Branch 746

“Sand Castle Winery”

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 2 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael the Archangel Society Branch 2 will hold their annual skating party at North Park Skating Rink on Friday, January 29, 2016, from 6:30 to 10 PM. Skating starts at 7:30 PM. A short meeting will take place before the skating begins.

JoAnne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 10 - OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, K.J., held its Annual Meeting, Audit and Election of Officers on Sunday, December 6 at the Regal Room, 216 Lackawanna Avenue, Olyphant.

Officers for 2016 were elected as follows: President, Daniel Spegar; Vice-President, Gaza Mika; Financial Secretary-Treasurer, William Spegar; Recording Secretary, William A. Nalevanko, and Auditors, Donna Mroczka, Florence Nalevanko, William F. Nalevanko, Carol Spegar, Mary Ann Spegar.

Donations in the amount of \$7,000 were approved for distribution in 2016 to the following: Abington Senior Center, Clarks Summit, Pa.; La Salle Academy, Jessup, Pa.; Holy Ghost Cemetery Fund, Holy Cross Parish Religious Education and Youth Group Activities Fund, and the Mid Valley Senior Center, Olyphant, Pa.; Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Retirement Fund, Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Holiday Fund and the Jankola Library and Archives, Danville, Pa.; Dickson City (Pa.) Civic Center; Valley Community Library, Peckville, Pa.; Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, Meals-on-Wheels of NEPA, Inc., South Side Senior Center, and the Valley Blood Council, Lackawanna County Chapter of the American Red Cross, all of Scranton, Pa., and V.F.W. "Blankets for Vets" Project.

Arrangements are being made for the annual Communion Breakfast that will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish at St. Patrick's Church, Olyphant, Pa., on Sunday, June 26, 2016. This celebratory Mass will be offered for all living and deceased members of the Branch.

Finally, the officers and members of Branch 10 hope everyone enjoyed a happy and holy Christmas season, and are looking forward to a joyful New Year.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will hold a branch meeting at 1:00 PM, Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd. (Rt. 21) in Independence, OH. Parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square.

Refreshments will be served.

The agenda will include discussion of branch activities and a financial report.

Please phone Activities Director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00 PM if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 40 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday January 31st at 1:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, Illinois. All members are urged to attend the meeting. A buffet luncheon will follow. Election of officers will take place. Please make reservations by calling Maria Harcar at (815) 672-6682 before January 29, 2016.

Maria Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 89 - MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Saturday February 13, 2016

Please join us for our meeting and Election of Officers with a LUNCHEON to follow.

Social time from 12:30PM until 1:00PM

Meeting from 1:00PM to 2:00PM, approximately

Lunch to be served at 2:00PM

Location: Alliot's Restaurant

3041 North Mayfair Rd.

Wauwatosa, WI

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Some topics of discussion will be:

Election of Officers, Donations, 2016 activities.

Mike Novak, President

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 9:00AM at the Golden Corral's Restaurant Conference Room, 129 Matthew Drive, Uniontown, PA.

Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given as well as upcoming events for the current year. All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast buffet. Call for reservations by March 1, 2016, and advise of any address changes, etc., or questions to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 254- PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at 11:30am at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads. The meeting will include the election of officers. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 259 - STRUTHERS, OHIO

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will hold a meeting on February 21, 2016, at 10:00AM in the Church Hall of Christ Our Savior Parish (Holy Trinity).

We will conduct our Annual Audit and also discuss the activities for 2016. All members are encouraged to attend and take part in this fraternal function.

On behalf of all of our officers, we want to wish all members a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Vivian Sedlacko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 312 - BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312K will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 1:00PM at the home of President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Drive, Latrobe, PA, 15650. On the agenda: election of officers for 2016. For more information, contact Micki Smolleck at 724-539-8326.

We wish all our members a very blessed Christmas, and a Happy and Health New Year.

Micki Smolleck, Secretary/Treasury.

BRANCH 382 - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382K, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, will hold its Annual March Meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The meeting will begin at 12:30 P.M. in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, PA.

Branch Auditors will meet at noon to conduct the yearly audit of books. The meeting agenda will include future branch activities and donations, District 17 information, and FCSU program updates. Copies of the Annual Report submitted to the Home Office will be available for members to examine.

Light refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend.

Frank M. Slovenkai, Jr. serves as Branch President. Other officers include Vice President Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Secretary Michael J. Czankner, Financial Secretary John J. Slovenkai, Sr., and Treasurer Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

"J" Club 553 Monthly spaghetti dinner dates to keep in mind.

Jan 6, Feb 3, March 2, Please bring your friends and support the club.

Special note: With the upcoming Tax Season Please consider a donation to the Club's Heating and Air Conditioning Fund.

Fully Tax Deductible and very much needed.

Our first Fish Fry of the season is February 12th.

To seat as many as possible we will not be accepting reservations in advance. Feel free to come early and get your tables, but we cannot hold empty tables when there is a line.

Bus Trip Feb 17th to Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh call Joe at 330-784-5073

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandie Klucar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595 - MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have several hours that you care spare each month, Tatra Hall needs YOU.

Sunday, Feb. 7 - Super Bowl Party 12pm - ? Please bring a dish to pass.

Sunday, Feb. 7 - Polka Dance 3pm-6pm food available for purchase.

Sunday, Feb. 24 - Breakfast 8:30am-12noon all you can eat and the best breakfast in town.

Thurs. March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner.... more info to follow.

Branch Meeting - Sunday, Mar 20 2pm.

Burritos every third Thursday of the month, to go only. Call ahead to order.

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Hours are Mon-Fri 1pm-8pm; Sat 12noon-8pm. Come down and enjoy yourself!

All events take place at Tatra Hall, 2536 Sixth St., Muskegon Heights, MI (231) 733-7525.

Susan Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

2016 officers of Saint Joseph Branch 731 were recently installed by Reverend Martin Celuch J.C.L. Those elected were Grace Kavulic, President; Irene Makovec, Vice President; James Bobby, Recording Secretary; Jacquelyn Bobby,

Financial Secretary; Auditors John Kavulic and Anthony Leskovyansky. On March 19, 2016 we will celebrate Mass to honor our Saint Joseph Branch Patron Saint. The liturgy will be at 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Saint Matthias Church, and 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, OH.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 743-- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 20, 2016 with a Slovak mass for all living and deceased members at 11:30AM at St. Cyril & Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI.

Refreshments including coffee and Slovak baked goods will be served in the Social hall following the Mass.

A brief business meeting will be held in the Heritage room at 1PM.

Members who need assistance with their policy or need to change their address or beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087 or phone @586-254-0225.

Joseph C. Rimarcik, President and Financial Secretary

BRANCH 796 - EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will hold its semi-annual meeting on February 28, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be at: Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4102 South Church St., Whitehall, PA.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Zdar Boh!

**Michael Fabian, President
Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary**

Visit Slovakia "The Old Country"



Join the 19th Annual Youngstown/Spišská Nová Ves Sister Cities Tour July 8-July 22, 2016

Remember how your parents or grandparents referred to their birthplace as the "the old country?" Well now is the time for you to sit down and talk with the oldest members of your family to learn about their birthplaces in the old country. There is so much beauty and charm in their ancestral land, and it's all there just waiting for your visit. So get your passport and let's go.

Join Jim and Kay Bench as they host the 19th Annual Youngstown/ Spišská Nová Ves Sister Cities tour from July 8-July 22, 2016. We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Youngstown/Spišská

Nová Ves Sister Cities agreement so get your dancing shoes ready for the time of your life.

In 2016, you will see the capitol of Slovakia, Bratislava, located on the Danube River. Since joining the European Union, you will see how the villages, towns and cities have been restored to their former beauty. Unique to our trip is a reception with the mayor of our sister city, Spišská Nová Ves, complete with entertainment and a formal signing of the city registry for all tour participants. You will enjoy traditional Slovak food, attend several kolibas, enjoy shopping, go whitewater rafting on the Dunajec River (the natural border between Poland and Slovakia), visit villages such as Čičmany where you will see decorated homes, visit historic Tichý Potok (a village of 324 people), stay in a beautiful spa in Sliach and enjoy the thermal waters, indoor and outdoor pools, saunas and other amenities. Visit many of the Unesco sites, castles, and churches - especially the oldest church in Slovakia located in Nitra. Attend and participate in a mock wedding in traditional Slovak kroj. Wine tasting is a favorite to many participants. There are so many things to see and do, too numerous to mention in this short article. Remember, our trip is fourteen days so you really get to see Slovakia, visit family, and have time for shopping.

A Youngstown/Spišská Nová Ves Sister Cities tour includes an English speaking tour guide, large air conditioned bus with restroom, first class hotel accommodations, great food and entertainment.

Kay and Jim are seasoned travelers, who must be doing something right as people are returning for their 5th and 6th time! The tour makes changes yearly. They have a luncheon several weeks before the tour leaves, along with travel agent Paul Hudak, to answer questions. They tell you what type of clothing to take, how to pack, weather conditions, money exchange, where and how to carry your money, medications etc.

For additional information contact Jim or Kay Bench:

- Jim Bench cell phone 724-858-5843 e-mail jmbench@yahoo.com
- Kay Bench cell phone 724-771-7900 e-mail skbench@gmail.com

Travel arrangements are made through Adventure International Travel. Call Paul Hudak at 216-228-7171 or 800-542-2487 or Fax 216-228-7174. E-Mail Paul@advintravel.com

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA, will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 1PM at Bogey's Restaurant at Duck Hollow Golf Club, 374 Duck Hollow Road, Uniontown, PA, 15901. All district members are welcome. Election of officers for the new year will be held.

Dinner will be served. If planning on attending, please call James Marmol by Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 724-437-0892. Those attending are asked to contribute \$5.00 toward their meal.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 - REV JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Rev. Kostik District will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 6:00PM at St Matthias Church, located on Shady Run Road Youngstown OH. The agenda will be the election of officers. This is a makeup meeting for the January 19th meeting which was cancelled due to inclement weather. All member branches are urged to attend.

Carla Peshek, President

2015 Slovakia Heritage Tour Takes Off September 9-18, 2016



Experience Slovak culture, history, and life in Slovakia today, up close and personal on the 2015 Slovakia Heritage small group tour. From September 9 - 18, we'll explore important cities and historic sites as well as folk-life museums, mountain resort towns, beautiful countryside, and the mix of medieval towns to Soviet-era remnants that make Slovakia such an interesting small country to visit today.

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(L - R) Branch 24 Ann Kysilka, Branch 24 Eileen Sotak, Mary Jo Keshock, Branch 24 Bob Kopco, Branch 89 Andy Rajec, and Branch 24 Tom Ivanec

Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities Celebrated Christmas 2015

Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities (CBSC), held their annual Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 5, 2015. The event was in the Activities Center of St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Brecksville, OH. Marie Golias is currently CBSC president and Branch 1 Member. Members, guests and friends - including many members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU) enjoyed an afternoon and evening of American and Slovak Christmas music and song, courtesy of the popular folk band Harmonia. Beata Begeniova-Fedoriouk, Branch 24, was the featured soloist. Along with tasty homemade delights such as sauerkraut and sausage soup, stuffed cabbage, pierogis, party goers enjoyed assorted party trays and a full array of delicious desserts. A very special appearance was made by St. Nicolas and his "helpers" - an angel and the devil.



Harmonia's performers for the event included (L - R) Guest artists Branch 24 Member Sofia Fedoriouk on violin, Branch 24 Member Artem Fedoriouk on flute, Branch 24 Members Beata Begeniova-Fedoriouk as the featured vocalist, and Branch 24 President Bob Kopco and Branch 89 Member and CBSC Vice President Andrew P. Rajec as guest vocalist

(L - R) Branch 1 Joseph Hornack with his wife Delores and Branch 24 Joe Klucho with his daughter Deborah



(L - R): Branch 24 and Jednota Editor Terri Ivanec, Mary Jo Keshock, Branch 24 Bob Kopco, and Branch 1 Marie Golias



Branch 24's Sofia and Artem Fedoriouk



(L - R) Angel Jenna Allen helps St. Nicholas' Andy Hudacko greet the children and hand out goodies.

Jan Chryzostom Cardinal Korec (1924-2015): Part II

The Very Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie



In Nitra, Slovakia on October 24, 2015, in his 92nd year, the most senior Catholic bishop in the world fell asleep in the Lord Jesus Christ: Jan Chryzostom Cardinal Korec, S.J., Bishop emeritus of Nitra. He was a priest for 65 years and bishop for 64 years. Though a bishop for so long, he was the head of a diocese for only 15 years (1990-2005) having been named to the ancient see of Nitra in 1990 by St. John Paul II and then named cardinal in 1991. From 1951 to 1989 Cardinal Korec had to minister in secret and in prison due to the communist regime that held sway in Czechoslovakia from 1948 to 1989.

Part II of his extraordinary life continues in this issue.

In prison, Cardinal Korec struggled to accept the humiliations and injustices he faced, writing, "we are only weak people. Jesus was the only one who was able to accept it quietly and with reverence." He expanded on this theme, writing, "I saw how difficult it is to accept suffering quietly. However, human beings are capable of accepting suffering, even humiliation, but we resist injustice. Is this bad? Or is it human? I didn't know how to accept everything quietly and with full dedication towards God, but I was willing to learn because I wanted to be faithful. But this barbarity that was being carried out in my nation, in my country...this bothered me greatly. At the same time I realized how far I was from understanding Christ's mercy, and, particularly, I didn't know how to bear everything without being angry. But I wanted to learn." Cardinal Korec was schooled in suffering and learned from it the boundless mercy of God that he shared so freely with others.

One person who was on the receiving end of mercy from others was Ladislav Holdoš who had been the head of the State Office for Church Affairs in the communist government. Holdoš had overseen "The Night of the Barbarians" with the dissolution of all religious orders and monasteries as well as the liquidation of the Byzantine Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia. He was responsible for the imprisonment of many priests. In 1951 he himself was arrested and expelled from the Communist Party and sentenced to thirteen years in prison. He was sent to Jachymov, a town of western Bohemia near the border with Germany. Here political prisoners were sent to mine uranium ore for the Soviet atomic industry. When those "prisoners destined for liquidation" saw their nemesis among them, they spared him no abuse. He applied for a transfer and was put in with the priests. Cardinal Korec remarks, "The priests behaved humanely towards him, and he was quite surprised by it, considering he had hurt many of them. Holdoš took notice of that. He regretted that he had not known Catholic priests earlier. Apparently he felt that life among priests was much better than life among the 'mukls'. Later, Holdoš would not forget this. In this he was humanized, and I had future opportunities to tell people about it."

Even in prison, Cardinal Korec writes, the Lord could make good out of evil by allowing seminarians and priests to meet in prison that they might learn of philosophy, theology and take exams. "For those who love God, all things work together for good." Though evil spreads, Cardinal Korec noted that "good also spreads out all around us. It spreads out frequently in invisible ways, but it contains irresistible power and might. We should all believe in the power of goodness" because all that is good comes from God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. (James 1:17)

And sometimes these gifts may appear small to us outside of prison, but to those inside, they are a source of true joy from God. As Cardinal Korec recounts from his thirty-five days of interrogation at Ruzyň "there was one very nice experience there in my cell before I left. I had those gifts from my friends in Valdice still, and one of them was a packet of figs. As it happens so often in jail, one notices every detail, and I noticed that the place of origin was printed on the little label: 'Izmir, Smyrna. I rejoiced in my spirit! How little one needs to be happy, especially if he has been alone in jail for so many weeks! How little it takes to make him rejoice! I immediately saw in my mind Saint Polycarp from Smyrna and Saint Paul the apostle, who had walked through those places during his apostolic travels. I told myself excitedly, 'This fruit I have here in the cell of Ruzyň grew on the soil on which these precious men of the first church walked! The apostle of nations, Paul, and the bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp, who personally knew Saint John the Apostle!'"

Cardinal Korec was careful to point out that despite the dark and dirty colors with which he painted his life in prison, in the misery and inhumanity he saw and experienced there, yet there were also bright moments, rays of God's presence. He writes that he and his fellow priest-prisoners "knew to whom we should be thankful. The One to whom we consecrated our lives, He helped us not be completely crushed by our condition; He gave us strength and sometimes even joy from our faith and dedication, from prayers and brotherly love. Perhaps never before was I able to fully comprehend the biblical truth 'pietas ad omnia utilis: faith is useful for everything.' From that source flowed our peace, trust, patience, steadfastness, and even happiness. In the spirit of faith we couldn't forget that our time in prison was a precious time, a holy time, which God had given to us at that moment to use...Therefore, many priests perceived their life in prison as a real part of their pastoral mission. We realized that our Lord had a special plan with our imprisonment, and that He expected us to live our lives in the prison fully focused on pastoral work."

In February 1968, during the "Prague Spring" of Alexander Dubček's government in Czechoslovakia, Cardinal Korec was released from prison. As he left the prison he met a guard who had mistreated him yet, as he writes, "I felt no anger or hatred" mindful of Jesus' words "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28) As Saint Maximus the Confessor wrote about these words of our Lord, "If we detect any trace of hatred in our hearts against any man whatsoever for committing any fault, we are utterly estranged from love for God, since love for God absolutely precludes us from hating any man."

Despite the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968, the young bishop was able to travel to the Vatican. On 8 July 1969 he met Pope Paul VI. With him was his friend and

consecrating bishop, Pavol Hnilica. Paul VI recognized Korec's suffering for Christ and, as a gesture of solidarity, he presented him with an episcopal ring and placed on him the bishop's cross. Then the Pope presented him with two mitres and a crozier, ones that Pope Paul VI had used when he was Cardinal Archbishop of Milan. In this way the Pope showed his care not only for him but for the Church suffering in Czechoslovakia and all behind the Iron Curtain.

Cardinal Korec was officially rehabilitated by the courts though his health was damaged by the conditions of his work in prison. And he was still hindered from serving as a bishop by the authorities. In 1974 his rehabilitation was annulled and he was sentenced to finish the last four years of his twelve year sentence. Ultimately, he was released early because of his poor health. It was not until after the Gentle Revolution of November 1989 when the communist dictatorship in Czechoslovakia fell without violence that Cardinal Korec for the first time was able to minister publicly as a bishop.

On 7 January 1990 he became rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Bratislava. On 6 February 1990 St. John Paul II named him the Bishop of Nitra, the ancient episcopal see once presided over by St. Methodius. Shortly thereafter, on 28 June 1991, the Pope named him a cardinal with the titular church of Ss. Fabian and Venantius in Rome. When presenting the red biretta to a new cardinal, the Pope says, "(This is) scarlet as a sign of the dignity of the cardinalate, signifying your readiness to act with courage, even to the shedding of your blood, for the increase of the Christian faith, for the peace and tranquility of the people of God and for the freedom and growth of the Holy Roman Church." Indeed, Cardinal Korec already had shown his courageous faith in the face of arrest, imprisonment, and humiliations. Thus, his appointment as a cardinal came not to prepare him to act with courage for the faith but rather as a confirmation of all that he had already suffered for the sake of Jesus Christ.

St. John Paul II also named Cardinal Korec a member of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life as well as a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture. In 1998, St. John Paul II called him to the Vatican to give the Spiritual Exercises for Lent. On 9 June 2005, Pope Benedict XVI accepted Cardinal Korec's resignation from the see of Nitra. On 15 August 2011, Pope Benedict sent a letter in Latin to Cardinal Korec on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

At Cardinal Korec's funeral on 31 October 2015, Bishop Viliam Judak, his successor on the throne of Nitra, read a portion of Cardinal Korec's testament before his death, "... I pray for my relatives, for all with whom I have ever worked with, individuals and as a group...I thank God for all whom I secretly or publicly ordained, for Christ's priests, especially the sons of Don Bosco. I pray for the seminary of St. Gorazd, for the clergy and faithful of Nitra, for the whole Church in Slovakia, for believers of other churches, with whom we are connected by the same sacrament of baptism. I pray for all those who believe in the Almighty. And I pray even for non-believers and seekers ..."

In his long life and episcopal ministry, Cardinal Korec fulfilled the words written by the seventh century saint, Isaac of Nineveh, who wrote, "Let yourself be persecuted but do not persecute others. Let yourself be crucified but do not crucify others. Let yourself be insulted but do not insult others. Let yourself be slandered but do not slander others. Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Such is the sign of purity. Suffer with the sick. Be afflicted with sinners. Exult with those who repent. Be the friend of all. But in your spirit remain alone. Spread your cloak over anyone who falls into sin and shield him. And if you cannot take his fault on yourself and accept punishment in his place, do not destroy his character."

Cardinal Korec kept his heart open to embrace all those whom he met, whether in the prison of Valdice or in the workshops of Bratislava, from his native village of Bošany to the halls of the Vatican. In this he imaged forth Christ Who stretched out His hands on the Cross to welcome us into His life together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Uniting himself to our Lord Jesus upon the Cross, a fitting epitaph for Cardinal Korec are the words of Saint Paul, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." Remarking on the sufferings of this modern day confessor of the faith Jozef Cardinal Tomko concluded his address at the funeral Mass with these words, "Cardinal Jan Chryzostom Korec by his whole hard life has witnessed a solid faith in Jesus Christ which will not go unrewarded. Nech mu Pán da večné odpčinutie!"

Source:

ibid. p. 235.

ibid. p. 240.

Czech/Slovak term MUKL – "Muž Určený Ku Likvidácii" "Man destined for Liquidation"

The Night of the Barbarians, pp. 286-287.

Romans 8:28.

The Night of the Barbarians, p. 336.

James 1:17.

Prison near Prague

Brutal prison in northern Bohemia where political and ideological prisoners, especially Catholic priests, were held for long prison terms during the communist dictatorship.

The Night of the Barbarians, pp. 317-318.

ibid. pp 359-360.

ibid. p. 387.

Centuries on Love, 1.15

[www.vatican.va/news_services/press/documentazione/documents/cardinali_documentazione/cardinali_documentazione_generale_en.html#Ordinary Public Consistory](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/press/documentazione/documents/cardinali_documentazione/cardinali_documentazione_generale_en.html#Ordinary%20Public%20Consistory)

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Ascetical Discourse 58.

Colossians 1:24.

<http://www.teraz.sk/slovensko/papez-frantisek-vyjadril-hlboky-zar/163973-clanok.html> As reported in print "Celým svojím životom sa stal svedkom pevnej viery v Ježiša Krista, ktorá nezostane bez odmeny" but in the remarks as delivered, Cardinal Tomko said "Celým tvrdým svojím životom" (at 6:23): <https://www.tkkbs.sk/view.php?cislocianku=20151031011>

OBITUARIES

GEORGE A. "NORGE" DORKO BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA



George A. "Norge" Dorko, 92, formerly of 527 S. Seventh St., died at 1:05 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, at Mount Carmel Senior Living Community after a brief illness.

He was born in Shamokin April 23, 1923, a son of Stephen Dorko and the former Anna Cervenak (Shervanick). Norge was one of seven children of an Anthracite coal miner and a lifelong resident of the Shamokin area.

He was a retired teacher at Northumberland County Vocational Technical School. He taught and supervised school students in construction of community projects including concession stands, buildings, benches, sidewalks and more. He had written letters of recommendation for graduating students seeking job placement.

He attended St. Mary's Slovak grade school, was a graduate of Shamokin High School and received a bachelor degree equivalent in vocational education from Penn State University. He was a member of Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin and was very active there and in the community. He was a church usher for 35 years, volunteered to do maintenance and repairs to church properties and to crosses and statues in church cemeteries. He organized and served as chairman and co-chairman for St. Mary's "300 Club" - a fundraiser for repairs and improvements to church properties. He was a worker and supervisor for St. Mary's annual picnic and did general work at the food stand at the Bloomsburg Fair (both fundraisers). He also performed as Santa Claus at the annual 300 Club Christmas party.

He was an elected official of Northumberland County, serving as jury commissioner for 34 years.

He was an avid bowler and was a member of the U.S. Bowling Congress, a certified instructor of the Junior Bowling Congress.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, "A member" of the American Legion Post 231, life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and a member of the Shamokin Senior Action Center. He was highly involved in sports. In high school, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He played semi-professional football out in the professional football league for the Boston Yanks under the direction of Maurice J. (Chipper) Smith; owner was Kate Smith. He served as vice president and official for the newly organized Shamokin-Coal Township Sports Association and was a sponsor of the junior football program. He did volunteer service in establishing the Juvenile Sports Program officiating football, basketball and baseball.

He was assistant football coach at Shamokin Area High School for nine years; they were Eastern Conference Champs in 1975.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) where he served as an official in football for 45 years, basketball for 38 years and baseball for 12 years.

He as an honoree and recipient of the PIAA Recognition Award for 35 years and

more, working with Pennsylvania youth. He also assisted in obtaining aides for United Cerebral Palsy - items which are helpful to cerebral palsy victims to perform various tasks and also acted as Santa Claus at United Cerebral Palsy Christmas parties.

George served in the U.S. Army during WWII, entering active duty Jan. 17, 1944, in Harrisburg. During his enlistment, he served with the 5th Mobile Radio Broadcasting Co. in Ardennes, Rhinland and central Europe. He received the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He received an honorable discharge April 14, 1946, from Fort Dix, NJ.

He is survived by his lifelong friend, Geraldine Bonchak; a sister, Catherine Pultynovich, of Shamokin, with whom he resided; his loving nieces and their spouses, Debra Crone, and Arthur, of Shamokin, Regina Carey and Michael, of Paxinos, Grace Piasieczny and Kenneth, of Coal Township, and the chief engineer, Cathy Dapra and Richard, of Coal Township; great-nieces and nephews, Guy, Jenna, Deidra and Jimmy; great-great-nephews, Russell, Weston and Collin; a sister-in-law, Rose Dorko; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Stephen and John; and two sisters, Mary and Anna. He was a wonderful loving brother, uncle and friend.

A viewing was held at Leonard J. Lucas Funeral Home, Shamokin from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2015. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 5, 2015, at Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery, Coal Township.

- Submitted by Catherine Pultynovich

EDWARD FIBBI BRANCH 587 – ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA



Edward Fibbi, 88, of Carroll Township, PA, passed on to his heavenly rest on Dec. 22, 2015. Born June 2,

1927, in Woodlawn (now Aliquippa) Ed was the son of the late John and Mary Oberly Fibbi of Aliquippa, PA. He was the loving husband of Joanne (Zahorsky) Fibbi, with whom he was married on July 31, 1954, in West Aliquippa, and were blessed with 61 years of life, love and devotion to each other. Ed was the solid foundation and gentle heart of his extended family, and took great joy in the love and closeness that has lasted through the generations. He was the cherished father of John Edward (Jackie) Fibbi of Carroll Township; Joanne Fibbi of Upper St. Clair, PA; James Edward Fibbi of Carroll Township; and Kenneth Edward (Michelle) Fibbi of Upper St. Clair. Caring and generous grandpap/gramps to Angela (Joel) Walsh of Monongahela, PA; and Christopher (Sarah) Fibbi of Jefferson Hills, PA; adoring pap pap to Rachel, Matthew, Kayla and Ethan Fibbi of Upper St. Clair; and special great-grandpap to Natalie and Miles Walsh. Ed was the much loved brother-in-law of Veronica Zahorsky Panizza of Ambridge, PA, and Michael (Karen) Zahorsky of Ambridge. He is also survived by a brother, Wil-

liam (Nancy) Fibbi of Loudon, TN, Godson Michael (Michelle) Vedro of Aliquippa; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephew. During World War II, he made 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army at the age of 18. Ed served in 88th Infantry Division, 313th Engineer Combat Battalion of the Army Corps of Engineers in Trieste, Italy. Ed began his business career as a building contractor in 1949. Ed pursued his college education by attending night school while working full time. He attended California State College and received his master's from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972. His educational career began as a woodshop teacher at Aliquippa Junior High School in 1960. He went on to teach Industrial Arts at Hopewell Junior High School until 1968, when he was hired as the first Executive Director of the Mon Valley Vo-Tech School (Career and Technology Center) in Speers, PA, until his retirement in 1992.

As a former member, officer and president of the Charleroi Rotary Club, Ed was an enthusiastic organizer of their annual flea markets, and a leader in the club's participation in Charleroi's Halloween parades. Ed also served as vice president of the First Catholic Union (FCSU) Branch 587. He was recognized as the FCSU's Top Producer of Annuity Sales of 2014 at their national convention. Ed was a life member of Iota Lambda Sigma fraternity of Industrial Arts Teachers and a life member of PAVA - Pennsylvania Association of Vocational Administrators (currently PACTA - Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators.) He and wife, Joanne, have been parishioners at Transfiguration Church (now St. Damien's) in Monongahela since 1969.

Visitation was held at Frye Funeral Home, Monongahela, PA, on Saturday, December 26, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 27, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father William Terza at St. Damien of Molokai Catholic Church, Monongahela on Monday, December 28, 2015, at 11 a.m. Interment followed in historic Monongahela Cemetery, Monongahela.

- Submitted by Edith L. Valo,
Branch 587 Financial Secretary

GERALD M. CELECKI BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY



Gerald M. "Bear" Celecki, 70, of South Amboy, NJ, died in the line of duty on Wednesday October 14, 2015. Born in Perth Amboy, NJ, he moved to South Amboy in 1985. A graduate of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School, Perth Amboy, he was employed by Public Service Electric & Gas, Somerset before retiring in 2007. He was a member of Stephen's R.C. Church, Perth Amboy. He was a member of Progressive Fire Company, South Amboy, a former member of Perth Amboy Fire Department, McClellan Engine Company, a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, South Amboy Fire Police, current chief of the Middlesex County Fire Police and member of the Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central Jersey. An avid fan of the New

York Yankees, he also enjoyed cooking, fishing, trains, making stained glass art and monthly breakfast and lunch meetings with the PSE&G retirees.

Son of the late John and Mary Volocsin Celecki, he is also predeceased by his brother PTL John P. Volocsin who died in 1975. He is survived by his wife Rose Tarloski Celecki; his brother John Celecki of Perth Amboy; his sister and brother-in-law Maryann and Joseph Laneski of Tunkhannock, PA; his sisters-in-law Dorothea Tarloski of Iselin, NJ, and Irene Britton and her husband James of Perth Amboy.

Funeral services were held on Saturday October 17, 2015 at 9am from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals", South Amboy, followed by a 10:30am Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's Church, Perth Amboy. Interment was in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Keasbey, NJ. Visitation was held on Friday, October 16, 2015, from 3 to 7pm.

- Submitted by Rose Celecki

VERONICA M. DOUGHERTY BRANCH 852 – CLEVELAND, OHIO



Veronica M. Dougherty, 60, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016, at Ennis Court in Lakewood, OH.

Veronica was born in Cleveland, OH, and had lived in Mayfield Village, OH, before moving to Lakewood two and a half years ago.

A professor at Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Veronica was past legal counsel for First Catholic Slovak Union. She had previously been employed by the Jones Day Law Firm. Survivors are her sisters and brothers, Maryann (James) Krakora, Daniel M., Catharine (John) Zbiegien, Elizabeth, and Andrew M. (Laura) Dougherty; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Veronica was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel F. and Elizabeth H. (nee Harchar); and her husband, Kevin Krabs.

A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Gates Mills. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Painesville, OH. Friends called Friday, January 15, 2016, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home, Lyndhurst, OH.

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7 FSCU Members among the 10 Slovak League of America Scholarship Winners in 2015

Daniel F. Tanzone, Branch 41



The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907, awarded ten \$1,000 college scholarship grants to deserving young students currently enrolled as full time students at a college, university or professional school. The winners of the grants were announced on December 21, 2015. Each of the scholarship applicants had to prepare a scholarly paper of no less than five pages on some

theme from Slovak culture or history.

These scholarship grants are named in memory of Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner of Rye, New York. Dr. Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner, a native of Slovakia who emigrated to the United States in 1949, served for many years as the national first vice president of the Slovak League of America and was active in the American Slovak civic and cultural community. His wife, Dr. Catherine Hinterbuchner collaborated with her husband in various capacities in the work of the Slovak League of America as well as other Slovak cultural projects.

The following were awarded a \$1,000 2015 Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner Memorial Scholarship Grant:

Sidney A. Bittinger of Marietta GA, a student majoring in Architecture at the University Tennessee at Knoxville. The topic of her paper was "What is Slovak - The History of the Slovak Language." She is a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

Julie Ann Gurega of Waldwick, NJ, a student majoring in Media and Commerce at Fordham University in New York City. The title of her paper was "Proud of Being Slovak." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Victoriana Hall Kienzle of Malvern, PA, a student majoring in Fashion Merchandising at the University of South Carolina. The title of her paper was "A Slovak Christmas, The Most Beautiful Festival of the Year." She is a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

Andrew J. Konzelmann of West Paterson, NJ, a student majoring in Journalism at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. The title of his paper was "Learning about Slovakia." He is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Julia Kovacova of Fraser, MI, a student majoring in Management and Marketing at Macomb Community College. The title of her paper was "Losing our Mother Tongue, The Importance of Language." She is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Rose M. Polney of Swoyersville, PA, a student majoring in Pharmacy at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The title of her paper was "History and Slovak Culture." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Joachim J. Piskach of Independence, OH, a student majoring in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Akron, OH. The title of his paper was "Slovak Customs and Traditions." He is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Garrett Anton Pruzinsky of Whitehall, PA, a student majoring in Business Accounting at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. The title of his paper was "Slavs to Americans." He is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Jessica Salley of Lincoln, NB, a graduate student majoring in Special Education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The title of her paper was "Slovak Castles." She is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Kaitlin N. Trokan of Pewaukee, WI, a student majoring in English and Education at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. The title of her paper was "Slovak Fairytales." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Union.

In addition, the applicants who took the time to submit a completed application and paper and were not awarded a scholarship, each received a stipend of \$100 for their efforts.

These include: Randy L. Czankner of Northampton, PA; Rachel Durbin of Lowelleville, OH; Mark W. Frantz of Morgantown, WV; Lauren E. Getz of Youngstown, OH; Alexander Holba of Clearson, SC; Megan Horensky of Glattington, PA.; Madison N. Hutchinson of Drawosburg, PA; Dusan Kolesar of Edison, NJ; Rachel Kozma of Elyria, OH; Charles G. Kucharzak of West Lafayette, NJ; William Kucharzak of Phoenix, AZ; Hannah Pruzinsky of Whitehall, PA; Lisa Salley of Lincoln, NB; Michael Skvarek of Sheronville, IN; Tessa M. Sighiatti of Athens, GA; and James A. Staley of Whiting, IN.

Over the years, promoting higher education among our youth has been an important component of the program of the Slovak League of America. Since 1972, scholarship grants have been provided to deserving young students. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to the 2015 scholarship recipients. Continue to make your family as well as the American Slovak community proud of your efforts. Happy future!

Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com

28th Treasures of Slovakia Tour in July 2016



The glorious Krakow Cathedral is a highlight on the 5 Countries Tour.

Treasures Tours is conducting the Treasures of Slovakia trip for the 28th year in a row! It includes all the best of Slovakia from east to west and north to south. The trip will run July 8 - 17, 2016 with an early bird special on July 7.

The popular trip includes highlights of Bratislava; the medieval Banka Bystrica: the folklore festival at Detva; Kemarok's international Crafts Festival; the high Tatras; the walled town of Levoča; the glorious Spiš Castle; Stara Lubovna's museum of village homes; a raft ride on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park; a tour of Presov and Kosice to marvel at St. Elizabeth's Cathedral and the spectacular Singing Fountain; Bardejov, the Pearl of Saris, a UNESCO treasure and Slovakia's other walled town with St Egidius Church; charming Cicmany with home; a village wedding in Krakovany; a tour of medieval Cerveny Kamen Castle; traveling the Royal Carpathian Wine Road and visiting a wine museum; and back to Bratislava for a festive farewell dinner.

We can find your long-lost family and have driver-guides who will take you to your ancestral villages - we have a 98% success rate!

Land price is \$2,299 and we can help people find flights. A Prague add on offers a hotel in the old town, two half days sightseeing to the Castle and Old Town with a super local guide, and then time to shop for garnets, crystal and crafts.

Another trip offered spends several nights in Slovakia... the 5 Countries, 5 Cultures trip July 23 - Aug. 1 which includes a stay in Bratislava, a visit to the Modra ceramics outlet, and a stay in Zdiar in the Beliansky Tatry. The trip also includes a cruise on the Danube in the gorgeous Wachau Valley with castles on every hilltop and vineyards everywhere. Romantic Budapest with sightseeing both on land and on the Danube and magical Krakow with options to visit the Royal Salt Mine and Auschwitz Camp high on tour goer's lists. And everyone loves charming Straznice in the Czech Republic enjoying sampling the wine and kolacky and the rich folk culture in the Skansen museum and Straznice and Milotice Castles as well as dinner in a family vineyard, watch the wine drawn up in a crystal wine pipe. This trip is also \$2,299 for the land tour.

The tours are organized by Helene Cincebeaux and Jozef Kaufmann who have led more than 80 trips over the past 27 years. Contact Helene for day-by-day itineraries and other info - helenezx@aol.com or call 585 342-9383 or write her at 151 Colebrook Dr, Rochester NY 14617. Helene is the Director of the Slovak Heritage & Folklore Society International and Editor of Slovakia for the past 26 years, and a member of Branch 278 of the First Catholic Slovak Union. She has authored 4 books on Slovakia and numerous articles and maintains Slovak Pride, a 33,000 surname and village data base.

Traditional Fašiangy in Milwaukee Feb 6, 2016



The Slovak League Assembly 20 of Milwaukee, WI is hosting its traditional Fašiangy (Pre-Lenten Dance) on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the WG Banquet Hall (formerly Knights of Columbus Hall, 3200 S. 103rd Street in Greenfield). Slovak food and bakery will be available. A live band will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure. The Tatra Slovak Dancers will have a performance at 7:30 p.m. We are inviting all Knights of Sts. Mary & Joseph Branch 89 of Milwaukee members to attend. For more information, contact Betty Valent at 414-425-6137 or Ellen Tavela at 262-893-7483.

- Submitted by Kathy Valent, Slovak League Assembly 20 Vice President

A Newly Updated Resource for Slovak-related Topics

Interested in reading more about Slovakia? Now, thanks to Fr. Gerald J. Sabo, S.J., of John Carroll University, a central list of publications with Slovak-related topics has been newly updated for 2016.



This handy list includes ISBN numbers for those books published in Slovakia - which makes for easier identification when searching for them at the library or online. Websites for locating remaindered and used books, and where to purchase them, are included at the end of the file, as well.

Click here to download the PDF of titles.

Or, for more information, please contact Fr. Gerald Sabo at gsabo@jcu.edu.

The Beginnings of Industrialization in Slovakia, 1848 1914

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construction which characterized the 1867 to 1873 period.

A domestic market began to mature and domestic capital accumulation increased. Although interrupted by World War I, the Hungarian economy grew at a rate quicker than that in England or France during their first period of sustained growth. Slovakia shared in that growth, even though industrial progress in the region fell slightly short of the overall Hungarian average. However, if one excludes the tremendous growth in Budapest, growth in Slovakia was closer to the Hungarian average. Despite this rapid growth rate, the Slovak economy still lagged far behind the level of economic development in Western Europe and Austrian half of the Empire in 1913. But it had made large strides.

The process of industrialization in Slovakia and other parts of Hungary was aided by the general worldwide economic recovery in the 1880's as well as the extensive intervention of the Hungarian government. About one third of the industrial enterprises founded between 1880 and 1913 owed their start to the government's direct financial participation. Many enterprises received significant aid from a series of industrialization laws passed between 1881 and 1907. In addition to helping many new industries get on their feet, these laws allowed older industries to obtain new land for expansion at no cost. The laws also provided protectionist tariffs, generous tax breaks, a reduction of transport costs, and direct state subsidies. The lawmakers intended that the aid give an edge to domestic industry in the face of stiff competition from more advanced industry in Cisleithania and the more mature industrial states.

To a large extent, these industrialization laws achieved their short term purpose, for they made Budapest a large central marketplace for Slovakia and all the Hungarian crown lands. However, the subsidies also left many enterprises dangerously dependent on state aid. This would have devastating effects on industry in Slovakia during the post World War I transitional period when there were no subsidies to protect Slovak businesses from cheaper competition from the Czech Lands.

Proportionally, Slovakia received a greater share of state aid than the rest of Hungary. While only about 17 percent of the Hungarian population lived in Slovakia, it received 33.5 percent of the state's share of financial aid. Slovakia's disproportionate share was due to the fact that it was rich in natural resources, but also because of the higher number of textile factories in the region. There were 35 textile factories in Slovakia with over twenty employ-

ees, and one third of all Hungarian textile factories were on Slovak soil. The state allotted the textile industry nearly half of the aid which it distributed, and 40 percent of this support went to Slovakia.

The Slovak share of industry in Hungary steadily increased up to the outbreak of World War I. Since the food industry was by far the largest in Hungary, it was also the largest in Slovakia by volume, even though the percentage was only 15.1 percent of the statewide total. In several industrial branches such as paper, leather tanning, textiles, iron and steel, and lumber, Slovakia's proportion also exceeded the number of factories in other parts of Hungary.

Why did so much investment go to Slovakia? Conditions there were more favorable for industrial development. Slovakia possessed a wealth of natural resources, and a cheap and abundant labor force provided further incentives. Laborers in Slovakia worked for wages 30-40 percent lower than in Budapest or the Austrian half of the monarchy.

Besides the obvious economic benefits, the Hungarian ruling class used the industrialization process to pursue its goal of Magyarizing lower class Slovaks. Magyars dominated the management of nearly every factory in Slovakia and they worked hand-in-hand with government officials to snuff out any traces of Slovak nationalism. Thus Magyarization became a tool of chauvinistic Magyar officials and employers. However, economic motives loomed larger in explaining Slovakia's development. Most of the investment in Slovakia came from foreign enterprises which had nothing to do with Magyarization. They invested for profit, not cultural domination. Investing in Slovakia made economic sense, especially when enterprises were receiving generous state subsidies.

At the same time, Slovakia's level of industrial development was different and far behind that of the Czech Lands. Rich deposits of anthracite coal in Silesia and extensive lignite deposits in northwestern Bohemia made these regions an attractive home for heavy industry. The Czech regions industrialized with a healthy mix of heavy, light, and consumer industries. In addition to the textile mills previously mentioned, light industries such as glass, china, leather goods, and paper cellulose grew and succeeded in establishing a formidable export trade. Consumer goods also had remarkable success in securing a substantial export market. Breweries, distilleries, and sugar refineries all expanded into large scale profitable businesses.

From 1900 to 1914, the Slovak economy continued to grow but slowed somewhat due to a series of world economic slumps. Between 1900 and 1903, the industrial branches of the economy stagnated as investment declined and uncertainty weakened financial markets. The intense competition led to the establishment of cartels and larger factories, which will be discussed below. A recovery was under way by 1906 and lasted until 1911, when over-production caused another steep decline in industrial expansion. After 1912, the economy rebounded again when the tense international situation renewed military spending. The outbreak of the Great War in 1914 marked a new stage in the economic history of Slovakia.

In summary, industry in Slovakia was expanding rapidly in the late nineteenth century, but it still had a long way to go before the region could be termed modernized and industrialized. In comparison with the more advanced and industrialized Czech lands, Slovakia was still a relatively backward agrarian area. In comparison with other European states, Hungary and the region of Slovakia experienced a relatively high level of economic growth rates in agricultural and industrial productivity during the latter half of the nineteenth century. One must keep in mind, however, that Slovakia began from a lower starting point. Only Russia, which started from an even lower level, measured a higher growth rate than Hungary. In 1913, Hungary, and indeed Slovakia, remained far behind Western, Central and Northern European levels of economic development and production per capita.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO HOME OFFICE

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
 Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
 Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
 George F. Matta II, Treasurer
 Rudolf Ondejco, Fraternal Activities Director
 (via telephone by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the November 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr., and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

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

UBS INVESTMENT REPORT:

Michael Vary, representing UBS Financial Services, Inc., gave a lengthy report and discussion on our investments. Mr. Vary gave his recommendations on possible new investments. Following the report, Michael Vary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

ANNUITY RATES:

The President led a lengthy discussion on our current annuity rates. It was decided by the Executive Committee to keep the rates the same and review them again at the January meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**INVESTMENT UPDATES:**

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President led a discussion on the MPAM investment and stated we may consider liquidating our funds in the near future because the investment is not meeting our expectations.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions.

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of November for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of November:

Disbursements for the month of November 2015:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 72,548.74
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 59,777.67
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

The Executive Secretary presented the projected budget for 2016 and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The budget will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting held on December 12, 2015 for approval.

TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a written report on the investment update.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting new agents and at present have over 210 agents.

The Vice President said he has notified the Regional Directors to help in scheduling sales seminars for 2016 in their regions. The Vice President stated we would not finalize the schedule until the new marketing firm has completed its new approach on our seminar material.

The Vice President announced the program to reintroduce the special offer of waiving the first year premium on the JEP Policy is selling very well and it was decided to continue the special

offer through December 31, 2016.

The Executive Secretary stated we are continuing to advertise on Facebook with new material being added daily, as well as on the FCSU website and email, while including new ad material in our home office mailings. The Vice President stated any branch or district planning a fraternal activity is to please contact the home office or the Editor and we will advertise the event through Facebook, email, and our mailings.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President gave a final report on all the 125th anniversary dinners held in the various regions. He stated they all were well attended beginning with the June dinner in Pittsburgh, followed by Chicago, Toronto, Scranton, New Jersey, and the main celebration in Cleveland. The special video highlighting our society was shown at each dinner along with a historical video on Father Stefan Furdek by Father Michael Brunovsky. The President thanked all involved with the celebrations.

The President gave a final report on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC which was held on September 12, 2015 in conjunction with the Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage. He stated there were 650-700 in attendance at the Mass and another 350 that attended the reception at the embassy. He thanked the Embassy and stated his appreciation for their help in making the day special.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

The request for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by George Matta II to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Správy zo Slovenska

Sociálne: Od 1. januára 2016 sa zvyšuje minimálna mzda na 405 eur

Od 1. januára ľudia pracujúci za minimálny zárobok budú dostávať viac. Nadobudlo totiž účinnosť nariadenie vlády, ktorým sa zvyšuje minimálna mzda na 405 eur z 380 eur v roku 2015. Zamestnanci tak v novom roku dostanú medziročne o 25 eur v hrubom viac. „Vláda prijala rozhodnutie, že sa zvyšuje pre rok 2016 minimálna mzda na výšku 405 eur, čo predstavuje hodinové vyjadrenie 2,328 eura a v percentuálnom vyjadrení je to nárast o 6,58 %“, vyčíslilo Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (MPSVR) SR. Ministerstvo uviedlo aj odporúčania medzinárodných inštitúcií, ktoré hovoria o tom, aby minimálna mzda dosahovala výšku 60 % priemernej mzdy. Slovensko ju má v súčasnosti na úrovni okolo 50 %. V roku 2012 začínala SR na 45,53 %, v roku 2013 tvorila 45,9 %, v roku 2014 46,04 % a tento rok 50,1 %. Ako vyčíslilo MPSVR SR, pri priemernej mzde 906 eur na budúci rok by tento pomer predstavoval 51,03 %. Premiér Robert Fico po podpísaní nariadenia o zvýšení minimálnej mzdy skonštatoval, že je to mimoriadne rozhodnutie a jeho vláda nikdy nebude súhlasiť, aby bola minimálna mzda zrušená.

ZAP: Na Slovensku sa vlní vyrobilo viac ako milión áut

Na Slovensku bolo v roku 2015 podľa predbežných výsledkov vyrobených viac ako 1.000.000 automobilov. Automobilový priemysel tak prekonal pomyselnú hranicu, ku ktorej sa blížil s vyrobeným počtom 971.160 vozidiel už v roku 2014, ktorý odborníci hodnotili ako úspešný. Súčasný slovenský automobilový priemysel potvrdil stabilne silnú pozíciu v slovenskej ekonomike. Uviedli to začiatkom januára v Bratislave na stretnutí s novinármi predstavitelia Združenia automobilového priemyslu (ZAP SR). Podiel automobilového priemyslu na slovenskom priemysle predstavuje až 44 %, pričom ďalším pozitívom už niekoľko rokov zostáva svetové prvenstvo Slovenska v počte vyrobených automobilov na 1000 obyvateľov. V roku 2014 to bolo 179 automobilov, v roku 2015 sa ich počet zvýšil na 184.

„Arcibiskup ukončí muziku“

Odteraz platia nové direktíva pri usporiadaní koncertov v Dóme sv. Alžbety v Košiciach. Arcibiskupstvo Rímskokatolíckej cirkvi vypracovalo nové zásady. Dokument reguluje realizáciu koncertov a predstavení v Dóme. Príčina tohto rozhodnutia neverejnili, ale v pozadí stojí októbrové predstavenie maďarskej rockovej skupiny Omega. Nové smernice, ktoré sa objavili aj na webovej stránke arcibiskupstva, povoľujú len predstavenia, ktoré posilňujú náboženstvo. V zásadách sa konštatuje, že koncerty sa môžu organizovať len v období Vianoc a nie počas adventu.

„Pre utečencov sú Slováci viac skeptickí k Bruselu“

Prieskum Eurobarometra ukázal, že Slováci vnímajú imigráciu ako väčší problém Európskej únie ako Taliani, Gréci či Chorváti, ktorých sa bezprostredne dotýka. Prieskum ukázal, že na Slovensku rastie počet euroskeptikov. Ešte vlní bol stav opačný. Rástol počet tých, ktorí hodnotili Úniu ako celok kladne. Slováci boli v tom čase nad priemerom EÚ pri hodnotení jej budúcnosti. Až 60 percent ju vlní na jeseň videlo optimisticky. Dnes je to len polovica. Rast počtu euroskeptikov však ešte neznamená, že by Slováci kritizovali všetko, čo so sebou Únia prináša. Stále patria Slováci k najväčším zástancom jednotnej európskej meny. Platenie eura podporuje až 78 percent Slovákov. Európska mena má viac prívržencov už len v Belgicku, Luxembursku a Estónsku.

„Diaľnica do Košíc najskôr v roku 2020“

„Súvislá diaľnica z Bratislavy do Košíc do roku 2019 nie je reálna“, povedal Ľubomír Palčák, riaditeľ Výskumného ústavu dopravného v Žiline. Okrem diaľnice pri Turanoch by sa zvyšné úseky D1 pri Žiline, Ružomberku a Prešove mohli stihnúť. Diaľničiar počítali so štartom výstavby D1 Turany - Hubová v roku 2016 a ukončením v roku 2019. Aktuálne však v prípade začiatku budovania už priznali zmenu termínu na rok 2017. Stavieť sa bude tri až štyri roky.

Zimnú kampaň chce dobyť svet

Hlavné mesto Slovenska odštartovalo pred Vianocami novú zimnú kampaň. Reklamné spoty mali navadiť cudzincov, aby navštívili slovenskú metropolu aj počas turisticky menej atraktívnych prvých troch mesiacoch roka. Do Bratislavy ich lákajú na fašiangy, gastronómiu, či zimné športy. „Celá kampaň vrátane postprodukcie stála 13.700 eur,“ uviedol hovorca Bratislavskej organizácie cestovného ruchu Maroš Plitko.

Autá prihrávajú novú prácu stovkám východniarov

Takmer 340 nových pracovných miest a stávkou na inovácie, ktoré sa budú vyvíjať priamo na Slovensku. Aj to so sebou priniesie investícia luxemburskej spoločnosti IEE Sensing, ktorá chce na východe Slovenska rozšíriť výrobu snímacích senzorov pre automobily. Podstatou investičného zámeru je zvýšenie výrobných kapacít v závode. Okrem toho plánujú založenie nového výskumného a vývojového centra, ktoré bude súčasťou investičného projektu vo Veľkej Ide,“ uvádza firma IEE Sensing Slovakia. Luxemburská spoločnosť, ktorá je globálnym lídrom snímacích systémov pre automobilový priemysel, plánuje na východnom Slovensku preinvestovať 12,66 milióna eur.

Komu zanechal svoj majetok?

Milovaný kňaz Anton Srholec (+86), ktorý v januári zomrel po ťažkej chorobe sa rozhodol pomáhať aj po svojej smrti.. Svoje auto daroval jednému z bezdomovcov, ktorý žije v zariadení Resoty, ktoré otec Srholec založil. Bezdomovec Ibrahim sa v zariadení stará o niektoré organizačné veci a tak auto využije v prospech všetkých. „Môj brat nikdy nepotreboval materiálne veci, zanechal nám veľa duchovného a to je pre nás najdôležitejšie“, prezradil kňazov brat Michal.

Slovenskí hokejisti o rok v skupine s Ruskom, USA, domácou Kanadou a Lotyšskom

Na budúročných majstrovstvách sveta hráčov do 20 rokov (26. decembra 2016 - 5. januára 2017) sa mladí slovenskí hokejisti stretnú v základnej B-skupine s vicemajstrami sveta Rusmi, bronzovými Američanmi, domácou Kanadou a nováčikom z Lotyšska, ktorý si účasť medzi elitou vybojoval na turnaji A-skupiny I. divízie vo Viedni. V A-skupine vyzvú čerstvých šampiónov Fínov ich rivali zo Švédska, Česi, Dáni a Švajčiari. O nasadení mužstiev do skupín rozhodlo konečné poradie na práve skončených MS „20“ v Helsinkách. Slováci odohrajú svoje zápasy v základnej skupine v Toronte, A-skupinu bude hosťiť Montreal. Informáciu priniesla webová stránka worldjunior2016.com.

Slováci, národ plný emigrantov

Slováci sú národom emigrantov. A to predovšetkým ekonomických. Zo Slovenska odišlo niekoľko vln politických i ekonomických vystaňovalcov. Slováci odchádzajú aj v súčasnosti. Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí so sídlom v Bratislave odhaduje počet osôb hlásiacich sa k slovenskému pôvodu, potomkov vystaňovalcov či tzv. novodobých pracovných migrantov na 1,8 až dva milióny. Je to pozoruhodné číslo vzhľadom na to, že Slovenská republika má zhruba 5,5 milióna obyvateľov.

Eurofondy padajú školám na hlavu

Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach má vrátiť takmer pol milióna eur z projektov, ktoré platila aj vďaka eurofondom. V eurofondovom slovníku sa to volá korekcia a funguje to takto. Škola dostane peniaze z eurofondov na projekt, ktorý predtým odsúhlasilo ministerstvo školstva. Po skončení sa projekty kontrolujú - urobila audit a ak niekde nájdú chyby, škola musí časť alebo aj všetky peniaze štátu vrátiť. Ak nevráti, môžu si ich vymáhať na súde. Aktuálne to hrozí viacerým slovenským univerzitám. Celkovo majú podľa Výskumnej agentúry na ministerstve školstva vrátiť takmer 17 miliónov eur. Zatiaľ vrátili len zlomok - 1,1 milióna eur. Agentúra hovorí, že na školách je 82 prípadov pochybení. Vysoké školy najčastejšie robia chyby vo verejnom obstarávaní.

TASR a výber zo slovenskej tlače

Livia Klausová zostane aj naďalej veľvyslankyňou na Slovensku

Pokračovanie zo str. 23

„Obe veľvyslankyne súhlasili s dočasným riešením, keď budú mať s ministerstvom zahraničných vecí uzavretú dohodu o vykonaní práce do tej doby, než začne byť účinná technická novela zákona o štátnej službe, ktorú ešte musí schváliť senát Parlamentu ČR a podpísať prezident republiky,“ povedala pre internetové vydanie denníka Mladá fronta DNES riaditeľka tlačového odboru českého rezortu zahraničia Michaela Lagronová. S návrhom riešenia prišlo ministerstvo pred Vianocami a tak Filipi, ako aj Klausová sa naň rozhodli pristúpiť. Prípad, keď diplomat pracuje pre svoju vlastnú krajinu na „dohodu o vykonaní práce“, je ojedinelý. Všetko spôsobili politici, ktorí pôvodne schválili taký služobný zákon, ktorý nepripúšťa, aby v služobnom pomere bol niekto starší ako 70-ročný, vysvetľuje iDNES.cz. Hoci politici začali na poslednú chvíľu problém riešiť, schváliť novelu služobného zákona do konca kalendárneho roka sa im nepodarilo.

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IN MEMORIAM

Zomrel ružomerský rodák Ľudovít Mišík

V doliečovacom ústave v Štiavničke zomrel v nedeľu 13. decembra popoludní dlhoročný člen združenia slovenskej inteligencie Ľudovít Mišík. Pohreb sa uskutočnil 17. decembra na cintoríne v Ružomberku. Informovali o tom výbory združenia slovenskej inteligencie a Rada osobností.

Mišík sa narodil 18. júna 1922 v Ružomberku. Svoj činnorodý život prežil v rodnom meste, vo Švédsku a v USA. Začiatkom 90. rokov minulého storočia sa vrátil medzi svojich rodákov do vlasti a aktívne sa zapájal do národných aktivít nielen na Slovensku, ale aj v Srbsku – v Báčskom Petrovci a na Ukrajine. Pomáhal najmä pri finančnom zabezpečovaní pamätníkov venovaných slovenským dejateľom - A. Bernolákovi, Š. Moyzesovi, K. Kuzmánymu, M. R. Štefánikovi, A. Hlinkovi, ktoré sú postavené po celom území SR. Dlhé roky pomáhal aj športovej činnosti v Ružomberku a mnohým kultúrno-osvetovým podujatiam.

V Bratislave sa rozlúčili s kňazom, saleziánom don Antonom Srholec

Anton Srholec zomrel 7. januára 2016 vo veku 86 rokov, po 68 rokoch rehoľného a 45 rokoch kňazského života. Rodina, priatelia i známi sa 12. januára 2016 prišli rozlúčiť s Antonom Srholec a okolo dvetisíc ľudí sa stretlo v bratislavskom Kostole Nanebovzatia Panny Márie (Blumentál), kde v minulosti zosnulý kňaz salezián pôsobil. Zádušnú svätú omšu celebroidal provinciál saleziánskej rehole na Slovensku Jozef Ižold s bratislavským pomocným biskupom Mons. Jozefom Haľkom a správcom farnosti Čataj Jánom Sucháňom. Symbol zápasu o vieru, o slobodu a o ľudskosť si prišli poslednýkrát uctiť desiatky kňazov a rehoľníkov, prítomní boli aj prezident SR Andrej Kiska, podpredseda Národnej rady Ján Figel' a ďalší predstavitelia verejného i spoločenského života zo Slovenska i zahraničia. Don Srholec, ktorého telesné pozostatky vystavili pred svätou omšou, zomrel po 68 rokoch rehoľného života, z ktorých 45 bol kňazom. Posledné mesiace prežíval vážne onkologické ochorenie, ktorému napokon podľahol vo veku 86 rokov. Pochovali ho na poslednej rozlúčke v jeho rodisku - v Skalici. V kázni sa prítomným prihovril priateľ don Srholca Ján Sucháň. Zosnulý kňaz podľa jeho slov dosiahol svoj cieľ - šíriť Božie slovo. Poďakoval mu za všetky slová a skutky, „ktorými bude ďalej vstupovať do našich duší“. V závere zádušnej svätej omše spomínali na zosnulého kňaza viacerí rečníci. „Otec Srholec svoje utrpenie premenil na lásku. Boha nachádzal v osamení, ale aj v ľudoch okolo seba, v ich úsmevoch a činoch,“ povedal prezident SR Andrej Kiska. „Hoci nemal žiadnu farnosť, bol to kňaz, ktorého poznalo celé Slovensko,“ pripomenul kazateľ Cirkvi bratskej Daniel Pastirčák. Svoje spomienky na zosnulého kňaza pridali i Vladimír Krčméry a František Mikloško. Pri svätej omši, ktorú priniesli naživo RTVS a Rádio LUMEN, priniesli aj symbolické dary - väzenskú čiapku a autorské knihy Antona Srholca. Nechýbali spomienky na jeho rodisko - skalické víno a skalický trdelník. Prítomní boli aj zástupcovia Resocializačnej komunity Antona Srholca – Resoty či členovia Konfederácie politických väzňov Slovenska.



Anton Srholec

Jeho posledné želanie bolo, aby tí, ktorí sa zúčastnia na poslednej rozlúčke, namiesto kvetinových darov konali skutky lásky, pamätali na neho v modlitbe.

Spisovateľ a kňaz Anton Srholec

Spisovateľ a kňaz, známa osobnosť cirkevného a kultúrneho života doma i v zahraničí Anton Srholec, Dr.h.c. sa narodil 12. júna 1929 v Skalici. Vyrastal v roľníckej rodine ako jedno zo siedmich detí. V roku 1946 vstúpil do saleziánskej spoločnosti s cieľom venovať sa výchove chudobnej mládeže. Jeho celoživotným záujmom bola teológia a jej praktická, účinná aplikácia v súčasnom svete.

Keď sa po maturite v roku 1951 pokúsil odísť na teologické štúdiá do Talianska, chytili ho na hranici a odsúdili na 12 rokov väzenia. Prevažnú časť trestu si odpykal v jáchymovských uránových baniach. Po amnestii v roku 1960 pracoval ako robotník na stavbách a v továrni na výrobu betónových prefabrikátov a v oceliarni pri vysokej peci v Skalici a Ostrave. V Ostrave mu umožnili študovať cudzie jazyky a urobil si štátne skúšky z anglického a nemeckého jazyka. Dva razy sa hlásil do kňazského seminára v Bratislave, nedostal však ani len odpoveď. Po Pražskej jari, v roku 1969, dostal povolenie vycestovať na tri mesiace do Talianska. Ostal tam rok, dokončil teologické štúdiá na Pápežskej saleziánskej univerzite v Turíne a za kňaza ho vysvätil pápež Pavol VI. dňa 17. mája 1970.

Potom sa Anton Srholec vrátil na Slovensko a pôsobil ako kostolník s povolením vypožičať v kňazských prácach v Blumentálskom kostole v Bratislave. Hlavný dôraz kládol na pastoračnú prácu, osobitne na kultúru slova a na prácu s mládežou, podporoval samizdatovú činnosť. Oslovil tisíce ľudí, pamätníci ho spomínajú ako legendu. Štátna bezpečnosť (ŠtB), ktorá ho neustále sledovala, mu však odobrala súhlas pre Bratislavu a preložili ho za správcu farnosti v Perneku. Tu napísal dvojdielnu zbierku kázni Slová pre veriacich i neveriacich, ktorú vtedy rozmnožovali na písacom stroji. Po troch rokoch ho preložili do Veľkého Zálužia, neskôr do Záhorskej Vsi.

Za aktívnu účasť na púti vo Veľhrade v roku 1985 Antonovi Srholecovi odobrili štátny súhlas na celkové účinkovanie v duchovnej správe. Na púti totiž zorganizoval mládežnícky program. Posledné štyri roky pred dôchodkom teda znova pracoval ako robotník. Od roku 1989 bol na dôchodku. Žil v Bratislave, kde v roku 1992 založil resocializačné zariadenie pre bezdomovcov RESOTA, ktoré riadil. Anton Srholec bol napriek vysokému veku činný vo verejnom živote. Pôsobil v Helsinskom výbore pre ľudské práva na Slovensku, v Spoločnosti pre vedu a umenie, bol členom rady Konta nádeje, bol predsedom Konfederácie politických väzňov Slovenska a bol činný aj v iných spoločenských a sociálnych organizáciách. Bol tiež členom Medzinárodného ekumenického združenia a Teologického fóra.

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Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko usporiada 23. slovenský ples

Slovenská a zároveň medzinárodná jazzová legenda Peter Lipa, ktorého mnohé pesničky zľudoveli, poctí svojou prítomnosťou ako Guest of Honor už 23. Slovenský ples, ktorý sa bude konať pod záštitou Slovensko-Amerického Kultúrneho Strediska v **sobotu 30. januára 2016** v priestoroch Royal Manor v Garfield, NJ. Koktail odštartuje večer od 7. hodine plný skvelej hudby, neutíchajúceho tanca, chutných jedál a miešaných nápojov (open bar do 1am). Svojim talentom k programu večera prispeje aj mladý, slovenský husľový virtuóz Filip Pogady, ktorý sa v ostatných rokoch dostal do širokého povedomia nielen Slovákov žijúcich v tri-state area. O dobrú náladu sa počas celého večera postará hudobná skupina EXPRESS. Ako minulého roku, ani tentokrát nebude chýbať tombola s jedinečnými cenami. Lístky sú \$ 130.00 za osobu a môžete si ich zakúpiť buď na webstránke S-ACC (slovakamericanc.org) alebo u Zuzany Krcmarovej na tel. čísle: 973-357-1209. Alebo zaslaním šeku na adresu: 33 Weasel Drift Road, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. **Rezervácia lístkov je možná do 19. januára 2016.** Tešíme sa na stretnutie s vami na ďalšej vynikajúcej večeri plnej zábavy a dobrého jedla.

Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka Slovenského plesu

Fašiangová zábava v Greenfield, Wisconsin

20. zbor Slovenskej Ligy v Milwaukee usporiada Fašiangovú zábavu v **sobotu, 6. februára 2016** v WG Banquet Hall, 3200 S. 103rd Street v Greenfield, Wisconsin. Začiatok bude o 6:00 do 11:00 hodiny večer. V kultúrnom programe sa predstaví slovenský folklórny súbor Tatra Slovak Dancers o 7:30 večer. Vstupné je \$ 5.00 za osobu. Na predaj budú slovenské jedlá, zákusky a koláče. Bližšie informácie: Betty Valent, tel. č. 414-425-6137 alebo Ellen Tavela, tel. č. 262-893-7483.

Kathy Valent
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24. ročník celoštátnej literárnej súťaže

„Prečo mám rád slovenčinu, Prečo mám rád Slovensko“

Ministerstvo školstva, vedy, výskumu a športu Slovenskej republiky, Ministerstvo kultúry Slovenskej republiky, Štátny pedagogický ústav, SPN – Mladé letá, Matica slovenská, Vydavateľstvo Matice slovenskej, Spolok slovenských spisovateľov, Jazykovedný ústav L. Štúra SAV a Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí **vyhlasujú 24.ročník celoštátnej literárnej súťaže s medzinárodnou účasťou Prečo mám rád slovenčinu, prečo mám rád Slovensko.**

Cieľom súťaže je podchytiť, rozvíjať a prehĺbiť záujem detí a mládeže o slovenčinu a Slovensko, o významných dejateľov Slovenska a svojho kraja, o miestne spoločenské a kultúrne problémy a nárečia formou slohových úloh, pokusov o umelecké vyjadrenie myšlienok v podobe prozaických žánrov a básní. Tento ročník sa bude niesť v znamení Roka Svetozára Hurbana Vajanského vyhláseného Maticou slovenskou, v ktorom si pripomenieme 100. výročie jeho úmrtia, a v znamení ďalších výročí významných osobností v dejinách slovenského národa - 140. výročia narodenia Ivana Kraska, 210. výročia narodenia a 150. výročia úmrtia Karola Kuzmányho, 65. výročia úmrtia Ludmily Podjavorinskej, 115. výročia narodenia Luda Ondrejova, 220. výročia narodenia Mateja Hrebendu, 80. výročia narodenia a 15. výročia úmrtia Vincenta Šikulu, 25. výročia úmrtia Miroslava Válka a 30. výročia úmrtia Juraja Tušiaka, slovenského dolnozemskeho spisovateľa.

Do súťaže sa môžu zapojiť žiaci všetkých typov a druhov základných a stredných škôl na území Slovenskej republiky prostredníctvom škôl a iných subjektov a v zahraničí prostredníctvom škôl, spolkov a organizácií Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí. Súťažné práce sa budú posudzovať v štyroch kategóriách: v 1. kategórii sa posudzujú práce žiakov 1. stupňa ZŠ, v 2. kategórii práce žiakov 2. stupňa ZŠ a žiakov 1. až 4. ročníka osemročných gymnázií, v 3. kategórii práce žiakov stredných škôl, v 4. kategórii práce žiakov zo zahraničia. Do celoštátneho kola postúpi maximálne päť súťažných prác v každej kategórii z jednej školy napísaných v slovenskom jazyku. Každá súťažná práca musí byť vyhotovená v štyroch exemplároch. V záhlaví každého exemplára súťažnej práce musia byť nevyhnutne tieto identifikačné údaje: **meno a priezvisko žiaka, vek, trieda, súťažná kategória, názov súťažnej práce, meno a priezvisko učiteľa, mejlová adresa učiteľa, presný názov a adresa školy, mejlová adresa školy.** Školy a ostatní prihlasovatelia zodpovedajú za to, že zaslané práce sú prácami súťažiacich žiakov, neboli už posudzované v tejto súťaži a v iných súťažiach, ako aj za dodržanie všetkých súťažných podmienok. Pri nedodržaní súťažných podmienok sa práce nezaradia do celoštátneho kola súťaže. **Organizačný poriadok súťaže a text záhlavia** (formulár) sú uverejnené na internetovej stránke Štátneho pedagogického ústavu www.statpedu.sk a na internetovej stránke Ministerstva kultúry SR www.culture.gov.sk (v sekcii pôsobnosť ministerstva, v kapitole štátny jazyk). **Vybrané súťažné práce v slovenskom jazyku treba zaslať do 1. marca 2016 v štyroch exemplároch na adresu: Matica slovenská, Krajanské múzeum Matice slovenskej, Mudroňova 1, 036 01 Martin, Slovenská republika alebo na mejlovú adresu: domhronského@matica.sk.** Záujemcovia o súťaž môžu získať **ďalšie informácie** o súťaži v Štátnom pedagogickom ústave (spu@statpedu.sk, tel. číslo: 02/49276111). Odborné poroty určujú v každej kategórii kandidátov na Hlavnú cenu, na Cenu poroty a na Čestné uznanie. Môžu udeliť v každej kategórii aj Osobitnú cenu poroty. Osobitné ocenenia učiteľov a školy podľa počtu a úrovne súťažných prác žiakov. **Slávnostné vyhlásenie výsledkov 24. ročníka súťaže bude 9. júna 2016 (štvrtok) v Nových Zámkoch.**

Mgr. Petra Fridrichová, PhD., riaditeľka Štátneho pedagogického ústavu.

Vianočné podujatia farnosti Sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC

Dve úspešné vianočné podujatia pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, ktoré sa konali vo farskej hale kostola, pripravili členovia Farskej rady, Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 a sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ a Slovenského katolíckeho Sokola v NYC.



Naše kuchárky počas podávania občerstvenia.



Deti čakajú na darčeky.

Mikulášske odopoludnie s Mikulášskou nádielkou, ktoré sa konalo 6. decembra 2015 o 1.00 hodine odopoludnia, začalo svätou omšou v kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého a hlavným celebrantom bol Rev. Štefan Chanas. Po omši vo farskej hale kostola otvoril Mikulášske odopoludnie modlitbou. Za tým kultúrna referentka Henrieta H. Daitová privítala, deti, rodičov, starých rodičov a všetkých hostí a hlavne Svätého Mikuláša, ktorého tentokrát sprevádzali anjel a čert. Deti prejavili tleskaním radosť a Svätému Mikulášovi, keď vchádzal do haly spievali nasledovnú pieseň:

„Mikulášku dobrý strýčku, modlím sa Ti modlitbičku, daj nám z darov Tvojich trošku, či konička mädového, či koláčka makového, veď Ty strýčku Mikuláš, mnoho dobrých vecí máš.“

Deti Slovenskej školy pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého potom pozdravili Sv. Mikuláša pekným programom, ktorý navrhla učiteľka tejto školy. Za tým Svätý Mikuláš rozdával všetkým deťom darčeky, ktoré pripravili rodičia detí a členkyne Farskej rady.

Podujatia sa zúčastnilo približne 100 detí so svojimi rodičmi, príbuznými a ďalšími hosťami. Otec Štefan Chanas sa tiež postaral o občerstvenie, ktoré pripravili členkyne a členovia spomínaných organizácií.

Vďaka za vydaté podujatie patrí hlavne: otcovi Štefanovi Chanasovi, Márii Božekovej, Márii Gaborčíkovej, manželom Bilikovým a všetkým ostatným, ktorí sa pričínili o občerstvenie; tiež Lackovi Korčekovi a jeho synovi, ktorý stvárnil postavu Sv. Mikuláša, anjelovi i čertovi a referentke Henriete H. Daitovej.

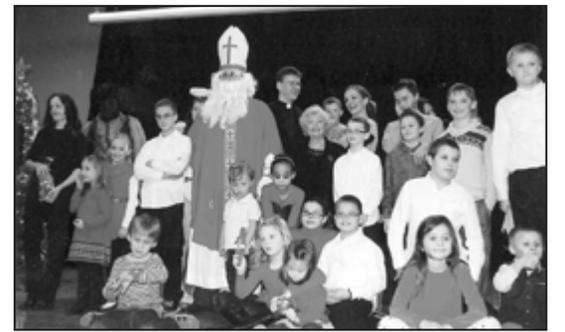
Ďalšie tradičné vianočné podujatie bola **Štedrá večera „Vigília“**, ktorá sa konala v nedeľu dňa 13. decembra 2015 o 1:00 hodine popoludní a zahájil ju otec Štefan Chanas modlitbou a požehnaním jedál. Toto sviatočné odopoludnie prítomní oslávili v kruhu Farskej rodiny a v modlitbe prosili nášho Pána Ježiša Krista, aby v túto chvíľu zayítal aj On k nám a prisadol si k nášmu Štedrovečernému stolu.

Kultúrna referentka, sestra Henrieta H. Daitová v tento sviatočný deň, keď celý kresťanský svet oslavuje pamiatku Narodenia Ježiša Krista, privítala prítomných farníkov a hostí, ktorí prišli z blízka i z ďaleka napríklad z New Yorku, New Jersey, Connecticut i Pennsylvánie, aby spolu zasadli k Štedrovečernému stolu a konzumovali jedlá podľa starej slovenskej obyčaje: oblátky s medom a vareným vínom, pupáčky, kapustnicu, či šošovicu a rybu so šalátom. Samozrejme tiež dobré slovenské koláče. Za doprovodu slovenského operného speváka Rada Lesayho si farníci zaspievali krásne slovenské koledy ako aj zaspomínali si na svojich blízkych a vzdialených príbuzných a priateľov. Štedrú večeru zvýraznil spev krásnej vianočnej piesne „Tichá noc, svätá noc ...“

Na zakončenie vianočného stretnutia sestra Henrieta H. Daitová poďakovala hlavnému farárovi kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, Rev. Richardovi Bakerovi, Rev. Štefanovi Chanasovi, kuchárom a kuchárkam, ktorí pod vedením Lacka Korčeka pripravili túto spoločnú večeru ako aj Márii Božekovej, manželom Bilikovým; Šulákovým, Karolovi Vidovi a všetkým ostatným, ktorí sa akýmkoľvek spôsobom zúčastnili prípravy Štedrovečernej Vigílie.

Š týmto nasledujúcim veršom sa rozlúčila sestra Henrieta s prítomnými farníkmi: „Na krásne pokoja sviatky, prijmite ešte pozdrav môj krátky. Prežite chvíľe Vianočné v radosti, pokoji a láske spoločne. Tiež sa zvitajte s Novým rokom v dobrej vôli, pohode, starosti nech idú bokom, odplavia sa po vode. S úprimnosťou svoje čase zdvihajte, tiež vo zvyšok nech je pevné zdravie Vaše, nech je Šťastný Nový rok. Dúfame všetci, že sa takto o rok stretne v zdraví pri našom Štedrovečernom stole. Pochválený buď Ježiš Kristus!“

Henrieta H. Daitová
kultúrna referentka Farskej rady



Svätý Mikuláš medzi deťmi.



Spoločná modlitba počas Mikulášskeho odopoludnia.



Na snímke (sprava) hlavný farár kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, Rev. Richard Baker spolu s otcom Rev. Štefanom Chanasom (zľava) a ministrami na začiatku omše pred Štedrovečernou Vigíliou.

Čo sa deje s Amerikou?

Žiaľ, dnešná Amerika nie je tou Amerikou akú poznali naši otcovia a dedovia. Majiteľ časopisu Truth Michael Snyder, spisovateľ a novinár, uverejnil sto šokujúcich a kontroverzných faktov o stave Ameriky. Jeho výskum, zbierka Sto faktov o morálnom páde Ameriky sú pre Američanov takmer neuveriteľné. Veľa ľudí je zmätených. Veľa ľudí doslova narieka nad stavom ich vlasti United States of America. Prečo? Preto lebo nemajú radi takúto konfrontačnú pravdu. Mnohí považujú takúto pravdu o Amerike takmer za osobnú urážku. Zvykli si, že Amerika je vo svete number one. Dnes je to minulosť.

Za posledných 50 rokov protikresťanskej propagandy Amerika sa zmenila takmer na nepoznanie. Prepad morálky je šokujúci. Aj finančná kríza je v prvom rade vec prepadnutej morálky. Tak to povedal už v tridsiatych rokoch minulého storočia náš moravský Slovák podnikateľ Tomáš Baťa. Pracujúci človek v zhone za chlebom nemá čas sledovať všetky hospodárske a morálne ukazovatele. A keď Američanom niekto jej choroby zhrnie a uverejní, sú v šoku. V novinárstve a ďalších v médiach všeobecne dnes uverejňujú menej a menej pravdy. Nuž, aký kráľ také kráľovstvo. Aká vláda taký národ. Prikladám výber zo sto faktov aby sa čitateľ neunavil. Nech sa páči zdroj: www.thetruthwins.com



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1. Približne jedna tretina populácie Ameriky (110 miliónov) má sexuálne prenesenú chorobu (The Center for Disease Control and Prevention).
2. Liečenie sexuálne prenesených chorôb stojí Ameriku cirka 16 miliard dolárov ročne.
3. Veľká časť populácie vo veku 15-24 rokov ma pohlavné choroby.
4. Zo všetkých industrializovaných krajín Amerika má najväčšie množstvo mladistvých tehotných dievčat.
5. V Amerike je registrovaných vyše sedemsto tisíc sexuálnych zločincov.
6. 18 percent žien v Amerike boli znásilnené.
7. Približne 89 percent pornografie je vyrobené v Amerike.
8. Približne 25 percent zamestnancov používa počítač na prehliadku sexuálnych stránok v práci.
9. Každoročne sa uzatvára iba 6.8 manželstiev na 1000 ľudí.
10. Viac ako polovica mladých dvojíc žije spolu predtým ako sa zosobášili.
11. Zo všetkých krajín Amerika má najviac rozvodov na svete.
12. Podľa známej štatistiky Pew Research Center iba 51 percent dospelých žijú v manželstve. V roku 1960 to bolo 72 percent.
13. V skupine žien mladších ako 30 rokov, viac ako polovica rodí mimo manželstva.
14. Od roku 1973 viac ako 56 miliónov detí bolo abortované. V tomto má Amerika svetový rekord. Ženy ktoré mali potrat, z nich 42 % boli protestantky, 27 % katolíčky. 52% tehotenstiev Afro-Američaniek končí potratom.
15. Dôvody potratov sa uvádzajú rôzne, ale 86 % je z pohodlnosti.
16. Department of Home Security (Odbor vnútornej bezpečnosti) označuje každého kto je proti potratom „potenciálny terorista“.
17. Planned Parenthood Office (Plánované rodičovstvo) dostáva od vlády stovky miliónov dolárov.
18. V ozbrojených silách sexuálne napadnutie muža na muža je dnes najvyššie v dejinách. Samovraždy v ozbrojených silách sú najvyššie v dejinách.
19. V roku 2012 bolo viac ako 85 tisíc veteránov ošetrovaných lekármi pre sexuálne zneužitie.
20. Zo všetkých národov sveta Amerika má najviac ľudí vo väzniciach.
21. Každý rok Američania utratia viac ako 280 miliard na predpísané lieky. Z toho 250 miliónov na antidepresíva.
22. Amerika má zo všetkých vyspelých krajín na svete najviac občanov závislých na drogách. Číslo heroínových adiktov sa od roku 2002 zdvojnásobilo.
23. Zo všetkých industrializovaných krajín Amerika ma najviac obéznych ľudí.
24. Korupcia je rozbujnela po celej Amerike.
25. Podľa štatistiky FBI v Amerike je 1.4 milióna členov rôznych gangov.
26. 88 % mladých Američanov od 8. do 18. veku zabíja čas rôznymi video hrami.
27. Priemerné učebné výsledky v školách sa znižujú už roky. Vzdelanie vo v šesťročných školách je totálny žart. Žiaci nedosahujú ani priemer z matematiky a vedných disciplín v porovnaní s inými vyspelými krajinami.
28. Každý rok je zneužitých 3 milióny detí.
29. Jedna pätina Američanov je dnes bez náboženstva. V roku 1972 to bolo iba 7 %.
30. 73 % občanov bez náboženstva je za gay manželstvá a 72 % z tejto skupiny je za potraty.
31. Prvý raz v dejinách Ameriky protestanti nie sú vo väčšine. Ešte v roku 1972 protestantov bolo 62 percent z celkového počtu obyvateľov.
32. 66 percent Američanov verí, že náboženstvo stráca vplyv na život v ich krajine.
33. Približne jedno z troch detí v Amerike žije v domácnostiach bez otca.
34. Niektoré potratové kliniky predávali časti tela abortovaných detí na mediccký výskum.
35. Lekári predpisujú deťom antidepresíva tri razy viac ako v Európe.
36. Ženám pod 30 rokov viac ako polovica detí sa rodí mimo manželstva.
37. Amerika ma svetové prvenstvo v používaní nelegálnych drogov.
38. Mladí Američania ktorí nežijú v normálnych rodinách hľadajú vlastnú identitu v rôznych gangoch.
39. Väčšina amerických ateistov sa hlási k Demokratickej strane.
40. Podľa štatistiky U.S. Census Bureau číslo Američanov „bez náboženstva“ od roku 1990 do roku 2008 sa zdvojnásobilo.
41. Amerika si vytvorila megatrend ktorý zničí americké impérium.

Doteraz každé impérium padlo pre tú istú chorobu. Keď je na vrchole, arogantne zabudne ako sa tam dostalo. Pre svoje namyslené veľikášstvo zabudne, že Boh, nie peniaze, je najvyššia tvorivá inteligencia a láska vesmíru.

Nemorálnosť terajšej civilizácie sa prejavuje aj tým, že od druhej svetovej vojny naša planéta mala 248 ozbrojených konfliktov. Z toho Amerika začala 201 konfliktov. Americkí liberáli si namýšľajú, že sú nad ostatnými ľuďmi, že sú vyvolení vládnúť nad svetom. Keď sa im nepáči váš názor, drzo, netolerantne si dovoľujú vám povedať, že váš názor je „politically incorrect“. Liberalizmus je dnes terorizmus. Dnešný liberalizmus je zneužitie slova liberty, sloboda. Dnešný liberalizmus je niečo ako marxizmus v bielych rukavičkách. Vynikajúcu knihu, ktorá osvetľuje liberalizmus The Tyranny of Liberalism vydal právnik James Kalb.

Amerika, ktorá dala svetu toľko dobra, toľko život zľahčujúcich vynálezov, ktorá prijala toľko chudoby, toľko politicky a nábožensky prenasledovaných ľudí z celeho sveta, ktorá toľkým národom ukázala cestu k slobode, dnes stráca to slobodné pozlátok, tú priťažlivosť voľného myslenia a konania. Zabudla, že strata kresťanskej morálky je strata slobody. Zakladatelia USA ako George Washington, Thomas Jefferson („Boh, ktorý nám dal život, dal nám aj slobodu“), James Madison, Benjamin Franklin („Boh vládne v činnosti človeka“. „Bez jeho zákonov skončíme ako budovatelia Babylonskej veže“) verili v Boha.

Jerry Jaroslav Krúpa



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Na snímke slovenský motocyklista Štefan Svítko počas tlačovej konferencie 19. januára 2016 v Bratislave, po návrate z 38. ročníka pretekov Rely Dakar. Na najnáročnejších vytrvalostných pretekoch obsadil druhé miesto, čo je historicky najlepšie umiestnenie rodáka spod Tatier na prestížnom podujatí.

Slovak motorcyclist Stefan Svítko is introduced at a press conference in Bratislava on January 19, 2016 after his return from the 38th annual motorcycle Rely Dakar. Svítko won second place in the competition.

Kniha Zvonice, kostoly a kalvárie Slovenska

Pozoruhodné a zaujímavé menšie prevažne cirkevne stavby a iné objekty i umelecké diela textom a fotografiami predstavuje Pavol Škubla v novej knihe Zvonice, kostoly a kalvárie Slovenska. Jej podtitul Morové stĺpy, drevené kostolíky, kaplnky, božie muky nevystihuje celý obsah, pretože sú v nej aj lurdské jaskyne, kláštory, lapidária, rotundy, maľované a iné kríže, mosty, epitafy, vitráže, erby, sochy či nástenné a iné maľby.

Podľa Magdalény Gocníkovej z vydavateľstva Perfekt, ktoré knihu vydalo, autor precestoval krížom-krážom Slovensko. Dôverne ho pozná a z vyše 400 miest, mestečiek, dedínok i malých osád vybral veci, na ktoré nielen ich obyvatelia majú právo byť pyšní. A nie iba preto, že niektoré sú aj kultúrne pamiatky. Kniha formou cestopisu zároveň predstavuje remeselnú zručnosť našich predkov, ktorí premenili kameň, drevo a iný materiál na výnimočné stavby a umelecké artefakty. Niektoré poklady našej histórie sú všeobecne známe, iné sú trochu zabudnuté v neznámych končinách.

Čitateľ sa dozvie, že najstarší rímsky nápis na Slovensku je v murive kostola v Boldogu, ako vyzerá pamätná tabuľa geometrického stredu Európy v Kremnických Baniach, že kostol v Kaplnke sa považuje za prvú gotickú stavbu u nás, prečo ženy v Očovej udržiavajú tradície vyšívania chrámových prestieraní krivou ihlou, kde je najkrajšia kalvária, že v Očkove je priehľadne zakrytá kniežacia mohyla, pri Rotunde sv. Juraja v Nitrianskej Blatnici je replika dreveného obydlia z 9. storočia, alebo, prečo sa vyrezávajú a maľované detvianske kríže stali súčasťou symbolického cintorína pri Popradskom plesu.

V kostole v Pôtri možno obdivovať oltár v štýle manierizmu a maľovaný drevený renesančný strop s kvetinovými vzormi, v púťovom mieste Studnička v Starých Horách zasa široké ružencové schody z červeného kameňa, v obci Leles 70-metrový kamenný Most sv. Gottharda zo 14. storočia. Najstarší drevený kostol z druhej polovice 15. storočia v Hervartove výnimočne patriaci rímskokatolíckej cirkvi nemá ikonostas, ale iné sakrálné vzácnosti. Autor informuje aj o rôznych ďalších zaujímavých súvislostiach v obciach a mestách. Napríklad, že v Sebechleboch majú tretí najstarší (z roku 1219) písomný záznam o pestovaní viniča na Slovensku.

Vyššie 250-stranová kniha je členená podľa troch zemepisných častí, od západoslovenskej obce Michal na Ostrove cez stredné Slovensko až po dedinu Prikra. Tá je typickým príkladom vyľudňovania obcí na severovýchodnom Slovensku, keď v roku 1940 v nej žilo 160 obyvateľov a pri poslednom sčítaní v roku 2013 tam už bolo iba osem ľudí.

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Livia Klausová zostane aj naďalej veľvyslankyňou na Slovensku

Česká veľvyslankyňa v Sýrii Eva Filipi a na Slovensku Livia Klausová akceptovali dočasné riešenie navrhnuté ministerstvom zahraničných vecí, ktoré ich obe – napriek tomu, že nespĺňajú podmienku prijatého služobného zákona – udrží na postoch veľvyslankyň aj v novom roku, informoval 30. decembra 2015. Novelu zákona, ktorá mala vyriešiť, že už dosiahli vek 70 rokov, nestihol parlament prijať včas.

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Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

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ÚRADNÝ ORGÁN PRVEJ KATOLÍCKEJ SLOVENSKEJ JEDNOTY V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH A V KANADE

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M. Lajčák má plnú podporu vlády, ak bude kandidovať za generálneho tajomníka OSN

Zoznam kandidátov na post generálneho tajomníka Organizácie Spojených národov (OSN) má byť hotový v marci. Členské štáty dostali v decembri list, aby navrhli svojich uchádzačov o túto funkciu. Slovensko tak zatiaľ nespravilo. Ako uviedol šéf Tlačového a informačného odboru Úradu vlády SR Erik Tomáš, v prípade, ak súčasný minister zahraničných vecí Miroslav Lajčák prijme kandidatúru, tak bude jediným nominantom vlády SR na tento post. „Má jej plnú podporu,“ dodal. Minister podľa hovorca rezortu diplomacie Petra Stana oznámi vo vhodnom čase, či do procesu vstúpi podaním svojej kandidatúry.



Miroslav Lajčák

Svoj záujem netají ani bývalý minister zahraničných vecí a súčasný osobitný predstaviteľ generálneho tajomníka OSN v Iraku Ján Kubiš. Aktuálnemu šéfovi tejto medzinárodnej organizácie Pan Ki-munovi vyprší mandát koncom tohto roka.

Generálneho tajomníka vymenúva na päť rokov Valné zhromaždenie OSN. Deje sa tak po predchádzajúcom odporúčaní Bezpečnostnej rady OSN, takže päť stálych členov rady má v tejto otázke prakticky právo veta. V súlade s nepísanými pravidlami generálny tajomník nepochádza zo žiadnej z týchto piatich mocností (USA, Rusko, Čína, Veľká Británia a Francúzsko). Dodržiava sa tiež tradícia rotácie postu medzi jednotlivými kontinentmi.

Poslední štyria generálni tajomníci pochádzali z Peru, Egypta, Ghany a Južnej Kórey. Pozorovatelia predpokladajú, že tentoraz by ho mohol obsadiť uchádzač z východoeurópskej skupiny.

Oficiálnymi kandidátmi sú za Slovensko exprezident Danilo Türk, za Macedónsko bývalý predseda Valného zhromaždenia OSN Srgjan Kerim a za Bulharsko súčasná šéfká UNESCO Irina Bokovová. Tej médiá dávajú najväčšiu šancu uspieť.

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Na Slovensku začala púť relikvií sv. Terézie z Lisieux

Dvojtýždňová púť začala v Bratislave. Slovenskí rehoľníci relikvie prevzali od francúzskej komunity sestier bosých karmelitánok z Lisieux. Poputujú na viac než 25 miestach na celom Slovensku. Ich cesta, ktorou vyvrcholí slovenská oslava Roka zasväteného života, sa uskutoční od 10. do 24. januára. Sv. Terézia z Lisieux je jednou z najobľúbenejších svätých. Zomrela, keď mala len 24 rokov. Je patrónkou misií, hoci v nich nikdy nebola a ani nepracovala. Je učiteľkou cirkvi, aj keď okrem vlastného životopisu a niekoľkých úvah a básní nenapísala žiadnu teologickú prácu či spis.



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Relikvie sv. Terézie z Lisieux privítali 10. januára 2016 na Slovensku.

The relics of Saint Theresa of Lisieux were on display in Bratislava and then taken to more than 25 towns in Slovakia January 10-24, 2016.



Na snímke vystúpenie detí zo Slovenskej školy pri kostole Sv. Jána Nepomuckého počas Mikulášskeho odpoľudnia 6. decembra 2015 v New York City.

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E. Jurinová a B. Škripek navštívia Slovákov žijúcich v Amerike...

Podpredsedníčka NR SR Erika Jurinová a europoslanec Branislav Škripek (obaja OĽaNO) cestujú na pozvanie krajských spolkov na zahraničnú pracovnú cestu do Kanady a USA. Stretnú sa tam predovšetkým so zahraničnými Slovákami, úspešnými podnikateľmi, politikmi so slovenskými koreňmi, ale tiež so zástupcami kultúrnych a spoločenských spolkov zachovávajúcich slovenské tradície. Absolvujú aj rozhovory s konzervatívnymi kanadskými a americkými politikmi a vymenia si názory na súčasné spoločstvo – politické dianie vo svete. „Spolupráca so slovenskými komunitami v zahraničí by mala byť dôležitou súčasťou zahraničnej politiky štátu. Tieto komunity pomáhajú k propagácii Slovenska, prezentujú našu kultúru, podporujú turizmus, nadväzujú vzťahy a kontakty, vrátane obchodných vzťahov. Aj preto ma mrzí, že sú zanedbávané a doteraz sme nevyužili ich potenciál,“ uviedla Erika Jurinová.

V zahraničí žije približne 1,3 milióna Slovákov, ktorí podľa oboch poslancov predstavujú dôležitý zahraničnopolitický aj hospodársky potenciál. „Musím, žiaľ, skonštatovať, že slovenská spoločnosť si dosiaľ nedokázala vytvoriť k zahraničným Slovákom adekvátny vzťah. A takisto ani jedna doterajšia politická garnitúra neprejavila dostatok záujmu o problémy a spoluprácu s komunitou Slovákov, najmä od Slovenska na západ, čo považujem za obrovskú chybu. Je načase to zmeniť,“ dodal poslanec Európskeho parlamentu Branislav Škripek. Počas 6-dňovej pracovnej cesty do Kanady a USA navštívia poslanci Toronto, New York aj menšie mestá v Kanade a USA. V Kanade sa stretnú s honorárnym konzulom Michaelom Martincekom, predsedom Kanadskej základiny pre umenie a divadlo Dušanom Tóthom, veľvyslancom Slovenskej republiky Andrejom Drobom, s podnikateľmi slovenského pôvodu, porozprávajú sa s inšpiratívnymi kanadskými politikmi, zúčastnia sa kultúrnych i náboženských podujatí. V USA, v New Yorku navštívia slovenskú školu, stretnú sa s jej učiteľkami, s veľvyslancom Slovenskej republiky na Misií SR pri OSN Františkom Ružičkom, generálnou konzulkou Slovenskej republiky v USA Janou Trnovecovou, s predsedom Slovenskej ligy v Amerike Danielom F. Tazonem, či šéfredaktorom „Slováka v Amerike“ Milanom Čubom.

Dôležitým aktom a súčasťou návštevy oboch poslancov v Amerike bude podpis „Memoranda Slovákov žijúcich v Spojených štátoch amerických a Kanade“, ktoré Slováci žijúci v zahraničí podpíšu pri príležitosti 100. výročia podpisu Clevelandskej dohody, ktorá bola prvým dokumentom o spoločnom postupe Čechov a Slovákov v boji za národné oslobodenie. Považuje sa tiež za začiatok slovenských politických snáh o národné oslobodenie Slovákov spod cudzej nadvlády, samostatnosť a vytvorenie vlastného štátu. V Memorande pripomínajú: „vždy keď bolo Slovákom na Slovensku najťažšie, dostávali konkrétnu podporu a pomoc od Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, či v časoch národnostného útlaku v Uhorsku, či v časoch ohrozenia spoločnej štátnosti s Čechmi, napadnutia Slovenska fašistickým Maďarskom v období nemeckej okupácie, komunistického prevratu, okupácie vojskami Varšavskej zmluvy, či bojov a snažení o slovenskú samostatnosť a štátnu suverenitu,“ a vyjadrujú nádej, že sa „spoločnými silami podarí dosiahnuť zmeny, o ktoré sa slovenské zahraničie dlhoročne usiluje, najmä v oblasti vzdelávania, vedy a výskumu, volebného práva, televízneho a rozhlasového vysielania, propagácie Slovenska, či kultúrnej a ekonomickej diplomacie a že spoločne prispějeme k tomu, aby sa na Slovensku upevnila demokracia a právny štát a aby najmä mladí ľudia neboli nútení odchádzať za lepším životom do cudziny, ale s pocitom vlastenectva mali záujem budovať lepšie a krajšie Slovensko.“

Erika Jurinová a Branislav Škripek chcú byť pripojením svojich podpisov garantmi aktívnych vzťahov medzi Slovenskom a zahraničnými Slovákami.

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