

Board of Directors
First Catholic Slovak Union
6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300
Independence, OH 44131
February 26, 2025

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

I attended all board meetings in person or by teleconference per the request of the president. On August 16, 2024, I attended the executive board meeting by teleconference. I attended meetings of the Frank T. Holly, Jr. District #9 in March, June and October, 2024, and two meetings of the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District #12 in April and November, 2024. On December 1, 2024 I attended the very popular Vilija dinner at the Christ Our Sheperd Center in Greensburg, PA. I attended the meeting of Branch 320 in Monessen, PA and swore in the elected officers on December 8, 2024.

Some of the other activities included attending the National Picnic in Novelty, OH on August 10, 2024 and participated in the home office tailgate party on Sept. 1, 2024 for the Cleveland Guardians vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates. My wife and I paid last respects to Audrey Balazik, a long time participant in the FCSU on February 5, 2025. I attended the summer picnic of the George Onda District in June, 2024 and the Branch 181 meeting on October 12, 2024.

I attended the Johnstown, PA Slovak Festival which was held on September 20-21, 2024. All the activities, friends, ethnic foods and drinks make it a wonderful event which I had the pleasure to experience for the past three years. Note that all of our fraternal events can be found on our website, <https://www.fcsu.com/events> and in our Jednota newspaper. 2025, the year prior to our national convention, looks to be a very active year with many activities planned locally and nationally. Please save the dates of these activities and I look forward to seeing many of our members at these events in the upcoming year.

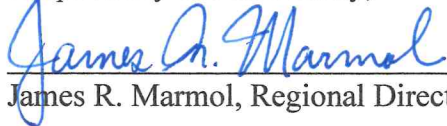
I have encouraged and invited others to become more involved with our fraternal and I look forward to even more success in the year ahead with encouragement to the youth of our society. I have maintained my Pennsylvania fraternal insurance license and acquired my certification to

sell annuities by the PA Department of Insurance and will continue to promote our insurance and annuity programs while inspiring other members to become fraternal agents.

I'd like to thank all my fraternal brothers and sisters for their past hospitality where both my wife and I were graciously welcomed at branch and district meetings and at local, regional and national events. It was a pleasure to serve as your regional director this past year and I look forward to serving my term over the next two (2) years. Our new administration continues to implement a new vision for our fraternal. I support those efforts from the home office and encourage our members to become more involved. There is much more to do to help grow our society. Please remember to include in your prayers our past brothers and sisters of our society who have departed this world and have helped our fraternal thrive.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at my home at 724-437-0892, on my cell at 724-970-7642 or by email at "jrmarmol@verizon.net". May God bless you and your family and grant your prayer requests.

Respectfully and fraternally,



James R. Marmol, Regional Director, Region IV