

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

I am proud to report that in 2024 all the active branches and districts of my Region held the required number of meetings per FCSU bylaws, while the number of members and guests attending events and activities only increased. As the Regional Director, I helped organize as well as attended many of these functions.

In March of 2024, 145 members and guests of all 6 branches of District 10 attended a minor league Cleveland Monsters hockey game in downtown Cleveland. In April, 37 members from Branches 24, 450 and 855 attended the Tamburitans concert in Eastlake, OH.

Also in April, I personally attended the FCSU National Bowling Tournament with my wife Terri in Pittsburgh. In June, I initiated and coordinated the first-ever District 14 participation in the Simply Slavic Festival in Youngstown, OH. All five active branches of District 14 agreed to reimburse their respective adult members who attended \$20 and children \$10 toward the purchase of food & beverage at this popular pan-Slavic outdoor festival. All totaled, 61 members of District 14 participated.

As mentioned in my previous reports, many members of the local Cleveland-area Slovak-American social clubs are also our members, attending the events and in many instances, volunteering to work at the events. As Regional Director for Ohio, I feel it is very important to support their efforts whenever possible. In June, when the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club hosted its annual outdoor picnic/festival at St Sava's picnic grounds in Broadview Heights, OH, I helped organize and manage the participation of four local area FCSU branches at this popular event. Members of Branches 1, 24, 450, and 855 received food & beverage tickets compliments of their branches: a total of 89 members attended. In August, I coordinated participation of 41 members from Branches 24 and 855 in the Slovak Heritage Society's annual outdoor Pig Roast at the Slovak Sokol Campground in Broadview Heights, OH. Members of these two branches received discounted dinner tickets from their participating branch.

Also in August, I contacted and encouraged members on a region-wide basis to attend the FCSU National picnic at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, OH.

Last year, members of Region 6 travelled by bus and car to PNC Park in Pittsburgh to attend the Pittsburgh Pirates/Cleveland Guardians baseball game and enjoyed a tailgate hosted by Branch 38. In September this year, Region 6 returned the courtesy when FCSU members from PA Regions 4 and 5 were invited to join Region 6 members for a Cleveland Guardians/Pittsburgh Pirates game at Progressive Field in downtown Cleveland on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. District 10 hosted a pre-game tailgate on FCSU Home Office grounds and helped sponsor buses to and from the FCSU Home Office to the ballpark. The following branches from Region 6 participated: 1, 24, 228, 450, 553, 682, 731, and 855. The following PA branches included: 38, 162, 181, and 410. In all, 165 people enjoyed a baseball game and a great tailgate with food provided and served by Branches 553 and 855.

Then in December, all branches of District 10 attended the annual Benedictine Vilija on the grounds of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. The FCSU sponsored a raffle, coordinated by members of Branch 24 and 855 that benefited the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey. Also in December, I attended and donated a prize for raffle at the District 14 Christmas party in Youngstown, OH.

I participated in all National Board Meetings and an Executive Committee Meeting by invitation of the National President.

I gratefully acknowledge the dedication of all Region 6 members who continue to keep FCSU fraternalism alive and well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Region 6 Director

Breakdown of 2024 Events Attended by Date

- 1/12: Branch 682 Meeting, Struthers, OH
- 3/16: National Board Meeting, Independence, OH
- 3/23: District 10 Minor League Hockey Game, Cleveland, OH
- 4/7: Branch 553 Meeting & District 10 Meeting, Akron, OH
- 4/14: Branch 1 Meeting, Rocky River, OH
- 4/15: Branch 228, Lorain, OH
- 4/20: Tamburitzans Concert, Eastlake, OH
- 4/26 & 27: National Bowling Tournament, Pittsburgh, PA
- 5/5: Branch 24 Meeting, Walton Hills, OH
- 5/13: Branch 855 Meeting, Strongsville, OH
- 5/19: Branch 731, Poland, OH
- 5/21: District 14 Meeting, Poland, OH
- 6/14 & 15: Simply Slavic Festival, Youngstown, OH
- 6/19: Branch 682, Struthers, OH
- 6/20: National Board Meeting, Virtual
- 6/22: Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Picnic, Broadview Hts., OH
- 8/10: National Picnic, Novelty, OH
- 8/24: Slovak Heritage Society Pig Roast, Broadview Hts., OH
- 9/01: Cleveland Guardians/Pittsburgh Pirates ball game, Cleveland, OH
- 9/12: Branch 764 Meeting, Warren, OH
- 9/13: Branch 450 Member Anna Carny funeral, Parma, OH
- 9/14: National Board Meeting, Independence, OH
- 9/16: Branch 228 Meeting, Lorain, OH
- 9/17: Mass for Slovak Clergy, Youngstown, OH
- 10/18: Executive Committee Meeting, Virtual
- 11/10: Branch 24 Meeting, Walton Hills, OH
- 11/17: Branch 553, Akron, OH
- 11/19: District 14 Meeting, Poland, OH
- 11/23: Branch 450 Meeting, Parma, OH

- 11/30: Branch 855 Meeting, North Royalton, OH
- 12/1: Stedry Večer, Greensburg, PA
- 12/4: Branch 259 Meeting, Lowellville, OH
- 12/8: Benedictine Vilija, Cleveland, OH
- 12/10: District 14 Meeting/Christmas Party, Youngstown, OH
- 12/14: National Board Meeting, Virtual
- 12/15: Slovak Heritage Society Christmas Party, Walton Hills, OH