

# Travels with the FCSU Challenge Cup: "A Drive through Fayette County, PA"

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## The FCSU Cup Challenge

Since its inception and approval in early 2019, the FCSU Challenge Cup has represented and encouraged friendly competition among members throughout our great Society. Overall winners of any FCSU Contest have their names placed on the FCSU Challenge Cup. Points are awarded to each Region based on how their members finish in each of the FCSU fraternal events in a given calendar year. Then, at the end of each calendar year, the Region with the highest point total for all the FCSU contests has their Region's number placed on the Cup, and the winning Region wins three weeks with the Cup.

## Travels with the Cup, 2020 Style

The idea was to have the FCSU Cup travel around the country from winning Region to winning Region. The Region with the Cup would then be encouraged to take pictures with their families and fellow members, and send them into Jednota for publication.

As it happens, the first full year of the FCSU "Traveling" Challenge Cup was 2020. The year of the pandemic, with all its many shutdowns, restrictions, and regulations. So while hearty congratulations are in order to everyone who got their name placed on the Cup –let's give an extra special thanks to the intrepid Jim Marmol, Director of the "back to back" winning Region 4 for 2019 and 2020. As his pictures show, Jim found a clever way to "travel" with the FCSU Challenge Cup, even during these unprecedented times.

I know you all will join me in congratulating all winners, including Region 4, and in saying – way to go, Jim!

Kevin Collins, National Fraternal Activities Director



Sending a shout-out to all the health care officials that have helped everyone through the Pandemic.



This is the front of St. Mary's Nativity R.C. Church, home of branch 162, my home parish.



The former National Guard Base to be transformed into the new \$51 million dollar Fayette County Prison.



This is the World War II memorial that I designed for a local veterans group. Jednota covered the story in 2008 when it was started.

## Names on the FCSU Challenge Cup

<u>WINNER NUMBER:</u>	<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>FIRST NAME:</u>	<u>LAST NAME:</u>	<u>REGION:</u>
<b>2019</b>					
1	2019	March Madness	Betty	Rozzell	4
2	2019	KY. Derby Hat Contest	Morgan	Murphy	5
3	2019	Bowling Tournament	Vernon E.	Smith Sr.	4
4	2019	Golf Tournament	Lynn	Johnston	4
5	2019	Photography Contest	Janet	Ball	4
6	2019	Gingerbread House	Joan	Tkach	1
7	2019	Kids Coloring Contest	Michaela	Hilley	3
8	2019	Young At Heart	Clement	Adams	5
9	2019	Loser's Pool	Hank	Sterling	2
10	2019	Overall Points Winner	James	Marmol	4
<b>2020</b>					
11	2020	KY. Derby Hat Contest	Jeanne	Oost	7
12	2020	Tree Decorating Contest	MacMath	Family	1
13	2020	Ugly Sweater Contest	Ronald	Boone	4
14	2020	Kids Coloring Contest	Bridget	Fay	3
15	2020	Young At Heart	Fred	Kardohely	4
16	2020	Loser's Pool	Karen	Sterling	2
17	2020	Loser's Pool	Anna Mae	Nasta	2
18	2020	Overall Points Winner	James	Marmol	4



Scenic Overlook on Route 40



Blue Star Memorial Highway which pays tribute to U.S. Armed Forces.



Historic Summit Inn along Route 40 near the Blue Star Memorial.



Braddock's Grave along Route 40



Fort Necessity and Washington Tavern along Route 40



Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, a 5 star resort along Route 40



Lady Luck Casino on the Nemacolin property along Route 40



Here I am with the Cup (masks off as we were in the same household!) beside Ohiopyle Falls. The Falls are in Ohiopyle State Park, the 3rd largest state park in PA.

The historic landmark of Fallingwater, a 1935 house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright in southwest Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands; unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the Cup & I did venture onto the property.



Jumonville with a cross that stands 60 feet tall. It is called the "Great Cross of Christ" and you can see the USX Tower in Pittsburgh, PA, which houses the office of UPMC.



The Uniontown Post Office where the cup will be taken to return to the home office.

All photos and captions courtesy of James Marmol.