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### Update From The President

As we reflect on our organization's impressive 134-year legacy, we are reminded of the strong foundation built by generations of dedicated members. Our financial stability and rich history are testaments to the unwavering commitment of those who came before us. However, to ensure our continued success and relevance, we must focus on the future and the vital role that younger members will play in shaping our path forward.

We are at a moment where the engagement and leadership of younger members are more crucial than ever. Their fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and boundless energy are exactly what we need to propel FCSU Financial® into a new era of excellence. As current members, you have the unique opportunity to mentor and guide these future leaders, helping them navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

FCSU Financial® offers a wealth of benefits designed to support personal and professional growth. From local and national leadership roles to scholarships that can ease the financial burden of education, we are committed to providing resources that will help younger members succeed. These opportunities are not just about enhancing resumes; they are about building a network of support and mentorship that will last a lifetime.

Beyond the professional advantages, our fraternal is a vibrant community that values camaraderie and social engagement. We host a variety of events, including bowling and golf tournaments, baseball games, picnics, dinners, and festivals, all

## FOR GOD AND NATION - ZA BOHA A NÁROD



Father Stephen Furdek and twelve other men formed the First Catholic Slovak Union in 1890. The Jednota branches were instrumental in the founding of hundreds of Catholic parishes in the United States and Canada. The first edition of its renowned bilingual newspaper was published

in 1891. Today, *Jednota* is still read by members and people interested in Catholic and Slovak life all over the world.



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## Message from the National Chaplain

The North American Martyrs, whose feast we celebrate on October 19, were seventeenth century Jesuit missionaries from France sent to bring the Gospel to the Native Americans. Each had a particular trait found in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12), which also happens to be the Gospel reading almost 2 weeks later on November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Noël Chabanel (1613-1649) thrived in the world of academia as a university professor, but reluctantly accepted an assignment as a missionary to North America. He had a most difficult time adjusting to everyday life in the New World. He detested the food and attempted but just could not learn the language of the native peoples. He longed to return to France and the classroom, but made a personal vow remain unless ordered to do so by his religious superiors. A Huron convert who subsequently denounced the faith killed Noël Chabanel. He was the last of the 8 to be martyred.

**Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.** After hearing Jean de Brébeuf and others give testimony of their missionary work in New France, including tales of the hardships and tortures, Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) welcomed his assignment to join them. He underwent unspeakable tortures, including the mutilation of his fingers. Nevertheless, he continued to baptize and hear confessions and give comfort to prisoners. Pope Urban VIII granted him a dispensation to offer Mass with his mutilated hands. He was killed in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, which is west of Auriesville, NY, and his body was thrown into the Mohawk River.

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.** Charles Garnier (1606-1649) was assigned to bring the Gospel to the Hurons, who would take turns with the Iroquois raiding each other's camps. He fell victim to one of these raids.

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.** Jean de Brébeuf (1593-1649) was ordained a priest in 1622 and assigned to New France to evangelize the Hurons. He not only learned their language but also their oratory style. He looked for parallels between Huron religious practices and Christianity to help with his work of evangelization. The Iroquois in one of their raids took him captive along with fellow Jesuit missionary Gabriel Lalemant. Both suffered burns and mutilation before undergoing ritual torture, including having boiling water poured over their heads to mock Baptism. He remained stoic throughout this painful ordeal. Jean de Brébeuf was burned at the stake.

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.** René Goupil (1608-1642) was a physician and surgeon who desired to serve God as a lay missionary. He volunteered to go to New France and he worked at a hospital caring for the sick and wounded in the Jesuit mission in Québec. In 1642, he received permission to join Isaac Jogues in his mission. He was mortally wounded after being seen teaching a Mohawk boy the Sign of the Cross. Before taking his final breath, he pronounced vows as a Jesuit brother before Isaac Jogues, who also gave him absolution. René Goupil was the first of the North American Martyrs to suffer death.

**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.** Antoine Daniel (1601-1648) was a college teacher for nearly 10 years before heading to New France. He learned the Huron language and translated the Our Father, the Creed, and other prayers. One day in July 1648 while he was offering Mass and the Huron men were away, the Iroquois raided his village. He baptized as many of the women, children, and older men present in the chapel as possible and urged them to flee for their safety. He slowly approached the Iroquois while still wearing his Mass vestments, but they shot him, took his body to the chapel, and then set the chapel on fire.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.** Jean de Lalande (d. 1646) was 19 when he arrived in New France to serve as a lay brother. He along with Isaac Jogues attempted to bring peace to the Mohawks, but became victims of their attacks. The day after Isaac Jogues was killed, Jean de Lalande went searching for his body. However, he ended up being captured and killed.

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Gabriel Lalemant (1610-1649) suffered from poor health His repeated requests to be sent to New France were eventually granted and he arrived in Québec in 1646. In March 1649, nearly 1,200 Iroquois attacked the settlement where he and Jean de Brébeuf were working. Both were captured and underwent a series of horrific and unspeakable tortures. He was killed a day after Jean de Brébeuf lost his life.

**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.** Fueling the hostility shown towards the North American martyrs was the vulnerability of the Native Americans to some sicknesses and diseases the missionaries brought with them from Europe and had some natural immunity. The North American Martyrs ranged in age from 36 to 56 at the time of their deaths. Their courage and steadfastness remain an inspiration to everyone.



Rev. Thomas Nasta  
Chaplain

## MISSION STATEMENT

Since 1890 the FCSU mission has been to provide financial security for our members through competitive investment products, while offering fraternal and cultural benefits through community-based member events.

## VISION STATEMENT

Enhancing your financial future through fraternalism.

## Executive Secretary's Message

FCSU Financial was a proud sponsor of the Slovak Pro Summit Program that was recently held in New York City on September 23-24, 2024 at the new Consulate General of Slovakia offices.

Slovak Pro was founded to help young Slovaks meet professionals throughout the country. It was exciting to see leaders from Slovakia achieving successful positions and promoting our heritage in the US. Some in attendance included CEOs, one former Slovak NHL Stanley Cup Winner, a Professor of Finance, an Astrophysicist and Space Research Scientist and several Attorneys.

I was proud to represent the First Catholic Slovak Union and its members at this event.

It was an honor to meet and talk to the President of Slovakia, Peter Pellegrini, Ambassador of Slovakia in the U.S., Radovan Javorcik and Consul General of Slovakia in New York, Milan Vrbovsky. They extended their greetings to all members of the FCSU. We are looking to grow our relationship with this organization and to be able to have their members join FCSU in the future.



**Kevin J. Collins**  
Executive Secretary, COO



Dominika Durovcikova - Researcher at the MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research



President of Slovakia Peter Pellegrini



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designed to foster strong bonds among our members. These activities are not only fun but also provide a platform for building lasting friendships and creating cherished memories.

FCSU Financial® is proudly multi-generational, and we encourage you to involve your family members in our activities. By inviting younger relatives to join, we can ensure that our values and traditions are passed down through the generations. This not only strengthens our fraternal but also enriches the lives of our members and their families.

We understand that encouraging younger members to take on leadership roles and participate in fraternal activities requires a significant commitment of time and energy. However, we firmly believe that the rewards far outweigh the effort. By reaching out and inviting younger colleagues and family members to join our fraternal, you will not only contribute to our success but also help them develop invaluable skills and experiences that will benefit them throughout their lives and careers.

To our current members, we encourage you to share your experiences and the positive impact that being a part of this community has had on your life. Your stories and mentorship can inspire the next generation to take an active role. Together, we can ensure that our fraternal remains a strong organization for many years to come.

Let us embrace this opportunity to grow, innovate, and lead with the same passion and dedication that has defined our fraternal for over a century. We look forward to seeing the incredible contributions that our younger members will bring to our community, guided by your support and encouragement.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## NOVEMBER 2024

- 11/1** Branch 401 - Meeting, Vandergrift, PA (Election)
- 11/2** Branch 200 - Giving Thanks Dance, Ford City, PA
- 11/3** Branch 382 - Meeting, Dunmore, PA (Election and RSVP)
- 11/3** District 19 - Mass/Banquet, Mississauga, Ontario
- 11/7** Branch 200 - Meeting, Ford City, PA (Election)
- 11/8** Branch 746 - Mass, Linden, NJ
- 11/9** District 11 - Meeting, Ford City, PA (Election)
- 11/10** Branch 19 - Zoom Meeting (Election)
- 11/10** Branch 24 - Meeting, Walton Hills, OH (Election and RSVP by 11-4)
- 11/10** Branch 166 - Meeting, Binghamton, NY (Election and RSVP by 10-19)
- 11/10** Branch 853 - Meeting, Charleroi, PA (Election)
- 11/10** District 16 - Meeting, New York, NY (Election)
- 11/10** Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Contest Deadline
- 11/13** Branch 38 - Zoom Meeting (Election)
- 11/14** Branch 764 - Meeting, Warren, OH (Election)
- 11/17** Branch 23 - Meeting, Johnstown, PA (Election)
- 11/17** Branch 60 - Meeting, Irwin, PA (Election)
- 11/17** Branch 276 - Meeting, McKeesport, PA (Election)
- 11/17** Branch 553 - Meeting, Akron, OH (Election)
- 11/17** Branch 731 - Meeting, Boardman, OH (Election)
- 11/19** District 14 - Meeting, Poland, OH (Election)
- 11/22** Branch 367 - Meeting, Uniontown, PA (Election)
- 11/23** Branch 450 - Meeting, Parma, OH (Election)
- 11/24** District 6 - Meeting, West Mifflin, PA (Election)
- 11/26** Branch 162 - Christmas Tree Project, Uniontown, PA
- 11/28** Home Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/29** Home Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/30** Branch 844 - Meeting, Fullerton, CA (Election)
- 11/30** Branch 855 - Meeting, N. Royalton, OH (RSVP and Election)
- 11/30** District 15 - Meeting, Fullerton, CA (Election)

For more information, go to the Branch and District announcement pages.

## October Reflection

Recently I discovered a delightful booklet: Praying the Rosary with St. John Paul II.

With brilliant Scriptural reflection the Pope describes how “Against the background of the words ‘Ave Maria’ there pass before the eyes of the soul the main episodes in the life of Jesus Christ. They are composed altogether of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through—we could say—his Mother’s heart.” (Angelus 10-29-1978). On October 16, 2002, at the start of the Year of the Rosary, in recognition of the public life of Jesus, Pope John Paul II published the Apostolic Letter, “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary” in which he added five luminous mysteries to the traditional fifteen meditated on in the rosary.

Who better than Pope St. John Paul II can inspire us with a great love for Mary and her Rosary? After his own mother died when he was nine years old, he chose Mary to be as his Mother and dedicated his life to her care. Let us imitate him by placing our lives into Mother Mary’s care. May she help us to see Jesus daily in each person and circumstance.

*Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.*



### HOLY MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY (O MÁRIA RUŽENCOVÁ)

(Poetic translation in line with Slovak hymn melody)

Holy Mary, Queen and Maiden of the Rosary,  
To your loving care we hasten, hold us tenderly.  
As Mother of the Rosary, Hear your children’s fervent plea.  
May your Son, with love and mercy, bless us.

Holy Rosary, Heaven’s blessing, which God for us,  
Gift received by holy Dom’nic, now is shared with us.  
Most fragrant flow’rs, roses bright, garland woven with delight,  
Mary’s life and intercession, show us what is right.

These choice blossoms, like your caring, draw us to your side,  
Comfort us with gentle kindness, call us to confide.  
May your tender love embrace, guard each child in every place.  
Guide us home to Heaven’s glory, by God’s gen’rous grace.

Here on earth no other treasure brings us peace that lasts;  
Neither pearls, nor gold, or silver, precious jewels surpass.  
This our cherished Rosary, leads us toward eternity,  
Where with Jesus and His Mother we’ll live happily.

### Ó MÁRIA RUŽENCOVÁ

Ó Mária Ružencová, naša patrónka!  
My sa k tebe utiekame, čistá Panenka.  
Tys’ Matka dobrotivá, patrónka ružencová:  
Primlúvaj sa vždycky za nás u svojho Syna.

Ten tvoj svätý ruženeček, ktorý nám dala,  
Skrz svätého Dominaka nám ho poslala,  
Je z krásnych rúž pletený, vnebesiach zostavený,  
Aby hriešnik bol na zemi ním potešený.

Tie ruže nad všetky kvety sú spanilejšie  
A v ruženci tom spojené sú najvonnejšie;  
Krásna vôňa je jeho pre kresťana každého;  
Veď Mária nám ho dala z trónu svojeho.

Na tom svete nechcem iné mať potešenie,  
Ani perly, striebro, zlato, drahé kamenie:  
Moje drahoceny je ruženec jediný  
A s ním Ježiš, ten Baránok Boží nevinný.



## LIGHT ONE CANDLE

### Young People Tap into Creativity

Fr. Ed Dougherty, M.M.,  
The Christophers’ Board of Directors

Every year, for more than three decades now, The Christophers have sponsored two contests for young people that invite them to tap into their creative sides. Our Video Contest for College Students asks entrants to create a video or film (five minutes or less) that communicates the belief that one person can make a difference. Similarly, our High School Poster Contest asks students to interpret the theme “You Can Make a Difference.”

With schools back in session, this would be the perfect time to tell the young people in your life about our contests. Not only do they offer an opportunity to win prizes, they highlight the love, faith, hope, and charity that the youth of today incorporate into their lives.

For instance, first prize in The Christophers’ 36th Annual Video Contest for College Students went to Alexandra Carson, a film and television major at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO. Her winning video, titled “My Friend, David,” documents the life of her older brother David, who has low-functioning autism. Alexandra succeeded brilliantly in allowing viewers to get to know the human being behind the autism diagnosis. In her narration, she states, “[David] shows me what it means to be alive...Whatever he feels, he feels with his whole being. He exists only in the moment...loves with everything he has.”

“When I mention David...has autism,” Alexandra continued, “most people freeze up. They don’t know what to say, how they should feel...To some, autism is this great ‘other.’ It exists outside of their universe...When it confronts them, they shut down...maybe, it’s fear. Fear of saying the wrong thing...of offending...of looking ignorant...We can’t always be right, but we can always try. And when that fear doesn’t hold us back, doesn’t stop us from...trying, from asking questions and making mistakes, from improving and growing, then maybe the world can change. Maybe, understanding can deepen. I don’t...pretend to be any sort of expert on autism, nor is this some great moral narrative. It just is. David just is...David...isn’t the lesson, but maybe, you can be.”

What a lovely tribute from a sister to a brother! And what an ideal reminder that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and worthy of respect, no matter what challenges we deal with.

The first prize winner in our 34th Annual Poster Contest for High School Students looked at creation itself and what role we play in it. Mattelyn Hall, a senior at Groesbeck High School, located in Groesbeck, TX, utilized watercolor paints to recreate a photo of herself and her fellow Agriculture Club (AG) members tending to their communal garden’s array of crops.

“In this picture, my AG teacher, peers, and I were digging up potatoes,” Mattelyn recalled. “We dug up around 100...that day and donated them to school staff...I believe that growing one’s own food, understanding the hard work that goes into farming, and learning about agriculture is incredibly important...So...the poster has two main messages: give back to the earth, and the importance of agricultural education.”

If you know any high school or college students with artistic or creative talents—and who are looking for ways to tap into the “better angels” of their nature—please encourage them to look at [Christophers.org/youth](http://Christophers.org/youth) for more information about past winners and entry forms for this year’s contests.

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

*The Home Office Will be Closed on  
Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th  
in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

## Branch 23 at the 2024 Johnstown Slavic Festival

On September 20-21, Branch 23 of Johnstown participated in the Annual Slavic Fest, held at the Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center. This is our 9th year representing Jednota, the First Catholic Slovak Union. A lot of people attended and enjoyed a variety of Slovak food and Slovak music, including the folklore ensemble Vagonár, which Dr. Kopanic helped arrange to come to the USA and Johnstown. There were others from First Catholic Slovak Union that came to join us: Greg Maurer, Regional Director, Jim Marmol and his wife Patty, and Jim Bench and his wife Kay. Dr. Michael Kopanic, the Recording Secretary was often taking photos. Other Branch 23 members who came were President Marian Hockycko and her son Mitchell, Annette Fenimore, Auditor, and Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary. It is always a pleasant and enjoyable time.

*Submitted by Theresa Cassat and edited Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.*



Children with Annette Fenimore, Dr. Michael Kopanic, and Theresa Cassat



Patty Marmol, Theresa Cassat, Mitch Hockycko, and Marian Hockycko

# 2024 SPOOKTACULAR Pumpkin Carving Contest

## Enter if You Dare!

Monsters are prowling and werewolves are howling, as witches take flight on their brooms.

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Jack-O-Lanterns glare in frightful delight, as they glow in the dark on Halloween night.

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Carve your **SCARIEST** **MOST ARTISTIC** or **\*MOST REALISTIC\*** pumpkin for your chance to win **\$100!**

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Your entry may be a real pumpkin or gourd of any color. Craft or foam pumpkins/gourds are not permitted.
- Pumpkins must be carved and/or shaved. Paints or markers may also be used in the design.
- Props may be attached to the pumpkin, if an integral part of the design.
- Craft machine die cuts or pre-cut decals, stickers, etc. are not permitted as part of the final design.
- Carved pumpkins should be illuminated with non-flammable candles or other battery-operated lights.
- All participants must be current members of the FCSU.
- FCSU Members may enter once per category, but cannot enter the same pumpkin in multiple categories.
- A minimum of two entries within each category and age group must be received for a prize to be awarded.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries must be received no later than **November 10, 2024**

**SUBMIT:** Three photos of your pumpkin (only the pumpkin) with the official entry form indicating your selected category.  
**1.** Photo of your pumpkin prior to carving. **2.** Photo of your fully carved pumpkin in daylight. **3.** Photo of your carved pumpkin illuminated at night.

**WINNERS:** One winner will be selected in each of the three themed categories per age group. Total of **15** winners. The decisions of independent judges are final.

**PRIZES:** **\$100** will be awarded to each individual winner.

-----**ENTRY FORM**-----

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:**  Scary  Artistic  \*Most Realistic\* **Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group:**  8-12  13-19  20-34  35-54  55 +

**Email your photos (jpeg) and entry form to:** [Contest@FCSU.com](mailto:Contest@FCSU.com) with "Pumpkin Contest" in the subject line. Or mail your entry form and photos to: Joanne Fibbi, 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

\* Most Realistic is the depiction of an animal, fictional/movie character or real person (living or dead.) \*

### Newly Elected Officers - District 3



Left to right: Kirstin Meyer (Secretary), Darlene Patty (Vice President), William (Bill) Patty (President), Father Aron Maghsoudi (Chaplain), and Bernie Vadas (Treasurer)

### Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern PA



Pictured are board members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania along with their new Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC. Seated, left to right are: Helen Bacumpas (Branch 152), Anthony Palischak, Anna Hudock (Branch 173), and Dorothy Sullivan (Branch 419). Standing left to right are: Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC (Branch 173), Michael Stretanski (Branch 173), Elaine Palischak, and Robert Zavada (Branch 5). Absent was Constance Plewniak.



# THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC. 2024 SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS DUE 10-31-24

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**Jednota Benevolent Foundation Award Criteria:**

1. Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who is currently enrolled in college or another post secondary educational institution is eligible for a Scholarship.
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  - Leadership
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  - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
  - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
  - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
  - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
  - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
  - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

*Applicants, even those who are previous recipients of this scholarship, may apply yearly.*



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**THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN (10) \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.**

*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.*



## Welcome New Members



**District 12 announces the arrival of Isaac Hall III**

Isaac Lamont Hall III is seen with his mom, Destyni Hall (Branch 670). Issac is a 5th generation FCSU Member. Maureen Massafra (District 12, Treasurer is grandmother, and Cheryl Hyatt (District 12, President) is great-grandmother. May God's blessings be with Isaac now and forever.

*Submitted by Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary*



## MEMBER TRAVEL ADVENTURES

*We love to share growth adventures with our members. Do you have a special travel story to share? A mission trip? A trip to the homeland? If you'd like to share it with Jednota readers, please submit a story with photos for consideration. Provide your branch number and answer the questions Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How? when writing your submission.*



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Sts. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

# 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**November 3, 2024**  
Mass: 10:30 am Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church  
5255 Thornwood Drive, Mississauga  
Banquet Immediately Following Mass:  
Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall  
35 Brunel Rd., Mississauga



Ticket Prices: Deadline October 20, 2024  
Adults: \$70 Children 6-12 years old: \$35 Children under 6: FREE  
For tickets call: Anne Mitro: 905-279-8154 or Parish Office: 905-712-1200 or scan:





## Region 1 Pilgrimage to Marian Shrine, NY

On Sunday, September 8, 2024, under a clear sky and the gentle sound of birdsong, St. John Nepomucene / St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish, in collaboration with Region 1 Jednota members (Branches 45 and 716 from NYC, and Branch 746 from Linden, NJ), organized a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, NY. The day began with a Slovak-language Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. Stefan Chanas, Pastor of the parish, at the Outdoor Altar, a beautiful white marble structure erected during the Marian Year of 1954. Father Chanas reminded attendees of the importance of prayer and giving gratitude.

Nestled in a serene, wooded area overlooking the Hudson River, the Marian Shrine has been under the care of the Salesians of Don Bosco since they purchased the estate in 1945. Following Mass, the pilgrims had a wonderful lunch which included the gulas, hot dogs, hamburgers, and other goodies. The day concluded with recitation of the rosary at the Rosary Madonna statue, a 48-foot-tall bronze figure weighing 6½ tons, which stands atop a pedestal of Vermont stone. Designed by Martin Lumen Winer and cast in Italy in 1959, the statue was blessed by Pope John XXIII and remains a cherished symbol of devotion. A heartfelt thank you to all the organizers, volunteers, and pilgrims from the Slovak parishes of NY and NJ.



*Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Region 1 Director*



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**34th Annual Pittsburgh Slovak Heritage Festival**

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 12pm to 4pm, the Slovak Studies Program will host the 34th Annual Slovak Heritage Festival in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus. Take your family for a joyous day of Slovak culture, music, history, food and education. The Slavik Languages and Literatures Department at the University of Pittsburgh is the only permanent Slovak Studies Program in the US. Their goal is to encourage young people to learn more about Slovakia, the role of Slovaks in America, and to promote and preserve Slovak heritage, language, and culture.

# DOG DAYS OF SUMMER 2024 PHOTO CONTEST

Without a doubt our furry family members ruled the summer of 2024. Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. With nearly 120 entries, the competition was as heated as the summer weather, and required several rounds of judging to select the finalists.

Each entry was judged within one of four categories, Playing Around, Keeping Cool, Looking Alike and Making Mischief. Members submitted photos of pets wearing their shades, floating on rafts, lounging at the pool, and walking on the beach. While others were busy tearing pillows apart and shredding toilet paper. Some members showed extraordinary skills with great photo composition. They also captured beautiful scenery and submitted many delightful poses of adorable pets. Ultimately, the finalists were chosen based on the best representation of the summertime theme and categories. Judging was anonymous, as photos were reviewed without member or branch information attached.

Finalists will receive monetary prizes of \$200 - 1st place, \$150 - 2nd place, \$100 - 3rd place, \$50 - 4th place. Thanks to all for sharing the great photos of your four-legged family members.

## PLAYING AROUND FINALISTS

### FIRST PLACE

**BOOMER "Making A Splash"**  
Julia Glogvosky - Branch 153



Get the shot, I'm not doing this again.

### SECOND PLACE

**SADIE "Caught Stealing"**  
Carol Galinsky - Branch 746



Who doesn't love a hot dog at the ballgame.

### THIRD PLACE

**MACY & DIXIE "Sharing in the Pool"**  
Melissa Droschak - Branch 60



Going for the gold in synchronized swimming.

### FOURTH PLACE

**BAXTER "I Saw a Fish"**  
Rachel Fibbi - Branch 587



No you catch it, I don't want to get wet.

## KEEPING COOL FINALISTS

### FIRST PLACE

**CHICKEN "Keeping Cool in the Sand"**  
Steven Huie - Branch 746



I get more attention than any other chick on the beach.

### SECOND PLACE

**ROMEO "Cooling Summer Treat"**  
Gabriel Monteleone - Branch 85



Watch me, this is the way to lick ice cream.

### THIRD PLACE

**DUNKIN "Hose Fight"**  
Mary Dubber - Branch 1



Look out flamingos, I'm coming in.

### FOURTH PLACE

**NALA "Chillin Out in the Shade"**  
Jeanine Mazak-Kahne - Branch 401



Fresh cut grass is canine catnip!



# LOOKING ALIKE FINALISTS

## FIRST PLACE

SI "Bald But Beautiful"  
David Oost - Branch 313



Beyond Words!

## SECOND PLACE

REX "Chilin' Together"  
Linda Gourash - Branch 60



Whose beard is better groomed?

## THIRD PLACE

BAXTER "Thing 1 and Thing 2"  
Kayla Fibbi - Branch 587



We just won 1st place in a look alike contest.

## FOURTH PLACE

WILLOW "Ready for Kitty College"  
Anna Jackson - Branch 153



Every day's a good hair day.

# MAKING MISCHIEF FINALISTS

## FIRST PLACE

KEMPER "Let Me Out"  
John Petrilak - Branch 746



I was a stray -- outside is in my DNA.

## SECOND PLACE

ABIGAIL "I Chews Trouble"  
Susie Halley - Branch 24



The dog ate my homework.

## THIRD PLACE

"Hiding Taco Bell Farts"  
Rachel Bowman - Branch 2



Okay, it was me, but how did you know?

## FOURTH PLACE

NALA "Is It Time to Eat?"  
Joanna Liptak - Branch 746



I AM being good, see nothing is on the floor.

# SOME CUTE PARTING SHOTS - JUST FOR FUN!



**WILL**

Joe Tarquino - Br. 320



**HIGGINS**

Cheryl Deeks - Br. 228



**OLIVER**

Donna Matuch - Br. 315



**PEARL**

Sean Murphy - Br. 831



**GROOT**

Bridget Bobby - Br. 731



**BUDDY**

Ken Fibbi - Br. 587



**MALIBU**

Juliana Oost - Br. 313



**TWIX**

Anthony Lee - Br. 290



**BENNY**

Susanne Bilicska - Br. 746



**WILLOW**

Jeff Hergel - Br. 785



**INDIANA BONES**

Debbie Mayger - Br. 181



**SASHA**

Andrew Nasta - Br. 857

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## BRANCH 1 – LAKEWOOD, OH

The members of Branch 1 are invited to attend the Annual Harvest Festival and Pork Chop Dinner held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 in the St. Clement's Parish Hall at 2022 Lincoln Avenue in Lakewood, OH. Dinners will be served from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Dinner tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$13.00 for children ages 5 to 13, and free for children 4 and under. Dinner tickets for Branch 1 members are free if you attend the event; the free ticket per member is not eligible for takeout.

The dinners include pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce & cake. This family event is more than a delicious dinner. There will be a Gift Card Raffle, Grand Raffle, and Split-the-Pot drawing.

Reservations are required - Reserve your ticket by calling Mary Dubber at 216-228-0654. The deadline to order dinner tickets is October 15, 2024.

Submitted by **Mary Dubber, Treasurer**  
& **Barb Golias, Secretary**

## BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PA

We'll be hosting a Christmas party on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 11:30am – 2:00pm at the "Cabin" in Avonworth Community Park, 498 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA. All members are welcome; children as well as the young at heart! (adults). Registration WILL be required. More details will be in the next issue and on-line. We hope to see you there! Santa will be paying a visit and bringing gifts! Lunch will be provided.

Submitted by **Linda Collins, Secretary**

## BRANCH 6 – STREATOR, IL

The St. Stephens Society Branch 6K of Streator, IL will hold an annual meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 11:30am at the Good Morning Diner at 417 E. Main St in Streator, IL. All members are urged to attend. Reserve your place by calling Paul at 815-822-8851.

Submitted by **Paul Chismar, Secretary**

## BRANCH 7 – HOUTZDALE, PA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 7 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 9:00am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Hall, 52 Parish St. in Ramey, PA. Election of Officers will be held. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Submitted by **Joseph C. Cervenak, President**

## BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its Annual Meeting via Zoom

on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 10:30am. A mass will be offered for our deceased members at 8:30am on November 10, 2024 at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church at 79 Church Street in Bridgeport, CT.

At the November meeting, the Election of Officers will take place and the distribution of our annual donations will be discussed.

Also at this meeting, the recipients of the John A. Zahor Scholarship are invited to join us via Zoom. The college freshmen who are eligible to receive the award this year are: Emma Hackett, Brendan McMullan and Juliet Nichols. This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years Mr. Zahor served as president of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to the education of its young members.

In addition, the recipients of the Andrew J. Imbro Grant are invited to join us via Zoom. The following college juniors who are eligible to receive the award this year are: Grace DeDonato, Jenna Zahor and Maeve McMullan. This grant was established in recognition of the many years Mr. Imbro served as financial secretary of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to the financial support of its young members.

Since we are unable to award the checks in person, they will be mailed to the eligible recipients.

We cordially invite interested members to join our Zoom meeting:  
Link: [tinyurl.com/FCSU19](https://tinyurl.com/FCSU19)  
Meeting ID: 870 5035 2920  
Passcode: 593906

If you have any questions, please contact me at [csteacher3@gmail.com](mailto:csteacher3@gmail.com). We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our young members.

Submitted by **Deborah M. Nelson, Secretary**

## BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PA

Branch 23 of Johnstown, PA will hold our 2nd Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 1:30pm. The meeting place is VOMA, Venue of Merging Arts, located in Cambria City section. The address is 307 Chestnut Street in Johnstown, PA. We will have Elections of Officers at this meeting. Please come join us if you are a member of Branch 23. It's always a nice time. A light lunch will be served. Call Theresa Cassat at 814-254-2532 with questions.

Submitted by **Theresa Cassat, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2024 starting at 1:00pm. Branch 24 members will meet at the Multi-purpose room of

the Walton Hills Community Center located at 14660 Alexander Road, Walton Hills, OH. This is about three miles west of our usual community room. Please enter using the Nodding Hills entrance.

Lunch will be served directly following the conclusion of the meeting. Please RSVP to Fran Strekal at 216-308-1728. On the agenda is the Election of Officers, general branch business and fraternal activities. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraternalism in Action: During this time of giving, we ask our members generously donate travel size soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. to fill personal hygiene bags for the homeless for our Fraternalism in Action event. Donations will be accepted at the meeting. This project will also serve as volunteer service hours for the youth of Branch 24 who will fill the bags to be donated to the West Side Catholic Center. Peace and Blessing in the new year to all of our members.

Submitted by **Fran Strekal, Fraternal Activities Director**

## BRANCH 38 – PITTSBURGH, PA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38 will hold a virtual branch meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00pm. Attendees will discuss 2024 Branch activities and plan for 2025. Our goal is to create a more unified environment. Additionally, Branch 38 Election of Officers will take place at this meeting. All Branch 38 members are urged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of Branch 38. If you have any questions please contact Logan Haselhoff, Branch President, by calling 412-956-9411 or emailing [lhaselhoff@gmail.com](mailto:lhaselhoff@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meeting:

Link: [tinyurl.com/FCSU38](https://tinyurl.com/FCSU38)  
Meeting ID: 865 6942 4237  
Passcode: 161257

Submitted by **Logan Haselhoff, President**

## BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NY

The St. Matthew's the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 1:00pm after the Slovak mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and 11th Avenue, New York City. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

**Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

## ČLENSKÁ SCHÔDZA SPOLKU SV. MATÚŠA Č. 45 1KSJ V NEW YORK

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že sa uskutoční členská schôdza sv. Matúša č. 45 1KSJ v New Yorku

po slovenskej svätej omši v nedeľu 19. januára, 2025 o 13:00 hodine v osadnej hale slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na Prvej Avenue a 66-tej ulici. Láskaovo žiadame našich členov o aktívnu účasť na tejto schôdzi.

**Mária Jurášiová - pokladníčka**

## BRANCH 60 – MCKEESPORT, PA

Branch 60 of McKeesport PA will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at Abruzzi Italian Cucina (9745 Route 30, Irwin, PA) at 1:00pm. On the agenda will be officer's reports, Election of Officers, and upcoming events. All members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Julie Perla, Secretary**

## BRANCH 89 – MILWAUKEE, WI

Dear Members,  
Please join us for our Christmas party on December 1, 2024 at 11:30am.

Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own meal. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Location: **Bandero County Wood Grill (Formally Brisco County) N96W16865 Cumberland Court Menomonee Falls, WI**

That is at Highway 41 North and County Q Exit

Please call Mike Novak, President Branch 89 at 414-445-5382 to make your reservation by 11/25/2024. You **MUST CONFIRM**.

Please make checks payable to **KNIGHTS OF ST. MARY AND JOSEPH BR 89** and mail to: Mike Novak at 3237 N. 93rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Submitted by **Mike Novak, President**

## BRANCH 112 – MAHANOEY CITY, PA

St. John the Baptist Branch 112 of Mahanoy City, PA will hold an annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

The meeting will be held at Palermo's Restaurant on the Minersville Pottsville Highway, Minersville, PA beginning at noon and followed by lunch. Our agenda will include officer reports, old and new business and Election of Officers. All members are invited to attend. Please contact Karen Sterling by December 7th if you plan on attending the meeting.

Submitted by **Matthew Sterling, Secretary**

## BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, IL

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11:30am at Cucina Biagio, 7319 West Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL. Election of Officers, charitable donations, and

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future activities will be on the agenda. A fraternal luncheon will follow the meeting. Reserve your place by calling Dorothy at 708-995-7378 before October 14th.

Submitted by John Jurcenko,  
President

## BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 9:00am at Shoneys Restaurant at 285 McClellandtown Road in Uniontown, PA for our Christmas Celebration. Officers' reports will be given and a discussion will follow regarding branch activities, charitable donations, and upcoming FCSU events. Election of Officers will take place for the coming year.

Branch 162 members and guests are invited to join us in decorating our Christmas Tree at the Uniontown Hospital project on November 26th at 5:00pm, and to attend our Christmas Celebration by calling Secretary Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983 for reservations for yourself and your guest.

Submitted by Dolores Marmol,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 166 – BINGHAMTON, NY

Happy Autumn members of Branch 166! We hope you and your loved ones are well! And you are enjoying the beautiful colors of fall!

ATTENTION: THE LOCATION of the November 10, 2024 MEETING WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS HAS CHANGED. We will meet at 2:00pm at LITTLE VENICE RESTAURANT at 111 CHENANGO STREET in BINGHAMTON, NY. This is a very important meeting; your attendance is encouraged. Dinner will be provided for members. RSVP by Saturday, October 19th to Morgan Dendler at 607-206-7243. Looking forward to seeing you at the Meeting! Enjoy your day!

Submitted by Judie Dendler,  
Secretary/Treasurer

## BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PA

Meeting for Nomination of Officers will be held Thursday, November 7th at the Slovak CU, 910 6th Avenue at 7:00pm.

Meeting for Election of Officers will be held Thursday, December 5th at the Slovak CU, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA at 7:00pm. All members welcome to attend. We appreciate fresh ideas. There are Board positions open. Any inquiries may be directed to Vicki Schaub at vschaub123@gmail.com or leave a message at 724-763-9229.

Submitted by Vicki Schaub,  
Secretary/Treasurer

## BRANCH 213 – PITTSBURGH, PA

St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 213, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 1:00pm. It will take place at 306 Barclay Avenue in Pittsburgh, PA. The meeting may also be accessed via phone. Contact information: weaz1958@aol.com.

The agenda will include: Officer's Reports, Election of Officers for 2025, fraternal activities, general Branch business, and an overview of this year's activities and charitable donations. We will also discuss any new business, upcoming activities and events, and ways to increase membership.

Meeting dates for the upcoming year will also be selected.

Submitted by Anita Nixon,  
President

## BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OH

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge will hold their next meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:00pm IN-PERSON at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. PLEASE NOTE: This meeting has been changed from our normal 3rd Monday of December due to a schedule conflict. This will be the annual Election of Officers and bylaw review. We will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

We respectfully ask all of our FCSU members to pray to our dear Father God to bless us with His love, peace and mercy. May He tame the storms of the Earth and unite the world leaders to strive for peace among all the nations.

Submitted by Thomas B. Zuffa,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 259 – STRUTHERS, OH

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will hold their Annual Meeting at the Bedford Trails Golf Course Restaurant at 713 Bedford Rd. in Coitsville, OH, on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 1:00pm. We will have an Election of Officers for the coming year 2025, followed by a luncheon. Reservations can be made by calling 330-755-8316.

We would like to extend our wishes for a Holy and Happy Holiday Season to all of our members.

Submitted by Vivian Sedlacko,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 260 – COITSVILLE, OH

The officers of Branch 260 invite members to join us this year at any or all of our meetings. Our last meeting for 2024 will be December 5, 2024 (this will be our Election of Officers meeting and holiday celebration). The

meeting will begin at 5:00pm and will be held at Belleria Restaurant at 1010 Youngstown-Poland Rd. in Struthers, OH. Hope to see all of you in the coming year and God Bless!

Submitted by Carlie M. Peshek,  
Vice President

## BRANCH 276 – MCKEESPORT, PA

The next meeting will be held Sunday, November 17 at 1:00pm at Tillie's Restaurant at 308 36th Street in McKeesport, PA. We will hear reports from the treasurer and financial secretary and will discuss upcoming district events. Officers for 2025 will be elected. Meeting dates for next year will be selected.

Submitted by Margaret Nasta,  
President

## BRANCH 290 – RARITAN, NJ

St. John the Baptist Branch 290 will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 starting at 6:00pm for all members. The agenda will include Election of Officers, membership, and branch activities. The location is Carpaccio Ristorante at 651 Bound Brook Rd in Middlesex, NJ. RSVP is required; please call or text Steve Minarovich at 908-507-0505 by November 27.

Submitted by Steve Minarovich,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 313 – ORLAND PARK, IL

Happy Fall, y'all! Branch 313 will be hosting its 2nd semi-annual branch meeting of the 2024 year on the date of, October 29, 2024 at 12:00pm. This meeting will include the "Election of Officers". Our meeting will conclude with a complimentary fraternal luncheon. The location of the meeting will be at Fox's on Wolf at 11247 W 187th St. in Mokena, IL. Since it is that time of year to pumpkin spice things up...feel free to dress up in a "family friendly" style costume or in a fall festive outfit! We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to 313 President, Marge, at 708-226-8157 by October 22, 2024.

Submitted by Jennifer Carlton,  
Financial Secretary

## BRANCH 320 – ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, PA

Welcome to Fall 2024...

Please check the Jednota for all scheduled events. Various Branch 320 members reached out with interest in the following:

- October 24, 2024 - Christ Our Shepard Center, 2900 Seminary Dr., Greensburg, PA. Prayer and Perfect Pairing (supporting Catholic Charities). Please contact Frances Tarquinio (Financial Secretary) at 724-929-9788, ASAP if interested. Any charges are NOT covered by Branch 320. Tickets are limited and

will be on a first come basis.

- December, 2024 - TBA. Time to think Christmas. Branch 320's annual Christmas Luncheon will be held immediately after the Fall 2024 meeting. Watch the Jednota for time and dates.

Submitted by Mary Anne Higginbotham,  
President

## BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PA

The Saint Joseph Lodge #367 of Fairchance, PA meeting will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 at Eat'n Park at 519 W. Main Street in Uniontown, PA at 12:30pm. Christmas gifts for our 16 and under members will be mailed out at the beginning of December. Please call Patty Speshock at 724-564-5764 if your child did not receive one. Christmas donations and any new ideas for next year will be discussed.

Election of Officers for next year will be held. Any member willing to become an officer or just planning on attending this meeting please call Secretary, Kathryn Baranek at 724-569-1006. We would to wish all of our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving a Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Submitted by Kathryn Baranek,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PA

Saints Cyril & Methodius Society, Branch 382K of Scranton, PA, will conduct its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Officers and members will gather at 12:30pm in the VFW at 110 Chestnut Street in Dunmore, PA.

The agenda will include a report by the Branch officers and the representatives to the District 17 meeting.

A report of the August 24 Branch Picnic will be presented. Members will also discuss future branch activities, donations, and the Annual Report for 2024. Information from the home office will be disseminated.

Election of Officers for 2024-25 will be held.

Refreshments and socializing will follow. All members are urged to attend. Please contact the Branch President at 570-344-3854 to confirm your attendance and to allow for adequate food and beverage arrangements.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai is the branch president. Other officers include Michael J. Czankner, vice president; Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., treasurer; Laura Christianson, recording secretary; and John J. Slovenkai, Sr., financial secretary.

Submitted by Elizabeth M. Slovenkai,  
President

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## BRANCH 401 – EAST VANDERGRIFT, PA

St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 401 of East Vandergrift, PA, invites all branch members to attend the 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting which will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 5:00pm. This meeting will be held at Anna's Cucina Rustica restaurant located at 118 Carolina St. in Vandergrift, PA. Members are encouraged to attend as upcoming activities will be discussed and 2025 Election of Officers will take place.

Submitted by **Kathy Froncek**,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 410 – UNIONTOWN, PA

The SS. Peter and Paul Branch 410 of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 1:30pm at the Highland House at 92 West Main Street in Uniontown, PA. Election of Officers will be on the agenda. All members are encouraged to attend. Please call 724-425-2576 for reservations by December 9, 2024.

Submitted by **Geraldine Buchheit**,  
Financial & Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 450 – CLEVELAND, OH

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 450 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2024. The meeting will be held at 11:00am, at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, 5500 West 54th St., Parma, OH (between Brookpark and Snow Rd.) On the agenda will be officers' reports, the financial report for the year 2024 and a discussion of branch activities and other business pertaining to the branch. The Election of Branch Officers will take place at this meeting. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after meeting.

Submitted by **George Carny**,  
President

## BRANCH 484 – CORAL, PA

St. Joseph Society Branch 484 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 1:30pm, at the Eat 'n Park Restaurant at 2301 Rt. 286 South in Indiana, PA. The agenda will include Election of Officers, reports, payment of bills, donations, membership, district information, as well as general branch and business issues.

We wish our members, families and friends a beautiful Fall Season, a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Submitted by **Monica Rura**,  
Financial Secretary

## BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

We will be holding a meeting for our Election of Officers for 2025 on November 17, 2024 at 1:00pm at the

Slovak J Club at 485 Morgan Ave. in Akron, OH. If you would like to be an officer of Branch 553 (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor), please submit a Letter of Intent including the position you would like to hold. Please email your Letter of Intent to Linda Hanko at [lhanko@neo.rr.com](mailto:lhanko@neo.rr.com) or mail or drop off to 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311 by November 9, 2024.

Submitted by **Debbie Speck**,  
President

## BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OH

Join us at the Slovak J Club at 485 Morgan Ave. in Akron for the following events open to the public:

- 10-13 Browns vs. Eagles – 1pm
- 10-16 Pork Chop Dinner 4:30 – 6:30pm (RSVP required 330-786-9972)
- 10-20 Browns vs. Bengals – 1pm
- 10-26 Ohio State vs. Nebraska
- 10-27 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 – 11:45am
- 10-27 Browns vs. Ravens – 1pm
- 11-2 Ohio State vs. Penn State
- 11-3 Browns vs. Charges – 1pm
- 11-6 Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30 – 7pm
- 11-9 Annual 125 Drawing – doors open at 5:00pm
- 11-9 Ohio State vs. Purdue
- 11-16 Ohio State vs. Northwestern
- 11-17 Browns vs. Saints – 1pm
- 11-20 Meatloaf Dinner 4:30 – 6:30pm (RSVP required 330-786-9972)
- 11-21 Browns vs. Steelers – 8:15pm
- 11-27 Scotch Doubles

Submitted by **Debbie Speck**,  
President

## BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PA

Branch 587 will hold its annual meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at the home of Branch President Joanne Fibbi.

Agenda includes Election of Officers, future fraternal activities, and charitable donations. Lunch will be served at 2:00pm followed by the business meeting.

Members are reminded to bring their Sock Drive donations to the meeting. Kindly RSVP to Joanne at 412-953-4721 or [jfibbi@gmail.com](mailto:jfibbi@gmail.com) before November 23, 2024. Location: 1741 Hempstead Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Joanne Fibbi**,  
President

## BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PA

Branch 670 will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:30am at Kings Restaurant, 580 McClelland Rd, Canonsburg, PA. This meeting will include the Election of Officers for 2025. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, the meeting will also be held via Zoom. Any branch member wanting to attend

the meeting via Zoom, please contact [branch670secretary@gmail.com](mailto:branch670secretary@gmail.com), a day in advance, for the Zoom link. All Branch 670 members are invited to attend the meeting.

Submitted by **Maureen Massafra**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

The next meeting for Branch 682 members will take place at the District 14, Region 6 Annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at 6:00pm at Rachel's Restaurant, 54 Westchester Dr. in Austintown, OH. Cost is \$30.00/person, \$20.00 for Children 6 and younger. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting and mailing payment (checks to Rev. Joseph Kostik District) to Sue Carney, 6810 Blue Ridge Dr., Poland, OH 44514 (330-770-6810). Please provide the number of persons attending and the gender and ages of any children that will be attending. Branch 682 pays the cost for all its members. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with all.

Our Branch meeting will take place immediately before the District Annual Christmas Dinner. As we have the highest level of attendance at this function, we will be holding our Branch Election of Officers for the 2025 fiscal year. **Contact Drew Hirt, [drew@hirt.com](mailto:drew@hirt.com) or 330-750-0776, if you are interested in an officer position with Branch 682.**

Submitted by **Drew Hirt**,  
President

## BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NY

The St. Stephen Society Branch 716 will hold its second semiannual meeting of the year 2024 on Sunday, October 20, 2024. The meeting will be held in person at St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 E 66th Street, New York, NY, following the conclusion of the Slovak Mass at 12:30pm. The agenda will include the year 2024 financial report, an overview of branch activities throughout the year, and the election of Branch Officers for the year 2025. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting and all members of Branch 716 are highly encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Emily Lysáková**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MI

Jednota Branch 721 will have their winter meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 2:00pm at the Remenar Home located at 8977 South Mason Rd. in Bannister, MI. We will hold the Election of Officers for 2025. All members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Joseph Beno**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Branch 731 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm at Belleria Boardman (8485 Market Street, Boardman, OH 44512). At the meeting, the branch will hold its annual Election of Officers.

Submitted by **Anna Schwanitz**,  
Recording Secretary

## BRANCH 743 – STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 1:30pm. On the agenda will be officer reports, 2024 financial report, approval of the 2025 budget, discussion of branch activities, and other business pertaining to the Branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of 2025 Branch Officers will also take place.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI.

The annual meeting will follow the Slovak Mass in the Church Social Hall at 1:30pm. Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

Members who need policy assistance in regards to a change of address or to change a beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 4945 Wavewood Dr., Commerce Township, MI 48382. Phone 248-714-9620. I can also provide you a no obligation quote for insurance coverage for any family member including grandchildren with just a birth date and gender.

Submitted by **Joseph C Rimarcik**,  
President

## BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NJ

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 1:00pm in the basement meeting room of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. The meeting agenda will include discussion of plans for the Christmas party meeting and activities for 2025. Lunch will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP to Joanne Tkach Polt at 732-762-3148 by October 11th if you plan on attending.

Our branch is participating in the Fraternalism in Action program. We are asking all members to bring non-perishable food items for donation to our local food pantry. In return our efforts will be matched by the Home Office with a \$250.00 donation to the food pantry.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**,  
Secretary

# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS • BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NJ

MASSSES - Members are encouraged to attend Friday Holy Masses at 7:00pm (in Slovak) at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Masses are offered for the intention of all Branch members living and deceased as follows: November 8th and December 6th.

Submitted by **Mary Kapitan**,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OH

Branch 764 will hold a meeting on November 14, 2024 at 10:00am at Panera Bread – 3641 Elm Rd – Warren, OH at 10:00am. On the agenda will be Election of Officers for 2025. We will also be discussing fall/winter projects. Please join us for breakfast and give us your ideas.

Submitted by **William Hrusovsky**,  
President

## BRANCH 785 – MISSISSAUGA, ON

SS Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish will be Celebrating 90 Years as a Slovak Parish in Toronto/Mississauga Ontario, on November 3, 2024.

Mass: 10:30AM at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church at 5255 Thornwood Drive in Mississauga, Ontario.

Banquet Immediately Following Mass at the Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall at 35 Brunel Rd. in Mississauga.

Ticket Prices: Deadline is October 20, 2024. Adults are \$70.00; Children 6-12 years old are \$35.00; Children under 6 are FREE.

For tickets call: Anne Mitro at 905-279-8154 or the Parish Office: 905-712-1200 or scan the QR code from the poster found on page 6 of this issue of the Jednota.

Submitted by **Anne Mitro**,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CA

Branch 844, St. Joseph the Guardian Society, will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, November 30, 2024. The meeting will be at the Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA. The meeting will start at 11:00am with agenda as follow: Officer Reports and Financial Report, Annual Meeting for Election of Officers for the year 2025, preparation of the Slovak Christmas mass, and plan activities for year 2025. All members in our area are encouraged to participate. After the meeting lunch will be served at the restaurant.

Submitted by **Milan Konkol**,  
Secretary

## BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Branch 853 will hold the annual meeting, with the Election of Officers on November 10, 2024 at 11:00am, at Armandos Pizza, 538 Fallowfield Ave, in Charleroi, PA. Events for 2025

year will be planned. If you want to attend virtually via Skype, Facetime, etc., please email [FCSUBranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUBranch853@gmail.com) or call 412.341.1577 for instructions.

At the annual meeting, the branch is also participating in the Fraternalism in Action program with the Washington Area Humane Society as the recipient. Anyone attending the meeting, please bring a donation to the animal shelter. Unopened pet food, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies are some of the requested items by the shelter.

Any questions about the meeting, please email [FCSUBranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUBranch853@gmail.com) or call 412-341-1577. Branch 853 members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by **Monica Boone**,  
President

## BRANCH 853 – CHARLEROI, PA

Attention Branch 853 members - make your plans now to enjoy time with your fellow FCSU branch members. Come join us as we have interesting events planned:

October 22 – Lecture at the Mt. Lebanon Library. An hour of Western PA Stories and Legends.

October 27 – Hlinka District meeting, King's Restaurant in Canonsburg. (see notice on the District Announcement page for District 12)

November 2 – Enjoy a light lunch and then an afternoon of painting a rustic wood welcome plank for your home. Reservations are required – seating limited.

November 10 – Branch Election of Officers meeting (see separate announcement). Participate in the branch's Fraternalism in Action event by bringing products to help local shelter animals (food, litter, blankets, towels, new toys) which would then be donated to a local animal shelter.

December 8 – Branch Christmas mas cookie baking meeting. Come and share the Christmas spirit and bake cookies. Then take some home with you.

For all events a reservation is required so we know to look for you and so that the entrance fee can be paid by Branch 853 for its members.

For more info and reservations, email [FCSUBranch853@gmail.com](mailto:FCSUBranch853@gmail.com) or call 412-341-1577 for specifics of where and when to meet.

Submitted by **Monica Boone**,  
President

## BRANCH 855 – CLEVELAND, OH

Branch 855 will hold a meeting on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 12:00pm. The meeting will be held at Ruma's Restaurant at 12841 State Rd. in North Royalton, OH. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers for 2025 and a wrap of the years' events

and plans for next year. The meeting will be followed by our Christmas lunch.

All members are invited to attend. Please contact Branch President, Barbara Sutilla, by Nov. 23, 2024 with your RSVP by text at 440-864-4744 or by email at [fcsu855@gmail.com](mailto:fcsu855@gmail.com). Guests are invited to join us at a cost of \$15.00 payable to the branch.

Fraternalism in Action: This is Black Friday weekend. We are joining forces with Branch 24 in a project for humanity by collecting travel size soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. to fill personal hygiene bags for the homeless for our Fraternalism in Action event. This project will also serve as volunteer service hours for the youth of Branch 24 who will fill the bags which will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center. Please be generous in the spirit of the holidays and bring on your travel size stuff – either bought at the store or collected from your travels to hotels. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord"

Submitted by **Stephanie Sutilla**,  
Fraternal Activities Director

## BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, DC

Branch 856 will hold their next meeting on October 27, 2024 at 1:00pm on Zoom. At this meeting we discuss activities for the coming year 2025, the financial report, and the Slovak mass in honor of our chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Plans are in process for the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of our chapel. We would like to see more of our members at this mass. Were you there 60 years ago? Would like to see you come back next year 2025.

We will also have Election of Officers for the year 2025 at this meeting.

ZOOM information is as follows:


Meeting ID: 4363011909

Passcode: 232732

For more information call Katherine Nowatkoski at 919-651-0363.

Submitted by **Katherine Nowatkoski**,  
President





Sponsored by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey, the Slovak Institute and the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club

*Slovenská Viliya*  
*Slovak Christmas Eve Supper*  
*Sunday, December 8, 2024*

**12:00PM (Noon) Mass with Dinner Following Abbey Church and Benedictine High School**

**Tickets to this event are advance sales only**  
**Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door**  
**\$25 for full meal**

**Please send check or money order along with a self-addressed envelope made out to:**  
**Saint Andrew Abbey Viliya**  
**10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, OH 44104**

**Your tickets will be mailed out to you.**  
**TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

For more information, please call 216-721-5300 ext. 100  
(Monday through Friday, 8am until 3:00pm)

**Ralph Szubski, Accordion Man; Slovak Raffle; Slovak Christmas Cards and Oplatky available for purchase**

# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS • DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## DISTRICT 3 – GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT – PA

District 3 will be sponsoring a Štedrý Večer, a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner, on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg, PA.

Schedule: 2:00 pm - Mass  
3:30 pm - Advent & Christmas Pageant  
provided by the Pittsburgh Slovaks  
4:30 pm – Dinner

Cost: \$35.00 (12 and up) / \$10.00 (6 to 11) / Children 5 and under free  
A limited number of tickets available. Do not delay ordering your tickets. Reservations are taken on a first come first served basis and MUST be made by November 18, 2024 by calling Darlene Patty at 724-493-8712.

Submitted by Kirstin Meyer, Secretary

## DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT – NJ

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. John E. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1:00pm. Branch 290 will host the luncheon meeting at Carpaccio Ristorante, 651 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, NJ. Please RSVP to Steve at 908-507-0505 or email ([minarovich@hotmail.com](mailto:minarovich@hotmail.com)) by October 18th if you plan on attending. Agenda will include Election of Officers for 2025, as well as discussion of plans and activities for the next year. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

The district is participating in the Fraternalism in Action program and asking all members to bring non-perishable food items for donation to our local food pantry. In return our efforts will be matched by the Home Office with a \$250.00 donation to the food pantry.

Submitted by Mary Kapitan, Secretary

## DISTRICT 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT – MI

The Michigan District will hold a meeting on October 13, 2024 at Saints Cyril and Methodius - 41233 Ryan Road in Sterling Heights, MI. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm. On the agenda will be our plans for 2025. We have open positions for officers and would like to fill them. Will be holding Elections for Officers for the next year also. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Robert Kristofik, President

## DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH – PA

Branch 254 will host the Fall Business Meeting on Sunday, November 24, 1:00pm at Holy Trinity Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin, PA. We will discuss business matters and plan events for next year. Officers for 2025 will be elected.

Other announcements of local interest.

- WPSCA: meets 7 PM first Mondays at Mt. Lebanon Public Library.  
November 4: Warhol Museum in Slovakia, December 2: Show & Tell
- WPSCA sponsors scholarships and hosts events such as wine tastings.  
Join the organization to get the newsletter.
- Slovak Heritage Day at Pitt - Sunday, November 3 - noon to 5 - free admission
- Western PA Slovak Radio Hour - WPIT 96.5 FM / 730 AM

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as social events and contests. Be sure your beneficiaries are up to date. FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at [FCSU.com](http://FCSU.com)

Submitted by Margaret A Nasta, Secretary

## DISTRICT 7 – REV JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT – PA

Please note that the District 7 Meeting will be held on October 27, 2024 at St. Bartholomew Church Hall at 1850 Church Hill, Wilmore, PA. The doors will open at 1:00pm, meeting to start at 1:30pm and the dinner to follow. We will be electing officers for the coming year, you need to think of whom you would like to hold office.

Submitted by Ruth Gerko, Secretary

## DISTRICT 8 – REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT – PA, NC

The Reverend Stephen Furdek District will hold its fall meeting Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 1:00pm Eastern Time (US and Canada). The agenda will include Election of Officers for District 8. To Join this Zoom Meeting:

Link: [tinyurl.com/FCSUD18](https://tinyurl.com/FCSUD18) • Meeting ID: 878 3491 5579 • Passcode: 045746

Please contact the District Recording Secretary Jo Austin with questions at [jeaustin89@gmail.com](mailto:jeaustin89@gmail.com) or call 315.391.0526.

Submitted by Joanne Engle Austin, Recording Secretary

## DISTRICT 9 – THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT – UNIONTOWN, PA

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 1:00pm at the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill at 575 West Main St. in Uniontown, PA. This is a special election meeting for the office of auditor. Regional Director James Marmol will be informing the members of upcoming Jednota events.

Submitted by Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

## DISTRICT 10 – REV STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT – OH

All members of District 10 from Branch 1, Branch 24, Branch 228, Branch 450, Branch 553 and Branch 855 are invited to our semi-annual meeting on October 27, 2024. The meeting will be hosted by Branch 855 and take place at Parma Memorial Hall - 6637 Ridge Rd – Parma, OH at 2:00pm.

On the agenda – Election of Officers for 2025. If you would like to be an officer of the District (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor) please submit a Letter of Intent including the position you wish to hold. Please email your Letter of Intent to Barbara Sutula at [ohiodistrict10@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiodistrict10@yahoo.com) by October 21, 2024.

We will be having a halupki/stuffed cabbage dinner following the meeting. We hope you can join us in fraternal fellowship with other members of your district on a fall afternoon.

Fraternalism in Action: As we have in the past, we will be having a Fraternalism in Action project to support those in need. It's no fun to say that winter is right around the corner but it is! Let's take a minute to think about our brothers and sisters who are in need of some warm winter socks – men, women and children. Please be generous in supporting your fellow man with donations of socks for the West Side Catholic Center.

If you could RSVP a headcount to Barbara by calling/texting 440-864-4744 or emailing [ohiodistrict10@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiodistrict10@yahoo.com) that would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Greg Petrasek, President

## DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEPH TISO DISTRICT – PA

MSGR Josef Tiso District will conduct its annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at 1:00pm at the CU Club, 910 6th Ave. Ford City, PA. At this meeting we will discuss plans for the coming year and hold Election of District Officers for 2025 year. Refreshments will be served.

District 11 is sponsoring a "Giving Thanks" dance on Saturday, November 2, at Branch 200's Social Hall, 910 6th Ave. Ford City, PA. Rattlebones band will be playing music from the 80's to newer variety of music. Admission is by donation of non-perishable items or a cash donation. There will be a cash bar and food will be sold. Doors open at 5:00pm. Come help to support our local food banks. This dance is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday, November 1, 10:00am district members are encouraged to come to the CU Club in Ford City to help set up for the dance.

Submitted by Karen Greggs, Secretary

## DISTRICT 12 – MSGR ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT – PA

The Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District will hold the annual meeting on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 1:00pm at the Kings Restaurant at 580 McClelland Rd. in Canonsburg, PA. The Election of Officers for 2025 will take place at this meeting. Also on the agenda will be the activities for next year along with our annual Memorial Service for Deceased Members.

At the meeting, the Hlinka District will take part in the newly revised Fraternalism in Action program of the FCSU. We will be collecting shelf stable food for the St. Andrew the Apostle Church Food Bank in Charleroi and Donora, PA. Please be as generous as your financial situation allows. With our donations to the Food Bank, the Home Office will add a cash donation of \$250.00.

District members wanting to attend virtually via Skype, Facetime, etc. should contact the District Secretary Monica Boone at [hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hlinkadistrictsecretary@gmail.com) for information. Through the options of in-person and virtual attendance, we urge members to attend.

Submitted by Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

## DISTRICT 14 – REVEREND JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – OH, PA

Following are the currently Scheduled District Meetings for Calendar Year 2024.

1. Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm. Our Annual Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers for 2024 will be held at The Fireplace, 2075 E. Western Reserve Rd., Poland, OH. For questions please contact John L. Leskovyansky Jr. at home 330-549-3788 or by cell 330-559-5981.

2. Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm (Short Meeting and Christmas Party)

Submitted by John L Leskovyansky, Jr., President

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### DISTRICT 14 – REVEREND JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – OH, PA

#### Christmas Party Announcement

District 14, Region 6, Rev. Joseph Kostik District will hold a short meeting followed by our annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm, at Rachel's Restaurant; 54 Westchester Dr., Austintown, OH. The cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$20.00 for Children 6 and under. RESERVATIONS are required and must be paid by December 1, 2024. Contact and mail payments to Sue Carney, 6810 Blue Ridge Dr, Poland, OH 44514, (330-770-6810). Make checks payable to Rev. Joseph Kostik District. Include your branch number and number of persons attending, also gender and ages of any children attending. We look forward to an enjoyable evening with all our members and guests.

Submitted by John Leskovyansky Jr., President

### DISTRICT 15 – PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT – AR, CA, KS, MS, OR, WA

The Prince Pribina District will hold our 2024 meetings as follows:

1. Semi-annual Meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2024
2. Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 30, 2024

Each meeting will be held at 11:00am at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA. On the agenda will be: Activities focused on membership drive, and at the Annual Meeting we will be hold our Election of Officers. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate.

Submitted by Paul Skuben, President

### DISTRICT 16 – MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT – NY

The District 16 annual meeting of the Msgr. Stephen Krasula District in New York City will be held on Sunday, November 10th, 2024, at 1:00pm at the rectory of the St. John Nepomucene Church at 411 E. 66th St. in New York City. The agenda will include the Election of Officers for 2025 and a discussion of upcoming activities for 2024 and 2025. After our meeting, refreshments will be served. We are kindly asking all officers and members to attend.

Submitted by Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Financial Secretary

### DISTRICT 16 – MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT – NY

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu č. 16 – Mons. Štefana Krasulu sa uskutoční v New Yorku v nedeľu 10. novembra 2024 o 13:00 hodine po svätej omši na fare slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 66th Street a 1st Avenue, New York City. Na schôdzi prejdeme plán činnosti na budúce obdobie, finančnú správu a voľbu nových úradníkov. Po schôdzi bude malé občerstvenie. Láskavo žiadame našich členov o aktívnu účasť na tejto schôdzi.

Autorka textu Renáta Jurášiová-Vasil, pokladníčka

### DISTRICT 17 – STS CYRIL & METHDIUS – NY, PA

Sts Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania and Broome County New York will conduct its Semi-Annual Fall meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:00pm. All branches are urged to send representatives to this meeting. On the agenda is Election of Officers. The meeting location is at The Red Oak Restaurant, 305 Front Street Binghamton, NY. Dinner will be provided. Directions to The Red Oak Restaurant from Scranton: take 81 North to exit 5 go left on Front Street the restaurant is on the right. Please RSVP by October 19th to Morgan Dendler at 607-206-7243.

Submitted by Morgan Dendler, Vice President

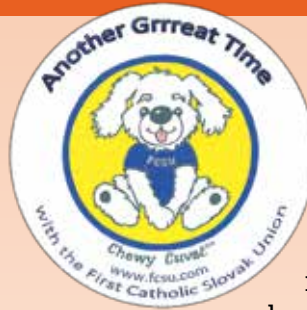
### DISTRICT 19 – MSGR MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT – CANADA

SS Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish will be Celebrating 90 Years as a Slovak Parish in Toronto/Mississauga Ontario, on November 3, 2024.

Mass: 10:30am at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church at 5255 Thornwood Drive in Mississauga, Ontario. Banquet Immediately Following Mass: at the Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall at 35 Brunel Rd in Mississauga.

Ticket Prices: Deadline is October 20, 2024. Adults are \$70.00; Children 6-12 years old are \$35.00; Children under 6 are FREE. For tickets call: Anne Mitro: 905-279-8154 or the Parish Office: 905-712-1200 or scan the QR code from the poster found on page 6 of this issue of the Jednota.

Submitted by Anne Mitro, Secretary



## Chewy's Corner

Hi friends, it's Chewy! October (OKTÓBER) is here and I am so excited. This season is called Fall or Autumn (JESEŇ). I love hiking in the forest (LES) where I run and play in the leaves. I like it on rainy days (DAŽDIVÝ DEŇ) because I get wet and can shake all over to help get dry. My human doesn't like to walk in the wet weather (POČASIE), but I need to go outside a few times per day. So, they will wear a raincoat (PRŠIPLÁŠT) to help stay dry.

What are some things you are doing for fun right now? My school went on a field trip to a local apple orchard. We got to pick apples (JABLKA) and drink cider right from the press. We also huddled around a bonfire (TÁBORÁK) to stay warm.

Are you going out on Halloween night for trick or treating? What costume (KOSTÝM) are you going to wear? I am trying to decide between a witch (BOSORKA), a cat (MAČKA) or a pirate (PIRÁT). They are all great choices. Have fun, but be safe when you walk around your neighborhood. Do not wander off alone and be sure to look both ways before you cross the street. When the night is over, try not to eat too much candy (CUKRÍK) or you might get a belly ache.

Do you like to carve pumpkins (TEKVICA) as decorations for Halloween? I think it's fun to be creative, to make a mess and see it lit up at night! Maybe you'll want to enter our Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Contest? There are three categories (Scariest, Most Artistic and Most Realistic) with five different age groups. We will have 15 winners. Have some fun with your family (RODINA) carving the pumpkins and maybe you can win \$100! I can't wait to see the pictures that everyone submits.

It was great catching up with you. I'll write again next month.

Your friend, Chewy (ČUVAČ)

Please Join Us for Our

# Giving Thanks Dance

Saturday, November 2nd  
Branch 200's Social Hall  
Slovak CU Club  
910 6th Avenue • Ford City, PA  
Doors open at 5:00pm

DISTRICT 11 IS PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT  
RATTLEBONES  
7:00 – 10:00pm  
80'S to newer variety of music

Admission is by donation of non-perishable items or cash donation.  
There will be a cash bar and food sold.

**SUPPORT OUR FOOD BANKS!**  
We look forward to seeing you at this event.

# Sole Mates Across the Americas



Join the FCSU Sock Monkey Troop to help the homeless in your local communities.

## Pair up with the FCSU to help stomp out cold, wet feet this winter!

Throughout the months of October through December, the FCSU is asking members across the US and Canada to become Soul Mates to the homeless.

Join the FCSU Sock Monkey Troop by collecting pairs of new athletic socks -- which are the most "in demand" items at homeless shelters.

This community service project may be conducted at the Branch or District level. It is totally up to you!

### Here are the easy steps to take --

- **SELECT** a faith-based charitable partner of your choosing -- we recommend the Catholic Charities in your Diocese, your parish Ladies of Charity or St. Vincent DePaul, whichever is convenient for you. Let them know you are organizing a sock collection with all donations to remain in the local area.
- **CONTACT** your members to announce your Branch/District Sock Collection.
- **ENLIST** the help of our youngest members, as this is a wonderful community service project for school-aged children.
- **PROMOTE** collection date(s) and drop off location(s) via email, phone calls, Facebook, etc. We have an easy to fill-in email announcement for you to use.
- **REQUEST** sock donations from family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.
- **GATHER** all donations at your Branch/District Meeting, Christmas Party, or designated location and coordinate delivery to your local Charity Partner. Target date is the first week of December.
- **INCLUDE** Christmas cards and notes of encouragement for the homeless.
- **REPORT** the total number of pairs collected by your Branch/District and where they were donated. Be sure to include photos! Email to Fraternal Activities Director, Joanne Fibbi at [jfibbi@fcsu.com](mailto:jfibbi@fcsu.com)

We invite all members of the FCSU to come together with open hearts for the good of those less fortunate.

# Let's Sock-It-To-Em!

## SLOVAK J CLUB



### OCTOBER

- Oct. 12 Ohio State vs. Oregon - TBD
- Oct. 12 Karaoke Night - 6:30-11:00pm  
\$15 per person  
Food provided at 6:30pm;  
Crooning begins at 7:00pm
- Oct. 13 Browns vs. Eagles - 1:00pm
- Oct. 16 Pork Chop Dinner - 4:30-6:30pm  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
- Oct. 20 Browns vs. Bengals - 1:00pm
- Oct. 26 Ohio State vs. Nebraska - TBD
- Oct. 27 Breakfast Buffet - 9:00-11:45am  
Browns vs. Ravens - 1:00pm

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 Ohio State vs. Penn State - TBD
- Nov. 3 Browns vs. Chargers - 1:00pm
- Nov. 6 Spaghetti Dinner - 4:30-7:00pm
- Nov. 9 Annual 125 Drawing - Doors Open @ 5:00pm; Dinner @ 6:00pm; Drawing to follow.  
Ohio State vs. Purdue - TBD
- Nov. 16 Ohio State vs. Northwestern - TBD
- Nov. 17 Browns vs. Saints - 1:00pm

### MONTHLY DINNER

October 16 - Pork Chop Dinner  
November 20 - Meat Loaf Dinner

Call 330-786-9972 by the Monday before Dinner for Reservations.



*Traditional Vilija*  
Sunday, December 15th at 4pm.  
\$20.00 Per Person

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### Branch 320 announces the arrival of Ella Grace Bury

Ella Grace Bury, daughter of Gareth and Laura is with her Great-Great Aunt, Sr. Cecilia Jacko, OSF. Ella Grace is the Granddaughter of Robert & Kimberly Bury. May God's blessings be with Ella now and forever.

Submitted by Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary



# Štedrý Večer

*a Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner*

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
Christ Our Shepherd Center • Greensburg, PA  
Sponsored by District 3

#### Schedule:

- 2:00 pm - Mass
- 3:30 pm - Advent & Christmas Pageant provided by the Pittsburgh Slovaks
- 4:30 pm - Dinner

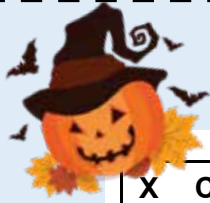
#### Cost:

- \$35.00 ages 12 and up
- \$10.00 ages 6 to 11
- Children 5 and under free

A limited number of tickets are available. Do not delay ordering your tickets. Reservations are taken on a first come first served basis and MUST be made by November 18, 2024 by calling Darlene Patty at 724-493-8712.







# FCSU PUZZLE CONTEST ENTRY

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## “October” Word List

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| <b>HALLOWEEN</b> | <b>STRAŠIAK</b> (Scarecrow)  |
| <b>RAINCOAT</b>  | <b>ŽATVA</b> (Harvest)       |
| <b>YARDWORK</b>  | <b>LÍSTIE</b> (Leaves)       |
| <b>FOLIAGE</b>   | <b>DÁŽĎ</b> (Rain)           |
| <b>FOGGY</b>     | <b>POČASIE</b> (Weather)     |
| <b>SQUASH</b>    | <b>SLNEČNICA</b> (Sunflower) |

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## RULES

All FCSU members are eligible to enter. One entry per member!  
 Complete the word puzzle and email it along with your name,  
 address, email and branch number to **contest@fcsu.com** or mail it to:

### FCSU PUZZLE

6611 Rockside Rd, Independence, OH 44131

Entries must be received by **November 27, 2024**.

Five winners will be drawn from all correct entries.

**Each winner will receive \$50.**

## Congratulations to AUGUST PUZZLE WINNERS

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| Eileen C Singel Br 571    | Arlene Austin Br 743    |
| Christine Tokarsky Br 731 | Barbara Shedlock Br 855 |
| Mary Hradesky Br 900      |                         |

**KEEP PUZZLING!**

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## Jednota Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 Scottish cap
- 4 Farrier's tool
- 8 After onion or sweet
- 12 Astringent
- 14 Toward shelter
- 15 Persian Gulf emirate
- 16 Mediocre
- 17 Triumphant
- 19 Big bash
- 21 Had supper
- 22 Director's cry
- 23 One of the Three Stooges
- 24 Actor Holbrook
- 25 Garden feature, at times
- 30 Duffer's dream
- 33 Defames
- 35 New York canal
- 36 Prune
- 38 River inlet
- 39 Ranch type
- 40 Recipe direction
- 41 Railroad crossing item

- 44 Funnyman Brooks
- 45 Risky venture
- 47 Reel's partner
- 49 Shoshonean
- 50 Crowns
- 53 Suspicious
- 56 Japanese warrior
- 58 Printed stationery
- 61 Agrippina's slayer
- 62 Pointless
- 63 Horse houser
- 64 Make a sweater
- 65 J'accuse author
- 66 Yorkshire river
- 67 He was as cool \_\_\_cucumber

- 7 Hamster, for one
- 8 Destroy
- 9 Symphony member
- 10 Praise
- 11 Fleur-de-\_\_\_
- 13 Calendar section
- 15 Desiccated
- 18 Bouquets
- 20 Watch face
- 23 Lombardy capital
- 25 Neutral shade
- 26 Hospital unit
- 27 Cuckoopint root starch
- 28 Lunar effect
- 29 Scoundrel
- 30 Basilica feature
- 31 Ligers and tigers, e.g.
- 32 Playwright Bogosian
- 34 Wedding party member
- 37 Important time
- 41 Nymph chaser
- 42 Half sister of

**ANSWERS**  
 can be found on  
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# Rest in Peace Our Departed Members



The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.  
Odpočinitie večné daj im, Pane, a svetlo večné, nech im sviati. Duše všetkých verných zomrelých, pre milosrdenstvo Božie, nech odpočívajú v pokoji. Amen

BRANCH	NAME
001K	Amanda Lynn Caudill
001K	Janet Weindorf
002K	James E Kreske
002K	Nellie C Manarchuck
002K	Sharon Petrocelli
002K	Susan M Clafshenkel
004K	Joseph K Gronskey
004K	Paul Bongartz
005P	Geraldine Wisniewski
019K	Joseph T Munko
023K	Alvin Paul Wagner Sr
024K	Frank L Schmitt
024K	Gene Glenn Krupa
038K	Florence K Matta
040K	Imogene R Speck
060K	Carol Basser
085K	Eugene Marinko

BRANCH	NAME
086K	Mafalda T Melago
089K	Jerome Lawrence Filo
096K	Dorothy M Sheehan
152K	Donna Walters
165K	Alicia Lavrin
166K	Marie E Roloson
173K	Marie Jurchak
181K	Valeria Wolk
199K	Judith Treskovich
200K	Richard Turko
215K	John V Sauers
228K	Anthony S Marusin
260K	Mary C Carrier
260K	Patricia Hannis
293K	Lorraine Angelovic
294K	Margaret Chehovich
313K	Mary Baeten

BRANCH	NAME
320K	Gilbert Gonglik
320K	Patricia A Sickles
373K	James Kilmartin
382K	Joseph E Polansky
382K	Joseph Keenan
382K	Romaine S Somerville
419K	Joseph Krulack
450K	James W Roztas
450K	Pavel Kovac
484K	Gertrude J Mlinarich
484K	Thomas E Gribus
543K	Andrew Mehochko
553K	Louise Olenick
553K	Rosemarie Saloiye
571K	John T Michaels
595K	John Videtich
652K	Virginia May Zalescik

BRANCH	NAME
682K	Jane Latessa
682K	John P Deley Sr
731K	Rev Stephen Popovich
743K	Lucille Danko
746K	Anna Petty
746K	William Gyetvay
764K	Mary Beth Ulishney
831K	Margaret Bohatch
831K	Sunny Joy Gould
855K	William E Peck
856K	Helene Calabrese
900K	Frances A Hornick
904K	Donald A Harmon
918K	Harold Mrazik
924K	Emil Margine

\* Processed in the month of September 2024

## OBITUARIES – NEKROLÓGY

### Mary Jo Baeten, Branch 313 Orland Park, IL

Mary Jo Baeten, nee Pastorelli, 64, passed away suddenly on August 5, 2024. Beloved wife of Daniel J. Baeten; loving mother of Jason (Nicole), Ryan (Amanda) and Samantha Baeten; cherished grandmother of Andrew, Madeline, Owen, and Elle; dear sister of Patricia (Rob), Grace Ann and the late Donna Pastorelli; devoted daughter of the late Samuel and Virginia Pastorelli; fond aunt and friend of many.

### Joseph K. Gronskey Branch 4 Overbrook, PA

Joseph K. Gronskey, 61, passed away on Monday, August 5, 2024. Joe was dedicated to his work, loved his friends, his dogs, but most important in his life was his family whom he loved. He is going to be greatly missed by all who loved him especially his family. He was the beloved husband of Michele (O'Brien) Gronskey and the loving father of Joseph (Alichia) Gronskey, Christopher (Maggie) Gronskey, Andrew (Erin) Gronskey, Kelly Gronskey and Rebecca Gronskey. He was the cherished grandfather of Adam, Joey, Mason, Emma, Savannah, Mackenzie and Skylar. He was the son of the late Joseph and Geraldine Gronskey and brother to Ruth Gronskey and Stephen (Janet) Gronskey.



### Patricia Hannis Branch 260 Poland, OH

Patricia "Patty" Hannis, 84, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the Inn at Poland Way. She was born November 27, 1939 in Youngstown, OH and was a daughter of Stephen and Katherine (Hudak) Petretic.



Patty was a 1957 Graduate of East High School and was a lifelong area resident. Prior to motherhood, Patty was the First Deputy Clerk of Council for the City of Youngstown City Council from 1959-1963. She was a stay-at-home mother while she raised her daughter, then worked in office positions until her retirement from Automatic Sprinkler of Boardman.

Patty married her husband Robert Hannis on May 5, 1962 and enjoyed 62 years of marriage until his passing on May 10, 2024. She was known for her unwavering love and devotion to her husband, Bob, and for being a loving mom and grandma. She had a warm but feisty personality. She was quick to laugh and was very thoughtful and caring. Patty will be remembered as an excellent cook and baker and many times shared her baked goods with others. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish St. Matthias Church.

Patty is survived by her daughter Renee (John) Kachaylo of Pittsburgh, PA, her grandchildren, Zachary (Fiancé

Paige Miller) Kachaylo of Charlotte, NC and Amanda (Fiancé Andrew Orr) Kachaylo of Pittsburgh, PA. She also leaves her sisters Bernice Irons of Florida and Carol (Jerry) Bragalone of Texas; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob, and her sister Stephanie DeLuca. Patty was laid to rest beside her husband Bob at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Cemetery in Lowellville.

### Frances Hornick Branch 900 Kansas City, KS

Frances Angeline (Fran Jean) Hornick (née Ruzbarsky), 98, died unexpectedly but peacefully on August 7, 2024. Born March 10, 1926, in Kansas City, KS, as the youngest daughter of Joseph and Julia Ruzbarsky, Frances was a lifelong resident of Wyandotte County, KS. She was fortunate enough to live in her own home until the day she died.



Married in 1949 to David M. Hornick, she celebrated 63 years of marriage before David's death in 2011. Together, they raised six children: Julia (Jim) Wise, Belleville, MI; David (Karen) Hornick, Leavenworth, KS; Anthony (Ginny) Hornick, Irving, TX; Joseph (Amy Hackler) Hornick, Olathe, KS; Therese (Jim) Terkovich, Mendham, NJ; and Damian (Maureen) Hornick, Lenexa, KS.

Frances's life revolved around her

family. Relatives who lived close by were always stopping in to visit her, and those who lived out of town made frequent visits as well. She had 17 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren and she would beam with joy whenever she mentioned any of them. Frances had a way of making each family member feel special. Whether you were one of her children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren, she always made you feel as if you were the most special of them all.

A Catholic with a deep and abiding faith, Frances was baptized at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS. There, she attended the parish elementary school until enrolling at Bishop Ward High School, Kansas City, KS, where she graduated in 1944. In 1955 she became a faithful parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kansas City, KS, and remained there until the present time.

From 1944 until 1949, Frances worked at Hall Brothers (which would later become Hallmark Cards) as a color plate artist under the guidance of Hans Archenhold. The company was still relatively small at the time and it was not uncommon for J.C. Hall, the founder of Hallmark, to be with the artists in the art department.



## OBITUARIES – NEKROLÓGY

Frances returned in 2017 to Hallmark, where she was graciously hosted for a day, to revisit her workplace from all those years ago, and see all the changes that had taken place in the art department – particularly the latest digital technology.

Frances was preceded in death by her four older sisters, Ann Rohl, Jule Maxfield, Mary Nasalik, and Josephine Miller; and one brother, Toby, who died when he was a little boy.

**Anna Petty  
Branch 746  
Hollywood, FL**



Anna (Tkach) Petty, 96, passed away at home surrounded by family, on July 15, 2024 in Hollywood, FL. Anna was born on June 11, 1928 in Elizabeth, NJ to John Tkach and Barbara (Cepos) and was the oldest of four children. At just six years old, Anna's father died and the family moved back to Stretava, Slovakia. She returned to America at age 18 and settled in Linden, NJ. There she met her husband, Joe, got married and began their family.

Anna worked throughout her life in factories, at RCA and later worked in Jordan Marsh as a retail sales associate. Her expertise and greatest joys were feeding/cooking/baking

for the family. She was a great cook that spoiled all with favorite foods like pierohy, halupky and the famous rozky cookies made during the holidays.

She embraced her faith, family, her Slovak heritage and America. She became an active parishioner of Holy Family Church and stayed involved with Rosary Altar Society.

In 1971 she relocated with the family to Hollywood, FL, where they bought a small business with another family. Together the two families began their lives in Florida. Eventually the business was sold and Anna began her retail sales experience until she retired at 70.

Retirement meant more time for gardening, sewing projects, and attending her grandsons' sporting events like baseball, basketball, and hockey. Summer trips to New Jersey and Vermont were yearly events, and holidays were made extra special with traditional customs.

Anna was predeceased by her beloved husband of 71 years, Joe, her brother John Tkach and sister Barbara Savka. She is survived by her devoted children, Anka, Joseph (Susan), Lorraine (Gordon), and Christine; her cherished grandchildren, great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and her sister Maria Molnarova in Stretava. In her last days

she expressed much gratitude and appreciation to God and America for all the opportunities and good fortune bestowed on the family.

**Patricia Ann Sickles  
Branch 320  
Slovan, PA**



Patricia Ann Sickles, 78, of Slovan, formerly of Canonsburg, passed away peacefully Saturday April 1, 2023, in Canonsburg Hospital, with her devoted son by her side. She was born October 9, 1944, in Canton OH, daughter of the late Stephen and Susanna P. Petro Gonglik. Patty was a graduate of Canon-McMillan Sr. High School class of 1962, was Roman Catholic and lived in Slovan since 1980. She received an associate degree from Robert Morris College and had been employed in product safety with Bayer Corporation for many years and prior to her retirement with Lanxess Corporation. Patty enjoyed traveling around the world, cooking and gardening. She loved animals of all kinds, especially her dog Sugar. Left behind to cherish her memory is her son, John P. Sickles and his wife Kristine of Moon Twp. and her beloved granddaughters Elizabeth, Emily and Molly Sickles.

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*Solution to the Crossword Puzzle from page 17*

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### St. Paul Cathedral Parish

### “Vilija” Dinner

## Sunday, December 8, 2024

Join us for a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner celebration at the St. Rosalia Social Hall.


Christmas is a time for remembrance—for recalling the joys and blessings of the year, as well as for treasuring memories of Christmases past. The most treasured memories are customs and traditions of our parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents of Slovakia.

Many of these customs have been handed down from generation to generation and now are the links that bind us to the past as well as to the future. You will experience many of the traditions of a people of simple country faith and cherished customs of our Slovak ancestors. We will break the oplatky wafer; have a traditional mushroom soup, baked cod, pirohy, and bobalky. The Pittsburgh Slovaks will present their Christmas pageant - Jasličkare - which tells the story of the shepherds bringing their gifts to the Christ child.

Dinner will be served at 4 PM. Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets early!  
All seats will be reserved.

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Please complete and return this form with payment no later than Saturday, November 30th, to reserve your tickets.  
Make checks payable to St. Paul Cathedral and mail to: Sue Ondrejco, 234 Ilion St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 each

Number of Child (Ages 5 - 10) Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 each

Number of Children (Ages 4 and under): \_\_\_\_\_ Free

# News from Slovakia - Správy zo Slovenska

## PELEGRINI AND PAVEL UNVEILED AN ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK DEDICATED TO SLOVAKS AND CZECHS IN THE USA

*The astronomical clock is inspired by the historic clock at Prague's Old Town Hall, but it is not a copy of it. Similar to Prague, 12 figures alternate in the two windows of the astronomical clock in Cedar Rapids.*



Cedar Rapids, Sept. 27 (TASR) – Slovak President Peter Pellegrini and Czech President Peter Pavel on Friday inaugurated a new astronomical clock on the renovated tower of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Both presidents came here from the UN General Assembly in New York, TASR reports.

“Slovakia is grateful to the United States for providing a home for many of our compatriots, promoting a diversity approach,” Pellegrini said in a speech to about 1,000 people, adding that American Slovaks and Czechs were able to preserve their traditions and culture in the United States.

He recalled that the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Agreements were signed in the United States, which led to the establishment of Czechoslovakia. According to him, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are modern states with shared values that are common in the EU, while they are also allies in NATO with the United States.

In his speech, Pavel said that the National Czech and Slovak Museum has been transformed over time into an important center of Czech and Slovak culture in the United States. He emphasized that the astronomical clock combines Czech technical expertise and Slovak art.

The astronomical clock is inspired by the historic clock at Prague's Old Town Hall, but it is not a copy of it. Similar to Prague, 12 figures alternate in the two windows of the astronomical clock in Cedar Rapids. While in Prague they are figures of apostles, the figures in Cedar Rapids bring closer the life of Slovaks, Czechs, Moravians and Silesians in the USA at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. They were made of oak wood by the Slovak sculptor Andrej Haršány.

Six figures represent professions – butcher, iceman, miner, farmer, blacksmith and merchant – and another six figures depict compatriots in everyday life situations: a mother with a child, a couple dancing polka, a girl in a folk costume, a nun working as a teacher, a member of the Sokol physical education association and an accordionist.

The statues had to have exact dimensions so that they could rotate in the astronomical clock. They are 117 centimeters high and 42 centimeters wide. Andrej Haršány created them in his workshop in the village of Borová near Trnava.

As the author of the sculptures told TASR, he received the assignment in March this year and in July the figures had to be transported to the United States. “I had one week for one statue,” he specified.

The astrolabe and the movement of the statues are controlled through software from Prague. Every hour, an excerpt from the symphonic poem Vltava by Bedřich Smetana is heard as a prologue, then the clock strikes, then the doors open and the statues parade to the sounds of Antonín Dvořák's music.

This year, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library celebrates its 50th anniversary. The clock tower dates back to 1995, when the then presidents of Slovakia, Michal Kováč, Václav Havel of the Czech Republic, and Bill Clinton of the United States, visited the institution together. As the local newspaper The Gazette wrote, about 10,000 people gathered there at the time, mainly descendants of American Slovaks and Czechs.

## PELEGRINI A PAVEL V USA ODHALILI ORLOJ VENOVANÝ SLOVÁKOM A ČECHOM

*Orloj je inšpirovaný historickými hodinami na pražskej Staromestskej radnici, avšak nejde o ich kópiu. Podobne ako v Prahe, aj v Cedar Rapids sa v dvoch oknách orloja strieda 12 figúrok.*

Cedar Rapids 27. septembra (TASR) – Prezident SR Peter Pellegrini spoločne s českou hlavou štátu Petrom Pavlom v piatok slávnostne spustili nový orloj na zrekonštruovanej veži na pôde Národného českého a slovenského múzea a knižnice v Cedar Rapids v štáte Iowa. Obaja prezidenti sem prišli z Valného zhromaždenia OSN v New Yorku, informuje osobitný spravodajca TASR.

“Slovensko je vďačné Spojeným štátom za to, že mnohým našim krajanom poskytli domov, presadzujúc prístup rozmanitosti,” povedal v prejave Pellegrini pred zhruba tisícovkou ľudí s dodatkom, že americkí Slováci a Česi si v USA mohli zachovať svoje tradície a kultúru.

Pripomenul, že v Spojených štátoch boli podpísané Pittsburská a Clevelandská dohoda, ktoré viedli k vzniku Česko-Slovenska. Slovensko a ČR sú dnes podľa neho moderné štáty so zdieľanými hodnotami, ktoré sú spoločne v EÚ, pričom s USA sú tiež spojencami v NATO.

Pavel v príhovore uviedol, že Národné české a slovenské múzeum sa časom transformovalo na významné centrum českej a slovenskej kultúry v USA. Vyzdvihol, že orloj spája českú technickú odbornosť a slovenské umenie.

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Šesť postaviek predstavuje povolania – mäsiara, ľadára, baníka, farmára, kováča a obchodníka – a ďalších šesť figúrok znázorňuje krajanov v bežných životných situáciách: matku s dieťaťom, pár tancujúci polku, dievča v kroji, rádovú sestru pôsobiacu ako učiteľku, členku telovýchovného spolku Sokol a akordeonistu.

Sochy museli mať presné rozmery, aby sa mohli v orloji otáčať. Majú výšku 117 centimetrov a šírku 42 centimetrov. Andrej Haršány ich vytvoril vo svojej dielni v obci Borová pri Trnave.

Ako povedal autor sôch pre TASR, zadanie dostal v marci tohto roku a v júli už museli byť figúrky prevezené do Spojených štátov. “Mal som jeden týždeň na jednu sochu,” spresnil.

Astroláb a pohyb sôch riadia prostredníctvom softvéru z Prahy. Každú hodinu zaznie ako prológ úryvok zo symfonickej básne Vltava od Bedřicha Smetanu, potom odbijajú hodiny, následne sa otvoria dvere a za zvukov hudby Antonína Dvořáka defilujú sochy.

Národné české a slovenské múzeum a knižnica oslavuje tento rok 50. výročie založenia. Hodinová veža pochádza z roku 1995, keď inštitúciu spoločne navštívili vtedajší prezidenti Slovenska Michal Kováč, Česka Václav Havel a Spojených štátov Bill Clinton. Ako napísali miestne noviny The Gazette, zišlo sa tam vtedy približne 10.000 ľudí, najmä potomkov amerických Slovákov a Čechov.

# Minutes Of The Executive Committee Meeting Friday, August 16, 2024 Video Conference

## OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth A. Arendt opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Damian Nasta to lead the prayer.

## ROLL CALL:

Members attending:

Kenneth A. Arendt	National President	(video conference)
Damian Nasta	National Vice President	(video conference)
Kevin J. Collins	Executive Secretary	(video conference)
John Tokarsky	Treasurer	(video conference)
James Marmol	Regional Director	(video conference)
	(by invitation of the President)	

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the July 19, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by John Tokarsky and seconded by Damian Nasta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

## AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

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

## TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented his monthly written Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee. Following the report, he answered the Committee's questions.

## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

### Annuity Rates

The President led a discussion on the current annuity rates. The Executive Committee decided the annuity rates will remain the same and be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

### Investment Updates

The President and the Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee Meeting on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. The Committee discussed the report and the Executive Secretary answered the Committee's questions.

### Financial Report

The President and the Executive Secretary presented a detailed summary of the Financial Report for the second quarter of 2024 and answered the Committee's questions.

### Portfolio Review

The President and the Executive Secretary updated the Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions. The President stated he will invite representatives from MAI, UBS and Clutterbuck to attend a future Executive Meeting to review our investment portfolios.

### Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The President and the Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of July 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 July:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	376,818.00
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	65,361.00
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report.

The Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

The President led a review of our FHLB advances and their current rates for possible future advancements.

## SALES AND MARKETING:

- The Home Office is working with our outside marketing firm on a marketing program to recruit independent agents. The President gave an update on the status of getting licensed in 10 additional states to improve our marketing base and recruit new agents.
- The Executive Secretary led a discussion regarding the TV ads running on Fox 8 and stated they will be doing a second taping.

## FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The President stated that there will be a Fall Festival on October 5 at Simmons Farm. All fraternal activities will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

## REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

## ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kevin Collins and seconded by Damian Nasta to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Damian Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt  
President

Kevin J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

# Minutes Of The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the USA and Canada Thursday, June 20, 2024 Virtual Meeting

## OPEN MEETING:

President Kenneth Arendt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked Reverend Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer.

## ROLL CALL:

Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present:

Rev. Thomas Nasta	National Chaplain	present
Kenneth A. Arendt	National President	present
Damian Nasta	National Vice President	present
Kevin Collins	Executive Secretary	present
John Tokarsky	National Treasurer	present
Gregory Maurer	Chairman of Auditors	present
Joanne Fibbi	Fraternal Activities Director	present
Sabina Sabados	Regional Director, Region 1	excused
Nicole Nasta	Regional Director, Region 2	present
Martha Zavada	Regional Director, Region 3	present
James Marmol	Regional Director, Region 4	present
Bradley Matta	Regional Director, Region 5	present
Thomas Ivanec	Regional Director, Region 6	present
Timothy Graves	Regional Director, Region 7	present
Milos Mitro	Regional Director, Region 8	present
Gary J. Matta	General Counsel	present

## READING OF THE CALL:

The Call to the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union was posted on our website and published in the Jednota newspaper.

**PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA:**

President Arendt presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Thomas Ivanec and seconded by Rev. Thomas Nasta to accept the agenda and to allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary, as he presents each item on the agenda with appropriate comments or recommendations. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING****MARCH 16, 2024:**

The minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting was preapproved by the Board on April 29, 2024. A motion was made by John Tokarsky and seconded by James Marmol to accept the approval. Motion carried.

**AQS REPORT:**

Larry White, representing AQS Asset Management, presented an extensive PowerPoint presentation detailing our Investment Portfolio Transaction Report to the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board received a copy of the presentation in advance for his or her review. During and after the presentation, Larry White answered questions from the Board.

Mr. White reviewed our investment policy and suggested that the allocation to asset backed securities should be raised from 10% to 15% based on current economic conditions. A motion was made by James Marmol and seconded by Bradley Matta to raise the allocation percentage. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024:***Executive Secretary's Report*

President Arendt presented the financial summary report for the first quarter of 2024 and answered the Board's questions.

*Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati*

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors giving a complete update of the investments and all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

*Portfolio Custodian*

The Executive Secretary updated the Board of Directors on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank. Everything was found in order, and he answered the Board's questions.

*Investment Updates*

The President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer led a review on the investments and transactions with the UBS Fund, MAI Fund, and the Clutterbuck Fund.

Following the reports, the President and the Executive Secretary answered the Board's questions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer John Tokarsky presented a detailed Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of 2024. The Treasurer answered the Board's questions.

**DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

The President recognized Director of Fraternal Activities Joanne Fibbi, who presented a detailed report of all the 2024 activities to the Board of Directors.

Fraternal Activities Director Joanne Fibbi gave a recap of the FCSU Bowling Tournament held on April 26-27, 2024. She stated that members were pleased it was an FCSU event only.

The following activities are upcoming in 2024: the FCSU Golf Tournament July 12-14, 2024, and two National Picnics: one at Knoebels Amusement Resort and Golf Tournament in Elysburg, Pennsylvania on June 22, 2024 and the other at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio on August 10, 2024. A fall festival will be held for the first time on October 5, 2024 in McMurray, Pennsylvania. It will be a family event with many activities to enjoy. There will also be a Dog Days of Summer Contest and the 2024 Loser's Pool Contest. The details will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on the website. She also reminded the board about the Slovak Day at Kennywood Park on July 18, 2024.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:***Executive Committee*

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Executive Committee Meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Executive Committee meets monthly and whenever else it is necessary to take care of the business of the Society.

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved

by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members work very closely with the Society's Investment Advisor, AQS Asset Management.

*Pension Committee*

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the current FCSU Pension Plan which was passed out to the Board of Directors for review. He stated that we are in full compliance with all federal regulations and answered the Board's questions.

*Scholarship Committee*

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of three independent professionals led by Father Gerard Gonda, OSB. Applications for the current FCSU scholarship program are being received and they will be sent to the Scholarship Committee. The Executive Secretary also gave a report on the Jednota Benevolent Foundation and answered the Board's questions.

**SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM FOR 2024**

The President stated that the 2024 FCSU Scholarships have been awarded and the letters have been sent to the winners. The Stephen C. Matula Scholarship applications have been sent to the judges for review and we should have the results shortly. The Committee increased the number of winners from 5 to 15 eligible to receive \$4,000. The winners will be published in the Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The President recognized the Executive Secretary Kevin Collins, who presented his quarterly report to the Board of Directors.

- The Executive Secretary stated that we are on Facebook.
- The Executive Secretary stated that we are running a television commercial on the local Fox 8 TV station in Cleveland.
- The Executive Secretary stated that the details for the Matching Funds Program are being finalized. The program will be printed in our Jednota newspaper and posted on our website.
- The Executive Secretary stated that we are finalizing getting licensed in 11 additional states to expand our marketing base.
- The Executive Secretary stated that we are looking for better ways to recruit independent agents to sell our products.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure and the Business Continuity Disaster Plan for 2024 were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Timothy Graves and seconded by John Tokarsky to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

**JEDNOTA PROPERTIES INC.:**

The President appointed Thomas Ivanec, Gary Matta and Timothy Yoder to the Jednota Properties Inc., Board of Directors.

- The President appointed himself, Bradley Matta and Damian Nasta to the Jednota General Board of Directors.
- The President re-appointed himself, Kevin Collins, James Marmol, Gary Matta and Damian Nasta to the Jednota, Inc. Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.
- A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Bradley Matta. Motion carried.

**CONVENTION:**

The President stated that he has been looking at several possible convention sites and will narrow it down to three sites. He plans to present it to the Board at the September or December board meeting for approval.

**DONATION COMMITTEE:**

All donation requests were reviewed and acted upon.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:**

A motion was made by Thomas Ivanec and seconded by Bradley Matta to pay all the bills associated with the meeting. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Timothy Graves and seconded by Gregory Maurer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Reverend Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with prayer.

Kenneth A. Arendt  
President

Kevin J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

# Thanks for a Fantastic Tournament!

## Congratulations To Our Top Golfers

This past July, FCSU member golfers and guests gathered at Oglebay Resort for our first sole sponsorship of the annual golf tournament in many years. Golfers said it was the best tournament in recent memory. They complimented the quality lodgings, excellent food, generous raffles and challenging rounds of golf. The weather was hot, but our golfers still brought in some great scores -- especially those listed below. We look forward to welcoming even more members to the tournament in 2025!



### Official 2024 Prize Winners by Flight

#### A Flight

- 1st Place \$200 - Patrick Quinn
- 2nd Place \$150 - Dave DeGol
- 3rd Place \$100 - Brad Matta
- 4th Place \$ 50 - Jerry Hromada

#### B Flight

- 1st Place \$200 - Andrew Kozusko
- 2nd Place \$150 - Derek Kochis
- 3rd Place \$150 - Darren Yokopenic
- 4th Place \$ 50 - Lou Wolford

#### C Flight

- 1st Place \$200 - John Grottenthaler
- 2nd Place \$100 - Greg Maurer
- 3rd Place \$ 50 - John Tokarsky

#### D Callaway Flight

- 1st Place \$200 - Dustin Rothrock
- 2nd Place \$150 - Austin Matta
- 3rd Place \$ 87.50 - Rece Henneman
- 3rd Place \$ 87.50 - Jake Sweitzer
- 5th Place \$ 50 - Shawn Adam

#### SC Callaway Senior Flight

- 1st Place \$100 - Jeff Beattie
- 1st Place \$100 - Gary Ketterer

#### W Women's Flight

- 1st Place \$100 - Larissa Matta

#### S Senior Flight

- 1st Place \$200 - Tim Kozusko
- 2nd Place \$175 - Mike Nemcheck
- 3rd Place \$137.50 - Anthony Menich
- 3rd Place \$137.50 - John D. Pastorek
- 5th Place \$100 - Rusty Groner
- 7th Place \$ 75 - Frank Miscovich
- 8th Place \$ 50 - Jim Yokopenic

#### All Tournament Lowest Gross Scores

- 1st Place 141 - \$200 Sean Adam
- 2nd Place 151 - \$150 Dave DeGol
- 3rd Place 154 - \$100 Brad Matta

#### Closest to the Pin

- Saturday - Ed Poponick
- Sunday - Dustin Rothrock

#### Longest Putt

- Saturday - Greg Maurer
- Sunday - Larissa Matta

Complete scores/rankings, and additional photos are on the FCSU website [fcsu.com/events](http://fcsu.com/events)

### Tentative Dates for 2025

July 18 -20 or July 25-27, 2025

Confirmation of location and dates coming soon.





Golfers line up at their carts for the playing of the National Anthems of the United States, Canada and Slovakia at the start of the tournament.



This great foursome includes three flight winners, Dustin Rothrick (Callaway), Tim Kozusko (Senior), Alex Kozusko, and Andrew Kozusko (B Flight). Way to go!



Tim Quinn, Scott Harr, Pat Quinn (1st place A Flight), and Barry Halula are a fun-loving crew.



From Branch 2 - Pittsburgh, Ray Lako, National Auditor, Joe Barron, Jeff Beattie (Senior Callaway 1st place), and Dave Sinagra reconnect on the links.



Fathers and sons team up for a second year. Ken Adam, Shawn Adam (All tournament lowest gross score), John D. Pastorek, and John E. Pastorek.



Rick Sutula, Jeff Sutula, Leo Derk and John Grottenthaler (1st place C Flight), reunite their foursome from 2023.



Gary Matta, General Counsel, Larissa Matta (1st place W flight), Jake Sweitzer and Nick Sweitzer play together.



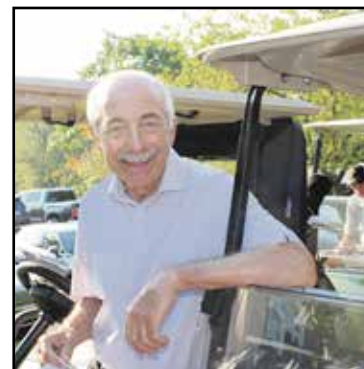
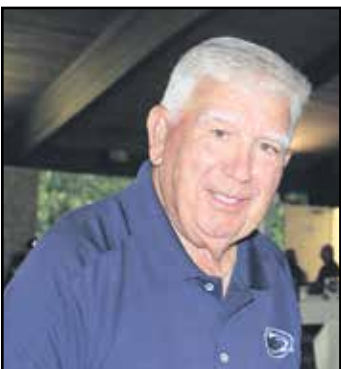
Some winners from Lorain, OH include Rusty Groner (5th Place Senior), Jerry Hromada (4th Place A Flight), Ryan Reddinger and Ken Reddinger.



Ed Poponick (Closest to the Pin) along with Dan Poponick, Tony Menich and AJ Coval (3rd Place Senior) enjoy a round of golf.



President Ken Arendt hangs out with the proud to proclaim oldest golfer at the event, Marty Finklestine, Branch 372, who is 89 years young!



Oglebay GOLF

