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HAPPY

July 4th!



My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

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Thank you Father

Dear God:

I want to thank You for what you have already done.

I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I
am thanking you right now

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better,
I am thanking you right now

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until
they stop talking about me, I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I
am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I
am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the
house is quiet, I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I
get the job, I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience
in my life that has caused me pain or grief, I am going to
thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the
challenges are removed. I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive.

I am thanking you because I made it through the day's
difficulties.

I am thanking you because I have walked around the
obstacles.

I am thanking you because I have the ability and the
opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you, because God, you haven't given up on me.

Dear Friends,

This month, thank God for all of the opportunities you
have been given to learn and grow... especially for the ones
that you might not have been so happy about at the time
they occurred. I think you will find, in retrospect, those are
the ones you learned and grew from the most!

Until Next Month,
Warmly, Carolyn

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION

Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, D. Min., J.C.L., National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is the Presentation in the Temple. The spiritual fruit most commonly associated with this mystery is Purity of Mind and Body but also the spiritual fruit of Obedience.

The Gospel of St. Luke tells us that when Our Lord was eight days old he was circumcised, as was the Jewish tradition. But the Presentation in the Temple actually took place 40 days after Christ's birth. That is why the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation on February 2, which is 40 days after Christmas. At the time according to the Law, a woman remained impure for 40 days after the birth of a child. Her purification in the temple was combined with the practice that every firstborn male child was to be taken to the temple to be presented 40 days after birth as a form of consecration and offering to the Lord. This practice went back to the time of Exodus when God called the Israelites to consecrate all firstborn sons. However, once divine worship was reserved to the tribe of Levi, the first-born who did not belong to that tribe were not dedicated to God's service. To show that they continued to be God's special property, a rite of redemption was performed. The firstborn son would be presented to God; parents would then "ransom" the consecrated child with a sacrificial offering. According to tradition Mary and Joseph went to the temple for purification after childbirth and to pres-

ent Jesus. With them they brought the customary animal sacrifice of two doves or two pigeons. A wealthy family might bring a lamb. By their offering we know that Mary and Joseph certainly were not wealthy but continued to live their humble and meek life.

When Mary and Joseph presented Jesus they encountered two old and pious individuals. The first was Simeon to whom God had revealed that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah. Simeon had waited his entire life for this revelation to come true. Recognizing the Christ Child in the temple, Simeon proclaimed to God: "Now you can dismiss your servant in peace. You have fulfilled your word." He further prophesied that Jesus would be the glory of Israel and the light of revelation to the Gentiles. But to Mary Simeon revealed that despite his importance, Jesus would be rejected by many and that Mary's "own soul a sword shall pierce." His words were a foretelling of Mary's future heartache witnessing her son's tribulations. Mary and Joseph were then surprised by their encounter with Anna, an elderly widow who had spent her days praying and fasting in the temple, waiting for the promised Messiah. At the Presentation she is rewarded by finally seeing Christ, after which she spent her days praising and declaring the infant she had met as the expected Messiah.

So much more was going on at the

Presentation in the Temple than you first realize. Here is the Holy Family submitting to the Law set forth by God Himself, although it clearly was not necessary for the Son of God and his mother to do so. When you think about it, Mary certainly did not need purification by virtue of the child to whom she had given birth and simply because she had no sin. She conceived Jesus as a virgin and remained so after his birth. Still she made the required offering in order to be faithful to the Law. The same would apply to Jesus. Did the Son of God need to be presented to his Heavenly Father in the temple? Of course not. Yet Mary and Joseph offer Jesus to the Father, then ransom him back at the price paid by the poor in fulfillment of the Law even though it does not apply to them, thereby setting an example of obedience to God's law that we all should emulate. Further, for Mary the words of Simeon must have given her pause as she realized what the future held for her Beloved Son and for her as his mother. Yet remember what Mary had declared at the Annunciation: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word." At the Presentation she continued to fulfill her consent to God. Mary and Joseph returned then to Nazareth with a greater understanding of their need to protect Jesus and to continue to fulfill the solemn duty given to them by God: to raise Jesus in preparation for his work as the Messiah.

ATTENTION! UWAGA!

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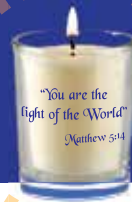
Photos from a past event? Polish Holiday Recipes? Polish Traditions?

You can find them on the FCSLA website!

Go To: FCSLA.ORG/ Z District or FCSLA.ORG/ U District

Message from our National President

CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



“FOR GOD AND COUNTRY”



Dear fellow members,

Since the humble beginnings of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association in 1892, our motto has been “For God and Country”. In essence, these are the unifying principles that inspire and unite our members. In her writings and speeches, Anna Hurban, our Foundress, spoke and wrote about why she envisioned such a society, and stated that she did not wish

that our Slovak-American immigrant women (and later others) be scorned by those already assimilated into American life in the towns, cities and areas where our immigrant families settled and eventually became part of American life. We aspired (and still do today) for a better life for the younger generation of our families. It is the American dream that is built into the framework of this country’s founding documents – “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”, one of the pillars of “The American Experiment”.

We have always been passionate about our Faith, as well. In fact, our corporate purpose since the time of our original incorporation, states in part “to uphold, preserve, and perpetuate the doctrine of the Holy Catholic Faith”. Many of the elements of our framework, our governing documents, rituals, customs and practices embrace our love of our Faith by showing respect for each other and affirming the dignity of each person from the dawn of life forward.

In this time of national crisis calling for the end of racial injustice and violence, and this historic COVID-19 pandemic, we are called to continue to advocate for the common good of our great nation. We join with Pope Francis, our fellow fraternalists and all citizens if this nation in coming together in solidarity to work towards an end of racial injustice and hatred.

As we know at First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, we must start in both small and multiple ways with prayer and reflect as to how we can open our hearts and continue to show love and respect for those suffering from the pain of racial injustice.

We also join with others to console those grieving

for victims as we work towards national reconciliation and peace.

As U.S. President John F. Kennedy said in one of his last speeches before his assassination, we must not forget that this country of ours is our common inheritance to make better for the next generation of citizens. The rights of everyone are undermined when the rights of one are demolished.

Take care during these historic times, fellow citizens, and let us join together in this common prayer and plea during this month when we celebrate our freedoms and common aspirations!

Cynthia M. Maleski
National President (CEO)

Blood of Jesus, Help Me!

In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying

Blood of Jesus, help me!

In all my doubts, perplexities, and temptations,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

In hours of loneliness, weariness and trials,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

In the failure of my plans and hopes;

in disappointments, troubles and sorrows,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

When my heart is cast down by failure,

at seeing no good come from my efforts,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

When others fail me, and Thy grace alone can assist me,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

When I throw myself on Thy tender loves

as my Father and Savior,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

When I feel impatient, and my cross irritates me,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot work and I am lonely,

Blood of Jesus, help me!

Always, always in spite of weakness, falls and shortcomings, of every kind,

Blood of Jesus, help me and never forsake me.



2020 PA FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

PURPOSE

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is an honor presented by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance to recognize an individual within the fraternal benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service.

ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must be a member of a local unit of a PFA member-society and must be living at the time of selection.
- Home Office staff; full-time insurance sales force staff; officers of member societies and fraternal leaders within the Alliance are not eligible to receive the award.
- An individual can win the award only once.

PROCEDURE

The award will be administered by the PFA Fraternalist of the Year Award Committee. In keeping with PFA's desire that each society sponsor a program within their local lodges and units, FCSLA is accepting nominations from our branches for this award. An application can be obtained by calling the FCSLA Fraternal Department at (800) 464-4642 x1051. Please send nominations with supporting information by August 3, 2020 to:

Katherine Bowes, Interim Fraternal Director
24950 Chagrin Boulevard,
Beachwood, OH 44122

Please remember to include one head and shoulders photograph of nominee. Additional materials may include letters, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit audio or videotapes, display materials, films, or scrapbooks, as they will not be considered in judging the nomination. Submitted materials will not be returned.

FCSLA will submit their nomination to the PFA Fraternalist of the Year Committee by the Sept. 1, 2020 deadline.



Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever, For the sake of the land of the brave and free, And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, Our people are in need of You, Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You This Independence Day, dependent on You. Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, And righteousness like a never failing stream, Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, As the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

*(a modern prayer for the United States of America
from www.lords-prayer-words.com)*

ATTENTION *Branches, Districts and Other Slovak Organizations*

We know since the COVID-19 Pandemic things have changed – event listings, festivals, celebrations, and sporting events that we have for publication might no longer be correct. Please email us your revised information so we can keep our members up to date with the latest current events and cancellations.

Please email National Editor Carolyn Bazik at zjbazik@comcast.net with your updated information.

Please Stay Safe and Healthy!



Celebrate Your Financial Freedom with FCSLA!

James Donovan, Pacific Coast/Southwest Regional Sales Manager
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Our country's 244th Birthday will be celebrated July 4th – Happy Birthday, USA!

Not only do we celebrate our freedom of life and liberty, we also celebrate our right to pursue happiness, too.

Our Independence Day can also mean being financially independent of bills, mortgage payments, college and car loans!

FCSLA's insurance and annuity products ensure that your children and grandchildren may have the means to do **what** they want to do, **when** they want to do it! This is true financial independence!

How do we attain this?

The first step is to utilize FCSLA's life insurance products. Free yourself and your family of worry and stress by choosing an FCSLA life product that fits your needs now and in the future.

Life insurance provides for **your loved ones** when **you are no longer there**. No one lives forever, but your family's financial freedom can.

Protect your income now, so when you die, your family finances will not be disturbed or changed. With the stroke of a pen, much like the signing of the Declaration of Independence, you secure the future with the purchase of a life insurance certificate. Become a Founding Mother or Father and establish your family's financial stability!

Our life products: **Single Premium Whole Life, 10 Pay, Traditional Whole Life and Term** allow your family the freedom of living without fear or worry. They will thrive because of you and your decision to purchase ample life insurance. Your investment is their future! What a true American you are!

Look at a sample annual rate table of male and female, non-tobacco, newborn to age 25 and then to age 50, with the costs of a \$50,000 death benefit. Remember the term products include Next Gen (available newborn to age 23 for annual pay and to age 19 for single pay) and our 20-year Level term.

MALE	SPWL	10-Pay	Whole Life	Term
Age 0	\$ 3,500	\$ 546.50	\$ 211.50	\$ 49.00
Age 25	\$ 7,000	\$1,052.50	\$ 419.00	\$ 81.50
Age 50	\$15,650	\$2,303.50	\$1,058.50	\$291.50
FEMALE	SPWL	10 Pay	WL	Term
Age 0	\$ 3,050	\$ 488.00	\$190.50	\$ 49.00
Age 25	\$ 6,250	\$ 951.50	\$377.50	\$ 71.00
Age 50	\$14,300	\$2,074.00	\$927.00	\$237.50

Only \$49 a year purchases \$50,000 of coverage for a new-born, and that child is covered until age 30, when you must convert! The cost of our 20-Year Level term is also very reasonable at age 50!

Our permanent plans guarantee premiums, cash value, and death benefit. FCSLA products and their promises are simple, clear, and secure.

The second option is to safeguard your American Dream with an FCSLA annuity.

Whether funding a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA, or non-qualified account, you are accumulating future monies that will be there when you need them, whether at retirement or early withdrawal.*

Investing \$200 a month, starting at age 25 with a \$250 starting balance can give you \$1,000 in monthly income starting at age 70 for the rest of your life. And if you die within the first 15 years, your named beneficiary will receive the balance of what was saved!

So, while at the barbecue or having a family picnic, remember the patriots who gave us our freedom along with those currently serving in the military protecting our freedoms.

Give a call to the Patriots of Financial Security, your FCSLA regional managers listed below. We are here for you! It's a Grand Old Flag, let it fly forever!

*** PLEASE NOTE:** In addition to early withdrawal fees, withdrawals from annuities prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% Early Withdrawal Penalty by the IRS. Always consult your tax professional for tax advice.

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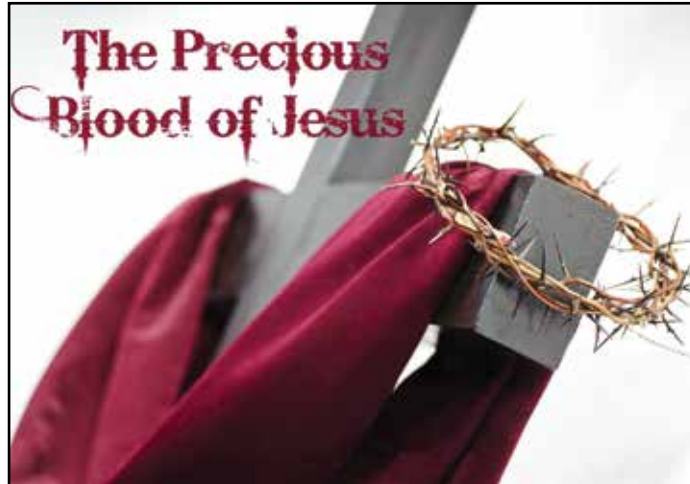
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JULY - MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Christ as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ – now pulsing through his Mystical Body – continues its salvific



work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, Bl. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others – by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do,

imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR POLICY BENEFICIARY?

Your FCSLA life or annuity policy was an important purchase. Keeping your beneficiary information current should be one of your top priorities. As your life changes, it is important to make sure you update the beneficiary information on all your accounts. Life events like marriage, divorce, birth of a child, and passing of a loved one are just some of the significant life events that may have an impact on your beneficiary information.

- It eliminates any doubt as to what you wish to be done with your hard-earned money or insurance proceeds.
- It saves time – if beneficiaries cannot be located or they are deceased, some state regulations mandate with how those funds are to be paid. It causes delays and possible legal expense. Unfortunately, when we cannot locate beneficiaries, funds may become payable to the state as unclaimed property.
- It helps ensure the financial wellness of your loved ones. You most likely purchased a life insurance or annuity policy to help cover funeral expenses or replace income.

It's not difficult, here's how...

Go to FCSLA.com and click on the yellow **Beneficiary Form** button located on the home page. Print the page, complete the form and mail it to the FCSLA Home Office for processing. You can also request that a form be sent to you by calling 1-800-464-4642 ex.t 1052 or email us at lifeclaims@fcscla.com.

You or someone you love worked hard to purchase this policy. Make sure you take the extra step NOW and do the right thing for yourself and your loved ones – keep your beneficiaries current.

Recent Graduate from University of Cincinnati



Hannah Feltz recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, OH with degrees in Communications and Environmental Studies. She also received her certificate in Public Relations. Since graduating, Hannah has been working with World Wildlife Fund, an environmental non-profit located in Washington DC, as a Communication and Marketing Intern.

Hannah is a member of Glassport, PA Branch 200 and is the granddaughter of the President of that branch, Judy Feltz.

Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary



Anne and Andrew Washko of Douglassville, PA, Branch S150, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 28th. The family had a window visit celebration at the nursing home where Anne resides, due to Covid 19. Congratulations – may God Bless the anniversary couple and keep them safe!

Successful Plant Sale



Addison Heard is a student at Howells Community Catholic School. She participated at the school's plant fundraiser.



Aiden Mastny is a student at Howells Community Catholic School and also a member of FCSLA Branch W006. Both girls collected plant orders from family and friends.



NOTICE OF CANCELLED EVENTS

District President Joyce Lechman of the Cleveland Anna Hurban District has announced that all meetings are cancelled for the remainder of 2020.

Independence Day

Freedom has its life in the hearts,
the actions, the spirit of men and so
it must be daily earned and refreshed -
else like a flower cut from its life-giving
roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower



97th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

The 97th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage.

A highlight of Slovak Day will be the concelebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion #5 directly behind the "Old Mill" at 4 p.m. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the "Pittsburgh Slovaks" and a virtual performance by the "Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble" (PAS).

A limited menu of Slovak foods will be served in Pavilion #4 from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out. For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 23, 2018 at Kennywood Park.

The cost of tickets is \$27 for Fun Day General Admission, \$17 for those 55 years of age and over, plus a Super Senior Ticket (ages 70+) \$13. Tickets are available by contacting Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204 or Mary Lou Wagner at (412) 462-1957. For general information about the 97th Slovak Day contact Chairwoman Mary Lou at (412) 462-1957.

Anna Hurban District in Cleveland Ohio Annual Day of Recollection in Honor of Sts. Ann and Joachim



Sponsored by: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
Anna Hurban District, Cleveland, Ohio

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
21281 Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio 44117

Contact Info: Gianna: 216-468-1021 or gianna@fcsla.com
Cleveland District Fraternal Coordinator

Date: Monday, July 27, 2020

Schedule: 10:00 A.M.

CANCELLED

Cost: \$25.00 per person

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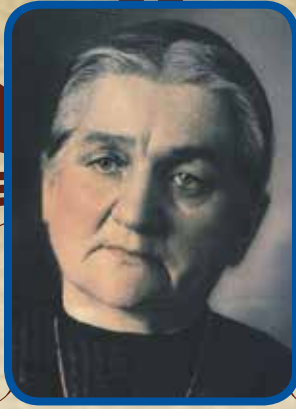
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Dr. Suzanne Strohl Elected to FCSLA Board of Directors



Michele Mrazik Grasso, newly elected Eastern PA District President, congratulates Dr. Suzanne V. Strohl (S230) on her election to the FCSLA Board of Directors as a National Trustee.



Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund

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You can make a difference in helping to make education affordable for a deserving student. Your generous gift to the Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund gives our young members the opportunity to build an even stronger foundation as they begin their life journey and affirms them at a crucial time in their lives.

Sincerely,
Cynthia M. Maleski
National President and CEO

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2020 FCSLA FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is an honor presented by FCSLA to recognize an individual within our organization who, through example and accomplishment, provide outstanding volunteer service to his or her FCSLA branch, church and community during the past year.

The winner will receive a check for \$100.00; will be featured in the *Fraternally Yours* Magazine, on our website and Facebook page.



GUIDELINES:

- ◆ All FCSLA members are eligible to submit a nominee for this award.
- ◆ The nominee must be a member in good standing of the FCSLA, age 23 and older, with a history of fraternal and community service.
- ◆ National Officers, Home Office Employees and previous recipients of this award are not eligible.
- ◆ Include a head and shoulders photo of nominee.
- ◆ Nomination Form, additional sheet of paper and photo should be mailed to: FCSLA, Katherine Bowes, Interim Fraternal & Youth Director, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122
- ◆ If you have any questions, please contact the Fraternal Department: 800.464.4642 x1051 or fraternal@fcsla.com.
- ◆ You may also print this form off our website www.fcsla.org.
- ◆ An independent committee will select the winner.
- ◆ **Deadline for entries has been extended to September 1, 2020 due to CODIV 19.**

2020 FCSLA Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Form

PLEASE PRINT!

NOMINEE:

Nominee's Name: _____ FCSLA Branch #: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed

If Married Spouses Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer/School: _____

Please review the following categories.

**On a separate sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (please type or print)
provide your response for each category.**

1. **Society Leadership:** Describe your nominee's involvement in the past year in FCSLA's local branch and district governance and activities. This would include service as a branch or district officer, or committee member for any and all FCSLA branch meetings, activities, dinners, blood drives, Matching Funds, Join Hands Day, etc. at any branch or district level.
2. **Service to Others:** Describe how nominee has provided significant volunteer service in the past year to his/her community or participated in outreach programs and environmental activities on the local, state or international level. (Examples: Participation in church groups, mentoring programs, school or community activities, disaster relief efforts, community or service groups.)
3. **Innovative Leadership:** Describe how this nominee has been a leader or an innovator during the past year. (Examples: Engaged in cross-generational participation in an event or activity, updated an old annual activity to make it more relevant, saw a need and created a program to address it, etc.)
4. Finally, describe your personal feelings of admiration for your nominee and why you feel he/she deserves this award.

NOMINATOR:

Name of Nominator: _____ Branch #: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Memorial Day Display in Boyertown, Pennsylvania

Jack Budnick, S150, is a member of St. Columbkil Church in Boyertown, PA and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 16544. The Knights set up a Memorial Day display in back of the church this past year and listed names and a short biography of local citizens that lost their lives while serving our country from WWI to present. It was a very moving tribute to those who served and made Memorial Day 2020 even more meaningful to our parishioners.



Helen Kocan District Elects New President

Helen Kocan District held their election of officers during the last meeting before Indiana's shelter in place order took effect.



District officers: Cynthia Oresik, Treasurer; Joann Skvarek Banvich, Vice-President (National Director); Lillian Zaborske, President and Jo Ann Ortiz, Secretary.



Members listen to Jim Morsovillo explain FCSLA products.

NOTICE

Eastern Pennsylvania District
Frances Jakabcin has canceled
their 2020 Christmas in July
scheduled for July 11th
at Knoebels Grove, Elysburg, PA.
It has been re-scheduled for July 8, 2021
(as is prior years the second
Tuesday in July).
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

2020 Consular Tour of Slovakia & Its Neighbors

Prague - Krakow - Vienna
August 21 to September 5, 2020

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko has announced his 15th tour of Slovakia!

Visit the historic sites of Kosice, Prešov, Poprad, Spišská Nová Ves, Levoca, Tatras, Trencin, and Bratislava. The tour includes a cruise, several castles, and a mock wedding ceremony.

The tour cost is \$1,200 per person. It includes round trip airfare from the nearest airport, breakfast and lunch meals daily, four star hotels, free admission to all the sites, air conditioned bus, a professional guide and more. Compare this itinerary with other tour packages. For a detailed copy of the daily itinerary or more information, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000.

*Subject to unanticipated change in their official schedule.

**TOUR
CANCELLED**

42nd Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal Update

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 42nd year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day to day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry.

As of June 13, \$17,668.50 has been received from 141 donors. This amount includes donations received from Branch 2, Branches S10 and J386, Branches S107 and J38, Branch S301, Branch 313, Branches S408 and J385, Branch S414, Branch S475, and the Magdalen I. Iskra District. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2020 Appeal but did not receive a letter in January asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2020 will be credited toward the 2021 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

42nd Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Amount \$ _____

*Please make check payable to
Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:*

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta
National First Vice President, SCF
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
120 Jefferson Street
Swedesburg, PA 19405

FCSLA Quadrennial Convention Flashback Memories

41st National Convention

2015 – Louisville, KY



2020 FCSLA YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Youth of the Year Award Honors the Spirit of Service by a young member of FCSLA.

There are countless young FCSLA members who participate in many service projects in their branches, churches, schools, and communities. They are individuals who stand out in a crowd because of their achievements and leadership. This is your opportunity to nominate an outstanding young member from your Branch!

~ GUIDELINES ~

- ◆ Nominee must be an FCSLA member for at least three years.
- ◆ The nominee must be between the **ages of 6-22 years**. (Received date will determine the age eligibility.)
- ◆ Family members of the Home Office Staff and National Officers are eligible to be nominated.
- ◆ Previous recipients of this award will not be considered, but previous nominees who did not receive the award are eligible to be nominated.
- ◆ Service projects / volunteerism must be between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020.
- ◆ On a separate sheet of paper, **TYPED** or **PRINTED** describe in 500 words or less what the individual has done to deserve being nominated for this award, including leadership *and/or* service to others in their **branch**, church, school *and/or* community.
- ◆ Entries must be received at the Home Office by **September 1, 2020**.
- ◆ A head and shoulders photo of nominee should be included with the entry.
- ◆ The winner receives \$100.00, will be featured in an issue of our *Fraternally Yours* magazine, on our website, and Facebook page.
- ◆ An independent committee will select the winner. It is their quality of service that determines the winner, not quantity of nominations returned.
- ◆ The complete nomination form can be found on our website: fcsla.org.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please contact the Fraternal Department: 800.464.4642 x1051 or fraternal@fcsla.com.



2020 FCSLA Youth of the Year Nomination Form

PLEASE PRINT!

Nominee's Name: _____
FCSLA Branch # : _____ Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____
Name of School / College / University: _____
Parent (s) Name(s): _____
Phone #: _____ Parents E-Mail Address: _____

PLEASE PRINT!

Name of Nominator: _____ FCSLA Branch #: _____ Phone #: _____
Signature of Nominator: _____ E-Mail: _____
Your Relation to Nominee: _____

Mail to: Fraternal Department, FCSLA, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122

FCSLA Quadrennial Convention Flashback Memories

41st National Convention

2015 – Louisville, KY



FCSLA Quadrennial Convention Flashback Memories

40th National Convention

2011 – Baltimore, MD





Test Your Memory . . .

Can you name the cities where FCSLA held their 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, and 2003 Conventions?

ANSWERS: 1987 – Anaheim, CA; 1991 – Orlando, FL; 1995 – Las Vegas, NV; 1999 – Atlanta, GA; and 2003 – Phoenix, AZ.



IN MEMORIAM

Richard J. "Red" Golias, S524



Richard J. "Red" Golias, age 90, of Garfield Heights, OH, entered into eternal rest on August 10, 2019. He was the beloved husband of the late Wanda M. (nee Shiplett). Dear father of Robert, Marie, Richard J. Jr., Anne, Karl, Timothy and Paul (Emma); loving grandfather of Richard M., Katie and Jimmy; dear brother of Robert D. (deceased); dear uncle and great uncle of many.

Celebrating his funeral Mass was Bishop Milan Lach, S.J., Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B. and eight priests from the Cleveland area. Red was a proud graduate of Benedictine High School, Class of 1947. He was their most loyal fan and won an award from his beloved high school for the many sporting events that he attended. Red was a member of the Holy Name Society, Painters Union-Local 707, and numerous Slovak organizations. He loved God, his family and friends. He never met a stranger!

Marion L. Skluzacek, SW056



Marion L. Skluzacek, age 84, of Lonsdale, MN passed away on January 10, 2020. Marion was born to Frank and Mary (Schoenbauer) Tupy on November 8, 1935 at her home in Hazelwood. She attended Most Holy Trinity School in Veseli. She met her husband Norbert and worked at Queen of Peace Hospital while waiting for him to return from his service in the Army. They were united in marriage on August 30, 1955 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Veseli.

They farmed together for thirty-two years on a dairy farm north of Lonsdale and raised their three children there together. Marion treasured her Catholic faith, family, friends, her Czech traditions and culture. Her favorite trip was exploring Europe, especially the roots of her Czech heritage in the Czech Republic. She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Council of Catholic Women, Immaculate Conception Choir, Fatima Prayer Group, American Legion Auxiliary, FCSLA, and past member of the St. Ludmilla Society and the Home School Association for LNMV (Holy Cross). Marion is survived by her children Geralyn Sticha and Rick Burns of Veseli, Greg and Deanna Skluzacek of Lonsdale and Jim and Cheryl Marek of Northfield; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; siblings include Fritz (Karen) Tupy, Clarence (Joanie) Tupy, Gene (Dorothy) Tupy and Ken (Sally) Tupy all of New Prague. She is also survived by 55 nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends that were dear to her heart.

Betty Mattas, W133

Betty J. Mattas, age 87 of Wilson, KS, Branch W133, passed away on February 21, 2020 in Tipton, KS. Betty was born to Henry J. Kepka and Charlotte (Lilak) Kepka on December 17, 1932 in rural Dorrance, KS. She had five siblings; Raymond, Harold, Leonard, Alice, and Adeline. Betty grew up in Dorrance where she attended Dorrance High School and graduated with the Class of 1950. Following high school, she went on to attend Marymount College in Salina for two years. She then returned to rural Dorrance where she met Emil F. Mattas. They were united in marriage on April 3, 1956 in Wilson, KS. She enjoyed polka dancing, crocheting, the farm, and being outside. She loved her farm

animals, especially the dogs. Betty was an extremely hard worker, never known to complain; she was humble and will be remembered for her contagious chuckle and smile that never faded. A devout Catholic, she was a member of the St. Wenceslaus Church Altar Society. Her church family will remember her spot on the right side, and although now empty, her memory will be cherished. Betty is survived by her children, Kathleen (Wendell) Willis of Lenexa, KS, Teresa (Tom) Gasper, of Tipton, KS; and Francis (Stephanie) Mattas of Greenville, SC; brother, Raymond (Arnelda) Kepka of Dorrance, KS; eleven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Helen S. Shullick, S114



Helen S. Shullick (nee Gdovin) age 94, of Lorain, OH, passed away on June 4, 2019. She was born on August 18, 1924 in Czechoslovakia, came to America as a two-year-old and settled in Lorain, OH. Helen graduated from Clearview High School Class of 1942. She was a member of the former Holy Trinity Church in Lorain where she served as President and Secretary of the Altar and Rosary Society, taught PSR religion

classes for six years, served as Sacristan for two years, served as Secretary of the Holy Trinity Seniors Group and was a member of the Holy Trinity Women's Guild. She was a member of St. Peter Parish in Lorain where she taught special needs children in the PSR Program for seven years. Helen was a devoted wife and mother who loved gardening and enjoyed cooking Slovak ethnic dishes, nut rolls, butterball cookies and cheesecake on holidays. She enjoyed many social gatherings with her circle of lady friends. She is survived by six children, Jerry (Kathy) Shullick, Michael (Cindy) Shullick, Patricia (Dennis) Petkovsek, Gloria (Don) Lugar, Diane Shullick, and Marilyn Branz; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and sisters Agnes Herda and Lillian Pena.

Bob Mueller, S23



Bob Mueller, Branch S23 and Auditor of the Louise M. Yash District, passed away on March 30, 2020. Bob was born in Milwaukee in 1945 to Mildred and Gordon Mueller. He was a graduate of Our Lady of Good Hope Grade School, Brown Deer High School and Spencerian College. He worked in various management positions for Montgomery Ward Catalog, Brinks Home Security and, later, became a part owner of Built in

Home Systems. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathy, and is the father of Stephenie (Tom) Duegle and Katie (Martin) Esterle. Grandpa Bob was proud of his nine grandchildren: Ava, Anna, Matthew, Michael, Natalie, Andrew, Michael, Luke and Elizabeth, all members of FCSLA. Because he was "Slovak by Marriage", Bob was a frequent volunteer at Slovak functions in the Milwaukee area. He was active in numerous other groups including the Muskego Lion's Club, Knights of Columbus, and Muskego Citizens Police Academy. Bob was retired from the US Army Reserves after 20 years of service. He loved volunteering for playground/lunchroom duty at St. Leonard Catholic School and was St. Nicholas for 21 years every December at the school. He enjoyed talking about sports and politics, driving his red Mustang convertible, going to his lake cottage and was an avid Colts fan. All who knew him will miss his laugh.

Cecilia "Cel" Sala Tonecha, Z221



Cecelia "Cel" (Sala) Tonecha, 93, of Valley Inn, Monongahela, PA went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2019. Cel was born on Keenan Hill, New Eagle on the Sala farm, a daughter of Joseph and Zofia Mirocha Sala. Coming from a family of 11 children, Cel quit school in 8th grade to help work on the Sala family farm. She cared for six brothers and her father when her mother passed away at a young age. At the age of seventeen, she went to work as Rosie the Riveter during WWII in the open hearth at Donora Zinc Works, where she had to wear wooden shoes 3" thick so that her feet did not catch on fire. Cel married Rudolph "Big Rudy" Tonecha on April 15, 1950. She was the last survivor of the women from Valley Inn who founded the Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary and also volunteered and was one of the founders of Valley Inn Helping Hands group. A very active member of St. Damien (Transfiguration) Church and was Vice President/ President of its Altar Rosary Christian Mothers for over eight years. She was a quiet, humble, hard-worker that enjoyed being creative making porcelain dolls, ceramics, baking forty trays of Christmas cookies and Easter lamb cakes to give away, baking pies and preparing family meals every day. She is survived by two daughters, Dr. Nancy King, Ed.D., Marlene (Bob) Lombardi, all of Monongahela; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph (Bernice) Sala of Donora; sister-in-law, JoAnn Sala of Monongahela; many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Geraldine Kubas, W121



Geraldine "Geri" Kubas passed away November 19, 2019 in Dickinson, ND. Geraldine A. Volesky was born the middle child of seven to Andrew J. and Louise C. (Frederick) Volesky on February 18, 1963 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot, ND. She received a scholarship to Business Challenge in 1980 and graduated with honors in 1981 from Dickinson High School. Geri married the love of her life, Dean Kubas, on August 7, 1981 at St Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Dickinson. Before children, Geri worked as secretary-treasurer at Stark County Farm Bureau and Nodak Mutual Insurance. Finally, in 1997, Geri and Dean, with their girls, opened their own business, "Dean's Repair Service". Dean worked on farm equipment and sold tractors where Geri was the bookkeeper until the time of her death. Besides her children and grandchildren, Geri enjoyed singing, dancing, camping, glamping, fishing, hiking and wild life watching of all kinds. Truly her greatest joy of all came from raising her three girls and her precious two grandsons. Geraldine is survived by her husband, Dean of 38 years; three daughters, Amber Louise Kubas of Bismarck, Erin Ann (Zebulah) Humphrey and their son, Riker Dean of Dickinson, Andrea Patricia (special friend, Tom Krebs) Kubas and her son, Grady Kent Schmidt of Dickinson; her most special, faithful, loving and kind mother, Louise C. (Frederick) Volesky of Dickinson; sister, Joan M. (Allan) Ott of Dickinson; brothers, Calvin P. Volesky of Eugene, OR, Curtis A. (Joyce) Volesky of Brighton, CO, Cordell F. Volesky of Belfield, Clyde J. (Roxanna) Volesky of Sandy, OR, Casey M. (Judy) Volesky of Bismarck; many nieces and nephews; great nephews and nieces; and one great-great nephew.

Dolores "Lori" Ann Neblung, W137



Dolores "Lori" Ann Neblung, 76, of Cedar Rapids, IA died on April 16, 2020. She was born on June 6, 1943 to Frank and Mary Drahozal and was the only daughter, with siblings, Bro. Ronald (deceased), Robert (Norine), John (Sharon) and Don Drahozal. She married Don Neblung on April 11, 1964. They were married 56 years and together had two children. Her spirit is carried on by her husband, Don; her son, Scott Neblung with wife Cherie of Vinton; her daughter, Deanna "Missy" Kilbey with husband Rich of Mililani, Hawai'i; and her pride and joy, grandsons Reece, 21, Cade, 16, Marcus, 15, and Miles, 13. Lori worked and played at Westfield Tennis Club for many years before moving on to manage Mercy Hospital flower department, where she put her loving touch into so many flower arrangements. Her athletic background drove her to join Granny basketball, where she played several years for her beloved Sizzlers team. She was a life-long member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, where she was a member of the council. Following in her father's footsteps, Lori became a local, state and national board member for the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (formerly Catholic Workman). In her leisure time, Lori was known to frequent the beaches of Hawai'i with her family, where they would collect shells and sea glass. She enjoyed playing pickleball, going to movies and lunches with friends, and travelling to faraway places with her husband.

Mildred J. "Millie" Radocha, S417



Mildred J. "Millie" Radocha, 97, formerly of Coaldale, PA, passed away peacefully December 7, 2019. She was the wife of the late Sheriff Paul J. Radocha, who passed away in 1965. Born in Coaldale, Millie was a daughter of the late Mary (Sockel) Jupina and John Jupina. She graduated from Coaldale High School in 1940. In addition to working at Phillips-Van Heusen shirt factory, Millie was a teller at the American Bank in Coaldale. She was a devoted member of the former SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Coaldale, where she sang in the choir and participated in several other church organizations, including the festival committee and counting the Sunday collection. Millie was then a member of St. Katharine Drexel Church, Lansford, and currently a member of St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley, Summit Hill. Affectionately known as "Gram" to many family and friends, she enjoyed spending time with her family on her many trips to Ocean City, NJ, and Disney World to kick off her year-long birthday celebrations. Millie is survived by her daughter Regina (Jeana), and her husband Charley DePuy, of Lansford; grandchildren, Dr. Amy DePuy of Breinigsville, and Charley DePuy of Bethlehem Township; brother Theodore "Ted" Jupina, and his wife Josephine, of Lansdale; and multiple generations of nieces, nephews and extended family. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network - Outpatient Neuroscience Division, 850 S. Fifth St., Allentown, PA 18103; or the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux Bathroom Project.

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IN MEMORIAM

Hedwig Knipp, Z677

Hedwig Knipp, 94 died on April 23, 2020. She was born in Jersey City to the parents of Polish immigrants John (deceased) and Wladyslawa Jachewicz (deceased). She was married to a fallen war hero William Anthony Knipp of WWII (deceased) and was a devoted mother of William J. Knipp (deceased), a former police officer in North Bergen, NJ. She is survived by her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her brother Francis and his wife Loraine; her daughter-in-law from her son William's first marriage, Janet Knipp of Toms River, NJ. Hedwig worked very hard throughout her life to support her family, with her last position being a bank teller at the Trust Company of

New Jersey. Hedwig was an excellent role model for her family, particularly her grandchildren who have long looked up to her for her selfless behavior and her charity to others. She was a very strong woman who lived a modest life, dedicating her time to her family, being an active member and serving on several committees of St. Anne's Polish Church in Jersey City, a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, and a member of the Polish Women's Alliance of America. She touched the lives of many through her lifelong service to her community and will be dearly missed by those she left behind, but her legacy of love, care and compassion will live on through her surviving family and friends.

Grandma and I

My grandma was special to me in so many ways.

If I was feeling down she knew just how to cheer me up.

When I had no one to play football with, Grandma would play even though she had no idea what she was doing.

Her jokes were even funny, but only because she told the same ones over again and would laugh each time she told them.

But, best of all was when she would make her delicious chocolate chip cookies for me to dunk in a big glass of milk. That made my mouth and tummy really happy!

Yes, grandma was the best.

Then one day, Mommy told me Grandma had to go somewhere far away.

Where she went is very beautiful, but a place she must stay to now have as her home.

There are no roads to drive so we can visit her or, any airplane that can go that far into the sky.

We cannot call to hear her voice, but can speak to her and she will listen.

I felt sorry for Grandma to be in such a strange place all by herself and couldn't understand why she had to leave us.

But then Mommy told me not to worry because where Grandma went she will never be sick like the time I had a bad tummy ache and felt icky all over. She can't feel pain either, like the time I fell off my bike going really fast. That hurt!

Never will she be afraid like getting scared at night or be sad like when you lose your favorite blanket and can't find it anywhere!



This place sounded perfect for someone as special as Grandma!

But then I started to think about how much I would miss her.

Who would cheer me up when I am sad? Or, play football with me even though she had no idea what she was doing. I could no longer hear her telling the same jokes over again while laughing each time she told them. And what about her delicious chocolate chip cookies she would make for me to dunk in my milk?

No, I didn't want her to go when I still need her here with me!

As Mommy wiped the tears from my eyes, she started telling me about other children that would be there with Grandma. They are called angels and Grandma being an angel herself, needs to be there to take care of them just how she took care of me.

They do not have their mommies or daddies to watch over them like I do, so what better person to do that than Grandma.

Although, I felt sad that the angels were with Grandma now instead of me, I remembered how she always told me the importance of sharing, so sharing I must do.

So instead of being sad, I think about her playing football with the angels, even though she has no idea what she's doing. Or, telling them the same jokes over again, while laughing each time she tells them. I think about how she is making her delicious chocolate chip cookies for them to dunk inside their big glass of milk. But, one thing she won't be doing is cheering them up when they are down. You see, because when you're in Heaven you're always happy, especially if you are with my Grandma.

Written by LaVonne Lalande, Branch W139

MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Jr. Branch 58

Virtual Bake Sale



Jr. Branch 58 had high hopes of helping to raise funds for the PHYRE Youth Ministry of St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, IN. Our matching funds Chili Cook Off and ethnic bake sale was scheduled for March 18, 2020. Beforehand, Nancy Dunn and her sister, Margie Kelderhouse

along with expert nut roll baker, Selma O'Drobiniak taught officers how to create the perfect nut roll. The final result was

18 nut rolls that were going to be sold at the event. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Pandemic put us all on lock down, including the bake sale. Due to circumstances, we couldn't reschedule. Our officers came up with the idea of having a virtual bake sale in order to sell our freshly baked nut rolls. Thankfully, the home office was able to



accommodate our creative ideas. We had nut rolls ready to sell and ethnic bakers willing to contribute. Becky Coleman and granddaughter Athena rolled and filled fruit and nut kolachky. Susie Kwasman baked her famous sweet bread and Annette Markovich produced hundreds of nut cups. Phone calls and social



media brought customers excited to order Easter delicacies. In all, we were able to raise \$675 plus an additional \$600 in matching funds from the home office. The youth ministry will be able to continue their works of mercy by helping the men's shelter and funding future youth ministry events. Thanks to these inventive ladies who took a cancelled event and turned it into a virtual bake sale. This was an example for our youth to always make the best out of any situation.



Sr. Branch 642

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Luck of the Irish for FCSLA! – For its first-ever matching funds event, Branch S642 San Diego raised more than \$2,800 at a Saint Patrick's Day dinner to help fundraising efforts to build a new roof for Immaculate Heart of Mary's Social Center, Ramona, CA.



Pastor Ignatius Debeashi gratefully accepted the \$600 matching funds check from Branch Secretary Frances Teagarden.

The event was chaired by FCSLA Regional Sales Manager James Donovan and the IHM Divine Mercy cenacle, chaired by his wife, Jan.



Branch Financial Secretary Fran Teagarden and her grandson, Andrew Rivera.



Father Ignatius Debeashi, pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ramona, CA.

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2020

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 35,217,075
Bonds	969,073,242
Preferred Stock	1,767,282
Common Stock	6,829,559
Investment Income Due & Accrued	14,354,415
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	4,954,029
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,365,101
Other Assets	877,864

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,035,438,567

LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 301,145,022
Annuity Reserves	604,275,384
Death Claims Payable	2,735,876
Unearned Premiums	422,875
Matured Endowments	368,108
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	4,817,713
Accrued Convention Donations	62,500
Provision for Future Conventions	78,111
Asset Valuation Reserve	9,524,209
Interest Maintenance Reserve	409,877
Other Liabilities	2,279,581

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 927,519,256

Surplus \$ 107,919,311

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 1,035,438,567

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Two Months Ending February 29, 2020

REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 678,538
Annuity Premiums	7,242,085
Investment Income	7,945,167
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	13,375
Rental Income	52,146
Other Revenue	6,346

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 15,937,657

EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ (37,978)
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	5,187,349
Insurance Benefits	1,361,350
Annuity Benefits	6,133,542
Commission Expense	195,881
Surrender Benefits	762,352
Matured Endowments	(40,097)
Interest Expense	55,586

LIFE AND ANNUITY EXPENSES \$ 13,617,985

Revenue Less Life and Annuity Expenses

Bank Service Charges	\$ 23,616
Data Processing Service Fees	27,674
Accounting Fees	23,383
Actuarial Fees	128,102
Legal Fees	20,851
Consulting Fees	19,510
Employee Benefits	98,770
Fees — Directors	35,331
Salaries — Employees	314,717
Salaries — Officers	93,632
Temporary Office Expense	29,148
Tax Expense	39,557

Depreciation Expense	41,860
Utility Expense	16,745
Postage and Printing	33,885
Advertising & Marketing	10,379
Travel Expense	10,571
Insurance Department Fees	18,109
Sales Expenses	31,413
Rental Expense	52,146
Building Expense	17,762
Insurance Expense	6,997
Office Equipment & Supplies Expense	28,479
Dues & Subscriptions	10,912
Human Resources	2,633
Other Expense	8,127

SALES & OPERATING EXPENSES \$ 1,144,309

Revenue Less Sales & Operating \$ 1,175,363

Post Mortem Benefits	250,877
Misc. Member Benefits	10,735
Donation Expenses	11,225
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	25,000
Convention Expenses	31,250
Bonus to Branches & Districts	133,334
Fraternal Activities	32,209
Official Publications	88,986
Scholarship Awards	94,667

DIRECT FRATERNAL EXPENSES \$ 678,283

Total Income (Loss) from Operations \$ 497,080

Dividends to Members 212,598

Subtotal Income (Loss) \$ 284,482

Capital Gains (Loss) 1,010,408

NET INCOME (Loss) \$ 1,294,890

2021 Slovak Catholic Federation "Dobry Pastier" Good Shepherd

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2021 edition of the "Dobry Pastier" *Good Shepherd*.

The *Good Shepherd* is a collection of literary articles submitted by contributing authors on all things Slovak, Catholic, faith, cultural and heritage, the arts, and personal essays or other topics the writer wishes to share with the readers. The *Good Shepherd* also serves as the only source for contact information for the Church in Slovakia, and those Slovak clergy and religious in the United States, as well as religious congregations and places of worship. The articles come from authors in the United States, Slovakia and the Slovak Diaspora from around the world.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication can submit their articles to Sister Barbara Sable, SSCM, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821 or barbarasable@hotmail.com. The deadline for submitting an article is December 31, 2020. The articles submitted need to be double spaced typed. Assisting Sister Barbara Sable with the editing and layout of the *Good Shepherd* is Daniel Tanzone, Editor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, "Falcon", and the editorial staff at the Slovak Catholic Sokol.



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Summer Reunions

ZUCCHINI-AND-PECORINO FRITTERS

- 2 medium zucchini
- 1 large egg
- 3 oz. Pecorino Romano cheese, grated
- ½ cup panko
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- Black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grate zucchini; squeeze dry with paper towels and transfer to a bowl. Add egg, cheese, panko, garlic, parsley, and pepper; stir to combine. Drop heaping tablespoonfuls of mixture onto a greased baking sheet and gently flatten. Bake, flipping halfway through, until golden brown and crisp, 18 to 20 minutes.

TOMATO SALAD WITH BACON VINAIGRETTE

- 4 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 tbsp. sherry vinegar
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lb. Heirloom tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
- Fresh chives, chopped

Cook bacon in a medium skillet on medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crisp, 8 to 10 mins. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate with a slotted spoon; pour off all but 2 Tbsp. grease. Add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 4 to 6 minutes. Add sherry vinegar and Dijon mustard; cook, scraping up any brown bits, until incorporated, 1 minute. Remove from heat; whisk in olive oil. Arrange tomatoes on a platter and drizzle with vinaigrette. Top with bacon, blue cheese, and chives.

SPICY PEACH AND AVOCADO SALAD

- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. pure honey

- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 Fresno chile, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 ripe but firm peaches, cut into wedges
- 2 avocados, pitted and cut into wedges
- ½ cup fresh mint, torn if large, plus more for garnish
- ¼ cup roasted pistachios, chopped

Whisk together lemon juice, oil, honey, shallot, and chile in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add peaches and toss to coat. Let sit at least 15 minutes and up to 1 hour.

Just before serving, add avocado and mint and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Top with pistachios and garnish with mint.

CORNFLAKE-CRUSTED BAKED CHICKEN

- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 2½ cup buttermilk, divided
- 1 tsp. celery seed, divided
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper, plus a pinch, divided
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 small chicken drumsticks, skin removed
- 4 small bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cup cornflakes cereal, crushed
- Sliced dill pickles, for serving

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine garlic powder, 1½ cups buttermilk, and ½ teaspoon each celery seed, cayenne, and salt in a bowl. Add chicken and marinate in refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Fit a rack over a large rimmed baking sheet lined with heavy-duty foil. Combine flour, pinch of cayenne, and remaining ½ teaspoon celery seed in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Place remaining 1 cup buttermilk in a second bowl; season with salt and pepper. Place cornflakes in a third bowl.

Remove chicken from marinade, letting excess drip off; discard marinade. Coat chicken with flour mixture, dip in buttermilk, then coat with cornflakes, pressing gently to help adhere. Arrange chicken on prepared baking sheet. Bake until cooked through, 25 to 27 minutes. Serve with pickles alongside.

SALTY PEANUT BANANA PUDDING

- ½ cup all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- ¼ tsp. fine salt
- ¾ cup, plus 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1¾ cup whole milk
- 4 large egg yolks
- 1¾ cup heavy cream divided
- ½ cup Creamy Peanut Butter
- 3 tsp. pure vanilla extract, divided
- 50 vanilla wafers
- 4 medium ripe bananas, sliced

- ¾ cup chopped roasted and salted peanuts, divided

Whisk together flour, salt, and ¾ cup sugar in medium saucepan. Whisk in milk, egg yolks, and ½ cup cream. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until thickened and a pudding like consistency, 7 to 9 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in peanut butter and 2 teaspoons vanilla.

Arrange 25 wafers (slightly overlapping) in the bottom of an 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Top with half of banana slices, ¼ cup peanuts. Cover and chill 4 hours or up to overnight.

Whisk remaining 3 tablespoons sugar, 1¼ cups cream, and 1 teaspoon vanilla on medium high with an electric mixer just until stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes. Spread over top. Sprinkle with remaining ¼ cup peanuts.

FREEZER CARAMEL DRIZZLE PIE

- 2 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crusts
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 (7 ounce) package shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (12 ounce) jar caramel ice cream topping

Place butter in a medium skillet and melt over medium heat. Add coconut and pecans, stirring to coat. Saute until coconut and pecans are lightly toasted, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whip together condensed milk and cream cheese until fluffy. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon ¼ of cream cheese mixture into each graham cracker crust. Drizzle each with ¼ of caramel topping. Repeat layers with remaining cream cheese mixture and caramel. Top each pie with coconut and pecan mixture. Freeze overnight.

RASPBERRY AND LEMON ROSÉ SPARKLER

- 1½ pt. fresh raspberries
 - 2 tbsp. sugar
 - 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
 - 1 bottle sparkling rosé, chilled
 - Sliced lemons and raspberries, for serving
- Smash raspberries with sugar and lemon juice in a pitcher. Top with sparkling rosé. Serve over ice with sliced lemons and raspberries.



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