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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*Thank you, friend
Jesus, for my father
who loves me,
for my grandfather
who cares for me,
and for God, your
father and mine,
who made me and
is always with me.*

—Friend Jesus:
Prayers for Children

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HAPPY FLAG DAY!



Carolyn Bazik

This year marks the 59th anniversary of the Act of Congress proclaiming June 14 as National Flag Day. Citizens across this country will pause to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag on this day and I encourage each and of you reading this to do so as well! As members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association you are among the 10 million Americans affiliated with the National Fraternal Congress of America and each of you can become part of history by celebrating the 231st birthday of the “Stars and Stripes.”

National Flag Day honors the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag by the Continental Congress, 231 years ago. A national Flag Day was the dream of Bernard J. Cigrand, a 19-year-old school teacher at Fredonia, Wisconsin. In 1885, in a windswept school atop a glacier-formed hill overlooking rolling farmland, Cigrand celebrated the first Flag Day by placing a small flag in a bottle on his desk. Cigrand taught his students about the history of the flag and recited a ceremonial pledge. His efforts over the next 31 years led to a national observance honoring the flag.

You may ask, “Why should I observe this day?” Quite simply, our flag is more than a patchwork of cloth. It is the silent sentinel of our freedom. It is a constant reminder of the courage required to maintain our freedom, the liberty we enjoy in being self-governed and the loyalty and trust which unites us despite our individual differences.

On this National Flag Day, I encourage you to talk to your spouse, children, grandchildren or friends about what the flag means to you. Because others have given their fortunes and their very lives to secure our freedom, we have the freedom NOT to participate in this national observance. However, it is good that we pause to honor our nation's flag, for this act helps remind each of us that we are most blessed to be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And that, fellow citizens, and members of the FCSLA is something worth celebrating.

Fraternally, Carolyn

I AM YOUR FLAG

I was born on June 14, 1777.

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.

I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody jungles of Vietnam.

I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their resting place.

Beneath the silent white crosses, row upon row.

I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity; and amidst it all,

I have been respected.

My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My blue field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.

My stars are clustered together, unifying 50 states as one, for God and country.

“Old Glory” is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Worship eternal God and keep his commandments.

And I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

Author Unknown

The Power of the Holy Spirit Guides the Church and Us

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My Dear Friends,

I remember reading one time about the late country singer, Johnny Cash. Mr. Cash had a rough time in his younger years, having gone to jail at least seven times and was on the verge of suicide. It was at that juncture in his life, that he gave himself over to the Holy Spirit and his life radically changed. All of us who are older know how successful he really was in his country singing career.

There are times in the history of the Church and in our own personal histories that the power of the Holy Spirit overwhelms people and transforms our lives into a new creation reflecting the grace of Jesus Christ. Saint Luke recalls the day of Pentecost in *The Acts of the Apostles* as he describes the effect of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" [*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4*]. What wonder must have filled the hearts of the apostles as they recognized their ability to speak in the different languages to the diversity of Jews that were gathered in Jerusalem on that day! It was only nine o'clock in the morning when this took place but because they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were enabled to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ even though some thought that they were drunk on wine!

This same Holy Spirit has guided Christians throughout the centuries to proclaim Jesus as Lord in each of their own capacities. In his catechetical instruction on the Holy Spirit, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem wrote, "In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each person as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when



watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of his action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous. The Spirit makes one a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one person's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same" [*PG 55, 952-953*].

An important question to ponder is how the Holy Spirit has affected my own life? When I look at my own personal life, I know that there have been key sacramental moments in which I have celebrated the presence of the Holy Spirit and thus has enabled me to be the Christian that I have been called to be. These include: the sacrament of baptism through its cleansing power and the anointing with the oil of the catechumenate and Sacred Chrism; the sacrament of confirmation as being sealed in the Holy Spirit; on the day of sacred ordination when the Holy Spirit is called upon the man being ordained to be filled with the Spirit in his ministry; in the sacrament of reconciliation as the healing gift of the Holy Spirit is imparted on the penitent for the forgiveness of sins; and, in the celebration of the holy Eucharist,

as the invocation of the Holy Spirit is prayed over the gifts of bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ. These indeed are the highpoints of the Holy Spirit directing my life. But there are other ways that the Holy Spirit directs my life and make me a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church [688] lists some of these other ways that the Holy Spirit is present in the Church and in the lives of all Christians. The Holy Spirit is in the Sacred Scriptures that He inspired the human authors to write. He is present in the Tradition of the Church to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses as well as in the Church's teaching authority, the Magisterium, which he assists. The Holy Spirit is at work in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up and in the signs of the apostolic and missionary life of the Church. He manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation in the witness of the saints. When we pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

Dearly I hold the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sacramental actions of the Church. It is in these celebrations that we encounter Christ personally through the workings of the Holy Spirit. The presences of the Holy Spirit listed in the *Catechism* are profoundly yet in simple ways that accord each of us an ability to touch the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit to open our hearts all the more to God's power at work in our lives. I especially enjoy the Holy Spirit present to me in that action of prayer. I especially feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in prayer because I have the ability to pray in virtually any place at any time! Whether on the treadmill in the morning, while driving the car during the day, or on a break from the computer, there is nothing keeping me from having a divine chat with God through the Holy Spirit.

May the gift of the Holy Spirit enable us to radically transform our relationship with God as the Holy Spirit has guided creation, the Church and all believers to holiness and completeness in the name of Jesus to the Father.

THREE SISTERS VOLUNTEER

Three sisters from Branch 301 in Canton, OH have been volunteering for more than 50 years.

Mary Roman, age 95, now retired after 50 years volunteering with the Red Cross is still contributing by making rosaries at home.

Elsie Johnson (pictured below), age 92 has spent over 50 years as a volunteer at the Information Desk at Aultman Hospital. She volunteered 9,222 hours saying she stayed for so long because she has a passion for people. Johnson was Aultman's Volunteer of the Year in 1993 and entered its hall of fame in 2001. In 2003 Elsie was honored at the statewide Outstanding Senior Volunteer awards luncheon.



Helen Machuga, age 90 has volunteered for the Red Cross, as well as at the House of Loretta Nursing Home where she still volunteers!

The sisters had five brothers who all served our country during World War II.

Emily Rocco of Branch 308 Still Writes Letters

The editor received a number of responses to the editorial "The Importance of the Written Word" that appeared in April 2008. What follows is a summary of just one of the many letters from our members received by the editor. Thanks to everyone who took the time to reply.

Emily Rocco, President of Branch 308 is happy to report that she still writes to her branch members regularly. Each month when she receives her dividend report she checks the list to see to whom she shall write. This month (April) she happily corresponded with six members, writing her last letter on April 15th. In additions she regularly corresponds by exchanging letters with a dear friend that is hearing impaired! It is refreshing to know that the written word is alive and well in Chicago, IL.

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60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartos of Austintown, OH, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 15th. Mr. Bartos and the former Mary Yanochko were married April 15th, 1948 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church in Youngstown, OH. They are members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Austintown, OH.



They have two daughters, Betty Patrick of Austintown, and Debbie Wielbruda and husband Leo, also of Austintown. The anniversary couple also has two granddaughters and one grandson.

A veteran of WWII, Mr. Bartos served with the US Army in the Philippines. He was employed as a cranesman for 38 years in the Seamless Tube Department at Jones and Laughlin Steel Company in Campbell, OH prior to retiring in 1983. His wife is a homemaker. The couple's favorite hobby is playing bingo at St. Anne's in Austintown, where they are also volunteer workers.

Special Licensing Assistance Offered

The FCSLA is offering special assistance to those FCSLA members who wish to become fully life insurance licensed in their states. The FCSLA Home Office will order and pay for the training materials, pay for any pre-license classes required and also any required continuing education required, providing the member agrees to sell only for FCSLA. Special pre-license tutoring is also offered for those members who might be having difficulty with the material. Most states have restrictions on the amount of life insurance or annuities an unlicensed producer may sell and some states require the producer to be a licensed intermediary agent to sell any life insurance at all. The advantage of holding the life insurance license is that there are no restrictions on the type or amounts of life insurance or annuities the producer may sell. If you, or someone you know, wishes to become life insurance licensed, please contact Patrick Braun, National Sales Manager at 800-464-4642 ext 1018.

Mildred Blecha Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mildred Blecha, a longtime member of Branch W086, Munden, KS celebrated her 90th birthday with a special Mass at St. George Catholic Church, Munden, KS. Her children were mass ministers. Janice Keely was cantor and her husband Mark, a deacon, assisted Father Cornelius Khine, pastor during mass, and gave the homily. The Keelys are from Teleqah, OK. Richard Sulzen, son-in-law, of Kansas City, KS led the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before Mass. Greeters and ushers were Donald and Margaret Blecha of Belleville, KS. Mildred and her husband Henry

presented the gifts during the offertory. Parishioners helping with the ministries were altar servers LeRoy and Linda Splichal and organist Marcia Chopp. Following mass a dinner was held in Mildred's honor at "80 Acres" restaurant in Hubbell, NE. The celebration was hosted by her husband, children and grandchildren for relatives, parishioners and friends. Mildred was born on a farm in the Morrowville, KS community and married Henry Blecha over 65 years ago. She taught in rural schools for several years and farmed and helped run their dairy until the operation was taken over by their son Kelvin. Upon retirement Mildred helped and continues to help operate camp grounds next to their rural home. While their four children were growing up, Mildred was a 4-H leader, taught catechism, was active in St. George Council of Catholic Workman serving as an officer from time to time over the years and is a longtime member of Branch W086. Several years ago she lost a daughter to cancer.

Branch & District Bits

BRANCH 110 FUND RAISING BREAKFAST — Branch 110 of Pilsen, KS held a breakfast on March 9th at Holy Family, St. John Nepomucene church basement after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Sausage, gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs with bacon, juice and coffee were served to approximately 225 people. Members of the branch cooked and served the meal.

The \$1,000 raised from the breakfast was given to "The Father Kaupan Guild". The group is working to promote the sainthood of Father Emil Kaupan. Father Kaupan was a native son and priest of the local parish St. John Nep, Pilsen, KS.

In addition the Branch donated \$25.00 to the Marion County Food Bank.



CONVENTION DONATION — Florence Hovanec, President, Branch 81 and 58 and past National VP and Trustee, Margaret Abidula, Helen Kocan District and Treasurer, Branch 81 presented Fr. John Kalicky, Pastor of St. John Church, Whiting, IN a \$20,000 donation that was awarded to the parish at the 39th National Convention in St. Louis, MO.



L-R: Margaret Abidula, Florence Hovanec and Fr. John Kalicky.



RECEIVES DONATION — Father Pat McLaughlin, St. Wenceslaus/Sacred Heart Parish, Dodge, NE recently received the donation granted by the 39th National Convention. The donation was used to purchase books for the "Coyle" group and younger CCD members at the parish. Father wishes to thank the FCSLA for their generosity!

TROOP 622 MEMBER EARNS EAGLE SCOUT

Shawn Lehman, son of Thomas and Georgia Lehman of Johnstown has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. He is a member of Troop 622, sponsored by Roxbury St. Paul's United Methodist Church. For his project, he worked at Stackhouse Park and removed and replaced the post and rail fence at the Norton Street entrance to the park.

Lehman has earned 36 merit badges and held positions of assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, scribe, and chaplain aid. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Shawn is a member of Branch 404. A senior at Greater Johnstown High School, he is a member of the football, wrestling and tennis teams. Lehman is a member of the high school chorus and the Johnstown Symphony Chorus. He performed in this year's high school musical "Bye Bye Birdie" as well as past musicals "Annie" and "Anything Goes".

Lehman is a senior class representative, a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He is a member of Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church where he is an altar server. He plans to attend St. Vincent College in the fall.



BRANCH 522 MEMBER CELEBRATES A HISTORIC 95TH BIRTHDAY ON EASTER SUNDAY

Fort Lauderdale, FL resident Mammie B. Yeckel celebrated her 95th Birthday on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008. Not since Mae was born on Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913 has the holiday fallen on this date until this year. It's predicted that this phenomenon will not happen for another 220 years. Mrs. Yeckel celebrated with friends at the Easter Sunrise services at the beach. Later in the day, she was interviewed by local CBS-4 News.

"In 1913 there was unbelievable rain and flooding in Cleveland, OH, just like now," said Mrs. Yeckel. "This was a historic storm as my father said he walked through rain and mud up to his ankles to get the midwife." Mrs. Yeckel recalls that the roads in Cleveland were not paved at the time and she remembers learning that the river flooded neighborhoods similar to what is happening now in the Midwest.

On Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, Mae Petrasek was born to Elizabeth and Andrew Petrasek on Reno Avenue in Cleveland, OH. Mae married Raymond C. Yeckel in the Nativity Blessed Virgin Rectory on Dunlap Avenue, Cleveland on May 17, 1941. Mae and Ray moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1954.

In 1913, Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as the President of the United States. During her 95 years, Mae remembers World War I, the Flu Pandemic of 1918, The Great Depression, World War II, Viet Nam, the Korean Conflict and 9-11 among other world events. Mrs. Yeckel has voted in every Presidential election since she was eligible. Mae Yeckel and her late husband, Raymond bought their first home in Fort Lauderdale fifty years ago in 1958.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle and Vice Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom presented Mae with a City proclamation declaring "Mammie Yeckel Day" in honor of her special birthday. In addition to her many friends, Mae has received congratulatory letters from the President and Mrs.



Mammie Yeckel was presented with gifts from the FCSLA, a rosary and a small religious painting.

George W. Bush; Captain Michael Starz and the Soldiers of C Company, 3-187 Infantry, Yusufiyah, Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Jeffrey R. Immelt, Chairman/CEO of General Electric.

Mae Petrasek Yeckel was employed by General Electric for 12 years in the Cleveland Lamp Department (1933-45). Mae is very proud to say that she "was responsible for packing 320 lamps an hour in production, wore white gloves and was paid 10-cents an hour". In 1940, Miss Mae Petrasek and a group of co-workers were invited to attend the Worlds Fair in New York City complete with a complimentary train pass, hotel lodging at the Pennsylvania Hotel and pass for admission. Today her friends marvel as she shares her tales of this trip. True blue to the brand, Mae only uses GE light bulbs in her home.

Mrs. Yeckel is a 95 year member of the FCSLA Branch 522 based in Cleveland, OH where she is the second oldest member. Mammie enjoys reading *Fraternally Yours*, the Sun-Sentinel and NEWSWEEK. Visits with neighbors and friends brighten Mae's days especially her visits from Father Frank Mullins who was born in Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland and is now with St. Clement's Church in Fort Lauderdale.

4.60%

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State Officers To Host Picnic

The Nebraska State officers will once again host a picnic on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at the North Bend City Park at 12:00 noon. Each family is requested to bring one meat dish as well as one side dish plus your own table service. All hot and cold drinks will be furnished, as well as swimming tickets for all youth members. Please plan to attend — it will be a good chance to see old friends and met some new ones!

BRANCH W018 OF OMAHA HONORS LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Grisanti's Restaurant on a bright April afternoon was the scene of the Branch's Annual Service Awards luncheon. Branch President Emeritus Tom Jelinek lead the grace before the meal.

The agenda was a combination of honoring 50-year members, annual meeting information, and a reunion for members who came from distant cities.

Each long-time member was awarded a service certificate. President Bob Hladik reviewed the branch's fraternal activities in 2007. Several honorees had not seen each other for years and the after-meal conversations turned to reminiscing.



Honorees spent some quality time catching up on "old times."



St. Isidore District officers were special guests.



Honoree Lynn Laux receives her service award.

Katherine Janos 95 Years Young

Katherine Janos of Branch 519, Cleveland, OH, currently residing in North Royalton, OH, celebrated her 95th birthday on March 27, 2008 with her family that consisted of her daughter, son, and daughter-in-law, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Katherine's late husband Charles J. was also a member of Branch 519.



BRANCH W008 CHICKEN DINNER TO BE HELD

The officers of FCSLA Branch W008 of Dodge, NE will be hosting a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the Bank-Quit located on Main Street in Dodge. All members and their spouses as well as children who are members are invited to attend. Please make reservations by calling either: Marcella Chudomilka (402) 693-2632 or Alice Maresh (402) 693-2600 by July 21, 2008.

HELEN KOCAN DISTRICT HOLDS SPRING MEETING

The Helen Kocan District met on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at the St. John Founders Room in Whiting, IN.

At noon President Margaret Abildua opened the meeting by introducing a special guest, National 1st Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich.

Florence Hovanec, President of Branch 81 started off the luncheon with a prayer. Lunch was prepared by Gerri Tumidalsky, Gloria Kaminsky and Ann Bakondi. Sloppy joes, cheesy potato casserole, cole slaw, jell-o molds and pies with ice cream were served. All the dishes were home-made by officers of Branch 81 and 58.



Members of Branch 81. The cooks of the day! They remarked how much they enjoyed preparing the meal. L-R: Ann Bakondi, Gloria Kaminsky, Geraldine Tumidalsky.

While lunch was being enjoyed, Rosemary Mlinarich shared information about what was happening on a National level at the Home Office. Some of the topics she covered included better use of the FCSLA website and ways to increase membership!

President Margaret Abildua had the reports read and all were accepted. Business was then discussed — St. Anns' Day plans which our district will be hosting along with Illinois and Wisconsin in attendance. Also discussed was to get out scholarship forms. Also brought up for discussion by Agnes Chervanck was the idea to all chip in to help get a lift recliner chair for retired District President Helen Arvay. All branches present agreed to help. This is a much needed item for a very special lady.

Also present at the meeting was our Agent, Ed Bok. He gave us a little refresher on the new policies and ideas on how to get new members. Ed also discussed some ideas on Join Hands Day.



Auditors, L-R: Marjorie Strbjak, Branch 58; Ann Rugg, Branch 81; and Ann Jurek, Branch 58.

There were a lot of new and great ideas discussed, and the atmosphere helped! The tables decorated with spring colors: purple, pink and yellow with a basket with spring flowers for a centerpiece. We also had a share-the-pot with monetary gifts, door prizes and centerpieces given away. We accomplished much and a great time was had by all.



L-R: Betty Yurechko, Treasurer of Helen Kocan District; Florence Hovanec, President of Branch 81 and 58; Margaret Abildua, President of Helen Kocan District.



Members of Gary branch.

Slovak Radio Hour

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour can now be heard around the world! The station has set up a live direct feed of all the programs on WPIT AM to the internet. Anyone who subscribes to the internet can listen to the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour LIVE!

To listen over the internet log on to www.wpitam.com at 3:00 p.m. EST, and look for "Listen Live" in the box at the top of the page. You should see Slovak Radio Hour, click on it. We are looking forward to hearing from our "cyberspace listeners."

Since 1979, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, hosts of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour have been providing a wonderfully entertaining program. Each week listeners tune in to hear Slovak music and songs, and news and announcements affecting the Tri-State area as well as Slovakia.

Youth Challenge #2

READING

You will earn the second piece to the puzzle by reading a book. Depending on your age, as mentioned in the previous challenge you may need help from a parent, grandparent, family member, or caregiver. The choice of book is up to you. It should be one that you enjoy reading. Remember this is vacation time, choose a book that is fun. The book could be about an adventure, a hobby, or just for entertainment. It can be fiction or non-fiction.

Of course, we are counting on you to choose a book that is a challenge for your age level. We trust your judgment. If you need help in selecting a book, or need suggestions, call Sue Ann at 1-800-464-4642, Ext. #1051 or Email her at: sueann@fcsla.org. After you finish your book, you do not need to write a report, this is the honor system. Simply fill in the form below and mail it in to Sue Ann. Happy Reading, I guarantee you can make this challenge an enjoyable one!



NAME _____ AGE _____ BRANCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BOOK TITLE _____ TIME IT TOOK TO READ IT? _____

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT? _____

DID YOU HAVE HELP READING IT? _____ IF SO, WHO HELPED? _____



Youth Challenge #2

READING

Mail form to:
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Fraternal & Youth Director
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, OH 44122
Deadline: JULY 8, 2008



Honored for School Ministry



A committee of former parishioners, Edward Michuda, Branch 313, Angelyn Lindberg (nee Michuda) Branch 180, Marion Cioe (nee Petrussek) Branch 194, of the past Holy Rosary Slovak Church, Roseland, IL, recently honored the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for their school ministry from 1931 thru 1972.

A Mass was celebrated in their convent chapel, Des Plaines, IL. Among the attendees were former Holy Rosary teachers: Sister M. Jane (1950-1958), Sister M. Blanda (1968-1972), Sister M. Phyllis (1957), and sister M. Elizabeth (1955-1958).

After Mass a presentation of an engraved crystal award was made to Sr. Sally Marie, Provincial Superior of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

All were invited to the dining room for coffee and home made delicious pastries.

During their ministry, three Holy Rosary students joined the Holy Family Order — Sister Laurentine Romaniak, Sister Alphonse Samelak and Sister Antonio Klausner (Branch 180).



Sr. Sally Marie, Provincial Superior of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth accepts presentation from Edward Michuda, Angelyn Lindberg and Marion Cioe.



L-R: Marion Cioe and Sr. M. Phyllis.



L-R: Marion Cioe and Sr. M. Elizabeth.



L-R: Marion Cioe, Sr. M. Jane, Edward Michuda, Sr. M. Blanda, Angelyn Lindberg.

Members of Branch 485 Visits American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club

St. Bernardine Branch 485 of Chicago, IL members Lydia Berry and Dorothy Lehocky met with Mark Stolarik, Ph.D. Professor at the University of Ottawa, Canada while visiting the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in North Miami, FL on Sunday, February 17, 2008. They also met with

Rastislav Kacer Ambassador of Slovakia stationed at the Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Professor Stolarik presented the History of Slovaks in America. An excellent presentation of what our parents and grandparents accomplished here in the United States was given making one proud to be of Slovak heritage. The Cultural Club is open every Sunday for dinner with many Slovaks attending. This was certainly a treat for all of the family.



Front row, L-R: Lydia Berry, Dorothy Lehocky, M. Mark Stolarik, Al Massura, Robert Massura. Second row: Dave Tybor.



L-R: Al Massura, Lydia Berry of Branch 485, Rastislav Kacer, Dorothy Lehocky of Branch 485.

A BUSY SEASON FOR BRANCH W137

Branch W137 gathered April 13, 2008 for a swim party and dinner at Bender Pool.

Our next event will be the branch bike ride and lunch on June 28, 2008 at 9 a.m.

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE SHEKA are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2008 with a Mass at All Saints Catholic Church followed by an open house reception at Clarion Hotel and Convention Center.



BEN MORRISSEY is the Czech Heritage Prince for 2008-2009.



MARIA E. GREGA DISTRICT ELECTS BOARD

Marie E. Grega District of Youngstown, OH, recently elected the Board of Directors that will guide the group for the next two years. The election was held during the quarterly meeting in February at the Galleria, Hubbard, OH. Members of Branch 153 of Farrell, PA, hosted the event with President Dolores Medvec and District Trustee Frances Chervinko, serving as co-chairs.

The décor included pastel colored napkins and spring floral/Easter centerpieces which graced the tables for the 94 members who attended. President of the District, Bernie Demechko, distributed applications for the Anna S. Granchay District Scholarship and the Katherine L. Sedlacko Family Trust Scholarship.

The Youngstown District will be hosting the FCSLA National Board of Directors Meeting, June 29-July 1. The



The newly elected Board of Directors for the Maria E. Grega District, Youngstown, OH include, seated, L-R: Margaret Bakich, Dolores Sonoga, Bernie Demechko, Kay Kovalchik. Standing, L-R: Mary Magda, Frances Chervinko, Vivian Leko, and Shirley Zura.

event will begin with Mass at Saint Matthias Slovak Church, Youngstown, at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 29, followed by a dinner for all District members at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Hall. More details will be sent to the Branch Presidents.

Agatha Fabiny, Branch 161, who served as President of the Okres for twelve years, was Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Results of the elections were: President — Bernie Demechko, Branch 161; First Vice President — Vivian Leko, Branch 156; Second Vice President — Shirley

Zura, Branch 344; Secretary — Dolores Sonoga, Branch 169; Treasurer — Mary Magda, Branch 325; Auditors — Kay Kovalchik, Branch 30 and Agnes Escaja, Branch 202; and Trustees: Margaret Bakich, Branch 422, and Frances Chervinko, Branch 153. They will serve through 2008-2009.



Agatha Fabiny, President Emeritus of the District (having served 12 years), administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board of Directors.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH has applications available for their scholarship program. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are entering college and carry at least a 3.5 average. The student must be a member in good standing of St. Ann's Lodge, Branch 114 of FCSLA for the last five years. Complete rules and applications can be obtained from the branch by contacting Margaret Thomas, Financial Secretary. She can be reached by phone at 440-288-1492; by e-mail at marcarl@centurytel.net or by writing to 2235 East Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052. Deadline for applications is June 30, 2008.

St. Ludmila Branch 325 Holds Dinner

St. Ludmila Sr. Branch 325 in Youngstown, OH, treated its members to a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 27 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Social Hall.

The dinner was attended by more than 70 members and their families. The delicious food was prepared by Carolyn Yurak.

Special guest was Father Nicholas Mancini, pastor of St. Cyril's. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and also the token gifts distributed from the Home Office.



Frances C. Jakabcin District Holds Meeting

The Frances C. Jakabcin District met on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 1:30 p.m in Northampton, PA. The meeting was hosted by Branches 319 and 187 of Allentown, PA.

District President Veronica Bazik introduced the President of the host branches, Monica Anthony. Monica introduced and thanked her officers for their hard work in preparing for the meeting!

National Editor Carolyn Bazik offered grace and then those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by St. Nick's Ukrainian Club. After the meal President Bazik conducted the District's business meeting with 80 members in attendance. Monsignor Edward Derzack, the District's Chaplain closed the meeting with a prayer

The District will meet again in September 2008 in Shenandoah, PA.



PITTSBURGH OKRES MEETING HELD RECENTLY

The spring meeting of the Pittsburgh Okres was hosted by Branch 262 of East Vandergrift, PA. President Dorothy Urbanowicz called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag followed by God Bless America. Rev. Vincent Zidek provided the invocation which was followed by a delicious dinner.

Following dinner, Secretary Judy Yates took roll with 133 members attending from 22 branches. She then reported on "thank you" notes received and the minutes of the previous meeting. Financial Secretary Marian Gatto provided the financial report.



Joseph Senko, FSGP 2008 Fraternalist of Year receiving memento from President Dorothy Urbanowicz.

Dorothy presented Linda Killeen, Financial Secretary of Branch 262 with checks from the Okres to help defray the cost of the meal and for Mass for members of the branch. She then notified members that the district met its quota for the past year and has sold 29 policies for a total of \$429,000 so far this year. A brief report was

given on the convention and members were reminded of required licensing in Pennsylvania. Members were reminded about Join Hands Day and were encouraged to have their branches participate in a project. Members were also reminded of the MFP award with NFCA and our FCSLA Fraternalist of the Year award.

Virginia Holmes presented the National Officers report. Updated by-laws were then presented and approved by those present.

Joseph Senko of Branch 262 was then recognized as the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh 2008



Branch 262 Officers and members.



District Officers, L to R: Auditor Barbara Gajdesik, Recording Secretary Judy Yates, Financial Secretary Marian Gatto, Vice President Marian Greenland, President Dorothy Urbanowicz, Parliamentarian Dolores Tomlin, and Auditor Margaret Golofski. Missing from picture is Auditor Agnes Farcosky.

Fraternalist of the Year. A momento from the district was presented to Joe.

Presentations of Share of the Wealth, and lottery tree were made followed by distribution of door prizes from the hosting branch. Rev. Justin Matro presented the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned followed by the singing of Hej Slovaci.

Visits U.S. Ambassador in Bratislava at Embassy



Cynthia Maleski Esq., National Trustee, and her husband Dr. Andrzej Groch with the Honorable Vincent Obsitnik (center), U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, in his office at the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava. The photo was taken in April 2008. Cynthia Maleski conveyed congratulations to the Ambassador on his appointment on behalf of the FCSLA. Ambassador Obsitnik extended his best wishes to our President Mary Ann Johaneck, Esq. and all our members.



KATHRYN GINA FUZHI DZURIK made her First Holy Communion and Confirmation at The Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, PA on April 13, 2008. She is in the second grade at St. Sebastian School in Belle Vernon, PA. Kathryn is a member of Monessen Jr. Branch 157. She is the daughter of Mary Dzurik (Sr. Branch 88) and the granddaughter of Regina Dzurik.



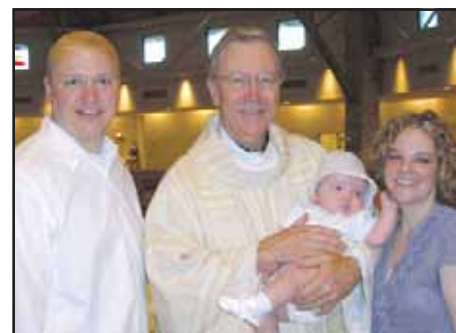
STEPHEN KENNETH ROSSI received his First Holy Communion on April 26, 2008, at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro, MA. He is the son of Dawn and Steve Rossi. Stephen is a member of Jr. Branch 334. His mother is a member of Sr. Branch 376 in Milwaukee, WI; and his Grandma is President of Sr. Branch 376.

Stephen is in second grade at the Foxboro Charter School. He enjoys swimming and playing baseball and soccer.

Fifth Generation Member Baptized

Lincoln Douglas Brunnert was baptized March 30, 2008 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in San Antonio, TX by Msgr. James Henke.

Born November 15, 2007, Lincoln is the son of Doug and Kim (Diehl) Brunnert of San Antonio, TX, a member of Branch 289, grandson of Susan (Martin) Roller, great-grandson of Elizabeth (Levenda) Martin, and great-great-grandson of the late Susan (Ligda) Levenda. All are members of Branch 289.



Proud parents Doug and Kim Brunnert, with Msgr. James Henke holding Lincoln.



L-R: Susan (Martin) Roller, Kim (Diehl) Brunnert, Elizabeth (Levenda) Martin, and Lincoln Brunnert.



**Graduations? Special Honors?
1st Holy Communions? Birthdays?**

**Please send us your junior members
achievements for publication in *Fraternally Yours!***



IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL MALLCHOK SR. **Branch 581**



PARMA, OH—Michael Mallchok, Sr. passed away peacefully on Holy Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Seasons of Life Residential Hospice in Parma, OH at the age of 85.

Born on April 27, 1922 in Cleveland, OH to Dan and Mary Mallchok (nee Gulick) of the Tremont area of Cleveland. He was the oldest of eight children.

After graduating from West Tech High School in 1941, he enlisted in the US Navy serving in the North Atlantic and in the Iwo Jima campaign.

During this time he met Sophie Sedlacko in Philadelphia, PA who was to become his wife of almost 62 years. He returned home to finish his schooling, graduating in 1948 from the last class of the Cleveland School of Embalming. Michael worked along with his father, Dan Mallchok, at the Dan Mallchok and Sons Funeral Home located at 2609 West 14th Street in the Tremont area in Cleveland, OH.

Michael and Sophie had six children and in 1961 moved to Parma, OH to open a Parma branch of the funeral home on Ridge Road.

Michael became very involved in local community organizations in the Parma area including St. Charles Borromeo Church, Knights of Columbus, The Alhambra, Friends of the Parma Libraries, Red Cross Disaster Team, many Slovak organizations, and supported the St. Andrew Benediction Abbey in Cleveland, OH. He also belonged to the national and local Funeral Director and Embalming Associations. In 2001 he was recognized for 50 years of service as a funeral director.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie, his six children, 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Sophie is cur-

rently the president of Branch 581 in Parma, OH. All are members of Sr. Order Branch 581 and Jr. Order Branch 504 in Parma, OH.

He was a loving and caring family man who dedicated his life to serving families in his profession as a funeral director.

In retirement, he and his wife, Sophie enjoyed gardening together and cooking for their large family.

His Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated with eight priests, Fr. John T. Carlin, pastor of St. Charles; Fr. Steve Breck, of St. Charles; Fr. Albert Marflak and Fr. Joachim Pastirik, both from St. Andrew's Abbey; Fr. Conry and Fr. Vesely, both retired priests; Fr. Neil Weist from Our Lady Help of Christians in Litchfield, OH and Archpriest Dennis M. Hrubciak from St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church in Fairview Park, OH; at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 5891 Ridge Rd., Parma, OH.

Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland, OH.

As a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, a chalice will be donated in his memory and may go to Slovakia to a priest in need of a chalice.

LEO F. ZELINA **Branch 167**

STANTON HEIGHTS, PA—Leo F. Zelina, 92, of Stanton Heights, where he built his home 60 years ago, died peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, February 24, 2008.

Beloved husband for 65 years of Pauline (Petruha) Zelina; loving father of Elizabeth (Wayne) Sadowski, Paulette (Jude) Sadowski, Anthony P. Zelina and Mary Veronica (Thomas) Blose of Erie, PA; proud grandfather of Anthony J. and Jonathan Zelina, Andrea and Paul Jude Sadowski, John Paul, Joshua and Zachary Sadowski, Justin, Elizabeth Mary, and Stephen Blose of Erie, PA; also 8 great grandchildren; brother-in-law of Fr. Louis Petruha, O.F.M. Cap. of York, PA, and Genevieve Klos; uncle of Marguerite (John)

Mazurana and Monica Klos; Godfather of Marissa Mazurana.

Leo was a graduate of Central Catholic, Class of 1934 and of Duquesne University, Class of 1939. He retired from Westinghouse Electric (East Pittsburgh) after 37 years as an Accountant. Leo served in the U.S. Army as a Captain during WWII (1941-1946). He was the past Commander of the American Legion Highland Park Post #715, Honorable member of the VFW Post #9199 (Shaler Twp.) and Morningside AARP Chapter 3947.

Leo's family knew him as a master of many talents and skills, too numerous to count, one of which was playing the violin.

Family and friends were received at the Walter J. Zalewski Funeral Home, Lawrenceville, PA. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church. His eight proud grandsons were pallbearers. Burial at Grave Site with full military honors.

HELEN MARIE LAKOME **Branch 81**

HELEN M. (MIZERIK) LAKOME, born July 17, 1921 passed away at home in the presence of her husband, Dave and daughter, Marie Youngblood on Friday, March 14, 2008.

She was born to Steve Mizerik and Mary (Turicik) Mizerik on July 17, 1921 in Jasonville, IN. Both her parents preceded her in death.

Helen loved cooking and baking which she learned at an early age in order to help her mother with her brothers. Her passion was dancing where she danced to the Lawrence Welk Orchestra on Saturday nights at Chicago night clubs and dance halls.

Helen battled cancer and Parkinsons disease in the latter part of her life. She participated with various church func-



tions, namely bazaars, donating her time to the Parishes of St. Christophers, Mount Carmel, Saint Helens and Christ The Redeemer.

In addition to her loving husband, Dave and daughter, Marie, Helen is also survived by her son-in-law, Larry Youngblood; brothers, Steve Mizerik (Eva) and Joe Mizerik (Dorothy); grandchildren, Christina Hannan and James Youngblood; five great-grandchildren, Darryn, Krystin, Jacob, Taylor and Aron; and many other loving relatives and friends.

A Visitation with the family was held in the Chapel of Cypress-Fairbanks Funeral Home with a Rosary Service beginning. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Christ The Redeemer Catholic Church, Houston, TX, with Reverend Sean Horrigan, Celebrant.

EMIL S. DUBNICKA

Branch 525

PEPPER PIKE, OH—Emil Stephen Dubnicka, died on April 3, 2008. He was born in Lakewood, OH on October 14, 1923.

He was the devoted husband of Doris (nee Sima), proud and loving father of Doris Ann McDermott (Richard), Emil James, Thomas (Joan), Robert (Sandy) and Daniel (Maria), and ten grandchildren.

Emil was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna; three sisters, Ann, Margaret, Helen, and a brother, Joseph.

Survived by sisters Mary Hasek (Robert) and Clara Hrovat (Frank) and brother Albert (Peggy) and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

A veteran of World War II, Emil served with the 29th Division Infantry Regiment and was awarded numerous decorations and citations. Emil was a Lifetime Member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters of America Local 509, as well as various Catholic and Slovak Associations.

A celebration of Emil's life was held at Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral

Home, Lyndhurst. Services were held at the Church of the Gesu in University Hts. with interment at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, OH.

MARIE A. SULZINSKI

Branch 172

NORTH WILKES-BARRE, PA—Mrs. Marie A. (Gdovin) Sulzinski, 81 of North Wilkes-Barre passed into eternal life Sunday morning, February 24, 2008, in the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, following an illness.

Born on May 3, 1926 in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John A. and Helen (Hudak) Gdovin. She was a graduate of the former Saint Nicholas High School of Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Sulzinski was a lifetime member of the Catholic Community of North Wilkes-Barre, where she held membership in the Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Golden Years Social Club of Exeter.

She and her husband, Leonard J. Sulzinski, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 7, 2007.

She was predeceased by daughters Marie Hergert and Regina M. Bria, and by a brother Joseph Gdovin.

Surviving, in addition to her husband Leonard at home, are her daughter Barbara Lowe (Gary) of Wilkes-Barre; her son Dr. Michael A. Sulzinski (Kim) of Scranton; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; her sisters Mrs. Martha Lisofsky (Edward), Mrs. Helen Blizman (John) and a brother John (Slimmer) Gdovin all of Wilkes-Barre, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the John V. Morris Funeral Home, North Wilkes-Barre, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church with the Reverend Monsignor John J. Sempa pastor, officiating.

Interment was in the parish cemetery, Dorchester Drive, Dallas.

JOSEPH EDWARD KOSCO

Branch SZJO

DALLAS, TX—Joseph Edward Kosco, died on March 5, 2008, of congestive heart failure. He was born August 18, 1920 in Brownfield, PA to John and Mary Catherine Kosco of the Republic of Slovakia.

He grew up with a strong sense of his Slovak ethnic origins and passed them on to his children and grandchildren.

He served as a Tech-4th class in the US Army Air Force in Europe during WWII. He retired from the IRS, where he worked as a Data Processing Analyst. A lifelong athlete, he played softball until the age of 77, including a trip to the World Series of Senior Slow Pitch Softball in 1995. An active member of St. Pius X parish since 1960, he was of service to his church in many varied capacities. He served Bishop Lynch High School as the Voice of the Friars for nearly 25 years. As a proud member of the Ambassadors of Mary for 46 years, he served with a dedicated team on Saturdays as an escort for the Pilgrim Virgin statue.

Predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Gloria O. Kosco (2004), leaves behind sons, Michael Edward and Joseph Paul; daughters, Sherron K. Foster and Beverly; grandchildren, Jeremy and Mellisa Ann Waggoner, and great-grandchildren, Brittaney, Dakota, and Bryson Joseph Waggoner to cherish his memory. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial Mass was held at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Dallas, TX. Honorary pallbearers are Jeremy Waggoner, Gerald Hanley, Debbie Toms, Ken Blackburn, Wendy Webb, and Wanda Pederson.

IRENE MILLER

Branch 233

FRANKLIN, PA—Irene Miller, 78, formerly of the South Side, Pittsburgh

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IN MEMORIAM

and Brentwood, PA, passed away on March 4, 2008.

She is survived by four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at John Slater Funeral Home.

Irene was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lockitch, 98, who was a long-time member of Branch 233, who had passed away on January 9, 2007.

Mary was responsible for placing her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the FCSLA.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Sylvester's Church, Brentwood, PA. A memorial contribution was made to St. Sylvester's School in Mary's memory.

HELEN ANN DOSTAL Branch W006

HOWELLS, NE—Helen Ann Dostal, 72, died March 18, 2008 at the St. Francis Medical Center in West Point, NE.

She was born November 13, 1935 in Columbus, NE. Helen is the daughter of Edward F. and Anna M. (Oborny) Humlicek, Sr.

She grew up in the Abie area and attended rural school in Saunders County, St. John's Catholic School in Prague, Schuyler High School and graduated from Prague High School in 1953. She attended Midland Lutheran College and received her teaching degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1985. She taught school in Sutton, Abie, Plasi, 1 R in Colfax County and in Howells Community Catholic Schools. She was a substitute teacher for several years until 2003 when her health would no longer permit it.

Helen married Dennis Dostal on September 7, 1965 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Abie and they made their home south east of Howells.

While they were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Tabor she was active in the Altar Society, Choir,

and served as an EME and a Lector. Helen was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Heun, the American Legion Auxilliary, Heun Branch of the KD's and served as a 4-H leader. Helen enjoyed reading, sewing, baking and cooking as well as traveling.

Helen is survived by her husband, Dennis of Howells; daughters, Donna (Mrs. Jay) Salzman of Lincoln and Sharon (Mrs. Jeff) Wordekemper of Indianola, NE; son, Steve (Denise) Dostal of Howells; four grandchildren, Robert, Alex and Matthew Salzman and Miranda Wordekemper; brother, Edward (Margaret) Humlicek, Jr. of Linwood; sister-in-law, Bernadine Humlicek of Norfolk; brother-in-law, Jerry Voboril of Bruno.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren, Shelby Lynn and Austin Tyler Wordekemper; brother, Adolph Humlicek; and sister, Ann Voboril.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, Howells, NE with Father Rudy Oborny as celebrant. Interment was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Tabor.

DOROTHY GREENE Branch 230

NORTHAMPTON, PA—Dorothy Greene, 69, of Northampton died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, PA.

Dorothy and her husband Woodrow P. "Woody" Greene celebrated 34 years of marriage in July. Born February 1, 1939 in North Catasauqua, the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Anna (Stopay) Kish. Dorothy worked for Merchants Bank until the birth of her daughter Leann in 1975. She then devoted her time to being a loving wife and mother for her loving husband and daughter.

Dorothy was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, N. Catasauqua and a member of the FCSLA.

Survivors include her husband,

daughter, Leann M. (Thomas) Smith of Northampton; sister Phyllis (Joseph D.) Keglovits of N. Catasauqua; brother, Thomas D. (Linda) Kish of N. Catasauqua; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held in the Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Andrew's Church, North Catasauqua. Burial was in the Parish Cemetery.

ELIZABETH GIMA Branch 49



BENLD, IL—Elizabeth Gima died at home on January 10, 2008. She was 92 years old on July 20, 2007.

She was born in Benld, a daughter of Paul and Anna

Tackach Gima.

She retired from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center where she had been employed as a clerk. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Church Altar Society and the Women's Slovak Society.

Surviving are a brother, John Gima and Benld and cousins, the Horn family.

Preceding her in death were a brother Paul, and sisters, Ann Martha and Mary Rose Gima.

A Funeral Mass was held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Msgr. Larry Auda. Burial was in the Benld Cemetery.

Have You Signed
Up a New Member
This Month?

“ANOTHER WEEK OF LETTERS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND EMAILS”

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of feature articles addressing the realm of genealogy. It is one specifically designed for Slovak descendants and is so structured to serve as an introductory course for the novice, meet the needs of the advanced researcher or, if nothing else, the curious.)

Keeping those Slovak genealogical lines of communication open . . . be they via the friendly postal carrier, a personalized telephone call, or the ever-growing list of emails. Hopefully, one or more of the following “conversations” might be equally supportive in your research efforts.

Postal Carrier: “I know my father had life insurance, but it was not with the First Catholic Slovak Union or other Slovak fraternal groups. Can you suggest any others I might try?”

Response: This is one of those “needle in a haystack” efforts, but I have found that *Woodmen of the World* was used by a number of Slovaks living on the East Coast. Its main office is located in Omaha, NE, and you can access at www.woodmen.org, then go to the *Contact* button at the top right of the screen and pull down to *Find a Field Representative*. I suggest typing in your state name (i.e. Pennsylvania) and you will draw a list of current representatives and addresses that might correspond with the geographical city/area you are searching. You never know, you just never know.

Telephone Call: Lengthy, but here's the brief version . . . “Besides the Yellow and White Page sources, is there another method of locating an individual with a specific surname that might still be alive in a particular small village in Slovakia?”

Response: An excellent source I have used for Eastern Slovakia (an imaginary line running south from Bardejov, to Presov, and on through Kosice) is <http://genealogy.unas.cz> which lists 624 villages and their inhabitants by last name. As an example, if you select the initial village listing of Adidovce, it identifies its postal code of 067 32 and the location of Adidovce in the district of Humenne, followed by a listing of surnames ranging from Bobak to Suchy. I offer that the website is geographically specialized, but a quality source for potential follow-up.

Email Account: “I have read numerous accounts of Slovaks emigrating from the Austria-Hungarian lands to the United States at the turn of the 20th Century, but never a reference to the cost for an individual passenger. Can you provide some possible insights?”

Response: Although the price of a ticket from one of the more popular German ports to New York/Baltimore/Philadelphia varied through the years, the range for a ticket was generally \$25-30 at the height of the immigration period of 1900-1912. Keep in mind that virtually all Slovaks were leaving the Slovak lands in part due to dire economic conditions and it is safe to say that the vast majority purchase a meager steerage class ticket to account for the \$25-30 booking. Further, a number of these tickets were purchased on credit through a local agent in Austria-Hungary, with a written promissory note to repay (plus a fee) once a job and earnings were secured in America. Needless to say, a number of these promissory notes were never fulfilled.

Postal Carrier: “Can you help?” I want to purchase a map

of Slovakia and have found three or four advertised, but confused by all the numbers on the order form. What do these numbers mean?”

Response: The numbers refer to the map scale, which technically shows how many units on the ground are represented by one unit on the map. In simple terms, the larger the map scale number (example 1:600,000) the least amount of detail is shown, while the smaller the map scale number (Example 1:24,000) the greater the detail that will be shown on the map.

Telephone Call: “I have been following your suggestions, and with great success, for years and I am finally at the point of compiling all of my family history into writing. I hope to sprinkle the pages with a few pictures, but I am at a loss where to locate a few school-age pictures of one aunt and uncle. Can you help . . . again?”

Response: Needless to say, this is indeed a week for challenges. And hoping to rise to the occasion, one thought might return a picture of your aunt/uncle when they were between the ages of 14-18! Try writing directly to the librarian at the high school they attended, cite the approximate four-year span they were enrolled (i.e. 1943-47), and request a copy of the individual “mug-shot” page where they are located. By all means, include a self-addressed, stamped mailer and a suggested \$5-10 donation to the book fund. My sense is that you might be pleasantly surprised. How's that for rising to the occasion?

Email Account: “Several genealogy articles I have read indicate that newspapers are an excellent source for a variety of information. Can you recommend just a few internet sites that would canvas a wide area of the United States?”

Response: Indeed, newspapers often tell it all and then some! Three sites that should yield some information or point you in a connecting direction are — www.newslink.org, www.newslibrary.com and www.raogk.org. These web sites range from the ability to search a specific publication online, to locating large city or rural newspaper, and to be able to order a copy of a particular page from specific day/month/year of publication.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: There is now available a completely revised and updated Slovak Genealogy Research Kit (from 18 to 52 pages, plus forms), one designed exclusively for those tracing their Slovak roots. The kit may be ordered for \$13, plus \$1.75 postage. Also available is a detailed historical summary and comprehensive area map for any village you specify in Slovakia at \$5 plus \$1 postage. Make check payable to Ray Plutko, 6862 Palmer Court, Chino, CA 91710-7343.)

Have A New Address?

If you belong to a household receiving two or more magazines or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the form on page 24 and mailing to the home office address. We ask that one magazine per household be sufficient.

Ako Kubko s Maťkom našli poklad na Jána

Written by Marianna Grznárová

– Ba či vieš, Kubko, že na Jána poklady zo zeme vyhárajú? – povie raz, takto v podvečer, Maťko.

A bolo vám to akurát na Jána. Na nebo vystupovali prvé hviezdy, v tráve svetielkovali mušky a Dunčo zodvihol papuľu a od clivoty zavyl. Valasi zamyslene posedávali na prahu koliby.

– Ba čo nepovieš . . .

– Ba veru že hej . . .

A mušky svietili tak trblietavo a jasno, že valachom sa marilo, ani čo by sa po paši zlaté dukáty kotúľali. A Kubko sa ich razom vychytil zbierať.

– Veďže vyčkaj do polnoci . . .! – zdržiava ho Maťko.

– Akože budeme vedieť, že je polnoc?

– Pšš! Keď bude sova húkať.

Stíchli, natŕčali k hore uši priclonené dlaňou a čakali, kedy sa ozve sova. Čosi aj slabučko zahučalo, ale Maťko včas zaháčil Kubka valaškou za opasok, lebo ten hneď a zaraz k hore trielil.

– Veďže zadrž! To je len vietor v komíne.

A naozaj. Sova sa ozvala až o hodnú chvíľu. Maťko vzal lampáš a Kubko zase riadny hrotok na dojenie mlieka, aby bolo v čom poklady poodnášať.

Kráčali ticho, krpce dvíhali vysoko a našľapovali len na prsty. Ibaže sa Kubko zakrátko pozabudol, začal svätajánske mušky obháňať a rozbil Maťkovi hrotkom lampášik. Ostali potme.

V takej tme sa dá hľadať iba ak hmatom. A tak sa valasi spustili na kolená a prehŕňali papradie.

– Pššš! Našiel si?

– Nenašiel. A ty?

– Veruže nie. Tma je. Nosa si nevidieť. Lampáša by nám načim . . .

A ako sa tak pošepky sebe privrávali, narazili do seba hlavami, až sa im v očiach zaiskrilo. A dobre sa stalo, lebo v tom svetle z toho iskrenia zhliadli pred sebou truhličku.

– Fíha!

Truhlička to bola neveľká, okovaná, ale keď sa do nej načrelo, zvonilo to v nej ako na utiereň.

Z mrakov sa vykrbáľal mesiac, vylúpol truhličku z tmy a posvietil valachom namiesto lampáša, takže už aj oči mohli potvrdiť, čo uši čuli. Ba Kubko neváhal do peniažteka aj zahryznúť, reku – či je pravý. A bol vám to peniaz žltučký ako čerstvo vyúdený oštiepok.

– Ej, pošťastilo sa nám.

Pritiahli si Kubko s Maťkom opasky, napľuli do dlaní, zodvihli truhličku zo zeme a hore vŕškom, dolu vŕškom – uberali sa s ňou ku kolibe. A trošičku sa im od tej ťarchy pletli nohy . . .

Lenže truhlička bola stará a byťku deravá a peniažteky z nej jeden po druhom vypadávali . . .

Valasi mocne stískali kovové uchá, potkýnali sa o krtince a vôbec nezbadali, ako sa z truhličky kotúľajú zlaté dukáty. Iba mesiac ich ligotavým prstom odratúval v tráve. A že čoskoro nebolo čo rátať, vybledol a začalo svitať.

Kubko s Maťkom šťastlivo zašli ku kolibe a z nedočkavosti ani nezbadali, ako truhličke odľahlo. Zložili ju na zem, ovečky sa zhŕkli okolo, ba aj Dunčo krútil zvedavo chvostom.

– Oči zažmúriť! – nakazuje Kubko.

A všetci hneď slúchli, len Dunčo proboval klamať. Ale pes je pes a človek mu nemôže mať za zlé. A tak prvý zbadal, že truhlička je prázdna. Zaskučal a valasi sa sklonili nad dienkom. Tak je! Peňazí nieto . . . Aj ju prevrátili a povytriasali, lenže sa nevykotúľal ani len jedinký peniažtek.

– Namojveru! – pošuchol si Maťko klobúčik do očí a odpľul si do trávy.

Čo sa dá robiť? Keď raz peňazí nieto, valach sa zaobíde aj bez nich. A poteší sa tým, že bez peňazí je ľahšie spanie. A Kubkovi sa veru pri pohľade na rozďavené veko prázdnej truhličky tiež začalo zívať.

A tak teda Kubko s Maťkom vyhнали ovečky na pašu, vystreli sa do trávy, hlavy opreli o prevrátenú truhličku a dospávali.

Dunčo pásol a valasi spali celý deň. Spokojne odľukovali, snívalo sa im o bryndzových haluškách a pozobúdzali sa, až keď sa ovečky vracali z paše.

Pobrali sa Kubko s Maťkom ovečky dojiť. A ovečky zvonila kopýtkami, ani čo by po cimbele kráčali.

– Čože je to za muziku? – čudujú sa rozospatí valasi. Chytia najbližšiu ovцу za zadné nohy, ťahajú pozerajú, a v zapadajúcom slnku sa dačo ligoce.

– Ba kiehó!

Ovečkám sa pri pasení nalepili na kopýtka zlaté dukáty, ktoré v noci Kubko s Maťkom postrácali.

A tak sa obaja hneď pustili do roboty.

Kuli a mechom do pahreby dúchali, kladivkami klepali, až z nákovy lietalo viac ligotavých iskier ako svätajánok na grúňoch. A na návlakoch vyviazaných na ohrade košiara pribúdalo čoraz viac ligotavých a klingavých ovčích zvoncov.

Klopkali, búchali a zvonili kladivami neskoro do noci.

A ráno sa ovečky poberali na pašu so zlatými zvončekmi na krkoch.

A ten posledný dukát dostal okolo krku Dunčo ako psiu známku za vernosť.

A len valachom neostalo nič okrem toho dobrého spania, čo je vraj viac hodno ako svätajánske poklady.

Tak dobrú noc!

How Kubko and Mat'ko Found a Treasure on St. John's Nameday

(by popular request this is the English translation of the Slovak article that appears on page 20)

"Did you know, Kubko, that treasures always appear on St. John's Day?"

First stars appear in the sky, the lightening bugs appear in the grass, then Dunčo (the dog) sadly howls. Kubko and Mat'ko, our shepherds were sitting in their cottage.

"So what do you say . . . ?"

"Yes, it is the truth . . . !"

The lightening bugs were shining so brightly that the shepherds were dreaming about gold coins. Kubko wanted to gather all of them!

"Wait till midnight . . . !" Mat'ko was trying to hold him back. "How will we know it is midnight?" "Quiet! We will know it is midnight when the owl hoots!"

They were quiet, they looked towards the forest and waited for the owl. They heard some noise and Mat'ko held Kubko back with his valaška (ax), because Kubko wanted to run in the forest.

"Wait! That is only the wind in our chimney." That was the truth. The owl started to hoot. Mat'ko took a lantern and Kubko took a big pail (which they used to milk their cow), so he could put St. John's treasure in it!

They were walking silently, actually they were walking on their tippy toes. Kubko forgot their mission and was chasing lightening bugs. Carelessly he broke their lantern and it was very dark.

In this kind of darkness they had to look for St. John's treasure by touch only. So the shepherds got on their knees and started to look for the treasure.

"Quiet! Did you find anything?" "No! And you?" "Not really. It is dark. I cannot even see my nose. We need our lantern." They were talking to each other, but did not even see each other until they bumped. All of a sudden they saw a treasure chest. "Great!"

The treasure chest was not big, but when they looked into it, they saw gold. The moon came out from the clouds and shone on the treasure chest instead of a lantern so our shepherds saw all the gold. Kubko bit the gold coin to make sure it was real. The coin was yellow just like smoked cheese. They found treasure!

Kubko and Mat'ko prepared themselves to carry the treasure chest. They went up one hill, and down another hill until they got home.

But the treasure was heavy and their legs started to hurt. Unfortunately the treasure chest was old and had a hole in it and gold coins fell through the hole.

The shepherds were busy carrying their treasure and did not notice that the gold coins were disappearing. Only the moon witnessed the coins in the grass. Soon even the moon disappeared and it started to be light.

Kubko and Mat'ko arrived at their cottage and did not even notice that the chest was much lighter. They put the chest on the ground. Soon the sheep, and even the dog grew curious about the chest.

"Close your eyes," said Kubko. Everybody listened, only Dunčo the dog wanted to cheat. But a dog is a dog, and you cannot find fault with him. The dog was then the first one noticing that the treasure chest was empty. He barked until the shepherds noticed the hole.

"We no longer have gold coins!" They searched and searched, but could not find even one gold coin. "Unbelievable!" Mat'ko adjusted his hat and spit in the grass. "What can we do? If there is no money, we have to be poor. Money only brings problems!" Kubko felt tired and at this point sleeping was his only interest.

So then Kubko and Mat'ko led their sheep to the fields, laid in the grass, used the treasure chest as a pillow, and then went to sleep. Dunčo guarded the sheep and the shepherds slept all day. They were dreaming about Halušky with goat cheese and woke up when the sheep were ready to go home. Mat'ko and Kubko went to milk the sheep. The sheep were making funny noises with their hooves.

"It sounds like music?" The shepherds were surprised. They caught one sheep and they saw something shiny.

"What is it?" The sheep carried the gold coins on their hooves — the same coins that Mat'ko and Kubko lost during the night. They then went to work. They worked hard and they made beautiful bells for all the sheep. They hammered and hammered into the night. In the morning the sheep went to the field with golden bells on their necks. The last coin went to Dunčo for his loyalty.

The shepherds were left with golden dreams which are more valuable than treasures on St. John's Day. So good night!

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NINTH CONSULAR TOUR TO SLOVAKIA

Honorary Slovak Consul Joseph Senko will be conducting his 9th Consular Tour to Slovakia and the Czech Republic from July 4, 2008 to July 19, 2008. Joe is including the best of his previous eight tours in this upcoming event. Some of the highlights include a wine tasting, a spa treatment, visit to a Christmas ornament factory, attending a folk wedding ceremony, rafting, a tour of the U.S. Steel plant and the annual folk craft festival in Kezmarok. In addition to a full day tour of Vienna and of Prague, the tour will also include visits to Trnava, Piešťany, Banská Bystrica, the High Tatras, Cicmany, Levoca, Bardejov, Presov and Kosice.

The tour includes all quality hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, air conditioned bus, English speaking guide and numerous musical folk entertainment. The price including airfare from New York is \$3,887 per person (double occupancy). If you are interested in obtaining a more detailed itinerary or if you have questions, call Joe Senko at 412/531-2990 or e-mail him at jtsenko@aol.com.

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REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2008

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 20,523,548.07
Bonds	481,104,862.69
Preferred Stock	8,924,825.87
Common Stock	1,477,121.96
Investment Income Due and Accrued	7,979,579.16
Certificate Loans and Accrued Interest	1,215,632.67
Promissory Notes	109,461.83
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	9,059,094.44
Other Assets	277,742.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 530,671,868.82
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 154,999,960.08
Annuity Reserves	269,690,501.10
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	2,071,000.00
Death Claims Payable	527,748.83
Unearned Premiums	658,062.56
Matured Endowments	117,172.95
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,651,828.87
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,319,627.00
Accrued Convention Donations	215,000.00
Provision for Future Conventions	54,837.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	4,836,553.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,514,205.00
Other Liabilities	1,187,090.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 440,843,587.05
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 89,828,281.77
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 89,828,281.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 530,671,868.82

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Two Months Ended February 29, 2008

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 608,534.76
Annuity Premiums	2,422,534.55
Investment Income	5,289,764.01
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	11,391.00
Other Revenue	96,138.24
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,428,362.56
EXPENSES	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 888,960.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	2,077,501.00
Insurance Benefits	518,167.49
Annuity Benefits	2,565,227.74
Commission Expense	61,963.31
Surrender Benefits	161,647.92
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	12,437.30
Matured Endowments	2,000.00
Donation Expenses	123,544.95
Convention Expenses	30,000.00
Dividends to Members	249,940.25
Post Mortem Benefits	139,350.22
Bonus to Branches	205,231.00
Fraternal Activities	15,922.00
Bank Service Charges	5,857.33
Data Processing Service Fees	91,940.71
Accounting Fees	24,882.00
Actuarial Fees	26,434.00
Legal Fees	225.00
Consulting Services	41,990.00
Official Publications	53,841.00
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	47,855.63
Fees — Directors	18,016.72
Salaries — Employees	161,757.19
Salaries — Officers	70,833.34
Interest Expense	29,853.68
Tax Expense	48,699.50
Depreciation Expense	72,406.00
Utility Expense	15,184.16
Postage and Printing	66,122.59
Advertising	19,666.04
Travel Expense	15,280.68
Other Expense	153,649.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,016,388.39
NET INCOME	\$ 411,974.17



Breakfast in Bed!

SPINACH AND MUSHROOM FRITTATA

- 1 cup fresh spinach, loosely packed
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped portobello mushrooms
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped ham
- scallions with some green tops
- $\frac{1}{2}$ sliced red or yellow pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried Italian seasonings
- 1 pinch salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk together all ingredients until well mixed. Spray a 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray and fill with the spinach mixture. Bake for 30 minutes, or until browned and set. Let cool for 20 minutes, cut in wedges and serve.

APPLE BREAKFAST BREAD

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease an 8 x 4 inch loaf pan. In a bowl, mix the butter and sugar until smooth and creamy. Beat in the eggs. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and cloves. Mix into the butter mixture until moistened. Fold in the apples. Transfer to the prepared loaf pan. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

BREAKFAST BUTTERSCOTCH RING

- 1 (6 ounce) package butterscotch chips, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped pecans
- 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 8 teaspoons corn syrup

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butterscotch chips and butter in a bowl in the microwave. Stir until smooth. Remove from heat and whisk in flour, salt and pecans. Set aside. Separate crescent roll triangles. On greased cookie sheet, arrange crescent rolls overlapping edges to form a circle. Long pointed ends of each roll should point outwards. Spread 2 rounded teaspoons of butterscotch mixture on each triangle. Roll up triangles, beginning with pointed end of roll. Slash inside half of each roll. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, until golden. Remove from oven and let cool. While rolls bake, melt remaining butterscotch morsels and corn syrup; mix well. Drizzle over cooled rolls.

BREAKFAST SCRAMBLE

- 5 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 slices cooked ham, chopped
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder, or to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter

In a large bowl, beat together eggs and milk. Stir in onion, ham, cheese, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Melt butter in a large frying pan or skillet over medium high heat. Add eggs and cook, without stirring, until eggs begin to set. Stir the eggs until scrambled. Keep doing this until eggs are fully cooked, approximately 10-12 minutes. Serve warm.

EGG PUFF

- 1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup cottage cheese
- $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the butter in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish and put the dish in the oven while it preheats.

In bowl combine the eggs, flour and baking powder. Beat until smooth, about 1 minute. Pour into a large bowl and fold in the cottage cheese and Monterey Jack cheese. Pour over the melted butter in the dish.

Bake in the preheated oven until firm in the center, about 30 minutes. A knife inserted into the center should come out clean.

BREAKFAST PIZZA

- 1 (8 ounce) can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 cup frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Unroll crescent dough and place on a greased 12-in. pizza pan; press seams together and press up sides of pan to form a crust. In a skillet, brown sausage over medium heat; drain and cool slightly. Sprinkle sausage, hash browns and cheddar cheese over crust. In a bowl, beat eggs, milk and pepper; pour over pizza. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 28-30 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

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