The LPSCU has initiated a Tree of Life Program in which all members, branches, districts, and friends of the LPSCU can participate. The Tree of Life, which will be installed permanently on a wall in the entranceway of our Home Office, will create a lasting memorial for everyone to view. The Tree is a beautifully classic design and will initially contain 200 to 300 fraternal leaves. Each leaf is a miniature brass plaque that is custom engraved for mounting in the sculpted plexi-glass background. As this program gains momentum and we fill our Tree’s first set of leaves, we can add matching 50-leaf sections to recognize additional donors. The Tree’s trunk is of magnificent cast bronze, adding to the elegant presentation. Larger fraternal stones, which are also available for custom engraving, will be displayed beneath the Tree. The Tree of Life will be a unique masterpiece and perpetual, ever-growing tribute to our beloved LPSCU and her membership.

Individual members, branches, districts, and friends of the LPSCU are warmly invited to participate in our “Tree of Life” Program. Donors at the $100 level receive a fraternal leaf, and at the $500 level a fraternal stone, each engraved with the donor’s name or special message. This is a wonderful way to pay a permanent tribute to a loved one or to remember events in life like weddings, anniversaries, sacraments, graduations, etc. And donors will have the great pride and satisfaction of knowing that, in addition to becoming a part of this lovely, lasting memorial, their contributions are helping to fund our LPSCU Educational Programs.

To reserve your fraternal leaf and/or fraternal stone, please complete the Tree of Life Reservation Form on page 9.
Calendar of Events

**MARCH**

11 — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at St. Stephen’s Church Hall, Wadham Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 37, 58, and 94 will host.

15 — Deadline for nominating a member as our 2007 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year. See page 11.

20 — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.

25 — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All LPSCU members are welcome to attend.

25 — Deadline for submitting materials for consideration by the LPSCU Board at its Annual Meeting.


30 — Deadline for submitting messages for our Mother’s Day tribute. See page 5.

31 — Deadline to apply for 2007 LPSCU College Scholarships and Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award. See page 10.

**APRIL**

1 — Deadline for nominating a 13- to 18-year old member for the LPSCU’s Youth Achievement Award. See page 8.

12 — LPSCU Annual Audit

13-15 — LPSCU Annual Board Meeting at the National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 13.

15 — Deadline to apply for WPSCA Scholarship. See page 11.

22 — Spring Meeting of the Rev. Baloga Okres at St. Mathias Church, Youngstown, Ohio. Branch 163 will host.

24 — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.

27 — Deadline for submitting messages for our Father’s Day tribute. See page 5.

**MAY**


6 — Lehigh Valley Okres Mother/Daughter Mass and Luncheon. Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m. followed at noon by luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center. For luncheon reservations, call the Okres officers or your Branch Secretary. Reservation deadline is May 1.

6 — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Note time change for this meeting only.) Branches 6 and 48 will host.

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Spiritual Advisor's Message

No Throwing Stones!

Depending on the selection of scripture readings that may be proclaimed in your parish church on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 25, 2007), you may or may not hear one of my favorite stories from the ministry of Jesus, namely, the story of the encounter between Jesus and the woman caught in the act in adultery. If your parish is celebrating the final Scrutiny within the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, you will hear the story of the raising of Lazarus as the Gospel proclamation. But, as we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect a bit on this powerful story of judgmentalness on the part of the angry mob and forgiveness on the part of Jesus.

In John 8:1-11, we hear the story of how a group of people had been so closely spying on one of their neighbors that they actually caught the woman in the act of adultery. They literally drag her out of her house and throw her in front of Jesus. Sad to say that back in the days of Jesus, the culture allowed for the man to simply run away while it was the woman who stood to be punished for this and other sinful acts. While demanding that Jesus render a verdict on the woman, and standing ready with rocks in hand to inflict a death sentence on her, those who brought the woman to Jesus were no doubt extremely frustrated by his simple, yet powerful statement: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Being honest enough with ourselves, at least at that instant, the mob began to drop their rocks and walk away, one by one, because they had to acknowledge that they each were sinners and likewise deserving of punishment for their sins. After the angry mob disperses, Jesus speaks to the woman directly, offering words of great comfort to her by saying that he certainly does not condemn her, but rather, he grants her the powerful gift of God’s forgiveness and instructs her to go and sin no more. I truly believe that she left him, having been forever changed by that encounter with the teacher from Nazareth, with a new lease on life and tried her best to avoid sin, especially the sin that led to her being dragged in front of Jesus in the first place!

This dramatic story highlights, in a positive sense, the power of God’s forgiveness extended to humanity through his Son. But, as evidenced through the anger and malice of those who dragged the woman before Jesus, in a negative sense it also highlights a very dark side of human nature, namely, the temptation to stand in judgment over others. Last time I checked, I believe that God alone is the judge and we, his children, should not presume to take upon ourselves something that belongs to God alone. In all honesty, we find that it is always easier to point the finger outward at someone else, and highlight their sins, rather than to point the finger inward, recognizing our own sinfulness and, with the power of God’s healing love, moving beyond those sins. Many times in our own lives we have been like the members of that angry mob, looking to inflict judgment on others because they did not think, speak, or act according to our standards and expectations. And who’s to say that our standards and expectations are correct anyway?

Just as Jesus tried to move people beyond dealing judgmentally with others, I recently came across a modern example of this same desire on the part of a teacher to help his students grow.

A group of high school students was assigned to do a service project at a community outreach center. The center was located in an old, rundown building in a neighborhood several miles away from their school. When they arrived for orientation, they encountered a homeless man asleep on the sidewalk in front of the center. The students smirked and made cruel remarks about the man, the building, and the neighborhood.

When they went inside the center, there was a note at the front desk: “Be back in 10 minutes. Have a seat.” The students took seats in the waiting area. A few minutes later, the homeless man wandered into the center. The students smiled as he fixed himself a cup of coffee. But their whispers were turned to stunned silence when the homeless man removed his shabby overcoat. Despite the worn sneakers he wore, the students recognized immediately that this was not a vagrant.

“Welcome. I’m Tom Gallagher, the director of the center.”

The students realized that Mr. Gallagher had heard every one of their vicious comments. They just sank into their chairs, never more embarrassed in their lives.

“Let this be your first lesson in community service,” Mr. Gallagher said quietly. “You can’t truly reach out to people if you judge them or make fun of them. A person’s appearance has little to do with their character. We are all human beings who will need the help of one another at some point in our lives.” (This story is adapted from: Getfed.com.)

Mr. Gallagher, like Jesus in the Gospel story, challenges all of us — Pharisee and commoner, teacher and student, parent and child — to reach out beyond our disapproval and even disappointment of one another’s failures and lift up one another when we stumble and fall. Jesus’s challenge to the crowd itching to throw their rocks — and to us — is to look within our own lives and hearts to confront the sins and evil that are a part of every life and to find there the compassion, love, and forgiveness of God that leads to true and lasting joy, healing, and life. As His children, we are called to share those very same gifts with others! In need of help ourselves, we then look for opportunities to be of help to others.

We must remember that we cannot pass judgment on others until we honestly judge our own lives . . .

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**LPSCU Annual Board Meeting Announced**

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, April 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at the National Headquarters of the LPSCU located 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Subsequent sessions will be held on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Annual Meeting should be received no later that March 25, 2007.

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**New Branch 38 Member**

The LPSCU welcomes Aliyah Alize Caraballo, Branch 38’s newest member. Aliyah Alize came into this world on January 24, 2007. Proud parents are Sabrina Stametz and Jose Caraballo. Proud grandmother is Janice Hercek. All are members of Branch 38.

Holding Aliyah Alize is Branch 38’s honorary member Valeria Lukish, who at 93-years-young is Aliyah Alize’s great-great-aunt.

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**Cooking Corner**

**SEAFOOD LASAGNA**

- 8 lasagna noodles
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 8 oz. softened cream cheese
- 12 oz. creamed cottage cheese
- 1 beaten egg
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp. crushed basil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 22 oz. cream of mushroom soup
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 lb. shrimp, cooked and halved
- 7½ oz. crabmeat, drained, flaked, and cartilage removed
- ½ cup sharp cheese, shredded

Cook noodles. Place 4 noodles in a 13x9x2” greased baking dish. Saute onions in butter; blend in cream cheese. Stir in cottage cheese, egg, basil, salt and pepper. Spread one-half of mixture on top of noodles. Combine soup, milk, and wine; stir in shrimp and crabmeat. Spread half of seafood mixture over cottage cheese layer. Repeat layers of noodles, cottage cheese mixture, and seafood mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Top with shredded cheese. Bake 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

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**WPSCA Appoints Advisory Board**

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association has appointed Cynthia Maleski, Sue Ondrejco, Cecilia Sarocky, and Albina Senko to its newly organized Board of Advisors. Prior to this appointment, they have been charter Board members and have completed their full nine-year terms. Because of their interest and active participation in WPSCA’s programs over the past years, the ladies were appointed to the Board of Advisors.

Cecilia Sarocky, honorary president of the LPSCU, is secretary of LPSCU Branch 42, of which Albina Senko is a member. Sue Ondrejco is a member of LPSCU Branch 64 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The LPSCU congratulates the ladies on their appointment to the Board and wishes them continued success.
MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Gavenda Center of St. Joseph Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, was filled with holiday spirit as the members of the Msgr. Beeda District gathered for their annual Christmas Party on December 10, 2006. Forty-one members and guests were welcomed by District President Anita Gregory.

Afternoon festivities began with a delicious meal prepared by women from St. Joseph’s Parish. Guests were entertained by Donna and Gina Yocum, young members of the LPSCU who played Christmas carols on the violin and piano. The celebration continued with Bingo led by Dolores Evanko. Several prizes were given out to the winners.

Two special people were honored in a presentation made by President Gregory on behalf of the District. The first was made to our moderator, Msgr. Francis Beeda, as he celebrates his 45th anniversary in the priesthood. The second was to District Vice President Mary Yocum as she retires from the position of Secretary for Branch 39.

We were happy to welcome our National President, Theresa Kluchinski, and Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Jo Savidge who joined us for our celebration.

Prizes were raffled off for the District Christmas raffle by Mary Ann Litchock. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to sponsor young members attending the March for Life.

The afternoon ended with Deacon Leonard Kassick leading everyone in singing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” with member John Simkovich accompanying him on the piano. Members were each given a beautiful poinsettia ornament to hang on their tree.

We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon of fraternalism and fun.

Anita Gregory


Support Your Local Branch — Participate in Branch Activities —

MARCH 2007
Opportunity to Advance the Cause

With the outbreak of World War I in 1914, the Slovak League saw the opportunity to advance the Slovak cause. It began working with Czech representatives to advance the cause of freedom for both the Slovaks and the Czechs at home. Like the Slovaks, the Czechs were one of the Slav minorities of Austria-Hungary. The Czechs in America had organized the Czech National Alliance in the spring of 1915 with goals similar to that of the Slovak League. On October 25, 1915, a step was taken to advance Czech-Slovak cooperation with a meeting between the representatives of the Slovak League and the Czech National Alliance in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Agreement was signed there to form the basis for future Czech-Slovak cooperation both at home and abroad.

In June 1917, General Milan R. Stefanik, the son of a Slovak Lutheran minister, who was vice president of the National Czecho-Slovak Committee in Europe, visited the United States and encouraged the Slovaks in America to advocate the freeing of Slovakia from the Magyar yoke. He encouraged the Slovak League to organize a Million Dollar Drive to aid the cause of Slovak-Czech freedom. The drive was organized with the Rev. Joseph Murgas of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as its chairperson. Soon more than $800,000 was sent to the National Czecho-Slovak Committee to support the cause both here and in Europe.

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The Emergence of Czecho-Slovakia

Slovaks in America rejoiced at the emergence of the new republic in 1919. Soon, however, all would not be well in the new state as President Masaryk repudiated the Pittsburgh Agreement and the autonomy promised Slovakia. Instead, a highly centralized government emerged in Prague. The name of the new republic was even changed from Czecho-Slovakia to Czechoslovakia.

In its historic role during the 1920s and 1930s, the Slovak League of America monitored the activities of the new state it had helped to establish and sent delegations to oversee its progress. The long-promised autonomy finally came in 1938, too late to assist the Slovak cause, however, as war clouds emerged in Europe.

After the appeasement fiasco in Munich in 1939, Czecho-Slovakia was finally dismembered by Hitler and the Slovaks found themselves in a new political situation. Bohemia and Moravia were occupied by Germany and Hitler told Slovakia that if it sought independence he would guarantee it. If not, Slovakia would be absorbed by Germany, Hungary, and Poland. Under the leadership of Msgr. Jozef Tiso, the democratically elected members of the autonomous Slovak parliament in Bratislava voted for independence on March 14, 1939. Msgr. Tiso became Slovakia’s first president.

A new and challenging chapter in the history of the Slovak League of America soon emerged. Following Slovakia’s independence, the Slovak League sought U.S. diplomatic recognition for the new state. A delegation of the Slovak League traveled to Washington, D.C., and met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House on October 18, 1940, seeking this recognition. However, it was to no avail.

During World War II, the Slovak League of America gave all-out support to the United States War effort. It undertook a wide sponsorship of U.S. War Bonds and netted over $53 million in this effort alone. In recognition of this achievement, the U.S. Treasury Department credited the League with five bombers and allowed the League to name four Liberty Ships in honor of Slovak patriots, including the Rev. Stephen Furdek, the Rev. Joseph Murgas, Sergeant Matej Kocak, and General Milan R. Stefanik. Slovak League officers were present at these ships’ christenings.

After World War II, the Slovak League sponsored a drive for the benefit of war-ravaged Slovakia. In the fall of 1945, the League sent a delegation to the founding meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco to press for the right of Slovakia to remain an independent state and to join the new international body. Unfortunately, Slovakia was again incorporated into the former Czecho-Slovakia.

WPSCA Offers Slovak Classes

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is offering intermediate classes in Slovak every Tuesday evening beginning March 27th and running through May 8, 2007, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The classes will be held at the Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The instructor will be Bozena Hilko. Tuition is free, excluding materials and graduation celebration. To register, call Pam at 412/531-2990 during business hours no later than March 20th. Class size is limited.

Celebrating a Century of the Slovak Cause

By Daniel F. Tanzone

~continued from last month~
Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee
December 19, 2006 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary/treasurer; Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. Vice President Anita Gregory was excused. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the November 21, 2006, meeting.

Correspondence and Requests
The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read, approving the following:
- NFCA membership for 2007 — $2,325.00

Financial Statement
The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of November 30, 2006:
- M & T Bank — General Operating Account
- M & T Bank — Home Office Checking Account
- Smith Barney Checking Account

The committee completed a review of the Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expense Statements for November 30, 2006. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2006 for the assets, liabilities, fund balance, premium income, investment income, and investments were presented and reviewed.

Stock/Bond/Pension Portfolio
The committee was provided copies of all reports for the month of November 30, 2006, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments. Schedule D — Part 3 and Part 4 were reviewed.

Other Business
The next meeting of the Executive Finance Committee will be held on January 23, 2007.
There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary/Treasurer

Victoriana Kienzle Wins Cookie Contest

Victoriana Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania, won first place for “creativity” from among 36 entrants in a neighborhood holiday cookie contest on December 9, 2006.

Tori, as she is called, baked three dozen cookies under the supervision of her mother, Patricia Kienzle. To display her cookies, Tori placed them in the shape of a Christmas tree on a wooden serving tray. She decorated the cookies with green and yellow icing. The cookie tree trunk was decorated with brown icing. Tori then added candy bells and Hershey kisses as decorations and popcorn strings as garland. She topped off her cookie Christmas tree with a candy angel.

To Tori’s surprise and delight, the judges found her masterpiece unique, citing her sense of creativity. But her cookie Christmas tree did not last for the holiday season. After the judging was concluded, all participants enjoyed sampling everyone’s cookies.

Tori, 13, is in the 7th grade at Valley Forge Middle School in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. She is a member of St. Norbert’s Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Tori, her sister Jenna, and brothers Jace and Tate are all members of LPSCU Branch 130, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Her parents, Dr. Rand and Patricia Kienzle, and maternal grandparents, John and Margaret Ferri, are members of LPSCU Branch 83 in Bethlehem, and Margaret is also Public Relations Director of the LPSCU.

Congratulations on your first place award, Tori!

Have a computer? You can e-mail us!

In this day and age of computers, cell phones, PDAs, and all other kinds of electronic gadgets, many of us just don’t have the time or inclination to sit down and write an old fashioned letter. So we thought you’d like to know that those of you who prefer to make contact through e-mail can reach the Home Office and many of our Board members via the internet. We’re supplying these e-mail addresses below and as more Board members go “on line,” we’ll update the listing for you.

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Let an outstanding youth know...

You Are Appreciated

We all know someone between the ages of 13 and 18 who deserves recognition for his or her scholastic, athletic, fraternal, volunteer, and/or other achievements.

Young Member Receives Derby Award

Noah Savitsky, a second grader at St. Michael the Archangel School in Limeport, Pennsylvania, and a Wolf Cub Scout for Pack 199, took second place in his age category at the annual Pinewood Derby Race on Sunday, January 28. Noah learned how to use tools such as a band saw, chisel, and drill while building his car with the help of his dad, Mike. His mom Sheila gave Noah’s car its “lightning” appearance.

Noah and his brother, McGuire Curtis, are members of LPSCU Branch 130 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Noah!

LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program

On January 1, 2007, the LPSCU introduced our newest Fraternal Benefit, the LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program. This award is in addition to any Educational Award you may have received from the LPSCU. The Book Buy Program will assist our members attending college by reimbursing 10% of their college book expenses.

How do you qualify? You need only to establish a NEW 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy during your freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. Premiums must be paid on an annual, semiannual, or quarterly basis and must be current for the member to be eligible for this program. You can submit an LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application each school year and receive a 10% refund on books purchased (limited to the amount paid for the annual premium on your 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy).

Example: A student age 21 purchases a $10,000 20 Payment Life having an annual premium of $124.00 (does not include administration fee). The student submits receipts totaling $815.00 for book purchases. The benefit will reimburse the student $81.50 (10% of the books purchased).

You may take advantage of this program for a maximum of four (4) years. Simply complete the LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application and attach your book receipts. It’s as simple as that! And, in addition to receiving this reimbursement, you are protected with valuable life insurance!

For an application, please contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513, toll free 888/834-6614, e-mail us at lpscu@lpscu.org or check our website at www.lpscu.org.

Insurance Policy Checklist

✓ Beneficiary: Is my named beneficiary living?
✓ Address: Is my current address on file with the Home Office?

It is very important that this information be correct and up-to-date. Please contact the Home Office or your Branch Secretary concerning these matters.
Val Lukish Participates in Slovak Heritage Program

Valeria Lukish of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, participated in the Slovak Heritage Program sponsored by the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation on September 10, 2006. The cultural event was held at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Val displayed hundreds of Slovak artifacts from her own collection, including crystal, linens, pottery, vases, and even kroj-dressed dolls. All of her items were transported from Slovakia, either from one of Val’s many visits there or received as gifts from her many relatives who visit with her for months at a time. Val’s mother was a native of Zavod, and her father hailed from Biksad, both near Bratislava, and Val has many, many relatives still living in Slovakia. There is not a month that goes by without a relative visiting with her.

Val is a long-time, dedicated supporter of the LPSCU. She has enrolled all her relatives in the Lehigh Valley area as members and actively participates in activities of the Lehigh Valley Okres, the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF, and her parish, St. John the Baptist Church in Allentown.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew v.5

In Memoriam

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RESERVATION FORM

Your inscription may be personalized to recognize a loved one or special event with “In honor of…”, “In memory of…”, or “In celebration of…”. You may also simply have your name, the family name, or business name. Restrictions to space and characters are listed below, based on whether you choose a fraternal leaf or stone.

Your contribution can be paid in one installment or several; however, we will not bill you for any remaining portion. It is your responsibility to monitor your installments.

Please complete the Reservation Form and return it (a photocopy is also acceptable), along with your donation, to: LPSCU Tree of Life, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032. Please make checks payable to the “LPSCU – Scholarship Fund.”

Name _____________________________________
Phone ____________________________________
Address ___________________________________
City/State/Zip ______________________________

Enclosed is: (please check one)
☐ my first donation toward my “Tree of Life,” entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf or stone (please circle one) when fully paid. (Minimum of $20 per payment.)
☐ my $100 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf.
☐ my $500 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal stone.

PLEASE ENGRAVE MY FRATERNAL LEAF OR STONE AS FOLLOWS:

Leaf inscription:  Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces.

Stone inscription: Maximum of 6 lines with 40 characters per line, including spaces.

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Catholic High School Award — $150 One-Time Award
- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with $2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by June 30th.

College Scholarship — $500 One-Time Award
- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with $2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior to apply.
- High school senior must provide letter of recommendation from school guidance/principal.
- Submit official transcript from high school that includes test scores; college students must submit documentation indicating latest overall GPA.
- Provide detailed list of extracurricular activities, honors and awards.
- Provide detailed list of church, community, volunteer, and work activities including honors and awards, with reference(s) included.
- Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of this year on a full time basis.
- Submit proof of acceptance/attendance for fall semester.
- Submit a brief essay (no more than 200 words) on the topic “Why is life insurance important?”
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by March 31st.

Post-Graduate Award — $300 One-Time Award
- Member of LPSCU for five (5) years with $2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Degree must be awarded between July 1, 2006 and August 30, 2007.
- Provide photocopy of diploma received.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by August 31st.

St. Theresa of the Little Flower, Blessed Andre, St. John Vianney — $300 Annually
- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with $2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by August 31st.

Bishop Grutka Award — $1,000 (Maximum of $2,000 per member)
- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with $5,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Must be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Must be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Must be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Must be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, Catechist/Aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, Youth Minister, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and/or other parish committees of organization.
- Active in organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Endorsed by your pastor and LPSCU branch secretary with additional endorsement provided by campus minister, youth minister, or pastoral associate.
- Attend or will attend an accredited college/university as a full time student.
- Provide a notice of acceptance or tuition receipt for the coming scholastic year.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by June 30th.

Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award — $500 (Maximum of $1,000 per member)
- Must have a life certificate with LPSCU.
- Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of this year on a full time basis in the healthcare field.
- Provide proof of acceptance/attendance.
- Provide a wallet-size photo.
- Application must be postmarked by March 31st.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. Applications must be obtained by contacting the Home Office:

Phone — 570-823-3513
Toll free — 888-834-6614
Fax — 570-823-4464
E-mail — lpscu@lpscu.org

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Educational Benefit Committee
P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703
Calendar of Events

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22 — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.

JUNE

1-3 — 100th Anniversary of the Slovak League of America. Celebrations in the New York area.
19 — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.
30 — Deadline to apply for 2007 Catholic High School Award and Bishop Grutka Award. See page 10.

JULY

3-17 — 13th Annual Tour of Slovakia sponsored by Youngstown Sister Cities.
29 — Rev. Baloga Okres Picnic at Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio. Branch 180 will host.

AUGUST

31 — Deadline to apply for 2007 Post-Graduate Award and LPSCU Religious Awards. See page 10.

SEPTEMBER

6-9 — NFCA Annual Meeting
21 — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Danville, Pennsylvania
22 — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Danville, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER

12-13 — LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting

Attention:

LPSCU Branch & District Members

We’re Looking for a Shining Star in the LPSCU for the 2007 Fraternalist of the Year

Do you have a member who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service?

Do you have a member that should be recognized for outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts?

If you can answer “yes” to the above, then you have a “Shining Star” member to be nominated as our 2007 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year!

To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513 or toll free 888/834-6614; e-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org or visit our website: www.lpscu.org

Hurry — The Deadline for Nominations is March 15, 2007

WPSCA Announces Scholarship

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is again offering a $2,500 scholarship, funded by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, toward tuition and expenses to participate in the Slovak Language and Cultural Program at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, this summer.

The scholarship requirements are:

• Must be a full time student at a university in the United States.
• Must be of Slovak heritage.
• Must apply to Comenius for acceptance.
• Must not have previously attended the program.
• Must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss experience while in Slovakia.

Deadline for application is April 15, 2007. All applicants will be notified by May 15, 2007. To obtain an application, call WPSCA at 412/531-2990 during office hours.

Letters

Dear Ms. Mary Jo Savidge and the Educational Benefit Committee,

I am sincerely thankful for the renewal of my scholarship from the LPSCU. Your financial support of my education is invaluable to my family and to me. Thank you for embracing a mission of generosity.

I wish you a very peaceful 2007.

Sincerely,

Jane Dahms
Branch 102
Dupont, Pennsylvania

Dear LPSCU Educational Benefit Committee,

Thank you very much for the scholarship check. I am a junior at Penn State University and work hard at keeping my grades up. I also work part time to help with the cost of my tuition. This scholarship helps pay for my books and I truly appreciate being a recipient.

Sincerely,

Ryan Turner
Branch 8
Jessup, Pennsylvania

Members —

Remember to send your news and photos
to Public Relations Director Margaret A. Ferri.
E-mail margeferri28@aol.com
or send to 428 E. Frankford St., Bethlehem, PA 18018

MARCH 2007
The Conference of Slovak Clergy held its bi-annual national convocation in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, on September 13, 2006. The keynote speaker was the Most Reverend Viliam Judak, Bishop of Nitra, Slovakia. Bishop Judak was accompanied by his Secretary, Reverend Dusan Argalas, and Diocesan Chancellor, Canon Stefan Vallo.

The Convocation began with a Mass in Slovak concelebrated by the attending priests, with Bishop Judak as the principal celebrant. The liturgy was followed by a luncheon and business meeting. The day concluded with a reception and dinner at the residence of Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

During the meeting, the Rector of the Slovak Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the Very Reverend Vladimir Stahovec, presented an update on enrollment.

The current officers were re-elected and two members were added to the Executive Committee. Bishop Joseph Adamec is the chairman. Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Chaback of the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, serves as vice-chairman, and Reverend Lubomir Strecok of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown continues as secretary. The two additional members of the Executive Board are Reverend Monsignor Robert Siffrin, Administrator of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, and Reverend Paul Lisik, Dean, of the Diocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The manager of the two funds which the Conference oversees also gave a report. The Saints Cyril and Methodius Fund, to which many parishes, organizations, and individuals contribute, continues to provide a monthly allotment of $10,000 for the general expenses of the College. A private annuity, other donations, and dues of Conference members provide grants of $8,000 each to cover education, room and board of several individual students. Grants for the 2005/06 academic year totaled $88,000. A total of $80,000 was given in grants for the current academic year, with five requests having to be denied.

The Conference of Slovak Clergy has had the tradition of sharing its invited guests with the Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation, whose semiannual meeting coincides with the Convocation every two years. Bishop Judak also had the opportunity to participate in the 75th Anniversary of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Honorable Rastislav Kacer, Slovak Ambassador to the United States, traveled from Washington, D.C., to join Bishop Judak for a reception and dinner at Bishop Adamec’s residence on September 12.

Since the patroness of Slovakia, the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin’s feastday was being celebrated on September 15, Bishop Adamec made arrangements for Bishop Judak to celebrate a Mass in Slovak at the Slovak Chapel of the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. A number of Slovaks from the area attended, along with Ambassador and Mrs. Kacer.

Bishop Judak also took the opportunity to spend some days with the Benedictine Community of Saint Andrew in Cleveland, Ohio, during his visit.

The Conference of Slovak Clergy was founded in Whitehall (Allentown), Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1985, by the late Reverend John J. Spitkovsky and then Reverend Joseph V. Adamec (now Bishop and chairman of the Conference), along with several other priests of Slovak ancestry. The Conference associates priests and deacons of Slovak ancestry in the United States for the purposes of mutual pastoral support and of assisting financially those preparing themselves for the priestly ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, particularly for Dioceses in Slovakia. Members pay annual dues of $100.

The Conference of Slovak Clergy sponsored Bishop Judak’s visit to the United States. The Benedictine Abbey of Saint Andrew provided ground transportation.

Any individual or organization wishing to assist the Church in Slovakia by providing grants for the education of its priests can write to the Conference of Slovak Clergy at 126 Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Grants provided by specific organizations, parishes, or individuals carry the name of the donor.

**Most Rev. Viliam Judak, Bishop of Nitra, is Guest of Conference of Slovak Clergy**

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ZORNICKA
Slovak Ambassador Rastislav Kacer spent two days in the Youngstown, Ohio, area on December 9 and 10, 2006. He came at the request of Steve Bacon, who recently hosted the ambassador as his guest on a moose hunting trip in Northwest Quebec, Canada.

During the ten day trip, Steve pointed out that the ambassador had never been to Youngstown, a community filled with Slovak organizations whose members willingly support Slovakia and work tirelessly to perpetuate their Slovak heritage. Steve, president emeritus of Youngstown Sister Cities, noted that the area group has sponsored Slovak song and dance groups such as SLUK, the Evacka father/son concert, the Raslavice folk group, and just last year, an ensemble of 42 Cecinka singers and dancers. He also let the ambassador know that YSC continues to send used medical equipment and computers to Slovakia and has sponsored 24 students in a high school exchange program between the United States and Slovakia in conjunction with area Rotary clubs.

When Ambassador Kacer agreed to the visit, Steve arranged for a private dinner for YSC board members and area benefactors. Unfortunately, the ambassador’s wife Otilia and son Samuel had to miss the trip due to illness.

YSC Treasurer Bob Petruska gave a talk on the achievements of the Slovaks in the area dating back to 1878. After the dinner, Mary Babnic, hostess of WKTL’s Slovak Radio Hour, had the ambassador on the program where he answered questions from area listeners.

On Sunday morning, area businessmen were able to talk with the ambassador at an informal breakfast. And rounding out the weekend, at 4:00 p.m. Ambassador Kacer was guest of honor and featured speaker at the annual Vilija dinner of the Slovak American Cultural Association.
Dear Junior Members,

March is Women in History Month and also Red Cross Month. This allows us to pay a dual tribute to Clara Barton, a remarkable woman and the founder of the Red Cross. I would like to tell you about her.

Clara Barton was born in 1821 in North Oxford, Massachusetts. She was born during the presidency of James Monroe, our fifth president, when women had few legal rights and slavery was still practiced. Clara was very shy, so her parents sent her to a boarding school hoping this would help, but she hated it and her parents brought her back home.

When her brother fell from a barn roof and was seriously injured, Clara nursed him for two years. This taught her a lot about medicine. She began teaching school at the age of 17. She founded one of the first public schools in New Jersey, so that even poor children were able to attend. (At that time most people had to pay to send their children to school.) But even though Clara started the school, the town leaders did not want a woman principal, so they hired a man.

Clara left teaching and took a job as one of the first women clerks in the U.S. Patent office in Washington, D.C. (A patent protects the rights of inventors to produce, sell, and make profit from their inventions.)

In 1861 when the Civil War began, Clara saw that the Union troops were not getting a good quality of supplies from the government, so she started advertising in the Northern newspapers, urging people to donate them. She then risked her life taking the supplies to the battlefields. She was called the “Angel of the Battlefield” because she worked so hard and gave so much of herself. Her nursing skills came into play during the war and afterwards, she helped identify the bodies of thousands of dead soldiers.

When the war was over, Clara went to Switzerland and stayed with friends. She was so exhausted and ill that she went blind for a while. She needed to recover her spirits and her health. While Clara was recuperating in Geneva, the International Red Cross asked her to start an American branch of the organization. The International Red Cross was established in 1863 to care for the wounded during and after wars in Europe. It was started after a convention held in Geneva, Switzerland. Clara went home to organize the American Red Cross in 1881 at age 60, and served as its first president for 23 years.

Establishing the American Red Cross guaranteed that our soldiers would be treated with respect and decency. In wartime, the International Red Cross helps both sides impartially. Almost every country in the world has their own Red Cross-type organization to help their citizens in times of disaster, and other countries will pitch in to help one another during a major disaster.

Just a few months after it began, Clara Barton’s American Red Cross faced its first challenge, helping thousands of people who had lost their homes during a forest fire in Michigan. The Red Cross provided food, lodging, and clothing and gained people’s respect and awareness for the fledgling organization. Today, the Red Cross helps everywhere they’re needed, from small scale, local emergencies like house fires and blood drives to massive relief efforts such as those that occurred after the 9-11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina devastation.

Though history has often ignored the contributions of women, Clara Barton is a shining example of women who have been a dynamic force in shaping the way people live. She died at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland, in 1912.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

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**Slovak Lesson**

**TELO — THE BODY**

Anna má dve pekné. červené lica.  
Anna has two nice, red cheeks.

Mám desať prstov.  
I have ten fingers.

Kde je tvoje srdec?  
Where is your heart?

Brúcho má bolí.  
I have a stomachache.

Zub ju bolí.  
I have a toothache.

She has a toothache.

Telo je kožou okryté.  
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**Family Fun**

**CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

In honor of National Women’s History Month, you can bring history to life by throwing a party to recognize famous women of the past and present. Girls, try to get the boys to join in the fun by making this a project for the whole family.

Have everyone who will attend the party choose a famous woman in history. Put several famous women’s names in a hat and have each person pick a name. Then you can play a guessing game and have the guests try to guess who you are. Each participant must be prepared to explain to the others what they have done or accomplished in their life, without using their character’s name. You can add to the fun by dressing up as your character. For example, if you should choose Amelia Earhart, you would wear a leather jacket and aviator glasses and hat. Cleopatra may want to wear some bangles on her arms and golden earrings and sandals. Guests should be allowed to ask you questions about your personality and what made you famous.

Here are some additional famous women to get you started on your character list:

- Marie Curie
- Sally Ride
- Rosa Parks
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Helen Keller
- Louisa May Alcott

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April Fools Pranks

April’s right around the corner, so you’ll want to start thinking about April Fools’ jokes.

While not a holiday in its own right, April Fools’ Day (also called All Fools’ Day) is a notable occasion celebrated in many countries on April 1st. The day is marked by the commission of pranks and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends and neighbors. One of the more common pranks is to send someone on a “fools’ errand” — such as looking for a left-handed wrench — the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible. Another popular joke is to tell someone they have a missing button, open zipper, or untied shoelace.

To be a good April fool prankster, you should have a cool personality and good timing. A smart joker will get his victim as early as possible before he or she realizes that it is April Fools’ Day.

April Fools’ pranks are usually first experienced at home with other family members. Try this one on Mother: “Sorry, Mom, but I put a big chip in your new teapot.” (When she checks the teapot, be sure she finds a big potato chip inside.)

Have Dad put a spool of thread in an inside suit pocket and thread it through the coat lapel. It will look like a piece of lint and as everyone tries to remove it, it will just keep on coming out. They will realize then that it is an April Fools’ joke.

Just remember when planning your jokes that you want them to be amusing, not mean or hurtful to anyone.

March 19 —
St. Joseph’s Day

St. Joseph is the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father to Jesus. Scripture says little about him other than that he was a “just” man. He was apparently a skilled craftsman, often held to have been a carpenter, and for many years he lived in the town of Nazareth. Joseph was chosen by the Eternal Father as a trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely, His Divine Son and Mary. Joseph carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until God called him, saying, “Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your lord.” Joseph’s death is not recorded. Scriptural mention shows him to still be alive when Jesus was around 12 years old, but the lack of any mention of him in Biblical accounts during Jesus’s adult ministry may indicate that he died before then.

In the Roman Catholic and other traditions, Joseph is the patron saint of workers and also the patron saint and protector of the Universal Catholic Church. His Feast Day is celebrated on March 19th.

For Your Good Health

Remember the old saying “An apple a day keeps the doctor away”? Well, that may be changing to a banana a day will keep the doctor away!

Bananas contain a combination of carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins (A, B, and C) and potassium to provide you with many health benefits.

To get the most enjoyment from bananas, eat them when they are fully ripe. That is when they are yellow with some brown spots. Ripening doesn’t affect the nutritional value, but it does make the banana sweeter. Many recipes, such as banana nut bread, call for overripe bananas (when they turn very brown). When they are baked or cooked you will lose some of the nutrients, but you will still get most of their benefits.

The banana is truly a dietary gem. It is a heart-healthy food due to its high potassium and low sodium content. Bananas are fat free and they help in digestion due to their high fiber content. They are also an energy-booster. If you are feeling sluggish, a banana is as good as a power nap for your energy, mood, and brainpower. Eat a banana 30 minutes before your workout to help replace the potassium you lose through sweating.
JOINING HANDS TO CELEBRATE FRATERNALISM

During these days of our Lenten season, let us remember that we cannot take care of the demons in the world around us unless we confront the demons in our own hearts and, as we see from the story of Mr. Gallagher and the students, one of the greatest demons that can exist in our lives is a judgmental attitude towards those who may be different from us. We must remember that we cannot pass judgment on others until we honestly judge our own lives and see where we are failing to live up to God’s expectations. We cannot change what is beyond us until we repair what is broken within us. We will never be able to lift up those who have fallen unless we realize that we, too, fall at times and are in need of the power of God’s healing in our own lives.

This Lent, and always, let us never dare to try and throw a stone at another! Before we point the finger outward, may we be honest and courageous enough to point the finger inward, acknowledge our sinfulness, and be open to the great gift of God’s forgiveness, given to us through Jesus Christ.

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla

JOIN HANDS TO CELEBRATE FRATERNALISM

No Throwing Stones

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On Saturday, May 5, 2007, fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike come together for JOIN HANDS DAY to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects that connect young people and adults. JOIN HANDS DAY gives fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations the opportunity to reach out to people they don’t know, to connect generations, and to develop new relationships. In addition, JOIN HANDS DAY is the only day on the national Seasons of Service calendar that targets and develops youth/adult relationships through neighborhood volunteering.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN JOIN HANDS DAY?

• You’ll help to improve your community.
• You’ll motivate both youths and adults to become more active in your society/organization.
• You’ll increase teamwork, morale, and trust among your participants and boost retention.
• You’ll build relationships with other organizations and/or businesses.
• Volunteers will join you to work on specific causes of mutual interest or concern.
• Members of your community will learn about your society/organization and its good work.
• You’ll garner positive media attention for your society/organization and your business as a whole.
• Benefit for youth – learning the value of volunteering and personally making a difference in their own communities.
• It’s fun and rewarding!

PROJECT IDEAS

Review the following list of project ideas to stimulate discussion about activities that may be right for your group:

• Sort clothes at a shelter for homeless people.
• Prepare sandwiches and personal care kits for homeless people.
• Organize a food drive.
• Deliver meals to homebound people.
• Visit hospital patients or nursing homes and bring flowers, door decorations, and reading materials.
• Have a book drive for disadvantaged children.
• Clean up a public park area.
• Do yard work for people with physical limitations.

For additional project ideas, visit the JOIN HANDS DAY web site at www.joinhandsday.org.

Complete your project on JOIN HANDS DAY, May 5, 2007, and have fun! Register your project’s plans and success by completing a Pre-Event Form and a Post-Event Form at www.joinhandsday.org to be eligible for the 2007 JOIN HANDS DAY Excellence Award.

SPONSORS OF JOIN HANDS DAY

America’s fraternal benefit societies are the creators and sponsors of JOIN HANDS DAY. These not-for-profit organizations are a distinctive, charitable force of nearly 10 million people in 36,000 local chapters, making them one of the nation’s largest member networks. Fraternal benefit societies provide their members with leadership, social, educational, spiritual, patriotic, scholarship, financial, and volunteer-service opportunities. America’s fraternal benefit societies are represented by their own trade association, the National Fraternal Congress of America (of which our LPSCU is a member).

JOIN HANDS DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 5 – DON’T MISS OUT!

Tell Us Why Your Mom’s “The Greatest!”

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Now you can tell your mother and the LPSCU in the pages of the Zornicka why she is the very best. In two or three sentences, tell us what your mother means to you and why she is “The Greatest!” If you have one, send along a photo of you and Mom to accompany your letter.

Please have the information to us before April 7th. Forward it to your Fraternal Activities Director:

Cecilia B. Gaughan
325 Florida Avenue
Whitehall, PA 18052