



President Theresa Kluchinski Receives 2007 John Jordan Upchurch Award

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress was held October 28-30 at the beautiful Nemacon Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pennsylvania. This meeting was especially meaningful to the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union because at it our National President, Theresa Kluchinski, was named the 2007 recipient of the PFC's John Jordan Upchurch Award.

The Upchurch Award, established in 1977, is presented by the Congress to a fraternal leader in recognition of distinguished and exemplary service to fraternalism. Theresa was chosen by the Selections Committee because of her past years exemplifying "image, foresight, leadership, ingenuity, and purpose contributing most to the advancement of the fraternal movement."

Theresa received her award at the Annual Meeting banquet, where she was joined by National Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko, Honorary President Cecilia Sarocky, Branch 42 President Anna Krohmaly, Branch 42 Treasurer Dolores Sakal, Branch 42 member Frank Yaniga, and Branch 52 Secretary James Tomasic.

Past recipients from the LPSCU include Honorary President Sarocky and Past President, the late Rita Simalchik.

The LPSCU was also honored by having our nominee for Fraternalist of the Year, Helen Washick, selected as the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress Fraternalist of the Year. Helen, a member of Branch 6 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was unable to attend the Annual Meeting to accept her award. It was accepted on her behalf by National Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko, who is secretary of Branch 6. The moment was extra special for Mary Ann because it was she who nominated Helen as the LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year. Helen was featured on the cover of the July 2007 *Zornicka*.

The LPSCU extends sincere congratulations to President Kluchinski for this wonderful recognition. We are very proud of you and especially grateful for the honor that you bring to the LPSCU!

The LPSCU also congratulates Helen Washick, our dedicated volunteer from Wilkes-Barre Branch 6. We're very proud of you, Helen!



President Theresa Kluchinski, seated with her award plaque, receives congratulations from LPSCU members, clockwise from Theresa's right: Honorary President Cecilia Sarocky, Anna Krohmaly, James Tomasic, Dolores Sakal, Frank Yaniga, and Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko.



(Inset) President Kluchinski receives her award from last year's winner, George Lopata of the Greek Catholic Union.

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- 22** — 35th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for March/April Zornicka.**

FEBRUARY

- 25** — Deadline to submit matters for consideration by the LPSCU Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting in March.
- 28** — Deadline to apply for Illinois Fraternal Congress Scholarship. *See page 15 for details.*
- 28** — Deadline to apply for Illinois Fraternal Congress Youth/Adult Fraternalist of the Year. *See page 15 for details.*

MARCH

- 2** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 17 and 19 will host.

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Spiritual Advisor's Message

That All May Be One!



Fr. Altavilla

Each year from January 18 through January 25, the Christian community celebrates the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In 2008 we mark the 100th anniversary of the insertion of this important week into the liturgical calendar. As we prepare to focus our minds and hearts on the important intention of Christian unity, it would be good for us to appreciate some of the history that brings us to the point of this centennial celebration.

From the website of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute (www.geii.org), Rev. Timothy MacDonald, S.A., associate director, penned a wonderful article which highlights key moments in the development of this annual invitation to prayer. Celebrated in the chapel of a small Atonement Franciscan Convent of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on a remote hillside fifty miles from New York City, this new prayer movement eventually caught the imagination of others beyond the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement to become an energetic movement that gradually blossomed into a worldwide observance involving many nations and millions of people.

Two American Episcopalians, Father Paul James Wattson and Sister Lurana White, co-founders of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, were totally committed to the reunion of the Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. As such, they started a prayer movement that explicitly prayed for the return of non-Catholic Christians to the Holy See (Rome). Needless to say, such an observance would attract few of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters except for a small number of Anglo-Catholics and Roman Catholics themselves. The idea of a period of prayer for Christian unity originated in a conversation between Fr. Wattson and an English clergyman, Rev. Spencer Jones. In 1907, Jones suggested that a day be set aside for prayer for Christian unity. Fr. Wattson agreed with the concept but offered the idea of an octave (8 days) of prayer between the Feast of St. Peter's Chair on January 18th and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th.

When Fr. Wattson and Sr. Lurana became Roman Catholics, Pope Pius X gave his blessing to the Church Unity Octave and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the universal church. This recognition by papal authority gave the Octave its impetus throughout the Roman Catholic Church. Until his death in 1940, Fr. Wattson promoted the Church Unity Octave.

While not all Catholics had accepted the call to see prayer for Christian unity as a priority, all difficulties were resolved in 1964 through the **Decree on Ecumenism** of the Second Vatican Council. The Decree told Roman Catholics in clear and unambiguous terms: "In certain special circumstances, such as in prayer services for unity and during ecumenical

gatherings, it is allowable, indeed desirable, that Catholics should join in prayer with their separated brethren. Such prayers in common are certainly a very effective means of petitioning for the grace of unity, and they are a genuine expression of the ties which even now bind Catholics to their separated brethren." (Paragraph 8) So today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity belongs to all Christians who are sincerely interested in the fulfillment of Christ's prayer "that all may be one." (John 17:21)

The theme and text for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. For 2008,

the theme for the Week of Prayer is: **Pray Without Ceasing.** (1 Thessalonians 5:12a, 13b-18)

While certainly not downplaying the benefit of the many examples of work for the betterment of humanity that have

been undertaken jointly by Christians of various traditions, both the Second Vatican Council and the late, great Pope John Paul II often reminded us that in order for there to be true unity between all followers of Jesus, what is needed is an involvement of what he called "spiritual ecumenism." Pope John Paul II stressed the fact that even while people of different religious backgrounds can work together nicely in service-oriented activities, unless a true change of heart, or conversion, takes place within individuals and communities, Christian unity will not happen.

Sadly, because our divisions have lasted for centuries, we have become comfortable with "the way it is" or "the way it's been." Because we all fall into "doing our own thing," it doesn't bother us that perhaps on one street there can be five or six (or more!) different churches that bear the name Christian. Is this what Jesus intends for his Church? While Christian unity is a divine gift that will be bestowed upon us in God's time and in God's way, it is still a gift that we can strive for, especially as we pray, with greater intensity **together**, during this upcoming Week of Prayer. We believe that prayer changes hearts — not the heart of God which always remains constant, but rather, prayer changes human hearts. In this particular instance, prayer together helps us grow ever-more uncomfortable with the divisions that exist between Christians and will stir up inside us a firm resolve to do what it takes to advance the cause of Christian unity.

In his book, *A Handbook of Spiritual Ecumenism*, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for

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PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District held a card party for its members and guests at St. Ann's Church Hall in Homestead, Pennsylvania, on October 14, 2007. The event was chaired by Janice Mathews of Branch 65, Munhall, Pennsylvania. Janice and her committee served a delicious homemade chicken luncheon.

Following the meal, everyone enjoyed playing various games and went home with one of the many gifts donated by District members. Door prizes, which were donated by the District's Branches, were also awarded.

Everyone missed the presence of our District President, Barbara Janicko, who was home recuperating from an illness. You're in our prayers, Barb!

Sylvia Goda



Pittsburgh District members enjoy a delicious homemade chicken meal prior to playing cards at their annual card party.

REV. DIANISKA DISTRICT

Members of the Reverend Dianiska District will hold their first meeting of 2008 on March 2nd at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 pm. Branches 17 and 19 will host. This meeting is very important due to the convention travel plans that will be discussed and finalized.

Susan Worth

Convention Donations Notice

The LPSCU Convention, to be held July 22-24, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada, will consider applications for donations.

Donation Applications are available upon request through the Home Office. Qualified representatives of organizations seeking donations may contact the Home Office for an application. Applications are also available on the LPSCU web site, www.lpsc.org.

All requests for donations from the Convention must be submitted on an LPSCU Donation Application Form and must be returned to the Home Office with a postmark of no later than **May 15, 2008**.

Slovak Flag Raising Held in Allentown

The 23rd Annual Slovak Flag Raising, sponsored by the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, was held at Allentown City Hall Plaza at noon on Monday, September 10, 2007.

Margaret A. Ferri, president of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter, opened the program with a prayer. She welcomed the 35 participants and introduced the Honorable Ed Pawlowski, mayor of the City of Allentown.

Mayor Pawlowski extended greetings on behalf of the city and introduced the federal, state, and local dignitaries in attendance. He read a Proclamation commending the good works of the Chapter to keep alive the faith and heritage of the Slovak people in the Lehigh Valley Area. He then proclaimed Monday, September 10, 2007, as the 23rd Annual Slovak Day in the City of Allentown. President Ferri accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Chapter.

Proclamations were also presented to the Chapter by the Honorable Jennifer L. Mann, state representative from the 132nd Legislative District, and Donald Cunningham, Lehigh County executive. The Honorable Charles Dent of Allentown, who is the U.S. Representative from the 15th Congressional District, was unable to attend but graciously sent a representative from his Allentown office to participate in the ceremony on his behalf.

Keynote speaker was Justine Wesnak, second vice president of the Slovak Catholic Federation and past president of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter. Justine emphasized that the Slovak flag raising is not only a celebration in honor of the homeland of our Slovak ancestors, but also to honor the feast day of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia, which is celebrated on September 15th. She explained that Our Mother of Sorrows is symbolic of the more than four decades of Godless communism, persecution, pain, and suffering that the people of Slovakia had endured. She noted the Chapter's Slovak flag raising is always held close to the feast day of Our Mother of Sorrows.

As Helen Fiala and her daughter, Loretta Dashner, raised the Slovak flag, all joined together in singing the Slovak National Anthem in Slovak and English. Members from the St. John the Baptist Church choir in Allentown led everyone in singing additional Slovak songs and "God Bless America." The program concluded with all reciting the "Our Father." A reception followed in the lobby of Allentown City Hall.



Cardinal Tomko Chapter members who participated in the Slovak flag raising in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on September 10, 2007.

Mother's & Father's Day Tribute/Memorial Program

Once again this year, the LPSCU is offering a Tribute/Memorial Program to run in the May/June issue of the *Zornicka*. We are pleased to report that this is the seventh year that the LPSCU has sponsored this special tribute. The program will give our members an opportunity to honor their living parents or remember their deceased ones by placing a Mother's and/or Father's Day message in our May/June issue.

Tributes/Memorials will be limited to 2-4 lines and should not exceed 25 words. There is no charge for placing a message, but a good will donation of \$5.00 per greeting will be appreciated. In keeping with the benevolent and fraternal nature of our organization, all proceeds from the Mother's Day Tributes/Memorials will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Center and all monies donated to the Father's Day Tributes/Memorials will go to the American Diabetes Association for diabetes research.

Donations (which are tax deductible) should be made by check *payable directly to the respective research center* — Breast Cancer Research Center for Mother's Day messages and American Diabetes Association for Father's Day messages.

Tribute/Memorial requests, along with all donation checks, should be mailed to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052 (phone 610/433-4610).

Deadline for submitting Mother's/Father's Day messages for the May/June *Zornicka* is March 30, 2008.

A few examples of Mother's/Father's Day Tributes/Memorials follow:

In honor of our mothers
Mary Jones and Susan Clark
Given by George and Christine Clark

In loving memory of Joseph Smith, Sr.
(June 1, 1900-April 2, 1982)
Given by his children and grandchildren

Happy Mother's Day to Betty J. Winston
With love from her grandchildren
Tom and Sharon Carlson and Maryann Winston

The LPSCU reserves the right to edit messages.

We hope many of our members will participate in this worthwhile fraternal activity, which allows them to honor their mothers and fathers and donate to two very worthy causes. This is a wonderful way to show our love and appreciation to our parents (and grandparents) and to show the concern and compassion the LPSCU has for our fellowman.

CALL TO THE 39TH NATIONAL LPSCU CONVENTION

JULY 22-24, 2008 ❖ LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

In accordance with Article 50 sub-section (k), I hereby issue a call for the 39th National Convention of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to convene on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at the Bally's Las Vegas, 3645 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration of delegates will begin Monday, July 21st, at a time to be announced.

CONVENTION

Article 60. The Convention is the highest legislative body of the organization.

Article 61. The Convention shall consist of the Board Directors, Honorary Officers, Court of Appeals, and the Delegates sent by various Branches.

DELEGATES

Article 64. Each Branch in good standing, which has at least ten (10) members, shall be entitled to have a delegate at the Convention who shall receive traveling expenses and such allowance per day as the Branch shall fix. Any one Branch may have no more than fifteen (15) delegates.

Article 65. Each Branch sends its delegates to the Convention at its own expense. The LPSCU, however, shall pay their hotel and meals during the time spent at the Convention. Each Branch having between 10 and 50 members, inclusive, is entitled to one delegate; 50 plus 1 members — two delegates; 100 plus 1 members — three delegates; 150 plus 1 members — four delegates, etc. The delegate must be elected by a majority of the members present at a regular Branch meeting. The delegate's application must be returned by the time designated. The number of members in good standing is designated according to the membership list held by the Secretary/Treasurer from the third month previous to the Convention.

Article 66. Each Branch shall have the opportunity to elect alternates to represent its Branch at the National Convention in the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing an elected delegate from attending the Convention.

Article 67. No person shall be recognized as a delegate unless the member is 18 years of age, an active member in good standing, and duly elected at the regular or special meeting of the Branch the member represents.

Article 68. The Convention shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its delegates and may refuse or grant any person the right to sit as a delegate. However, the Credential Committee shall sit one day before the Convention and submit a report to the Convention.

Fraternally,
Theresa A. Kluchinski, National President

Important Notice

2008 Marks the LPSCU's 110th Anniversary

It is a pleasure to announce that the LPSCU will be celebrating its 110th Anniversary in 2008. Branches and Districts are encouraged to celebrate this milestone of the LPSCU with a social event for their members. The social can be held at anytime during the celebration year, and can be of any type (for example: a brunch, luncheon, picnic, bowling or pizza party, etc.) Each Branch/District will receive a stipend of \$10.00 for each member in attendance at the celebration upon submission of the following:

1. A notice of the celebration must be publicized by the Branch/District in the *Zornicka* extending an open invitation to all respective Branch or District members.
2. The Branch/District must notify the National Secretary-Treasurer in advance of the planned event so that, if possible, the National President, National Secretary-Treasurer, or a Board Member may attend.
3. A group photo and article must be printed in the *Zornicka* after the celebration.
4. A listing of all members in attendance at the celebration must be submitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer after the event.

**In 2008, let us all proudly celebrate
the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU!**

Gabrielle Wehr Receives First Holy Communion

Gabrielle Lynn Wehr of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, received her First Holy Communion on May 5, 2007, at Holy Spirit Church in Palmyra. Gabrielle is in the third grade and her favorite subject is Reading. She enjoys singing in the chorus at Holy Spirit Church and hip hop dancing.

Gabrielle is the daughter of Dean and Kristin Wehr. She and her sisters, Alison and Cameron, are all members of LPSCU Branch 130 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She is the granddaughter of Daniel and Helen (Bartos) Bobeck of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and the great-granddaughter of the late Anna Bartos, who was an active member of Bethlehem Branch 83 and the Lehigh Valley Okres for many years.

Gabrielle's grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, aunt Heather, uncle Brian, and cousins Kaleigh and Sarah Bobeck are all members of Branches 83 and 130 in Bethlehem.



Gabrielle Wehr

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.



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. The deadline for nominations is **April 15, 2008**.

Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young person that "You Are Appreciated" by nominating him or her for the Youth Achievement Award!

Get involved
in the LPSCU!
Meet new friends!
Attend Branch &
Okres meetings!

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS ASPIRING FOR LPSCU NATIONAL OFFICE

According to the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors' Semiannual Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 6-8, 2007, it is required that any member with aspirations for National Office must request an Intent Form from the Home Office. According to the LPSCU Bylaws, the qualifications for candidates are set forth in the following Articles:

Article 16. A candidate for office must be at least 21 years of age, an active member with participation in LPSCU Branch or District activities for at least five years, and be present as a delegate at the Convention.

Article 17. No two immediate family members shall serve as an Officer of the LPSCU during the same term of office. Immediate family is defined as: grandparent, parent, spouse, or sibling.

Article 18. A member or delegate who is a National Officer/Director/Board Member of another fraternal benefit society may not hold office of the LPSCU.

Article 26. No hired employee of the LPSCU shall be eligible to hold any National Office in the LPSCU while so employed, with the exception of the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Article 27. Since the office of President is full time, nominations for this office will not be made from the floor. Nominations for the office of President shall be by written application which states the nominee's qualifications, personal background and history, as well as past experience. Nominee applications are to be submitted to Home Office two months prior to the Convention. The Board of Directors shall verify these qualifications. They may use personal interviews, a professional investigating company, or any other means in order to verify the qualifications. From these applications, the Board of Directors shall recommend to the Nominating Committee candidates qualifying for the office of President.

Article 28. While nominations from the floor are to be accepted for all National Offices, excluding the office of National President and the hired position of Secretary-Treasurer, upon acceptance of the nomination, nominee will provide a resume to the delegates of the National Convention, containing personal background and history, and past experience, to prove their qualifications for the office to which they have been nominated.

The completed Intent Form must be returned to the Home Office with a postmark no later than **June 6, 2008**, with the exception of the Intent Form for the office of President, which must be returned to the Home Office with a postmark no later than **May 22, 2008**.

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	Aug./Sept. Amounts	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Cecilia B. Gaughan	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
PA	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 112,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
PA	Elva Silay	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
PA	Marion DiCalogero	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
PA	Verna Prawdzik	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
PA	Dolores Evanko	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
PA	Mary Agnes Stromberg	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
PA	Anita Gregory	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
PA	Home Office		\$ 50,000.00
PA	Helen Arlotto	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
PA	Margaret Ferri	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
IN	Ann Dobias		\$ 33,000.00
PA	Barbara Janicko		\$ 27,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman		\$ 24,000.00
PA	Mary Vesci		\$ 22,000.00
OH	Mary Ann Strauss		\$ 21,000.00
OH	Catherine Bozick		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Emily Degenhart		\$ 20,000.00
PA	James Yocum		\$ 15,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
PA	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 12,000.00
PA	Deborah Adamchak	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
OH	Lucille Komorosky		\$ 11,000.00
PA	Cecilia Sarocky		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ackerman		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Bernadine Kurzeja	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
PA	Agnes Janinek		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Ann Tirpak		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Joan Evan		\$ 5,000.00
IN	Joan Hladek		\$ 4,000.00
IL	Agnes McLaren	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$306,000.00	\$1,253,000.00

In Memoriam

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Eleanor M. Nemeth	1	Hazleton, PA
Ronald L. George	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Margie Presbruch	9	Mahanoy City, PA
*Agnes O'Donnell	19	Swoyersville, PA
*Mary E. Husovsky	19	Swoyersville, PA
Eleanor Serhan	19	Swoyersville, PA
*Dorothy M. Beydler	32	Pana, IL
Elizabeth Noga	33	Hazleton, PA
Madeline Balchus	58	Ashley, PA
Paul Gammaitoni	58	Ashley, PA
Bernard A. Molchany	62	Northampton, PA
Joseph Lorinc	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Christine Sekelsky	77	Lorain, OH
Irene Sabinske	79	Whiting, IN
Jozefina Susoreny	79	Whiting, IN
Mark Matvey	132	Campbell, OH
Martha Kloster	158	Chicago, IL
Jeanette Kello	159	Youngstown, OH
George R. Pavlina	160	Youngstown, OH

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LPSCU 2008 Educational Benefits



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 20th**.

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 **April 30th**.

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**.

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**.

St. Theresa of the Little Flower, Blessed André, 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**.

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, 2007 and August 30, 2008.
- Provide photocopy of diploma received.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **August 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

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the August 24, 2007, Executive Finance Committee meeting with one change.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read and approved the following:

- ♦ Slovak Benedictine Fathers request for a donation for a Mass for deceased members of the LPSCU. (*Approved \$25.00*)
- ♦ Lithuanian Daily Draugas request for the purchase of tickets to attend the Annual Gala Banquet at \$75.00 each and an ad in the program book. (*Approved \$125.00 ad*)
- ♦ Western Pennsylvania Slovak Hour request for the purchase of tickets for the 25th Annual Dinner Dance Celebration at \$35.00 each and an ad in program book. (*Approved 10 tickets and \$100.00 ad*)
- ♦ Polish Union of the U.S.A. request for the purchase of tickets for the 29th Annual Debutante Ball at \$30.00 each and line ad in program book. (*Approved \$100.00 ad*)
- ♦ St. Joseph Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, request for the purchase of tickets for their 100th Anniversary Celebration at \$40.00 each. (*Approved 2 tickets*)

The committee also approved the following:

- ♦ A get well gift basket was sent to Board member Barbara Janicko (*\$50.00*)
- ♦ A memorial donation was approved for the passing of Joseph J. Krajsa (*\$50.00*)

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of August 31, 2007: M&T Bank — General Operating Account, M&T Bank — Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account. The committee completed a review of the Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expense Sheet from August 31, 2007. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2007 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 from August 31, 2007, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments, Schedule D — Parts 3 and 4.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Premium Income, Building Improvements, IT Expense, and Direct Deposit/Credit Card Services.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

OCTOBER 24, 2007

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer for Barbara Janicko and Mary Jo Savidge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the September 25, 2007, Executive Finance Committee meeting with two corrections.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read and approved the following:

- ♦ Slovak Garden membership dues. (*Approved \$20.00*)
- ♦ Trustee Joan Hladek's request for reimbursement for hotel room when she attended the Indiana Fraternal Congress meeting. (*Approved once credit card receipt is received by Home Office*)

Financial Statement

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Stock/Bond/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from September 30, 2007, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments, Schedule D — Parts 3 and 4. The committee also reviewed the Employee Retirement Plan.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Premium Income, Building Improvements, QuickBooks (the new accounting system), and Direct Deposit/Credit Card Services.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

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Guy J. Revella	160	Youngstown, OH
Jozef Lukac	173	Cleveland, OH
*Helen Sklenar	176	Wilmerding, PA
Madeline Blachus	193	Wyoming, PA
Paul D. Fosko	193	Wyoming, PA
Helena Sedlak	196	Hellertown, PA
Cecilia T. Myers	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Victor J. Michalek	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Peter Wierbowski	L0183	West Pittston, PA

**Multiple certificates*

Tree of Life

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 as 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.

YOU CAN WIN \$300!

It pays to refer someone to the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. For every referral, you will be entered into our \$25 monthly drawing. In addition to our monthly drawing, your name will also be entered into our Convention Drawing with one lucky \$300 winner for those referrals resulting in an approved certificate of insurance. All other referrals will be entered to win \$100.

Simply complete the information below and mail to:

LPSCU

P. O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-0032



YES, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER:

Please print clearly!

All information must be completed to enter.

Name of Referral _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Referred By _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Hey Kids ~
Do you have a pet?
Watch for a new contest coming soon!



NJFC Holds 74th Annual Convention

Delegates from member societies of the New Jersey Fraternal Congress met in Atlantic City recently for the NJFC's 74th Annual Convention. The annual gathering stimulated interest in the fraternal benefit system and afforded the opportunity for its leaders to update themselves on important issues affecting their societies.

Pictured below are LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski (standing, left) and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge (seated) with incoming NJFC President Robert A. Galdon, Jr.



LPSCU Announces Annual Board Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, March 28, 2008, 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, March 29th, Sunday, March 30th, and Monday March 31st.

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 to P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Annual Meeting should be received no later than **February 25, 2008**.

Attention: LPSCU Branch & District Members

*We're Looking for a Shining Star
in the LPSCU for the
2008 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 2008 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 April 15, 2008

Calendar of Events continued from page 7

- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**
- 28-31** — Annual Meeting of the LPSCU Board of Directors at the National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. *See this page for details.*

APRIL

- 15** — Deadline to submit nominees for our 2008 Fraternalist of the Year and Youth Achievement Awards.

MAY

- 15** — Deadline to submit an application form requesting a donation from the LPSCU Convention. Application forms are available from the Home Office or online at www.lpscu.org. *See page 4 for more details.*
- 22** — Deadline to file an Intent Form for those members seeking to run for the office of National President at the upcoming LPSCU Convention. *See page 7 for more details.*
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.**

Letters

Dear President Kluchinski,

We want to express our sincerest thanks to the officers and members of your organization for the \$250 donation, which helped to defray the cost of our participation in the 51st Annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival.

Your generosity enabled us to offer thousands of visitors the opportunity to taste Slovak cuisine and learn about Slovakia in our Slovak Kitchen and Cultural Booth. Our performances offered a sampling of our beautiful folk songs and dances. We also participated in the multi-cultural program which offered more than 1,000 school age children the opportunity to taste, see, and experience all that the festival has to offer.

We are thankful for your support and the opportunity it gives us to keep our Slovak language, traditions, and music alive within and beyond the Pittsburgh area. *Pan Boh Zaplat!*

Sincerely,

Rudy & Sue Ondrejco

Directors, Pittsburgh Slovaks

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you for selecting me as the LPSCU Youth Achievement winner of 2007. The plaque and paid-up insurance policy are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Victoria Lombardo

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you very much for the Catholic High School Award. I enjoyed seeing the award in the magazine.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Klophaus

Branch 38, Whitehall, Pennsylvania

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

I would like to thank you for your gift of one hundred fifty dollars towards my Catholic education. I appreciate this grant, and am honored to have received it. This money will greatly help my family and me this year as I attend Central Catholic. Once again, thank you for your award and care.

Sincerely,

Ann Bucha

Branch 38, Whitehall, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Savidge,

Please accept our appreciation for the Union's donation of \$150 for the 2007-2008 Annual Appeal. Your gift was credited to the tuition account of Lansdale Catholic student Benjamin Klophaus. As the Lansdale Catholic High School community

implements our strategic plan for the future, your financial and spiritual support allows our school to continue with its mission of truly being "A learning community, teaching values for life, through a formative Catholic education."

Thanks to your gift, our school's AFG (Accreditation For Growth) goals of "Thinking Critically, Writing Creatively, and Serving Joyfully," are being met! Indeed, we are able to provide our students with the best possible educational, technological, spiritual, and co-curricular resources available to us at the moment. Because of your financial commitment to Lansdale Catholic, our administration, faculty, and staff stand ready and willing to meet the challenges of educating students to the 21st Century.

Lansdale Catholic High School did not provide you with any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for your contribution to the Annual Appeal. In the words of our late Pope John Paul II, "Few efforts are more important for the present and future well being of the Church and of the nation than efforts expended in the work of education." May our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux, continue to intercede for us, as we do our best to meet the needs of all our region's students.

Reverend Joseph L. Maloney

President, Lansdale Catholic High School

Mr. James W. Casey

Director of Institutional Advancement
and Alumni Affairs

Members Help the Needy

Members of the Rev. Dianiska District display socks they collected for the District's "Make a Difference Day" project. Two hundred fifty pairs of socks were donated by District members. The socks were taken to the Home Office where they were picked up by a representative from the Volunteer Action Group for distribution to the needy.

Pictured below from left are: Josephine Royer, member of Branch 94; Mary Ann Ewasko, president of the District; Helen Stepanick, member of Branch 58; Irene Ditchkas, member of Branch 19; Katherine Haddock, member of Branch 151; Margaret Jollimore, secretary of Branches 58 and 94; Margaret Zinkavich, District financial secretary; and Hope Napkora, District vice president.



A Reminder to Juniors...

You'll want to start saving onion skins for a special **Easter Egg Project** that will appear in the next issue. The skins can be red or golden.

Slovak Catholic Federation Announces 30th Annual Appeal

When our ancestors came to these shores more than a century ago, they brought with them few monetary assets. Their most precious possession, however, was their faith. The seeds were nurtured by the Slovak priests who came with the immigrant people and helped build our Slovak Catholic fraternals, religious communities of men and women, and nearly 300 Slovak parishes.

This year, in response to this legacy, the Slovak Catholic Federation will sponsor the **30th Annual SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal**. The Church in Slovakia has enjoyed a great renaissance since the fall of Communism in 1989. We in America and Canada take pride in the fact that the Slovak Catholic fraternals, our parishes, and individuals of Slovak ancestry have responded generously to assist the Church in our ancestral homeland.

The 2008 Annual Appeal begins during the month of February in churches of Slovak descent across the U.S. and Canada and will continue through the end of the year.

The 2007 Appeal collected \$62,000.00. **Since its inception, this Appeal has raised \$2,069,028.90.**

Funds raised from the Appeal will aid the priest-graduate students at the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril & Methodius. These fine priests are being called upon to be the future leaders of the Diocesan churches in Slovakia both as vicars and bishops, in addition to providing qualified instructors/professors for the seminaries that educate future priests. As well, funds benefit those Religious communities both men and women which share a counterpart which belongs to the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Slovak Conference of Religious. These communities include the Vincentian Sisters of Charity (*Ruzomberok*); Dominican Sisters (*Dunajska Luzna*); School Sisters of St. Francis (*Zilina*); Daughters of St. Francis (*Bratislava-Prievoz*); Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great (*Secove and Presov*), Franciscan Friars Minor (*Bratislava*), and House of St. Benedict (*Bacurov*).

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Slovak Catholic Federation is to federate individuals of Slovak origin under one banner for cultural, religious, and educational purposes. Currently serving as National President is Rev. Philip Altavilla, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Pastoral Region of the Diocese of Scranton. The Episcopal Moderator is the Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., Bishop of Altoona/Johnstown. The National First Vice President, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre, Pennsylvania, and the Church of Saint Ann, Bentley Creek, Pennsylvania, is the coordinator for this Annual Appeal.

In our Church today, we are finding that more and more individuals of Slovak descent/background do not attend traditionally founded Slovak parishes, for a number of reasons. Because of this reality, the monies raised for this Appeal come both from the collections taken in our Slovak parishes as well as from individual donors.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008

Your tax deductible donation should be made out to the **Slovak Catholic Federation**, noting that it is for the **Annual Appeal**. Checks can be sent directly to Dolores Evanko, National Secretary/Treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation, at 173 Berner Avenue, Hazleton, PA 18201.

Thank you for your continued support of the Church!

Cooking Corner

PIROHY

A favorite Slovak dish during the Lenten season

2 cups flour 2 eggs
½ tsp. salt Warm water (enough to hold
½ lb. butter (melted) dough together)

Mix flour, salt and eggs together. Add enough warm water to make a soft dough. Place dough on lightly floured board and knead gently for about five minutes. Divide dough into two parts. Roll one part of dough quite thin; cut in two inch squares. Place a teaspoon of desired filling in center of each square, and fold corners together, making a triangle. Seal edges well by pinching to keep filling from escaping. Follow the same procedure for second part of dough.

Cook pirohy in boiling, salted water; allow pirohy to simmer until they float to the top, which is about five minutes, and then drain pirohy. Brown butter in a skillet and pour over pirohy. Toss well so the pirohy are well buttered.

Potato Filling:

1 cup mashed potatoes 1 egg yolk
½ oz. grated cheddar cheese

Combine all ingredients and let cool before using.

Cheese Filling:

½ lb. dry cottage cheese (put through a sieve)
1 egg beaten ⅛ tsp. salt

Combine ingredients.

Cabbage Filling:

1 lb. head of cabbage 1 medium size onion
1 tsp. salt (chopped fine)
2 tbsp. butter

Cut the cabbage in half, cut out the core and grate on vegetable side of grater; add the salt and let stand for a few minutes. Sauté onion in butter; squeeze juice out of cabbage and drop cabbage into the butter. Fry slowly until cabbage is cooked. Cool before using.

Prune Filling:

Use ½ lb. lekvar



CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The committee preparing the LPSCU's Convention Souvenir Book requests the assistance of all Branch and Okres officers to solicit their members to become Patrons in this book which will highlight the LPSCU's 39th National Convention in 2008. Upcoming Branch and District meetings afford excellent opportunities for members to sign up as Patrons. Information relating to Patrons and a Patron Order Form follow.

39th NATIONAL LPSCU CONVENTION

July 22-24, 2008

CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

Patron Category	Rate Schedule	Patron Category	Rate Schedule
Platinum	\$ 100.00	Silver	\$ 25.00
Diamond	\$ 75.00	Bronze	\$ 10.00
Gold	\$ 50.00	Memorials	\$ 20.00

EXAMPLES

Platinum — Diamond — Gold — Silver — Bronze Patrons

*Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith and Family
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

OR

*John and Mary Smith, LPSCU Branch 28
Joliet, Illinois*

MEMORIALS

*John and Mary Smith, by daughter Ann (Smith) Jones
LPSCU Branch 131, Reading, Pennsylvania*

OR

*Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hill
LPSCU Branch 40, Allentown, Pennsylvania*

39th NATIONAL LPSCU CONVENTION

July 22-24, 2008

PATRON ORDER FORM

Please print my Patron/Memorial listing as follows:

(Follow the format of the examples above — Please print)

Branch and/or City/State _____

Patron Memorial Amount enclosed \$ _____

If you wish to have more than one Patron listing, please fill out a separate Order Form for each. You may, however, write one check to cover all listings. Just be sure to enclose them all in one envelope.

Make check payable to: LPSCU Convention Fund

Remit payment with Patron Order Form by February 15, 2008, to:

Mary Jo Savidge, Secretary/Treasurer, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,
71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Please complete the following for LPSCU Home Office use:

Patron Order given by _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ Date _____

Check No. _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

THANK YOU!

Convention Souvenir Book Committee

District Honors Helen Stepanik

Helen Stepanik, a member of the Rev. Dianiska District, was recently presented with a lovely angel statue by District President Mary Ann Ewasko as a remembrance of her membership in the District. Helen is moving out of the area to live with her children in Maryland.

Helen has been a member of the Rev. Dianiska District for over 40 years.

She was very active, especially each summer when she cooked hot dogs for the annual children's picnic.

Good-bye and good luck, Helen. May God bless you in your new home.

Susan Worth



Helen Stepanik

HAVE ANY NEWS?

We welcome any news concerning honors, awards, or outstanding achievements received by our members, news on a Branch/Okres social, or any letters, articles, or information of interest to our members.

Contact Margaret A. Ferri
Public Relations Director
428 East Frankford Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Phone 610/866-8945
or e-mail margferri28@aol.com

Illinois Fraternal Congress Seeks 2008 Youth and Adult Fraternalists of the Year

The Youth and Adult Fraternalist of the Year awards are honors bestowed by the Illinois Fraternal Congress to recognize a young individual and adult within the fraternal benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provided outstanding volunteer service to his/her lodge, society, and community during the past year.

Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Anyone between the ages of 12-22 may be nominated for the Youth award. Those 23 and older may be nominated for the Adult award. All nominees must be members of an Illinois fraternal benefit society for at least two years. Since the LPSCU is a member of the Illinois Fraternal Congress, LPSCU members *residing in Illinois* are eligible to participate in this program.
- ◆ Worthy candidates must show that they are involved in community service and volunteerism apart from the fraternal benefit system, such as school, church, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc. Nominees will be judged on activities completed for the past year only.
- ◆ Individuals who are compensated by their society for their volunteer efforts are not eligible to receive an award.
- ◆ The Youth and Adult awards can be won only once by an individual. However, a society is eligible to renominate an individual not selected in a previous year.
- ◆ Each member society is eligible to submit one Youth and one Adult nomination each year.
- ◆ One original portrait (head and shoulders) photo of the

Youth/Adult nominee must be submitted with the nomination form.

The program will be administered by the IFC Youth and Adult Fraternalist of the Year Committee. A qualified panel of independent judges will choose the honorees. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Award Description

An engraved plaque will be presented to the Youth and Adult honorees at the IFC Annual Meeting to be held March 6-7, 2008. The honorees will be invited to attend the meeting with travel, lodging, and meal expenses paid for by the IFC.

The IFC will present a \$100 check on behalf of each honoree to the nonprofit, charitable organization of their choice.

Media information regarding the honorees will be distributed by the IFC Youth and Adult Fraternalist of the Year Committee.

Nomination Forms are available at <http://www.ifc-fic.org/fraternalist> or by contacting LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski at 570/823-3513; toll free at 888/834-6614; fax 570/823-4464; or e-mail lpscu@lpscu.org.

All completed nomination forms *must be returned to the LPSCU Home Office* for President Kluchinski's signature. Forms will then be forwarded to the IFC Committee for consideration. ***Be sure to mail your form and photo to the Home Office early enough to allow ample time for it to be forwarded to the IFC by the February 8, 2008 deadline.*** (Faxed forms will not be accepted.)

Illinois Fraternal Congress Offers 2008 Scholarships

LPSCU members who are residents of the state of Illinois can apply for a scholarship being offered by the Illinois Fraternal Congress. Three (3) non-renewable scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each and will be awarded at the discretion of the IFC Board.

Please read the following information to check if you qualify for an IFC Scholarship.

Applicant Information — 2007-2008

- ◆ Applicant must be currently attending or planning to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college, trade, or technical school. (Or, an applicant may also be returning to school.)
- ◆ The applicant, the applicant's parent, or legal guardian must be a member in good standing of an Illinois fraternal benefit society for a minimum of two years.
- ◆ The applicant, the applicant's parent, or legal guardian must belong to a society whose membership dues are current with the Illinois Fraternal Congress.
- ◆ An applicant who has lived apart from his/her family for a period of one year may be considered a separate family and establish eligibility through his/her own membership in an Illinois lodge.

- ◆ Recipients are not eligible for a second scholarship from the IFC.
- ◆ **A current grade transcript must accompany the scholarship application.**
- ◆ All questions on the application must be answered. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- ◆ The society coordinator must return the application to the IFC Scholarship Chairman by **February 8, 2008.**

All applications will go through a judging process and the winners will be announced at the IFC Annual Meeting to be held March 6-7, 2008. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the recipient upon notice from the institution where the winning recipient has been accepted/is enrolled.

To apply, go to www.ifc-fic.org/scholarships to print out a copy of the official Scholarship Application form. Complete as instructed and submit this form and your school transcripts to LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski, who must sign the Scholarship Application and return it to the IFC Scholarship Chairman by **February 8, 2008.**

Tom Adamson, IFC Scholarship Chairman
National Catholic Society of Foresters

Pittsburgh District Members Attend Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance

Many members of the LPSCU's Pittsburgh District attended the 25th Annual Dinner Dance of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour held on October 6, 2007, at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JET Plan \$1.00 First Year Premium Extended

The LPSCU Board of Directors announces that the \$1.00 first year annual premium on the Juvenile Estate Term (Term-to-25) plan of insurance has been extended for the year 2008. **This offer is limited to certificates with an issue date in the year 2008.** After the first year, premiums will be billed at the rate of \$16.00 for \$10,000 of term life insurance and \$9.50 for \$5,000 of term life insurance.

The LPSCU's Juvenile Estate Term (JET) Plan, commonly referred to as Term-to-25, is an ideal insurance solution for students and is available to anyone less than 22 years of age. The plan provides full life insurance protection from date of issue to age 25.

A medical exam is not required to apply; however, the LPSCU reserves the right to require a medical exam on any applicant should it be deemed necessary.

Once the JET insurance certificate is issued, coverage remains in full force and effect through the maturity date of the certificate, provided premium payments are current. This plan matures when the insured's certificate reaches the anniversary of issue date closest to his/her 25th birthday. **When the certificate expires, the insured will be given an option to convert his/her current coverage amount to a legal reserve plan (permanent insurance) with no evidence of insurability being required. This is a guaranteed provision within the JET contract.**

In the event of the death of the insured prior to reaching 25 years of age, the face amount of the policy is paid to the named beneficiary.

The new legal reserve certificate may provide a death benefit equal to or less than the face amount of the expired JET policy. The policy date of issue will be the expiry date of the JET policy. The policy premium on the new certificate will be based on the member's age on the date of exchange and on the Society's premium rates then in effect. The first premium on the new certificate must be paid prior to the expiry date of the JET policy. Written request for exchange will be required.

JET Term-to-25 is an excellent, affordable plan providing protection for your children from infancy on through their school years, including college. Now the JET Term-to-25 is even more affordable with the first year's premium costing just \$1.00. This offer is good for certificates with an issue date in the year 2008.

Call your Branch Secretary today for an application for this economical term insurance plan for the young, or contact the LPSCU Home Office at 888/834-6614 or 570-823-3513. You can also e-mail the Home Office at lpscu@lpscu.org.

During the event's festivities, Cecilia Sarocky, general chairperson of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association, presented a \$500 donation check to Duane Hovanec, president of the Slovak Radio Hour. The organization is one of several which benefit from the proceeds of the Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Cecilia has served as general chairperson of the WPSDA for the past 20 years.

Sue and Rudy Ondrejko of Pittsburgh are founders and hosts of the Slovak Radio Hour, which is broadcast every Sunday on WPIT in Pittsburgh. Sue and her daughter Anna, who also attended the dinner, are members of LPSCU Branch 64 in Pittsburgh.

Also present was Michael Krohmaly of Pittsburgh who co-hosts a Slovak Radio Hour every Friday on WEDO in Pittsburgh. Michael is a student at Duquesne University and is the grandson of Ann and Arnold Krohmaly of Pittsburgh. The Krohmalys are active members of LPSCU Branch 42 in Pittsburgh.

Everyone attending enjoyed an evening of good food, fraternal friendship, Slovak camaraderie, and dancing the night away.



Pittsburgh District members enjoying an evening at the 25th Annual Dinner Dance sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour.



Cecilia Sarocky (second from left), general chairperson of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association, presents a donation check to Duane Hovanec, president of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour as Sue and Rudy Ondrejko, founders and hosts of the Radio Hour, look on.

SCF Seeks Contributors for 'Good Shepherd' Annual

Dobry Pastier (The Good Shepherd), edited by Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., and published annually by the Slovak Catholic Federation, compiles articles focusing on topics which are of interest to Slovak-American Catholics. The Federation is currently accepting articles for inclusion in the 2008 edition. Potential contributors should note that while the scope of the publication is broad, articles solely political in nature will not be accepted.

The deadline for all articles is **May 1, 2008**. The annual will be available in the Fall.

In order to facilitate the editing and printing of *The Good Shepherd*, the following guidelines are established for authors who would like their work to be considered for inclusion in the annual:

- All articles must be type-written, double-spaced in Microsoft WORD format in 12 point, Times New Roman font.
- It is strongly preferred that articles be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M, Editor, at: bernesscm@yahoo.com. In this age of modern technology, it is more accurate and cost effective to work from a text that is provided digitally instead of having to retype the entire article.
- If it is not possible for an article to be e-mailed, a "hard copy" may be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.
- To be accepted for publication, articles must be between three and ten typewritten pages. Articles fewer than three pages or beyond ten pages will not be accepted.
- If at all possible, kindly send photos to accompany articles. If sending photos digitally, save as separate JPGs to accompany the article. Please indicate where photos are to be placed within the body of the article. Be sure to properly identify the persons, places and/or situations depicted in the photo(s).
- In the event that an article is e-mailed and photos are not included as attachments, the actual photographs should be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M. for inclusion into the article. (If more convenient, photos can also be saved to a CD which the printer can then link up with the article.) Once again, please be sure that the photos are properly identified and note where, within the article, the photos are to be inserted.
- It is preferred that articles be written in English. Articles submitted in Slovak will be sent to a third party for editing.

As Editor, Sister Bernadette Marie retains the right to correct grammatical errors, delete repetitions, rearrange ideas to make them clearer, etc. However, she will not substantially change the author's ideas without first consulting the author.

Our sincere thanks to all the faithful contributors to *The Good Shepherd*! Your contributions, year after year, ensure that the Slovak Catholic Federation is able to provide a quality annual which helps celebrate our Catholic faith, preserves our Slovak heritage, and allows our readers to stay in touch with what's happening in the Catholic Church, in Slovakia, and in the Slovak-American community.

We are looking forward to your contributions again this year.

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

National President, Slovak Catholic Federation

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Dear Junior Members,

The year 2008 is a **leap year**. You know that most years are 365 days in length. However, once every four years there are 366 days in the year. This is called a leap year. The extra day occurs in February when there are 29 days instead of the normal 28.

Why is a leap year necessary? The answer involves the earth, the sun, and the calculation of time. It takes our earth a year to revolve around the sun. Astronomers have studied the stars and they estimate this to be about 365¼ days — or 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds, to be exact. However, since our calendar does not calculate those extra hours and minutes each year, every fourth year a day is added. That accounts for the time that was accumulated and keeps our calendar on schedule with the sun and the seasons.

Julius Caesar introduced the calendar system we use today. He was a Roman Emperor who lived from 100 to 44 B.C. Caesar was the first European to officially introduce leap years, although the idea was not his. It was thought of three thousand years earlier when Egyptian astronomers devised a similar system of accounting for the extra hours that were “left over” at the end of each year.

There was much confusion about this in Caesar’s day and Roman authorities did not fully understand the leap year concept. Thus, for a generation they mistakenly added that extra day on the third year and not the fourth. It took a while for them to straighten this out. Then, in the middle of the 13th century, a Scottish monk called John of Hollywood who lived in Paris made a startling discovery. He pointed out that the Julian calendar was seven days ahead of the real date calculated by the sun. John was right, but it was not until three centuries later that the mistake was corrected. By then, three more days had accumulated to make ten extra days. To correct the situation, Pope Gregory XIII of Italy announced that those ten days would simply be dropped in October of 1582 and this did correct the calendar. The Pope also proposed that the leap year be changed to every four years. This



is now known as the Gregorian Adjustment, and it made our calendar so exact that it is only off one day in every 3,000 years.

Julius Caesar was the one who determined that February should have the extra day. Because this extra day at the end of February is such a novelty, unusual customs sprung up around it. In the United States, it is called Sadie Hawkins Day. In a famous, time-honored tradition, for one day only women are allowed to propose marriage to men.

A Greek superstition claims that couples that marry during a leap year will have bad luck. Even today, many engaged couples in Greece will avoid

planning a wedding during a leap year.

Then there is the whole issue of the leap year birthday. February 29th is the birthday of more than 150,000 Americans. But does that mean they only get to celebrate their birthday every four years? This dilemma was addressed by a proclamation by King Henry of England in the year 1236 A.D. which declared that people born on February 29th are legally entitled to celebrate February 28th as their birthday. This ruling still stands today.

If you have a February 29th birthday, you can consider yourself quite special — 2008 is your year!

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Name These February Birthdays

February 4 — He was the first man to make a solo plane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

February 5 — This famous athlete broke Babe Ruth’s lifetime home run record.

February 11 — The light bulb and the phonograph are two of his many inventions.

February 12 — You can find him on pennies and \$5 bills. He was our 16th president.

February 15 — This inventor made a machine that helps wheat farmers harvest their crops.

February 22 — He was the first president of the United States, and a city named for him is the nation’s capital.

February 23 — He was a German composer who lived in England. He composed the famous “Hallelujah Chorus.”

February 27 — He was an American poet. One of his most famous poems is about a girl named Hiawatha.

February Queries

February is the shortest month of the year but it is filled with holidays and celebrations. Try answering these questions about February.

- ♦ On what day do we send out a fancy greeting card to a friend?
- ♦ What animal comes out of its den to tell of winter’s end?
- ♦ Can you name the two presidents that were born this month and their birthdates?”

Answers to February Queries — Valentine’s Day (Feb. 14), Ground Hog Day (Feb. 2), Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and George Washington (Feb. 22)

Answers to February Birthdays — Charles Lindbergh, Hank Aaron, Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln, Cyrus McCormick, George Washington, Georg Friedrich Handel, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memorable Dates in January

January is the first month of the year. It is named for the Roman god Janus. Check the dates of the famous people listed below to see who might share your birthday.

January 1 — Happy New Year! Ring out the old and ring in the new. Begin the year by making a New Year's Resolution — and be sure to keep it!

January 4 is the birthday of Louis Braille, who lost his sight when he was three. He invented the Braille system that enables blind people to read.

January 5 is George Washington Carver's birthday. He was a famous botanical researcher and educator who invented peanut butter and 400 other plant products.

January 7 — Wish a Merry Christmas to our Orthodox friends who celebrate the birth of Christ on this date.

January 15 is the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was an American clergyman and civil rights leader.

January 17 is Benjamin Franklin's birthday. This famous American statesman and Founding Father was also a scientist, inventor, printer, philosopher, musician, and economist.



January 27 welcomed Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart into the world. Known as a child prodigy, he began composing music when he was just five years old! Over his 35-year lifetime he output over 600 compositions, including symphonies and choral music.

January 30 is the birthday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States. A popular war-time leader, he was the only president to serve four consecutive terms from March 1933 to April 1945.



Arts and Crafts

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You have probably heard of Draft Dodgers. They are those long, snake-like critters that help keep your home toasty by stopping drafts that can creep in under your doors. How would you like to make one?

First, ask Mother for a pair of old tights — the more colorful, the better. A striped pair will make a great looking draft-dodging snake. Cut off one leg. Fill the open end with about 5 lbs. of uncooked rice. Pour it into the stocking with a funnel-like cup. You can do that by cutting off the bottom of a paper or plastic cup and inserting it into the stocking.

Next, pinch the open end and taper it to make it look like the end of a snake. Tie it into a tight knot or sew it closed so the rice won't fall out. Glue on wiggly eyes and sew on a forked tongue made from felt.

With the other stocking leg, you can make a doggy. After you have filled it with rice, make a tail and floppy ears out of felt. Add your wiggly eyes with glue to the foot part of the stocking. You can even add a tongue and a collar.

Now lay your creations on the floor at the base of a door leading to the outside or garage or along the sill of a drafty window. You'll be surprised at how they'll help keep cold air from entering your home.

Chocolate Bits...

- ❖ In the Aztec and Mayan cultures, cocoa beans were so valued that they were used as money.
- ❖ The chocolate chip cookie was invented in 1930 by Ruth Wakefield who stirred a broken chocolate bar into her cookie dough mix.
- ❖ In Hershey, Pennsylvania, the streetlights are shaped like Hershey's Kisses.

Some Breakfast Facts to Digest

♦ Do you remember Kellogg's Cream Crunch? Not many people do. It was a cereal that did not last. It contained frosted oat loops mixed with cubes of freeze-dried vanilla-orange or strawberry ice cream. Sounds delicious but when you added milk it all turned into a goo that resembled melted ice cream.

♦ President Ulysses S. Grant ate a cucumber soaked in vinegar for breakfast every day.

♦ Would you believe that General Robert E. Lee always traveled with a hen that provided him with his breakfast egg every morning?

♦ In 1847, Hanson Gregory, a 15-year-old baker's apprentice, invented the hole in the donut because he wanted to get rid of the soggy center so it would cook faster.

♦ In 1994, the world's largest omelet was cooked in

Yokohama, Japan. It contained 160,000 eggs and measured 1,383 square feet.

♦ Trix cereal, introduced in 1954, was an immediate hit. Can you guess why? It contains 46.6% sugar.

♦ The average kid eats about 15 pounds of cereal per year. How much do you eat?

♦ At one time, there were some 7,000 TV commercials about breakfast cereals aimed at children.

♦ The American hotdog is a favorite import in Russia. Russians will even eat them for breakfast, fried in butter and served with bread, cheese, and smoked fish.



Slovak Heritage Society Presents Books

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently presented copies of its book, *Slovak Folk Customs and Traditions* to local colleges and universities in continuation of the organization's goal of promoting and preserving our Slovak heritage.

Book presentations were made to Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the University of Scranton, Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania, Penn State University campuses in Lehman, Hazleton, and Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes University and King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The book, originally written in Slovak by Martin and Rudolf Bosak, was translated into English and edited by the Slovak Heritage Society with helpful assistance throughout by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Philip R. Tuhy, chairman of the Slovak Heritage Society, commented that "the contents of the book highlight many interesting folk customs and traditions of Slovak origin, all preserving our heritage. It truly is a great source to our college youth in understanding their family background."

Slovak Folk Customs and Traditions is available for personal and/or gift-giving at \$30. Checks should be made payable to the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania and sent to: Elaine Palischak, 1340 W. Mountain Road, Plymouth, PA 18651. For more information, call 570/779-1694 or visit the group's website: www.shsnepa.org.



Father Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., president of King's College, is shown receiving a copy of *Slovak Folk Customs and Traditions* from Magdelin M. Benish of Plains, Pennsylvania, a board member of the Slovak Heritage Society. Witnessing the presentation are, standing L-R: Rev. Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C., director of Ethnic Community Outreach at King's College; Philip R. Tuhy of Wilkes-Barre, chairman of the Slovak Heritage Society; and William A. Zdancewicz of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, another SHS board member.

That All May Be One!

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Promoting Christian Unity, rightfully states: "Prayer for unity is the royal door of ecumenism: it leads Christians to look at the Kingdom of God and the unity of the Church in a fresh way. Prayer deepens their bonds of communion; and it enables them to courageously face painful memories, social burdens, and human weakness. In every age of history, the principal artisans of reconciliation and unity were persons of prayer and contemplation, inspiring divided Christians to recommit themselves to walk the path of unity." (Paragraph 5)

Cardinal Kasper goes on to say, "Spiritual ecumenism also requires a change of heart and holiness of life, arising from Jesus' call to conversion. The way toward reconciliation and communion unfolds when Christians feel the painful wound of division in their hearts, in their minds, and in their prayers. It awakens in them a readiness to engage in serious examination of conscience, recognizing their faults and trusting in the reconciling power of the Gospel." (Paragraph 6)

As we look forward to celebrating, once again, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let's make sure that this special week is not like any other week in our personal lives. Let us resolve to engage fervently in prayer — especially through opportunities of shared prayer with Christians of other traditions — invoking a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church so that we would be moved beyond our complacency with "the way it is" to believe in the possibilities of "what could be" through the transforming power of God's grace!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

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