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June 23-26, 2012

Read more about this historic inn on page 14

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- 1** — Deadline to apply for LPSCU College Award and Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award.
- 1** — Deadline to nominate a member as LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year and for our Youth Achievement Award.
- 12** — Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those interested in attending should contact Anita Gregory (570/788-3263) by March 7th.
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**
- 25-27** — LPSCU Annual Meeting, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

APRIL

- 1** — Deadline to request a Patron listing in the Commemorative Book marking the Slovak Catholic Federation's 100th anniversary. *Details on page 12.*
- 3** — Pittsburgh District Luncheon Meeting at Kretzler's Tavern, 2240 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please contact your Branch Secretary to make your reservation.
- 10** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 19 will host.
- 15** — Deadline to make a reservation to attend the banquet celebrating the Slovak Catholic Federation's 100th anniversary. *See May 15th listing.*

MAY

- 1** — Lehigh Valley Okres Mother/Daughter Luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Punch reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by luncheon at noon. Call Marge Ferri (610-866-8945) or Ceil Gaughan (610/433-4610) by April 26th to make a reservation.
- 7** — Join Hands Day. *See page 5 for details.*
- 15** — Slovak Catholic Federation's 100th Anniversary Celebration in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Liturgy at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, followed by the Centennial Banquet at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Meadow Avenue, Scranton. *See page 12 for more details.*
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.**

JUNE

- 18** — LPSCU Telephone Conference Meeting
- 30** — Deadline to apply for the LPSCU Catholic High School Award and Bishop Grutka Award. *See pages 5 and 9 for details.*



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Spiritual Advisor's Message

Extreme Makeover



Fr. Altavilla

A number of years ago, ABC television ran a show called *Extreme Makeover*. In a particular episode which I recall, three people were chosen from among thousands of applicants across the country to have their dreams come true – to change their outward looks in an effort to lead better lives. Through the skills of a group of doctors, a plastic surgeon, an eye surgeon, and a cosmetic dentist, along with a dream team of hair and makeup artists, stylists, and personal trainers, these three people expected that *Extreme Makeover* would transform their lives and ultimately redirect their destinies.

This particular television show, and its name, comes to mind as we embark once again on the spiritual journey that is the season of Lent. The word *Lent* has its origins in an Old English word which literally means “spring.” Like spring, Lent can be a time to bring out new buds, new branches, and even new life in our relationship with God and others. After the cold and dark time of winter has passed, spring presents an extreme makeover for nature. Perhaps we can alter the premise of the television show *Extreme Makeover* and recommend that Lent can be a spiritual springtime for us to change our inward selves in order to lead better lives. With God’s grace, Lent can be an opportunity to seek personal transformation, which can ultimately redirect our lives.

As much as the people on the television show were quick to acknowledge their imperfections on the outside, Lent can be an opportunity for us to acknowledge the inner imperfections with which we all struggle. We all have faults, bad habits, and even compulsions which can keep us from feeling real happiness inside and which can also bring harm to relationships we have with others, and even with our God. Lent is a time not only to acknowledge these weakness and quirks but, most importantly, to take action in order to experience true transformation and personal growth.

The Church offers us three special activities to consider utilizing during Lent to help us experience this inner transformation. These special activities, also known as the Marks of Lent, are: prayer, almsgiving (works of charity), and fasting. While certainly these activities can and should be used by us all year round, it is especially during Lent that they can take on special meaning and renewed emphasis.

Prayer – Though there is much that can be said about prayer, it is best to describe prayer as an experience of communication. We communicate with God and God communicates with us. Prayer can also be described as holy conversation. Think about the various relationships that we may have in life. One of the important keys to maintaining a healthy and meaningful relationship is through good communication, which requires both speaking and listening. It is the same in regard to the relationship we are called to have with our God. Through healthy prayer communication, we voice to God our worries, concerns, joys, and frustrations AND we try our best

to listen as God speaks his plans to us, especially when those plans may conflict with our own.

We can engage in this holy conversation with God through our attendance at and participation in Holy Mass; through the use of special private devotions (e.g., the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, novenas, etc.) and even in the quiet time that we may spend in simply meditating on the power and presence of God in our lives. Some will also seek out a spiritual director or advisor who can function as a companion and guide to help a person understand better how it is possible to grow, spiritually, at any stage of life’s journey. How will your prayer life grow this Lent so that you and God can communicate better with each other?

Almsgiving or Works of Charity – One of the obvious fruits of our healthy prayer life is our faith showing itself in action. Being attentive to the needs of people around us is an essential mark of a faithful follower of Jesus. As Jesus came to serve the needs of others, so must we. During Lent, we are called to go outside ourselves and look for opportunities to engage in

special works of charity, such as volunteering at activities which really help meet the needs of others. Some people may choose to participate in Operation Rice Bowl sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. When collected, the proceeds from our rice bowls help to assist in feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and rebuilding communities ravaged by natural disasters. These are but two examples of the many ways we can give of ourselves – our time, talent, and financial treasure – to care for Jesus as he is found in others.

Fasting – During Lent, many will use fasting as a way to “give up” material things. Some may give up chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, etc. While that may all be fine and good, it is important that we not simply give up things, only to “pig out” on them on Easter Sunday morning! That kind of defeats the whole purpose of fasting being a means to purify ourselves or even rid ourselves of unhealthy habits. I myself like to see fasting not simply as a means to “give up” material things. Rather, perhaps a better type of fasting is to give up habits or attitudes which are quite negative, so that one can be free to focus on putting energy into more healthy and life-giving activities.

Allow me to end this article with a list inspired by William Arthur Ward (1921-1994), American author, teacher, and pastor, which suggests a different way of looking at fasting as we try to give up what is not good or healthy and to feast on (or focus on) what truly should matter in life:

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.

During this holy season of Lent . . . may we experience an extreme makeover of self so that we can truly experience the love of God present in our hearts!

2011 EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Joseph V. Adamec
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown



Most Rev. Adamec

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the LPSCU:

As a retired diocesan bishop, freed of administrative responsibilities, I enter into a new chapter of my life. It is a life of freedom, knowing that another is taking care of those things that once were my burdens. While that is a wonderful state in which to be, it pales by comparison to what we celebrate during the Season of Easter.

“He has risen as He said. Alleluia!”

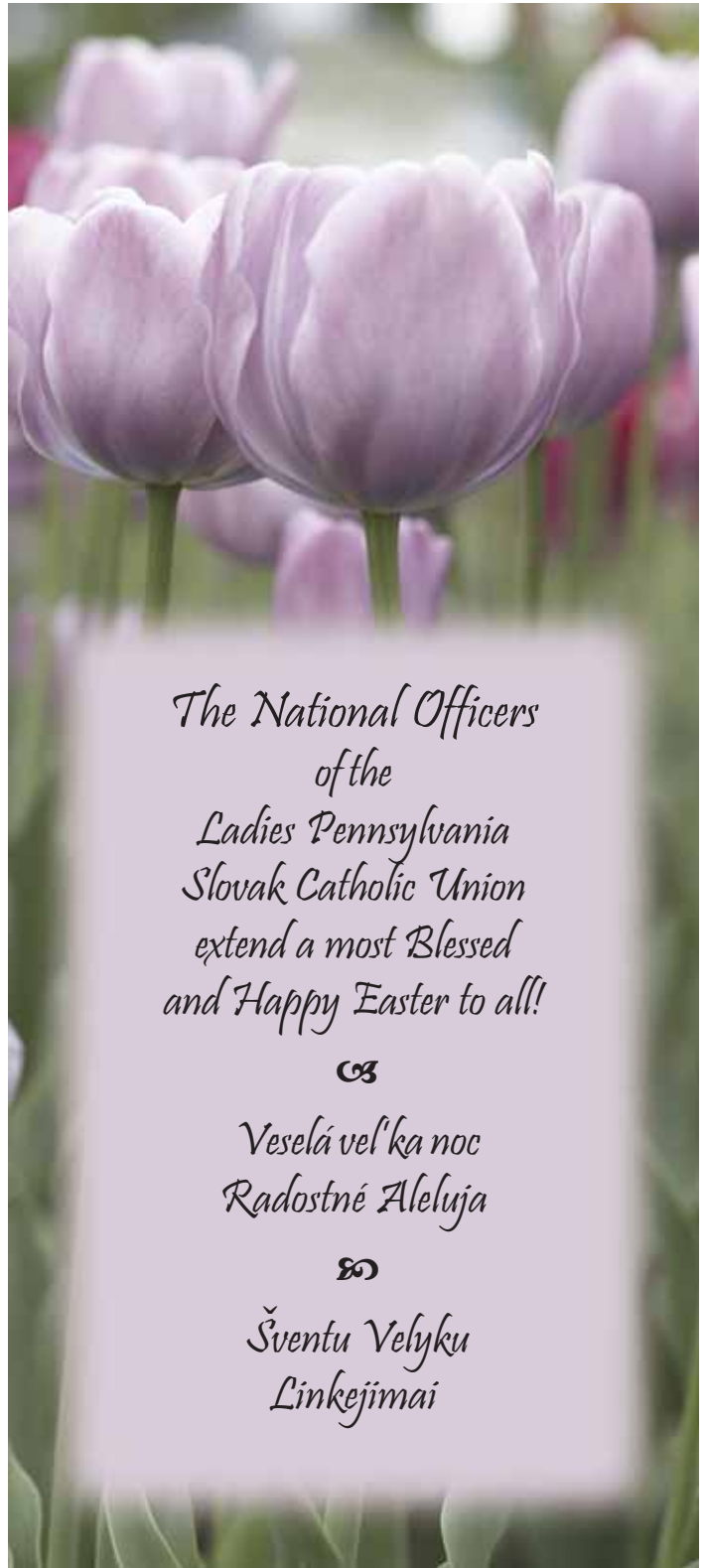
These words proclaiming the Easter message say it all. Darkness and death need no longer reign in our lives, for the Lord has overcome them for us. By the mystery of his cross and resurrection, Jesus won for us our freedom from the slavery of sin. The burden of sin that was once ours, no longer has to be. He paid our ransom. Our new lives of freedom are, now, to be devoid of needless anxiety and full of positive attitude toward self and others.

I pray that the blessings of this Easter Season give each one of you a deeper realization of what Christ has done for us. May that, in turn, prompt a new chapter in your life – one that is filled with an abundance of Alleluias in praise of the God that loves us so profoundly!

Fraternally yours in the Risen Lord,

+ *Joseph*

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec
Bishop Emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown
Protector, LPSCU



*The National Officers
of the
Ladies Pennsylvania
Slovak Catholic Union
extend a most Blessed
and Happy Easter to all!*



*Veselá veľ'ka noc
Radostné Aleluja*



*Šventu Velyku
Linkejimai*

In Memoriam

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

Name	Branch	Location
Anna M. Zininkski	33	Hazleton, PA
*Dennis Babicka	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Margaret Potkonicky	159	Youngstown, OH
Albert J. Turchin	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Frances Badac	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
*Rose Zastko	204	Northampton, PA

*Multiple certificates

Rev. Dianiska District Supports Operation Purple

At the Rev. Dianiska District's annual Christmas party on December 5, 2010, President Mary Ann Ewasko presented a check for \$525 to National President Theresa Kluchinski for Operation Purple Camps, in support of children of military families. The monies collected were donated from the District and the District's Branches.

JOIN HANDS DAY

MAY 7, 2011

On JOIN HANDS DAY, fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike will come together to make a difference in their communities through service projects that connect young people and adults.

JOIN HANDS DAY gives fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations an opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and foster new relationships.

This year, JOIN HANDS DAY is Saturday, May 7. Have you planned your project yet? If not, don't wait for someone else to make the move. Contact family members, church members, fellow LPSCU members, neighbors, friends, and their children. If you can't recruit enough participants, check around your area to see if you can combine your efforts with those of another group. There is always something you can do to make life better for another person, and in the end, you'll both benefit!

In planning your project, be sure to invite the young people in your Branch and District to participate alongside your adult members for this event. Remember to pre-register your project on the JOIN HANDS DAY website, www.joinhandsday.org. You can also check the website for project ideas and to view and read about past JHD projects.

We look forward to hearing from you about your group's JOIN HANDS DAY activity. Write a short article and send it, along with a group photo or two, to the LPSCU Public Relations Director so it can be shared with our members in the *Zornicka*.



Mary Gaughan Performs in Rose Parade

Branch 38 member Mary Gaughan spent this past New Year's holiday in Pasadena, California, as a member of the Downingtown (Pennsylvania) Blue and Gold Marching Band. Mary is a freshman at Downingtown East High School and plays the trumpet in the band. The highlight of the trip was the band's appearance in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1st. The Downingtown band was one of only 12 high school bands from across the country selected to march in the parade. An estimated one million people lined the streets to watch the parade live, and millions more around the world watched the telecast.



Mary Gaughan

The band also performed their field show at Bandfest, which was held at Pasadena City College, and marched in Disney's California Adventure parade. Other highlights of the trip included a day in Disneyland and one in Universal Studios, a tour of Hollywood, and a day on Huntington Beach.

Mary and her brother Patrick live with their parents, Tim and Beth Gaughan, in Downingtown. Mary is the granddaughter of Tom and Ceil Gaughan of Whitehall, Pennsylvania. Beth and Mary's aunt, Patrice Gaughan DeFazio, also went to Pasadena to watch the band perform at all three venues.

The entire Gaughan family are members of LPSCU Branch 38, Whitehall.



Mary plays her trumpet at a New Year's performance in California.

LPSCU 2011 Catholic High School Award

\$150 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a Catholic High School Award benefit, which is a \$150 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic high school during the 2011-2012 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

The following are the guidelines for applying for the Catholic High School Award:

- Must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Must be a Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. **Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2011.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website.

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REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Reverend Dianiska District held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 7 and 214 hosted the event. Chuck Simalchik welcomed 62 members and guests, along with 11 young members.

Father Philip Altavilla offered a special blessing with a prayer. Everyone sang Christmas carols as Father Phil blessed the *Oplatky* and Christmas wishes were exchanged as all shared the holy wafers with one another.

National President Theresa Kluchinski wished everyone a Merry Christmas on behalf of the LPSCU. District President Mary Ann Ewasko thanked all members for their cooperation throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Fruit, cheese, and crackers were served as a starter, followed by a delicious family-style dinner and a variety of desserts.

Members and guests joined in a special gift raffle with the proceeds donated to the Wyoming Valley Children's Association in Wilkes-Barre. Canned goods donated by everyone attending were given to the food pantry at the St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

President Ewasko announced that two District members are recipients of 2010 LPSCU College Scholarships. They are

Madeleine Dahms of Branch 7 and Jared John Barilla of Branch 17.

Bernie Walchick was the winner of a special drawing for recommending a new member to her Branch Secretary.

Father Altavilla installed the following officers for 2011-2012: Mary Ann Ewasko, president; Hope Napkora, vice president; Barbara Kalish, recording secretary; Debbie Adamchak, treasurer; Marge Zinkavich, financial secretary; and Susan Worth, publicity.

As always, the members of the Reverend Dianiska District wish everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

Susan Worth



Father Altavilla shares *Oplatky* with District members.



L-R: Father Philip Altavilla installs the 2011-2012 District officers – Mary Ann Ewasko, president; Hope Napkora, vice-president; Barbara Kalish, recording secretary; Debbie Adamchak, treasurer; and Susan Worth, publicity. (Missing from the photo is Marge Zinkavage, financial secretary.)



Young members in attendance — Front row: Ana Napkora and Collin Bradbury; Middle row, L-R: Zeb Chisdock, Marissa Jason, Kendra Jollimore, Connor Jollimore, and Melanie Lombardo; Back row, L-R: Cecelia Chisdock, Paul Jason, Abigail and David Worth held by their mom, Teresa.



Father Altavilla chats with some of the members present at the Christmas party.



Hosting members, from left, Chuck Simalchik, Barbara Kalish, and Janet Marley look over the items members donated for a local food pantry.

LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its annual Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception commenced at noon followed by the meal at 12:30 p.m.

Okres President Jean Kosalko extended a warm welcome to all present. Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri offered a prayer before the meal. Fifty-five Okres members and guests attended. Members brought toys for distribution to needy children through the Marines' Toys for Tots program.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, President Kosalko introduced the Okres officers: Secretary Mary Shannon and Treasurer Ferri, who also serves as national Public Relations Director, as well as national Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, Honorary Vice President Mary Ann Ackerman, and former national Public Relations Director Mary Ford. She also introduced the officers of Allentown



Surrounding Santa are some of the children who attended the party – Standing, L-R: Michael DeFazio, Christopher Shannon, and Molly Kerecz; seated on Santa's lap are Cole Geiger and Alexandria Kosalko.



L-R Margaret A. Ferri, Lehigh Valley Okres treasurer and LPSCU public relations director, and Cecilia B. Gaughan, LPSCU fraternal activities director, are pictured with Erica Latch who handmade the three afghans that were raffled off for the benefit of Operation Purple Camps, a program that assists children of military families to attend summer camp.

Branch 38/40, Bethlehem Branch 83/130, and Hellertown Branch 196.

As the members were singing Christmas carols, everyone was surprised to see Santa Claus (in the person of John Ferri) enter the room ringing his jingle bells. The children were especially excited to see Santa. They gathered around him as he presented gifts of a musical nutcracker to each boy, a large lady bug pillow to each girl, and a plush dog to each infant. Each child also received a candy cane and each attendee received a small red poinsettia plant as a favor.

Holiday prizes were chanced off and special prizes in the annual holiday raffle were won by Mary Sefcik, Anna Mae Klopach, Leo Lichman, Linda Piotrowski, Helen Glass, Gail Julian, Ed Kimak, Margaret Hilbert, George Kostelnik, and Maria Tkach.

A special raffle was held for the benefit of Operation Purple Camps, a program to assist children of military personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to attend summer camps. Three beautiful afghans that were handmade by Erica Latch of Allentown were raffled off for this benefit. They were won by Alexandria Kosalko, Adria Geiger, and Regina Polaha. One hundred dollars was realized from the raffle and the funds were forwarded to LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski to put towards the Operation Purple Camps Fund.

President Kosalko thanked everyone for attending the luncheon and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The festivities concluded with a prayer offered by Mary Shannon. A delightful time was had by all who attended.



Afghan winners, from left, are Regina Polaha and Alexandria Kosalko. Molly Kerecz (second from right) holds the afghan won by Adria Geiger (far right).

MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Beeda District of the LPSCU held its Christmas party on Friday evening, December 3, 2010. Thirty members and guests celebrated at the Gavenda Center of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

District President Anita Gregory welcomed everyone to the celebration and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. A few special guests also joined District members for the evening, including LPSCU

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From left, Dolores Evanko, Mary Ann Litchcock, Anita Gregory, Mary Jo Savidge, Theresa Kluchinski, and James Yocum.

President Theresa Kluchinski, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, and Rev. Michael Piccola, pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish.

The festivities began with an invocation given by LPSCU member Deacon Cyril Kowalchick. District Vice President James Yocum offered a Christmas toast and wished everyone a Merry Christmas in Slovak. He then explained the tradition of the *Oplatky*, at which time everyone joined in breaking the wafer and wishing each other a Merry Christmas. The group then enjoyed a delicious feast prepared by the White Haven Bakery.

A few brief remarks were given by President Kluchinski, during which she informed the members about the many insurance plans, benefits, and activities the LPSCU offers.

Each year the District holds a Christmas raffle, the proceeds of which will help any youth member from the Branches within the District who would like to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. (This year's march is on January 24.) Prizes were raffled off from this project at the party, resulting in several lucky winners.

District Secretary Dolores Evanko brought her Bingo cards along and everyone enjoyed playing a few games.

As the evening came to a close, President Gregory wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Each member went home with a Christmas bag full of goodies and a door prize.

Anita Gregory

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Reverend Dianiska District will hold its first meeting of the year on April 10 at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 19 is hosting.

Members, please contact your Branch Secretary to make your reservations. Thank you.

Susan Worth

BRANCH 52

Branch 52's annual Christmas party was celebrated on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at the Grandview Golf Club of North Braddock in western Pennsylvania. A crowd of nearly 40 Branch members and their families attended.

The group included children from the age of one to grandparents over the age of 75.

A buffet brunch was served with enough variety to satisfy everyone's palate. The children and adults each received gifts from the Branch and numerous door prizes were given away.

All attendees had a memorable time and are looking forward with anticipation to another great LPSCU year.



Pictured are some of the young members who attended Branch 52's Christmas party.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District's Christmas party was held on December 12, 2010, at the beautifully decorated Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Following a delicious stuffed pork chop luncheon, the 34 members and guests were entertained by a banjo duet who led everyone in singing carols. As favors, everyone received a candy box filled with mints. A Chinese auction was held, followed by the customary distribution of door prizes donated by members.

Some of those who attended the festivities are pictured below.



In Memoriam

Anna A. Adamcik, Past Treasurer of LPSCU Branch 83

Anna A. Adamcik, 94, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, died on January 18, 2011, at Country Meadows, an assisted living facility. Anna was born on February 25, 1916, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Fabian and Helen (Smolko) Bednar. She worked for A. G. Baba Sportswear as a presser for 20 years and later for Schobel Brothers for seven years.

Anna was a parishioner of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish (formerly SS. Cyril and Methodius Church) in Bethlehem. She was a member of the St. Francis Guild and the Altar and Rosary Society. For many years, prior to the consolidation of her former church with four others, Anna implemented and was the chief cook of the traditional *Vilija* supper for her parish family. Even as her health failed, she would sit and guide the ladies in the preparation of the *Vilija*. For many years, she came to church early before the 10:30 a.m. Mass to lead the rosary for the congregation and once a month lead the Rosary Society in prayers and procession through the church aisles.

Anna was proud of her Slovak heritage. She was fluent in the Slovak language and loved to sing Slovak songs. In her younger years, she was a member of the church choir.

Anna was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 64 years, Frank M. Adamcik. She is survived by her sons, Frank S. Adamcik and his wife, Marie, of Allentown, Pennsylvania; and Joseph G. Adamcik, and his wife, Barbara, of Bethlehem; daughter, Rose Marie Beach, of Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania; a brother, Andrew Bednar of Bethlehem; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Joseph and Stefan Bednar, and her son-in-law, Robert Beach.

A viewing was held in the evening of January 21, with a candle ceremony to celebrate Anna's life, at the Connell Funeral Home in Bethlehem. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 22 at Incarnation of Our Lord Church by Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski, administrator of the parish, and Rev. Wayne E. Killian, pastor of University Parish of Holy Ghost. A viewing in the church preceded the service.

Following the Mass, Anna's daughter read a beautiful tribute in memory of her mother. Attending the Liturgy were Branch 83 members Mary Ann Ackerman, financial secretary and honorary national vice president; Margaret A. Ferri, national public relations director; Mary Kacmar, past national third vice president; and John Ferri. Burial was at Holy Savior Cemetery in Bethlehem.

Anna was a dedicated member of LPSCU Branch 83, Bethlehem, where she served as Treasurer for 35 years. She was also an active member of the Lehigh Valley Okres. Anna's love for the LPSCU was evident as there were two LPSCU lodge badges placed in her casket, along with a photo of Branch 83 officers, and under her quilt were several copies of the *Zornicka*. Her children and grandchildren are all members of LPSCU Branch 83/130.

The national officers extend sincere sympathy to the family of Anna Adamcik. She was a devoted fraternalist and we will miss her. May she rest in peace.



Anna Adamcik

Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,000 Award

(Maximum of \$2,000 per member)

The LPSCU is proud to offer the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award for lay persons between the ages of 18 and 35. This award, implemented at the 37th National Convention held in Merrillville, Indiana, in August 2000, is given in memory of Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, an outstanding Slovak leader who was the founding bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Those applying for the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, adult altar server, catechist/aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, youth minister, member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and/or other parish committees or organizations.
- Be active in an organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Be endorsed by their 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.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. **Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2011.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website.

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Member Connects with Priest-Cousin in Slovakia

Branch 42 member Sylvia Goda has a very special long distance friend. She and her cousin, Pan Farar (Reverend) Frantisek Fedor, who lives in Sariske, Michalany, Slovakia, communicate regularly via e-mail, exchanging family news. Because they each have a Skype camera/speaker at their respective computers, they can speak and see each other during these online visits.

Reverend Frantisek, 80, looks back on his calling to the priesthood with humility and gratitude for where God's protective hand has led him. Indeed, he endured many frightening and disap-



Rev. Frantisek Fedor and his wife, Jana.

pointing times on his road to becoming a priest.

In 1942, at the age of 12, young Frantisek entered Matky Bozej (Mother of God) missionary house in Nitra, Slovakia, aspiring to become a missionary in Africa and Asia. In 1948, he became a novice in Societas Verbi Divini (the Society of God's Word).

The Communists closed all the monasteries and imprisoned the novices in a concentration camp in the Tatras in 1950. Upon their release four months later, they were warned that they were not permitted any further study in the religious life. Brokenhearted, 20-year-old Frantisek found an accounting position in a factory.

Years later, Frantisek met and married his lovely wife, Jana, and they were blessed with three children. But his vocation to the priesthood tugged at his heart, and at age 50 he began studying theology secretly, all the while working as an accountant to support his family.

Upon completion of his studies, Frantisek was secretly ordained by a Byzantine Catholic Cardinal in Berlin, Germany. (Because Reverend Frantisek is Greek Catholic, he could be ordained



Rev. Frantisek Fedor reads the Gospel during a service.

even though he was married. *See Note below.*) Fearful of the Communists' continuing threats, he offered daily Mass in the hidden confines of his home with doors locked and blinds shut tight. Only his mother, wife, and children knew of his ordination. Had the Communists found out his secret, the entire family would have been imprisoned.

It was not until the fall of the Iron Curtain that Reverend Frantisek was able to openly officiate at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the ensuing years, he was assigned to five parishes, and served as actuary in the Bishop's office in Prešov, Slovakia. Presently he is a spiritual assistant in Sabinov and offers daily Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sarisskych, Michalanov, where the picture above was taken.

Reverend Frantisek's life has come full circle in that God has gifted him, as well as guided him, to the fulfillment of his childhood dream. God bless him!

Sylvia Goda

WPSCA Offers Scholarship

For the sixth consecutive year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is offering a scholarship to attend the three-week Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program at Comenius University in Slovakia's capital city of Bratislava. This year's award is \$3,000.

The SAS Summer School is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia and is designed to enable students to improve and extend their Slovak language competency as well as increase their level of expertise in Slovak literature and culture. Every year more than 150 participants from more than 25 countries study at this academic institution, taking advantage of its Slovak Studies courses. Those leading the seminars and lectures at SAS are professional teachers and lecturers,

expert in teaching Slovak as a foreign language and experienced in teaching both in Slovakia and abroad.

Scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements: (1) Must be a full-time student in the United States; (2) Must be of Slovak ancestry; (3) Must not have previously attended the program; (4) Must apply to Comenius University for acceptance; (5) Must be willing to attend Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association events, when requested, to discuss the program.

For further information on this year's program or for an application, contact Joseph Senko at 412-531-2990. All completed applications must be received by WPSCA **on or before May 1, 2011**, at its office at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

NOTE — *Byzantine Catholics (also known as Greek Catholics) are among more than 20 Eastern Catholic churches that are loyal to the pope, but whose liturgy and other practices are nearly identical to those of Orthodox Christianity. In their historical homelands in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, they have always ordained married men to the priesthood and still do. The Vatican imposed celibacy upon Eastern Catholic priests in the United States in 1929, but in recent years such ordinations of Eastern Catholic married men, in the United States, have resumed with case-by-case approval from Rome.*

Minutes of the Semiannual Board Meeting

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
September 10-13, 2010 ❖ Boardman, Ohio

Friday September 10, 2010

Call to Order – Prayer – Pledge of Allegiance

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip Altavilla held a morning prayer service, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge was asked for roll call. All were present with the exception of Elizabeth Melko, who was excused.

Welcome Remarks

President Kluchinski welcomed everyone to the Semiannual Meeting and reviewed the following items:

- ❖ Most correspondence with the Board will be done through e-mail. All Board members were asked to check their e-mails periodically.
- ❖ A request for forms or applications is to be submitted to the Home Office two weeks prior to the Board meeting.
- ❖ We will be looking into ordering shirts with the LPSCU logo.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for this meeting was approved with one change. The Minutes from the June 5, 2010, meeting were approved with six changes.

Correspondence

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge read the correspondence received since the previous meeting. The following recommendation was approved:

- ❖ Request for a gift for Bishop Joseph Adamec on his retirement and 50th anniversary of ordination. An appropriate gift was approved.

Financial Report

Board members reviewed and discussed the following information:

- ❖ Quarterly Statement – June 30, 2010
- ❖ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expense Accounts
- ❖ Minor Beneficiary Account Listing
- ❖ Summary Market Value 2010 Spreadsheet
- ❖ Investment Portfolio
- ❖ Smith Barney Checking Account, Anne (Shinal) Cichy and Bishop Grutka Awards, and the First Eagle Fund
- ❖ Statement of Investment Policy Objectives and Guidelines
- ❖ Employee Retirement Plan
- ❖ Employee Retirement Plan Statement of Investment Policy Objectives and Guidelines
- ❖ NFCA Ratio

Home Office Report

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported on the following:

- ❖ Postage
- ❖ QuickBooks
- ❖ Building
- ❖ Direct Deposit for Premiums

Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed the following:

- ❖ Tree of Life
- ❖ LPSCU Brochure
- ❖ Strategic Plan

New Business

The Board was provided information on and discussed the following:

- ❖ Dividend Resolution
- ❖ Colonial Supplemental Insurance Cafeteria Plan
- ❖ Term to 25
- ❖ Annuity Rate
- ❖ Annuity Commission Schedule
- ❖ Slovak Fraternal Meetings/Calendar 2011
- ❖ Marsh/Auto Insurance
- ❖ Video/Picture Video Proposal

Convention

The Board was provided and reviewed Bylaw recommendations.

The Board was provided site proposals for the 2012 Convention. After discussion, the Board approved holding the 2012 Convention on June 23-26 at The Inn at Pocono Manor.

A discussion occurred on fraternal events, gifts, entertainment, and the site of the convention mass.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Saturday, September 11, 2010

President Kluchinski called the meeting to order. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip Altavilla held a morning prayer service.

Branch Structure

The Board was provided information on and reviewed the following:

- ❖ Branch Structure
- ❖ Procedures/Policies
- ❖ Branch Deposit
- ❖ Licensing

State Fraternal Congress Meetings

President Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge attended or will be attending the following State Fraternal Congress meetings:

- ❖ Indiana Fraternal Congress
- ❖ New Jersey Fraternal Congress
- ❖ Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress

President Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge were unable to attend the National Fraternal Congress Annual Meeting this year since the LPSCU Board Meeting was at the same time. Vice President Anita Gregory and Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko also attended the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress meeting.

Calendar of Events

The Board was provided a list of the Calendar of Events. The Board of Directors meeting dates for 2011 are as follows:

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Branch 52 Member Welcomes New Baby

Branch 52 Vice President Ramona Shaffer and her husband Ty are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Taylor Lillian, who entered this world on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Taylor has since been enrolled in the Newborn Benefit Program and in another few months will join her three-year-old sister, Tyler, as a member of LPSCU Branch 52, along with her mother, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

We wish her much happiness in the many years ahead.

Special Note: The LPSCU congratulates Ramona and Ty Shaffer on the birth of their daughter. We welcome Taylor Lillian into the LPSCU Newborn Benefit Program and wish her and her family good health and much happiness together.

Semiannual Meeting

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- ❖ March 24 – LPSCU Annual Audit
- ❖ March 25-27 – LPSCU Annual Meeting
- ❖ June 18 – LPSCU Meeting (Telephone Conference)
- ❖ September 23-25 – LPSCU Semiannual Meeting (Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania)
- ❖ December 3 – LPSCU Meeting (Telephone Conference)

New Business

Matching Funds Program – Public Relations Director Margaret Ferri asked whether the LPSCU should look into starting a matching funds program for Branches and Districts for sponsored events. After discussion, the Board approved starting a matching funds program, effective January 1, 2011.

A discussion occurred on the purchase of shirts with the LPSCU logo, which could be sold.

Strategic Plan

The Board was provided with and reviewed a draft of the LPSCU Strategic Plan. The plan will be reviewed annually.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday morning.

Monday, September 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip Altavilla offered a prayer

Committee Reports

The following committees provided a report:

- ❖ Fraternal Activities
- ❖ Education Committee
- ❖ Fraternalist of the Year
- ❖ Youth Achievement Award

Good of the Union

President Kluchinski asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the union. There being nothing else, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

Slovak Catholic Federation Announces 100th Anniversary Celebration



The Slovak Catholic Federation is proud to announce that the 100th Anniversary of its founding will be celebrated on Sunday, May 15, 2011, with a Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 2:30 p.m., in the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Cathedral Church is the Mother Church of the Diocese in which the Federation was founded in 1911.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will be the main celebrant, along with the Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., National President of the Federation, will serve as homilist.

Following the Liturgy, a Centennial Banquet will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Meadow Avenue, Scranton. There will be a cash bar at 4:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Pajtasi, a Slovak ensemble from New York.

The cost of the banquet ticket is \$35.00 per person.

The deadline to make banquet reservations is April 15, 2011.

To mark this historical event, a Commemorative Book will also be published. Patrons for the Commemorative Book will be appreciated. **The deadline for Patrons is April 1, 2011.**

For more information or to receive a Patron Form and/or a Banquet Reservation Form, please call Dolores M. Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation, at 570/454-5547 or visit the SCF website: www.slovakcatholicfederation.org.

WPSCA Offers Slovak Classes

Once again this year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is sponsoring Slovak language classes during the Spring. The 9-week course is for beginners and intermediate students. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. (Call 412/531-1910 for directions.) Classes will begin on March 1 and continue through April 26. Bozena Hilko will be the instructor. Tuition is free, but class size is limited because of space. To reserve a spot, call Pam at 412/531-2990 during normal office hours.

Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Its Founding

On October 9, 2010, the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its founding with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis Friary Chapel in Easton, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m. Principal celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, chaplain of the Chapter. Concelebrants were Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Derzack, national spiritual advisor of the Slovak Catholic Federation; and Rev. Msgr. William Baker, pastor of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There were 32 members in attendance. Although no organist was present, beautiful liturgical hymns were sung by the clergy and participants.

In his homily, Msgr. Kozel reflected on the founding of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter for the purpose of raising funds to assist Jozef Cardinal Tomko build churches in Africa during his missionary work. At that time, Cardinal Tomko was serving as the Prefect for the Evangelization of Peoples. Msgr. Kozel further noted that after Cardinal Tomko retired as Prefect, the Chapter has continued to raise funds to provide scholarships for Slovak seminarians and priests at the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome.

At the conclusion of the service, Msgr. Kozel presented a monetary gift on behalf of the Chapter to the rector at the Friary as an expression of the Chapter members' appreciation for being able to celebrate their Thanksgiving Mass in the Friary's beautiful chapel.

Following the Mass, a buffet was held at the Candlelight Inn in Bethlehem. Chapter President Margaret A. Ferri welcomed everyone to the luncheon. Msgr. Kozel offered the Invocation before the meal and Justine Wesnak, foundress of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter, offered a toast for the continued success of the Chapter.

After the meal, President Ferri introduced the officers of the Chapter: Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, chaplain; Justine Wesnak, foundress, immediate past president, and vice

president; Fran Omick, secretary; and Margaret A. Ferri, president and acting treasurer (due to the recent death of Ed Lahovski). She also introduced officers of the Slovak Catholic Federation: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Derzack, M. Div., national spiritual advisor; Dolores M. Evanko, national secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback, S.T.D., representative of the Slovak Catholic Clergy. President Ferri also read greetings and congratulatory messages from Jozef Cardinal Tomko and Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., Federation president.

The main speaker at the event was Justine Wesnak, who reflected on the history of and purposes for forming the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation in October of 1985. She proudly noted that initially it was through the Chapter's Mission Fund, established in October 1985, that the members were able to raise large sums of money to assist Cardinal Tomko with building mission churches in Africa. In all, at least 10 mission churches were built with funds raised through the Chapter's Mission Fund. In 1987, the Chapter began sponsoring two bake sales a year to help the Cardinal in his missionary work. Starting in 1996, and continuing to this date, the National Slovak Society has matched funds raised by the Chapter's bake sales up to a maximum of \$400 for each fundraiser.

At the conclusion of Justine's speech, Fran Omick presented her with a bouquet of red roses on behalf of the Chapter.

President Ferri thanked everyone for attending the Mass of Thanksgiving and Luncheon in celebration of the Chapter's 25th Anniversary. The celebration concluded with a Benediction offered by Msgr. Derzack.

New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	Dec 2010	Year-to-Date Total
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
7/132/			
197/214	Home Office	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 128,000.00
38	Cecilia B. Gaughan		\$ 71,000.00
77	Ethel Bozik		\$ 70,000.00
60	Anita Gregory		\$ 55,000.00
156	Joan Ellen Friendak		\$ 48,000.00
83	Mary Ann Ackerman		\$ 30,000.00
39	James Yocum	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
209	Bro. Theodore Girard		\$ 15,000.00
194/198	Ann Dobias		\$ 15,000.00
64	Elva Silay		\$ 15,000.00
65	Janice Mathews	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
27	Elaine Kasa		\$ 10,000.00
19	Deborah Adamchak		\$ 10,000.00
14	Verna Prawdzik		\$ 10,000.00
52	James Tomasic		\$ 8,000.00
130	Margaret A. Ferri		\$ 7,000.00
122	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 6,000.00
42	Cecilia Sarocky		\$ 2,000.00
37	Joan Evan		\$ 2,000.00
		<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 700,000.00</u>



Officers of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter and Slovak Catholic Federation at the Chapter's 25th Anniversary celebration are, L-R: Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, chaplain of the CTC; Dolores M. Evanko, secretary-treasurer of the SCF; Fran Omick, secretary of the CTC; Justine Wesnak, foundress, immediate past president, and vice president of the CTC; Margaret A. Ferri, president of the CTC; and Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Derzack, spiritual advisor of the SCF.

Dear LPSCU,

I wanted to write to express my gratitude for my selection as a Catholic High School Award recipient. Thank you very much for both the award itself and the picture, not once, but twice in the September/October 2010 issue of *Zornicka*. You can only imagine my surprise at the photos and message from my parents.

Thank you again as I *truly* appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Jennifer N. McKinley

Branch 197, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for the gift of money due to my age anniversary (Golden Age Award). I'm sure I'll find a use for it.

Paul Laukaitis

Roanoke, VA

Branch 197, Home Office

Dear LPSCU,

I would like to thank you for your generous scholarship for completing my Master's Degree. The money is very much appreciated and will come in handy.

Sincerely,

Chris Adamchak

Branch 19, Swoyersville, PA

Dear Ms. Kluchinski,

I just now had time to look through my December mail. I was delighted to find your letter and gift of \$25 in recognition of being a member for 50 years. Thanks to my mother; she bought my insurance when I was a child.

I will put this money to good use as I am going to be celebrating my 69th birthday in February.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Slazyk

Branch 198, Whiting, IN

Theresa,

Thank you and the staff for featuring me on pages 12 and 13 of the January/February issue of the *Zornicka*. What a wonderful surprise that was! Know that I am deeply grateful for your and our Society's kindness and support.

Regards and blessings to all!

+ **Bishop Joseph**

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec

Apostolic Administrator

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Branch 19, Swoyersville, PA

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you very much for the thoughtful and generous donation of the cross for our wedding. It was a great addition to our wedding and our new home.

All the best,

David and Sanam Tirpak

Branch 214, Duryea, PA

To all the Board of Directors:

Thank you for the monetary gift of \$25.00 for the Golden Age Award. It really was unexpected and a splendid surprise.

May God bless you and all the members of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

Sincerely,

Helen Kamenar

Branch 64, Pittsburgh, PA

10th Consular Tour to Slovakia Set

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko and his wife, Albina, have announced their 10th tour to Slovakia. The 14-day trip, which includes a stop in Vienna, begins July 31st with return to the U.S. on August 13th. It will include visits to Bratislava, Piestany, Martin, the Tatras, Presov, Kosice, and other historical sites. Activities will include two wine tours, a wedding performance, rafting, visiting a cave, sightseeing, castles, and shopping.

The tour includes top hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, all admission fees, air-conditioned bus transportation, and an English-speaking guide. Tips and insurance are not included. The total cost per person (double occupancy) from Pittsburgh is \$3,450. For a copy of the daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at 412/531-2990, email jtsenko@aol.com, or write to Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

The Inn at Pocono Manor

The Inn at Pocono Manor, site of the LPSCU's 40th National Convention from June 23-26, 2012, is located on Route 314 at One Manor Drive, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. The Inn, known to local residents as "The Grand Lady of the Mountains," has earned a coveted designation on the National Registry of Historic Places. It has been welcoming guests since 1902.

This 3,000-acre, all encompassing resort has a well-earned reputation as a top choice for conventions, conferences, corporate meetings, family reunions, weddings, and so much more. It is in close proximity to nearby attractions including Camelback Ski Area, Camelback Water Park, The Crossings Premium Outlets (comprised of 100 stores), and the Mount Airy Casino.

The Inn has 230 guest rooms and suites. Room categories include Mountain View Tower rooms located in a seven-story tower, offering magnificent views of the surrounding Pocono Mountains. The Main Lodge rooms and West Wing rooms, located in the original Inn, feature comfortable and spacious guest accommodations with oversized closets and appealing architectural details. Room amenities include cable TV service, voicemail, phone service, climate control, air conditioning, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and complimentary high-speed wireless internet access. The Inn offers 28,000 square feet of flexible meeting space to accommodate groups of 10 to 500. Meeting facilities include conference rooms, a ballroom, banquet facilities, and meeting rooms. Activities include a game room, table tennis, pool table, fitness room, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, golf, horseback riding, hiking and biking trails, and a state-of-the-art spa.

In early January 2011, the Inn began a multi-million dollar renovation, which will be completed in April.

We're sure those attending our 40th Convention will be pleased with their accommodations and the whole atmosphere at this historic inn in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

Father Murgas's Treasures Reinstated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Two important art pieces, one beloved photograph, and several other artifacts have been reinstated for all to enjoy at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Recently installed new pastor Father Kenneth Seegar and Seminarian Michael Drevitch were instrumental in locating these historical pieces. With the help

of parishioner Joseph Baloga, these items are now securely and permanently displayed in a place of honor inside the church.

These temporal treasures include the famous 4' x 6' painting by Rev. Joseph Murgas entitled "Christ in the Temple." This artifact is unique in that it is painted on two sides of wood. Since canvas was expensive at the turn of the twentieth century, Father

Murgas used wood as his canvas. He also painted the same scene on two sides because he was not pleased with his first rendition. In 2004, Lehigh Valley art historian Karen Rossi inspected and appraised the piece, deeming it as most worthy of display. The subsequent restoration and preservation work was funded by Mary Jean and David Tarantini and their son, David. This painting had not been seen since 2007. Its discovery now complements other great works of Father Murgas which include "The Immaculate Conception" and "The Sacred Heart of Jesus." These latter two have hung on the front altars of the church since the early years.

The second piece of art is a 4' x 5' architectural ink sketch drawn in the early 20th century of Father Murgas's impressive plan for a Botanical Garden at Dallas, Pennsylvania, near the parish cemetery. Another item is the official photograph taken of Father Murgas during his administration. Several lesser artifacts were also located.

Tony Brooks, executive director of the Luzerne County Historical Society, participated in the hanging of this historical collection and emphasized the significance of these pieces, as well as that of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church itself, in the history of Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley.

In addition to his invention of wireless telegraphy, Father Murgas is also remembered as an important local artist whose four and a half years of training were completed at the renowned Academy of Art in Munich. His paintings are valued and honored in Slovakia and eastern Pennsylvania.

The last work of Father Murgas, from 1925, was never completed. It is a lifesize portrait of his immediate superior, the late Bishop T. C. O'Reilly.

All parishioners, historians, and lovers of art may view these treasures when the church is open for services.



L-R: Mary Jean Tarantini, Tony Brooks, and Joseph Baloga. (Rev. Ken Seegar was not present for the photo.)

What Makes Your Mother/Father So Special?

Every year, as Mother's Day and Father's Day approach, we ask our members to tell us in a few words what makes their Mom or Dad such a special person in their lives. This request isn't limited to just our young readers. I'm sure many of our adult members out there have special feelings or memories about one or both of their parents. We'd encourage you to take a minute or two to jot them down and share them with our membership as a special tribute to those who are so important but so often overlooked in our busy lives . . . our Mothers and Fathers.



Please share your thoughts — and a photo if possible — **by March 25**. We'll print your comments in our May/June issue.

Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia Gaughan
325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052
Email: cbgaughan@msn.com



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 its 2011 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, 2011**. **Due to the publication schedule, articles received after the deadline will not be included in the annual.** The annual will be available for distribution in the Fall of 2011.

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:

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All articles must be type-written, double-spaced, in Microsoft WORD format in 12 point, Times New Roman font.
- It is strongly preferred that **English** articles be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M, Editor, at: bernsscm@yahoo.com. In this age of modern technology, it is faster and more 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 at 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.

USE OF PHOTOS

- If at all possible, kindly send photos to accompany articles. **Photos must be included at the same time the article is sent to the Editor.** (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). **If no indication is given as to where, within the article, the photos are to be inserted, the photos will not be used.**
- In the event that an article is e-mailed and photos are not included as attachments, the actual photographs, along with a hard copy of the article, must be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie for inclusion in 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. Photos should always accompany the article for which they are intended.
- Captions must be included with the photos. This allows readers to better understand the relationship of the photo to the content of the article.

ARTICLES IN SLOVAK

- It is preferred that articles be written in English. Articles submitted in Slovak will be sent to a third party for editing. **Please note:** Articles submitted in Slovak that need to be typeset are set by a person who does not read Slovak; therefore, it is imperative that the author include all appropriate accent marks, diacritical letters, and other special characters. Correct punctuation is essential. Use commas and periods where appropriate, **not dashes.** **ALL SLOVAK ARTICLES NEED TO BE CHECKED FOR CORRECTNESS BEFORE THEY REACH THE TYPESETTER.**
- Slovak articles **can** be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie, but a hard copy (including all accents) must **also** be mailed to her. (Please indicate that the article was both mailed and emailed.) Frequently, accent marks, diacritical characters, and other special characters do not come through properly when articles are e-mailed. Having a hard copy of the article, appropriately marked, will save valuable time and minimize errors.

As Editor, Sister Bernadette Marie retains the right to correct grammatical errors, delete repetitions, rearrange ideas to make them clearer, etc. Sister Bernadette Marie also retains the right to determine the appropriateness of articles for the publication. 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.

Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., SCF National President

Member Completes Confirmation Community Service



Cecelia Chisdock

Cecelia Chisdock, 13, a member of Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, completed 12 hours of community service to fulfill her commitment for Confirmation by volunteering at the following District functions: On May 8, 2010, at "Join Hands Day" she worked with other members of

the District playing bingo, distributing prizes, and serving cake to the residents of a nursing home; on May 23, 2010, at her Branch's meeting she helped distribute bingo packets and sold tickets; and on July 24, 2010, at the District's Annual Youth Bowling Party, she helped by passing out goody bags, lunch, and cake to the group.

Cecelia is the daughter of Melissa and Mark Chisdock. She is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont, Pennsylvania, where she serves as a lector. She is in the eighth grade at Wyoming Area Secondary Center where she is active in field hockey and the Anime Club (an art club).

Cecelia's future plans are to attend The Tokyo Art Institute in Japan in order to pursue a career as a voice actor.

Rev. Dianiska District Elects New Officers



At the District's annual Christmas party on December 5, 2010, the following members were installed as officers for a two-year term to perform the following duties – Front row, Hope Napkora (left), vice president and Mary Ann Ewasko, president. Back row, from left, Carol Royer, historian; Susan Worth, publicity; Barbara Kalish, recording secretary; and Debbie Adamchak, treasurer. Missing from photo is Margaret Zinkavich, financial secretary.

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

November 17, 2010

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; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. Anita Gregory, vice president was excused. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the October 20, 2010, Executive Finance Committee meeting with two changes.

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

- ❖ Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh requesting a donation for the Children's Hospital Drive. *Approved \$100.00*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of October 31, 2010: M&T Bank – General Operating Account, M&T Bank – Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from October 31, 2010, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: QuickBooks, Security System, Direct Debit, LPSCU Brochure, the Convention, and Operation Purple.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

December 15, 2010

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 November 17, 2010, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

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

- ❖ Annual NFCA Membership Dues for \$2,025.00. *Approved*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of November 30, 2010: M&T Bank – General Operating Account, M&T Bank – Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from November 30, 2010, reviewing all activity, including CDs,

Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: the Budget and the Convention.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2011. The committee will not meet in February.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

Marie Clemens Receives Healthcare Award

On December 8, 2010, Marie S.

Clemens was honored with the 2010 Lee-Haney Founders Award by the Eastern Pennsylvania Healthcare Executives Network. The Lee-Haney Award is named in honor of J. Michael Lee, president and chief executive officer of Hospital Central Services Inc.,

and John Haney, chief operating officer at St. Luke's Physician's Group, who helped establish the Eastern Pennsylvania Healthcare Executives Network. The presentation took place at DeSales University, Center Valley, Pennsylvania.

Marie is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and currently serves as corporate director of communications at Hospital Central Services, Inc. and Affiliates in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She has served as a board member and secretary of the EPAHEN since 2005. Marie also serves as a board member and communications chairwoman for the March of Dimes East Central Pennsylvania and on fundraising committees for Miller-Keystone Blood Center, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, and Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County.

Marie and her husband, Matthew Clemens, reside in Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Mary Ford of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the late James Ford. Mary is the former national Public Relations Director of the LPSCU and currently serves as treasurer of LPSCU Branch 83. Marie and her husband are also members of Branch 83.

The LPSCU congratulates Marie on winning this prestigious award. We wish her continued success in her chosen field.



Marie S. Clemens (left) receives her award from J. Michael Lee (center), president-CEO, Hospital Central Services, and John Haney (right), COO, St. Luke's Hospital Physicians Group.

Life Insurance Is the Gift That Keeps on Giving

Do you struggle to find the right gift for that special person in your life? You may think of sending flowers or even planning a surprise weekend getaway. These expressions of love are sure to be appreciated. But as you look for a way to mark that special occasion—anniversary, birthday or other milestone—why not consider giving your loved one a more enduring gift of love: life insurance.

Now you may be wondering, what does life insurance have to do with love? The truth is, they're closely tied. The motivation behind purchasing life insurance is love: We buy it because we love people and want to protect them financially. It's also a gift that continues to give. The proceeds of your policy could benefit your loved ones for many years after you're gone.

That's what happened with the Lewis family. David was a young, well-respected cardiac pediatrician who gave generously of his time and talent. This included making regular trips to Ecuador to provide free medical care to underprivileged

children. It was on one of these trips that he suddenly died of a heart attack at the age of 43, leaving behind a wife and three young children.

While the pain from their loss may never go away, David's family has benefited from the enduring gift he left behind. The proceeds from the life insurance he owned have enabled his wife, Sarah, to pay off the mortgage, set up college funds and maintain the family's quality of life. "Dave had always taken care of us, and he continues to do that," says Sarah.



Sarah Lewis and children (from left) Meghan, Matthew and Michael.

The Time Is Always Right

Life insurance may not be the first thing that comes to mind when it comes to giving a gift, but it is something that most people will appreciate and value. The vast majority of adult Americans—93 percent—believe that it's important for most people to have life insurance coverage.¹ Yet, nearly a third of them (68 million) have no life insurance.² Choose the gift that keeps on giving: life insurance.

¹ Kelton Research survey commissioned by the LIFE Foundation, August 2008

² LIMRA International, Trends in Life Insurance Ownership, 2005

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UTILIZATION REPORT

	For December 2010	Year-to-Date 2010
Prescriptions Filled:	20	221
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$ 870.78	\$ 7,586.54
ScriptSave Pricing:	\$ 391.70	\$ 4,966.53
Total Dollars Saved		
by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 479.08	\$ 2,620.01
Average Saved per		
Discounted Prescription:	\$ 31.94	\$ 18.07
Overall LPSCU Discounted		
Prescription Savings:	58.54%	38.75%

During these tough economic times, a ScriptSave® card continues to provide more value to our members. With our group's year-to-date 2010 discounted prescription savings averaging 38.75% (or \$18.07 per discounted prescription), our members benefit from the program every day.

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If you do not have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for any brand name or generic prescription you or a family member pays for out-of-pocket. If you have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for everyone in your household and for any prescriptions that are excluded by Medicare Part D law. In addition to prescription savings, the ScriptSave® card also provides savings on vision care, hearing care, daily living products, and diabetes care and supplies.

If you do not have a ScriptSave® card, you may enroll online by visiting www.scriptsave.com and log-in with Group #195. On that web site, you can also find a participating pharmacy near you; you can look up drug pricing; and you can view the Preferred Medications List, health information, and more! Any LPSCU member (including the membership of LCA) can receive a ScriptSave® card at no cost. You are eligible for the card as long as you are a member of the LPSCU (or LCA) in good standing.

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Then and Now

How good are you at predicting the future when you know the past? We're planning a fun new **Convention Contest** to see how good your powers of observation and imagination are. Watch upcoming issues for details.

Joseph Senko Honored as Slovak-American of the Year

Joseph T. Senko, a member of LPSCU Branch 42, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was recently honored as Slovak-American of the Year by the Slovak Embassy at a dinner at the Washington Golf and Country Club. The award recognizes Joe's long-term and



Joseph T. Senko (right) receives the Slovak-American of the Year award from Slovak Ambassador Peter Burian.

dedicated efforts which have resulted in stronger ties of friendship between American and Slovak peoples based on contributions in the fields of cultural exchange, education, commerce, and the arts.

Joe presently serves as the Slovak Honorary Consul for Pennsylvania, Executive Director of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, and Chairman of Friends of Slovakia in Washington, D.C.

The LPSCU congratulates Joe Senko on this distinguished award. We are proud of you, Joe!

Fraternal's Trade Association Unveils New Identity

The nation's premier association of fraternal benefits societies, formerly known as the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), has adopted a new identity to better reflect its purpose, membership, and value to communities throughout the nation: **American Fraternal Alliance**.



The organization, which will be known informally as "the Fraternal's" or "Fraternal Alliance," also unveiled a new logo and tagline as part of its new identity. The association was formed in 1886.

The American Fraternal Alliance is a non-profit trade association with 70 members, each of which is a fraternal benefit society. These societies operate in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. They represent nearly nine million individuals who participate in 31,500 local chapters—among America's largest member-volunteer networks. In the last year alone, members invested more than 91 million hours in community works and contributed \$400 million to charitable programs supporting community service projects.

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is a proud member of the American Fraternal Alliance.

The LPSCU Single Premium Life Plan

The Single Premium Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is a unique type of insurance option, providing the desired amount of life insurance with one premium payment. The greatest advantage to the Single Premium Life Plan is that the certificate is paid for the rest of the insured's life after just a single premium payment is made. The certificate remains in full force and effect for the life of the insured without the necessity of making any further premium payments after the single payment. Issue ages are from age 0 to 85. The ages and limits of insurance coverage for Non-Medical Rates are: 0-40, \$30,000; 41-60, \$20,000; 61-70, \$10,000; 71-85, \$5,000. However, the LPSCU reserves the right to require a medical examination on any applicant.

Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary, except as provided for within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

A member with a Single Premium Life Plan is entitled to all fraternal benefits of the LPSCU including educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount card, official publication, and discount car rental.

Currently, dividends are not paid on the Single Premium Life Plan.

The Single Premium Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid in full with one premium payment. If you would like to give a special gift to anyone, consider the Single Premium Life Insurance certificate. This insurance plan would make an appropriate and thoughtful gift for anyone.

During these unstable economic times, the Single Premium Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is economical and beneficial for estate planning and can especially help with the high cost of funeral expenses.

To apply for this specific plan, or any other insurance plan offered by the LPSCU, contact your Branch Secretary or the LPSCU Home Office.

Listed below are the Single Premium Schedules for the Single Premium Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. A Branch Administration Fee of \$10 must be added to the total premium.

SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000

Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables Based on Age at Last Birthday

Issue Age	Single Premium Life	
Age	Male	Female
0	68.00	57.00
1	70.00	59.00
2	72.00	61.00
3	74.00	63.00
4	77.00	65.00
5	80.00	68.00
6	83.00	70.00
7	86.00	73.00
8	89.00	76.00
9	93.00	79.00
10	96.00	81.00
11	100.00	85.00
12	104.00	88.00
13	107.00	91.00
14	111.00	94.00
15	115.00	98.00
16	119.00	101.00
17	123.00	105.00
18	127.00	109.00
19	132.00	113.00
20	135.00	116.00
21	139.00	120.00
22	144.00	124.00
23	149.00	129.00
24	154.00	133.00
25	159.00	138.00
26	164.00	143.00
27	170.00	148.00
28	175.00	154.00

Issue Age	Single Premium Life	
Age	Male	Female
29	181.00	159.00
30	188.00	165.00
31	194.00	171.00
32	201.00	177.00
33	208.00	183.00
34	215.00	190.00
35	221.00	195.00
36	229.00	202.00
37	237.00	209.00
38	245.00	216.00
39	254.00	224.00
40	263.00	232.00
41	272.00	240.00
42	281.00	249.00
43	291.00	257.00
44	301.00	266.00
45	311.00	276.00
46	321.00	285.00
47	332.00	295.00
48	343.00	305.00
49	354.00	315.00
50	366.00	326.00
51	378.00	337.00
52	390.00	347.00
53	403.00	359.00
54	416.00	370.00
55	429.00	382.00
56	442.00	393.00
57	455.00	405.00

Issue Age	Single Premium Life	
Age	Male	Female
58	469.00	417.00
59	483.00	430.00
60	497.00	442.00
61	511.00	454.00
62	525.00	467.00
63	538.00	479.00
64	552.00	492.00
65	566.00	505.00
66	580.00	519.00
67	594.00	532.00
68	608.00	545.00
69	622.00	559.00
70	636.00	573.00
71	651.00	587.00
72	666.00	602.00
73	681.00	617.00
74	696.00	631.00
75	711.00	646.00
76	725.00	661.00
77	740.00	676.00
78	754.00	690.00
79	768.00	705.00
80	781.00	720.00
81	794.00	734.00
82	807.00	749.00
83	819.00	762.00
84	831.00	776.00
85	842.00	789.00

Ethnic Trees Part of Illinois Holiday Display



Al Jurcik (left), of the Slovak National Alliance, shows Cook County (Illinois) Treasurer Maria Pappas a holiday tree decorated to reflect the culture of Slovakia. The tree was part of "Holiday Trees from Around the World," an annual exhibit in Pappas' office. Some 90 Christmas trees and religious displays reflecting different cultures were part of the exhibit this past holiday season.



Deimante Staskeviciute (left), of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, shows Ms. Pappas a Christmas tree decorated to reflect the culture of Lithuania.

CTC Bids Farewell to Rev. Msgr. William Baker

On November 7, 2010, during a halupki dinner sponsored by the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation at Incarnation of Our Lord School Social Hall in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Chapter members took time to bid farewell to Rev. Msgr. William Baker, parish pastor. Three days later, Msgr. Baker began a new assignment as pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Reading, Pennsylvania. Msgr. Baker received the assignment because St. Paul's was in need of a priest who speaks Spanish.

During Msgr. Baker's 18-month pastorship at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, he was very supportive of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter and attended many Chapter events. In appreciation of Msgr. Baker's support, Chapter President Margaret A. Ferri presented him with a monetary gift and assured him that the Chapter members will keep him in their prayers.



Members of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter gather around Rev. Msgr. William Baker (seated) to show appreciation of his support of the Chapter. From left are Ann Kurtz, Andrew Krempasky, Mary Shannon, Ann Marie Petrilla, Helen Ilkew, Agnes Trily, Margaret Ferri, Frances Sefranek, Justine Wesnak, and Frances Omick.

Cooking Corner

CHICKEN PAPRIKAS WITH HALUSKY

4 lbs. chicken parts, skinless and deboned
 1 medium onion, chopped 4 Tbsp. margarine
 1 Tbsp. paprika 1 tsp. black pepper
 1 Tbsp. salt ½ pint sour cream
 1½ cups water

Rinse and cut chicken into pieces. Brown onion in margarine, add chicken, paprika, salt, and pepper, and brown for 10 minutes. Add water, cover and let simmer slowly until chicken is tender. Remove chicken and place in a large bowl. Add sour cream to drippings in pan and mix well. Pour sauce over chicken and serve with halusky.

HALUSKY

2 eggs, beaten 2 cups flour
 2 tsp. butter Dash of salt

In a mixing bowl, add flour and salt. Mix together. Add beaten eggs, and slowly add a little warm water while mixing, taking care that dough is thin but not watery. Place dough on a cutting board. In a large pan, add 6 cups of water and a dash of salt and bring to a boil. Dip a teaspoon into the boiling water, and with the teaspoon push small pieces of dough from the cutting board into the boiling water. The halusky are done when they float to the surface. Drain and rinse in warm water. Serve with Chicken Paprikas.



Dear Junior Members,

“Fasiangy,” literally meaning “carnival,” is the Slovak word for Shrovetide or the French equivalent “Mardi Gras.”

Fasiangy traditions evolved in the Middle Ages in the villages of Slovakia. Shrovetide was the period which preceded the Church’s Lenten fast and it consisted of all sorts of merrymaking. Slovak Fasiangy celebrations lasted from the Sunday before Lent until Tuesday night at midnight, but sometimes they extended well into Ash Wednesday morning.

In those days, life for these people was filled with long days of hard work. The simple villager was consumed by the endless chores of farming, the harvest, and trying to scrape out a modest living.

The commencement of the spring planting began in mid-March, followed in rapid succession by the hay harvest, the rye and wheat harvest, and finally the autumn harvest. This busy schedule left little time for frivolity, and so the people made the most of the period leading up to the busy time, enjoying their merrymaking to the fullest.

People danced throughout the Fasiangy, but the last few days, when the time of merrymaking was approaching its end, they became wild and noisy. Those days were called “ostatky” — that is, the last few days before Lent.

As Shrovetide neared its end, the merrymaking was no longer limited to just families and relatives. Now the entire village came out to celebrate. Fasiangy was a major event in Slovak villages and towns. Often, a group of youths would dress in masks and outrageous or funny costumes, going from house to house and playing music. The entertainers would be offered *slanina* (smoked bacon) and other treats that were prohibited during Lent.

Fasiangy brought people together and very often it opened the hearts — and also the purse strings — of the wealthier villagers. Everyone mingled at this festive time. There were no class distinctions or vanities. The servants came out to enjoy the food and drink right along with the families they served.

The last week of Shrovetide began with “fat Tuesday” when domestic servants were given the afternoon off. A pig fell victim to the butcher, food was as plentiful as on a feast day, and doughnuts (*koblihy*) and plaited dough were fried. (This also allowed the villagers to use up all the butter and other confections they were not allowed to eat during Lent.) Local superstitions warned that if the servants were not given this day off, the frogs would eat all the flax in the field, and if the doughnuts and plaited dough were not fried, there would be a bad harvest. Of course, since the servants were off, all of the work of preparing the food for the festivities fell to the farmer and his wife.

The villagers did not work on Shrovetide Tuesday. Instead, from early morning, they prepared for a fun-filled masked carnival. Elaborate masks were created and musi-



cians tuned their instruments in preparation for the fun and merry making that was about to occur.

The Fasiangy procession had its own fixed order. Every region had its own special mask which was always present at the big village gatherings. One popular masked figure was a bear-tamer with a bear on a chain, often frightening the young children. One of the gayest figures was an old woman with a basket in which she carried her husband or a young boy. Other typical masked figures were the scarecrow, dressed in patches and rags, a chimneysweep, a farmer or a farmer’s wife, a drunkard, a jester, and a miser. Much time was spent that evening trying to guess who was behind each colorful mask.

The procession went past all the cottages, stopping at each while the musicians played and the participants danced and sang. The whole celebration ended with the burial of a fiddle. This symbolized that the merrymaking was at its end (buried) and the hard work remained. It marked the end of the drinking and fun for the Lenten season.

The “carnival” in Lithuania is called *Uzgavenes*. It occurs on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, every year. Lithuanians have traditions similar to the Slovaks’ Fasiangy celebrations.

Fasiangy was a time of fun and nonsense, but it served a purpose, allowing the townsfolk to their have fun and enjoy themselves before the Lenten fast. With the costumes, masks, parades, and merrymaking, I’m sure you have noted the similarity to “Mardi Gras” celebrated every year in New Orleans.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Bet You Didn’t Know...

There is a place where it’s Easter all year ’round: Alberta, Canada, where the largest Easter egg — made from aluminum — stands over 31 feet tall!

We’ll eat 60 million chocolate bunnies, 600 million marshmallow “Peeps” and 15 billion jelly beans this Easter.

Five cents — that’s what the first package of Easter egg dye cost in the late 1800s, when chemist William Townley started peddling it. Why did he call his company PAAS? After the Dutch word “passen,” meaning Easter. The company is still in business today.

We send more flowers for Easter than we do for Valentine’s Day!

Watch thousands of people take a walk down New York City’s Fifth Avenue during the city’s annual Easter parade.

People will show off their wildly decorated Easter bonnets, adorned with everything from papier mache carrots to a toy train and tracks to a birdcage complete with a chirping parakeet in it.



Go Fly a Kite!



The month of March is called the Windy Month. It's a good month to fly a kite. Kites have been around for a long, long time. The most popular kind of kite that most people know is diamond shaped, but kites come in many different shapes and sizes. Some can turn flips, others float in the air like birds, and others zoom along the ground and then shoot up into the sky.

Here are a few types of kites you may not be familiar with: The Delta is the best one for soaring. It is shaped like the Greek letter delta, a triangle. This kite will even fly in a light breeze.

The parafoil kite design brought a big change to kite making. A parafoil needs no sticks to hold it in shape. Instead, its hollow tubes become stiff when they are filled with wind, keeping it aloft.

Box kites were invented in Australia. They fly high and very steady.

Cobra kites come from the Orient. They have long tails that weave and twist in the sky like a snake.

The rokkaku (pronounced *rockuh kew*) is an ancient Japanese kite. It takes a whole team to fly this huge kite. It can be built up to seven feet across.

There are many different kinds of kites that can be used for fishing, surfing, snow skiing, and snow boarding. Some of these huge kites can even lift a person off the ground, water, or snow. Quite a ride!

Arts and Crafts

POP-UP FLOWER CARD

What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than to send a pop-up flower card! Here's what you'll need:

- Card stock (a heavier paper available at craft or office supply stores, like the weight of the cards you find in card shops)
- White paper
- Crayons or colored markers
- Scissors
- White craft glue

Fold a sheet of the card paper in half. Write a special message on the front of the card and illustrate it with a drawing. Trace the outline of a flower on the white paper. Cut out the flower and color it in. For the stem, cut a strip of the card stock approximately 1-inch wide and 6- to 8-inches long, and color it green. Fold the strip accordion-style to make a "spring" for the flower. Glue the flower to the top of the spring. Glue the bottom end of the spring to the inside of the card. Close the card so that the spring is folded. When you open it, the flower will pop up.

After the cold, snowy winter we've had, who wouldn't enjoy receiving this happy springtime greeting?



Slovak Lesson

NÁŠ DOM — OUR HOME

Vidíme nový stôl.
We see a new table.

Kde je komora?
Where is the pantry?

Tie vidličky byly nové.
These forks were new.

Steny sú opapierované.
The walls are papered.

Kde je lavor?
Where is the lavatory?

Tá pec je veľmi stará.
This stove is very old.

Tie taniere sú pekné.
These plates are nice.

Tie lyžičky sú staré.
These spoons are old.

Ten koberec je krásny.
This rug is beautiful.

To je naša jedáľňa.
That is our dining room.

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Days of Lions and Lambs

Since March can be quite unpredictable, it is a good month to observe the weather. It's said that March can come in like lion and go out like a lamb.

Designate a calendar for marking "Lion" and "Lamb" days. Lion days are cold and windy. Lamb days are warm and mild.

To record a lamb day, glue on a white cotton ball, to represent a lamb's face. Mark each lion day by gluing a piece of yellow yarn on the date. At the end of the month, count the lion and lamb days and then you can decide whether the old saying came true.



March 19 is St. Joseph Day

Joseph, a quiet man, is mentioned little in the Bible. And yet, each mention depicts Joseph as a kind and supportive man who greatly loved and cared for his family. He was a "tekton," meaning he was mechanically inclined and skilled in carpentry. What better man to build the foundation for the Holy Family? Then and now, Joseph, the Patron Saint of workers, is relied on for his guidance, stability, and support.

Kids in the Kitchen

Celebrate spring with a **BIRD'S NEST SALAD**.

You will need:

- 1 carrot
- ½ cup of Chow Mein noodles
- Light mayonnaise
- Grapes or raisins

Peel and grate the carrot. (Watch your fingers when using the peeler!) Mix the grated carrot with the Chow Mein noodles, then add just enough mayonnaise to moisten the mixture. Mound the mixture on a plate and use a large spoon to make an indentation in the middle. Fill the nest, using grapes or raisins for the eggs.



Extreme Makeover

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Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify and promote.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; Feast on truths that uplift.

Fast from laziness; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

During this holy season of Lent, through our prayer, works of charity, and healthy fasting, may we experience an extreme makeover of self so that we can truly experience the love of God present in our hearts! May we use these 40 days of grace to grow more perfectly into the image of Jesus who died for us so that we might experience life more abundantly. Happy Lent! Happy Springtime!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

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JULY

20 — **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**

SEPTEMBER

9-10 — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Latrobe, Pennsylvania

18 — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (*Note time change*). Branches 6 and 213 will host.

20 — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**

23-25 — LPSCU Semiannual Meeting, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania

29-10/1 — American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado

NOVEMBER

20 — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February Zornicka.**

DECEMBER

3 — LPSCU Telephone Conference Meeting

4 — Rev. Dianiska District's annual Christmas party at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 19 will host.

Lehigh Valley Okres to Host Luncheon

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, the Lehigh Valley Okres of the LPSCU will hold a Mother/Daughter Luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception will start at 11:30 a.m. and the meal will be served at noon. LPSCU members located in the Lehigh Valley area are invited to attend this annual social event. Call Marge Ferri at 610/866-8945 or Ceil Gaughan at 610/433-4610 to make reservations. **Deadline for reservations is April 26.**