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Introduced to LPSCU members on paper printed entirely in the Slovak a long way since its humble beginnings 75 years ago. Today a full-color, bi-monthly magazine providing news and information relating to the interests and activities of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and its members, as well as articles that are religious, cultural, and fraternal in nature.

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1938, as a 4-page, tabloid-size newspaper. *Zornicka* (Morning Star) has come it is an appealing English-language,

The magazine also features a Junior Branch Journal section which includes interesting and informative articles, craft and culinary projects, puzzles and word games, Slovak language lessons, and special contests to appeal to the youngsters in our organization. This section is both an educational tool and a fun fraternal benefit for our Junior members.

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Seventy-five years of publishing *Zornicka* for the benefit of our membership is an accomplishment of which the LPSCU can be justifiably proud. Happy 75th Anniversary to our "Morning Star" – and many more!

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MARCH

- 1** — Deadline to apply for an LPSCU College Scholarship.
- 1** — Deadline to nominate a member for the 2013 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year Award.
- 1** — Deadline to apply for the Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award.
- 4** — The Slovak Heritage Group of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will hold a presentation on "Slovakia Today vs. Slovakia of Our Ancestors" at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Johannes Oravec from Slovakia.
- 17** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at Eat 'n' Park, Waterfront, Homestead, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**
- 21** — LPSCU Annual Internal Audit
- 22-23** — LPSCU Annual Board of Directors Meeting

APRIL

- 6-9** — President/Secretary Section American Fraternal Alliance, Arlington, Virginia.
- 14-26** — Slovak Catholic Federation's Pilgrimage of Faith to Rome and Slovakia.
- 14** — Reverend Dianiska District Meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 19 will host.
- 16** — The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will begin holding Advanced Slovak Language Classes from 7:00-8:45 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Classes run through June 4.
- 20** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at Incarnation of Our Lord Church Social Hall, Buchanan and Thomas Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 21** — The Reverend Dianiska District celebrates its 70th Anniversary with a Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, followed by a buffet dinner in the church hall. Reservation deadline is April 15.

MAY

- 1** — Deadline to nominate a young LPSCU member for our 2013 Youth Achievement Award. *See page 19 for more details.*
- 1** — Deadline to submit an article for publication in the Slovak Catholic Federation's *Good Shepherd* annual.



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Spiritual Advisor's Message

Be Transfigured



Fr. Altavilla

By the time this issue of the *Zornicka* arrives at your home, the 2013 Academy Awards will have taken place (February 24, 2013). However, as I compose this article in early January, the nominees for the various categories have just been announced. One movie that has been nominated in a number of categories is *Les Misérables*. This epic film is based on the Victor Hugo novel and has been turned into an internationally renowned musical. I had the opportunity to attend the musical while visiting London, England, during my years of study at the North American College in Rome, Italy. The tale behind the movie and the musical is a beautiful and moving story of grace and redemption, of compassion and forgiveness.

The story begins with a simple, but profound moment of forgiveness. One of the main characters of the story, Jean Valjean, has been imprisoned for stealing a small loaf of bread to feed his sister's child. Valjean is paroled after 20 years of hard labor and brutal treatment. He is a broken, angry, and bitter man. He is desperate for work but no one will hire a parolee. Cold and hungry, he is taken in by a kindly bishop. During the night, Valjean steals the bishop's silver plate and flees, but he is quickly taken into custody by the local police. The constables bring Valjean back to the bishop's residence and ask the bishop to identify the thief and the silver plate. Indeed, it is his silver plate, the bishop says – but the bishop explains that he gave it to Valjean. He thanks the police for bringing Valjean to him because he was concerned that Valjean forgot to take the valuable silver candlesticks, as well.

Valjean is stunned by the bishop's extraordinary kindness and forgiveness. The bishop only asks Valjean to use the silver to re-create his life and return God's goodness to others. The Christ-like bishop sings these words to Valjean: "And remember this, my brother, / See in this some higher plan. / You must use this precious silver / To become an honest man. / By the witness of the martyrs, / By the passion and the blood, / God has raised you out of darkness: / I have bought your soul for God."

This is a great moment of transformation for Valjean, who rediscovers within himself the love and mercy that led him to steal the loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. As he turns the cache of silver into a fortune that will benefit many, Valjean comes to realize that "to love another person is to see the face of God." The kindness of the bishop is a moment of transfiguration for Valjean. The better angels of Valjean's nature finally rise to the surface because someone else made the effort to draw them out. He takes advantage of this second chance, adopts a new identity, and tries to live an honorable life.

During these final days of our Lenten season, we are invited by the Church to consider where, in our daily lives,

moments of transfiguration or transformation are needed, so that we can truly experience the power and joy that is Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Thanks to the kindness of the bishop, Valjean comes to realize that the ember of God's goodness continues to burn in him, despite the brutality and cruelty that he experienced for two decades in prison. That same touch of God's goodness exists within each one of us as well, despite the difficulties and challenges that we may experience in life.

The life of God that has been placed in us on the day of our Baptism animates us to do good and holy things; guides our steps as we try to walk justly and humbly in the ways of God; enlightens our vision with wisdom and selflessness to bring the justice and mercy of God into our world. During the Easter Vigil and at the Masses celebrated on Easter Sunday, we are invited to renew the promises that were made by us or for us on the day of our Baptism. This opportunity allows us to recommit ourselves to be disciples who allow the life of God within us to transfigure despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, and separation into community.

Over the last few months, we have experienced a number of tragedies in our country such as the devastation of Superstorm Sandy and the senseless killings of innocent adults and children in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 14, 2012. Not only have we experienced tragedies such as those that I just cited, but we also live during a time when there is much economic uncertainty as many people struggle to take care of themselves and their families. As a people of faith, we also must be concerned about any policies or laws which attack the sacredness of human life and traditional values and rights, such as the right of religious freedom. Given the "state of affairs" in our country, it would be easy for many people to become like Valjean before his transformation; namely, to become angry, cynical, bitter, and pessimistic. Yet it is into this world that you and I are sent to be agents of transformation and transfiguration. While darkness may be all around us, both Victor Hugo and the Risen Christ remind us that there is light in the human heart and we will truly find it to the extent that we love and encourage others to do the same.

I recently came across the words of a song, "Let Your Hearts be Broken." The words and music were authored by Bryan Jeffery Leech. During these final days of Lent, and in anticipation of the great feast of Easter, I offer the song's lyrics as a prayer, encouraging us to have hearts that are open to recognize the needs of others and to respond in love.

*Let your heart be broken for a world in need:
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds
that bleed,*

*... God's goodness exists within
each one of us ... despite the
difficulties and challenges that
we may experience in life.*

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An Easter Message from Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec



Most Rev. Adamec

“Resurrexit sicut dixit.”

He has risen, as he said (Matthew 28:6). That phrase says it all! Christ said that He would, and He did. Easter is the “day of days,” and Christians celebrate it with great solemnity.

Names intrigue me. In Slovak, Easter is called “Velka Noc” or “the Great Night.” Saint Athanasius [+ 373] calls it “the Great Sunday.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to it as the “Feast of feasts.”

Easter is the celebration of an event that gives Christians their identity. Saint John Chrysostom [c. 347-407] exhorted, “Let us celebrate this greatest and most shining feast, in which the Lord has risen from the dead. Let us celebrate it with joy, and in equal measure with devotion. For the Lord has risen, and, together with him, He has raised the whole world. He has risen, because He has broken the bonds of death.”

There is reason for rejoicing. Christians are called to be a happy people because they accept Jesus’ resurrection as a reality. We put our trust in the victory that was acquired for us by him on the cross, a victory that continues to give life in the most noble sense of that word, a victory that engenders hope of a better life.

We could presume to hear the Lord saying, “I gave myself up because of my love for you. All that I ask in return is that you rejoice in my gift.” The happiness that a gift brings is the ultimate sign of gratitude.

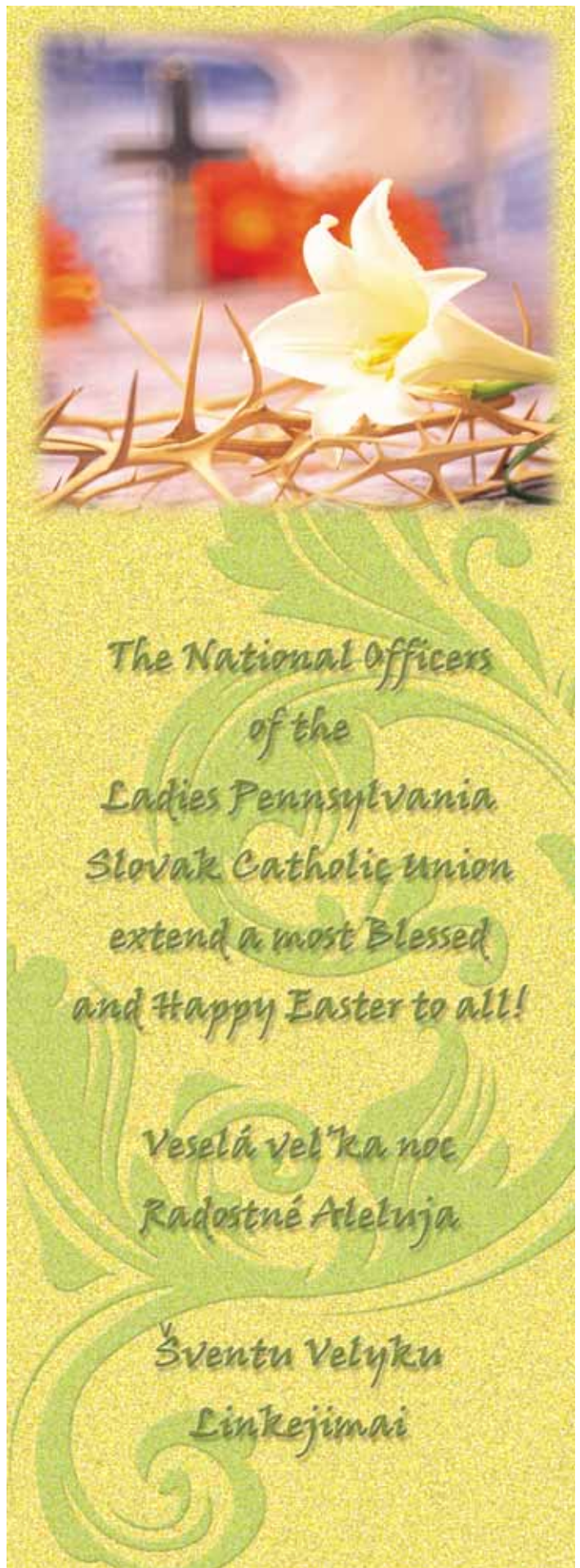
My sisters and brothers of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, during this Easter Season, may you find much joy in what the Lord Jesus has accomplished in your regard, so that your life might be a continual *Alleluia* and a blessing to those around you!

Fraternally yours in the Risen Lord,

+ *Joseph*

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec

Bishop Emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown
Episcopal Protector, LPSCU



SAVE THE DATE!

Slovak Catholic Federation Convention
September 15-17, 2013 ♦ Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Watch future issues for more info!

Rev. Dianiska District Holds Matching Fund Project

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, the Rev. Dianiska District Christmas Dinner Committee presented a \$400 check to Karen Kearney, vice president of Inpatient Rehabilitation at John Heinz Rehabilitation Services. The presentation was made at the Rehabilitation Services on Mundy Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The funds were derived from a special gifts raffle held at the District's annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 2, 2012, held at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. The raffle was an LPSCU Matching Fund Project for the benefit of "Annie's Hope Fund."

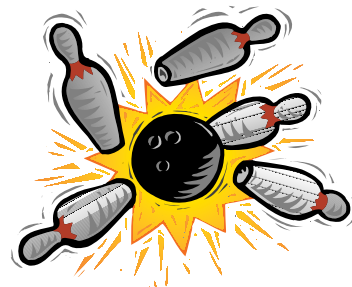


Pictured L-R: Diane Jason, OTR/L certified lymphedema therapist, Allied Services; Karen Kearney; Mary Ann Ewasko, Rev. Dianiska District president; Theresa Kluchinski, LPSCU national president; and Eleanor Kluchinski, a member of LPSCU Branch 6.

LPSCU Makes Donation



Rev. Father Dominic Kalata, M.Ed., pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, accepts a \$2,500 check from the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. The check was allocated by the Donations Committee at the 40th National Convention of the LPSCU held in Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania, last September. Presenting the check on behalf of the LPSCU is National Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan.



2nd Annual

United Slovak Fraternal MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENPIN HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 3 and 4, 2013

(Entries Close March 15, 2013)

**AMF Airport Lanes – Buffalo
Cheektowaga, New York**

*Contact Theresa or Mary Jo at the
LPSCU Home Office for more information!*

SCF Cardinal Tomko Chapter Holds Food Drive

On Sunday, December 16, 2012, members of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation delivered a supply of non-perishable food to the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen located at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall in Allentown, Pennsylvania. To collect the items, the Chapter held a food drive at its annual meeting and Christmas party on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at the Lafayette Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem. The food drive is an annual charitable project undertaken by the Cardinal Tomko Chapter. Many members of the Chapter are also members of the LPSCU.



L-R: Millie Scrak, Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen coordinator; Margaret A. Ferri and Justine Wesnak, Chapter president and treasurer, respectively; Cecilia B. Gaughan, captain of the food drive; and Dorothy Lichman.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District celebrated Christmas at the Westwood Golf Course, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, on December 9. The 44 members and their guests shared a delicious lunch, and enjoyed a Chinese auction, door prizes, and camaraderie.



The Good Shepherd Parish bell choir, conducted by Mr. Herbert Dillahunt, entertains at the Pittsburgh District Christmas party.

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The annual Christmas party of the Reverend Dianiska District of the LPSCU was held on Sunday, December 2, 2012, at The Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 6 and 213 hosted the event.

On behalf of the hosting branches, District President Mary Ann Ewasko welcomed 52 members and guests and eight young members and guests and extended Christmas wishes to all.

National President Theresa Kluchinski thanked all members for their spirit of generosity throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. She congratulated the newly-elected national officers in attendance: Mary Ann Ewasko, Margaret Jollimore, Debbie Adamchak, and Bernie Walchek. President Kluchinski then

installed the following District officers for a one-year term: Mary Ann Ewasko, president; Hope Napkora, vice president; Barbara Kalish, secretary; Debbie Adamchak, treasurer; and Marge Zinkavich, financial secretary.

Dale Ignatovich and Shawn O'Malley, two of the District's seven college scholarship recipients, were introduced. Each young man was presented with his monetary gift from the District.

Marge Zinkavich was the recipient of the special drawing for recommending a new member to her Branch Secretary.

A blessing was said and *oplatky* was shared by all, followed by dinner. Members and guests joined in a special gift raffle, the proceeds of which were donated to Annie's Hope Lymphedema Fund of Allied Services Foundation. Canned goods donated by both members and guests were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

The members of the Reverend Dianiska District wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Susan Worth





LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its annual Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 2, 2012, at the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception commenced at noon, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Fifty-five Okres members and guests attended.

Okres President Jean Kosalko extended a warm welcome to all present. Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Easton, Pennsylvania, who previously served as administrator of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish in Bethlehem, offered a prayer before the meal. Members brought toys for distribution to underprivileged children through the Marines' Toys for Tots program. Members also donated 20 themed baskets to be raffled to benefit the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen as an LPSCU Matching Fund Project.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, President Kosalko introduced Margaret A. Ferri, treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Okres, who also serves as national public relations director; Cecilia B. Gaughan, national fraternal activities director; Mary Ann Ackerman, honorary national vice president; and Mary Ford, former national public relations director. She also introduced the officers of Allentown Branch 38/40, Bethlehem Branch 83/130, and Hellertown Branch 196. President Kosalko asked everyone to remember Lehigh Valley Okres Secretary Mary Shannon in their prayers as Mary was presently a patient at Moravian Rehabilitation Center in Bethlehem.

As the children were placing toys in the "Toys for Tots" box, much to the surprise of all, Santa Claus (in the person of Clark Snitker, who is grandfather of our member Gage Gordon) entered the dining hall ringing his jingle bells. The children were especially excited to see Santa and they gathered around as he presented each boy with a nutcracker, each girl with a bracelet, and each infant with a plush toy. Each child also received a box of Santa chocolates from Santa. Each adult attendee received a bayberry candle as a favor.

The themed baskets were chanced off together with two beautiful afghans which were handmade by Erica Latch of the Pioneer Club in Allentown and a total of \$275 was realized from this Matching Fund project. Special prizes in the annual holiday raffle were won by Alberta Baggest, Mary Rostar, Bernadine M. Kurzeja, Helen Bobeck, Dolores Stin-

ner, Albert Solga, Sue Sopko, and Tate Kienzle. Alberta and Bernadine were lucky enough to win twice!

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



A display of themed gift baskets which were raffled as a Matching Fund project to benefit the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen.



Children with Santa are, at front right, Ben Kosalko with his sister Alexandria (behind him); far left to right, Taylor Baggest, Cole Geiger (on Santa's lap), and Ryan Baggest; and in back center, Brigitte Marrero-Guempel and Chase Geiger (being held by his grandmother, Marilyn Geiger).

MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Beeda District held its Christmas party on Friday, November 30, 2012. Everyone gathered at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the church of St. Joseph in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

District President Anita Gregory welcomed the 25 members and six guests present. LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge also joined District members for the festivities.

President Gregory thanked Father Piccola and his parishioners, as well as the members of the District, for all their support of District projects throughout the year. Prizes for the Matching Fund Holiday Raffle were drawn at the party. Congratulations to all our winners.

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Deacon Cyril Kowalchick offered a prayer and everyone joined Jim Yocum in a toast as we shared our *oplatky* and wished each other a Merry Christmas. A delicious meal catered by the White Haven Bakery was enjoyed by all.

The group played Christmas games organized by Dolores Evanko. Everyone present was a winner, receiving prizes from Santa's helpers, Mary Ann Litchock, and Chris and Jonathan Gregory. A good time was had by all.

The Msgr. Beeda District would like to wish all LPSCU members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Attendees at the Msgr. Beeda District Christmas party gather for a picture.

BRANCH 52, NORTH BRADDOCK, PA

Members of LPSCU Branch 52 celebrated at their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Grandview Golf Club of North Braddock in Western Pennsylvania. The festive event was held in the club's spacious Kennywood Room.

Notably missing from this year's large gathering, and sadly so, were Elsie and Bernard Harcarik, who had been quite active at numerous LPSCU fraternal functions over the years. "Aunt" Elsie met her sudden demise on March 7, 2012, just prior to her 88th birthday, and "Uncle" Bernie, who celebrated his 89th birthday last July, currently resides in a personal care facility in Washington, Pennsylvania. Jim Tomasic, secretary of Branch 52, is the couple's nephew.

A tasty buffet brunch was served with sufficient variety to satisfy everyone's palate. All the children and adults each received gifts from the Branch and numerous door prizes were awarded.



Elsie and Bernie Harcarik are pictured at the 2011 Branch 52 Christmas party held at Grandview Golf Club in North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

A generous donation of groceries was collected at the party and delivered to a local food pantry the following week.

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

Lehigh Valley Okres Holds Matching Fund Project

As an LPSCU Matching Fund project, the Lehigh Valley Okres held a themed gift basket raffle at its Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 2, 2012, in the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Okres members donated 20 beautiful themed gift baskets and raffled them off as a matching fund project for the benefit of the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen. There were 55 members and guests in attendance. The sum of \$275 was collected from the raffle.

On Sunday, December 16, 2012, Lehigh Valley Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri presented an Okres check in the amount of \$275 to Milly Scrak, kitchen coordinator for the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen. Because those funds will be matched by the LPSCU up to an amount of \$200, this matching fund project realized a total sum of \$475 for the Soup Kitchen, which serves four meals a week throughout the year to the needy in the Allentown Diocese.



Lehigh Valley Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri (left) presents an LVO check for \$275 to Milly Scrak, kitchen coordinator for the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen, in the presence of Okres members (L-R) Justine Wesnak, Cecilia Gaughan, and Dorothy Lichman.

INSURANCE POLICY CHECKLIST



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

It is very important that this information be correct. Please contact the Home Office or your Branch Secretary to make any necessary updates.

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2012

Call to Order – Prayer

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip Altavilla offered a prayer.

Roll Call

All were present.

Welcome Remarks

President Kluchinski welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that there is a lot to be discussed.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for this meeting was approved, along with the Minutes from the September 21-23, 2012, meeting, with changes.

Correspondence/Requests

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge read all correspondence received. There were no requests.

Financial Report

Board members were provided and reviewed the following information:

- ❖ Quarterly Statement – September 2012
- ❖ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expenses
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Summary Market Value – 2012
- ❖ Transaction Summary Report
- ❖ Budget – 2013

Home Office Update

Since the Home Office report is detailed in the Executive Finance Committee Minutes, Secretary-Treasurer Savidge gave a brief summary on the following:

- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Building

Convention 2016

President Kluchinski reminded the members that anyone who is to provide information on a site for the 2016 Convention and any proposed changes to the Constitution or By-Laws should do so by January 25, 2013.

Unfinished Business

The Board was provided and discussed the following:

- ❖ Change to 3.5% Valuation Interest Rate
- ❖ Filings for new plans of insurance
- ❖ Riders
- ❖ Accidental Death
- ❖ Waiver/Disability of Premium
- ❖ Death/Disability of Applicant
- ❖ Guaranteed Issue

New Business

The Board was provided and discussed the following:

- ❖ Job description of the position of Vice President
- ❖ Life Foundation
- ❖ Annuity Rate
- ❖ Branch Deposit Program Rate
- ❖ Strategic Plan

Compliance

The Board was provided information on the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) Risk Management and Risk Solvency Assessment (ORSA) Model Act.

National/State Alliance Meetings

The Board was provided reports from the following:

- ❖ President Theresa Kluchinski – The American Fraternal Alliance meeting, the Pennsylvania and New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance meetings, and the Insurance Company Corporate Governance Workshop.
- ❖ Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge – The New Jersey-New York and Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance meetings and the Insurance Company Corporate Governance Workshop.
- ❖ Vice President Anita Gregory – The Insurance Company Corporate Governance Workshop.
- ❖ Trustee Dolores Evanko – The Insurance Company Corporate Governance Workshop.

The Board was provided information on the purchase of the Alliance Online Learning Center which is provided through the American Fraternal Alliance. After discussion, it was decided to have all Board members submit suggestions for the March 2013 Board meeting on how these workshops would benefit our organization.

Committee Reports

- ❖ *Fraternal Activities* – The Board was provided and reviewed the report from Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia Gaughan.
- ❖ *Campaign Committee* – The Board was provided and reviewed the report from Dolores Evanko, chairperson of the Campaign Committee.
- ❖ *Fraternalist of the Year* – The Board was provided and reviewed the report from Margaret Ferri, chairperson of the Fraternalist of the Year Committee.
- ❖ *Public Relations Director* – The Board was provided and reviewed the report from Public Relations Director Margaret Ferri.

Calendar of Events

The Board was provided the calendar of events for 2013 and 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

**Have you signed up
a new member lately?
Do your part
to help your LPSCU!**

Check Presented to Domestic Violence Service Center

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania (FSNEPA) and FCSLA Senior Branch 065 presented checks totaling \$1,000 to the Domestic Violence Service Center (DVSC) as part of their recent fundraising efforts. FSNEPA raised \$500 from a raffle held at the its annual Christmas Social and FCSLA Senior Branch 065 from Ashley, Pennsylvania, matched the funds raised through a program sponsored by the FCSLA Home Office.

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania, a not-for-profit trade association, unites local leaders of fraternal benefit societies domiciled or doing business in Northeastern Pennsylvania. FSNEPA membership consists of seven fraternal benefit societies: the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, Polish National Union of America, Polish Union of the U.S. of N.A., Slovak Catholic Sokol, and Polish Women's Alliance of America. FCSLA Senior Branch 065 is a local fraternal branch of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association domiciled in Beachwood, Ohio. The altruistic efforts of fraternal benefit societies are primarily funded by the sale of life insurance and other financial service products to their members.

The donation recipient, the Domestic Violence Service Center, has been providing quality services to battered and homeless women and their children since 1976. Celebrating 37 years of service to the community, DVSC currently serves Luzerne and Carbon counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. DVSC provides emergency shelter and direct services to battered women and their children and DVSC's Bridge Housing Program offers transitional housing for battered and homeless women and their children.

In addition to these shelter and housing aspects, DVSC offers a wide range of free and confidential services including 24-hour hotlines, supportive options counseling, individual and group counseling, advocacy, court advocacy and accompaniment, community outreach and education, life skills and parenting training, medical and mental health advocacy, and training for professionals.



Seated L-R are Martha Iskra, Ann Dougher, FCSLA Sr. Branch 065 Secretary-Treasurer Tammy Rodgers, DVSC Volunteer/Education Coordinator Bernard Kolodziej, and FSNEPA President Felicia Perlick. Standing L-R: Mary Ann Ewasko, Magdalen Iskra, Bernie Regis, John C. Andrzejewski, III, Mary Jo Savidge, Theresa Kluchinski, and Irene Jugan.

For more information on the Domestic Violence Service Center, or to learn how you can become a supporter of DVSC and a partner in the fight against domestic violence, please visit www.domesticviolenceservice.org or call 1-800-424-5600.

LPSCU Announces Three New Life Insurance Plans

Effective January 1, 2013, the LPSCU has implemented a 5 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 80; a 10 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 75; and a 15 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 70. Under these life insurance plans, there is a minimum purchase of life insurance required. For ages 0-70, the minimum life insurance purchase is \$5,000; for ages 71-80, the minimum life insurance purchase is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for the specified Plan Year period from issue date. If the insured dies within the specified Plan Year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

Each plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of the specified Plan Year period, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with any of these plans 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.

Any of these plans is perfect for both youth and adults – and especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within 5, 10, or 15 years.

The 5 Payment Life Plan is featured in this issue on page 16. The 10 Payment Life and 15 Payment Life Plans will be featured in future issues of *Zornicka*.

Slovakia Heritage Tour

September 5-15, 2013

**Sponsored by Slovakia Heritage Tours
For tour details, full schedule,
and registration forms, visit its website
www.slovakiaheritage.com**

Msgr. Beeda District Matching Fund Project

Tricky Trays donated by the District officers and also from our Branch 1 Secretary were raffled off at the Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas party on November 30, 2012. The Holiday Raffle fundraiser was held to benefit SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the church of St. Joseph in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union will match the funds collected up to the amount of \$200.

Msgr. Beeda District President Anita Gregory presented a check for \$500 to Reverend Michael Piccola, pastor of the church. Father Piccola was very grateful for the donation, which will be used to meet any needs the church may have. President Gregory thanked Father Piccola, the members of the parish community, and the District members for their constant help and support throughout the year.



L-R: Mary Ann Litchock, treasurer of the Msgr. Beeda District; Rev. Michael Piccola, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, and Anita Gregory, District president.

Member Aids Team in Big Soccer Win



Michael DeFazio

Michael DeFazio, a Junior at Allentown Central Catholic High School and a member of the school's varsity soccer team, scored a goal to help Central Catholic win its first championship in Class 2A Tournament Soccer. Michael contributed by drilling a shot into the back of the net.

Michael is a member of Branch 38, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, along with members of his family. He is the son of Patty and Jerry DeFazio. Michael's proud grandparents are Tom and LPSCU Fraternal Activities Director Ceil Gaughan.

ATTENTION Lehigh Valley Okres Junior and Adult Members

This upcoming summer, the Lehigh Valley Okres will host a day at an IronPigs baseball game at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for LPSCU junior and adult members. The game will be played against the Columbus Clippers on Sunday, July 21, 2013, beginning at 5:35 p.m. The Lehigh Valley Okres will subsidize the \$10.00 entrance ticket for Junior members, who must be accompanied by a parent or adult member. Adult tickets for our group cost \$10.00 each, which includes the game ticket and a \$2.00 ballpark credit on each ticket, redeemable for food, beverages, or merchandise inside Coca-Cola Park.



Reservation deadline for tickets is June 15, 2013. Call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 or Ceil Gaughan at 610-433-4610 for more information and/or to make reservations. **We only have 50 tickets, so please make your reservation as soon as possible!**

Cooking Corner

CEREGI

(Deep Fried Dough Knots)

6 cups flour	¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder	½ cup sugar
1 stick margarine	3 egg yolks
1¼ cup milk	1 tsp. vanilla
2 Tbsp. rum	¼ cup sour cream

Confectioner's sugar (for dusting dough knots)

Beat egg yolks, sour cream, vanilla, and rum together. Sift together all the dry ingredients. Gradually add dry ingredients to the egg mixture. Blend well. Let rest 10 minutes.

Roll doll wafer thin and cut into diamond shapes. Cut a slit in the center of each diamond and pull ends through and twist dough. Fry in hot fat until golden brown. Drain on brown paper. Sprinkle warm dough knots with confectioner's sugar. Makes 7 to 8 dozen.

NOTE: This Lenten Recipe is published with permission from the delightful ethnic book **Celebrate Easter...Slovak Style**, which offers the rich history, traditions, folklore, recipes, and crafts for the celebration of an old-fashioned Slovak Easter. For information on this book, contact the author, Lawrence G. Kozlowski, 808 Phineas Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212; phone 412-231-1493; or e-mail lgk505@aol.com.



**We just enrolled in the
LPSCU Guaranteed Issue Program.**

HAVE YOU?

We are providing our loved ones with added protection!



- Guaranteed Issue Program is for all members age 25 to 43.
- Guaranteed lifetime coverage of \$5,000 or \$10,000 through our 3-pay plan.
- No medical questions will be asked.
- Details will arrive in the mail near your certificate's anniversary date. No member will ever be refused.
- This is a limited time offer!

GUARANTEED ISSUE

for all members age 25-43

Thanks to the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union for the monetary gift for my 50 years of being a member. It was a lovely gift and a pleasant surprise.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Talianek
Branch 40, Allentown, PA

Dear Mrs. Savidge,

Thank you for the grant that you have presented to me. It is always a great honor to receive any award and this is no exception. I was ecstatic when I found out I won this award. The grant you have awarded me has gone toward the payment of my annual technology fee. This

is a fee that is paid once a year to fund a computer integration program that is being implemented at Charlotte Catholic High School. I would like to thank you again for considering me for this grant. It has been put to good use and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Andrew Robinson
Branch 90, Johnstown, PA

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 to 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. (Term insurance is excluded from this offer.)
- 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 his or her 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, 2013.**

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

Millie Scrak, Ecumenical Kitchen coordinator, informed me of your most recent gift of \$275.00 to the Ecumenical Kitchen. The generosity of the Lehigh Valley Okres, Ladies PA Slovak Catholic Union, is truly heartwarming.

During these strained economic times, more individuals and families have turned to the Ecumenical Kitchen in order to receive a hot, nutritious meal. Your support helps the working poor, the unemployed, elderly, the disabled, and homeless. This past year, we served over 40,000 meals to the hungry in our community. Your kindness is truly making a difference in their lives.

In November, the Ecumenical Kitchen celebrated its 30th anniversary. It is a reminder that this program has been able to continue only because of the generosity of others. Please convey our appreciation to all on behalf of those whose lives are touched by this act of kindness.

Sincerely,
Pamela J. Russo, M. S.
Executive Director
Catholic Charities, Allentown Diocese

Dear Ms. Kluchinski,

The LPSCU monetary gift to me, a member of the required 50 year membership, was a very pleasant surprise. My mother would be proud of the generosity and growth of the LPSCU.

Thank you and Happy New Year!
Marian Vrbancic Krumhamel
Branch 77, Lorain, OH

[Dear] National President,

I'm writing to thank the Board of Directors for their monetary gift award that recognizes Golden Age members.

Thank you again and my wishes to all of you for a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Jelinski
Branch 19, Swoyersville, PA

SCF Launches Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

When our ancestors came to these shores more than a century ago, they brought with them few monetary assets. Their most precious possession, however, was their faith. The seeds were nurtured by the Slovak priests who came with the immigrant people and helped build our Slovak Catholic fraternals, religious communities of men and women, and nearly 300 Slovak parishes. In response to this legacy, the Slovak Catholic Federation is sponsoring the 35th Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. The Church in Slovakia has enjoyed a great renaissance since the fall of Communism in 1989. We in America and Canada take pride in the fact that the Slovak Catholic fraternals, our parishes, and individuals of Slovak ancestry have responded generously to assist the Church in our ancestral homeland. The 2013 Annual Appeal began during the month of February in churches of Slovak descent across the United States and Canada and will continue until the end of the year.

The 2012 Appeal collected \$36,528.51 and we are proud to say that, since its inception, this Annual Appeal has raised \$2,309,266.25!

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy. Due to the vision and efforts of Cardinal Joseph Tomko, assisted by the late Bishop Andrew Grutka and many other Slovak Catholics from the United States and Canada, this seminary became a reality.

Funds raised from the Appeal will aid the priest-graduate students at the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius. These fine priests are being called upon to be the future leaders of the Diocesan churches in Slovakia, both as vicars and bishops. In addition, funds raised from this Appeal help to provide qualified instructors/professors for the seminaries that educate future priests. Appeal funds also benefit those Religious communities of both men and women that share a counterpart which belongs to the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Conference of Slovak Religious.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Slovak Catholic Federation is to federate individuals of Slovak origin under one banner for cultural, religious, and educational needs. Serving as National President is Rev. Philip Altavilla, pastor of Saint Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The Episcopal Moderator is the Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., retired bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The National First Vice President, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, Pennsylvania, is the coordinator for this Annual Appeal.

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

Your tax deductible donation, made out to the Slovak Catholic Federation - Annual Appeal, can be sent directly to the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation: Dolores Evanko, 173 Berner Avenue, Hazleton, PA 18201.

Thank you for your continued support of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Annual Appeal.

Slovak Heritage Festival Held

The Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh, Oakland, Pennsylvania, was the scene of the 22nd annual Slovak Heritage Festival on November 4, 2012. There was much to see and enjoy, including singing, dancing, a parade of *kroj* (Slovak folk dress), lectures, food, and vendors selling lovely jewelry and Slovak clothing. Entertainment included the Slavjane Folk Ensemble, the Pittsburgh Area Slovaks (PAS), the Pittsburgh Slovakians, and the Pittsburgh Junior Slovakians.



Helping serve at the Slovak Kitchen were, pictured above from left, Mary Errett, Anne Wargovich, LPSCU Branch 42 members Mary Heckel and Sylvia Goda, and Annie Ondrejco.

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

December 19, 2012 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; 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 October 17, 2012, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

Correspondence/Requests

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

- ❖ St. Andrew Abbey requesting a donation. *Approved \$100.00*
- ❖ FSGP requesting a donation to the annual Children's Hospital Drive. *Approved \$100.00*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of October and November 2012: M&T Bank – General Operating Account and the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account.

The committee reviewed the Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet for October and November 2012.

Bonds/Stocks/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from October and November 2012, reviewing all activity including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments.

Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

The Importance of Life Insurance

Peace of mind. These three simple words state why life insurance is so important. When there is a death, life insurance brings financial security and financial security brings peace of mind. Peace of mind for the insured, knowing their survivors will be taken care of, and peace of mind for the family, knowing they will be protected financially.

Life insurance is often overlooked because people feel they are too young or [that] it is expensive, but life can change in the blink of an eye. With life insurance, survivors will benefit from having income replacement to help pay funeral expenses, the mortgage, college expenses, loan debt, and other ongoing living expenses. Without life insurance, these expenses would fall upon the family, which could present a financial burden. To the remaining family members, these ongoing expenses can become a burden and if they are unable to handle them, they may be forced to sell the home. This is not what anyone wants to happen after they die.

Nobody knows when their time will come to an end. However, it would bring peace of mind to many knowing that a life insurance policy was waiting to help when needed. What could be more important?

Megan K. Zabiegala
Branch 132, Campbell, Ohio

Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge provided the committee with information on membership folders and the examination of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. President Kluchinski reported that she will be sending a follow up letter to the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, our property/casualty insurance provider, and our attorney on the incorrect paving of our parking lot by the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Budget

The committee was provided and reviewed the budget for November 2012. The 2013 budget was approved by the Board of Directors at the December 2012 meeting.

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2013.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

2013 LPSCU CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD

\$300 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a \$300 Catholic High School Award Benefit to our qualifying members who are attending a Catholic High School during the 2013-2014 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

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

- Applicant must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate. (Term insurance is excluded from this offer.)
- Applicant must be a Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior during the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Applicant 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 submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. **Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2013.**

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

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The 5 Payment Life Plan

Effective January 1, 2013, the LPSCU has implemented an economic and beneficial 5 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 to 80. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase of life insurance. For those age 0-70, the minimum purchase is \$5,000; for ages 71-80, the minimum purchase is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for five (5) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 5-year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

The plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of five (5) years, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with a 5 Payment 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.

The 5 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within five (5) years.

During these unstable economic times, the 5 Payment 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 Annual and Monthly Premium Schedules for the 5 Payment Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual and quarterly premium rates are also available. Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office for more information.

5 PAYMENT LIFE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000 Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables — Based on Age at Last Birthday

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	19.36	16.79	\$ 1.74	1.51
1	19.88	17.29	1.79	1.56
2	20.48	17.83	1.84	1.60
3	21.13	18.40	1.90	1.66
4	21.82	18.72	1.96	1.68
5	22.54	19.63	2.03	1.77
6	23.28	20.28	2.10	1.83
7	24.05	20.95	2.16	1.89
8	24.85	21.64	2.24	1.95
9	25.68	22.36	2.31	2.01
10	26.53	23.09	2.39	2.08
11	27.42	23.71	2.47	2.13
12	28.33	24.65	2.55	2.22
13	29.26	25.46	2.63	2.29
14	30.22	26.21	2.72	2.36
15	31.18	27.14	2.81	2.44
16	32.15	28.02	2.89	2.52
17	33.13	28.93	2.98	2.60
18	34.12	29.86	3.07	2.69
19	35.14	30.82	3.16	2.77
20	36.18	31.81	3.26	2.86
21	37.26	32.83	3.35	2.95
22	38.38	33.70	3.45	3.03
23	39.53	34.94	3.56	3.14
24	40.72	36.11	3.66	3.25
25	41.96	37.27	3.78	3.35
26	43.23	38.48	3.89	3.46
27	44.53	39.72	4.01	3.57
28	45.88	41.00	4.13	3.69
29	47.28	42.32	4.26	3.81
30	48.73	43.68	4.39	3.93
31	50.23	44.93	4.52	4.04
32	51.80	46.53	4.66	4.19
33	53.42	48.03	4.81	4.32
34	55.10	49.30	4.96	4.44
35	56.83	51.15	5.11	4.60
36	58.62	52.42	5.28	4.72
37	60.47	54.29	5.44	4.89
38	62.38	56.16	5.61	5.05
39	64.34	57.93	5.79	5.21
40	66.36	59.28	5.97	5.34

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
41	68.44	61.15	6.16	5.50
42	70.58	63.59	6.35	5.72
43	72.78	65.52	6.55	5.90
44	75.02	67.39	6.75	6.07
45	77.32	69.26	6.96	6.23
46	79.66	71.76	7.17	6.46
47	82.05	73.63	7.38	6.63
48	84.50	76.13	7.61	6.85
49	87.04	78.00	7.83	7.02
50	89.66	80.50	8.07	7.25
51	92.37	82.99	8.31	7.47
52	95.15	85.49	8.56	7.69
53	98.01	87.98	8.82	7.92
54	100.94	90.48	9.08	8.14
55	103.92	92.98	9.35	8.37
56	106.94	95.47	9.62	8.59
57	110.01	97.97	9.90	8.82
58	113.16	101.09	10.18	9.10
59	116.41	103.58	10.48	9.32
60	119.70	106.70	10.77	9.60
61	122.85	109.20	11.06	9.83
62	126.00	112.32	11.34	10.11
63	129.78	115.44	11.68	10.39
64	132.93	118.56	11.96	10.67
65	136.71	121.06	12.30	10.90
66	139.86	124.80	12.59	11.23
67	143.64	127.92	12.93	11.51
68	146.79	131.04	13.21	11.79
69	150.57	134.16	13.55	12.07
70	154.35	137.90	13.89	12.41
71	158.13	141.02	14.23	12.69
72	162.54	144.77	14.63	13.03
73	166.32	148.51	14.97	13.37
74	170.73	152.26	15.37	13.70
75	175.14	156.00	15.76	14.04
76	179.55	159.74	16.16	14.38
77	184.59	163.49	16.61	14.71
78	189.00	167.86	17.01	15.11
79	194.67	172.22	17.52	15.50
80	199.71	176.59	17.97	15.89

Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. Honored in El Salvador

Sister Barbara Sable, a Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius from Danville, Pennsylvania, was recently part of a delegation of women religious who traveled to El Salvador to be honored for their commitment to social justice and to mark the 32nd anniversary of the martyrdom of four U.S. missionaries who were assassinated by the Salvadoran military for their advocacy on behalf of refugees and the poor. The 50-member delegation visited El Salvador from November 29-December 6, 2012, and included 40 women religious from 30 congregations, many of whom had served in Central or South America as missionaries. The group was sponsored by the SHARE Foundation and co-sponsored by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).

The SHARE Foundation is an international non-profit organization that accompanies poor communities of El Salvador as they work for economic justice and sustainable development. SHARE's work includes projects in El Salvador that support women's empowerment, providing access to education and opportunities for development for women and girls; leadership development, cultivating the skills of women and young people so that they can become leaders and empower others; and environmental sustainability, advocating and raising awareness about environmental justice.

Thirty-two years ago, on December 2, 1980, Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Ursuline lay volunteer Jean Donovan were martyred in El Salvador where they were living and working with the most vulnerable Salvadoran communities, especially children orphaned by the violence of the ongoing civil war there.

In the aftermath of the death of the missionaries, hundreds of women religious and lay women volunteered to take their place to help the people of El Salvador. For more than three decades, women religious have responded to the cry of the poor in that country – before, during, and after the civil war of 1980-1992 – traveling to El Salvador and working side by side with communities in greatest need and at highest risk. Religious congregations fought for fair immigration policies

within the United States, and pressured the U.S. Government to cease military aid in order to end the war. Religious women provided material aid for the reconstruction of El Salvador after the war. And women religious have been martyred in El Salvador for the cause of justice and peace. For the Sisters, it was a labor of love inspired by the spirit of the sister martyrs – a spirit of love, justice, and compassion. Those in El Salvador consider this a great light in the darkness, and because of the enduring support of women religious, they have a great love for North American religious.

During the week on this most recent trip, the group had the opportunity to listen to people's stories and struggles, share in their hopes and dreams, and find inspiration in their profound faith. Everywhere they went they were greeted with great warmth and joy, with special welcomes everywhere for the "Las Hermanas Norte Americanas," the North American Sisters.

The group retraced the route of the women martyrs, prayed at the church where Archbishop Oscar Romero was martyred and at the Cathedral where he is buried, and visited the University of Central America (UCA) where the Jesuit martyrs lived and died. The SHARE Foundation presented the women religious with an award at the Archbishop's tomb.

The delegation also visited women's projects in rural communities, participated in a forum on women's issues, and participated in a special event honoring women religious who continue the work for peace and justice across the world. They met with Salvadoran women religious and theologians working with those at the margins, and talked to women whose children were murdered or disappeared. They also inaugurated four scholarships in honor of Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan for young women leaders from El Salvador to attend college.

New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	Sept./Dec. 2012	Year-to-Date Total
83	Mary Ann Ackerman	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 79,000.00
19	Deborah Adamchak	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
6&7	Mary Ann Ewasko	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
130	Margaret Ferri	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
156	Joan Ellen Frendak	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
38	Cecilia Gaughan	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
60	Anita Gregory	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
*7,*196			
& 213	Maureen Grohowski	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
19	Regina Kapral	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 124,000.00
122	Theresa Olshemski	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
76	Celeste Palcsey	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
42	Dolores Sakal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 47,000.00
*213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 123,000.00
64	Elva Silay	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
52	James Tomasic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
		\$351,012.00	\$ 815,000.00

*Sold through Home Office, not included in the Campaign



Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. presents her award received in El Salvador to Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Laura Anzaldi Weds

Laura Lynn Anzaldi, a member of Branch 64, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Christopher Anthony Mike exchanged wedding vows on October 20, 2012, at St. Ferdinand Parish in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Presiding at the ceremony was Reverend George R. Dalton. The wedding reception was held at the FourPoints Sheraton.

Laura is the daughter of James and Theresa Anzaldi of Butler, Pennsylvania. Christopher is the son of James and Barbara Mike of Cranberry Township.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

In addition to Laura, her mother Theresa and her grandmother, Mary Jane Nadzam, are also members of LPSCU Branch 64.

The LPSCU congratulates Laura and Christopher on their marriage and wishes them health and happiness throughout their wedded life.



Laura and Christopher Mike

In Memoriam

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

Name	Branch	Location
Agnes Sendak	1	Hazleton, PA
Henry S. Cominsky	24	Windber, PA
*Mary A. Puposar	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Richard Kallay	65	Munhall, PA
Michael Michalick	81	Beaverdale, PA
*Helen Marcincin	83	Bethlehem, PA
Paula Kisko	90	Johnstown, PA
Helen Nicksich	109	Hammond, IN
Elizabeth S. Crudden	124	Hazleton, PA
Dorothy T. Guzowski	131	Reading, PA
Eleanor Kilanowski	132	Campbell, OH
Joseph E. Sotak, Jr.	132	Campbell, OH
Jeanne M. Kandrac	153	Perth Amboy, NJ
Petras Kausteklis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Charles J. Mack	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Helen A. Galchus	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Amelia Cecchi	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rita Krzywicki	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Carol A. Kopicki	214	Duryea, PA
Frank Totoraitis	L0085	Chicago, IL
June Kubaitis	L0160	Wilkes-Barre, PA

**Multiple certificates*

Kristin Yetto Receives Women of Influence Award



Kristin Yetto

Kristin Yetto is Senior Vice President, Human Resources at eBay. She was one of the women recognized by her company for bringing commerce to life for customers and employees and also one of the winners of the 2012 Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal's Women of Influence Award.

Kristin's proudest achievement was being part of the team that rolled out the international footprint for eBay – driving the execu-

tion of multiple acquisitions throughout Europe, Asia, and North America.

Kristin is married to Stephen Kaylor, a 1986 LPSCU scholarship winner and a member of LPSCU Branch 64, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She and her husband reside in Los Gatos, California, and have been married 13 years.

The LPSCU congratulates Kristin on her outstanding accomplishments.

LPSCU Matching Fund Program

On January 1, 2011, the LPSCU initiated a Matching Fund Program for our Branches and Districts. In the program's initial year, we had one Matching Fund project. Since then, we have had numerous others.

As a fraternal benefit society, the LPSCU encourages our Branches and Districts to participate in a Matching Fund project for the benefit of a charitable organization. The funds that are raised from a matching fund event will be matched dollar for dollar by the LPSCU, up to a maximum of \$100 for a Branch event and \$200 for a District event. If a Branch or District prefers to make a donation to a charitable organization, that can be considered as a Matching Fund event except that the donation will be limited to 50% of the maximum amount, \$50 for a Branch and \$100 for a District. Each Branch and District is allowed two Matching Fund events per year.

For more information or to receive a copy of the Matching Fund Program Guidelines and Forms, contact the Home Office via phone 570-823-3513, toll free at 888-834-6614, by fax at 570-823-4464, or e-mail lpscu@lpscu.org.

Calendar of Events

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- 3-5 — 2nd Annual United Slovak Fraternals Bowling Tournament, Buffalo, New York.
- 4 — Join Hands Day
- 5 — Mother/Daughter Luncheon sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Okres at the Lehigh Room of Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at noon with a punch reception followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. For reservations call Marge Ferri (610-866-8945) or Ceil Gaughan at (610-433-4610) before April 27.
- 20 — **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.**

JUNE

- 15 — LPSCU Telephone Conference Call Meeting

JULY

- 20 — **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**
- 21 — Lehigh Valley Okres hosts an evening at the ball park for its junior and adult members. Reservation deadline is June 15. See page 11 for full details.

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 — American Fraternal Alliance, Hollywood, Florida
- 15-17 — Slovak Catholic Federation Convention, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Our Lady of Sorrows Honored at Holy Trinity

A Holy Mass was celebrated on September 14, 2012, at Holy Trinity Church, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia. Reverend Joseph R. Grosko, pastor, was principal celebrant, with six local priests concelebrating the Liturgy. Songs of praise to Our Lady of Sorrows were sung in Slovak prior to the Mass, as well as during the entire service. The awesome voice of cantor Robert Ponchak lent so much to the occasion. Following the Mass, a wonderful Slovak meal was enjoyed by those present, among whom were members of the Pittsburgh District.



Who Will Receive Our 2013 Youth Achievement Award

Let an outstanding youth know . . . YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

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

Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young person that they are appreciated by nominating him or her for the *Youth Achievement Award*.

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

The postmark deadline for nominations is May 1, 2013.



Megan K. Zabiegala - 2012 Winner

2013 - Who Will It Be?



Still Watching Over Them

It was close to 11 p.m. the December night when boxer Oscar de la Hoya lost his fight to Manny Pacquiao. The Virgens were saying goodbye to their extended family after watching the match together. Still basking in the glow of family and good food, they headed off to their Port Hueneme, Calif., house. On the way, their pickup was slammed by a hit-and-run driver. The truck rolled over, pinning Nicolas and wife Teresa inside. Son Gabriel and daughter Mayra managed to crawl out and were only slightly injured. When rescue workers arrived, Teresa was already dead. Nicolas had three broken vertebrae and multiple fractures in his arms. “In one second your life changes,” Nicolas says.



Insurance agent Irene Henry with Nicolas Virgen and his three children (from left) Susana, Gabriel and Mayra

After their injuries were tended to, the Virgens started picking up the pieces. Thankfully Teresa had life insurance to help them do it. Initially the couple wasn't convinced that Teresa needed a policy of her own since she did not work outside the home. As a building contractor, Nicolas saw the rationale for his own life insurance. But their insurance agent Irene Henry made the case that there would be expenses if something were to happen to Teresa. “Think of all the things that Teresa does,” Irene recalls explaining to them.

The life insurance allowed them to pay bills while Nicolas was out of work for nearly two years recovering from his injuries, including an amputated finger. It also helped with college expenses for Mayra and her older sister, Susana. If not for the insurance, Nicolas is certain that his family would have lost their home. “It's like Teresa is still watching over us and taking care of us,” he says.

Income Earners Aren't the Only Ones Who Need Life Insurance

Working Parents

If you earn an income, your need for life insurance is obvious. When you die, your family will need to carry on in your absence and your income will be missed. Life insurance proceeds can be used to generate a stream of income for a period of time (e.g., five or 10 years) so that surviving family members can continue to pay for life's necessities.

Stay-at-Home Parents

Even though no paycheck is lost when a stay-at-home parent dies, there's still a big financial impact. Think about how expensive it is to pay for things like childcare, transportation, cooking, cleaning and other household chores. Life insurance money can pay for these services, giving the surviving spouse the option to keep working the same job and hours.

Slovak Parish Holds Christmas Event

Prince of Peace Parish, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, celebrated its annual Slovak Vilija and Jaslickare Program on December 15, 2012. Among the hundreds attending the traditional Christmas Eve Slovak dinner were Pittsburgh District members and their guests. The Pittsburgh Slovaks presented a lovely tribute to this blessed and joyous holy season.



Parishioners and guests enjoy the Prince of Peace Slovak vilija.



LPSCU Branch 42 member Sylvia Goda and Reverend Joseph Beck of Saint Rosalia Parish, Greenfield, Pennsylvania, with St. Nicholas (portrayed by Laurence Kozlowski).



The Pittsburgh Slovaks entertain.

SCRIPTSAVE®

UTILIZATION REPORT

	For December 2012	Year-to-Date 2012
Prescriptions Filled:	32	391
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$1,546.41	\$20,271.60
ScriptSave Pricing:	\$ 841.15	\$ 7,656.95
Total Dollars Saved		
by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 705,26	\$12,614.65
Average Saved per		
Discounted Prescription:	\$ 26.12	\$ 37.32
Overall LPSCU Discounted		
Prescription Savings:	46.53%	63.26%

Our group's discounted prescription savings for December 2012 amounted to 46.53%. With our year-to-date 2012 discounted prescription savings averaging 63.26%, or \$37.32 per discounted prescription, it's easy to see how our members benefit from the program every day. It is amazing to note that 391 prescriptions for our ScriptSave® card members were filled in 2012, with an overall discounted prescription savings of 63.26%. This is a remarkable savings for the year.

The ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Program is available at **NO COST** to you. There are **no monthly or ongoing fees, no limits on usage, and no income or age restrictions.** Your entire household can use the card to receive instant savings on brand name and generic prescriptions at over 62,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.

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. If you do not have access to a computer to apply for a card, call the Home Office and the Home Office will apply for a ScriptSave® card for you. 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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**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**

Dear Junior Members,

I am sure most of us are familiar with the popular nursery rhymes of our childhood, but did you know that most nursery rhymes were actually written with a double meaning for grownups?

For example, scholars insist that Humpty Dumpty was not an egg but he was the hunchbacked King Richard III of England, “who had a great fall” off his horse during a battle in the year 1485, when he was trampled to death. Thus, “All the King’s horses and all the King’s men couldn’t put Humpty together again.”



These types of rhymes with double meanings may have come about because long ago, adults could and would be arrested for saying unflattering things about their royal rulers. As a result, playful nicknames were invented to poke fun at the authorities. Many of the origins of nursery rhymes are believed to be associated with or reflect actual events in history.

For instance, at the time, some people thought the prissy “Mistress Mary” who was quite contrary was really Mary, Queen of Scots, and that “Little Boy Blue” was Cardinal Wolsey, who was careless in managing the affairs of England’s King Henry VIII. “Georgie Porgy” is thought to be King George I who liked to kiss the pretty ladies at court and when the royal advisors came looking for His Majesty, who was needed to perform his royal duties, “Georgie Porgy” ran away.

Some Mother Goose nursery rhymes were invented by vendors trying to peddle their products to customers. “Hot Cross Buns” and “Hot Boiled Beans” are catchy rhymes that children of that time learned as quickly as today’s youngsters learn the jingles of TV commercials.

You have all heard “Sing a Song of Sixpence” which tells of a “dainty dish” which was set before the king. It came from an era when no expense was spared to indulge and entertain His Majesty. In 16th century England, live birds (usually pigeons) were in a baked pie shell and when the crust was carefully cut, the birds would fly away, adding much excitement to a festive occasion.

April Fool!

April 1st is April Fool’s Day in America, but did you know it’s also celebrated in several countries around the world? Sometimes called All Fools’ Day, it is one of the most light-hearted days of the year. In England, if a joke is played on you, you may be called a “noddy” and you can only play tricks until noon. In France and several other European countries, April 1st is often referred to as April Fish. The prank is to stick a paper fish on the back of another person without being noticed. The day’s origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

A nursery rhyme was often used to parody the royal and political events and people of the day. It allowed an element of free speech at a time when more direct criticism or dissent would not be tolerated, and even be punished by imprisonment or death. The humble rhyme was used as a seemingly innocent vehicle to quickly spread a subversive message. A rhyme is usually short and easy to remember. This was a critical element because the majority of people were not able to read or write, so stories, songs, and rhymes were passed down through an oral tradition.

Nursery rhymes began to be printed in England as early as 1570. Printing allowed the production cheap pamphlets called chapbooks. These were small booklets containing poems, ballads, stories, and sometimes religious facts. They were popular when people were beginning to learn to read because they contained pictures and simple drawings that would help explain what they were reading. Think of it as the Middle Ages equivalent of a comic book!

Although some meanings of nursery rhymes may never be known for certain, these playful verses still continue to delight children today as they have for more than three hundred years.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

April Events

Here are some interesting and historic things that happened in the month of April:

- Congress established the first U.S. mint at Philadelphia (April 2, 1792).
- Fairy tale author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born in Odense, Denmark.
- The Boston Red Caps beat the Philadelphia Athletics 6-5 in the first official National League baseball game (1876).
- The United States sent the first weather Satellite, TRIOS 1, into orbit (1960).
- In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri (April 3, 1860). For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.
- The first space shuttle flight occurred with the launching of *Columbia* with astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen aboard (April 12, 1981).
- After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece (April 6, 1896).
- The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Baueregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina (April 12, 1861). The war ended four years later on April 9 as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia.



Do You Get the Message?

Here are some facts about ways we communicate.

The first adhesive postage stamp went on sale to the public in England on May 6, 1840. It had a picture of Queen Victoria, cost a penny, and was nicknamed the Penny Black. The intention was to indicate pre-payment of mail. Prior to this, most mail was paid for by the recipient.

In 1860, newspapers carried the following help-wanted ad for the Pony Express – a system of delivering mail by horseback: “WANTED: Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over 18. Must be expert riders and be willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred.”

In Supai, Arizona, a community nestled at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, the United States Postal Service uses a mule train because traditional mail delivery is impractical. Five days a week, mules trek eight miles down into the canyon, carrying an average of 200 pounds of mail.

In 1889, the first public coin telephone was installed by inventor William Gray at a bank in Hartford, Connecticut. It was a “postpay” machine, meaning that coins were deposited after the call was placed.

The first cellular phone, called the DynaTAC 8000X, was developed in 1973. According to its inventor, Martin Cooper, “It looked like a brick and weighed more than two pounds.” It sold for \$3,995!

Willy Müller invented the first automatic answering machine in 1935. The machine was 3 feet tall and was popular with Orthodox Jews who were forbidden to answer the phone on the Sabbath.

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Amazing Place Names

In past issues, we’ve written about special and unique things about our states. This time we’re going to talk about some place names on the U.S. map. We think you’ll find them unique and peculiar.

Speaking of peculiar, you might be if you hail from Peculiar, Missouri. Or you may have something to complain about if you live in Gripe, Arizona. Or smile if you come from Smileyberg, Kansas.

Some place names can make you downright hungry, such as Sandwich (Massachusetts), Pie Town (New Mexico), Hot Coffee (Mississippi), Tea (South Dakota), or Licksillet (Ohio).

And how about these towns with animal-themed names: Toad Suck Park (Arkansas), Hungry Horse (Montana), Monkey’s Eyebrow (Kentucky), Rabbit Shuffle (North Carolina), Possum Trot (Kentucky), and Fish Haven (Idaho).

Pull out your U.S. atlas and see what other unusual place names you can find.



The Easter Bunny & Friends

The 20th of March is the first day of spring and during this time leading up to Easter, the long-eared, cotton-tailed, wiggly-nosed Easter Bunny will be getting plenty of attention, so we’ve decided to pay homage to this cute critter. Carefully read the clues below to see how many of the Easter Bunny’s friends you can come up with.



1. This bunny’s adventures include sliding on the ice with his friend Bambi and meeting a skunk in the flower patch.
2. He was fat and pouchy with a spotted brown and white coat and pink sateen ears. His dream was to become real.
3. This bunny is famous for hopping down the Bunny Trail.
4. Mr. McGregor made a scarecrow out of the jacket and shoes this bunny lost.
5. This sweet and simple bunny from the Netherlands is always doing fun things, like riding his bike, flying his plane, and visiting the zoo.
6. This bunny from a popular children’s book is forever checking his pocket watch and exclaiming, “I’m late! I’m late!”
7. He’s always munching on carrots and cleverly escaping from his stalker, Elmer Fudd.
8. And who can forget this charming pink rabbit who just keeps going and going . . . ?

Answers – 1. Thumper, 2. The Velveteen Rabbit, 3. Peter Cottontail, 4. Peter Rabbit, 5. Miffy, 6. The White Rabbit, 7. Bugs Bunny, 8. The Energizer Bunny

Kids in the Kitchen

CRISPY POTATO FRITTATA

You can help Mom prepare this tasty dish by cracking the eggs. You will need:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 medium potatoes | 3 tomatoes (from a can) |
| 4 tps. extra virgin oil | 12 eggs |
| ½ lb. spinach, washed | Salt and pepper to taste |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash and steam potatoes until tender, about 20 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and let cool, then mash with a fork. Meanwhile, heat 1 teaspoon of oil in a large skillet. Add spinach and cook 1 minute, tossing constantly, until spinach wilts. Heat the remainder of the oil in a large oven-proof non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes and brown for 3 minutes. Add spinach and tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Crack and lightly whisk the eggs and pour over vegetables.

Bake until cooked through. (This will take about 20 minutes.) Cool about 5 minutes and cut into wedges.



PERIODICAL

Be Transfigured

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*Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in His stead.*

*Here on earth applying principles of love,
Visible expression God still rules above
Living illustration of the Living Word
To the minds of all who've never seen or heard.*

*Blest to be a blessing privileged to care,
Challenged by the need apparent everywhere.
Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place.
Be the means through which the Lord reveals His grace.*

*Add to your believing deeds that prove it true,
Knowing Christ as Savior, make Him Master, too.
Follow in His footsteps, go where He has trod;
In the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.*

*Let your heart be tender and your vision clear;
See mankind as God sees, serve Him far and near.
Let your heart be broken by a brother's pain;
Share your rich resources, give and give again.*

On behalf of myself and our National Board of Directors, I wish you and those you love a very Happy and Joyous Easter! As we celebrate Easter and recommit ourselves to living our baptismal faith, may we daily strive to see the face of God in others so that we may more willingly share his love and peace with them.

Nech Vás Boh požehná počas Vel'kej noci a ochraňuje celý rok. Nech Vám dá Boh dostatok viery, aby sa Vám splnili Vaše sny. Nech jeho láska a múdrosť vás vždy sprevádzajú na Vašej ceste. Nech jeho svetlo Vám svieti a požehná Vašu Vel'kú noc. Veselú Vel'kú noc! Kristus vstal zmŕtvych! Naozaj vstal zmŕtvych!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla

Saturday, May 4, is JOIN HANDS DAY

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike will come together on JOIN HANDS DAY to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects. JOIN HANDS DAY is a program of the American Fraternal Alliance. The 125-year-old organization unites 70 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies that operate in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

If you are a young person, consider getting involved. Through participation, you will develop your leadership skills and help make important decisions affecting your community. If you are an adult, JOIN HANDS DAY gives you an opportunity to use your abilities to fix local problems, learn to work effectively with young people, and show you care.

The LPSCU encourages the youth and adult members of our Branches and Districts to partner with other volunteer groups in their community to organize JOIN HANDS DAY projects to be undertaken on Saturday, May 4. These projects can include conducting a food drive for a homeless shelter, picking up litter in a community playground or park, visiting the residents in nursing homes, or cleaning up gardens and planting flowers for elderly neighbors.

Show your true volunteer spirit and promote your local JOIN HANDS DAY project. You can share your accomplishments and photos from your group's activities by posting them on the American Fraternal Alliance Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fraternalalliance>.

The LPSCU looks 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 *Zornicka*.

Do You Get the Message? *continued from page 23*

The first message sent by computer was transmitted on October 29, 1969. The sender typed the word "login." Unfortunately, the computer crashed in mid-transmission and only "log" came through.

The first major commercial mass mailing of spam (a term for junk or unsolicited e-mail indiscriminately sent in bulk)

was a 1994 when a husband and wife team of attorneys began posting their law services online. (An interesting side note: Hormel Foods Corporation, the maker of Spam luncheon meat, does not object to the Internet use of the term "spamming." But, they did ask that the capitalized word "Spam" be reserved to refer to their product and trademark.)