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Sunday, June 28, 2020

Saint Benedict the Abbot
Catholic Church

On Sunday, June 28, 2020, the LPSCU will celebrate its 42nd National Convention Liturgy at Saint Benedict the Abbot Catholic Church in McMurray, Pennsylvania. The Most Reverend David A. Zubik, D.D., will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome!



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- 17** – Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) if you plan to attend.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Morning Star.**
- 20** – Deadline for any member wishing to be a delegate to the LPSCU National Convention in June to contact their Branch representative. *See page 8 for more details.*
- 20** – Deadline to request to represent Branches 90 or 213 at the LPSCU National Convention in June. *See page 10 for more details.*
- 25-26** – LPSCU Internal Audit
- 27** – LPSCU Annual Board Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

APRIL

- 1** – Deadline to nominate a member as our 2020 Fraternalist of the Year. *See page 17 for details.*
- 15** – Deadline to submit a completed Intent Form to the Home Office for any member wishing to run for National President at the June LPSCU National Convention. *More details on page 5.*
- 17** – LPSCU Branch 60 will be attending the Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts presentation of *The Sound of Music*. Any member interested in attending must contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by April 7. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Payment will be required at the time your reservation is made.
- 26** – Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the North End Slovak Club, N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branch 6 will host.
- 27-28** – Slovak Catholic Federation's Spring Meeting, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- 30** – Deadline to apply for a 2020 LPSCU College Award. *Details on page 10.*
- 30** – Deadline to request a Patron listing in our National Convention booklet. *See Order Form on page 15.*

MAY

- 1** – Deadline to submit a completed Intent Form to the Home Office for any member wishing to run for National Office at the June LPSCU National Convention (with the exception of President; see April 15 above). *More details on page 5.*
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Morning Star.**
- 22** – Deadline to enter the Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant. *See page 18 for details.*
- 26-28** – American Fraternal Alliance's Spring Symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana

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PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As the Lenten season begins, there is one familiar hymn that resonates throughout the season: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* In a particular way, this hymn evokes a deep sense of emotion that engages every person of faith to ponder the meaning of the Lord's Passion in their lives. One of the more personal and moving ways for Christians to join their hearts to the sufferings of Christ is by reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross. It is through this prayer that every Christian has the opportunity to walk with Jesus on pilgrimage to Calvary and to the glory of Easter. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most popular traditions of Lent. Therefore, I would like to encourage families and individuals to take time during the Lenten season to participate in this spiritual pilgrimage of prayer by meditating on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.



Parish schedules and times for the Stations of the Cross can vary. I suggest that you check your bulletin or church website for the listing of Stations of the Cross being celebrated in your local parish.

*"We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you,
because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world."*

Cooking Corner

BLESSED EASTER APPETIZER (COLD SOUP)

- 6-8 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1½ c. baked smoked Polish sausage, sliced
- 1½ c. baked ham, cubed
- 1½ qt. regular buttermilk
- 1 pt. regular sour cream
- ½ jar hot or regular horseradish (or more, to your taste)
- 6 chopped green onions
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp. white vinegar

Mix well: buttermilk, sour cream, horseradish, garlic powder, and vinegar in a large bowl. Add eggs, ham, sausage, and green onions. Mix well again. Store in fridge until ready to eat. Serve with chunks of rye bread.



The Passion Prayer

*Lord Jesus,
by Your Passion and Resurrection
You brought life to the world.
But the glory of the Resurrection
came only after the sufferings of the Passion.*

*You laid down your life willingly
and gave up everything for us.
Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross,
Your clothing became the prize of soldiers,
your blood ebbed slowly but surely away,
and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.*

*Stretched out on the Cross,
deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid,
You cried out to Your Father that the end had come.
You had accomplished the work given You,
and You committed into His hands,
as a perfect gift,
the little life that remained to You.*

*Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions
after the example You have given.
Let me place my death in Yours
and my weakness in Your abandonment,
Take hold of me with Your love,
that same foolish love that knew no limits,
and let me offer myself to the Father
with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.*

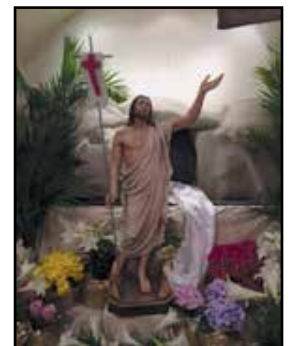
Amen.

May the Lenten Season be a time of spiritual discipline, sacrifice, and prayerful preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lenten and Easter Blessings to all,

Father Bob

Rev. Robert L. Seeman
Spiritual Advisor



New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	Nov./Dec. 2019	Year-to-Date Total
52	James Tomasic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
64	Susan Ondrejco	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
90	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
156*	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
		\$ 34,000.00	\$ 66,000.00

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An Easter Message from Our Spiritual Protector

*My Sisters and Brothers
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ has Died...
Christ is risen ...
Christ will come again*



On Easter Sunday, we celebrate life. We celebrate the One who is life, who died for us on the cross and rose on the third day, the One who is alive and here with us right now. We celebrate Jesus and OUR EVERLASTING LIFE: The gift he gave us 2,000 years ago and the new life that he has brought us through His RESURRECTION.

I recently watched a movie called *I Can Only Imagine*, the life story of Bart Millard, who was the writer of the song by that same name and lead singer for the band Mercy Me. Throughout the movie, we see how his father affected his life. The relationship most times was turbulent. However, Bart turned to Christ and Christian music to lift him up through those times. Bart's father was brought back to faith when he heard his son sing "Amazing Grace" on the radio, with the pastor speaking of redemption. Towards the end of his father's life, Bart discovered that his father had cancer. This changed both of them and they mended their relationship with each other, along with the relationship they each had with Christ. After his father's passing, Bart was moved to write the song "I Can Only Imagine," a simple song about meeting Jesus for the first time after our death and the reaction we may have.

Easter is the celebration that opens the gates of heaven so that we can meet Jesus the first time after our death. It is a time of glory, just as it was when Jesus rose on that Sunday morning 2,000 years ago.

Peace,

Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB
LPSCU Spiritual Protector

Msgr. Beeda District Announces Meeting

The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 17, at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) if you plan to attend.



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

*Vesela veľka noc
Radostne Aleluja*

*Sventu Velyku
Linkejimai*

CALL TO THE 42nd NATIONAL LPSCU CONVENTION

June 26-28, 2020
Washington, Pennsylvania

In accordance with LPSCU By-Law Article VIII Section 2(k), I hereby issue a call for the 42nd National Convention of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to convene on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at the Double Tree by Hilton, Washington, Pennsylvania. Registration of delegates will begin on Friday, June 26, at a time to be announced.

CONVENTION

LPSCU Constitution Article VII Section 1: The National Convention is the highest governing body of the LPSCU.

LPSCU Constitution Article VII Section 2: The National Convention consists of the National Board Directors, Honorary Officers, Court of Appeals, and the delegates sent by various Branches.

DELEGATES

LPSCU By-Law Article XI:

Section 1 – Each Branch in good standing, having at least 10 members, will be entitled to have a delegate at the National Convention. Any one Branch may have no more than fifteen (15) delegates.

Section 2 – Each Branch determines traveling expenses and daily allowances for its delegates. The LPSCU will pay the delegate's expense for hotel and meals during the time spent at the National Convention. Each Branch having between 10 and 50 members, inclusive, is entitled to one delegate; 50 plus 1 member – two delegates; 100 plus 1 members – three delegates; 150 plus 1 members – four delegates, etc. The delegate must be elected by a simple majority of the members present at a regular or special Branch meeting. The delegate's application must be returned by the time designated. The number of members in good standing is designated according to the membership list held by the Secretary-Treasurer from the sixth month previous to the National Convention.

Section 3 – Each Branch has the opportunity to elect alternates to represent its Branch at the National Convention in the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing an elected delegate from attending the National Convention.

Section 4 – A delegate to the National Convention must be 18 years of age, an active member in good standing, and duly elected at the regular or special meeting of the Branch in which they hold membership.

LPSCU Constitution Article VII:

Section 5 – The Credential Committee meets prior to the opening of the National Convention and submits a report to the National Convention regarding the number of registered delegates. The National Convention is the sole judge of the qualifications of its delegates and may refuse or grant any person the right to be a delegate.

Fraternally,

Theresa A. Kluchinski
National President

ATTENTION!

ALL MEMBERS ASPIRING FOR LPSCU NATIONAL OFFICE

According to the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors' Semiannual Meeting held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on September 18-19, 2015, it is required that any member with aspirations for National Office must request an Intent Form from the Home Office. According to the LPSCU Bylaws, the qualifications for candidates are set forth in Article III:

Section 2. A candidate for office must be at least 21 years of age, an active member, and be present as a delegate at the National Convention.

Section 3. No two immediate family members can serve as an Officer of the LPSCU during the same term of office. Immediate family is defined as: grandparent, parent, spouse, or sibling.

Section 4. A member or delegate who is a National Officer/Director/Board Member of another fraternal benefit society may not hold office of the LPSCU.

Section 10. No hired employee of the LPSCU shall be eligible to hold any National Office in the LPSCU while so employed, with the exception of the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 11. Since the position of President is full time, working out of the Home Office, nominations for this position will not be made from the floor. Nominations for this position are by written application, stating the nominee's qualifications, personal background, and history. Applications must be submitted to the Home Office two months prior to the National Convention. The National Board of Directors will verify these qualifications by use of personal interviews, a professional investigating company, or any other means. From these applications, the National Board of Directors shall recommend to the Nominating Committee candidates qualifying for the position of President. In the event the National Board of Directors cannot recommend a qualified candidate to the Nominating Committee, a search committee will be appointed by the National Convention to fill the vacancy.

Section 12. While nominations from the floor are to be accepted for all National Offices, excluding the position of President and the hired position of Secretary-Treasurer, upon acceptance of the nomination, nominee will provide a resume to the delegates of the National Convention, containing personal background, history, and past experience to prove their qualifications for the office to which they have been nominated.

The completed Intent Form must be returned to the Home Office with a postmark no later than May 1, 2020, with the exception of the Intent Form for the President position, which is to be returned to the Home Office with a postmark no later than April 15, 2020.

LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its annual Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at the beautiful Steel Club, formerly the Bethlehem Steel Country Club, in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. A punch reception commenced at noon in the Fireplace Room, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Thirty members and five guests attended this festive event.



President Jean Kosalko welcomes everyone.

Jean Kosalko, president of the Lehigh Valley Okres, extended a warm welcome to all present. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, pastor emeritus of St. John the Baptist Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, offered a special prayer as all partook of *oplatky* distributed before the meal. The *oplatky* were a special gift received by

President Kosalko from friends who reside in Slovakia. A delicious luncheon consisting of salad, Maryland crab cakes, chicken picata, roast beef, oven roasted potatoes, and glazed carrots was served. Fancy holiday desserts completed the meal.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, President Kosalko introduced herself and the other Okres officers: Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri and the two newly elected officers, Vice President Jeffrey Kosalko and Secretary Marie Egan. Margaret Ferri spoke about the various scholarships and benefits offered by the LPSCU. She stressed the importance of reading the *Morning Star*, the LPSCU fraternal magazine, to be aware of educational and fraternal benefits offered by our society. She also noted the LPSCU's upcoming Convention will be held in Washington, Pennsylvania, from June 26 to 28, 2020, and that Branches will be electing their delegates shortly.

In her role as Secretary of LPSCU Branch 130, Margaret announced that the Branch had two members who received educational awards in 2019. She introduced Katelyn Glenn, who received a Post Graduate Award, and mentioned Sarah Bobeck, who received the Margaret Sabol Memorial Scholarship. Branch 130 Treasurer Helen Bobeck presented Katelyn

with a monetary gift from the Branch. As Sarah was not able to be present at the luncheon, Branch 130 Recording Secretary Anna Sopko presented Sarah's monetary gift to Sarah's grandparents, Helen and Daniel Bobeck.

Santa made a surprise entrance and distributed gifts to five children present and to Okres officers and honored guests. Each attendee received a bayberry candle as a favor. As a gift from the Okres, each lady present received a poinsettia plant and each man received a gift bag of goodies with a bottle of wine.

President Kosalko thanked everyone for attending the annual Holiday Luncheon and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The festivities concluded with a benediction offered by Rev. David Kozak, pastor of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who then led everyone in singing "Silent Night."



Helen Bobeck presents a monetary gift to member Katelyn Glenn on behalf of the Branch 130.



Okres Vice President Jeffrey Kosalko helps Santa present gifts.



Honored guests Msgr. Robert F. Kozel (left), and Rev. David Kozak (right) with Santa.

MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Beeda District's annual Christmas party was held on Friday, December 6, 2019, at Rocco's Restaurant in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. District President Anita Gregory welcomed twenty-seven members and four guests to the holiday celebration and began by reciting a beautiful Christmas prayer. She thanked everyone for their cooperation and support throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Joining us for the evening were National President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.

A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by all along with dessert and beverages. A favor of a Hershey chocolate Santa was given to each person in attendance.

Everyone always looks forward to our raffles and this year many of the raffle prizes were donated by LPSCU Branch 60 members and also by officers of the District. Several happy attendees went home with some beautiful Christmas prizes so thank you to all who donated them.

Once again we have completed a successful year and enjoyed spending time together and also helping people in our communities. We look forward to 2020 so watch the *Morning Star* for our upcoming events.



Members from Branches 1, 39, 60, and 124 who attended the Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas party at Rocco's Restaurant.



L-R: Chris, Anita, Jonathan, and Emma Gregory.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Members of the Pittsburgh District held their annual Christmas party on November 24, 2019, at Banquets Unlimited in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. Thirty-four members and guests attended the luncheon. District President Dolores Sakal greeted everyone and thanked them for donating items for two wonderful causes. Members were asked to bring canned good donations for the local food bank and also personal items for the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor located in Baden, Pennsylvania. Everyone was very generous with their donations.



District President Dolores Sakal

Margaret Joschak of Branch 42 led the group in the blessing before dinner. Mikey Dee of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, entertained the group playing Slovak and Christmas songs on his accordion. He also played several polkas, sparking some of the group to get on the dance floor. A Chinese auction was held and door prizes and favors were handed out.

We were blessed with a beautiful day to initiate the holiday season and everyone had an enjoyable time.



Members and guests who attended the Pittsburgh District's Christmas party.



Mikey Dee's lively tunes got some of the ladies up on the dance floor.



Some of the items generously donated by members.

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Reverend Dianiska District held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 1, 2019, at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Twenty-eight members and guests attended the event which was hosted by District President Mary Ann Ewasko and members of Branch 6.

President Ewasko welcomed everyone with Christmas greetings for health and happiness in the New Year. National President Theresa Kluchinsk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year on behalf of the LPSCU.

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Branch 6 member Diane Jason read a Christmas prayer. President Ewasko then offered the blessing and an *oplatky* prayer. Everyone exchanged Christmas wishes while sharing their wafers.

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, a dessert table, and a variety of beverages.

After the meal, President Ewasko announced the LPSCU's 2019 college scholarship recipients from the District: Alexandra McHale and Samuel Montante, both from Branch 7, and Cassandra Rinker from Branch 213. President Kluchinski presented Marissa Jason of Branch 6 with the 2019 Youth Achievement Award.

A check for \$400 from the Matching Fund Special Raffle was presented to The Catherine McCauley House in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, along with canned goods donated by members and guests.

Santa couldn't make the party this year due to being stuck in an ice storm, but so as not to let the children down, he left gifts at Genetti's ahead of time with instructions for Mary Ann Ewasko and Margaret Jollimore to distribute them. Gavin Jollimore and Marissa Jason also passed out candy to everyone in attendance.

With another successful year behind us, the Reverend Dianiska District wishes everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

Susan Worth



President Kluchinski (second from right) presents Marissa Jason (center) with the 2019 Youth Achievement Award. Also pictured, from left, are Marissa's family: dad, Paul; mom, Diane; and grandmother, Mary Ann Ewasko.

Attention All Members

CONVENTION DELEGATE NOTICE

Any LPSCU member interested in being a delegate to the National Convention at the Doubletree by Hilton in Washington, Pennsylvania, on June 26-28, 2020, should contact their Branch Representative before March 20, 2020. If you, as a member, do not know who your Branch Representative is, contact the Home Office for the information: Home Office toll free phone 888-834-6614; e-mail lpescu@lpescu.org; fax 570-823-4464. Additional information regarding the National Convention and LPSCU Branches can be found on our website at www.lpescu.org.



President Theresa Kluchinski (left) presents college scholarship checks to Anita Montante (second from left) who accepted for her grandson, Samuel Montante, and Alexandra McHale (right) with her mother, Melissa (second from right).



Young members attending the party included, clockwise from top left, Kendra Jollimore, Marissa Jason holding Adam Landmesser, Emily Landmesser, and Gavin Jollimore.

Lehigh Valley Okres Holds Matching Fund Project

On December 15, 2019, the Lehigh Valley Okres held a Matching Fund project for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. The event was a themed gift basket raffle held during the Okres's Holiday Luncheon at The Steel Club (formerly the Bethlehem Steel Country Club) in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. Okres members donated 20 gift baskets for the raffle.

Okres Secretary Marie Egan coordinated the raffle with Helen Bobeck, treasurer of Branch 83 and 130. A total of \$150 was raised from the proceeds of the raffle. Okres Treasurer Margaret Ferri subsequently mailed a check for \$150 to the Carmelite Monastery. (Since the Carmelite nuns are a cloistered order, a photo could not be taken for personal presentation of the check.) The LPSCU Home Office will match the \$150 raised for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery.

BISHOP ANDREW G. GRUTKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

\$1,000 AWARD

(Maximum of \$2,000 per member)

The LPSCU is proud to once again 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 (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.
- Provide a Sponsor Eligibility Form from their parish to show they are active Catholics.
- 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, 2020.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting material to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
ATTN: Bishop Grutka Award
P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Ph: 570-823-3513 ❖ TF: 888-834-6614 ❖ Fx: 570-823-4464

E-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org ❖ Website: www.lpscu.org

Member Zachary Kaylor Weds in Ohio

Zachary Kaylor and Liz Anderson were married on Saturday, December 14, 2019, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The reception was held at the Summit Hotel.

The wedding was attended by family and friends who traveled far and wide to celebrate the happy occasion, including fellow classmates from the University of Dayton and members of the Ultimate Frisbee Team that Zachary and his dad coach.

Zachary is a member of LPSCU Branch 64, North Side Pittsburgh. He is the son of Michael and Deborah Kaylor and grandson of Thomas and Mary Ann Kaylor.

Zachary is employed at Gorilla Glue where he is an IT Business Specialist. Liz is employed at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center where she works in Marketing and Design.

The newlyweds reside in Norwood, Ohio.

The LPSCU extends congratulations to Zachary and his bride and wishes them many years of happiness.



Newlyweds Liz and Zachary Kaylor.



L-R: Zachary's grandparents, Tom and Mary Ann Kaylor, and parents, Deborah and Michael Kaylor.

EDITORIAL NOTICE

The editor reserves the right to edit submissions to *Morning Star* in order to correct grammatical or spelling errors, delete repetitions, clarify ideas, or reduce the amount of copy and/or photos to fit available space.

Branch 213 Concludes Matching Fund Project

LPSCU Branch 213 held a wreath sale during the Christmas season as a Matching Fund project to benefit St. Andrew's Parish in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The 24" Douglas fir wreaths with boxwood accents were available for pre-order and were distributed at the parish the weekend of December 7-8, 2019. Total proceeds from the sale, including the matching funds collected, were \$450.



LPSCU National President and Branch 213 Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski (left) presents the donation check to Deacon William F. Behm, parish life coordinator at St. Andrew's Parish.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES Branch 90 (Johnstown, PA) and Branch 213 (Wilkes-Barre Area)

Members of Branch 90 (Johnstown, Pennsylvania) and Branch 213 (Wilkes-Barre/Dallas, Pennsylvania area) who are interested in representing their Branch as a Delegate to the LPSCU National Convention at the Doubletree by Hilton in Washington, Pennsylvania, to be held June 26-28, 2020, are instructed to contact Branch Representative Theresa Kluchinski. You may call 570-829-5410, email tkluchinski@aol.com or write to 446 Mountain Oaks Drive, Laurel Run, PA 18706. ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 20, 2020.

Morning Star contributors,
send items to:
zornicka@lpescu.org



LPSCU
EDUCATIONAL
BENEFIT

2020 COLLEGE AWARD

**\$500 ONE-TIME
AWARD**

The LPSCU is offering a \$500, one-time College Award to our members who will be attending college during the 2020-2021 academic year. A total of 25 College Awards will be granted.



These are the guidelines for those applying for this award:

- Applicants must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with at least a \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance plan (excludes term insurance).
- Applicants must be a high school senior or college freshman, sophomore, or junior.
- High school seniors must provide a letter of recommendation from a school representative (ex: teacher, guidance counselor, or principal).
- High school applicants must submit an official transcript from their school that includes test scores; College students must submit documentation indicating latest overall GPA.
- Applicants must provide a detailed list of extracurricular activities, honors, and awards.
- Applicants must provide a detailed list of church, community, volunteer, and work activities including honors and awards, with reference(s) included.
- Applicants must be attending an accredited college/university on a full time basis for the 2020-2021 academic year and must submit proof of acceptance for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Applicants must submit a brief essay (no more than 200 words) on the topic "Why is life insurance important?"
- Applicants must provide a wallet-size color photo.

In order for an applicant to be eligible, all criteria outlined above must be met and all requested data provided. Applications with incomplete data or missing requirements will not be considered. All submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. The LPSCU reserves the right to publish the applicant's entire essay or excerpts thereof, at its own discretion, in its official publication, *Morning Star*.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2020.** Submit applications to:

**LADIES
PENNSYLVANIA
SLOVAK CATHOLIC
UNION**

P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513
Toll free: 888-834-6614
Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: lpescu@lpescu.org
Website: www.lpescu.org



Letters

Dear Theresa Kluchinski and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you so much for your generous monetary gift for 50 years as a member of LPSCU. It was a pleasant surprise and I want you to know it is greatly appreciated. Thank you again! Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Mary Ellen Soltis
Branch 52, Braddock, PA

Dear Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you so much for the wedding cross to commemorate my recent wedding. I look forward to finding a proper location for displaying it once I am settled into my new home.

Thank you again,

Jennifer Smith
Branch 197, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Film Depicts Little Known Part of Lithuanian History

Between 1941 and 1953, over 250,000 Lithuanians were deported to gulags in Siberia. Many of them were academics, intellectuals, and government officials. Most of them were women and children. Loaded into cattle cars, they were sent to labor camps close to the Arctic Circle. This episode in the Lithuanian people's struggle is still not well known.

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the film "Ashes in the Snow" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. This film is a screenplay of the best-selling novel *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. Based on true events, the film follows one family who is forced to endure these horrific times.

The film will be shown in The Burke Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. For any questions or further information, contact Martha Zavada at 570-954-3771. Hope to see you there! *Sveikas!*

Study Abroad in Slovakia Scholarship Available

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C. has announced that the government of the Slovak Republic is offering one scholarship for a United States citizen to study at the Slovak universities. Since the study program is conducted in the Slovak language, a mastery of the language at the required level is a condition for obtaining the scholarship. Non-Slovak speaking candidates would have to pass a 10-month Slovak language course, the cost of which is also covered by the scholarship.

Interested candidates can apply for the scholarship online at <https://www.vladnestipendia.sk/en/>. Technical support is available at helpdesk@studyabroad.sk or by calling +412 907 551 404. **The deadline for online registration is May 30, 2020.**

MARCH/APRIL 2020

Exploring a Member's Pittsburgh History

While visiting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Cary, North Carolina resident Beata Lorinc thought it would be a good idea to learn a bit more about the city where her husband, Greg, was born and raised. She scheduled a walking tour of downtown Pittsburgh at night. Among the fascinating and quirky tidbits of the city's history is the fact that the luxurious 4-star William Penn Hotel had a speakeasy back in the day. After many years of being lost behind a brick wall, it was rediscovered during a renovation of the building and is once again in full swing. The late Mary Lorinc of Pittsburgh Branch 64 started this tour tradition which has been passed on to the next three generations of LPSCU members.



From left, Deb and Mike Kaylor, Mary Ann Kaylor, Helen Lorinc, Greg and Beata Lorinc, and their two sons, Dylan and Leo, taken at Point State Park.

In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
John Milkanin	7	Exeter, PA
Madeleine Barush	19	Swoyersville, PA
Jerome Lencoski	19	Swoyersville, PA
Margaret Gitski*	38	Whitehall, PA
Helen Grannetino	40	Allentown, PA
Joseph Polaha*	40	Allentown, PA
Mary Wingfield*	40	Allentown, PA
John Kosco	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Leona Marszalek	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Anna Lee Tarazoff	109	Hammond, IN
Mildred Crnarich*	132	Campbell, OH
Sr. M. Cornelia Blasko	210	Lacon, IL
Theresa Kotch	213	Dallas, PA
Alice Olejar	213	Dallas, PA

*Multiple certificates

**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

Member Graduates from Bloomsburg University

Jennifer Smith graduated cum laude from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 2019, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Leadership. Part of the graduation requirements was a team project that included identifying a technical problem, developing solutions to the problem, and creating a cost analysis. The project culminated in a presentation to over 15 prominent local business persons.

Jen also graduated magna cum laude from Lehigh Carbon Community College, located in Schnecksville, Pennsylvania, in December 2017 with an Associate's degree in Business Management. Upon graduation from Lehigh Carbon Community College, Jennifer received the Climax Goulder Bealine Award given to the graduating student in the Business Management program with the highest grade point average. She is a graduate of Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and is a member of Branch 197, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Jen is currently utilizing her education at the Wells Fargo branch in Savannah, Georgia.

The LPSCU extends warm congratulations on her achievements and wishes her well in her future endeavors.



Jennifer Smith

Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

The Importance of Life Insurance

Life insurance is important because I want to be sure that if something were to happen to me, my family would be taken care of. God shows us every day how fragile our life is and how it could end at any given time. As Matthew once said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34). We have to have faith that everything happens for a reason larger than what we can comprehend as humans. However, even when we enter the next stage of life, the people still on Earth continue to live on to tomorrow. Having life insurance is what allows one not to worry about tomorrow, for each day I know that the people I love will be okay financially. Knowing that my family will have one less burden on their shoulders is more than enough of a reason for why one should not hesitate to invest in life insurance.

Kelly Zuzic

Branch 40, Allentown, PA

2020 YOUTH *Achievement* AWARD

Let an
outstanding
young person
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.



Marissa Jason
2019 WINNER

Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young member that they are appreciated by nominating him or her for the **2020 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**.

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

**The postmark deadline for nominations
is June 1, 2020!**

Lehigh Valley Area Members...

YOU ARE INVITED!

On Saturday, September 26, 2020, LPSCU members in the Lehigh Valley area are invited to be our guests at a breakfast to be held at the Lehigh Valley Hotel by Best Western, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling National Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge at 888-834-6614 or by e-mailing lpscu@lpscu.org. Members will be the guests of the LPSCU. Non-members can attend at a cost of \$25 per person.

Breakfast is being held in conjunction with the LPSCU's Semi-Annual Board Meeting. Come and meet the LPSCU Board of Directors.

Deadline for reservations is September 2, 2020.

Join Father Bob Seeman for a trip to

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www.pilgrimages.com/frseeman/holyland



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Have more questions?

Call Cara at 1-800-206-TOUR (8687)
or e-mail Cara@206tours.com.

Branch 60 to Attend Theatre

On April 17, 2020, Branch 60 will be attending the Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts presentation of "The Sound of Music" at the J.J. Ferrara Center located at 212 W. Broad Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Any LPSCU member interested in attending must contact Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263 by April 7. Tickets are \$20 per person and payment will be required at the time reservations are made.



The LPSCU is proud to announce that it is offering a Catholic Grade School Award Benefit, which is a \$150 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic Grade School during the 2020-2021 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

The following are the Guidelines for applying for the Catholic Grade 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 enrolled in a Catholic grade school in kindergarten, or in Grades 1 through 8 in the fall of 2020.
- 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, 2020.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting materials to:

LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION

ATTN: Catholic Grade School Award

P.O. Box 32 • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

P: 570-823-3513 • TF: 888-834-6614 • F: 570-823-4464

E: lpscu@lpscu.org • W: www.lpscu.org



Discover Slovakia's Rich Folk Traditions

Be a part of Slovakia's exciting folk art and traditional music revival on the 2020 Slovakia Heritage Tour, September 11-20. This nine-day, small group excursion (limit of 15 travelers) brings you back to your Slovak family roots as you explore the vibrant culture, intriguing history, and spectacular countryside of your ancestral land.

Over the past few years, Slovakia has seen a revival of interest in its traditional music, dress, and crafts. Once again people are sewing, embroidering, and wearing the traditional *kroj* (clothing) distinctive to each village. Traditional folk patterns are finding their way into contemporary fashion as well as home and product design. Musicians playing the folk music of each region can be found in cafes, restaurants, parks and on street corners, bringing back the old-country melodies that you might remember from your childhood. For young people it's now "in" to dance and play music with a folk-dance company, filling the stages of local festivals with the swirling of colorful outfits and acrobatic dance moves to the lively, haunting village tunes.

From the Danube plains to the Tatry Mountains and Eastern Slovakia, we'll travel comfortably around this small but diverse country to explore picturesque villages, spectacular castles, outdoor folk-life museums, mountain resort towns, pastoral landscapes, and small cities with well-preserved medieval buildings, Soviet-era remnants, and the vibrant life of Slovakia today. You'll see Slovakia up-close and personal, joining with Slovaks as they celebrate age-old wine, harvest, and mining festivals.

One of the most important parts of the tour is for travelers to explore their own Slovak roots with personalized visits to Slovak family and ancestral villages. Working with our genealogist, we'll help you trace your family history and reconnect with family if that's possible. We'll also help you extend your stay with pre- and post-tour extensions in Slovakia or to Prague, Budapest, or Krakow.

For more information and to discuss your personal family plans, please contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544- 5144 or email slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com. For a day-by-day itinerary and photos of past tours, visit www.slovakiaheritage.com.



A group from our 2019 tour with a family of musicians from the Orava region.

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Family Life Insurance

71 South Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
570-823-3513 ❖ 888-834-6614

42nd National Convention
June 26-28, 2020

CONVENTION BOOKLET PATRON FORM

PATRONS	RATE SCHEDULE
Platinum	\$ 100.00
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Bronze	\$ 10.00
Memorials	\$ 20.00

EXAMPLES OF PATRONS WORDING

Platinum/Diamond/Gold/Silver/Bronze:

*Ladies Pennsylvania
Slovak Catholic Union Branch XX
City, State*

OR

*John and Mary Smith, LPSCU Branch XX
City, State*

Memorial Patron:

*John and Mary Smith by daughter,
Ann (Smith) Jones
LPSCU Branch XX, City, State*

PATRON ORDER FORM – Please type or print

Patron's Name _____

City/State _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Type of Patron _____ Amount \$ _____

Requested Wording _____

Please make check payable to: LPSCU
DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2020

Forward to: Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Attn: Mary Jo Savidge, Secretary-Treasurer
P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032

LPSCU 10 Payment Life Plan

The LPSCU offers an economic and beneficial 10 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 to 75. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase requirement of life insurance. For those ages 0-70, the minimum purchase amount is \$5,000; for ages 71-75, the minimum purchase amount is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for ten (10) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 10-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 ten 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 10 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 10 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within ten years.

During these unstable economic times, the 10 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 10 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.

10 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	10.45	9.07	0.94	0.82
1	10.74	9.34	0.97	0.84
2	11.06	9.63	1.00	0.87
3	11.41	9.94	1.03	0.89
4	11.78	10.11	1.06	0.91
5	12.17	10.60	1.10	0.95
6	12.57	10.95	1.13	0.99
7	12.99	11.31	1.17	1.02
8	13.42	11.69	1.21	1.05
9	13.87	12.07	1.25	1.09
10	14.33	12.47	1.29	1.12
11	14.81	12.80	1.33	1.15
12	15.30	13.31	1.38	1.20
13	15.80	13.75	1.42	1.24
14	16.32	14.15	1.47	1.27
15	16.84	14.66	1.52	1.32
16	17.36	15.13	1.56	1.36
17	17.89	15.62	1.61	1.41
18	18.42	16.12	1.66	1.45
19	18.98	16.64	1.71	1.50
20	19.54	17.18	1.76	1.55
21	20.12	17.73	1.81	1.60
22	20.73	18.20	1.87	1.64
23	21.35	18.87	1.92	1.70
24	21.99	19.50	1.98	1.76
25	22.66	20.13	2.04	1.81
26	23.34	20.78	2.10	1.87
27	24.05	21.45	2.16	1.93
28	24.78	22.14	2.23	1.99
29	25.53	22.85	2.30	2.06
30	26.31	23.59	2.37	2.12
31	27.12	24.26	2.44	2.18
32	27.97	25.13	2.52	2.26
33	28.85	25.94	2.60	2.33
34	29.75	26.62	2.68	2.40
35	30.69	27.62	2.76	2.49
36	31.65	28.31	2.85	2.55
37	32.65	29.32	2.94	2.64

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
38	33.69	30.33	3.03	2.73
39	34.74	31.28	3.13	2.82
40	35.83	32.01	3.22	2.88
41	36.96	33.02	3.33	2.97
42	38.11	34.34	3.43	3.09
43	39.30	35.38	3.54	3.18
44	40.51	36.39	3.65	3.28
45	41.75	37.40	3.76	3.37
46	43.02	38.75	3.87	3.49
47	44.31	39.76	3.99	3.58
48	45.63	41.11	4.11	3.70
49	47.00	42.18	4.23	3.80
50	48.42	43.51	4.36	3.92
51	49.94	44.87	4.49	4.04
52	51.53	46.27	4.64	4.16
53	53.17	47.70	4.79	4.29
54	54.86	49.17	4.94	4.43
55	56.60	50.67	5.09	4.56
56	58.38	52.21	5.25	4.70
57	60.22	53.78	5.42	4.84
58	62.13	55.39	5.59	4.99
59	64.13	57.04	5.77	5.13
60	66.21	58.73	5.96	5.29
61	68.36	60.48	6.15	5.44
62	70.59	62.28	6.35	5.61
63	72.87	64.14	6.56	5.77
64	75.22	66.07	6.77	5.95
65	77.66	68.08	6.99	6.13
66	80.19	70.17	7.22	6.32
67	82.85	72.36	7.46	6.51
68	85.68	74.64	7.71	6.72
69	88.70	77.03	7.98	6.93
70	91.96	79.54	8.28	7.16
71	95.48	82.18	8.59	7.40
72	99.26	84.96	8.93	7.65
73	103.32	87.91	9.30	7.91
74	107.71	91.04	9.69	8.19
75	112.50	94.39	10.13	8.50

**We're looking for a Shining Star
in the LPSCU to be our 2020**

Fraternalist of the Year



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

Do you know a member who should be recognized for outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts?

If you can answer "Yes!" to the above, then you have a "Shining Star" member to be nominated to be the 2020 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- * Nominee must be an active member of the LPSCU.
- * Board of Directors and Home Office staff are not eligible.
- * Prior honorees are prohibited from entering.
- * Head and shoulder color photograph must accompany nomination form.
- * Decisions of the LPSCU are final.

The honoree will be presented with an award and their name may be submitted to State Fraternal Alliances having a similar award.

Nomination forms are available from the Home Office. They may be returned by mail, fax (with photo mailed), or email (with photo digitally supplied). All material sent becomes the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Nominations must be submitted to the LPSCU with a postmark no later than April 1, 2020.

Nomination form, photograph, and any accompanying materials are to be sent to:

LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION *Fraternalist of the Year Award*

71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Phone: 570-823-3513 * Toll free: 888-834-6614

E-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org * Fax: 570-823-4464

Calendar of Events

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30 – Deadline to apply for a scholarship to study abroad at a Slovak university. *Details on page 11.*

JUNE

1 – Deadline to nominate a young member for our 2020 Youth Achievement Award. *See page 13 for details.*

25 – Travel day for Board members attending the LPSCU Convention

26-28 – 42nd LPSCU National Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton, Pittsburgh – Meadowlands, 340 Racetrack Road, Washington, Pennsylvania

29 – LPSCU Mid-Year Board Meeting

30 – Deadline to apply for the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship. *See page 9 for details.*

30 – Deadline to apply for the 2020 LPSCU Catholic Grade School Award. *See page 14 for details.*

30 – Deadline to apply for the 2020 LPSCU Catholic High School Award. *See page 24 for details.*

JULY

1 – Deadline to apply for the 2020 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award. *See page 19 for details.*

20 – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Morning Star.**

AUGUST

21-9/5 – Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors led by Joe Senko. Email jtsenko@aol.com or call 412-956-6000 for details and full itinerary. *Also see article on page 21.*

SEPTEMBER

11-20 – The 2020 Slovak Heritage Tour, a 9-day, small group excursion to explore your Slovak roots. Contact Judith Northup-Bennett (email slovakheritagetours@gmail.com or call 978-544-5144) or visit the website at www.slovakheritage.com. *More details on page 15.*

13-22 – Join Father Bob Seeman for a trip to The Holy Land. For more information go to www.pilgrimimages.com/frseeman/holyland or see notice on page 14.

20 – **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Morning Star.**

21-22 – Slovak Catholic Federation's Fall Meeting, Youngstown, Ohio

OCTOBER

25 – Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the North End Slovak Club, N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branch 7 will host. Make a Difference Day will be celebrated.

25-27 – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Meeting

26 – Lehigh Valley Area members are invited to be guests at breakfast with the LPSCU Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. at the Lehigh Valley Hotel by Best Western, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Reservations are required. Contact Mary Jo Savidge (888-834-6614 or lpscu@lpscu.com) by September 2.

NOVEMBER

20 – **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2021 Morning Star.**

DECEMBER

5 – LPSCU Board Meeting (Telephone Conference)

Extended Lorinc Family Gathers for Thanksgiving

Zach and Brooke Lorinc hosted Thanksgiving dinner for the local family and members who came from Cary, North Carolina, and Cincinnati, Ohio. In all, nineteen people enjoyed the gracious hospitality and catching up on what's been going on in everyone's lives. Many of the attendees are members of the Pittsburgh District and LPSCU Branch 64.



Cousin Mike Kaylor from Cincinnati is pictured with Brooke and Zach Lorinc.



L-R: Deb Kaylor, Greg and Beata Lorinc, Brooke, Mary Ann Kaylor, and Mike Kaylor.

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An Invitation to Enter Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant

Ever dreamed about winning a pageant or being named a queen? Well, if you are single, female, and will be between 16 and 26 years of age prior to August 1, 2020, you can enter the Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant. Details and specifics can be found on the pageant's website: www.missczechslovakus.com. Entries must be postmarked by May 22, 2020, so don't delay!

In 1986, it was decided by its founders that Wilber, Nebraska, "The Czech Capital of the USA," would host the ethnic pageant. Since its inception, many young women have become "Cultural Ambassadors" who continue to share the culture and traditions of Czechs, and Slovaks in both America and the world.

One such "ambassador," Jennifer Myers Gibbons, a member of LPSCU Branch 132, Campbell, Ohio, was named Miss Ohio Czech-Slovak Queen when she was 16. Her now deceased great aunt, Ann Uhrin, who was a member of LPSCU Branch 159, Youngstown, Ohio, heard about the pageant on Youngstown's Slovak radio program. By Jennifer's own admission, she didn't want to do it, but entered simply to make her great aunt happy, never expecting to win. But win she did! Her aunt, Mary Tsimouris, also a member of Branch 132, made her *kroj* (Slovak costume). Jennifer learned a little Slovak for a speech and off to the National Pageant she flew. Little did she know what an amazing experience would be awaiting her.

Jennifer says that she is so glad her great aunt pushed her to do it. Without that "push," she never would have met other people so very proud of their heritage and had such an unforgettable cultural experience, polkaing with new friends, riding in the big parade, modeling a beautiful *kroj*, and seeing this adorable city dedicated to its Czech heritage.

While Jennifer represented Ohio and was not named the U.S. Czech-Slovak Queen, she has carried the pride of her Ohio title and experience with her throughout her life.

Jennifer would encourage girls to seek out this opportunity to be part of this wonderful pageant.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Rev. Dianiska District Announces 2020 Meeting Dates

April 26, 2020 – Rev. Dianiska District Meeting hosted by Branch 6 at 1:00 p.m., North End Slovak Club, N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

October 25, 2020 – Rev. Dianiska District Meeting hosted by Branch 7 at 1:00 p.m., North End Slovak Club, N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Make a Difference Day will be celebrated.

December 6, 2020 – Rev. Dianiska District Annual Christmas Party hosted by Branch 213 at 1:00 p.m., Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, 77 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

An LPSCU Educational Benefit

THE 2020 ANNE (SHINAL) CICHY MEMORIAL AWARD

\$500 Award

The LPSCU is proud to offer the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award for students in the health-care field. This award, instituted in 2006, is given in memory of Anne (Shinal) Cichy, the first LPSCU public relations director. The award is made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Shinal.



Those applying for the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a life insurance certificate with the LPSCU.
- Must attend an accredited college/university in the **fall of 2020** on a full time basis, pursuing a degree in the healthcare field. Proof of acceptance/attendance must be provided.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

The recipient of the 2020 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award will receive \$500.

The recipient of this award shall be selected by a random drawing from among all the qualified applicants. No individual shall be eligible to receive this award more than two times.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined above and provide data indicated on the application form to be eligible. Those applications with incomplete data or requirements will not be considered. All submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2020.** Submit application to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
ATTN: Anne (Shinal) Cichy Award
P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

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Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org

Website: www.lpscu.org

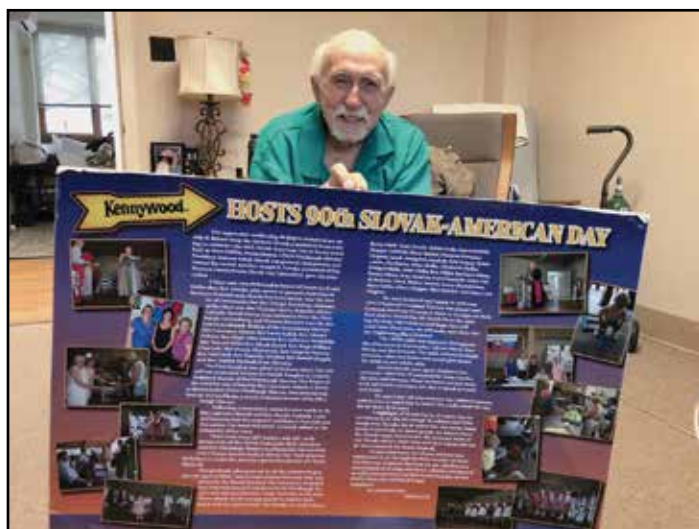
Members Visit Father Grosko

At the end of last year, Helen Lorinc of Branch 64 and Sylvia Goda of Branch 42 paid a surprise visit to Father Joseph R. Grosko at Marion Manor Nursing Home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he has been living. Father Grosko was a long time pillar in the Slovak community before his retirement. In addition to his priestly duties, he devoted his life to promoting his Slovak heritage. In that regard, he successfully chaired the Slovak Day Committee at the annual Slovak festival held at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

Father Grosko retired from Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin, where he served as pastor for nearly 14 years. Helen and Sylvia presented Father with a 3' x 2' poster of an enlarged *Morning Star* centerfold collage depicting the 90th anniversary Slovak Day event at Kennywood. Father appears on the poster celebrating Mass.

Father Grosko appreciated the kind gesture and, with a big smile on his face, joined his visitors in a spontaneous, spirited rendition of the Slovak song, "Tancuj, Tancuj."

Thank you, Father Grosko, for your devotion to our Slovak heritage. God bless your great big Slovak heart! WE LOVE YOU!



Father Grosko with the Slovak Day poster given to him by members Helen Lorinc and Sylvia Goda.

As we prepared to go to press, we were saddened to learn that Father Grosko has died. He passed away quietly and peacefully on January 6, 2020. He was 87. Bishop David A. Zubic of the Pittsburgh Diocese was the main celebrant of Father's funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Church. There were 25 priests present along with many parishioners, family members, and friends. Father Grosko was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War where he served as a Navy chaplain. He was carried from the church to the cemetery by a horse-drawn funeral coach, his casket draped in the American flag. It was a beautiful tribute and farewell to a well-loved Slovak priest and friend.

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Margaret Sabol Scholarship Check Awarded

Daniel and Helen Bobeck were on hand at the Lehigh Valley Okres Holiday Luncheon to receive the Margaret Sabol Memorial Scholarship check on behalf their granddaughter, Sarah Bobeck. Anna Sopko, recording secretary for LPSCU Branch 130, presented the check. Unfortunately, Sarah was unable to attend the luncheon but her grandparents were happy and proud to accept the award on her behalf.



L-R: Daniel Bobeck, Anna Sopko, and Helen Bobeck.

Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko has announced his 15th tour of Slovakia to run from August 21 to September 5, 2020. Visit the historic sites of Kosice, Presov, Bardejov, Levoca, Trencin and Bratislava, and the Tatra Mountains. The trip includes a river cruise, several castles, famous churches, wine tasting, a mock wedding, a rafting excursion, and spa treatments in Trencianske Teplice. In Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, you'll enjoy a river cruise, cross the famous Charles Bridge, and visit many historic sites. In Poland, you'll visit the famous salt mine, tour Auschwitz, visit the site of the Black Madonna, and shop in Zakopane. A full-day tour of Vienna includes a visit to Schonbrunn Palace.

Also planned are private receptions with Bridget Brink, the U.S. ambassador to Slovakia, and with Andrea Turcanova, the mayor of Presov, sister city of Pittsburgh (subject to unanticipated changes in their official schedules). As you travel through various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can also be made for you to visit your ancestral villages and families.

The total price for this fantastic tour is just \$4,250 per person (double occupancy). This includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh, two delicious meals daily, four star hotels, free admission to all the sites, air conditioned bus, a professional guide, and much more!

Contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000 for a detailed copy of the daily itinerary or for more information.

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Comments: _____



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Announcing the winners of the 2019 LPSCU Coloring Contest

Ages 4-6



Alexis Shipton - Br. 156
Pottsville, PA
First Place



Juliet Jedlovec - Br. 60
Schnecksville, PA
Second Place



Gavin Sauers - Br. 156
Barrington, NJ
Third Place

Honorable Mention:

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| Daniel Zemelman | Max Zentz |
| Franklin Shinal | Vada Lazaro |
| Emmette Semanek | Alexander Ward |
| Emily Landmesser | Charlotte Sauers |
| Elijah Saniatan | Eli Matvya |
| Hayden Grace Abda | Jack Gibbons |
| Joscelin Jamison | Niko Barisic |
| Malayna Armstrong | Logan Collins |
| Logan Carter Wilkinson | |
| Jade Madison Blankenship | |

Ages 7-9



David Olson - Br. 6
Thornhurst, PA
First Place



Alayna Caris - Br. 52
Perrysburg, OH
Second Place



Emma Gregory - Br. 60
Hummelstown, PA
Third Place

Honorable Mention:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Evangeline Willis | Max Jakub |
| Cara Zemelman | Jenna Jakub |
| Savannah Myers | Alivia Kampe |
| Connor Derenick | Sophia Baer |
| Preston Gibbons | Jax Cleary |
| Whitney Matvya | Ava Collins |
| Lillian Cerny | Emma Baer |
| Belle Foremny | Tyler Frantz |
| Annalise Good | Liam Andoga |
| Lily Lutheran | Damian Lazaro |
| Annabella Gibbons | Cole Collins |
| Arianna McMahon | Macie Kampe |
| Liam James Blankenship | |

Ages 10-12



Giada Ward - Br. 213
Dallas, PA
First Place



Lucas Caris - Br. 52
Perrysburg, OH
Second Place



Abigail Myers - Br. 132
E. Berlin, PA
Third Place

Honorable Mention:

- Rylee Baer
- Anthony Willis
- Addison Langs
- Grayson Adams





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Holy Saturday ~ Biela Sobota

Holy SATURDAY

There are no official services held in church on Holy Saturday morning, but there is great activity around the Slovak home. The whole house is cleaned and decorated to celebrate the “Feast of Feasts.” The Easter ham, sausage (“klobasa”), and other foods for the Easter feast are cooked. Sweet Easter bread (“paska”) is baked. Many eggs are boiled and painted. Easter cheese (“syrek” or “hрутka”) is



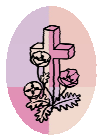
made to remind us of prosperity and peace. Butter, horseradish, and salt are also included in the Easter basket to be blessed. The basket of food to be blessed at church in the afternoon is carefully prepared and then covered with a specially embroidered cover before leaving for church. These blessed foods are taken home and eaten Easter Sunday morning to break the 40-day Lenten fast.

Veľkonočné symboly

Easter is an important holiday of the Christian Church. Do you know what these Easter symbols mean?



baránok - One of the symbols of Jesus Christ because, according to Christian faith, he is the lamb sacrificed for the salvation of the world.



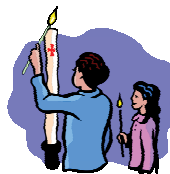
kríž - The most important of the Christian symbols because Christ was condemned to death by crucifixion. This punishment was one of the most cruel and degrading.



ohň - The Easter service begins with the burning of the Easter fire, which symbolizes the victory of Jesus Christ over darkness and death. Easter candles are then lit from this fire.



vajíčko - A symbol of the closed grave from which Christ rose, as a symbol of immortality.



sviečka - It is seen in many cultures as a sign of life. The Easter candle symbolizes the risen Christ - this symbol comes from the ancient Easter celebrations, in which a candle (also called a paschal) is lit from a fire.



zajačik - This symbol probably originates in pagan rituals celebrating the coming of spring as well as the chick.



korbáč - Beating and whipping is one of the ancient magic practices. It is to bring health and happiness and drives away evil spirits. It also recalls the flogging of Jesus Christ before His crucifixion.



*Radujte sa, ó kresťania,
v srdciach Vašich plesajte!
Z mŕtvych povstal náš Spasiteľ!
Alleluja spievajte.*



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD

\$300 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a Catholic High School Award Benefit, which is a \$300 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic High School during the 2020-2021 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 in the fall of 2020.
- ✦ 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, 2020.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed applications to:

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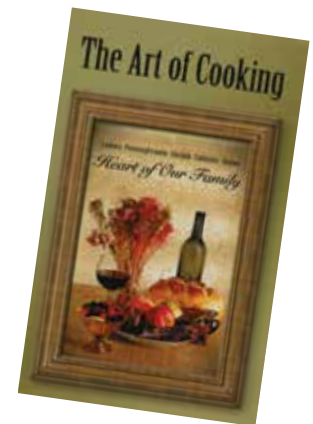
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