A New Year's Wish For You

HEALTH
enough to make work a pleasure.

WEALTH
enough to support your necessities.

STRENGTH
enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

GRACE
enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

PATIENCE
enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

CHARITY
enough to see some good in your neighbor.

LOVE
enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.

FAITH
enough to make real the things of God.

HOPE
tenough to remove all fears concerning the future.

REMINDER...

As the New Year begins, we are trying to get all our files up to date. Members should check their insurance certificates to make sure their name and beneficiaries are current.

Do we have your address and your family members’ addresses?

The Ohio Department of Insurance requires us to have addresses for each member.

If you are a member, you should be receiving the Posel, our bi-monthly publication. It is our way of communicating with our members and letting them know what is happening at the Czech Catholic Union.

If you know of a member who did not receive their dividend notification, please contact our office.
President’s Message

Dear Members & Friends - Hope the holidays have been good to all of you. The office staff has been busy sending out the dividend notices. If you have not received yours, call your society to make sure it was sent and that we have a current address for you.

Now that the New Year is here, it is time to think about protecting our families from financial ruin. Whether you are 18 or 81, you should be thinking about the ones you love.

When we are young we do not think about dying. Young people have different needs. Their priorities are different. Their preferences are different and their budgets are different.

We have programs for all ages. Many of you think you are too young for life insurance, but you are not. Here’s why:

1) You’ve got debt. Maybe you have student loans. Maybe you’re paying off a car or have credit card debt. Depending on the type of debt and the state you live in, your family could be responsible for that money. Even if you don’t have any debt, what about funeral costs and final expenses?

2) You’re on a budget. Our rates are very affordable. The amount you pay is based on your age and medical condition. So the younger you are, the cheaper the rate.

3) You’re Christian. There’s an advantage to buying from us. You get the comfort of knowing that your money is going to an organization that conducts business in a Christian way with strict rules on this and investments.

4) You won’t live forever. We will all meet our end - hopefully not soon. But what if it comes sooner than you expect? What will happen to those you love? Would you protect them if you could?

So what are you waiting for? Call our office today to get a quote or more information.

For those of you who have money left after the holidays, we also offer our 6-month annuity CD’s at great rates compared to banks. Again, call our office for more information.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Cermak

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Stamp Korner

President Edward Benes, Czech Politician 1884-1948

Pilsen
Czech Republic
5 crowns = .25
As a librarian, Christopher Busta-Peck saw a lot of books about Ohio history. As an artist, there was a lot about them he didn’t like. The books were often long on text and short on art, and it seemed like the illustrations they did include were the same ones over and over.

So Busta-Peck started looking for etchings, watercolors and wood engravings - anything he could find that illustrated early Ohio. In the past four years, he has cataloged approximately 3,000 images and collected enough for a museum collection.

“Early Visions of Ohio: 1765-1865,” was on display at Lancaster’s Decorative Arts Center of Ohio through Dec. 31. The collection of oil, watercolor and gouache paintings, as well as drawings, prints, photographs, textiles and ceramics will only be displayed together during this exhibition.

“There are all these great stories to be told, and I wanted to tell them with pictures,” says Busta-Peck. “There is so much stuff out there.”

He explains that 1865 is a natural stopping point for the exhibition because Ohio and the country as a whole had changed with the Civil War, and new technologies were transforming visual arts. Photographs were becoming more common, and less-expensive printing and engraving processes made artwork more available.

Busta-Peck, who works for the Cleveland Public Library, has traveled throughout the state to secure pieces for the exhibition. There are many museums in Ohio, he explains, and most have some type of map or artwork relevant to local history. He cites a drawing of Fort Stephenson — located in what is now the northeast Ohio city of Fremont — that originally appeared in Port Folio magazine in 1815. The fort itself was the site of a battle during the War of 1812, a fact that is well known to Sandusky County residents but more obscure to other Ohioans.

“A lot of these pieces have never been seen outside of their local area,” Busta-Peck says. “I know there’s a ton more material out there in small collections. It’s my hope this exhibit will bring them to the public eye.”

Christopher Busta-Peck is a member of St. Joseph Society #156.

In 1919, a committee was formed to create the Garden, with Mr. Edward Kovanda as the president. Numerous fundraising activities were held: in January of 1935, Anna Manak organized an exhibit of Czech objects in what was then the Higbee Department Store. Later that year, on October 6, 1935, the plot for the Garden was dedicated. Ceremonies began with the singing of the national anthems and proclamations by Harry L. Davis, then the Mayor of Cleveland, and by William R. Hopkins. Dr. Gardavsky, Czechoslovak consulate of Cleveland, and Professor Frank Bitzan spoke. Music was provided by Lumir-Hlahol and the Vojan Singing Societies. The event was attended by hundreds of locals.

In subsequent years the statues were added: the bust of Purkyne was donated by Victor Ptak, the Rev. Jindrich Simon Baar bust was donated by a group of Catholic clergy. The statue of T.G. Masaryk was donated by Frank Jirouch, a Cleveland born sculptor of Czech descent who created all the art pieces in the Garden and designed the Garden itself. On April 1, 1939 two linden trees were planted in the Garden by the President and Mrs. Benes of Czechoslovakia. Eighty years later the Czech Cultural Garden still shines and educates people of all backgrounds on the contributions the Czechs made to our society; be it music, education, philosophy or literature.

St. Joseph Society #156 held its Annual Memorial Service at the monthly meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015, remembering the departed members. These members were: Stephanie Busta, Raymond Chapek, Mary Dolezal, Eleanor Eppele, Denise Kocian, Jean Mack, Elsie Malec, Frank Matousek, Andrew Putka and Marie Triska. The service was conducted by Secretary, Audrey Schmidt. As each member’s name was called, a candle was illuminated and a white flower was placed in a vase in their memory. President Joseph Kocab tolled a bell for each departed member.

October was an important month for the Cleveland Czechs. On October 28th, we celebrated the formation of Czechoslovakia, on October 24th and 25th, we celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Cleveland Agreement that led to the formation of Czechoslovakia, and on October 6th we celebrated the 80th year anniversary of establishing the Czech Cultural Garden.

The Czech Cultural Garden is a shining spot in the park of 29 cultural gardens. It features 6 busts, including Dvořak, Smetana, Nemcova and Baar. Life size statues of T.G. Masaryk and Jan Amos Komensky are the focal points of the Garden.
Cleveland, Ohio

St. Joseph Society #156 meetings continue in 2016:

Sunday, January 10, 2016
Installation of officers beginning at 1:00 PM followed by musical entertainment and a luncheon of jaternice (liver sausage), kielbasa and sauerkraut. To order jaternice to take home for your freezer, please call Joe Kocab at 216-883-7460.

Sunday, March 13, 2016
Annual Communion Breakfast. Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10:00 AM, followed by breakfast. 50 year members will be honored. PLEASE CALL THE HOME OFFICE AT 216-341-0444 FOR RESERVATIONS BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH.

New York, New York

“Memories of Bohemia”

Bohemia Historical Society of Suffolk County, New York, on the occasion of its 31st Anniversary has compiled and published a book “MEMORIES OF BOHEMIA.”

The town of Bohemia, originally settled in 1855 by 3 immigrant Czech families, has delightfully gone through little transition to the present time. From a village that had Czech merchants, churches and trades people that could easily have been transplanted from the Czech Republic, it has evolved into a modern, tidy, industrious small town. In its heyday, it even boasted a Sokol group and a C.S.A. lodge. A visit to the Society Museum and either of the two church cemeteries will easily let one know where the village roots and history lie.

The book, “Memories of Bohemia” is not a history book per se, but a fine collection of thoughts, memories and experiences submitted by members, past and current residents and friends. It makes for an easy and enjoyable reading experience.

Copies are available at a cost of $19.95 plus $4.00 shipping.

Also available is the 2nd edition of “Simply Great Recipes” published by the Society at $10.00 plus $4.00 shipping.

Contact: Bohemia Historical Society
P.O. Box 67
Bohemia, NY 11716

THE TRUTH HURTS

It’s a very strange name they picked for “Social Security.”

For what they actually send you, you can’t afford to be “social” nor can you really feel “secure.”

New York, New York

Congratulations are sent out to Edward Babor, a member of St. Ludmila Society #2, and also past vice-president of the Czech Catholic Union. Ed received the Gloria D’Amico Lifetime Achievement Award at the Benefit & Silent Auction held by Shareing & Careing in Astoria, New York on November 11, 2015.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Whatever the goal we’re pursuing,
No matter how rugged the climb,
We’re certain to get there
By trying our best,
And taking one day at a time.
“Forever” is hard to imagine,
“the future” may seem far away —
But every new dawn
Brings a wonderful chance
To do what we can on that day.

-Emily Matthews
Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Feastday is February 11th.

Amen

Happiness is...

Happiness is like jam:
You can’t spread it without getting some on you.

-Julie A. Peters

I’m Thine, Be Mine, Valentine
Happy Valentine’s Day!

Why the fuss?
The ancient Romans set aside one night each year for declarations of love, proposals of marriage, or choosing of partners for the following year. The high revelry of the evening included the young men and women placing their names in a box from which they were drawn by chance. This celebration occurred on the eve of Lupercalia, the feast of the pastoral Roman god Lupercus, which was on February 15.

With the coming of Christianity, pagan rites were banned, but not love. So, the early Christians renamed the ritual after the saint whose feast day fell on February 14, St. Valentine.

There is a legend that the saint wrote the first valentine shortly before his execution. A note addressed to the kindly daughter of his jailor was signed, “from your valentine.”

Another theory is that the association between St. Valentine and love grew out of the similarity between the Norman word “galatin,” meaning a lover of women, and the name of the saint. Because the “g” was frequently pronounced as a “v,” Galatin’s Day became popularly known as Valentine’s Day.

Believe what you will.
The important thing is to have and to be a happy valentine.

Slovak Catholic Sokol

6 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT VALENTINE’S DAY

1. Procrastinators, you are not alone: more than half of the cards sold are purchased less than a week before the holiday.

2. Teachers will receive the most Valentine’s Day greetings, followed by kids, moms, wives, sweethearts — and pets!

3. Ah, yes, we don’t forget our pets on this day — in addition to cards, approximately 3 percent of pet owners give gifts to Fido and Fluffy!

4. Gals in medieval times chowed down on weird foods during the day to help them dream of their future husbands.

5. Fortunately, weird foods have long been replaced by chocolates — over 35 million heart-shaped boxes of the sweet treat will be purchased for Valentine’s Day.

6. If you have no sweetie, despair not — you can still celebrate the day: February 14 has also been declared Singles Awareness Day. (Better yet, celebrate it on February 15, as many now do and, as a bonus, you can enjoy it with half-price candy!)
One of America’s first entrepreneurs.
Fishing, flour, whiskey and real estate are just a few of the businesses run by George Washington — he of the Continental Army, U.S. presidency, tricorn hat and dollar bill. “He was always eager to try the latest reforms in a scientific way,” says Douglas Bradburn, founding director of the Washington Library at Mount Vernon.

Washington grew wheat on a former tobacco plantation, built a gristmill, invested in radical new automated technology for grinding grain (an early patent issued in the U.S.) and produced 278,000 pounds of flour a year that he sold all over Europe. With all that grain and nearby water (the Potomac flowed outside his front door), he experimented with whiskey—a project so successful he built one of America’s largest distilleries. Washington had his flops — his Dimal Swamp Company, organized to tame wetlands in southern Virginia, failed. Still, “Washington was the first president of America’s first great start-up,” Bradburn says.

—Kathleen McCleary
Parade Magazine, Plain Dealer (June 2015)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

He was born on February 12th 1809, and died April 15th 1865 at the age of fifty six.

His home state is Illinois.

His wife was called Mary Todd Lincoln, who was brought up into a very wealthy family.

He created a national banking system with the National Banking Act in 1863, resulting in a standardized currency.

He was the first president to be assassinated.

He was the tallest U.S. president at 6’4”.

He patented a system to alter buoyancy of steamboats in 1849.

He ran a store in New Salem.

He was the first president to have a beard.

Lincoln was fond of pets, and owned horses, cats, dogs and a turkey.
**Presidents’ Day Fun Facts**

**WHICH U.S. PRESIDENTS SERVED IN OUR U.S. MILITARY**

The United States Constitution named the President of the United States as the commander in chief of the U.S. Armed Forces. However, military service is not a pre-requisite for the presidency. From our first president, George Washington, to 43rd President George W. Bush, 26 of our 44 U.S. presidents served in the U.S. military; 26 of our 44 U.S. presidents served in the U.S. military:

**George Washington:** French and Indian War and Revolutionary War (Continental Army)

**James Monroe:** Revolutionary War (Continental Army)

**Andrew Jackson:** War of 1812 (Army)

**William Henry Harrison:** Indian campaigns (Army)

**John Tyler:** War of 1812 (Army)

**Zachary Taylor:** War of 1812, Black Hawk War, Second Seminole War, Mexican-American War (Army)

**Franklin Pierce:** Mexican War (Army)

**Abraham Lincoln:** Black Hawk War/Indian Wars (Army)

**Andrew Johnson:** Civil War (Army)

**Ulysses S. Grant:** Mexican War and Civil War (Army)

**Rutherford B. Hayes:** Civil War (Army)

**James A. Garfield:** Civil War (Army)

**Chester A. Arthur:** Civil War (Army)

**Benjamin Harrison:** Civil War (Army)

**William McKinley:** Civil War (Army)

**Theodore Roosevelt:** Spanish-American War (Army)

**Harry Truman:** World War I (Army)

**Dwight Eisenhower:** World War I and World War II (Army)

**John F. Kennedy:** World War II (Navy)

**Lyndon B. Johnson:** World War II (Navy)

**Richard Nixon:** World War II (Navy)

**Gerald Ford:** World War II (Navy)

**Jimmy Carter:** Cold War era (Navy)

**Ronald Reagan:** World War II (Air Force)

**George H.W. Bush:** World War II (Navy)

**George W. Bush:** Vietnam War era (Air Force reserves)

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**Hold On Tight To The Ones You Love**

To realize the value of a sister/brother: Ask someone who doesn’t have one.

To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple

To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even more when You can share it with someone special.

To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.

Remember...

Hold on tight to the ones you love!

Author Unknown

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**Sokol Gym Takes Shape in West, Texas**

In April 2013, an ammonium nitrate explosion at a fertilizer plant struck the town of West, Texas, destroying many homes, an apartment building, a school, a senior citizen facility, and the Sokol facilities, including the gymnasium and the adjacent Lone Star Hall, - an important social gathering place for the West community. Most of the 2,900 residents of West claim some Czech heritage.

Like a phoenix, the new Sokol is rising, even better than before, with improved facilities and systems.

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[Sokol Gymnasium as of June 1, 2015 (photo by Mary Beth Dulock)](https://example.com)

[Inside of New Sokol Gym as of June 8, 2015 (photo by Mary Beth Dulock)](https://example.com)
Sites in the Czech Republic

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has created a list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, places of special cultural or physical significance. The list of sites is maintained by the international World Heritage Programme, composed of 21 UNESCO member states. The Czech Republic currently has twelve UNESCO sites.

The Historic Centre of Telc, added to the list in 1992, was originally built of wood. After a fire in the late 14th century, the town was rebuilt in stone, surrounded by walls and further strengthened by a network of artificial ponds. The town’s Gothic castle was reconstructed in High Gothic style in the late 15th century.

The Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc, added to the list in 2000, is 35 m tall and was begun in the 1720s by sculptor Filip Sattler, then finished in 1752 by Ondrej Zahner. The Column was ceremonially consecrated on September 9, 1754, and has been called “one of the most exceptional examples of the apogee of central European Baroque artistic expression.”

Court rules St. Vitus’ Cathedral belongs to Catholic Church

If you think of Prague, one of the first things that springs to mind is the magnificent 14th century Saint Vitus’ Cathedral, towering above the city’s skyline. But who does the cathedral actually belong to? After a very long legal battle, a district court in Prague has ruled that it is the property of the Catholic Church. This may seem obvious, but in a country where the church has had a troubled history, the whole issue has been raising strong emotions. Czechs are a largely secular nation and many treasure St. Vitus’ Cathedral - and Prague Castle, at the heart of which it stands - as a powerful symbol of Czech statehood rather than a place of worship.

The mighty Zikmund bell has been ringing out for 400 years over Prague from the cathedral tower. For most of that time Saint Vitus has belonged to the church, but in 1954 - at the height of Stalinist rule - a law was passed, saying that Prague Castle belonged to the people and the monuments in it should be managed by the Office of the President. The Catholic Church argued the way the cathedral was transferred to the state was not lawful. Martin Horalek is the spokesman of the Czech Bishops’ Conference.

“We certainly welcomed this decision of the court because we think that it is the first sign that the law and rules are more important than political activity and political pressures. We have more cases that are similar but because this is about St. Vitus’ Cathedral being the symbol of the Czech state, it is the most important and of course the media paid most attention to it. But this case could serve as a model for other cases.”

Radio Prague
Privacy Commitment to Our Members

Provisions of the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act of 1999, also called the Financial Services Modernization Act, require every financial institution to annually notify all customers, in writing, of that organization’s privacy policy. The purpose of the privacy provision of this act is to curtail the ability of third parties to obtain nonpublic personal information regarding individuals who purchase financial products and services from financial institutions.

You have elected to join the Czech Catholic Union Fraternal Insurance and have provided them with certain non-public personal information such as name, age, residence, marital status, and Social Security Number.

As a fraternal benefit society, we are dedicated to the protection of our members’ privacy. The Czech Catholic Union has no affiliated financial institutions or third party nonaffiliates that have access to your nonpublic personal information, except pursuant to your written authorization.

Czech Catholic Union does not sell lists of member names or addresses to any vendor of goods or services. Should we need to retain any other organization to assist us with our operations, that organization will be required to comply with the same privacy standards as the Czech Catholic Union.

This privacy policy extends to nonpublic personal information of former members who no longer have insurance coverage with the Czech Catholic Union.

Access to members records is limited to employees who work on your member files. However, if required by civil or criminal litigation or audit to disclose information on your records, we must comply.

STILL MORE MEMBERS WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

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A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, “Jesus knows you’re here.”

The burglar nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, “Jesus is watching you.”

Startled, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

“Did you say that?” he hissed at the parrot.

“Yes,” the parrot confessed, then squawked, “I’m just trying to warn you that he’s watching you.”

The burglar relaxed. “Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?”

“Moses,” replied the bird.

“Moses?” the burglar laughed. “What kind of people would name a bird Moses?”

“The kind of people who would name a Rottweiler ‘Jesus.’”

—SPJST—

Kolik jazyků znáš, tolikrát jsi člověkem

“The more languages you know, the greater your humanity” or “you have as many lives as the number of languages you speak”

Original quote from the German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, translated by and a favorite of Tomáš Masaryk.
I recently spent a week in Goodyear covering the Tribe in spring training. One late afternoon, my wife and I wanted to go for a hike. And we didn’t want to head north around Phoenix because of the traffic.

Instead, I grabbed a map and looked west, and saw a few green patches off Interstate 10. It’s BLM land — Bureau of Land Management. Not many roads, lots of white space on the map.

This is part of the Big Empty in western Arizona. We got off at Exit 81. No town there, just a number. We took something called “The Salome Road.” We saw two cars over 10 miles.

Then we turned north on the “road of Aquila.”

Then we found a sign for the “Harquahala Back Country By-way.” It’s 10.5 miles of dirt road that once led to an old mine and a mountain that is 5,681 feet — “the highest point in Southwestern Arizona.”

The road really went nowhere — past an old mine shaft. Past some abandoned houses. Another trail led deep into the hills.

The name – Harquahala – “comes from the Native American words meaning “water up there high,” according to a sign at the base of the road.

About 10 minutes up the road, I thought of Psalm 46:10: “Be still and know that I am God.”

No one could call or text me. We were so far down the road, even the cows were long gone.

This is quiet country. It’s cacti and the rocks and the rising road, with a few hawks flying by.

The power of the land didn’t come from what we saw...rather, it came from the emptiness. And the wide open spaces. And the endless sky. And the mountains in the distance.

South Dakota novelist Dan O’Brien once wrote this about the Badlands: “You have a feeling that everyone can see you...only no one is looking.”

That applies perfectly to this part of Arizona.

“There’s a reason Jesus went away to the mountains to be with his father.”

On the night before he picked his disciples, the book of Luke (6:12) reveals: “One of those days, Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.”

We didn’t make it all the way up the 10.5 mile road. We probably covered about three miles, and then realized it was getting late.

We had hoped to see some animals. The signs at the bottom of the road said the area featured mule deer, big horn sheep, javelinas (sort of like wild pigs) and lots of snakes.

Walking back, we suddenly saw some movement on a distant hillside. At first, we thought it was a deer.

Then we saw the huge, rounded horns. Two big horn sheep and two more that were babies. They were perhaps a quarter-mile away.

We stood and stared at them. They stood and stared at us. No one was in much of a hurry to do anything.

Finally, the leader – ram – led the rest up the hillside. We went down the road.

On the way back, the sky darkened, the sun turned red and orange as it blazed across the sky. We took some pictures from our car. We drove back down the blacktop, saw one pickup – and about a dozen cow hanging around the road.

I thought about how Jesus often did go to the mountains – to a special, secluded spot to pray. And a day like this reminded me why that’s such a good idea.

Editor’s Note: Written by Terry Pluto, Plain Dealer – March 7, 2015
Wiener Schnitzel

Ingredients
8 veal cutlets about 90 g each (or pork which is cheaper)
4 eggs
200 g bread crumbs, very fine
100 g flour, fine
300 ml butter
100 ml vegetable oil or bacon grease
Salt, lemon slices and fried parsley for garnish

Preparation
Tenderize the veal about 2-4 mm, and salt on both sides. On a flat plate, stir the eggs briefly with a fork. (The egg becomes too thin if you beat it too much). Lightly coat the cutlets in flour then dip into the eggs, and finally, coat in bread crumbs. Heat the butter and oil in a large pan (allow the fat to get very hot) and fry the schnitzels until golden brown on both sides. Make sure to toss the pan regularly so that the schnitzels are surrounded by oil and the crumbing becomes fluffy. Remove, and drain on paper towel. Fry the parsley in the remaining oil and drain. Place the schnitzels on a warm plate and serve garnished with parsley and slices of lemon.

Cooking time: 3-5 minutes

Tips: Genuine Wiener Schnitzel needs to be fried in a frying pan, not in a deep fryer. Also, the use of butter is essential to give the schnitzel a typical nutty taste.

BOHEMIAN CABBAGE SLAW

2 pkg. angel hair cabbage, or cabbage, thinly sliced
Large onion, sliced
Salt and pepper, to taste
2/3 cup oil
1/4 cup vinegar

Put cabbage in large bowl. Put sliced onion on top of cabbage. Do not mix! Then sprinkle salt and pepper on top of onion. Heat oil until smoking hot, pour over onion pile. Mix until all cabbage is covered with oil. Add 1/2 the vinegar and mix. Taste if you need more vinegar or salt.

OLD BOHEMIAN “OUKROP”
(Garlic Soup)

1 c. water (per serving)
1 sm. clove garlic, mashed
 amt. depends on number of servings)
1/2 tsp. salt
Pepper
Caraway seed
1 tsp. butter
2 raw potatoes, cubed
Hard rye bread, cubed
Butter

Measure water. Add salt, pepper, mashed garlic, pinch of caraway seed, potatoes and butter. Cook until potatoes are tender. Fry rye bread cubed in butter. Place bread cubed in bowl. Pour liquid over bread. This soup was served to sick people.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY ROLL

1 1/2 cups plus 1 tblsp. sugar
1 cup water
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup butter
1/2 cup milk
1 cup diced rhubarb
1 cup halved strawberries
1 tsp. cinnamon
Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 400°. In a saucepan, combine one cup of the sugar with water. Bring to a boil and boil five minutes. Pour into a 8 x 8 inch baking dish. Sift together the flour, salt, one tablespoon of the remaining sugar and the baking powder into a bowl. With a pastry blender or finger tips, work the butter into the dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse oatmeal.

Stir into the milk just until ingredients are moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead thirty seconds. Roll into a 15 x 18 inch rectangle. Spread with the fruit. Combine remaining sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over fruit. Starting at long end, roll like jellyroll. Cut ten or twelve pieces and place, cut side up, in the syrup in bake dish. Bake 25-30 minutes or until done. Serve hot with whipped cream.

Second Best

The sweetest words ever written,
Other than those of love,
Are the ones you find before your name,
Reading “Pay to the Order of.”

-Lou Seguin
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**FAMOUS LAST WORDS**

Well we’ve made it this far.
He’s probably just hibernating.
What does this button do?
The odds of that happening have to be a million to one!
Pull the pin and count to what?
I’ve seen this done on TV.
Let it down slowly.
That’s odd.

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**BONES AND BRAINS**

An average person’s bones are very strong. The strongest is the shin bone, which can support a one-ton weight. It is three times as strong as oak.

The average brain, which weighs about three pounds, can hold enough information to fill six million books. And surrounding all this brain and brawn is a layer of about twenty square feet of skin.

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**Unclaimed Property Regulations**

State unclaimed property laws limit the period of time that a fraternal benefit society like the CCU can hold unclaimed life insurance proceeds or annuity benefits on its books. In Ohio the period of time is 3 years, after which unclaimed funds must be remitted to the Division of Unclaimed Funds. To prevent this situation from occurring, CCU Members should make certain that 1) their beneficiary designation is up to date and 2) the Home Office has a current address for all named beneficiaries.

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**Jiri Trnka**

Jiri Trnka, artist; illustrator, and director of animated films, was born on February 24, 1912, in Plzen.

There he met with Josef Skupa and his marionette theatre, for which he designed the scenery. Jiri Trnka graduated from an art-industrial school in 1935.

Before World War II, he worked together with graphic designer Hermina Tyrlova in the Film Studio Bat’a in Zlin. In 1945, he became one of the founders of the cartoon Studio Bratri v triku (Brothers in a Trick). In the same year, he won his first prestigious Prize in Cannes for the film Zasadil dedek repu (Grandfather Planted One Beet, it is a fairy tale.) In 1948, he founded the Jiri Trnka Studio that he managed for 20 years.

Trnka made movies: Zvirtatka a Petrovsti (Animals and Peter’s Robbers); Spalicek (Chap-stories); Stare povesti ceske (Old Bohemian Myths); Osudy dobreho vojaka Svejka (Destinies of Brave Soldier Swain); long period film Cisaruv slavik (Emperor’s Nightingale); and the animated fairy tale, Dva mrazici (Two Frost-men). As an artist and a sculptor, he participated on forming of Czechoslovakian exhibitions on Expo ’58 in Brussels and on Expo ’67 in Montreal.

The artist also illustrated books. He illustrated the children’s fairy tale storybook Broucci (Fireflies) of author Jan Karafiat. He illustrated the book Fimfarum, fairy tales of author Jan Werich. From 1967, J. Trnka acted at the Art-industrial College in Prague for a short time, where he was appointed professor. For his everlasting, poetic tuning and artistically demanding works, he won about 50 prizes from expositions, exhibitions, films, and art shows and became a recognized artist as in inland as in outland.

Jiri Trnka, one of the founders and creators of the Czech puppet and animated film, died December 30, 1969, in Prague.

S.P.J.S.T.
CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in November, 2014 the officers and directors of the Czech Catholic Union voted to establish a Renewable Grant of $300.00 to members who will be enrolled in the 9th grade of a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL or are already attending a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL during the 2016-2017 academic year. The Grant will be payable directly to the school and credited to the student’s tuition.

To be eligible for this award the student must be a member for three years, having one of the following plans: Whole Life - 20 Year Payment Life - Single Premium Whole Life - 20 Year Annuity - Youth Savings with a $5,000.00 amount of insurance as minimum.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TO THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HOME OFFICE BY JUNE 1, 2016. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.

Name________________________________________Certificate No.________________________
Address______________________________________Society No. __________________________
City _____________________________State _______Zip Code ________________
Social Security No. _________________________Phone No. ____________________________
Will attend______________________________Catholic High School
School Address ____________________________________________________________________
City ______________________________________State______________Zip Code __________

Please mail this application to: CZECH CATHOLIC UNION
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Cleveland, OH 44127

CZECH CATHOLIC UNION COLLEGE GRANT

At the executive meeting held in November, 2014 the officers and directors of the Czech Catholic Union voted to establish a Renewable Grant of $500.00 for members who will enroll in a Catholic College or are already attending a Catholic College during the 2016-2017 academic year. The Grant will be payable directly to the college and credited to the student’s tuition.

To be eligible for this award the student must be a member of the Czech Catholic Union for three years, having the following Plans: Whole Life - 20 year Payment Life - 20 year Annuity - Single Premium Whole Life - Youth Savings with a $5,000.00 amount of insurance as minimum.

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Will Attend______________________________Catholic College
College Address ____________________________________________________________________
City ______________________________________State______________Zip Code __________

Please mail this application to: Czech Catholic Union
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TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2015 - $164,958.84

Notice To Members
A Mass for Deceased members of the Czech Catholic Union is offered periodically at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

But I Shall Think of Winter
I’ll think of Winter when the snow
In patterns lacy white
Begins to fall on chilly eve,
Continues through the night.
And when the morning sun shall break,
My view, resplendent sight —
A realm aglitter; oh, the glow!
My fancy takes its flight.
In time comes due the beauty of
Each season that one knows —
Lush, velvet green of springtime and
A brilliant Summer rose.
But I shall think of Winter when,
Released from Autumn’s throes,
My graceful world grows whitely hushed
Beneath the fallen snows.

Henry W. Gurley