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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends —

Now that summer is coming to a close, many of our outdoor activities, vacations and other events competing for our time and attention are also coming to an end. Now would be a good time to think about taking advantage of our 2017 Mid-Year Special which ends on October 31. Information appears elsewhere in this issue.

Many people ask for details about how to become a member of the Czech Catholic Union (CCU Life). CCU Membership may be completed through the purchase of an insurance plan. Excellent dividends on insurance coverage and competitive interest rates on Annuity-CD's will surely provide prospective members with reasons to want to become a part of our Fraternal Organization.

Currently we are offering one of the highest rates of return with our Annuity CD Special. Members earn 1% more than non-members. Members earn 3% for the first 6 months of a 2 year Annuity CD, while non-members earn 2% (still a good rate compared to other liquid investments).

We encourage you or prospective members to call the Home Office during normal business hours, where we stand ready and waiting to be of assistance.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Cermak
President



Rest in Peace

*"Rest in peace," how much this says,
Be free of pain no more to weep.
Find joy that never ends, possess
New life that here you could not keep.
"Rest in peace," and though we grieve,
Reaching for your hand in vain,
Our faith is such that we believe
That all of us shall meet again.*



Archbishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B., our Chaplain Emeritus, was born in Chicago on May 7, 1923, second of the four sons of Joseph and Lillian (Petrzelka) Kucera. He attended St. Procopius College in Lisle, Illinois and was professed a Benedictine monk on June 16, 1944. After completing his theological training at St. Procopius Seminary, Father Daniel was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1949, at St. Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral in Joliet, Illinois. Father Daniel did some teaching while studying at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Completing his dissertation on "Church-State Relationships in Education in Illinois," he was awarded his Ph.D. in 1954. Father Daniel was then placed in charge of the Education Department at St. Procopius College.

In 1959, at the age of thirty-six, Father Daniel was named the youngest president of St. Procopius College. On July 8, 1964, the monks of St. Procopius elected Father Daniel as the fifth abbot of the community. In 1971, he was called again to be president of the college, now renamed Illinois Benedictine College. In 1976, Father Daniel resigned as president and accepted the post of Chairman of the College Board of Trustees. In June 1977, Father Daniel was appointed titular Bishop of Natchez (Mississippi) and auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. His ordination took place on the feast of Saint Daniel, July 21, 1977. Bishop Daniel's education stature was recognized by his appointment as a Trustee for The Catholic University of America.

On March 11, 1980, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Daniel the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Salina, Kansas. While there, Bishop Daniel raised funds for the construction of a Catholic Student Center at Fort Hays State College. On December 20, 1983, Bishop Daniel was named the eighth Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa. Here as always, he placed great stress on leadership development. From 1987-1990 and again from 1992-1993, Archbishop Daniel served as the treasurer for the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

Finally slowing down, Archbishop Daniel submitted his resignation, which was accepted by the Holy Father on October 16, 1995. He moved to Aurora, Colorado where his brother, Father Edward Kucera, O.S.B., was stationed. In the summer of 2007, he moved to the Villa Raphael in Dubuque. Three years later, back and hip problems caused him to move to the Stone Hill Care Center. He suffered a major heart attack a few days before his death. Bishop Kucera passed away on May 30, 2017. He is survived by his monastic community and two brothers, Father Edward, O.S.B. and Henry. Archbishop Daniel became chaplain of the Czech Catholic Union in 1967 and he was a member for 39 years.

THE CHARLES BRIDGE

The Charles Bridge is a stone Gothic bridge that connects the Old Town and Lesser Town. It was originally called the Stone Bridge during its first several centuries. The name was changed to Charles Bridge in 1870 after Czech King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, who commissioned the construction that began in 1337.

The Charles Bridge is famous for the many statues of saints that adorn the bridge along its length. It is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Prague.

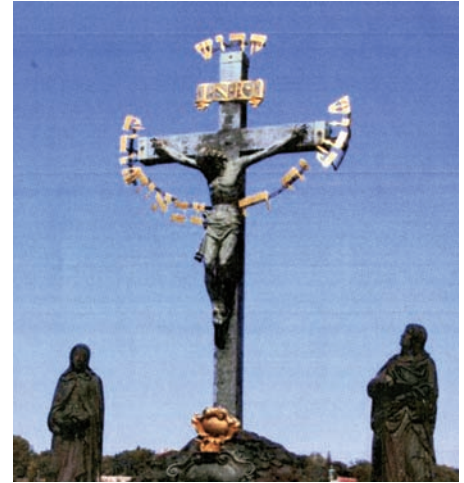
Statues on the north side of the bridge



1. Statue of the Madonna attending to St. Bernard



2. Statue of the Madonna, Ss. Dominic and Thomas Aquinas



3. The Crucifix and Calvary



4. Statue of St. Anne



5. Statue of St. Cyril and St. Methodius

6. Statue of St. John the Baptist



7. Statue of Saints Norbert of Xanten, Wenceslaus and Sigismund

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Wenceslaus, Norbert,
Zikmund (Sigismund)





8. Statue of St. John of Nepomuk



9. Statue of St. Anthony of Padua



10. Statue of St. Jude Thaddeus



11. Statue of St. Augustine



12. Statue of Cajetan



13. Statue of St. Philip Benitius



14. Statuary of St. Vitus



15. Statue of the Holy Savior with Cosmas and Damian

In Appreciation

Benedictine High School, Cleveland, Ohio - "I want to thank you for your generous donation. Your gift helps support our rich 90 year history to providing an outstanding Catholic education in the 1500 year old Benedictine tradition. It is through your generosity that we continue to challenge our very diverse student body from seven counties in Northeast Ohio, to become dynamic faith-filled men and pillars in our community. We are truly grateful and thank you for your support."

Sincerely, Rev. Gerard Gonda, OSB, President

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, IA - "Thank you for your contribution. We appreciate your financial support of the museum and our programs. With your help, we will continue to offer innovative programs and activities to enrich the lives of thousands of adults and children. We are extremely vibrant and growing. Gifts such as yours allow us to continue to deliver our mission. We are very grateful."

Yours truly, Jennifer Zach, Database Manager

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, Chardon, OH - "As a donor to the NDCL Fund you make a direct impact on the lives of our students. Thank you for supporting us in inspiring our students to work toward a more just and peaceful world as they share in the privilege of a Catholic education rooted in the educational vision and principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame."

With gratitude and prayer,
Sister Jacquelyn, SND, President

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Cleveland, OH - "In the name of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, I thank you for your very generous recent contribution. We are happy to put this into the Window Fund. Your generosity is much appreciated. I wish you all the best and know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless all the efforts of the Czech Catholic Union."

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Joseph H. Callahan, Pastor

St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL - "The monks of St. Procopius Abbey thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation. Your gift goes for so many things here at the abbey. Primarily, though, it supports our mission and ministry of prayer and work, stability and community. May God bless you always!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Abbot Austin G. Murphy, O.S.B.

St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio - "On behalf of the monks at St. Andrew Abbey, thank you for your generous donation to the abbey. Your willingness to help our Benedictine community makes a difference.

You and your loved ones remain in our prayers at Mass and as we gather four times daily for the Liturgy of the Hours. Please continue to support St. Andrew Abbey and our mission. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly."

Sincerely, Rt. Rev. Gary Hoover, OSB
(Abbot & Chancellor)

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, NE - "Thank you for the college grant. This funding will truly help with the cost of tuition. Last year I received this grant as well and it went to good use. I ended the year with a 3.8 GPA and I will try even harder to raise my GPA this next academic year. Thank you again for your support and generosity."

Sincerely, Sydney Piccolo

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, NE - "Thank you very much for the Czech Catholic Union scholarship! I am going to be a junior at Mercy High School. This is a Catholic High School. I enjoy every minute of school. My favorite class is Theology. Thanks to your scholarship, I am given this opportunity to attend the High School of my dreams. Thank you and God Bless!"

Sincerely, Lia Reckmeyer

Our Lady of the Mount Society #143, Cicero, IL - "Thank you so much for your contribution toward my tuition. This year, I will be a senior at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, in Roswell, GA. My family and I are very grateful for your gift."

Sincerely, Colynn Vacko

Blessed Virgin Society #119, Cedar Rapids, IA - "Your generous gift to support Ethan Dalecky at Rockhurst High School was gratefully received. Thank you for helping this fine boy to continue his Catholic formation. It truly makes a difference for him, now and in the future."

Sincerely yours, Rockhurst High School
Laurence W. Freeman '82,
Chief Advancement Officer

Society #145, Cleveland, OH - "Thank you for awarding the scholarship for Alex Dell."

Sincerely, Daniel Bradesca '88,
Principal St. Ignatius High School

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, NE - "Thank you very much for the College Grant that allows me to attend Creighton University. Creighton has been a fantastic place for me to grow and deepen my faith, so much so that I have decided to minor in theology. All of this is possible because of the help from the Czech Catholic Union. Again, thank you."

Sincerely, Ben Reckmeyer

2017 Mid-Year Special

As a loyal and valued member of the CCU Life Family, we are pleased to announce you are eligible for a special limited time offer to obtain a new policy or purchase additional insurance for you, a friend or a family member.

Beginning now through **October 31, 2017**, you can save on your purchase of a minimum \$3,000 or larger Single Premium Life Policy. See the next page for the rates. The rates on the enclosed table are per \$1,000 of coverage, so remember to multiply by whatever amount you are purchasing.

Each application will receive an entry for a drawing for one of 2 large screen televisions in addition to saving the \$25 application fee that we normally charge for each new policy. The drawing for the televisions will take place on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 after all the applications are processed. The winner will be announced in the Posel.

Highlights of the Single Pay Life Insurance Plan include:

- Builds cash value
- Participates in dividends after 2 years
- Eligible for high school and college grants after 3 years (see qualifications)
- One-time payment for a lifetime of security

If you need clarification or assistance, contact the Home Office during normal business hours at 216-341-0444.

To enroll more than one person in this great offer, please feel free to make additional copies.

For an application, call the Home Office or see May - June 2017 issue



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	Single Premiums per \$1,000	
ISSUE AGE	BAND 1 \$3,000- \$9,999	BAND 2 \$10,000- & over
0	\$94.70	\$92.20
1	\$96.78	\$94.28
2	\$99.31	\$96.81
3	\$102.08	\$99.58
4	\$105.06	\$102.56
5	\$108.20	\$105.70
6	\$111.44	\$108.94
7	\$114.80	\$112.30
8	\$118.27	\$115.77
9	\$121.86	\$119.36
10	\$125.58	\$123.08
11	\$129.42	\$126.92
12	\$133.36	\$130.86
13	\$137.39	\$134.89
14	\$141.51	\$139.01
15	\$145.71	\$143.21
16	\$149.93	\$147.43
17	\$154.20	\$151.70
18	\$158.50	\$156.00
19	\$162.91	\$160.41
20	\$167.43	\$164.93
21	\$172.10	\$169.60
22	\$176.94	\$174.44
23	\$181.94	\$179.44
24	\$187.11	\$184.61
25	\$192.45	\$189.95
26	\$197.97	\$195.47
27	\$203.65	\$201.15
28	\$209.49	\$206.99
29	\$215.54	\$213.04
30	\$221.83	\$219.33
31	\$228.35	\$225.85
32	\$235.12	\$232.62
33	\$242.13	\$239.63
34	\$249.38	\$246.88
35	\$256.87	\$254.37
36	\$264.61	\$262.11
37	\$272.57	\$270.07
38	\$280.79	\$278.29
39	\$289.23	\$286.73
40	\$297.90	\$295.40
41	\$306.82	\$304.32
42	\$315.96	\$313.46
43	\$325.33	\$322.83
44	\$334.92	\$332.42
45	\$344.70	\$342.20

SINGLE PREMIUM WHOLE LIFE		
	Single Premiums per \$1,000	
ISSUE AGE	BAND 1 \$3,000- \$9,999	BAND 2 \$10,000- & over
46	\$354.68	\$352.18
47	\$364.87	\$362.37
48	\$375.28	\$372.78
49	\$385.98	\$383.48
50	\$396.99	\$394.49
51	\$408.27	\$405.77
52	\$419.81	\$417.31
53	\$431.57	\$429.07
54	\$443.53	\$441.03
55	\$455.66	\$453.16
56	\$467.91	\$465.41
57	\$480.29	\$477.79
58	\$492.80	\$490.30
59	\$505.53	\$503.03
60	\$518.45	\$515.95
61	\$531.53	\$529.03
62	\$544.69	\$542.19
63	\$557.87	\$555.37
64	\$571.02	\$568.52
65	\$584.17	\$581.67
66	\$597.31	\$594.81
67	\$610.49	\$607.99
68	\$623.75	\$621.25
69	\$637.08	\$634.58
70	\$650.53	\$648.03
71	\$664.03	\$661.53
72	\$677.57	\$675.07
73	\$690.94	\$688.44
74	\$704.18	\$701.68
75	\$717.33	\$714.83
76	\$730.37	\$727.87
77	\$743.29	\$740.79
78	\$756.03	\$753.53
79	\$768.48	\$765.98
80	\$780.56	\$778.06
81	\$792.25	\$789.75
82	\$803.48	\$800.98
83	\$814.32	\$811.82
84	\$824.78	\$822.28
85	\$834.83	\$832.33
86	\$844.40	\$841.90
87	\$853.42	\$850.92
88	\$861.85	\$859.35
89	\$869.67	\$867.17
90	\$876.87	\$874.37

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRANT RECIPIENTS

NAME	SOCIETY	HIGH SCHOOL CITY, STATE
Caleb Brezina	145	Aquinas David City, NE
Victoria Criswell	11	Magnificat Rocky River, OH
Alexandria Dalecky	119	St. Teresa's Academy Kansas City, MO
Ethan Dalecky	119	Rockhurst Kansas City, MO
Alex Dell	145	St. Ignatius Cleveland, OH
Mary Fiala	145	Aquinas David City, NE
SinClare Fiala	145	Aquinas David City, NE
Nicholas Glotzbach	11	Blessed Trinity Roswell, GA
John Hoelter	156	Trinity Louisville, KY
Kate Kleinigger	7	Rosati-Kain St. Louis, MO
Meghan Kleinigger	7	Rosati-Kain St. Louis, MO
Brett Kobza	127	Aquinas David City, NE
Veronica Kobza	127	Aquinas David City, NE
John Krakora	156	Trinity Garfield Heights, OH
Tom Malloy	11	Padua Franciscan Parma, OH
Madeline Masker	145	Skutt Catholic Omaha, NE
Mitchell Masker	145	Creighton Prep Omaha, NE
Grace Miller	119	Xavier Cedar Rapids, IA
Madeleine Nemmers	46	St. Edmond Fort Dodge, IA
Natalie Novak	145	Magnificat Rocky River, OH
Lia Reckmeyer	46	Mercy Omaha, NE
Colynn Vacko	143	Blessed Trinity Roswell, GA
Kaelyn Veselsky	156	Notre Dame Park Hills, KY
Rebecca Vober	10	Archbishop Hoban Akron, OH
Matthew Zelenka	143	St. Ignatius Chicago, IL

2017 COLLEGE GRANT RECIPIENTS

NAME	SOCIETY	COLLEGE CITY, STATE
Andrew Auer	7	Pontifical North American College Washington D.C.
Madison Blietz	119	Mount Mercy Cedar Rapids, IA
J. Philip Criswell	11	Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN
Julia Criswell	11	Xavier Cincinnati, OH
Brittany Dell	145	Gannon Erie, PA
Elizabeth DeWispelare	127	Benedictine Atchison, KS
Antonia Fiala	145	College of St. Mary Omaha, NE
Nicole Fleck	145	St. Xavier Chicago, IL
Laura Iobst	2	University of Scranton Scranton, PA
Sydney Piccolo	145	College of St. Mary Omaha, NE
Benjamin Reckmeyer	46	Creighton Omaha, NE

Some of our High School Grant Recipients



Madeline Masker, Society #145

Mitchell Masker, Society #145



Madeleine Nemmers,
Society #46



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Benedictine High School, Cleveland, OH
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Czech Mission - Rev. Dusan Hladik, Chicago, IL
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library,
Cedar Rapids, IA

Nepomucene College - Rome, Italy

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School,
Chardon, OH

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Cleveland, OH - Rev. Joseph Callahan

Rev. Anton Kocourek - Czech Catholic
Mission Forest Hills, NY

St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, OH

St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL

Andrew Auer, Society #7, St. Louis, MO
-North American College

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Mums

Chrysanthemums have deep history in China. Ancient pottery images suggest mums were part of the landscape 3,500 years ago. Over time, they spread through Europe, but didn't cross the Atlantic to the United States until five years before Ohio was an official state. Mums first arrived in New Jersey, but met commercial success across the continent in California. And, they're always bigger in Texas.

Mum popularity has been growing in recent years. As consumers embrace them, growers feed the demand. In fact, they are now the most widely grown potted plant in the United States, according to the National Chrysanthemum Society. And, their ease makes them the largest commercially produced flower.



CZECH CATHOLIC UNION CONVENTION 2018

SEPTEMBER 30,
OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2018

Each Society is to be represented by delegates at the Convention. Societies handled by the Main Office due to small members or no officer representation are grouped together. Below is a list of the Societies and the number of eligible delegates.

Society No.	No. of Delegates
2	1
5	1
7	3
16	1
18	1
119	3
143	3
156	11
1, 3, 10, 11	6
45, 46	2
101, 105, 117	6
126, 127, 145	6

Many members have registered to be a delegate. There are still positions available. A stipend is provided for your delegate service.

For further information, questions regarding the convention or to register as a delegate please contact:

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Committee Chairman
440-442-7068 (Home)
216-341-0444 (Office)
Email: babahunt2110@gmail.com

REMINDER

Our Annuity CD Special is still in effect through December 31, 2017.

Any new Annuity CD of \$5,000 or more (Maximum \$100,000) will earn an extra 1/2% bonus for the first 6 months with a 2 year maturity. After the first 6 months, the rate will return to 2 1/2% for members and 1 1/2% for non-members.

For an application, please call the home office or see the July-August Posel.

New Czech Ambassador

American Friends of the Czech Republic Directors welcomed the newly arrived Ambassador of the Czech Republic, Hynek Kmonicek, to a luncheon in Washington on May 4, 2017. Ambassador Kmonicek comes to Washington after a diplomatic career spanning more than two decades. He first served in the Department for Middle East and Africa of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and subsequently as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Australia, India and the United Nations in New York. Kmonicek had studied English and Arabic at Charles University in Prague as well as Middle East history, Hebrew and Arabic at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel.

American Friends of the Czech Republic

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AFTER 2 MASS MAILINGS, HERE ARE MEMBERS WE DO NOT HAVE CORRECT ADDRESSES FOR

NAME	SOCIETY NUMBER	LAST KNOWN LOCATION CITY, STATE
Antonette Cirino	1	Huntersville, NC
Kara Lundy	16	Pittsburgh, PA
Stacey Birkicht-Hanners	119	Cedar Rapids, IA
Janette June	119	Cedar Rapids, IA
Jonathan White	143	Pleasant Valley, MO
Stephan Amerla	156	Avon Lake, OH
Michael Amerla	156	Avon Lake, OH

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insurance@czechccu.org

The Importance of Beneficiaries

Many different assets, whether it be life insurance, an IRA, bank account, etc., allow for a beneficiary to be named. A beneficiary is an individual, or a trust, that will receive this asset upon your death. The beneficiary has no ownership rights during your lifetime and often the beneficiary can be easily changed. The two (2) most common types of assets that allow for beneficiary designations are life insurance and retirement accounts.

What happens upon an owner's death? When the account owner passes, the beneficiary (who often knows they are the beneficiary) contacts the financial institution and presents a death certificate. The beneficiary is then given the necessary forms to have the account liquidated and/or transferred into his or her name. It really can be that easy.

What if there is no beneficiary named? When no beneficiary is named, the asset would need to be probated in order to be transferred to those named in the Will, or to the decedent's next of kin. For an asset to be "probated" a family member, or other individual, would need to make a filing with the local Probate Court in order to gain access to the account and then transfer the account to the appropriate individuals. This process can be time consuming and may result in some of the asset being lost to creditor claims. In other words, the asset may be depleted.

A warning about tax deferred accounts. Special attention needs to be paid to tax deferred accounts - IRA's, 401(k), 403(b) and some annuities. It is always recommended to name a beneficiary on these accounts because without one the account will need to be cashed and the accrued income tax will need to be paid immediately. A good rule of thumb is that 30% of the account value will be lost to taxes. When an individual or a trust is named as a beneficiary, it is possible for that beneficiary to "stretch" the account and therefore pay the income tax in small increments, instead of all at once.

So, in a nutshell, it is wise to pay attention to and take advantage of the ability to name a beneficiary on your assets.

This article is for informational purposes only and shall not be construed as legal advice. Further, this article is predicated upon Ohio law as the author is only licensed to practice in Ohio. If you live outside Ohio, please seek legal counsel in your state of residence regarding these issues.

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Note: Christina is the legal counsel for the Czech Catholic Union and has graciously offered to extend a 10% discount to any of our members who mention this article.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The American Sokol National Organization held the XXIV American Sokol Slet & Festival from June 22-25, 2017 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Over 500 participants and attendants took part, under the theme: "The Tradition Continues." The Slet consists of team marching, calisthenics, volleyball competitions and a traditional folk dance in national costumes. A banquet was held at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, which was attended by several former Olympians and Dr. Borek Lizec, the Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago.

American Friends of the Czech Republic

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New York, New York

Greetings from the Big Apple



Pictured is our newest member Vaughn Fascett Janos who joined CCU in July. This happy guy resides in Washington, D.C. with his parents and two brothers, Hugo & Hudson. His brothers are already members of St. Ludmila as are his cousins in the Janos & McMullen family.

Just a reminder for those who may have missed my previous articles in the POSEL, Sunday Mass is celebrated in the Czech language at 10:30 a.m. in the lower church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish on Newtow Avenue in Astoria. After Mass parishioners gather across from church in the hall for fellowship, coffee and.....

A few weeks ago, a visiting girls' choir from Czech Republic (about 30-40 members, 14 to 19 years of age) entertained us after Mass. The evening before, they were in competition in Carnegie Hall in Manhattan.

Ed Babor

St. Ludmila Society #2

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Cleveland, Ohio

Congratulations are sent out to St. Joseph Society #156 member, Lisa Ciha, on her marriage to Greg Tkachyk.

The wedding took place on June 3, 2017 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Bedford, Ohio. Lisa is a 30 year member of Society #156, along with her brother, Matthew Ciha, her Grandmother, Pat Ciha and her Aunt Ellen Ciha. Best of Luck to the Newlyweds!!!

Cleveland, Ohio

October starts the St. Joseph Society #156 meetings at the Home Office, 5349 Dolloff Road Cleveland, Ohio. All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Regular meeting beginning at 1:00 pm in the C.C.U. building.

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Regular meeting, Memorial Service for deceased members of St. Joseph's Society and light luncheon beginning at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Regular meeting at 1:00 pm, election of officers and adult Christmas party with optional \$10 gift exchange.

Sunday, January 14, 2018

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 call Joe Kocab at 216-883-4760. For luncheon reservations call Jane at 216-341-0444.

There is no meeting in February 2018.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Annual Communion Breakfast. Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00 am followed by breakfast. 50 year members will be honored.

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SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day is an Annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. The day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation and eight hours for rest.

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Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better.

Albert Einstein

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL MUSHROOM MONTH

MUSHROOMS - A NATIONAL SPORT

Picking mushrooms, the seemingly aimless sauntering through woods with eyes riveted to the ground, is a phenomenon peculiar to Central Europe. Fried mushroom mash, mushroom sauce or pickled mushrooms are common in the local cuisines. The Czechs, Poles, Slovaks and Ukrainians are able to distinguish dozens of kinds of mushrooms and make delicious dishes out of them.



Fresh Mushroom Soup

Clean and slice several fresh mushrooms, stew them in a little butter, adding salt, caraway seed and minced parsley. When they have become partially dry, add as much water as you wish to have soup. This water must be boiling and must have been thickened with flour and butter browned together. Boil a little while longer, then pour over croutons.

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The Season With Two Names

Before it was autumn and fall, it was known as harvest. The terms winter and summer have been around for more than 1000 years, but the names for autumn/fall and spring are more recent and less constant. In general, English speakers were less likely to think of the year as being split into four seasons. Instead, people only focused on the warmest and the coldest portions of the year.

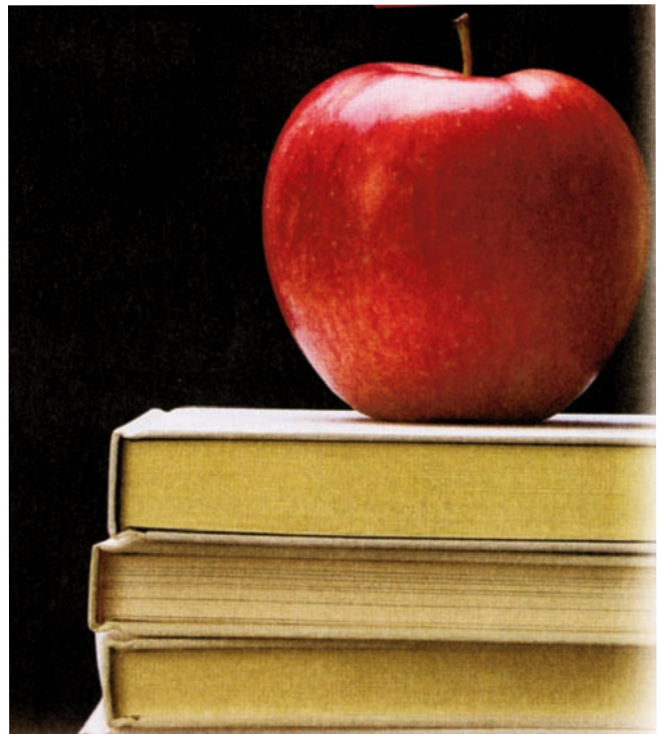
Interestingly enough, the Czech word for November is “listopad,” which comes from the words for leaf (lístek) and fall (padat) – therefore, “leaves falling.”

Both spring and autumn used to go by different names. In the 12th and 13th centuries, spring was called lent or lenten, while fall was called harvest. Spring and fall likely gained popularity in conjunction with each other. They each initially appeared in the 16th century as spring of the leaf and fall of the leaf, respectively.

Today, American English uses the word fall while British English uses autumn almost exclusively. Fall is an appropriate term to counter its opposing season, spring, and also gives us the helpful reminder, “Spring ahead; fall back,” when we get confused about our clocks on daylight savings.

BACK TO SCHOOL!!

GOOD LUCK STUDENTS ON A SUCCESSFUL 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



Never Argue With Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human. It was physically impossible. The little girl said, “When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah.” The teacher replied, “What if Jonah went to hell?” The little girl replied, “Then you ask him.”

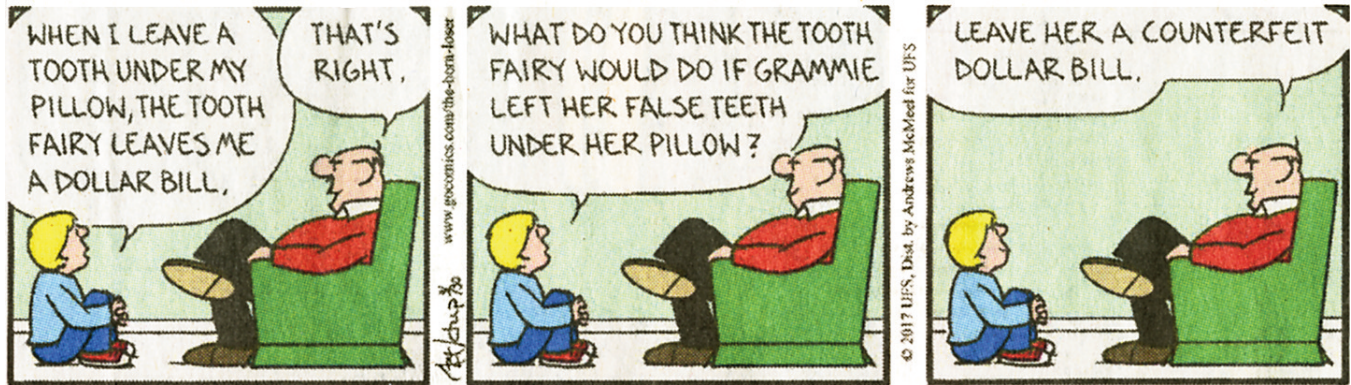
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It Depends

A teacher said to her student, “Billy, if both of your parents were born in 1967, how old are they now?”

After a few moments, Billy answered, “It depends.” “It depends on what? she asked.

“It depends on whether you ask my father or my mother.”



GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10

Grandparents Day Prayer

God of Abraham and Sarah,
grandfather and grandmother in the faith
God of all generations:
We thank you today for those who are grandpar-
ents/elders.
We especially thank you for those who are grand-
parents to us—
those who are grandparents by blood relation-
ships, and those unrelated but older than we
who generously share
their love and wisdom,
their time and traditions
so that we have roots, stories, and hope.
We bless you for the gift of grandparents,
and we ask your blessing on them,
that their days may be filled
with delight in their grandchildren.
May their giving and grace toward younger gner-
ations
bring fulfillment to them
and may they be a blessing
to al they love and call grandchildren,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Happy Grandparents Day!



GOOD THINGS ABOUT GROWING OLD...

Kidnappers are not interested in you.
If you've never smoked, you can start now and it won't
have time to hurt your health.
People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
Your supply of brain cells is down to a manageable
size.
Your eyes won't get much worse.
Things you buy now won't wear out.
No one expects you to run into a burning building or
anywhere else
Your joints are more accurate at predicting weath-
er than the weather man.
In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released
first.
Your secrets are safe with your friends because
they can't remember them either.
You can eat dinner at 4 PM
You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.
You can get into heated arguments about pension plans.
You quit holding your stomach in, no matter who walks
into the room.
Your investment in health insurance is finally
beginning to pay off.

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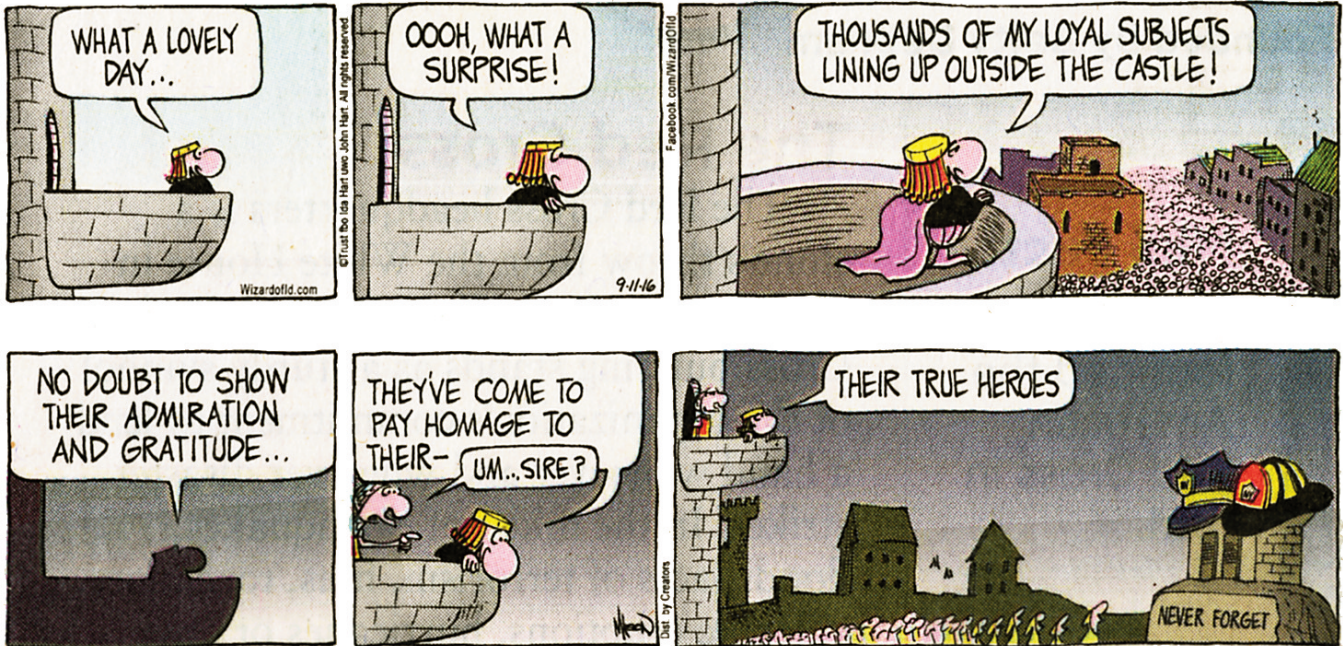
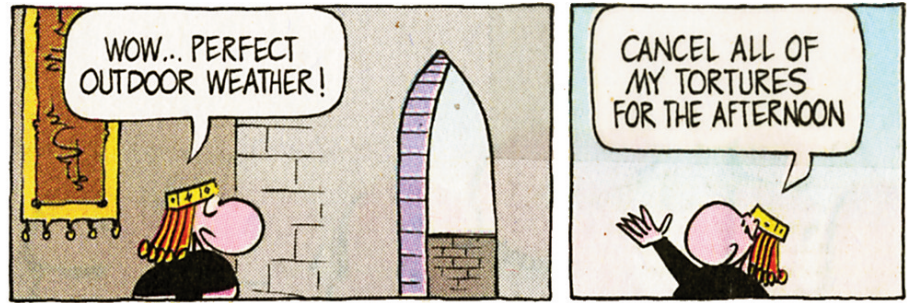
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Wizard of ID

by parker and hart



September 11, 2001



OKTOBERFEST ACTUALLY STARTS IN SEPTEMBER?

What began in 1180 as a Bavarian prince's wedding celebration has become a worldwide excuse to wear lederhosen and drink German-style beer. In fact, "Oktoberfest" refers not only to the 16- to 18-day festival usually starting in mid-September but also to beers brewed specially for it. According to the German Purity Law (a real thing) true Oktoberfest beers come from only six Munich breweries that follow certain criteria. Oktoberfest-ish beers brewed elsewhere typically aim for similar toasty, full-bodied flavors. Both are widely available this time of year, so there's no need to hit the beer garden. Just fill your sink with ice and a few of these.



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"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late" -Benjamin Franklin



John Amos Comenius (Jan Amos Komensky) was born in 1592 in Nivnice, Moravia, in the area that is now the Czech Republic. Known today as the 'Father of Modern Education,' he pioneered modern educational methods. A contemporary of Galileo, Descartes, Rembrandt, and Milton, Comenius con-

tributed greatly to the Enlightenment. He was the first to use pictures in textbooks (*The Visible World In Pictures*, 1658), and believed in what might be called a holistic concept of education. He taught that education began in the earliest days of childhood, and continued throughout life. He advocated the formal education of women, an idea which was unheard of in his day.'

Comenius' Ten Commandments for a Moral Life - Seek Virtues, Avoid Vices

1. Don't tell all that you know; don't believe everything that you hear; don't ask for all that you see; don't do all that you can, but only what is your obligation.
2. Be modest, rather than impudent; reticent, rather than talkative! When someone speaks, be quiet; when they talk to you, listen; when they tell you to do something, fulfill their wish.
3. Be kind to all; avoid being ingratiating; and avoid flattery.
4. In addition, be just! Don't strive to gain what is not rightfully yours!
5. Be courageous and eager to work.
6. Fortune is fickle-bringing different, often unhappy things to different people.
7. Be also kind and merciful! If you can, help the poor.
8. If someone has offended you, forgive them. If you have hurt someone, confess to your fault, apologize, ask for forgiveness, and thus turn away their anger.
9. Don't envy anyone, desire good for everyone, please others whenever you can and you will be liked by all good people.
10. Always speak the truth; don't be tempted to lie.

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Father Smith was testing on the commandments. He gave an example and asked the children to tell him what commandment was broken.

First he said he was tired one Sunday and decided to stay home. Eager hands went up: "Third Commandment, keep holy the Lord's day."

Next he said that he saw Jimmy's bike and took it home to keep. Again, eager hands:

"Seventh Commandment, thou shalt not steal."

Finally he said he was walking along and saw John's dog. He started pulling the dog by the tail. Hands went up and quickly down. Then one hesitant little voice said, "I don't know the number but it goes like this, 'What God has joined together, let no man pull apart'."

CZECH SELF ESTEEM

(In the Spirit of St. Wenceslaus)

Confident and free
Our Spirit needs to be
For every good reason
Whatever the season
To Soar above the crowd
In silence or out loud
Our thoughts and expressions
Moving out and about
surely, without doubt
To lead, or to follow
In command, not shallow
Our souls and our minds
Entwined, of one kind
Not alone, no pity
Live, love, be gritty
Our spirit needs to be
Always confident and free



St. Wenceslaus' Feastday is
September 28th.

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Candy corn is still a favorite Halloween treat, only it has slipped one notch to second place, with anything chocolate taking the number one honors.

Manufacturers produced 9 billion pieces of candy corn in 2016; that's 35 million pounds.

There is a preferred way to eat the corn. According to a survey by the National Confectioners Association, 43 percent start with the narrow white end. About 10 percent begin eating the wider yellow end first.

Companies are tinkering with the candy corn recipe and trying new flavors, like caramel apple, caramel popcorn, and cinnamon. The Zachary Confections company (sells to retail stores like Target) makes 12 varieties, including blackberry cobbler, raspberry lemonade, cherry and pumpkin spice.

Candy corn has made its way into Oreos, M&Ms, coffee, bagels, and even a martini.

90 YEARS AGO...

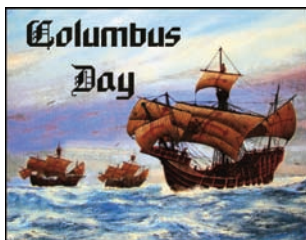
On Oct. 4, 1927 work on Mount Rushmore began with a bang - dynamite was used to remove rock until a thin layer of granite was left. Construction was completed in October 1941. The project cost just under \$1 million.



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525 YEARS AGO...

Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas on October 12, 1492.



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October is National Apple Month

Ask just about anyone from Maine to Florida, from New York City to Los Angeles, to describe America in five words or less, and they reply, "Baseball, Mom, and apple pie." Deep-dish or lattice-topped served with a wedge of cheese or a la mode, apple pie is part of this country's heritage, like the Constitution and the Statue of Liberty. And popular? The Menu Census published in Restaurants and Institutions rated apple pie as America's number one selling dessert.

Apple pies can be traced back as far as 14th century England, when meat pies were the most popular varieties, but fruit pies, including apple, were also available. Piemaking skills and apple seeds came over to America with the Pilgrims, who served apple pie primarily as a breakfast food. Even today, in some parts of rural New England, apple pie remains on the breakfast menu.

Here's a recipe for a unique apple pie experience.

APPLE ALASKA PIE

Don't just dunk for apples this halloween. Bake an apple pie with a difference.

Pastry for 1 crust

6 medium apples

3/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 teaspoon flour

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 1/2 tablespoons butter oleo

3 egg whites

1/2 cup sugar

1 quart butter pecan ice cream

Line 9-inch pie pan with pastry; trim edge; press edge down with tines of fork. Core, pare and slice apples. Combine 3/4 cup sugar, flour and spices. Rub a little of this mixture into pastry, then make alternate layers of apple slices and spice mixture. Dot with butter or oleo. Bake at 425 degrees F for 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Remove from oven, let cool thoroughly.

Beat egg whites stiff but not dry. Add 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Spoon ice cream evenly on top of pie to within 1/2 inch of rim. Cover entire surface of pie with meringue. Bake at 500 degrees F for 2 minutes.

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100 YEARS AGO...

The Virgin Mary appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta on the 13th of each month from May to October 1917.

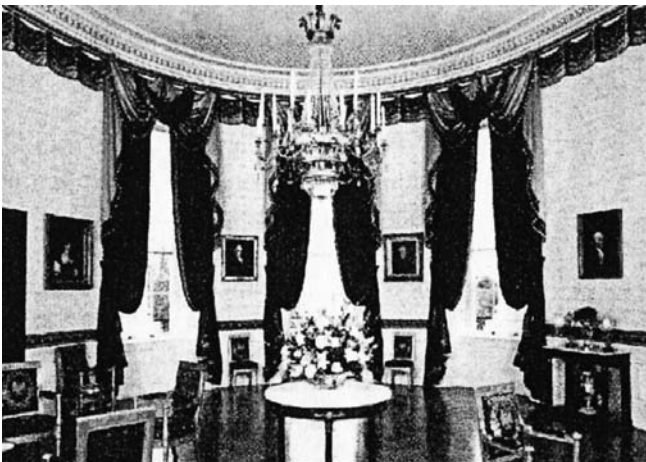
On May 13, 2017, Pope Francis proclaimed Francisco and Jacinta Marto Saints at the start of Mass, held in Fatima, Portugal, marking the centenary of their visions. The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most famous Marian shrines in the world. More than 4,000,000 people visit Fatima each year.



Left to Right: Jacinta Marto, Francisco Marto and Lucia dos Santos



The White House is 225 years old.



There is no record of any formal ceremony to mark the construction of the White House. On October 13, 1792, the cornerstone (or foundation) was laid.

The project took 8 years to complete and cost \$232,371.83. It was ready for occupancy on November 1, 1800.

The White House has a total of 132 rooms, which have all seen the complex development of the history of our country.

The “White House Complex” is a group of buildings that house the president’s home, as well as the rooms for ceremonies and official entertaining. It is a 6-story structure. The basement is 2-story.

There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators.

Five full-time chefs are employed.

There is a tennis court, bowling alley, movie theater, jogging track, swimming pool, and putting green.

During the Clinton administration in 1997, 36 difference Christmas trees filled the White House.

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Houska Castle

Houska Castle (Hrad Houska), located about an hour north of Prague, was built between 1253 and 1278. It is thought to be one of the most haunted locations in the world.

The castle has some strange features: the windows are fake, there is no water source and no kitchen. It is situated in a remote area surrounded by thick forests, swamps and sandstone mountains.

According to legend, the castle was constructed over a large hole in the ground, known as The Gateway to Hell. The bottom of the hole cannot be seen. Legend says half-animal, half-



human creatures used to crawl out from the pit at night and that black-winged creatures used to attack locals and drag them down into the hole. It is believed the castle was built to keep the evil in. The castle's chapel was built over the bottomless pit to seal the evil in and keep the demonic creatures from entering our world.

Some visitors to the castle claim to hear scratching noises from the lower floors. Others hear a chorus of screams. Phantoms have been seen walking the empty halls of the castle.

Halloween

Americans spend over \$7 billion on Halloween each year, making it the second most commercial holiday behind Christmas.

Snickers is the most popular candy bar handed out.

Americans buy some 20 million pounds of candy corn.

Trick-or-treating was popular in olden times, but fell out of favor in the 1930s. It was later brought back to distract mischievous kids from pulling devilish Halloween pranks.

Tradition says you should not be afraid of creepy, crawly

spiders because they are the spirits of loved ones watching over you.

The most popular adult costume is a witch, followed by a pirate.

The most popular children's costumes are princesses and superheroes.



Origin of Halloween

While there are many versions of the origins and old customs of Halloween, some remain consistent by all accounts. Different cultures view Halloween somewhat differently but traditional Halloween practices remain the same.

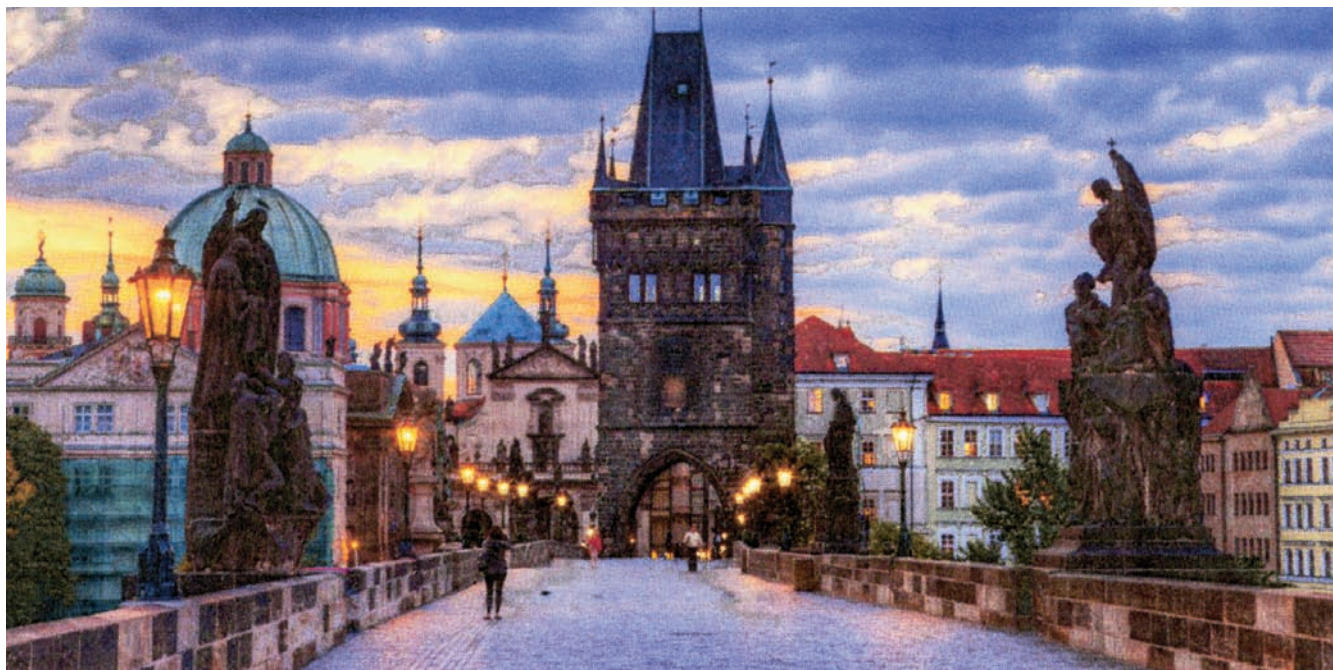
Halloween culture can be traced back to the Druids, a Celtic culture in Ireland, Britain and Northern Europe. Roots lay in the feast of Samhain, which was annually on October 31st to honor the dead.

Samhain signifies "summers end" or November. Samhain was a harvest festival with huge sacred bonfires, marking the end of the Celtic year and beginning of a new one. Many of the practices involved in this celebration were fed on superstition.

The Celts believed the souls of the dead roamed the streets and villages at night. Since not all spirits were thought to be friendly, gifts and treats were left out to pacify the evil and ensure next years crops would be plentiful. This custom evolved into trick-or-treating.

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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.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Pictured above, standing on the Charles Bridge.
Picture on front cover, side view of the Charles Bridge.

PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

The Czech Catholic Union extends its sincerest sympathies to the
bereaved families of the following deceased members:

Name	Location	Soc. Name	No.	Date of Issue	Date of Death	Age
Dolores Moxley	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	3	09-01-1949	09-21-2016	84
Frances Lauer	St. Louis, MO	St. Ludmila	7	04-01-1948	05-17-2017	88
Blanche O'Toole	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	18	08-01-1948	05-10-2017	86
Mary Cadogan	New York, NY	St. Ludmila	2	06-01-1940	04-18-2017	87
Virginia Stuck	Cicero, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	06-01-1951	06-19-2017	69
Rev. Daniel Kucera O.S.B.	Lisle, IL	Home Office	145	02-01-1978	05-30-2017	94
Bishop Kucera had 5 certificates						
Loretta Pipek	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	18	08-01-1948	06-30-2017	86

TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2017 \$160,419.00