Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady at Sedlec
(Katedrala Nanebevzeti Panny Marie)
Czech Republic
Dear Members and Friends -

These are exciting times at CCU Life. As you saw in the last issue of the Posel, we had another great financial year. Our assets are approaching $20 million and our surplus is now over $2,900,000 with a solvency ratio of approximately 118%. Just a few short years ago our assets were $15 million with a surplus under $2,500,000 that is required by the State of Ohio. With your help as members we have grown this organization to be one of the most solvent insurance companies.

In just a few weeks our 43rd General Convention will take place. Conventions cause a great deal of extra work, planning and coordination by the CCU staff. Travel arrangements must be made, hotel rooms reserved, meeting rooms arranged, banquet and other food arrangements made, the program book printed, etc. Thankfully we have a dedicated and experienced staff to take care of these items.

To keep this momentum going we need to add more members or current members to add to their existing coverages. Our insurance rates are good and our Annuity CD rates are one of the best around with a short-term maturity. Call the Home Office for additional details or applications.

Thank you to our members that are active in their societies, attend the Annual Meeting and will participate in the Convention. Please encourage other friends and relatives to become active. Without you we would not be able to exist. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Hope to see you at the Convention.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Cermak
President
This October it will be 100 years since the founding of the Homeland of most of the readers of the Posel. Czecho-Slovakia was formed out of the ashes of World War I. Bohemia, Silesia and Moravia were ruled by the Astro-Hungarian Empire. Slovakia was ruled by the Hungarian portion. Czecho-Slovakia, in Central Europe, was founded by President Thomas Masaryk and General M. R. Stefanik.

Celebrations will be held in both the United States and Canada. Information in the Cleveland celebrations including a banquet may be had by contacting either Stephen Sebesta or Alice Khol (see top of this page). If you would like to serve on this committee, contact either of them also.
In Appreciation

St. Lucy Society #127, Dwight, NE - “Thank you so much for this assistance in paying my tuition. It is greatly appreciated as it is a blessing that I am able to attend a Catholic college. God bless you for your generosity.”

Lizzie DeWispelare

Home Office Society #145, Cleveland, OH - “Thank you so much for the high school grant. I appreciate your support. I’m so excited to be going into my junior year at Skutt. Thanks again,”

Maddie Masker

EARLY REMINDER

The St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration will be held this year on September 29, 2018 at St. John Nepomucene Parish, 3785 Independence Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Mass will be at 4 PM followed by dinner at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44127. For more information, please contact Joe Kocab at 216-883-4760.

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LEMONADE SPICE

5 inch cinnamon stick
5 whole cloves
1 tsp. ground allspice
2 c. water
1 qt. chilled lemonade
ice cubes
lemon slices, studded with whole cloves
nutmeg to taste

Combine cinnamon, cloves and allspice with water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, simmer uncovered for 8 minutes. Strain and chill liquid.

Add to chilled lemonade. To serve, pour spiced lemonade into tall glasses partly filled with ice cubes. Garnish with lemon slice and a sprinkling of nutmeg.

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ALL AMERICAN PIE

1 (10-inch) baked deep-dish pie crust
1 qt. fresh strawberries
4 (1 oz.) sq. white baking chocolate
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
3/4 c. milk
1 small instant pudding mix
(vanilla, white chocolate or cheesecake flavor)
1 1/2 c. fresh blueberries
1 c. Cool Whip

Prepare pie crust; cool. Meanwhile, hull half the strawberries, setting aside the better-looking half. Cut whole strawberries into slices or chunks. Melt the white chocolate (in microwave if possible). Stir until smooth. Dip the unhulled whole strawberries half-way into melted white chocolate. Set aside on waxed paper to dry. Pour remaining white chocolate into cooled pie crust. Top with the sliced strawberries.

Beat the cream cheese, then whisk in milk and instant pudding mix until thickened. Pour over strawberries. Spread evenly, then top with blueberries. Edge crust with small dollops of Cool Whip or use pastry bag to decorate the florets. Place dipped strawberries along edge in the Cool Whip, with green tops along the outside. Refrigerate or serve immediately. Serves 10.

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HAM SALAD WITH POTATOES (VLASSKY SALAT)

1/2 lb. potatoes, cooked in jackets, then peeled
1/2 lb. boiled ham
1/2 lb. pickles, dilled
1/4 lb. onions, chopped
1/4 lb. green apples, peeled
Cut all ingredients into long thin strips (julienne). Mayonnaise:
2 egg yolks
1 c. oil
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 to 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix egg yolks and mustard, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Very slowly add oil with lemon juice alternately. (Will separate if mixed too quickly.) Combine mayonnaise into Ham Salad with Potatoes, gently but thoroughly.

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KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea. The war ended on July 27, 1953. An estimated 33,741 Americans died in the war.

Sculptor Frank Gaylord’s 19 larger-than-life stainless-steel statues of American soldiers on patrol makes the Korean War Veterans Memorial one of the most evocative of D.C.’s war monuments.

The memorial includes a 41-panel black granite wall inscribed with images of those who served and the motto “Freedom is not free.”

President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young Sam dedicated the memorial on July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the armistice that brought an end to more than three years of fighting on the Korean peninsula.
I often get the question, when does my Will or Power of Attorney expire? Estate planning documents such as these do not expire at a certain time, unless the document specifically states otherwise. So, these documents are valid until revoked, rewritten or upon your death.

That being said, it is a good idea to have estate planning documents that are recent: a good rule of thumb is within five (5) to ten (10) years. First, it is very likely that over the course of time your nominated Executor or Power of Attorney has moved away, died or you would prefer to have another person fill this role. For instance, it is not uncommon for parents to draft a Will when their children are young and name a sibling or parent as an Executor. But, fast forward twenty years and those same parents are now ready to have their child act as Executor. The Will must be rewritten to make this change effective.

Second, it’s very possible the original document is lost or misplaced. In today’s digital age, copies can be accepted, but an original will eventually need to be produced. It’s also possible that both the original and the copy have been misplaced. In this situation, it is like they don’t exist at all.

Lastly, and this pertains only to financial powers of attorney, your banking or financial institution may arbitrarily determine that the power of attorney is “too old” and it will not be honored. Refusing to accept a valid power of attorney has questionable legality. However, the reality is that many POA’s have used their power for their own benefit, not the maker. A power of attorney in the hands of someone who is untrustworthy is a way for that person to empty bank accounts. Banks especially have been hard hit by unscrupulous agents and therefore are very concerned of being sued by the account holder. So, in response, the bank unilaterally decides when a power of attorney is “too old.”

So, to make a long story short, no your documents don’t just automatically expire. But, for the practical reasons listed here, it is a good idea to periodically review your documents, keep your documents recent (even if it means simply resigning the same document with an updated date), or, at the very least, make sure you know where your original documents are located!

Please be advised that Christina M. Hronek is licensed to practice in the State of Ohio only. The laws of your state as they relate to this subject may be different. This article is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

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A Summer Prayer
Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank You for the warmth of the sun
And the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all
Around me and for the opportunity to
Be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I
Have to be with my friends and family,
And for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter
Where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence, and light my path with
Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
A pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.
— 2 people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776
— Most signers of the Declaration of Independence signed the document on August 2, 1776
— President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4th, “Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.”
— 3 presidents died on July 4th: John Adams, “Power always thinks... that it is doing God’s service when it is violating all his laws.” Thomas Jefferson, “The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.” James Monroe, “The right of self-defense never ceases. It is among the most sacred and alike necessary to nations and to individuals.”
— The 4th of July became a legal federal holiday in 1870. Then in 1938, Congress reaffirmed the holiday to make sure all workers receive full pay.
— Fireworks were first used to celebrate July 4th in 1777. Congress chose fireworks as a way to celebrate the first anniversary. They were ignited over Philadelphia. The celebrations also included bonfires and bells.

Slovak Catholic Sokol

CRAYONS
Who doesn’t remember opening his or her first box of Crayolas? Thank Pennsylvania’s Binney & Smith Co., which introduced the American version of the wax marking crayon to the world in 1903.
Father William, the old priest, made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. Father William jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all states. One lad raised his hand and said, ‘Yes sir, but in those days there were only 13 states.’

Parents’ Prayer to St. Anne

We call upon you, St. Anne, for help in bringing up our family in good and godly ways. Teach us to trust God our Father as we rear the precious heritage entrusted to us. May His will prevail in our lives and His providence defend us. These blessings we ask for all families in our neighborhood, our country, and our world. Amen.

Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The feast was celebrated under various names - Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption - from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity (August 15th).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption, however Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory. Since Mary was so close to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

Franciscan Media
St. Lawrence Church

St. Lawrence of Dolni Terlicko (town in the Czech Republic). St. Lawrence's feast day is August 10.

NATIONAL DOG DAY

National Dog Day is August 26th. This is a day that celebrates man's best friend. If you have a dog, treat him or her extra special on this day.

Blue Moon

A blue moon is the second of two full moons that appear during the same month. Full moons occur about every 29.5 days, so if a full moon occurs on the first or second of a month, except for February, a second full moon can occur during one of the last days of that month. The term “blue moon” is in reference to an occurrence that does not happen very often. This year, there were two full moons in January and in March. This is called a double blue moon, which happens about three to five times a century. The last time was in 1999. The next year this happens will be in 2037.

The rarest blue moon is one that actually looks blue. The moon can appear blue when the atmosphere is filled with tiny dust or smoke particles. The particles scatter red light, making the moon appear blue. This can happen following a dust storm, a forest fire or a volcanic eruption.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Sympathy to Helen Blietz, Society #119 President, on the passing of her brother, Tony Roman, on July 31, 2017.

Sympathy to the family of member Jeanne Zobl, who passed away on August 26, 2017. Jeanne was an active member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and enjoyed assisting with various activities of St. Monica’s Circle, especially in the baking of kolaches.

St. Mary’s Society members would like to extend gratitude for the increase in the value of our policies each year.

St. Mary’s Society held their Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, 2017 with the distribution of the endorsements to the policies. The members in attendance enjoyed socializing and the refreshments, especially the kolaches provided by St. Monica’s Circle.

The annual Chili Super to benefit the Czech School was held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Ludmilla’s Parish Hall. The organization requested if people had any memorabilia of the classes over the years to bring them for display for the 150th Anniversary of the Czech School.

Members that attended the CCU Convention held in Cedar Rapids in 1994, would see many changes in the area after the 2008 flood that affected the St. Wenceslaus parish area. Homes in the vicinity have been razed and replaced by new buildings, houses, businesses, restaurants and apartments. Buildings which were warehouses and factories are now part of the redevelopment of the area. The street in front of St. Wenceslaus is being moved and extended to connect to the 16th Avenue Bridge and Czech Village. The area is now called the NewBo District in honor of the Czech and Slavic people that once lived and worked in the neighborhood. An addition is being constructed to St. Wenceslaus Church with a new elevator giving the structure accessibility from the ground floor to the choir loft and the parish hall. A gathering space is planned. A stained glass window has been removed in the Church and will be installed in the new addition.

An old movie theater constructed in 1914 in the NewBo District has been renovated into an events center for meetings and receptions. It has paintings of places in Europe that the owner had known. The artist, Frank Albrecht, and his assistant had studied in Vienna and Prague. Mr. Albrecht specialized in ecclesiastic art. The artists were selected to paint scenes in St. Wenceslaus Church of churches that were familiar to the older parishioners who had migrated from Bohemia.

Hope the CCU members have a safe and healthy summer.

Joan Sebetka
Cleveland, Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the Czech Catholic Union was held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. All officers and directors were present, except for director Dolores Jacklin. This year more of our members were in attendance, which is nice to see (note, all are welcome). Our President, Bob Cermak stated 2017 was another good year for our organization. The upcoming convention and a convention special were discussed. Reports were given by our statutory accountant, our auditor, our financial advisors and our actuary. After the meeting, the group attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish across the street from the Home Office and then went to dinner at Der Braumeister, located on the west side of Cleveland.

Cicero, Illinois

Phillip Gonwa, a member of Our Lady of the Mount Society #143, sent in this picture of his granddaughters, also members of Society #143. Alina Edwards, born 4-16-2013 and Elissa Edwards, born 9-30-2016.

St. Louis, Missouri

Andrew Auer, member of St. Ludmila Society #7 - “As you know, I study in Rome, but I went home last week to be ordained a transitional deacon by Archbishop Robert Carlson on May 5th. It was a really beautiful day, one in which I became all the more grateful for the men and women who have been involved in these years of formation for the priesthood and for that I am most thankful to you and the Czech Catholic Union for your continued support. I am back in Rome now to finish up this school year before spending my summer as a deacon in a parish back in St. Louis. While I have two more years in Rome after this one, I will be ordained a priest May 25, 2019 - the fruit of God's abundant grace and a little bit of cooperation on my part. While this past weekend was great, I look forward even more to next year’s ordination!

Thank you once again for your past generosity and for considering my cause once again this year. Please know of my prayers for the members of the CCU.”

Left to Right, Bishops are: Bishop Edward Rice (bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau), Archbishop Robert Carlson (archbishop of St. Louis), Bishop Mark Rivituso (auxiliary bishop of St. Louis), Bishop Edward Herman (retired auxiliary bishop of St. Louis). Andrew Auer is last on the right of the second row.

Some of the most influential leaders at Northeast Ohio’s law firms, and in the legal community in general, are women. Among the Craine’s Cleveland Business 2017 list of the largest law firms in Northeast Ohio, nine of those firms identify a female as a top executive.

Member of St. Joseph Society #156, Patricia Gajda, has held many leadership positions within her firm, Brouse McDowell, including co-chairing the Corporate and Securities Practice Group. In 2013, she was elected the first woman to serve on Brouse McDowell’s Executive Committee. She instituted the firm’s formal mentoring program and has served as a member under the State of Ohio Lawyer to Lawyer mentoring program. In mentoring firm associates, she particularly helps female associates with advice and work opportunities, the type of mentoring she received as a young lawyer.

Serving on the board of the Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio, Patricia helps bring the first Race for the Cure to Cleveland 25 years ago. She serves on the board of Bar Examiners for the State of Ohio and is the former president of the Ohio Women’s Bar Foundation.

Patricia is the daughter of the late Barbara (Blaha) and Gerald Gajda. Her and her four sisters are all lifelong members of St. Joseph Society #156.
Cardinal Josef Beran

In April 2018, the body of Cardinal Josef Beran, Archbishop of Prague, (1888-1969) was transferred from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy to Prague. His body was laid to rest in St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague.

Cardinal Beran was imprisoned by both the Nazis during World War II and by the Communists after the war. He was finally released and toured the U.S. and Canada in April and May of 1966. In 1966, Cardinal Beran celebrated mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Hundreds of people lined the streets by the church waving the Czech flag.

May this saintly man finally rest in peace.

PETRIN LOOKOUT TOWER

This tower was built in 1891. Its constructor was inspired by the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It sits at the top of Petrin hill. The tower dominates the highest point in Prague.

Saint Marketa blesses farm hands slinging their sickle into wheat fields in the month of July.

JOHANN GREGOR MENDEL

Born July 20, 1822, Gregor was the German-speaking Moravian scientist and Augustinian friar who gained posthumous fame as the founder of the modern science of genetics. Though farmers had known for centuries that crossbreeding of animals and plants could favor certain desirable traits, Mendel's pea plant experiments conducted between 1856 and 1863 established many rules of heredity. He studied practical and theoretical philosophy and physics at the University of Olomouc. He was given the name Gregor when he became an Augustinian friar. After studying at the University of Vienna, Mendel returned as a teacher principally of physics at the abbey in 1853. He became abbot of the monastery in Brno in 1867.

Gregor Mendel is known as the “Father of Modern Genetics.” He studied on the monastery’s experimental garden, discovering recessive and dominant traits. His experiments led to two results, the Law of Segregation and the Law of Independence Assortment, which later became known as Mendel’s Laws of Inheritance.

Mendel died on January 6, 1884 in Brno, Moravia, Austria-Hungary (now the Czech Republic), from inflammation of the kidneys.

Bohemian Bagpipe

Dudy is the Czech word for the bagpipes. The Strakonice International Bagpipe Festival has been running in the south Bohemian town for over four decades. Bagpipes are taught in the elementary art schools.

This year the festival is August 23rd.
Ludek Alois Marold

A Czech painter and illustrator, born August 7, 1865, entered the Academy of Fine Arts, Munich in 1881. His first professional successes came as an illustrator for several German and Czech magazines, such as the Svetozor. Marold died December 1, 1898. There are three streets named after him: one in Decin (northern Czech Republic), one in Kladno (biggest city in the Central Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic) and one in Prague.

Svaty Hostyn (Holy Hostyn) is the most frequently visited pilgrimage shrine in Moravia. For three centuries now, thousands of pilgrims have been converging on Hostyn Mountain, with its sanctuary of Our Lady, to seek and find refuge from their troubles and needs. The Child Jesus, whom she is holding, is aiming bolts of lightning at the Tatars depicted beneath the statue. These Tatars, who were threatening Europe during the 13th century, invaded Moravia in 1241, murdering and plundering. The people sought refuge in the forests and mountains to save their lives and whatever property they could bring with them.

According to legend, those who found refuge there were saved through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, when the encampment of the marauders was destroyed by fire caused by lightning.

Another legend tells of a visit to Hostyn by the Apostles of the Slavs, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, who are said to have destroyed a pagan place of worship there and erected a chapel in honor of Mary.

Czechs scattered abroad find in the devotion of the Virgin Mary of Holy Hostyn, a religious and emotional bond with their motherland. The Victorious Guardian of Moravia is the guardian of us all.

Czech to English

Musical Vocabulary

Hudba  Music
Pisnicka  Song
Skladatel/ka  Composer
Zpevak/Zpevcka  Singer
Fletna  Flute
Trubka  Trumpet
Nastroj  Instrument
Nota  Note
Klavir  Piano
Harfa  Harp
Orchestr  Orchestra
Housle  Violin
Klarinet  Clarinet
Saxofon  Saxophone
Bici  Percussion
Pozoun  Trombone
Publikum  Audience
Pikola  Piccolo
Bubny  Drums
Harmonika  Accordian
The Beer Barrel Polka is a song most people have heard, and many think of it first when someone says Polka. This song has a long and interesting history.

Jaromir Vejvoda, born in 1902 in Zbraslava, near Prague, wrote the melody in 1927 while he was working part time as a bartender at his father-in-law’s pub. When it was first perfumed it was called the “Modranska polka” (Modrany Polka) and was played without lyrics. The song became so popular that Jaromir was able to then work full time in the band that he had taken over from his father in 1926.

In 1934 Vaclav Zeman added words to the melody and it was then called “Skoda Lasky” (“Unrequited Love”). This was the start of it becoming a worldwide hit. In 1938, Will Glahe recorded it in German as “Rosamunde.” His version won a Gold Record for selling more than a million copies. Within the next year Lew Brown and Wladimir Timm wrote English lyrics to the tune. No longer a love song, it was titled “The Beer Barrel Polka.” The Andrew Sisters, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Benny Goodman and Billie Holiday have included it in their repertoire.

As World War II began to build, the song became a favorite among the soldiers of many nations. Versions in other languages were being sung across the globe, from Europe, and America even to Japan.

BEER BARREL POLKA
There’s a garden, what a garden
Only happy faces bloom there
And there’s never any room there
For a worry or a gloom there.

Oh there’s music, and there’s dancing,
And a lot of sweet romancing,
When they play the polka
They all get in the swing.

Every time they hear that oompahpah
Everybody feels so tralala
They want to throw their cares away
They all go lah-de-ah-de-ay.

Then they hear a rumble on the floor
It’s the big surprise they’re waiting for
And all the couples form a ring
For miles around you hear them sing:

CHORUS:
Roll out the barrel, we’ll have a barrel of fun
Roll out the barrel,
We’ve got the blues on the run
Zing, boom, tararrel,
Sing out a song of good cheer
Now’s the time to roll the barrel,
For the gang’s all here!

SKODA LASKY
Kvetou ruze, kdo ti za to muze,
Zadny uz ti dneska nepomuze,
Kvetou zvadnou listeczy z nich spadnou,
Jako slzy moje na tu travu chladnou

Tece, voda, dokola se toci,
To si nelitoval modre oci,
Ja bych byla pro tebe jen zila,
Ze mou lasku zklames to jsem nemyslela

Skoda lasky, kterou jsem tobe dala,
Ty me oci, dnes bych is vyplakala,
Moje mladi, uprchlo tak jako sen,
Na vsechno mi zbyla jenom,
V srdci mem vzpominka jen.

Fear of...Everything

You’ve probably heard of claustrophobia (fear of being in narrow or enclosed spaces). You also may know of agoraphobia (open or public spaces), arachnophobia (spiders), homophobia (homosexuals or their lifestyle) and hydrophobia (water). But have you hard of these phobias?

Agoraphobia (open or public spaces)
Arachnophobia (spiders)
Bibliophobia (books)
Cenosillicaphobia (an empty glass)

Chromophobia (money)
Ecclesiophobia (churches)
Graphophobia (of writing)
Hydrophobia (water)
Limnophobia (lakes)
Nosemaphobia (infection)
Oneirophobia (dreams)
Pogonophobia (beards)
Taphophobia (graves)
Triskaidekaphobia (Number 13)
The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him the box. "There are five things you need to know, he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be." "One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand." "Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil." "Three: You will always be able to correct any mistakes you might make.” "Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.” "And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.” The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replace the place of the pencil with you. Remember these five “points” and you will leave your mark on this world.

One: You will be able to do many great things, if you allow yourself to be held in God's hands. Allow other human beings to access you for the many God given gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you need to experience those problems to become a stronger person.

Three: You will always be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Mistakes are often our very best teacher if we are willing to learn from them.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to always do your best. Let your actions always speak louder than your words!

FCSLA

Driving Around with Penguins

A police officer sees a man driving around with a pick-up truck full of penguins. He pulls the guy over and says: "You can't drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately." The guy says OK, and drives away.

The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of penguins, and they're all wearing sun glasses. He pulls the guy over and demands: "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?" The guy replies: "I did...today I'm taking them to the beach!"

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Bold Thief

A man went camping in a state park. Before leaving his car to go hiking he left a note on the dashboard saying, "the stereo is broke.”

He did this to deter thieves from breaking into his older model car. When returning from his hike the man noticed his car window was broken and the stereo was cut from the dashboard.

A note was left by the thief saying, “We'll fix it.”
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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.

**Good Luck Students**
On A Successful 2018-2019 School Year

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**PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS**

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

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