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President's Message

I hope that all of you have had a great holiday season and I want to take this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year. With the beginning of the new year let's make a resolution to check on our policies to make sure we have our beneficiaries up to date and that we also have enough insurance. Many of our grandparents or parent bought our original policies for \$500. Even though the amount has grown over the years, it probably isn't enough for final expenses at today's prices.

The staff at the Home Office has been busy preparing our dividend notices and complying with the State audit requirements. The new year will also keep us busy since we will start preparing for the 43rd General Convention that will be held in Cleveland later in 2018. The Convention is a gathering of delegates representing the CCU Life Societies. Each member may contribute to the governance of this organization by attending their society meetings but if elected to do so, delegates will represent their own society's interests at the Convention.

CCU Life has grown to be an important part of the business community regulated by the State. It is no longer just a social organization. These delegates represent the 3700 members and their duties include understanding the operations, discussing, debating, and voting on by-laws, and voting for the Board of Directors to represent the membership for the next four years.

Most of the delegate expenses for coming to the convention are covered either by stipends from your society or from CCU Life. Your hotel room is also paid by CCU Life. During this weekend we also have a "fun day" during which we all get to meet and know each other better and see some of the attractions of Northeast Ohio.

I hope that many of you will seriously consider becoming a delegate in order to voice the concerns and/or opinions of your society. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to call the Main Office.

Fraternally,
RLC

Cover Photo by Philip Hrvatin, Member of St. Joseph Society #156



Cicero, IL

Condolences are sent to our director, Dolores Jacklin, and her family, on the death of her husband, Emmett. Many family members are members of Our Lady of the Mount Society #143.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all
The faithful departed through
The mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

If you are interested in running for any open positions at the Czech Catholic Union

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director

Please call the Main Office for applicable forms.

Cleveland, OH



Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell received the St. Thomas More Award from the Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland at a luncheon for the legal community on Oct. 20 after the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

The award honors the patron saint of lawyers and is presented annually to a distinguished member of the legal community for contributing to high ethical standards and spiritual growth in the practice of law.

Judge O'Donnell and his wife, Mary Beth, have four adult children and seven grandchildren. All are members of St. Joseph Society #156. Congratulations to Judge O'Donnell on receiving this award.

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The St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration, held on September 30, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was dedicated to Archbishop Daniel Kucera, OSB (our Chaplain Emeritus) who passed away on May 30th. Bishop Kucera had a connection to Cleveland for many years. Many members of the Czech Catholic Union were in attendance.

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Congratulations to Jerry Fasko for receiving the Outstanding Volunteer Award at the Recognitions Awards Night held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

Jerry is a life-long member of St. Joseph Society #156.

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St. Joseph Society #156 meetings at the Home Office continue. All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Installation of officers beginning at 1:00 p.m. 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.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Annual Communion Breakfast. Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00 a.m. followed by **breakfast. Please call the home office at 216-341-0444 for reservations before Thursday, March 8, 2018.** 50 year members will be honored.

Cleveland, Ohio

St. Joseph Society #156 held its Annual Memorial Service remembering the society's departed members at the November meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2017. These members were: Albert Amigoni, William Bican, Dennis Cech, Richard Krejci and Russell Vanek. The service was conducted by Secretary, Audrey Schmidt.



Left to Right

Back Row: Jim Sistek, Jerry Cech, George Bican, Barbara Cech, Suzie Hovater, Larry Hovater, Andrew Bican, Betty Bican, Bill Bican, Amy Bican, Bob Cermak, Audrey Schmidt, Bill Schmidt, Ann Marie Meyer and Jim Geller

Seated: Elaine Markowski, Donna Szczepaniak, Susan DeGroot, Stella Cech, Joyce Bican, Elaine Trautman, Fred Malec, Charles Jandik, Joseph Kocob and Karla Mahoney

Special Estate Planning Considerations: Divorced Individuals

Sadly, divorce is all too common in our society. This process can be so painful and often results in the formerly couple having negative and angry feelings towards their exes. Once all property is split, new homes are established and parenting plans are implemented, often these men and women are too exhausted to think about any other legal necessities.

Any divorced individual needs to revisit their Wills, Powers of Attorney and Trusts to ensure that new designates are chosen. But, those who need to take special care with their estate planning are divorced parents of minor/young children.

I find that a client who is divorced with a young child(ren) assume that if they were to pass that the “ex” automatically has full control over everything, including the child’s inheritance. If the divorce was particularly bad, the individual may expect that the “ex” will not use the child’s inheritance for the child but for themselves. There are more protections in place to guard against this than client’s think, but that danger is certainly there.

It is true that if no planning takes place, the child’s other natural parent would be in control of any inheritance, albeit overseen by the Probate Court’s watchful eye. However, it does not have to be this way. By establishing a Trust, the parent can divert all monies to this Trust and designate a Trustee - maybe a parent, sibling, or trusted friend - to manage the trust and spend the funds for the child’s needs. If this is done properly, the natural father or mother would have no access to the child’s funds.

With this type of planning, divorced parents can rest easier knowing that the child’s inheritance is protected.

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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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.

Lawyers should never ask a Southern grandma a question if they aren’t prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand.

He approached her and asked, “Mrs. Jones, do you know me?”

She responded, “Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I’ve known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you’ve been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you’re a big shot when you haven’t the brains to realize you’ll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.”

The lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, “Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?”

She again replied, “Why yes, I do. I’ve known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He’s lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can’t build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.”

The defense attorney almost died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, “If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I’ll send you to the electric chair.”

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

We are asking our members for assistance - we are looking for pictures from past conventions.

If anyone has pictures to share - please send them to the Main Office.

They will be displayed at the CCU Convention in September-October 2018.

The pictures will be returned to you at the conclusion of the convention.

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HELPERS



When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” To this day, especially in times of “disaster,” I remember my mother’s words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are so many helpers - so many caring people in the world.

-Fred Rogers

Czech Catholic Union
 43rd Quadrennial Convention
 Saturday, September 29, 2018 thru Tuesday, October 2, 2018
 Holiday Inn, Independence, OH
 Knights of Columbus Hall, Garfield Hts., OH

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 29	St. Wenceslaus Day Mass & Dinner	Optional
Sunday, September 30	Convention Registration	Mandatory
Monday, October 1	Excursion Day	Optional
Tuesday, October 2	Meeting 8AM to 4PM	Required Attendance
Tuesday, October 2	Banquet 6PM	Optional



Delegate / Alternate Application to Serve

This application form is for use in expressing an interest to represent a Czech Catholic Union Society at the Convention. Each Society is to be represented for voting purposes for Director appointments and general business matters by Delegate(s) and Alternate at the Convention. A stipend is provided for Delegate and Alternate service.

I _____, do hereby state my intent as a Delegate or Alternate at the Czech Catholic Union, 2018 convention.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Society Name: _____

Society Number: _____

Delegate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For further information or questions regarding the convention, please call 216-341-0444. This completed form must be returned to Czech Catholic Union Home Office prior to May 1, 2018.



OLD CZECH BEER SOUP

- 2 slices bread
- 4 cups light beer
- A few caraway seeds
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- Pinch of salt
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 cup cream

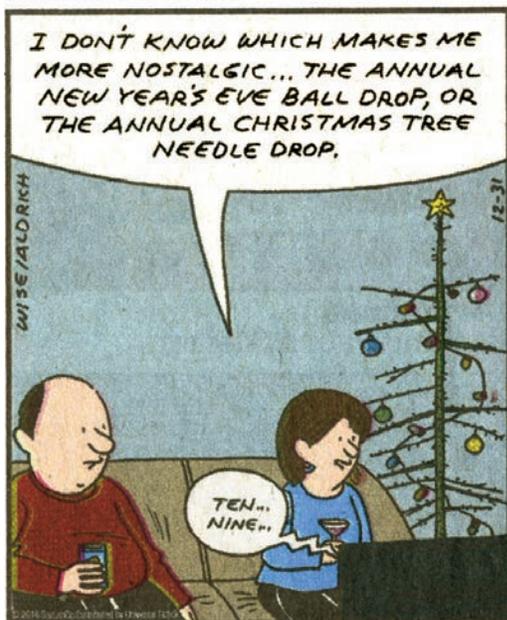
Cut bread into cubes, add beer, caraway seed, sugar, butter, and salt. Boil well and collect the foam. Finally add egg yolks mixed with cream and heat thoroughly.

CZECHOSLOVAK COOKIES

- 1/2 pounds butter (2 sticks)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups strawberry jam
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup chopped nuts

In mixer bowl, cream butter until soft. Gradually add sugar, creaming until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks and blend well. Gradually add flour and mix thoroughly. Then fold in nuts. Spread half of batter into pan. Top with the strawberry jam. Cover with the remaining batter. Bake at 325° until lightly browned. Cut into squares to serve.

Real Life Adventures |
Wise & Aldrich



HEARTY CZECH CABBAGE SOUP

- 3 lbs. beef soup bones
- 2 lbs. rib meat
- 3 chopped carrots
- 1 tsp. Paprika
- 1 bay leaf
- 9 cups beef stock
- 2 cans tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- 2 tbs. sugar
- 1 cup chopped squash
- 1 cup chopped cabbage

Begin by placing your beef stock, bones, and rib meat in pot, and allow them to boil for 20 minutes.

Next, take your carrots, paprika, bay leaf, tomatoes, parsley, cabbage, and squash and boil them for an additional 30 minutes.

Then, add in your sugar and cook for another 10 minutes. Salt and pepper the dish to your taste.

Place in a large bowl and serve hot. You can serve it with fresh baked bread or dinner rolls.

Yield: 8 servings.

SEKANA PECENE DOMACI

(OLD FASHIONED MEAT LOAF)

- 1 lb. ground Venison
- 1 lb. ground Pork
- 2 Bread rolls
- 1 c Milk
- 1/2 c Onion - chopped fine
- 1 Garlic clove - crushed
- 1 tsp Black Pepper
- 3 sl Bacon - diced
- 2 Eggs
- 1/3 c Breadcrumbs, dry
- 1 Egg white, beaten
- 3/4 c Shortening
- 1-1/2 c Beef stock
- 2 T Flour
- Salt

Combine meats, onions, garlic, salt (to taste), pepper, bacon, eggs, and breadcrumbs. Soak rolls in milk until absorbed - add to meat mixture. Mix thoroughly.

Divide into two oblong loaves. Place in greased pans with preheated shortening. Brush with egg white. Roast in hot oven - adding stock occasionally.

Yield: 4 Servings

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 nonpublic 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.

ATTENTION - Czech Catholic Union is looking to fill the position of President, effective October 1, 2018
The necessary qualifications are:

- Bachelor's degree or significant years relevant experience.
- Ability to analyze and interpret financial data
- Ability to develop and deliver presentations
- Ability to develop financial plans and manage resources
- Develop and implement new strategies and procedures
- Experience in strategic planning and execution
- Experience in formulating policy
- Knowledge of public relations principles and practices, communication and techniques.

Please send resume to the Main Office.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year is open for us today,
With pages all clean and white,
Like a canvas awaiting the artist's brush,
The pages wait for us to write.
Let us turn them slowly, one by one,
As we welcome the dawn of each day,
While the sands of life run tirelessly on
And Father Time honors no delay.
Some pages may be bright with contentment
And the lines be filled with hope.
When we have the feeling that come what may
We will some way be able to cope.

So we write our record through the year

Toward the goal we hope will be won.

That God lets us face another new year

And marks this one's record "Well Done."



Family Prayer

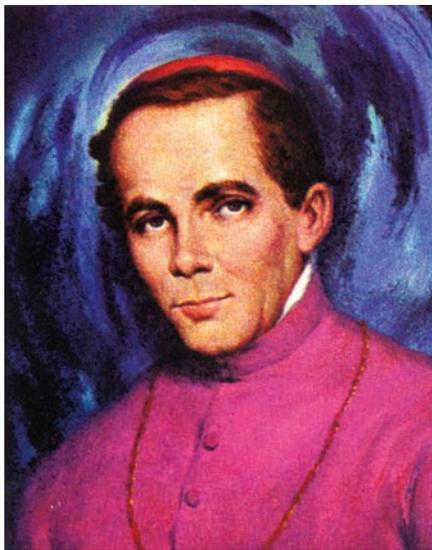
O Jesus, I humbly implore you to grant your special grace to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg you, Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which he granted to you, to watch over our home at the bed of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

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St. John Nepomucene Neuman



St. John Neumann was born March 28, 1811 In Prachatice, Bohemia. He was named for the patron saint of his homeland, John Nepomucene. In 1831, John entered the seminary and was drawn to the missions.

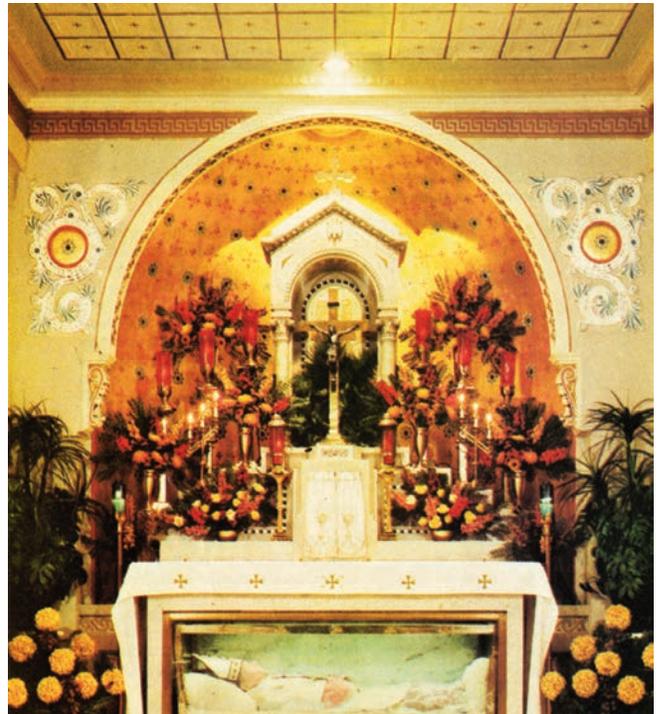
In 1836, he was assigned to America. He was ordained in June

in New York. He began building churches and establishing schools in the area. In 1840, he joined the Redemptorista. In 1852, he was consecrated fourth Bishop of Philadelphia.

He was a pioneer promoter of the Parochial School System in America. Through his efforts the Forty Hours Devotion was introduced in the Philadelphia Diocese. John was fluent in many languages, which helped him to administer to the various peoples, particularly immigrants, whom he served. He could speak German, Bohemian, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Latin, English, French and Gaelic.

At 48 years old, he collapsed in the street on January 5, 1860. He is buried beneath the high altar in the Neumann Shrine at St. Peter Church in Philadelphia.

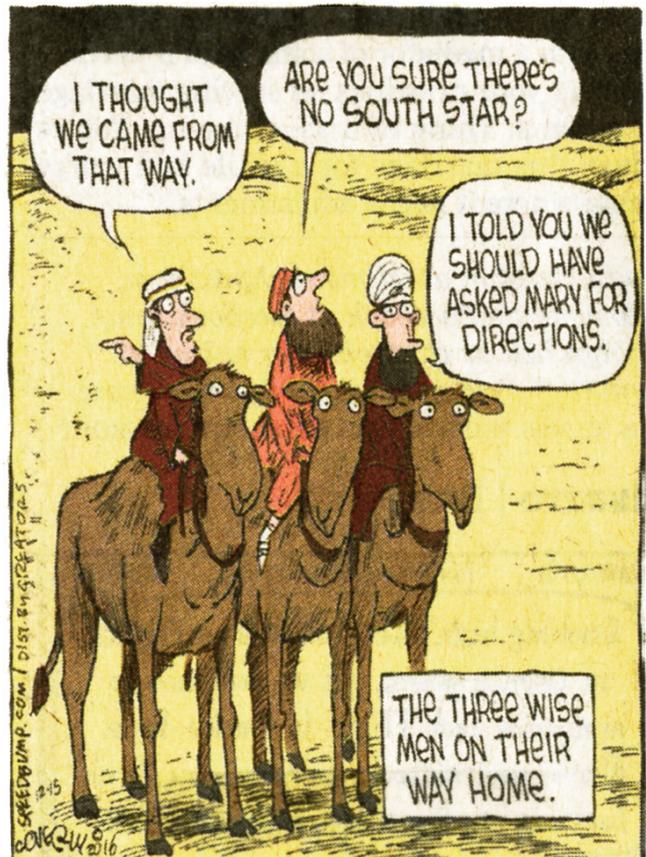
St. John Neumann was canonized on June 19, 1977. His feast day is January 5.



St. John Neumann's body

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Speed Bump | Dave Coverly



FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Being physically active is important to prevent heart disease and stroke, the nation's #1 and #5 killers. At least 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise or 75 minutes per week of vigorous exercise, or a combination of moderate and vigorous activity is recommended. Thirty minutes a day, five times a week is an easy goal or divide the time into two or three segments of 10 to 15 minutes per day. Physical activity is anything in which you move your body and burn calories.

There are key differences in heart attacks between men and women. When women have a heart attack, they tend to be about 10 years older than men. Women are more likely to have other conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. Unfortunately, women are less likely than men to believe they are having a heart attack and more likely to delay seeking emergency treatment. As with men, the most common symptom for women is chest pain or discomfort. But women are more likely than men to experience other symptoms such as shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, or back or jaw pain.

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February

According to legends, Romulus did not include February when he made the first Roman calendar, which had only 10 months. Numa Pompilius, who followed Romulus, added two months, making February the last month of the year. Its name, Februarius, came from a Latin word meaning "to purify." The Romans purified themselves in February to prepare for festivals at the start of the New Year. But Julius Caesar moved the beginning of the year from March to January, making February the second month.

February had 30 days until the time of Julius Caesar. Caesar took one day off to add to the month name after him, July. According to tradition, Emperor Augustus took another day off to add to August, the month named after him.

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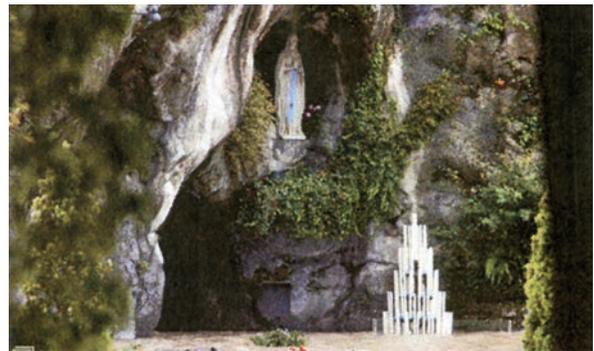
Lourdes, France



Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, virgin and mother, queen of heaven, chosen from all eternity to be the Mother of the eternal Word and in virtue of this title preserved from original sin, we come before you as did Bernadette at Lourdes. We pray with childlike trust in you that as we contemplate your glorious appearance at Lourdes, you will look with mercy on our present petition and secure for us a favorable answer to the request we now make.

O brilliant star of purity, Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, glorious in your assumption, triumphant in your coronation, show your mercy as the Mother of God. Virgin Mary, queen and Mother, be our comfort, hope, strength and consolation. Amen.



Feastday - February 11th

Mutts | Patrick McDonnell



Sts. Cyril and Methodius

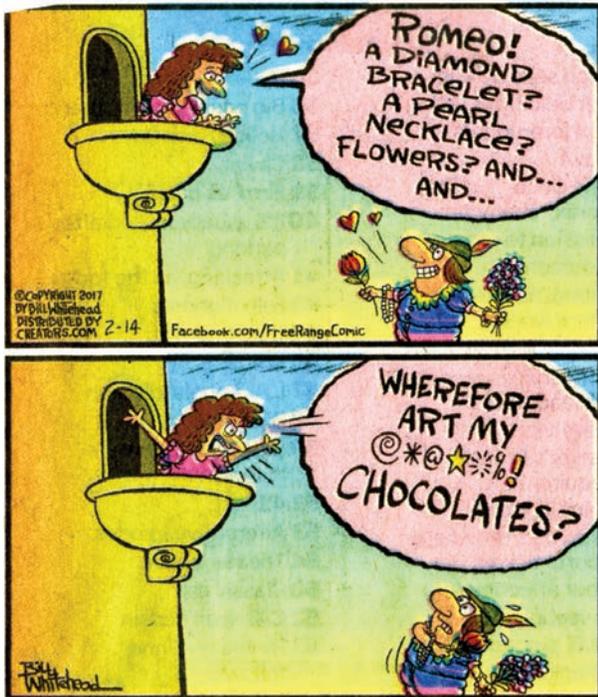
Cyril and Methodius were two Byzantine Greek brothers born in Thessaloniki in the 9th century who became missionaries of Christianity in Khazaria and Great Moravia. Because of opposition they were summoned to Rome. Cyril was a monk and died in Rome on February 14, 869. He was buried in the church of San Clemente. Methodius was consecrated a bishop and returned to Moravia, which he evangelized with great fervor. He died on April 6, 885, at Velehrad in Czechoslovakia.

Cyril and Methodius were known as “The Apostles of the Slavs.” They are the Patron Saints of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia and all of Europe. Their feast day is February 14.

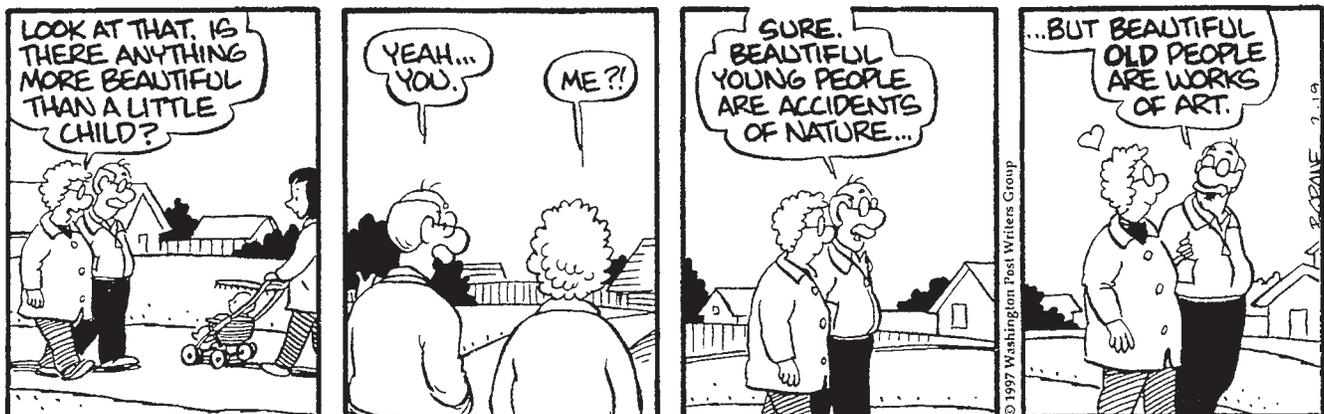


Happy Valentine’s Day - February 14th

Free Range | Bill Whitehead



Pickles | Brian Crane



MASKARNI PLES

“Masopust” - Mardi Gras Czech-style



Carnival is celebrated in many parts of the world. It combines a number of old fertility rites and customs. Roots of the carnival traditions can be found in ancient Greece and Rome around the middle of the second century. The people in the Czech Republic celebrate a carnival season of merrymaking and masquerading called masopust. The word masopust (like its English counterpart “carnival”) means “good-bye to meat.” This is a time of plenty, in which butchering and pork feasts are traditionally held along with pre-Lenten carnivals. These celebrations have traditionally been both the most colorful and the wildest folklore events held under a variety of names. A universal feature of masopust is the wearing of masks. The main masopust celebration begins on Sunday, before the Ash Wednesday, with a rich dinner. It is then followed by dancing, entertainment and fun all night long. The tradition of carnival in the Czech Republic continues even today in many cities.

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PRESIDENTS’ DAY February 19

An American holiday originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the federal government. The holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This was an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers.

LENT

Lent, a time of preparation for Easter, has been observed since the Church’s early days.

Pope St. Leo established the duration of Lent as 40 consecutive days in 461 A.D. in the sixth century, Pope Gregory the Great added the dispensation of ashes the preceding Wednesday, thereby making Lent 46 days. Sundays were considered feast days and were not included in the count of Lenten days. At first, all forms of meat, fish and animal products were excluded throughout Lent. People were permitted to eat one daily meal, after 3 p.m. That time was revised to noon in the 1400s, and eventually, a small snack was permitted to sustain energy. Over time, fish, meat and eventually dairy products were allowed to be eaten during Lent. However, fasting was required all 40 days. It wasn’t until 1966 that fast days were lessened to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday only.

All Catholics 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence, which means refraining from consumption of meat (land animals) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Friday was chosen to unite ourselves with Jesus’ sacrifice, made for us on Good Friday. All Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as eating one full, meatless meal on prescribed days. Bits of food can be consumed at other traditional meal times, but their combined total should not equal a full meal. Penitential practices like fasting and abstinence are intended to refocus our thoughts and attentions toward God. Lent’s 40 days include Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. The Lenten fast continues through Holy Saturday. Sundays are optional, but encouraged.

Colors can convey powerful, unspoken messages and evoke emotions. Scriptural accounts share that Jesus was robed in purple to mock his implied royalty as king of the Jews. The pain of his passion and crucifixion became associated with this color. Purple also reminds us that Lenten days are times of repentance and atonement.

The number 40 has ecclesial significance. Moses spent 40 days on Mt. Sinai before receiving the 10 Commandments. Jesus spent 40 days in prayer and fasting before beginning his ministry, so we, too, should spend 40 days preparing to do God’s work.

FAMOUS QUOTES BY PRESIDENTS

George Washington: “Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.”

Thomas Jefferson: “When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.”

John Quincy Adams: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

Andrew Jackson: “Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation, that he is in error.”

Teddy Roosevelt: “We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage.”

John F. Kennedy: “One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”

Ronald Reagan: “We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

A Good Giggle Works Wonders

Whoever said “Laughter is the best medicine” was right! A raucous laugh actually has “measurable” health benefits, say top experts. “Regardless of how badly we might feel or how tough things may seem, laughter has the ability to immediately transform us and, often, our surrounding circumstances,” says one expert.

Reasons for a good laugh: Laughter relaxes the whole body. It makes stress vanish. It relaxes muscles to relieve physical tension.

Laughing releases endorphins. The more you chortle, the more feel-good substances called endorphins are released in the body.

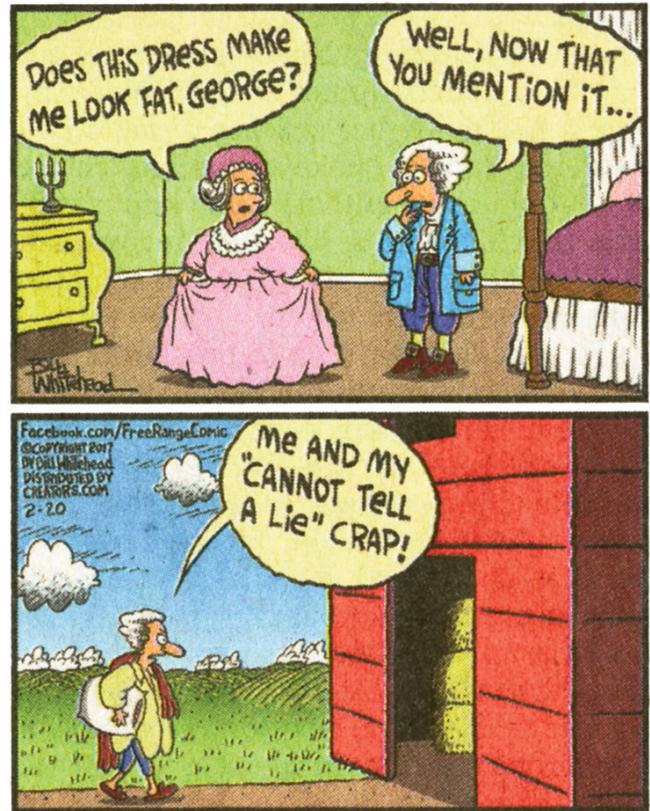
Rolling in the aisles boosts your immune system. It decreases stress hormones and increases the ability of cells to battle the infection.

Laughter protects your heart. It improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow. Laughter dissolves distressing emotions. Stopping for a good chuckle while in a disagreement with your spouse will help both of you. It’s difficult to feel angry, nervous or sad when you are grinning.

Laughing helps us connect with others. Having a group guffaw is a bonding experience and helps us connect.

Good humor shifts perspective. It can change feeling upset to being happy.

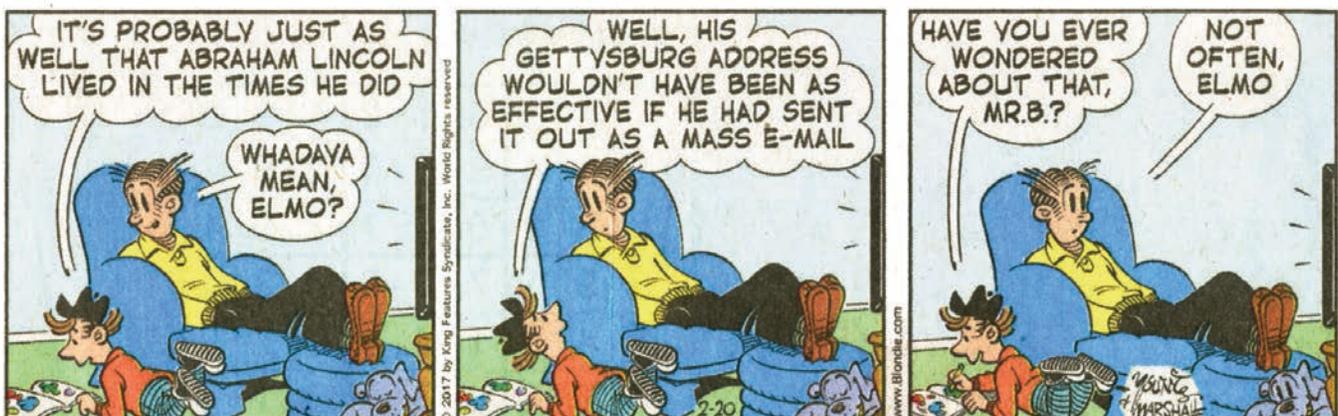
Free Range | Bill Whitehead



Peanuts | Charles M. Schulz



Blondie | Dean Young



FAVORITE FOODS OF THE PRESIDENTS

1. **George Washington (1789-1797):** Hazelnuts
2. **John Adams (1797-1801):** New England Boiled Dinner
3. **Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809):** French cuisine
4. **James Madison (1809-1817):** Virginia ham
5. **James Monroe (1817-1825):** Fried chicken
6. **John Quincy Adams (1825-1829):** Fruit
7. **Andrew Jackson (1829-1837):** Beef tenderloin
8. **Martin Van Buren (1837-1841):** Boar's head
9. **William Henry Harrison (1841):** Hard cider
10. **John Tyler (1841-1845):** Tea
11. **James K. Polk (1845-1849):** Eggs
12. **Zachary Taylor (1849-1850):** Fried fritters
13. **Millard Fillmore (1850-1853):** Hearty soup
14. **Franklin Pierce (1853-1857):** Apples
15. **James Buchanan (1857-1861):** Sauerbraten
16. **Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865):** Honey
17. **Andrew Johnson (1865-1869):** Wild turkey
18. **Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877):** Rice pudding
19. **Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881):** Sweet corn cakes
20. **James A. Garfield (1881):** Squirrel soup
21. **Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885):** Mutton chop
22. **Grover Cleveland (1885-1889):** Corned beef and cabbage
23. **Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893):** Consomme
24. **Grover Cleveland (1893-1897):** (see #22)
25. **William McKinley (1897-1901):** Meat and potatoes
26. **Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909):** Coffee
27. **William Howard Taft (1909-1913):** Steak and potatoes
28. **Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921):** Strawberry ice cream
29. **Warren G. Harding (1921-1923):** Hot dogs
30. **Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929):** Chicken
31. **Herbert Hoover (1929-1933):** Gumbo
32. **Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1933-1945):** Cheese
33. **Harry S. Truman (1945-1953):** Senate Bean soup
34. **Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961):** Beef stew/TV dinners
35. **John F. Kennedy (1961-1963):** Mashed potatoes
36. **Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969):** Barbecued beef
37. **Richard Nixon (1969-1974):** Meatloaf
38. **Gerald Ford (1974-1977):** Pork and red cabbage

39. **Jimmy Carter (1977-1981):** Red beans and rice
40. **Ronald Reagan (1981-1989):** Meatloaf
41. **George H. W. Bush (1989-1993):** Chicharrones (fried pork rinds)
42. **William J. Clinton (1993-2001):** Chicken enchiladas
43. **George W. Bush (2001 - 2009):** Grilled cheese sandwiches
44. **Barack Obama (2009-2017):** Chocolate sea-salt caramels
45. **Donald J. Trump (2017):** Filet-O-Fish

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In Appreciation

St. Ludmila Society #7, St. Louis, MO - "Dear Robert, I must apologize for my significant delay in writing to thank you. After a long summer back home (my first in two years), I got swept into parish ministry and apparently lost my manners. I was overwhelmed when I saw your letter this summer. The generosity shown me by the CCU is testimony to the ways God provides for those seeking to serve Him and His people. Between the grant and the donation, they both certainly helped offset the costs I incurred this semester.

As an update: I am back in Rome beginning my third year of theology with hopes to be ordained a transitional deacon in May. The Lord continues to show me His generosity and faithfulness to the promises He has made. Please know of my gratitude and my prayers for you, Robert, as well as those involved in the CCU - that God generously bless you and your families!"

Yours in Christ, Andrew Auer

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St. Ann Society #11, Cleveland, OH - "I am so grateful for the gift of your grant to continue my education at Xavier University. I am going into the third year of my Occupational Therapy program. This summer, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Italy, and I prayed for you at mass in St. Peter's Cathedral. I was also so fortunate to be able to visit Prague and learn about our beloved Czech culture."

Sincerely, Julia Criswell

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St. Ann Society #11, Cleveland, OH- "Thank you for your generous grant for my education at the University of Notre Dame. This fall, I am entering my senior year and graduating with a degree in finance in May. Currently, I serve as treasurer of the Knights of Columbus council on campus and co-founded a club that fundraises, buys, and delivers Christmas presents to families in South Bend. Thank you again for your support of me."

Sincerely, J. Philip Criswell

Bozena Nemcova

Every Czech is introduced to this famous Bohemian author in 7th grade. Her most popular novel named “Babicka” or Grandmother in Czech, is required reading.

Here is an early passage from the book “Babicka” -



“It was long, long ago when last I gazed on that dear face, kissed those pale wrinkled cheeks, and tried to fathom the depth of those blue eyes, in which were hidden so much goodness and love. Long ago, it was when, for the last time, those aged hands blessed me. Our Grandmother is no more: for many a year she has slept beneath the cold sod.”

According to the textbooks, encyclopedias and her tombstone, Nemcova was born illegitimately in 1820. Her mother was a laundry maid and her father a coachman for a prominent Czech Duchess. Rumors circulated in later years that Bozena may have even been born to the Duchess as she closely resembled the Duchess in appearance and that this secret parentage explained the advantages given to Bozena by the Duchess over the other servant’s children. She was allowed to stay at the castle for teaching, and she had a home tutor before she even started school. The Duchess took a personal interest in Bozena and even allowed her to borrow books from the castle library.

In 1837, she married Josef Nemeč, a man 15 years her elder. Both she and her husband were active in the Czech National Revival where it became somewhat possible once again to speak and write in Czech after years of German domination. After the sudden death of her oldest son in 1853, she raised her other three children on her own with the money she earned from her writing.

When Bozena fell seriously ill, she began to write Babicka. The novel was published in 1855 and was immediately hailed as a masterpiece. Six months before her death, she left her husband and moved from Prague to Northern Bohemia. After a short reconciliation in Prague of only a few days, Bozena died of cancer on January 21, 1862.



Grave of Bozena Nemcova in Vysehrad Cemetery

First Czech newspaper appears in Texas in 1879

On February 6, 1879, the first issue of the Texan, the first Czech newspaper in Texas, appeared. Though the periodical, published by E.J. Glueckman, lasted little more than a decade, it reflected the rich influence of Czech culture in Texas and was just the first of many publications to come. Czech immigrants came to Texas in the early 1850s and were inspired by the flowing descriptions of countryman Josef Arnost Bergmann. This pioneer, known as the “father” of Czech immigration to Texas, wrote of the freedom and fertile land available in the Lone Star State. Austin, Fayette, Lavaca, and Washington counties in Central Texas saw the growth of Czech settlements. The immigrants brought with them their family-oriented farming way of life and many religious and social societies. They also added to the fabric of the state’s ethnic culture with a wealth of folk stories, music, dance, and food. Immigration to Texas reached its zenith in the years before World War I, when foreign-born Czechs numbered over 15,000 in the state. By the end of the 20th century, more than 30 Czech newspapers and periodicals had been published, and a number of societies and festivals honored Czech heritage in Texas.

Texas Polka News

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

The Czech word for birthday is narozeniny. The suffix -iny can be added to practically any number above ten to mean the particular birthday. For example, 20 in Czech is dvacet, and a 20th birthday is dvacetiny.

In the same way a 30th birthday would be tricetiny; and a 50th is padesatiny. That is sometimes called abrahamoviny after the biblical character Abraham.

Another biblical age is 33, often called Kristova leta - Christ’s years. Also related to Christianity, the word krizek - little cross - can be used to mean a decade in a person’s age. So for example the idiom mit pet krizku means to be in one’s 50s.

If a number ends in the digit 0, in Czech, we say it is kulate cislo or a round number. Such a birthday is then called kulatiny. For an important birthday or anniversary, you can also use the word jubileum - jubilee.

An anniversary - vyroci - can also be “round” - kulate vyroci.

Wedding anniversaries have special names in Czech, too. A 25th anniversary is called strivrna svatba - a silver wedding; 50 years is celebrated as zlata svatba - a golden wedding - and a diamond wedding, or a 60th anniversary, is diamantova svatba.

Radio Prague

Czech to English

Numbers

jedna	1
dve	2
tri	3
ctyri	4
pet	5
sest	6
sedm	7
osm	8
devet	9
deset	10
jedenact	11
dvanact	12
trinact	13
ctrnact	14
patnact	15
sestnact	16
sedmnact	17
osmnact	18
devatenact	19
dvacet	20
dvacet jedna	21
dvacet dva	22
dvacet tri	23
dvacet ctyri	24
dvacet pet	25
tricet	30
ctrylicet	40
padesat	50
sedesat	60
sedmdesat	70
osmdesat	80
devadesat	90
sto	100
tisic	1,000
dva tisice	2,000
pet tis	5,000
million	1,000,000

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Stamp Korner



2002 Olympics 12
crowns = \$.60

Prague - 1998 Inter-
national Stamp
Exhibition 15
crowns = \$.75



A Krtek is a mole animal that has been adopted by the Czechs as mascot of sorts. It is rarely seen above ground, but sometimes crosses roads in the Czech Republic. When it does, it is given preference by motorists stopping and waiting while it makes its way slowly across the road. Even many hurried people care enough to give the Krtek the right of way "Crossing the Road!"



Czech Center Museum Houston

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MADE UP GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

A brat of boys
A giggle of girls
A stagger of drunks
A tedium of accountants
A stitch of doctors
A whine of losers
A jerk of politicians
A pride of lions
A gaggle of geese
A brace of orthodontists
A string of bikinis
A sulk of teenagers
A bogey of monsters
A chord of musicians
A slew of assassins
A muddle of managers
A lot of parking attendants
A piddle of puppies

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How's That Again??

A collection of "bloopers" found in church bulletins.

1. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

2. Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.

3. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Smith to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

4. Ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

5. On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper at the end of the service.

6. Tonight's sermon: "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practicing.

7. Another marriage-encounter weekend is being offered. It's a chance for a weekend away for just you and your souse.

SALT & PEPPER FACTS

— Salt is not a food. It's an element – the only rock we eat.

— More salt is used for industrial chemicals and de-icing than for food.

— Roman soldiers actually were paid in salt.

— In Leonardo da Vinci's "the Last Supper," Judas has knocked over a salt container, which forever made spilled salt a signal of bad fortune.

— Salt has been used to keep evil spirits away since the ancient Greeks.

— Black pepper was first used in food preparation in China around the third century A.D.

— The world's largest producer and exporter of pepper is Vietnam.

— Adding pepper to a load of laundry can brighten colors- the abrasiveness prevents soap buildup.

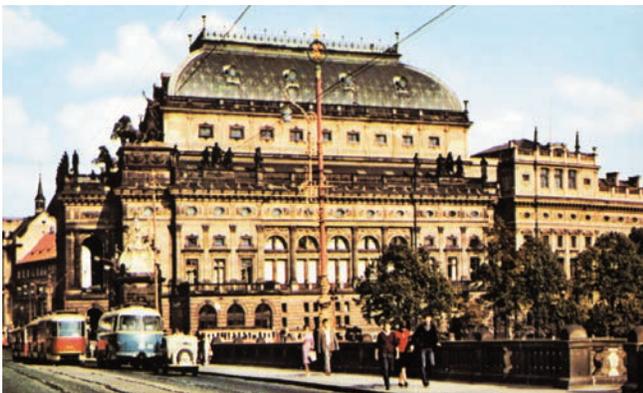
— Deer hate pepper Sprinkle some around the plants in your yard.

— Individual peppercorns were used as legal currency in Europe during the Middle Ages.

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It's not the number of candles

"Age is a marker, but it's not everything. If you fixate on it, you miss out. What we're capable of has a lot more to do with our determination, our creativity and our passion than the number of candles on the cake. Age itself really doesn't mean that much unless you allow it to."



National Theatre, Prague

If God Should Go On Strike

How is it that God above has never gone on strike.

Because He was not treated fair In things He didn't like.

If only once He'd given up, and said, "That's it, I'm through!"

I've had enough of those on earth, So this is what I'll do.

I'll give my orders to the sun - "Cut off the heat supply!"

And to the moon - "Give no more light, and run the oceans dry."

Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,

"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know, He would be justified if fairness was the game.

For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain

Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me

With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,

But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.

We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;

But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

-Anonymous

"S Panem Bohem, a na Shledanov"

(Goodbye & God be with you until we meet again.)

Bank customer service

"I'm not saying that the customer service in my bank is bad, but when I went in the other day and asked the clerk to check my balance, she leaned over and pushed me."

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 2018-2019, 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, 2018. 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**
5349 Dolloff Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44127



*The Czech Catholic Union
Wishes to Congratulate
The Graduating Class
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and

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In The Future When You Have
A Need For Life Insurance
May God Bless You!!*

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Cleveland, Ohio 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 2018-2019 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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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Social Security No. _____ Phone No. _____

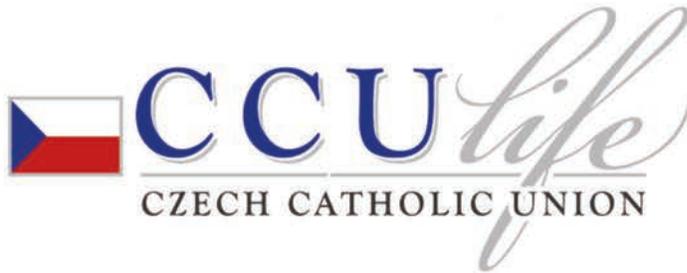
Will Attend _____ Catholic College _____

College Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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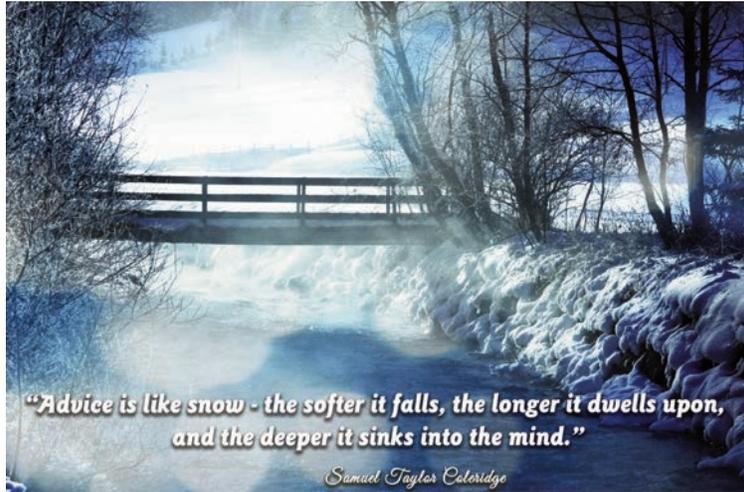
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SINGLE PREMIUM WHOLE LIFE (Add \$25.00 Policy Fee)		
	Single Premiums per \$1,000	
ISSUE AGE	BAND 1 \$3,000- \$9,999	BAND 2 \$10,000- & over
0	\$94.70	\$92.20
1	\$96.78	\$94.28
2	\$99.31	\$96.81
3	\$102.08	\$99.58
4	\$105.06	\$102.56
5	\$108.20	\$105.70
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



Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)

English Poet, Literary Critic & Philosopher. Founder of Romantic Movement.



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.



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
Dennis Cech	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	11-01-1951	09-20-2017	66
Nichole Houdek	Cleveland, OH	Sacred Heart of Mary	101	04-01-2005	04-22-2017	31
Donald Malec	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	02-01-1952	09-07-2017	85
Michele Mirande	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	01-01-1959	04-29-2017	62
Shirley Malloy	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	11	11-01-1950	10-13-2017	78
James Dillinger	Cleveland, OH	St. Elizabeth	10	02-01-2016	06-28-2017	88
Dorothy Wokas	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	3	03-01-1942	10-26-2016	92
Dolores Stephen	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	1	08-01-1946	10-14-2017	90

TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2017 \$301,103.00