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GENERAL CONVENTION

August 13 – August 15, 2022 Cleveland, Ohio

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History of the Czech Catholic Union

In 1867, St. Ann Society #1 was organized at St. Wenceslaus Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1871, St. Ludmila Society #2 was organized in New York City. The two societies merged in 1879 to form the organization. They selected the name Ceska Rimsko Katolicka Ustredni Jednota Zen (Czech Roman Catholic Central Union of Women) under the patronage of St. Ann. An invitation was extended to other organizations through the media of Catholic newspapers bringing about societies being organized in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New York and Wisconsin. In 1880, the first Convention of the organization was held in Cleveland. Ohio. In 1881, the second Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, with twelve societies being represented. Upon legal advice, the organization applied for and received the charter in 1899. In 1938, the Czech Roman Catholic Central Union of Women merged with The Catholic Cleveland Union of Men and the Czech Catholic Union of Women. The name was then changed to the Czech Catholic Union.

On January 1, 2015, the Czech Catholic Union became Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life.

Over 140 years ago our forefathers, people of Czech descent and newcomers in a strange land, scattered around the country, found it pleasant and convenient to band in groups for social and charitable purposes. They cherished a friendly group and promised financial aid in time of distress. Their deep-rooted faith and desire for personal sanctification as well as love in their hearts, provided a natural framework for a fraternal group with concern for the bereaved. Their dedication to the Church coupled with their Czech tradition uniquely set them apart as a solid ethnically, oriented arm of the Church.

Today, the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life continues to enrich the lives of its members spiritually and materially by putting emphasis on the Church and Family. It is in the continuation of its efforts to participate in the various phases of Catholic/Christian Action that the future of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life lies. It is not the intention of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life to fold its hands and rest in the recitation of its past achievements, but to efforts to work. foster and continue its spread true Catholic/Christian principles in the lives of its members, thereby setting an example of true Catholic/Christian Family living.



Patroness of the Czech Catholic Union

A Message from Our Chaplain



Congratulations to the members and leadership of the Czech Catholic Union as you participate in this Convention!!! And a warm welcome to all who are visiting Cleveland from outof-town.

It is interesting to note that this Monday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We firmly believe and proclaim that she, "the first tabernacle" (as St. John Paul II called her) is united in the most complete way – body and soul – with God. The simple young girl from Nazareth was able to respond to God's call of a

very special vocation and she certainly merits to experience the fullness of salvation. If she could respond to God with her life, so can we!!!

CCU deals with many issues, but especially life and death. Unlike other Life Insurance carriers, CCU approaches our mortality from the context, perspective and hope of the Christian faith, Gospel message and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The identity as a "fraternal organization" embraces the human and spiritual realities of death and grief. We need to support each other and this organization facilitates just that.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. May God continue to bless the efforts of the Czech Catholic Union!!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joseph H. Callahan Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleveland, Ohio

A Message from Our President

Greetings to CCU Life Members and Friends,

Wow how time flies. It seems like it was just yesterday that we met for the 43rd Convention. Since I started as your new President I have met with or spoke to many members of CCU Life and they have all made me feel Welcomed, and I want to thank them for that.

Since our 2018 Convention much has been accomplished. CCU Life has increased their visibility by expanding advertising in multiple churches and museums, not just here in Cleveland but also in multiple states. We have joined with the Bohemian National Hall with the annual clean-up of the Czech Cultural Garden the past couple of years. In 2019 we held a food pantry drive and were successful in contributing to local food banks and even some in Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania. It is our goal to continue to reach out and further our connection with the community, churches and membership.

CCU Life needs to continue adding to their membership. Our insurance and annuity products, listed in this program booklet, still remain very competitive. We are currently running a promo 'Tell A Family Member, Tell A Friend'. Briefly this promo is where our members can earn \$25.00 by recommending a new member that purchases a permanent life insurance policy. For further information you can contact the home office.

We have many delegates, consultants and guests coming from near and far to this year's Convention and would like to extend a thank you to each and every one of them for taking the time to be here. The delegates have a big responsibility. They are representing the membership of CCU and are making decisions that will impact us as an organization for the next four years. The consultants will be covering changes and challenges in the insurance industry and the progress of CCU thus far.

One more thank you goes out to all members, consultants and friends of CCU that have placed an advertisement in this program booklet. And a special thank you to Jane Milczewski for all her hard work in making the Program Book a memorable one, THANK YOU JANE!!!

> Fraternally, Theresa Aveni

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III	General Convention, 1883, Chicago, Illinois
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	General Convention, 1885, St. Louis, Missouri
V	General Convention, 1887, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
VI	General Convention, 1889, Cleveland, Ohio
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XVI	General Convention, 1913, La Crosse, Wisconsin
XVII	General Convention, 1917, St. Louis, Missouri
XVIII	General Convention, 1920, Cleveland, Ohio
XIX	General Convention, 1923, Omaha, Nebraska
XX	General Convention, 1926, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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XXIII	General Convention, 1938, Cicero, Illinois
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XXXII	General Convention, 1970, Oakbrook, Illinois
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XXXIII	General Convention, 1978, Cleveland, Ohio
XXXIV	General Convention, 1982, Oak Brook, Illinois
XXXV	General Convention, 1986, St. Louis, Missouri
XXXVI	General Convention, 1990, New York, New York
XXXVII	General Convention, 1994, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
XXXVIII	General Convention, 1998, Cleveland, Ohio
XXXIX	General Convention, 2002, Oak Brook, Illinois
XL	General Convention, 2006, St. Louis, Missouri
XLI	General Convention, 2010, Westlake, Ohio
XLII	General Convention, 2014, Cleveland, Ohio
XLIII	General Convention, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio
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Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, located in Cleveland, Ohio, was established in 1882 when Father Anton Hynek purchased property for a new parish in "Little Bohemia" at the corner of Hamm Avenue and Randolph Street (now East 55th Street). In 1883, Father Stephen Furdek, the first pastor, celebrated the dedication of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the opening of the parish grade school administered by the Notre Dame nuns. Construction of a larger church began in 1891 and was completed in 1902. In 1961, Father John J. Andel was named pastor. Under his direction, the parish erected a replica of the Lourdes shrine and also merged its high school into the multi-campus Cleveland Central Catholic High School. The Diocese closed the parish's high school campus in the mid 1980's. Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School closed in 1995. In 2009, Father Joseph Callahan was named pastor and continues to serve as pastor to this day (along with being the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life chaplain).

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish maintains its religious and social programs in the face of trying economic conditions. Recognizing the religious traditions of its Bohemian/Czech founders and more recently arrived Hispanic members, Our Lady of Lourdes serves Mass in both English and Spanish and continues to be a source of strength and solace on Cleveland's Southeast side. The Parish is recognized as a registered city landmark.

St. John Nepomucene

St. John Nepomucene Church, located in Cleveland, Ohio, was established in 1902 with Father Francis J. Hroch appointed the first pastor. In 1903, the first Mass was celebrated in the church and soon afterward the parish welcomed the Dominican Sisters from Adrian, Michigan, who taught the parish's students. The new St. John Nepomucene Church was dedicated in 1920. In 1962, the Blessed John Nepomucene Neumann Hall was erected and the new school building opened. The exterior of the church was illuminated in 1983. Father Robert Jasany, named pastor in 2000, continues to serve as pastor to this day. In 2008, St. John Nepomucene School closed.

St. John Nepomucene Church, with its lighted church bell tower which serves as a beacon for Slavic Village, remains a lasting tribute to the faith and perseverance of its Bohemian/Czech Catholic pioneers.







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The Story of The Two-Tailed Lion



Once there was a knight named Bruncvik. Bruncvik set out with his fellow knights to win for himself and also his country a great prize, which he could then bear on his coat of arms as an emblem. During their travels, Bruncvik came upon a fierce fight between a lion and a dragon. With the lion near defeat, Bruncvik, not hesitating, rushed to help the lion. When the dragon was dead, Bruncvik tended to the lion's wounds. The lion followed him from then on.

Having a lion friend was fortunate for Bruncvik, since there were many dangers ahead as he continued his quest. Together they fought the power of

evil. They beat them all, until one day they came upon a mighty sorcerer with a magic sword that could crush anything. The lion distracted the sorcerer and was struck by the sword. Bruncvik used his shield as a mirror blinding the sorcerer, who dropped his magic

sword. Bruncvik then turned the magic against the sorcerer and the Rock of Darkness crumbled into little pieces.

Ever since, the Bohemian Lion has had two tails. To this day, Bruncvik and his two-tailed lion stand guard on the Charles Bridge in Prague.



The Star Spangled Banner



O say can you see, By the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd At the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars Through the perilous fight O'er the ramparts we watched, Were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, The bomb bursting in air, Gave proof through the night That our flag was still there, O say does that star-spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free And the home of the brave?

God Bless America

God Bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam God Bless America, My home, sweet home.

THE CZECH NATIONAL ANTHEM



KDE DOMOV MUJ

Kde domov muj, Kde domov muj? Voda huci po lucinach, Bory sumi po skalinach, V sade skvi se jara kvet, Zemsky raj to na pohled! A to jeta krasna zeme, Zeme ceska, domov muj, Zeme ceska, domov muj.

WHERE IS MY HOME?

Where is my home, where is my home? In the meadows, brooks and fountains, Murmuring forests on the mountains, In the gardens blooming flowers, All this paradise is ours! It is the Czechs' great country, Splendid country oh my home, Splendid country oh my home!



THE SLOVAK NATIONAL ANTHEM

NAD TATROU SA BLYSKA

Nad Tatrou sa blyska, hromy divo biju Nad Tatrou sa blyska, hromy divo biju Zastavme ich, bratia, ved sa ony stratia Slovaci oziju

Zastavme ich, bratia, ved sa ony stratia Slovaci oziju

To Slovensko nase posial tvrdo spalo Ale blesky hromu, Vzbudzuju ho k tomu Aby sa prebralo

THERE IS LIGHTNING OVER THE TATRAS

There is lightning over the Tatras; Thunders wildly beat. Let us stop them, brothers; After all they will disappear. The Slovaks will revive. That Slovakia of ours; Has been fast asleep so far. But the thunder's lightnings; Are just rousing Her to be awoken.

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Phil Hrvatin Society #156

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