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Joseph A. Kocab

1932-2022

Joe Kocab passed away on Saturday December 17, 2022. Joe was a member of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life for 85 years. In 1966 Joe became Vice President serving alongside Charles Hronek. In 1986 Joe was elected President serving until 1998, then continued to serve as Director/Past President until his death. Joe will be sadly missed by all that came in contact with him. It was a true pleasure knowing Joe. May he rest in peace!!!

Joe's 90th birthday party at Bohemian National Hall in Cleveland, Ohio on March 12, 2022. Standing behind Joe is Fr. Jasany (Pastor of St. John Nepomucene Church), Councilman Anthony Brancatelli and Fr. Callahan (Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and our Chaplain).



NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... 2023

Annuity/IRA's

5 Year Annuity - 4% with a 3% guarantee on new business, minimum to open \$1,000.

2 Year Annuity - 3.5 % with a 3% guarantee on new business, minimum to open \$1,000.



Existing member contracts will be earning 3.5% and non-member contracts will be earning 1.5%.

****Rates above are effective January 1, 2023.**



Annuity/IRA Statements

Annuity and IRA Statements will be issued once a year at 12/31, unless there is a transaction (contribution or withdrawal) then they would receive a statement at the end of that month.

Statements are available upon request in the interim should any annuitant deem it necessary.

Posel

On December 7, 2022, the Executive Committee approved the Posel be published quarterly effective January 1, 2023.

We are asking for new members to submit a picture and maybe a short article about themselves and their family to be printed in our magazine.

We encourage all members to send in pictures and/or articles of any family events/accomplishments, such as weddings, engagements, graduations and so on. Its nice to keep up with our members!

Scholarship/Grants

High School Seniors can apply for the Ohio Fraternal Alliance Scholarship that is due April 1, 2023. Please go to our website www.czechccu.org and look in the news section for further information.

College Students can apply for our CCU College Grant that is due February 10, 2023. Please go to our website www.czechccu.org and look in the news section for further information or in this issue of the Posel.

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via insurance@czechccu.org or (216) 341-0444.**

CZECH CONCERT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

NEPOMUK



September 17, 2022 was a special day for St. John Nepomuk Chapel in St. Louis, Missouri as they hosted a concert, Mass, Crowning of the Infant of Prague, and dinner. These events had been postponed for 2-years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In attendance were two ministers from Nepomuk, CZ and the American consulate from Kansas City, Missouri.

The concert was promoted by the city of Nepomuk, CZ to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the beatification of Saint John Nepomuk and featured Czech baritone Martin Vydra. The international tour included concerts in the Czech Republic, USA, and Brazil.

Only two other U.S. cities were included in this very special tour:

September 14 – New York City – St. John Nepomucene, Manhattan

September 19 – Chicago – Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston, Illinois.

The program, Bridge Between Nations, was a mix of sacred music, light classical, and national songs. St. John's church provided world-class acoustics for this vocal and piano concert. Mr. Vydra was accompanied by Brazilian pianist, Ricardo Itaborahy. Both artists have a connection to Saint John Nepomuk; Mr. Vydra is a native son of Nepomuk, CZ, and Mr. Itaborahy is from Sao Joao Nepomuceno, BZ, which is the sister city of Nepomuk, CZ.

The highlight of the program was a medley of Czech national songs, which Mr. Vydra performed as both pianist and vocalist. The first two songs were favorite folk songs of Tomas Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia: "Tece, voda, tece" ("Water is Flowing") and "Ach synku, synku" ("Oh son, son").

The last song of the medley was "Ta nase pisnicka ceska", ("Our Czech Republic") by Karel Hasler. Karel Hasler was a well-known Czech actor, composer, and patriot who was tortured and killed in December 1941 in the Mauthausen concentration camp. It was no surprise that this song was Mr. Vydra's most impassioned performance of the program. The St. Louis audience responded with an immediate standing ovation. Mr. Vydra was momentarily overwhelmed by the audience's response and stepped aside to regain his composure.



The final song on the program was “Pie Jesu” by Andrew Lloyd Weber. Both performers were given another standing ovation. Mr. Vydra returned for an encore of “Amazing Grace” sung in both Czech and English.

After the concert, a bronze reliquary (container for relics) was presented to Deacon Charles Bacher, administrator of St. John Nepomuk Chapel. The unique reliquary, crafted by the workshop of Vaclav Cesak, also contains soil from the cities of Nepomuk, the saint’s birthplace, and Prague, the city where he died. The other U.S. host cities also received similar reliquaries.

Mr. Vydra then joined the St. John Nepomuk choir to sing with them throughout the Mass. Most Reverend Richard Stika, bishop of Knoxville, TN, was celebrant and homilist. Bishop Stika is a native of St. Louis; his grandparents and parents were parishioners of St. John Nepomuk. Bishop Stika was ordained in St. Louis in 1985 and served at various parishes until his Episcopal Ordination in 2009.

The final ceremony was the traditional procession, prayers, and crowning of the Infant of Prague. This is a special devotion for the Czechs of St. Louis, as St. John’s parishioners have continued this devotion since the late 1800s.



This was a wonderful day to celebrate our Czech heritage.

According to Mr. Pavel Motejzík, Director of Culture and Tourism for Nepomuk, CZ, a future U.S. concert tour is being planned for February 2024.

More pictures and details at:

<https://www.svatynepomuk.cz/usa-tour-2020>.

<https://www.martinvydra.cz/martin-vydra-zpival-v-usa/>

<https://www.martinvydra.cz/the-tenor-singer-and-pianist-martin-vydra>

CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph Society #156 held their Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, November 13, 2022. The deceased members, ranging in age from 67 to 95 and years of membership ranging from 16 to 81 were: Norman Bayse, Anna Mae Betlejewski, Leonard Betlejewski, Mary Ann Biaglow, James Kocian, Lawrence Mahnke, Fred Malec, Thomas Skulina, Gary Strnad and Dennis Veselsky. Members of the Biaglow, Kocian and Malec families were in attendance.



CLEVELAND, OHIO

Over the past 150 years, Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood has provided employment to many immigrants in the area. Today it is known for its diverse restaurants and growing art community. Nationality flags painted on the Interstate 71 underpass of Starkweather & Kenilworth Avenues serve to remind us of Tremont's multicultural past.

NOTE: Tremont is less than 5 miles from home office.



PROJECT FOOD PANTRY 2.0

Our Project Food Pantry continues. Food items may be dropped off at locations listed below or at the Home Office. Monetary donations are to be sent to the Home Office, but please specify which location the money is to be sent to.

MICHIGAN - Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Cleveland, Ohio - Home Office)

MISSOURI - Our Lady's Inn (4223 South Crompton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111)

OHIO - Our Lady of Lourdes Church (3395 East 53rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44127)

PENNSYLVANIA - Our Lady of Mount Carmel (900 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237)

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!!!



ON THE COVER



The first convent in Bohemia was built in the Prague Castle complex. This convent was the Benedictine Nuns at St. George's between 973 and 1782. After its closing, the building housed the Czech National Gallery's collection of 19th century Bohemian art for a long time. Currently the building is empty, waiting for renovation.

80 YEARS AGO



Construction of the Pentagon began in 1941. The building was dedicated on January 15, 1943. The construction cost was \$83 million.

OHIO FRATERNAL ALLIANCE

2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Available to our 2023 High School graduates in the amount of \$500 per applicant. Information on our website or contact the Home Office.

Completed application must be dated and submitted by April 1, 2023.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All the dividends have been mailed out. Below are members we are still looking for.

Hopefully someone can help us locate them.

Soc. #	Name	City/State last on File
2	John P. Holubar	Glencoe, New York
10	Andrew Robinson	Cleveland, Ohio
119	Stacey M. Birkicht-Hanners	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
119	Levi T. French	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
156	Donald Miller	Newbury Park, California



St. Joseph Society #156, Cleveland, Ohio - "Thank you for my High School grant. It helped my family and I pay for High School. Thank you very much."

Keven Krajnak

Czech School Board, Cedar Rapids, Iowa - "We wish to thank you, very much, for your generous monetary contribution received last summer. Your kindness allows us to continue the longstanding tradition of Czech School and a Czech language learning opportunity in Cedar Rapids. Thank you again and ... All our Best!"

Sincerely, Julie Wiedner, Secretary, Czech School Board

Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois - "We thank you for your recent donation. Your donation is an important part of supporting Friends of NBC and funding the ongoing Columbarium Restoration Project. Weatherproofing and making important repairs to the 1913 columbarium building are critical to preserving this historic building and keeping alive the heritage it represents for future generations."

Marjorie Sladek Stueckemann, President, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, Cleveland, Ohio - "We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our church and its annual festival. On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Eric Orzech, the parish staff, festival committee, parishioners and all who benefit from this year's festival, we offer you a hearty dziękujemy bardzo (which is Polish for thank you very much) for your help in making this year's festival a huge success. May God's blessings shine upon you and yours always."

Festival Committee

Czech Mission, Brookfield, Illinois - "Thank you for your donation to the Czech Mission. We wish you all the best for the next few days. God bless you."

Sincerely, Mons. Dusan Hladik

Misericordia Foundation, Chicago, Illinois - "On behalf of all those entrusted to our care, thank you for your generous donation to support the work of Misericordia. May your New Year be filled with God's gifts, especially good health and peace of mind and heart."

*With much love, Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM
Chairman, Misericordia Foundation*

Thank You Continued

Lake Catholic High School, Mentor, Ohio - "Thank you for your generous gift to the Fund for Lake Catholic. Through your support, we are able to ensure that our students receive the highest quality Catholic education possible as we work together to create extraordinary futures."

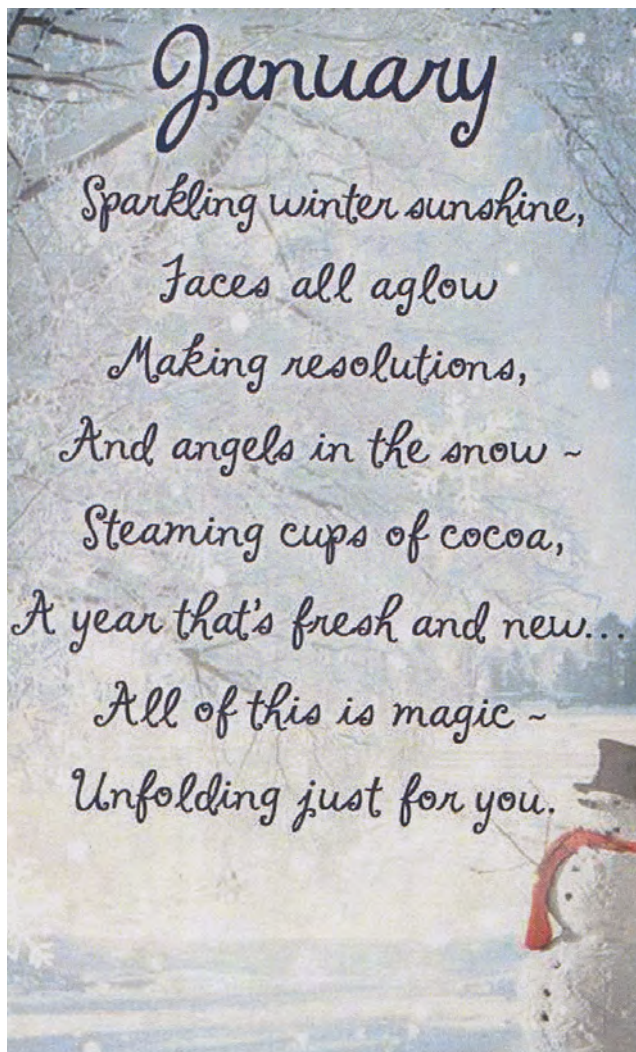
Sincerely, Mark M. Crowley, President

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Cleveland, Ohio - "Thank you for your recent monetary donations for our Food Pantry and for Christmas. This is an addition to the many boxes of food you have brought as well. Your ongoing help is greatly appreciated."

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

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter - "Thank you very much for your generous contribution. Without your kindness and support, we could not bring the light of the infant Christ into the darkness of the world." Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP

Director of Fundraising Operations



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Flashback Fotos



Cetu zorganizoval reditel Jednoty, bratr Karel Hronek. Na obrazku jsou v dolní řadě od leva: První řada - S. Hunek, J. Repko, organizátor Chas. J. Hronek, E. Komarek a L. Hercl. Druhá řada - P. Bouska, J. Lubrak, C. Beran, S. Nykiel, W. Block a E. Hercl, manager. Poslední řada - J. Misejko, R. Kimple, J. Vanek, J. Tobias, R. Voracek, P. Repko a C. Nespor. Uniformy jsou červené a bílé. Naši cete prejeme zdaru a doufame, ze dobudef pro nasi Jedno_ tu mnoha vitezstvi. V Clevelandu budou jiste sledovat hry nasi cety se zajmem a take se chodit divat a svou pritomnosti jim dodavat kuraze.

November 1939 Posel. Translation - První řada is First row, Druhá řada is Second row, Poslední řada is Third row.

Editor's note: My father, Raymond Voracek is in the back row.



41st General Convention in Cleveland, Ohio - August 17, 2010

Left to right: Maryann Langevin, Elsie Malec, Loretta Moravecek, Theresa Pokorny, Ed Babor, Cindy Kveton, Bob Cermak, Joe Kocab and Dolores Jacklin



35th General Convention in St. Louis, Missouri - October 22, 1986

Officers were: President Joseph Kocab, Vice President Loretta Moravecek, Secretary/Treasurer Elsie Filous. Directors were: Marie Konicek, Albina Kotoun, Anna J. Scarnavack and Louise Sedlak



1968 - Left to right: Ralph Perk, Charles Hronek (Vice President of CCU) and Anna Veverka (President of CCU)

SUNRISE ON THE CHARLES BRIDGE IN PRAGUE

The best time to photograph wintry Prague is in the early mornings. During winter, Prague is famous for thick cotton-like fog dancing over the Vltava River.



CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in November 2014, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life 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 2023-2024 academic year. The Grant will be payable directly to the school and credited to the student's tuition.

To be eligible for this Grant the student must be a member of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life for three years, having one of the following permanent plans: 5, 10, 20 Year Payment Plan – Single Premium Whole Life – Youth Savings Plan - with a minimum of **\$5,000.00** of insurance.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TO THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE HOME OFFICE NO LATER THAN **JUNE 1, 2023**.

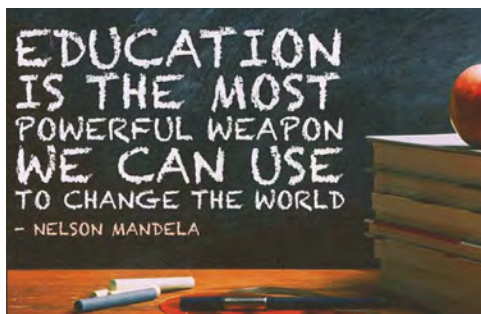
NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED. **MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY.**

Student Information

Date: _____ Society No.: _____ Policy No.: _____
Name: _____ Social Security No.: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____ Phone No.: _____

Catholic High School Information

Catholic High School: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone No.: _____ Website: _____
Grade Level for Upcoming School Year: _____



Please mail this application to:

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Email: insurance@czechccu.org
website: www.czechccu.org

CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE COLLEGE GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in September 2021, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life voted to expand this Grant to members attending a non-Catholic College/University as a full-time student. If attending a Catholic College/University, the member would receive \$500.00. If attending a non-Catholic College/University, the member would receive \$300. The Grant will be payable directly to the applicant.

To be eligible for this Grant, applicant

- Must be a member in good standing of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life for three years
- Must be between the ages of 18 - 25
- Must have one of the following permanent plans: 5, 10, 20 Year Payment Plan – Single Premium Whole Life – Youth Savings Plan - with a minimum of **\$5,000.00** of insurance
- Must forward an official transcript from Fall 2022
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Must be working towards an undergraduate degree

Please complete application below and submit along with the transcript to the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life Home Office no later than **February 10, 2023**.

Request for Grants must be submitted annually. The maximum of 4 grants can be applied for by a member.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.

Student Information

Date: _____ Society No.: _____ Policy No.: _____
Name: _____ Social Security No.: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____ Phone No.: _____

College/University Information

College/University: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone No.: _____ Website: _____
Currently a (circle one): FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

Please mail this application to:

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**We do not want to lose contact with our members.
If you move, please let us know!**

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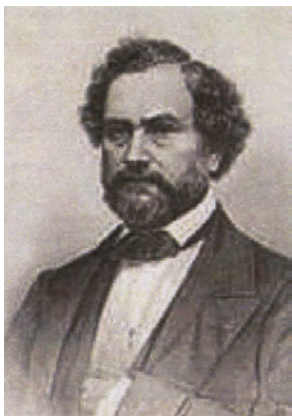
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CZECH COWBOYS



Samuel Colt, born in Connecticut in 1814, whose revolver proved to be very effective in various wars and conflicts, had the largest private armory in the world. In 1847, Colt's Company came out with the Peacemaker, the Colt Python and Colt M1911 pistol that is the longest-standing military and law enforcement service handgun globally and is still used today.

In 2021, the Czech Company Ceska Zbrojovka purchased the Colt Company. It is one of the highest volume exports in the Czech Republic, sending its products to more than 100 countries around the world. The company is among the top ten small arms manufacturers in the world.

In 2022, the parent company changed its name to Colt CZ Group.

Editor's Note: The Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life is not promoting gun sales of any kind. Just thought this was an interesting piece of history associated with the Czech Republic.



COWBOY CANDY



8 jalapeno peppers, sliced into 1/4 inch rounds
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
1 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp turmeric powder
1/2 tsp ground ginger

In a saucepan combine the white sugar, apple cider vinegar, chili powder, turmeric, and ginger. Bring the mixture to a boil then down to a low simmer until the sugar dissolves into a syrup. Add the jalapeño pepper slices to the boiling syrup and simmer for about 4 minutes.

Transfer the hot peppers to sterile canning jars and fill the jars with the remaining syrup. Wipe the rim of the jar clean with a washcloth or damp paper towel and either refrigerate the jalapeño slices or can them.



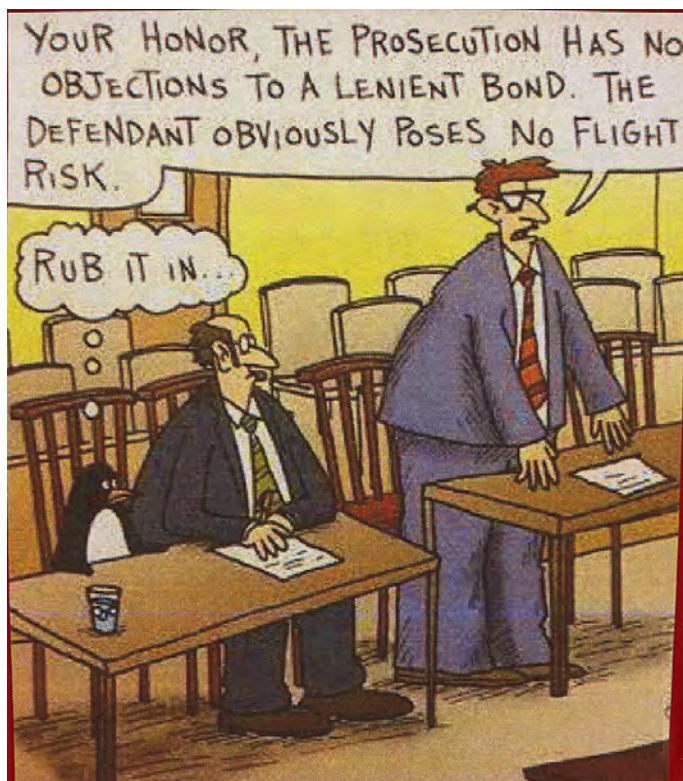
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Note: Christina is the legal counsel for the Czech Catholic Union and has graciously offered to extend a 10% discount to any of our members who mention this article.



ROCKS IN SNOWBALLS



Snow is not white. It is made of colorless ice particles and only appears white because white light is reflected off the surface and makes it seem to be that color. Flakes are not the only form of snow. Snow can come down as snow pellets, known as graupel, as soft and lumpy masses, or as sleet (drops of rain that freeze into transparent balls of ice falling from the sky.) While snow was once reported in Miami, Florida, flakes have never fallen in Key West, Florida, where the coldest temperature on record is 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

1 cup butter, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1 large egg
3 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 (10.8-ounce) bag chocolate kisses
1 tablespoon vanilla
Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine butter, sugar, egg and vanilla. Sift together flour and baking powder and stir into butter mixture. Chill dough.

While dough chills, unwrap chocolate kisses. Form a 1-inch ball of dough, flatten a bit, then wrap around a chocolate kiss and re-form into a ball.

Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet 1 inch apart.

Bake 5 to 6 minutes, until lightly golden. While cookies are still warm, pop each one into a small bowl of confectioners' sugar and roll until well coated. Place on another baking sheet to cool.

FROM CONVENTION 2022 EXCURSION DAY: SORROWFUL MOTHER SHRINE BELLEVUE, OHIO

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Feast Day February 11



SUMMARY OF CZECH HISTORY

491 A.D.	Legendary arrival of Slav Tribes into what is now Czechoslovakia
800's	Ruler Mojmir I created the Great Moravian Empire
862	Slav Missionaries, St. Cyril & St. Methodius, started Christianity in Moravia
923-929	Bohemia ruled by Prince Vaclav (Wenceslas)
950	Arrival of first Jewish people in Praha
1212	Czech State emblem used for the first time by Premysl I (a double tailed lion)
1230-1253	First Czech money minted (The Groschen) by Vaclav I
1300	Count of Luxemburg became Habsburg Emperor
1306	End of Premysl dynasty with the death of 17 year old King Wenceslas
1346-1378	Reign of King Charles I of Bohemia
1348	Founding of Charles University in Praha by King Charles I
1357	Charles Bridge construction started
1402	Jan Hus appeared as a religious leader of the Czech Reformers
1415	Jan Hus condemned and burned at the stake outside the walls of Constance
1439	Jewish Cemetery in Praha established Gothic gravestones transferred there
1468	First Czech book printed
1526-1918	Habsburg of Austria ruled Czechs in Bohemia and Moravia
1617	Austrian Habsburg, Ferdinand of Styria, elected King of Bohemia
1618	30 Years War started when two of Ferdinand's councilors were tossed from castle window in Praha
1620	Battle of the White Mountain (Bila Hora) fought with Habsburgs defeating the Czechs
1748	Silesia ceded to Prussia
1791	Anton Bernolak published a six volume Slovak-Czech-Latin-German-Hungarian dictionary
1848	Disturbances proclaimed the solidarity of the Slavic peoples vs. the Germans
1862	Sokol organization founded by Dr. Miroslav Tyrs
1918	On October 28th, the Czechoslovak Republic is founded at end of World War I
1939	On March 15th, German Army units crossed the Czech border
1939	On March 16th, Hitler proclaimed a German protectorate over Bohemia and Moravia
1942	On June 10th, the entire village of Lidice is destroyed by Germans as revenge for the assassination of Reinhardt Heydrich.
1948	The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia took control of the government
1968	On August 21st, Russia invaded Czechoslovakia and initiated a new government
1989	Communist government resigned after Velvet Revolution succeeds Vaclav Havel became President of the Czech and Slovak Federated Republic
1993	On January 1st, Czechoslovakia divided into Slovakia and the Czech Republic
2004	On May 1st, Czech Republic joined the European Union
2018	Czechoslovakia 100th Anniversary





BREAKFAST PANCAKES (SVITKY)

- 3 eggs • 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. milk • 1 1/2 c. flour

Stir together, but do not beat. Have 1 cup of melted lard in skillet. Let it get hot, then by tablespoon drop dough in a stretch into the hot lard. Let brown; turn over and let other side get brown. Serve while still hot with syrup or fruit preserves. This recipe serves 3.

POPPYSEED MUFFINS

- 4 lg. eggs
- 2 c. sugar
- 3 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 3/4 c. (13 oz. can) evaporated milk
- 4 c. flour
- 1/4 c. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 c. vegetable oil
- 1/2 c. poppy seeds

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line 30 muffin cups with paper liners. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar, evaporated milk, milk and vegetable oil. Sift together the baking powder, salt and flour. Gradually add the flour mixture to the egg mixture, beating until well combined. Add the extract and poppy seeds, stirring only until well combined. Using 1/3 cup measure, pour the batter into the muffin cups. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean. Makes 30 muffins.

FRENCH TOAST (KOCMATICE)

Make a batter of 3 eggs, about 2 c. milk, pinch of salt, add flour to make a thin batter. Dip half slices of bread into this batter, fry on both sides well, in hot grease in frying pan. You can also omit the bread, fry only the batter. This will take less time to fry then with the bread. Serve hot with syrup, jelly or jam.

LIVER SAUSAGE (JATERNICE)

- 1 hog head
- 1/2 hog liver (cooked and ground)
- 2 large loaves white bread (best if home made)
- 3 pieces garlic (rub with salt to make paste)
- 1 1/2 handful of each : salt, allspice, pepper, marjoram

Boil the head until the meat falls off the bone. Soak the bread in luke warm water or the broth.

Put the meat thru a grinder, press out water from the bread. Mix meat, bread, liver, garlic and spices. Add about a quarter of the meat broth (do not have the mixture too thick.) Stuff into casings and tie.

Cook in water until sausage floats.

Casings: About 1 1/2 lb. of casings is enough. Soak the casings in warm water for an hour. Run warm water thru the casings before using.

These may be frozen.

“EVERY MINUTE SOMEONE LEAVES THIS WORLD”

Every minute someone leaves this world behind.

Age has nothing to do with it.

We are all in “the line” without knowing it.

We never know how many people are before us.

We cannot move to the back of the line.

We cannot step out of the line,

We cannot avoid the line.

So while we wait in line:

Make moments count.

Make priorities.

Make the time.

Make your gifts known.

Make a nobody feel like a somebody.

Make your voice heard.

Make the small things big.

Make someone smile.

Make the change.

Make love.

Make up.

Make peace.

Make sure to tell your people they are loved.

Make sure to have no regrets.

Make sure you are ready ...

Marianne Baum



Love is the key to understanding,
the door to forgiveness,
the stairway to fulfillment.

WORLD WAR II

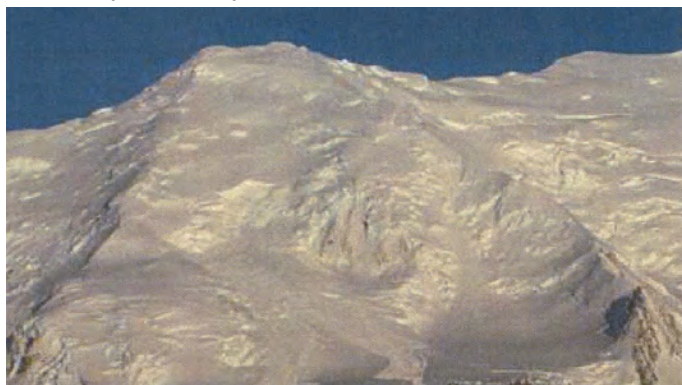


During World War II, the Russell Stover candy company, makers of the popular Whitman's Sampler, featured their products in the all-too-familiar scenario of a soldier courting his girl. "A Woman Never Forgets the Man Who Remembers" was the line in their ad.



Cyril & Methodius -

Patron Saints of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia and all of Europe.
Feast Day February 14



St. Cyril Peak

This peak rises to 1,645 feet in Friesland Ridge in Tangra Mountains on Livingston Island in the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica.



St. Methodius Peak

This peak rises to approximately 1,290 feet in Friesland Ridge, Tangra Mountains, Livingston Island, Antarctica.

CAFE LOUVRE



Prague was once part of the Austro-Hungarian empire and home to history-changing intellectuals, who would meet at cafes to discuss how to shape the nation. Some of these cafes, known as “Grand Cafe Houses” are still operating today.

One of the most famous still in operation is Cafe Louvre, frequented by Franz Kafka (Bohemian novelist and short-story writer) and Albert Einstein. This cafe is centrally located in the Nove Mesto district of Prague, close to the Vltava River and the National Theater.

55 YEARS AGO

The Easy Bake Oven was patented in 1968. Over 30 million have been sold.



MASOPUST – CZECH MARDI GRAS



Masopust, in English translates to Carnival, means “goodbye to meat.” This carnival runs from Epiphany (January 6) until Ash Wednesday. The main feature of masopust is the wearing of masks and elaborate headgear. While noisily singing, shouting and dancing, the costumed characters make their way from house to house, where they are treated to food and drink. The procession usually ends in the pub.

Czech Phrase: “Kdo sa nenaji ve fasank,
Bude hladovet po cely rok”

Translation: “If you don’t eat during Masopust,
You’ll be hungry for the rest of the year.”

FEBRUARY 20



“The circulation of confidence is better than the circulation of money.”

4th President, James Madison

“Times change and we change with them.”

9th President, William Henry Harrison

“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”

36th President, Lyndon B. Johnson

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER



The lyrics to our national anthem come from the poem, "Defence of Fort McHenry", written on September 14, 1814 by Francis Scott Key (lawyer and amateur poet). After witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships of the Royal Navy

in Baltimore Harbor during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was inspired by the large U.S. flag (with 15 stars and 15 stripes), known as the Star-Spangled Banner, flying above the fort during the U.S. victory. The poem has four stanzas but only the first is commonly sung.

The Star-Spangled Banner was recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889 and by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. The song was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931.

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?

ST. PATRICK



A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in a doctor's book. - Irish Proverb
St. Patrick Feast Day March 17

On this road called life,
you have to take the good with
the bad, smile with the sad,
love what you got, and
remember what you had.
Always forgive, but never forget,
learn from your mistakes, but
never forget. People change.
Things go wrong. But just
remember, the ride goes on.



ST. JOSEPH

Encyclical Letters are named for their opening words and in 1889 Pope Leo XIII published “Quoniam Pluries” designating March 19th as the Feast of Saint Joseph.

“Although many times in the past,” the Pontiff began, “the faithful have been asked to show special honor to illustrious individuals, let it not be surprising that we now call upon the Universal Church to honor a man who was Protector of the Holy Family, the Guardian of the Christ Child, and the Patron of the Universal Church.”

Scripture says little about Joseph, other than that he was “just,” that is, virtuous in every way.

His importance is recognized by the stupendous trust given to him as Guardian of the Christ Child and Spouse of the Mother of God. He was not a man of words but of deeds.

“What the world needs,” Pope Leo XIII concluded, “is faithful and devoted men like St. Joseph; men who stick to their job, fulfill their duty and measure up to their responsibility.”

St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers and of a happy death. Czechs think red every year on March 19, St. Joseph’s Day. This day is the Czech version of St. Patrick’s Day. The day honors those named Joseph. In the Czech Republic, the day was always a communal day, an occasion for fun and gaiety. The Czech tradition required musicians of the town to visit each home occupied by a named Joseph.



St. Joseph Statue at the
Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue.
Convention 2022 Excursion Day

SENT IN FROM A FEW MEMBERS

Don’t believe everything you think.

Few women admit their age ... few men act it.

Everyone seems normal, until you get to know them.

If you woke up breathing, congratulations. You have another chance.

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church and the center of attention.

PUNS

Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.

A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it’s a whole sentence.

What do you say to comfort a friend who’s struggling with grammar? There, their, they’re.

I asked the assistant at the toy store where the Schwarzenegger dolls were. He replied, “Aisle B, back.”

PONDERISMS

What disease did cured ham actually have?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

I used to eat natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

EXCUSES, EXCUSES, EXCUSES

I stay away from church because it’s cold. It’s warm inside.

I stay away from church because it rains. You go to work in the rain.

I stay away from church because I’m poor. There is no admission charge.

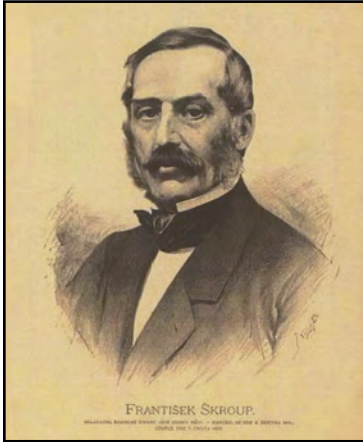
I stay away from church because I’m rich. That can be cured.

I stay away from church because no one invited me. People go to movies without being asked.

I stay away from church because I have children. God loves them and welcomes them too.

I stay away from church because my clothes are not expensive. It’s not a fashion show.

KDE DOMOV MUJ (WHERE IS MY HOME?)



The music to the anthem was composed by Frantisek Jan Skroup (Czech composer and conductor, 1801-1862). The lyrics were taken from the first stanza of the opera "Fidlovacka", which was written by Josef Kajetan Tyl (Czech dramatist, writer and actor, 1808-1956) and performed in 1834. The song originally had two verses but when it became the first part of the Czechoslovak state anthem after the country's liberation in 1918, only one verse was used. Upon dissolution of Czechoslovakia on January 1, 1993, the song became the anthem of the new Czech Republic and only the first verse remains the official 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!

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/CCU Life 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/CCU Life has no affiliated financial institutions or third party non affiliates that have access to your nonpublic personal information, except pursuant to your written authorization.

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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.

TELL A FAMILY MEMBER, TELL A FRIEND ...

STILL AVAILABLE – if you recommend an individual to CCU insurance, you the member will receive \$25 if an insurance policy is purchased. Contact the Home Office for more information.

OR

complete the form below.

Mail to Czech Catholic Union / CCU Life, 5349 Dolloff Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44127 OR

Email to insurance@czechccu.org

Current Member Info:

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____



Prospective New Member:

Name: _____

Parent if under 18: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

CLEVELAND, OHIO

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 –
Annual Communion Brunch.**

Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 10:00 AM, followed by pastries and beverages at the Home Office (across the street from the church). Please call the Home Office for reservation before Tuesday, March 14, 2023. 50-year Members will be honored.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not park in the church parking lot. Please park at the Home Office, the street, or the lot across from the church.



Sending all our best wishes for happy holidays and a wonderful 2023!

Love, Joe, Colleen, Maggie (8), & Andrew (5)
Society #156 members of the O'Donnell Tonges family



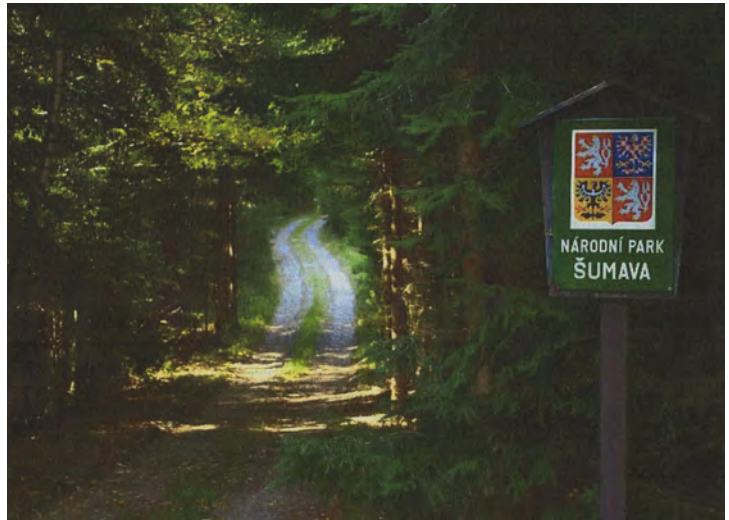
ON THE BACK COVER

Anne Bradstreet – Born March 20, 1612, Anne was the most prominent of early English Poets in North America and the first writer in England's North American colonies to be published. Ann Bradstreet died on September 16, 1672

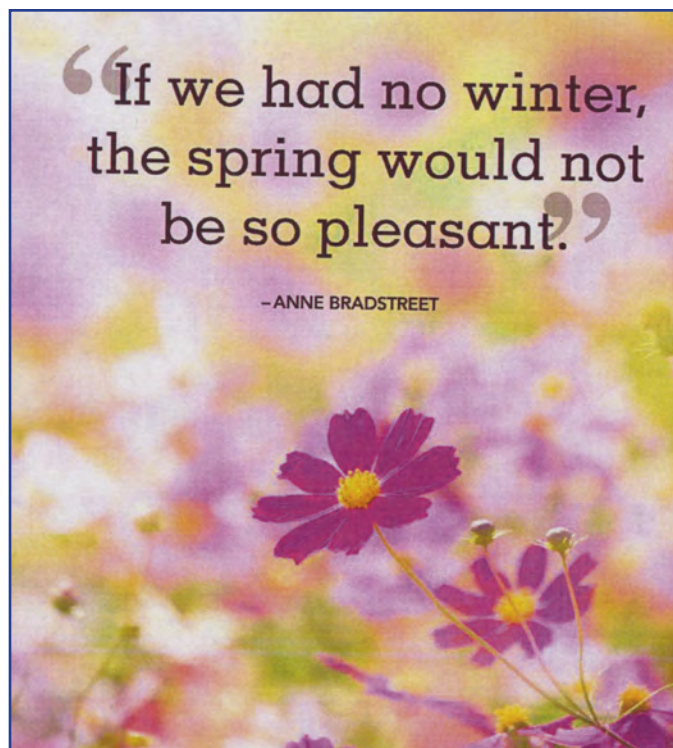
BOHEMIAN FOREST (SUMAVA)



This forest is a low mountain range in Central Europe. Geographically, the mountains extend from Plzen Region and South Bohemia in the Czech Republic to Austria and Bavaria in Germany and form the highest uplands of the Bohemian Massif, up to around 164,000 feet wide. They create a natural border between the Czech Republic on one side and German and Austria on the other.



Narodni Park



Notice To Members

A Mass for Deceased members of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life is offered periodically at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

The Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life 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
Mary Ann Biaglow	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	11-01-1940	08-16-2022	85
Rosemary McGraw	Berwyn, IL	St. Ann	18	10-01-1941	09-03-2022	97
Rev. James Vesely	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	11	04-01-1981	07-27-2022	93
Rev. Vesely had 10 insurance certificates						
Marie Lewandowski	Cicero, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	12-01-1945	09-03-2022	94
Rose Liska	Cudahy, WI	St. Ann	105	01-01-1940	09-27-2022	93
Edward Henry	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	12-01-1961	10-17-2022	82
Carmella Jandacek	Cicero, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	02-01-1942	08-31-2022	84
Eleanore Klekovich	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	3	12-01-1942	04-11-2021	104
Dolores Hoida	Cudahy, WI	St. Ann	105	06-01-1994	10-28-2022	88
Joseph C. Kocab	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	08-01-1958	12-11-2022	64
Karen Gardner	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	1	11-01-1958	02-14-2022	65

DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2022 \$184,375.00