

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

"NAŠ SLOVENSKI DOM" ESTABLISHED 1995

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Slovenian Cultural Center will be held on Sunday, April 24 after the Membership Appreciation Dinner. Members of the Board of Directors and their committees will be providing reports summarizing the past year at the Center. During the meeting we will also be electing the Board for the upcoming year. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for the meeting. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas on our SCC board. Anyone that is interested in joining the board should let Mark Cepon, Martina Hozjan Ruda or an existing board member know.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

With the start of every New Year our membership drive begins. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone that has supported the Center by being a member. Membership is our main source of income and helps maintain our facilities and support our activities. Please support the Center by becoming a member – fill out the form below and return it to us with your payment. Membership cards will be distributed at the Membership dinner (or will be mailed if you cannot attend). We also are looking for individuals to help with activities at the Center. If you're interested in donating some time to the Slovenian Cultural Center please give us a call or come to our monthly meetings, every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Your donation of time is priceless to us!

Vaša pomoč v kulturnem centru je zelo cenjena! Stem da plačate letno članarino in postanete aktiven član centra boste veliko pripomogli naši slovenski skupnosti. V centru se zbiramo ob veselih in žalostnih trenutkih in si stisnemo roke, to je dom združenja, in prijatelstva.

Mark your calendar Don't forget to make your
reservations for the
Member Appreciation Dinner
on April 24 &
Koline on Feb 14!!
Renew your membership
today!

CONSUL NEWS

Our new Slovenian Consulate General from Cleveland, **Andrej Rode**, will be here for office hours on February 13 starting at 1 pm. Please come to the Center if you have business to attend to or just want to come meet and make him welcome! If you would like to make a consular appointment, please contact John Vidmar at slovconsul.chicago@comcast.net.

SCC office hours – Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. or by appointment Center hours on regular Sundays – open until 5:00 p.m.

Jan-Feb-Mar 2016

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Odbor
Slovenskega
Kulturnega
Katoliškega
Centra želi vam
in vašim
družinam
uspešno in
zdravo Novo
Leto!

The Board of Directors wish you and your family a successful and healthy New Year!



S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

January 10th – Baraga dinner - All proceeds of the monthly dinner will go to the Baraga Association for his sainthood process.

Every 2nd Sunday of the month all families with school children are encouraged to attend the regular 11am Mass and actively participate with readings, petitions, and singing. After the Mass, the monthly dinner is served at the Cultural Center.

Blessing of the candles/throats – On Sunday, **January 31**st there will be a blessing of the candles (which are usually blessed at the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2^{nd)} and the blessing of the throats (St. Blase blessing) during the 11:00 am Mass.

Lent – starts with **Ash Wednesday, February 10**th. Every Sunday there will be devotions of the Stations of the Cross at 1:30 in the afternoon (except on the Sundays of the Monthly dinner – stations will be at 2:30 pm). Non-perishable food will be collected in the church for the local Food Pantry.

Friday, March 18th – making of the 'butarice' in the Center. We will begin at 8am and a light lunch will be provided. Please come and help! All proceeds will go to the missions.

Palm Sunday – March 20th – 11:00 am – The blessing of the 'butarice' and other greenery will be held at the Cultural Center. We will then process to the church. Associations with the banners are invited into the procession! During the Mass the solemn reading of Jesus' passion according to Luke will be read.

Holy Thursday – March 24th - Jesus' last supper. Mass will be at 7:00 pm, after the Mass holy hour with Jesus in the 'jail'.

Good Friday – March 25th – 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (in English). At 7:00 pm will be Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday – Vigil of Easter – March 26th – at 2:00 pm blessing of the food (which entails bread, meat, colored eggs, horseradish and 'potica'-walnut cake). At 7:00 pm will be a special liturgy of the day followed by a gathering in the Cultural Center.

Easter – March 27th – 11:00 am solemn Mass of Easter Sunday – Jesus' resurrection.



Update on the 20th Anniversary Commemoration Book

The creation of a 20th anniversary commemoration book was a major endeavor undertaken by a small group of people who brought together information from various sources to document some of the more interesting events in the short history of our Dom and parish. It was an attempt to substantiate the religious, educational and charitable mission of the Dom and its deep connection to the Slovenian Catholic Mission. As the material is being read by a broader audience, mistakes and omissions are being identified. We are putting the entire text of the commemoration book on the SCC website as a permanent document. All changes will be made to the online version. We will be updating it periodically to bring it up to date with current events. We apologize for the mistakes and omissions but we look forward to having the most accurate version of our history up on the internet where it can be corrected easily.

10th Annual Homemade Slovenian Wine Competition

You are cordially invited to participate in the 10th Annual Homemade Slovenian Wine Competition which will be held the afternoon of KOLINE - Sunday, February 14th.

It's that time of year again where we can enjoy the fruits of our Slovenian wine maker's labor; where we can sample the delicious varietal wines in both reds and whites. The wine makers made their wines in the Fall of 2015 using their own techniques for the most perfect flavors, clarities, and aromas. To celebrate our 10th annual competition, we welcome all of our wine makers to enter their wines of 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, or if you know of someone that would be interested in participating this year, encourage them to submit their wine and to contact the Center. Messages can be left at 630-243-0670 or email to **secretary@slovenian-center.org** and someone will get back to you.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious meal at the Center following Mass. The wine judging will begin after dinner.

Also, calling all musicians & accordionists... Bring your instruments and come play for fun with a variety of folks during the afternoon!

I encourage all of our Slovenian wine makers to participate in the challenge to see who has the BEST WHITE and BEST RED WINE for 2016!!

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PHOTOS















20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We had a beautiful 20th Anniversary Celebration! Our day began with Holy Mass presided by Msgr. Blase J Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; P. Marjan Čuden OFM, Provincial from Slovenia; P. Metod Ogorevc OFM, Pastor; joined by several other Franciscans and priests. Leading them into Mass was a procession of Slovenian organizations carrying their respective banners -Slovenski katoliški kulturni center, Slovensko versko središče, Slomškova slovenska šola, St. Anne's KSKJ Lodge & KSKJ Federation, Prekmurje Social Club, Holy Cross, LIGA, and Slovenian Union of America. Students in Slomškova slovenska šola, adult members of the community, Plesna skupina LIPA, proudly wore their Narodne Noše – Slovenian Costumes representing the various regions which were prepared and organized by Slavica Sovan. They were followed by the altar servers. During Mass we were greeted by President Martina Hozjan Ruda; the readings were done by Gospodična 2015 Laura Remec and Gospodična 2014 Claudia Zerdin, petitions were done by MaryAnn & Roman Vucinic, Urška & Maja Magajne, and Herman & Tatiana Simrayh; and offertory was brought up by the SCC Executive Board. Music and singing was provided by Zbor Marija Pomagaj, directed by Mojca Anaya and accompanied by Milica Hozjan; as well as a communion song by Zbor Slomšek directed by Nandi Puc. Prior to the conclusion of mass, P. Marjan Cuden honored Martin and Anna Hozjan with an award for 'Posinovljenje' - an acknowledgement of all of their efforts in working with the Franciscan Fathers to keep the Slovenian community together. This award adopts them into the Franciscan Fathers brotherhood. Congratulations to Martin and Anna!

Between Mass and lunch, guests were treated to a shot of slivovica made and donated by Slavko Sovan, Brian Ruda, and Herman Simrayh. We enjoyed a delicious homemade lunch prepared by Fanika Fritz, Amalija Novak, and their crew of helpers. Each guest received a delicious piece of potica for dessert made by Lilijana Cepon. Guests were also presented with a 20th Anniversary Commemorative Book highlighting the history for the past 20 years of the Dom.

Our guests were then entertained with a short program which was opened by the beautiful sound of Zbor Špendov. President Martina Hozjan Ruda spoke about the success of our Center for the first 20 years and encouraged us to work together and to keep our future generations engaged so that we have another successful 20 years! Our Gospodična 2015, Laura Remec, was then presented and escorted into the hall by her proud parents, Lynda & Greg Remec. Laura has been a vital part of the Slovenian community since first attending Slovenian school, dancing with the folklore group, and volunteering her time for our Center events. Congratulations to Laura and her family!

The next portion of our program was organized and narrated by Nandi Puc. Many thanks and much appreciation goes to Nandi for all her planning and organization of the countless number of programs that she has put together and organized for our Dom for the past 20 years!! The program included performances by LIPA-directed by Kristina Cepon; Mladenke, in memory of P. Vendelin Špendov, directed by Nandi Puc; Zbor Špendov-director Mark Magajne, dance by the students of Slomškove slovenske šole-directed by Nada Petrovič. Additionally, there was a presentation of all the Slovenian national and regional costumes, the planšar, and accompaniment for several parts was provided by Max Petrovič, Herman Simrayh, and Tony Buh. In conclusion of our celebration, the entire SCC Board and guests joined in singing as the cake was presented and shared with the guests. Many of our Slovenian ladies made and donated delicious pastries which were devoured from the sweet table at the conclusion of the program.

Many thanks to all the guests and volunteers. On behalf of the Slovenian Catholic/Cultural Center, thank you to everyone that participated in the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Dom. Countless hours of planning and work made this a beautiful event. Special thanks to all those that spent months, weeks, and days helping to make this anniversary celebration special. The list of volunteers is endless, as is our deepest gratitude. Najepše hvala!!

20th Anniversary Committee & Commemorative Book Committee: Julie Kacin Lavoie, P. Metod Ogorevc-OFM, Nada Petrovič, Marko Puc, Nandi Puc, Theresa Rozman, Martina Hozjan Ruda, Michelle Ryan, Sonia Skiba, Slavica Sovan, Dawn Vidmar, Dana Rebrica Blase-Chairperson

KOLINE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

If you are a fan of good food and good company you will not want to miss Koline at the Slovenian Catholic Center; Sunday, February 14th after the 11:00 am Mass. We will be serving blood sausage, white sausage, pork, krofe and many other goodies.

Calling all musicians & accordionists... Bring your instruments and come play for fun with a variety of folks during the afternoon!

Tickets are \$20 for adults; students 7-14 are \$8, under 6 are free. Pre-paid reservations are required and due by February 7th!

Če ste ljubitelj dobre hrane, prijetne družbe, potem prav gotovo ne boste zamudili pravih slovenskih kolin, ki jih bomo pripravili v slovenskem kulturnem centru v nedeljo 14. februarja po 11. sveti maši. Za ta tradicialni zimski praznik vam bomo servirali krvavice, bele klobase, svinsko pečenko, krofe in razne druge dobrote. Vstopnice za to praznovanje so po \$20 za odrasle, \$8 za mlade od 7-14 let, za mlajše od 6 let pa je vstop prost.

Reservacije se sprejemajo do 7. Februarja. Pridite, ne bo vam žal!

Reservation — Koline 2016

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Please indicate with whom you would like to be seated. We will do our best to accommodate the request provided all parties have a paid reservation by the due date. We are unable to guarantee seating preferences for reservations made after the due date.

We strive to make all of your events enjoyable and kindly ask that when making a reservation for any of our "reservations required" events, all reservations correspondence be made to the Center. This enables our reservationists to more efficiently complete the seating arrangements and communications with our caterers. Please direct all e-mails, texts, or phone calls to the Center. If you have a question or need to change a reservation, we kindly ask you to e-mail us at secretary@slovenian-center.org, visit our website at www.slovenian-center.org, or call us at 630.243.0670.



Oh, what fun we had at the **Slomšek Slovenian School (Slomškova slovenska šola)** this Fall! Early in the semester, we had a Slovenian-themed obstacle course (annually led and improved by Mojca Anaya and her dedicated team) on October 10th, while the Rosary Project on October 17th gave the students a chance to make their own rosaries and remind them how to pray with them. The school was grateful to our Deacon Janez Vidmar and Deacon Joe Winblad (serving the St. Patrick Church in Lemont) for bringing the supplies and showing the students and their families this handcrafted skill.

On October 31st, the first "Trunk-or-Treat" took place at the SCC (inside due to the rain). Children (and adults!) had fun dressing up and getting candy at the decorated Halloween stations set up by the school families. Everyone also really enjoyed our first field trip to the Little Red School House on November 14th where students observed the colorful nature during the nature walk and worked together in age-mixed groups to learn Slovenian names for animals and plants. We also incorporated the Slovenian singing practices which caught attention of some other visitors. Thanks to Larissa and Marko Magajne who spearheaded the above projects!

Everyone worked very hard to prepare for three traditional performances in six weeks: first, the performance at the 20th Anniversary of the SCC on November 8th. At this occasion, we also prepared a small exhibition of school artifacts and memories showing the school's 20 -year history, which can be seen in the display window by the Small Hall. Second, children's favorite Sveti Miklavž performance on December 6th was as great as always (organized by Sylvia Buh and countless volunteers). And last but not least, the traditional visit at the Museum of Science and Industry on December 19th, where various SCC groups showed the Slovenian traditions, singing and dancing to all Chicagoans.

During the Fall semester, the youngest students **Srčki** (2- to 3-year olds) had much fun while learning to work together. The teachers, Mojca Anaya and Kristina Cepon, organized obstacle courses which allowed them to jump, roll, crawl and slither. Srčki listened to the stories about the adventures of Medo Jaka (Jacob the Bear) and learned vocabulary through songs and crafts, focusing mostly on body parts, colors and simple conversations, such as "Dober dan" (good day), "Nasvidenje" (goodbye), "Prosim" (please),

"Nasvidenje" (goodbye), "Prosim" (piease), "Hvala" (thank you). All Srčki loved putting together small picture puzzles which also included Slovenian words.

Čebelice (4- to 6-year olds) had to learn the alphabet quickly before Sveti Miklavž came. They learned how to spell his name, using "slovenska abeceda"! Their teacher Kristina Ondracek also talked about fall words and fall colors. Čebelice used new words to play bingo and work on the computers. Čebelice se učijo številke! They are slowly learning numbers by counting to ten when connecting the dots, rolling the dice and marking off the numbers on the board games. They will now start counting to twenty and will continue to say numbers out loud in Slovenian.

Zvončki (7- to 8-year olds) focused on developing conversational skills. Students worked on introducing themselves and asking questions to learn more about each other. Their teachers Jozica Zudic and Mary Ann Vucinic also prepared them for the many performances during the first semester of this school year.

Zmaji (9-year olds through teenagers) started with simple conversations and improved them over the course of the semester. Their teachers Martin Puc and Suzi Rus have worked with them on directions, verbs, animals and days of the week. For the Sveti Miklavž performance they turned a recitation "Škof Sveti Miklavž" into a play telling a story about this generous bishop and what he does for the good kids on Earth.

The adult class continued under the leadership of Andrej Remec, and a few new students joined the Liturgy Class started by Deacon Janez Vidmar this year. For the second semester, they again invite all who are interested in reviewing the Sunday Readings. They learn Slovenian by comparing English and Slovenian versions of these readings, while preparing themselves for Sunday masses. Very little knowledge of Slovenian is required. The goal of this class is to help people to learn enough Slovenian to understand the Sunday Slovenian mass.

A huge "Hvala lepa!" to everyone who helps with the school's continuous operations! The list of volunteers would be too long to thank everyone. Together we made this a successful organization that gives our next generation roots and special memories at the Slovenian community. You can contact us via slovenianschool@gmail.com or leave a message at the main SCC office at 630-243-0670. Please visit our Slomšek Slovenian School website by visiting the SCC website at www.slovenian-center.org and clicking on the school link.

2016 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE: INDIVIDUAL \$50; SENIOR (65+) \$35; FAMILY \$100.

All members of the Center are free of charge for this dinner. Tickets for non-member guests are \$15 and students (7-14) are \$8. For more information please call 630-243-0670.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Reservation — SCC Appreciation Dinner 2016

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HUGE THANK YOU'S!

...to FANIKA FRITZ, MARTIN AND LJUBA NOVAK & KATHY CUFAR!

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Fanika Fritz and her catering team. Fani, Ljuba Novak and Martin Novak prepare our light lunch every Sunday, often joined by Kathy Cufar for monthly dinners, private parties and of course our New Years celebration. They put in many hours preparing healthy home cooked meals for us and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

From all of us....THANK YOU!

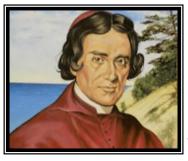
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BARAGA DAYS 2016

Baraga Days will be held in Marquette, Michigan this year **September 9 - 11.**

We will leave early Friday morning from Lemont and pick up passengers in Gurnee and Milwaukee. We are staying at a beautiful hotel, Country Inn and Suites a few miles from the Cathedral. We are using the same bus company that we have used the past two years, ABC Transportation which has new modern buses. We will



return on Sunday September 11th in the evening. We will probably stop on the way back at the Shrine of Marija Pomagaj in Champion, WI. We have a preliminary estimate for the cost of the trip: \$376 for a single, 260 for a double, 225 for a triple and 205 for four people per room. These prices are per person. We may not received a quote for the banquet so there may be a slight change to accommodate the banquet.

Please contact John P. Vidmar (708-204-4390) or Anna Hozjan (630-253-4347) to make reservations. Baraga Days will move back permanently to Labor Day weekend in 2017. It will be held in Grand Rapids, MI one of Bishop Baraga's first missions in America. The Bishop of Grand Rapids is from Cleveland and he was made familiar about the Baraga Cause from his classmate, Fr. John Kumse, the pastor of Marija Vnebozetje in Cleveland.

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Prešeren program

7. FEBRUAR

Fall School Pics...











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Established 1995—celebrating our 20th year!

Saturday, January 9Tarok Tournament Sunday, January 10Family Mass	June 25-26 Slovenian Sports Klub Softball Tournament & Picnic
Sunday, January 10Monthly Dinner – Baraga Assn	Sunday, July 24 St. Anne's Society,
Saturday, January 16Classes Resume Saturday, January 23Winter Games / Srčki	KSKJ #170 – Pilgrimage & Picnic
Sunday, January 24Kulturna Ura	Sunday, August 14 SCC Picnic & Raffle Sunday, August 28 Honey Picnic & Youth
Sunday, February 7Presernov Dan Saturday, February 13Consular Hours	Sports Tournaments
Sunday, February 14	September 9-11 Baraga Days Saturday, September 10 School Families, Altar
Sunday, March 13Monthly Dinner	Servers & Volunteers Picnic Sunday, September 11 Monthly Dinner
Sunday, March 13Tarok Tournament Friday, March 18Making of Butarice	– St. Ann's Charity / Matching Funds Sunday, September 25 Slomsek Sunday
Sunday, March 20Palm Sunday Procession, Passion & Brunch	Saturday, October 1 First Day of School
Sunday, March 27Easter - Center Closed	Sunday, October 9 Monthly Dinner - Missions
Sunday, April 10Family Mass Sunday, April 24Annual Meeting &	Sunday, November 13 SCC 21st Anniversary
Membership Appreciation Dinner	
· ··	Sunday, December 4 Sv. Miklavz
Saturday, May 7Last Day of School	Sunday, December 11 Monthly Dinner
Sunday, May 8Family Mass Sunday, May 8Mother's Day	Saturday, December 17 Last Day of School For 2016
Sunday, May 29Corpus Christi	Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day - Center Closed
Sunday, June 5Ave Maria Fundraiser Sunday, June 19Father's Day Picnic	Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve Celebration
- Prekmurje Social Club	CCICDIATION