



# Slovenian Catholic Center

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## Koline - Sunday, February 8, 2015

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 8th after the 11:00 am Mass. We will be serving blood sausage, white sausage, pork, krofe and many other goodies. Tickets are \$20 for adults; students 7-14 are \$8, under 6 are free. We will also have entertainment after lunch by our Ansambel Veseljaki for your dancing pleasure.

**Pre-paid reservations are required and due by February 1st!**

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 8. februarja po 11. sveti maši. Za ta tradicionalni 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. Po kosilo pa nas bodo za ples zabavali naši "Veseljaki"!

**Reservacije se sprejemajo do 1. Februarja. Pridite, ne bo vam žal!**

*You are cordially invited to participate in the  
8th Annual Homemade Slovenian Wine Competition  
Sunday, February 8th - KOLINE*



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 2014 using their own techniques for the most perfect flavors, clarities, and aromas. Who will produce the best white and best red for 2014??? **To celebrate our 8th annual competition, I invite all of our wine makers to enter their wines of 2014!**

For more detailed information about the competition, or if you know of someone that would be interested in participating this year, invite them to submit their wine and to contact Dana Blase or Tina Hozjan Ruda. Messages can be left at the Center 630-243-0670 or email to [danablase@comcast.net](mailto:danablase@comcast.net). Wine makers will be able to pick up their bottles, bags, and corks on Sunday's at the Center starting the weekend of January 24th...please see Tina. Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious meal at the Slovenian Catholic Center's Koline Dinner on Sunday, February 8th following mass. The wine judging will begin after the luncheon. There's no better celebration than homemade 'krvavice' and 'wine'!!!

**I invite all of our Slovenian wine makers to participate in the challenge to see who has the BEST WHITE WINE and who has the BEST RED WINE FOR 2014!!!**

**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 U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE  
SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> - Baraga dinner** - All proceeds go to the Baraga Association for his sainthood process.

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, a monthly dinner is served at the Cultural Center.

**Blessing of the candles/ throats** – On Sunday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>** there will be a blessing of the candles (which are usually blessed at the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2<sup>nd</sup>) and the blessing of the throats (St. Blasé blessing) during the 11:00 am Mass.

**Lent** – starts with **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Every Sunday there will be devotions of the Stations of the Cross at 1:30 in the afternoon. afternoon (except on the Sundays of the Monthly dinner – stations will be at 2:30 pm). Non-perishable food items will be collected in the church for the local Food Pantry.

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - making of the 'butarice'** in the Center. Please, come and help! All proceeds will go to the missions.

**Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>** – 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. During the Mass, the solemn reading of Jesus' passion according to Mark will be read.

**Holy Thursday** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesus' last supper. Solemn Mass will be at 7:00 pm, after the Mass holy hour with Jesus in the 'jail'.

**Good Friday** – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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** – April 4<sup>th</sup> – at 2:00 pm blessing of the food (which entail bread-meat; colored eggs, horse radish 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** – April 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am solemn Mass of Easter Sunday – Jesus' resurrection.

On Friday, March 27th, please join us in the small hall of the Cultural Center for our annual event of making **Butarice**.

The Sunday before Easter we celebrate "Cvetna nedelja" meaning "Flower sunday", or "Palm sunday". On that day people come with "Butarice", "Butare" to church where they are blessed. Butarice are bundles of greenery & flowers & painted wood curls. Some people also put on oranges and apples. Home made Butarice are mostly made by greenery and flowers. We will begin at 8:30am. A light lunch will be served in thanks for your time and effort.



**Cvetna Nedelja - Palm Sunday — March 29, 2015**

**Vabimo vas na praznovanje cvetne nedelje v Lemont!** Ob 11. uri bo blagoslov butaric pred Slovenskim domom. Po blagoslovitvi butaric bomo v procesiji nosili zastave naših društev v cerkev. Po maši spodaj omenjena slovenska društva vabijo svoje člane na skupni velikonočni zajtrk v Slovenski Dom. Zajtrk društva darujejo, zato je za člane zastonj. *Slovenski Kulturni Center, Slovensko Versko Središče, Slovenski Športni Klub, Slovenska Katoliška Liga, Joliet, KSKJ National Board ~ Michael Vidmar.*

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday, March 29th. We will be blessing the butarice in front of the Dom before 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Slovenian Catholic Mission. There will be a procession going up to the church (weather permitting) and the preceding sponsoring Slovenian organizations will be preparing a special Easter brunch after mass. St. Ann's will also be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after brunch so bring your baskets!



## 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 prijateljstva.

### Slovenian Catholic Center Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit this form to: Slovenian Catholic Center ~ PO Box 634 ~ Lemont, IL 60439**

- Individual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00
- Senior (65 & over) Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

Method of payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Verification 3-Digit Code (on the back of your card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL?



Slomšek Slovenian School students make Sv. Miklavz "dolls" at school.

Sv. Miklavz at the Slovenian Catholic Center.





## 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 26th 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 Form - Membership Appreciation Dinner – April 26, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of **FREE** Members: Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

**GUESTS:**

Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Student(s) 7-14 \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00 each Child(ren) under 6 \_\_\_\_\_ FREE

Method of payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to 'Slovenian Cultural Center')

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Verification 3-Digit Code (on the back of your card): \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due at the Slovenian Catholic Center by Sunday, April 19th, 2015.**

*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.*

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The ANNUAL MEETING of the Slovenian Cultural Center will be held on Sunday, April 26th 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.

*Anyone interested in becoming a board member can email us as secretary@slovenian-center.org.*



### AMBASSADOR BOZO CERAR

On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of hosting Ambassador, Dr. Bozo Cerar at the Slovenian Catholic Center. It was Dr. Cerar's first visit to Illinois since taking his position in Washington D.C. and he had the opportunity to meet with American Slovenians in both Lemont and Joliet. Thank you to our Honorary Consul, John Vidmar, who arranged the visit and to the Slomšek Slovenian School students and participants that performed for the Ambassador. Dr. Cerar extended his gratitude following his visit and was pleased to see that we are working to preserve our Slovenian culture, language and heritage. Dr. Cerar was also pleased to have the opportunity to meet with the participants of the teaching seminar that was being held at the SCC during his visit. Thank you to Urska Magajne, Mihaela Knez and Damjana Kern who welcomed the Ambassador during the seminar for those that teach Slovenian as a second language. Thank you again to everyone that helped make the Ambassador's visit a success! Hvala lepa!

### Reservation Form – KOLINE on February 8, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00    Student(s) 7-14 \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.00ea    Child(ren) 6 and under \_\_\_\_\_ FREE

Method of payment:    Cash \_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to 'Slovenian Cultural Center')

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Verification 3-Digit Code (on the back of your card): \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due at the Slovenian Catholic Center by Sunday, February 2, 2015**

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.

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### ATTENTION!

The **Slovenian Cultural Center** is coordinating efforts to build a fun and safe play environment for our children.



**Playground installation is planned for the 2015 season!**  
Depending on our fundraising accomplishments, the new playground will be installed completely in 2015 or will be built in phases.

**Please support these efforts by making a cash donation to the playground fund and/or by attending one of our upcoming playground fundraising events.**

**Let's work together to create a great play place for our kids!**



## SLOVENIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Slovenian American Business Association (SABA) hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Conference entitled "Slovenia: Business Opportunities for U.S. Companies" at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont. Speakers at the conference included Jure Žmauc, Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia, Rudolf Krašovec, President of KSKJ, Jože Kokal, President of SABA, George Schafer, Representative from the Village of Lemont and Dr. Bozo Cerar, Slovenian Ambassador to the United States from Washington D.C.

The opening presentation, made by Jure Žmauc, on behalf of Gorazd Renčelj, the economic advisor to the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington D.C., included an overview of the economic situation in Slovenia and its position and opportunities in the European Union.

Mr. Dean Kravos from the company HIDRIA located in Idrija, Slovenia spoke about ways for Slovenian companies to successfully conduct business in the U.S. CEO of MIK Celje, Franci Pliberšek, also spoke about the potential for Slovenian companies entering the U.S. market.

The second part of the conference included presentations by Dr. Peter Rožič from San Francisco, California, who discussed a program which brings students from the Republic of Slovenia to the U.S. for scientific training via the American English Education Foundation (ASEF). Professor Luka Zibelnik from Cleveland State University also introduced his project called "Pocket Slovenian" which includes an online language course.

Other speakers and participants were able to see and discuss the importance of cooperation between Slovenian and American companies with an interest in entering alternative marketplaces.

*SABA is a business trade association with an advisory board consisting of a Chairman and up to ten (10) geographically located Directors. The SABA board chairman and directors work in conjunction with the Consul General to the United States, the Republic of Slovenia, relevant Ministries of Slovenia, the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce, various U.S. state and local governments, the European Union, and SABA members to establish and deliver a variety of business programs, business information, contacts, and support tools to achieve the SABA mission to increase bilateral trade.*

Additional information can be found at [www.sloaba.com](http://www.sloaba.com).



### Meeting with Archbishop Fr. Stane Zore

During my recent trip to Slovenia, I had the honor and pleasure to see and meet with the new Archbishop, Stane Zore. The meeting was organized by our long-time friend, Fr. Christian Gostečnik. During our meeting with the Archbishop we had the opportunity to reminisce about his visit to our Cultural Center in Lemont where he blessed the Cross that hangs in the small hall of our Dom. Archbishop Zore sends his well wishes to everyone in Lemont and, on behalf of our community, I extended our congratulations to him on his recent appointment as Archbishop of Ljubljana.

Pope Francis appointed Stane Zore the new Ljubljana archbishop in October of last year. The Roman Catholic Church celebrated the appointment of the new Ljubljana Archbishop; who is the first Franciscan monk to head the Ljubljana diocese in its more than 500 year-long history. Stane Zore has headed the Slovenian Franciscan Province since 2010. In October when he was appointed to become the new Archbishop of Ljubljana by Pope Francis, he said he would try to strengthen the role of the Church in society and announced he would form a commission which would deal with burning issues between the Church and the state. Born in 1958 in Sela pri Kamniku, Archbishop Zore was ordained priest in 1985 after graduating at the Theological Faculty in Ljubljana.

*Martina Hozjan Ruda*





The Sports Klub hopes that you had a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season with your families and that you were able to make one of our fun events in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 including:

**Texas Hold'em and Bags Tournament** at the Slovenian Cultural Center – Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cash prizes were awarded. Congratulations to the winners:

Loic Louapre, Mike Milcarek & Tony Gregorich

**Lemont Pub Crawl and bowling** – Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, in Downers Grove—it was a fun night of socializing!

**Turkey Bowl - Annual Football Game** – Up on the hill - Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Fun was had by all, especially since there were no injuries! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Both kids and adults are always welcome. Join us next year!

**Upcoming Sports Klub winter events will include the following:**

**Lemont Winter Games Event** with Slovenian School – January 31<sup>st</sup>

Includes sledding, games, food and drinks.

If you would like more information about these events or would like to be added to our email list, please send an email to [sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com](mailto:sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com) or access our Facebook page.

Search under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.

All are welcome to attend our Sports Klub meetings. For information on Sports Klub meeting dates or other events, please contact Tony Vuksinic at 630-881-6274.



**Consular hours will be on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm. Please call the SCC to book your appointment at 630-243-0670.**

**Keep your CONTACT INFORMATION current...**

If you have moved or your contact information has changed, please let us know so that we can continue to keep in touch. If your contact information has changed; please send your updated information to:



## Upcoming Events ~ 2015:

Sunday, January 25th—Kulturna Ura, Slovenski Film & Zbor Spendov

Sunday, February 1st—Presernov Dan

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Koline & Wine Contest

February 22nd—Kulturna Ura—Armchair Trip to the Holy Land (film)

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly dinner

Saturday, March 27—Butare

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday – Center CLOSED

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting & Membership Dinner

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Sola

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, June 7<sup>nd</sup> – Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 21st – Father's Day Picnic

Saturday & Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Slovenian Sports Klub Softball Tournament & Picnic

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – SCC Picnic & Raffle

Sunday, August 23rd – Honey Picnic & Youth Sports Tournaments

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – School Families, Alter Servers and Volunteers Picnic

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly dinner

Sunday, September 20<sup>st</sup> – Slomsek Sunday

Saturday, October 3rd – First day of Slovenska Sola

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Monthly dinner

Saturday & Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – SCC 20th Anniversary Weekend—Details in the next newsletter

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Sv. Miklavz / St. Nick's

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Sola for 2015

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly dinner

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – Center CLOSED

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Celebration

*The Board of the Slovenian Catholic Center meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the small hall of the Center; all are welcome to attend and participate.*