

## EVENTS - EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES LJUBLJANA SLOVENIA

September 24, 2008

### Colorado National Guard and Slovenian Military Conduct Joint Exercises,



As part of the continuing close relationship between the American and the Slovenian military, elements of the Colorado National Guard participated in joint exercises with the Slovenian military. Representatives from the Embassy and the Office of Defense Cooperation observed the exercise, which are aimed to improve the readiness and capabilities of the Slovenian military. Members of the Colorado National Guard praised the professionalism and the expertise of their Slovenian colleagues.

*Deputy Chief of Mission Bradley Freden and Colonel Dale Addington riding comfortably in a Slovenian armored vehicle*

<http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/exercises.html>

Yesterday I was asked to speak at the Slovenian Women's Union 2008 Ohio Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. As I approached the microphone the question was asked, "Who is taking over the American Home Newspaper?" The correct answer to the question is no one. The Ameriška Domovina, which has faithfully served our community for 110 years, has been retired. That doesn't mean the Slovenian community will be without print media. Recently Ed Sedmak has published several editions of Glas Naroda. The paper is billed as a Slovenian weekly newspaper. For additional information regarding this publication contact Edward Sedmak at [esedmak@vajkard.com](mailto:esedmak@vajkard.com). Plans for another Cleveland based Slovenian newspaper are now in the works. The first edition is schedule for a mid November 2008 release.

## GLAS NARODA THE PEOPLE'S VOICE

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UČAKAL RAD BI SREČNI DAN . DAN NAŠEGA ZDRUŽENJA . BOG ŽIVI VSE SLOVENE POD STREHO ENO  
Thursday 25 September 2008 SIMON GREGORČIČ 1844 - 1906 Slovenian weekly Newspaper

### Edward Kenik A Pillar of the Slovenian Community

From St. Lawrence to St. Clair, Edward was proud of his Slovenian heritage, and his voice echoed songs from both the old country and the new. He led the Slovenian National Home through turbulent times, while continuing to grow the hall. The youth yearned to sing with him; in particular, he fostered the Singing of the Fantle na Vasi. The Eddie Kenik room symbolizes the simple man who not only kept his Slovenian heritage in heart, but expressed it in song. There in the Kenik room are still singers who, just like Eddie, sing the songs of the old country.

Zbogom Eddie.



Louis from Outer Space'.

On Wednesday, October 1st and Thursday, October 2nd, the Slovenian children's writer, Majda Koren, will visit Cleveland. In her visit, she will...

### Lilija - Kva je.

Despite the recent drama on Wall Street, Lilija, the Cleveland Slovenian drama society, has once again let another year pass without the slightest activity, their weekly bowling activity notwithstanding.

Dramatic society Lilija has failed to produce a drama comedy in many years; we believe the board has failed the Slovenian community, especially those who yearn to see theater performed in the Slovenian language. We ask that the board resign and return the reins of Lilija to the Slovenian community. We would recommend forming a young vibrant board who would bring drama back to the forefront of the Slovenian community.

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(photo by Philip Hrvatin)

Občni Zbor Annual Meeting  
Dragi član/članica Slovenske Pristave!

Patria Import

## SWUA

Slovenian Women's Union Ohio Convention 2008 Sunday- October 5, 2008 Hosted by Branch # 50 Presented by Vice President Rosemary Toth. Mass at St. Vitus Church 9:00am Blessing, Breakfast Buffet Vice President Rosemary Toth opening remarks, introduction of members in attendance, Marge Church report on scholarships, auction, 50/50 Raffle, Guest speakers Joey Tomsick from the Geauga County Department of Aging, Phil Hrvatin Senior Edition [www.clevelandslovenian.com](http://www.clevelandslovenian.com)

Photo link <http://picasaweb.google.com/philip.hrvatin/SWUAOhio>



# SLO 4 YOU

## INVITATION TO THE SLO 4 YOU MEETING

As president of SLO - USA Business Community I would like to invite you to the first meeting of SLO 4 YOU Foundation.

### **SUBJECT:**

- Progress & Development of SLO - USA Business Community
- Introduction to the SLO 4 YOU Foundation

### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 6.00pm.

### **WHERE:**

Consulate General of Slovenia in New York  
600 Third Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
New York, NY 10016

### **CONFIRMATION:**

This event is an open invitation event.

Please confirm your and your guest's attendance by email or phone:

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Hope to see you, LUCIA KLANSEK

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## Rev Jože Časl on his 70th anniversary of his ordination in March 2007

Photo from <http://www.theslovenian.com/magazine/2007/glasilo03042007.pdf>

The Slovenian Parish of Saint-Vladimir–Mission Slovene, in Montreal, is served by the members of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul - C.M. (the Vincentian Fathers or Lazarists) of the province of Slovenia. They also serve in two Slovenian Parishes in Toronto.

On May 28, 1957, Rev. Jože Časl, C.M. was appointed associate pastor at the Parish of Saint-Louis-de-France with the special mission of ministering to the spiritual needs of the Slovenians in Montreal and surrounding areas.

From the end of May 1957 until August 1963, the Slovenian Community (Association Slovene Catholique, Montreal) held Mass at Saint-Louis-de-France Parish and, occasionally, in the chapel of College Mont Saint-Louis.

On August 22, 1963, the Association Slovene Catholique, Montreal, purchased the Slovak church at the corner of St. Denis and Marie-Anne. This church became the first Slovenian Parish in the Archdiocese of Montreal. It began operating as a parish on January 1, 1964.

On February 12, 1982, a commercial building at 3470 Boul. St. Joseph E. in Montreal-Rosemont area was purchased and soon after the church on St. Denis and Marie-Anne was sold.

The new premises were renovated and the new church was ready for the blessing by September of 1983. The celebration of the blessing of the new church was presided over by Most Rev. Franc Kramberger, Bishop of Maribor, Slovenia, on Sunday, September 11, 1983.

Just in time for the Silver Jubilee year of the parish, the church got stained-glass windows, designed by artist Janez Kovačič. and hand-crafted by Ciril Stojko, both of Slovenia.

Currently, around 360 families are registered as members of the parish.

The following priests, Vincentian Fathers, served in this parish:

1. Jože Časl from the beginning as spiritual guide and then as pastor until 1965;
2. Stanko Boljka: from 1965 until 1969;
3. Andrej Prebil: from 1969 until 1972;
4. Ivan Jan: from 1972 until 1976;
5. Janez Jeretina: from 1976 until 1983;
6. Franc Letonja: from 1983

<http://www.brezmadezna.com/montreal/montreal.htm>

### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The aftermath of World War II brought an influx of immigrants to Canada, especially from Europe. Among them were Slovenians arriving from refugee camps in Austria and Italy. They escaped from their country because of the terror of Communism. The first group of Slovenians came to the Toronto area in 1947.

Men went to work on farms, in forests, in mines or for the railroad and women did housework to “pay” for their transportation to Canada. This work lasted up to one year.

After paying their “dues,” they settled in Toronto because jobs were available. Toronto was growing at that time as the industrial centre of Canada.

On December 12, 1948, Rev. Jakob Kolarič, C.M., arrived in Toronto. He took over the spiritual care for the Slovenians in the city. Soon he was followed by Rev. Jože Časl, C.M. and then by Rev. Janez Kopac, C.M., who helped Rev. Kolarič in his pastoral work for the Slovenians, whose numbers were growing with every new ship coming from Europe to Canada.

At the beginning, they found their “home” at Mount Carmel Church in the city centre. Attending Sunday Mass continued into social gatherings. Having their own priest, the wish to have their own parish and own church, not being guests elsewhere, grew stronger and stronger with every gathering. Social events were organised to collect funds to make these wishes a reality.

On February 10, 1953, a lot was purchased on 609 Manning Avenue. On the same day, the Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal McGuigan, created a new parish under the name Our Lady Help of Christians, Slovenian.

On May 12, 1953, the plans for the new church, drawn up by architect Peter Dimitroff, were submitted to the City of Toronto for approval. During the summer, the plans were approved. The new parish signed a contract with Franc Stojc, a Slovenian contractor, who started digging on December 7, 1953. The construction of the hall and the church proceeded quickly for there were many volunteers.

Bishop Gregorij Rožman, who shared the fate of his countrymen as a refugee and immigrant, visited the Slovenians in Toronto several times. His first visit was on July 30, 1949. As the construction of the new church neared completion, Bishop Rožman came again to lead a spiritual renewal, as preparation for the blessing of the first church for Slovenians in Canada.

Toronto Archbishop Cardinal McGuigan blessed the new church on December 19, 1954. The solemn celebration was a crown for the hard and dedicated work of the priests (Vincentian Fathers) and the Slovenian faithful in building the church.

Soon after the parish was established, the pattern for parish activities started to develop. The Vincentian fathers introduced spiritual renewals before Christmas and Easter, parish missions, retreats.... As the parish grew, new organizations were formed. First: Parish Council, The Catholic Women’s League, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Baraga’s Mission Circle, Legion of Mary, Scouts, Slovenian Saturday School (in 1953), Youth Club, Youth Choirs, Men’s Choir, Church Choir, and dance groups.

Pastors, Vincentian Fathers:

1. Rev. Jakob Kolarič: from the beginning of the parish until 1960;
2. Rev. Andrej Prebil: from 1960 until 1969;
3. Rev. Tone Zrnec: from 1969 until 1979;
4. Rev. Jože Mejač: from 1979 until 1981;
5. Rev. Ivan Plazar: from 1981 until 1988;
6. Rev. Valentin Batič: from 1988

Assistants, Vincentian Fathers:

Rev. Jože Časl, Janez Kopač, Franc Sodja, Stanko Boljka, Tone Zrnec, Ivan Plazar, Janez Jeretina, Matija Balazič, Jože Mejač, Franc Letonja, Ivan Jan, Ciril Čarga.

[http://www.brezmadezna.com/toronto/mp/mary\\_help.htm](http://www.brezmadezna.com/toronto/mp/mary_help.htm)