

#### Jan Amos Komenský Comenius

1592 - 1670

-He was a Czech teacher, educator, and writer.

-He is considered the father of modern education.

-He lived and worked in many different countries in Europe, including: Sweden, Poland, Transylvania, the Holy Roman Empire, England, the Netherlands, and Royal Hungary

"We are all citizens of one world. To dislike a man because he was born in another country, because he speaks a different language, or because he takes a different view on this or that, is a great folly. Let us have but one end in view, the welfare of humanity." For more information please contact our officers: <u>Officers of Komensky Club</u>

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# UNL Czech Komenský Club

A Student Organization for the Perpetuation of Czech Heritage and Culture in Nebraska





#### WHO WE ARE

We are a group of students dedicated to studying the Czech language, Czech culture, literature, history, art, geography, economics, and all other things of Czech.

In Nebraska, one out of ten people have Czech ancestors. Czech is an integral part of Nebraska's heritage and culture.

Twenty-five percent of UNL students who have studied Czech have gone on to study and/or work in the Czech Republic.

Many business opportunities are growing in Eastern Europe. Many U.S. companies have already expanded into the Czech Republic.

The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union and NATO. It was separated from Slovakia in 1993 to form two countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

If you are interested in Czech culture, history, and making new friends, the Czech Komenský Club is a great place for you! Vítáme Vás! (We welcome you!)





### **OUR HISTORY**

The Czech Komenský Club was conceived in December, 1903, and officially established in 1904. It became a nursery for influential personalities in Nebraska.

Some of the most famous members of Komenský Club are former United States Senator Roman Hruska, poets Ferdinand Musil and Jeffrey Hrbek, and Dr. Olga Stastny, organizer of the modern day World Red Cross, and a founder of the U.S. Association of Female Physicians.

The Komenský Club cultural program quickly grew from its humble beginnings at UNL to encompass 28 other clubs across North America by the end of WWI.

## WHAT WE DO:

-Organize culture events -Publish our own newsletter, *Náš Svět* -Cook Czech food -Hold Czech dancing polka events -Present Czech Movies -Give cultural presentations -Show documentary movies -Celebrate traditional customs -Hold concerts -Give lectures -Hold conferences -Preserve the heritage in Nebraska



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