

# St. Wenceslas' Knights: The Legend

An ancient legend says that a large army of Czech knights led by [St. Wenceslas](#) sleeps inside the mountain. The knights awaken to help the Motherland when it is in great danger. According to the legend, when this happens, Blaník's trees will dry out but an old, dead [oak](#) tree under the mountain will turn green and a small spring by the mountain will become a river. Then during an epic battle between the Czechs and their overwhelming enemy the Blaník knights will come to their aid led by [St. Wenceslas](#) on his white horse. The enemy will retreat to [Prague](#) where they will finally be defeated. One day in the mountain is as long as a year on the surface.

The legend arose probably in the 15th century based on an event, when miraculously at the southeast foothills of Blaník, near the village of Býkovice, a more numerous enemy army was defeated.

The legend says that Good King Wenceslas and his knights will arise from their slumber when the Czechs are attacked by a number of armies equal to or greater than four (from four [cardinal directions](#)).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blan%C3%ADk>

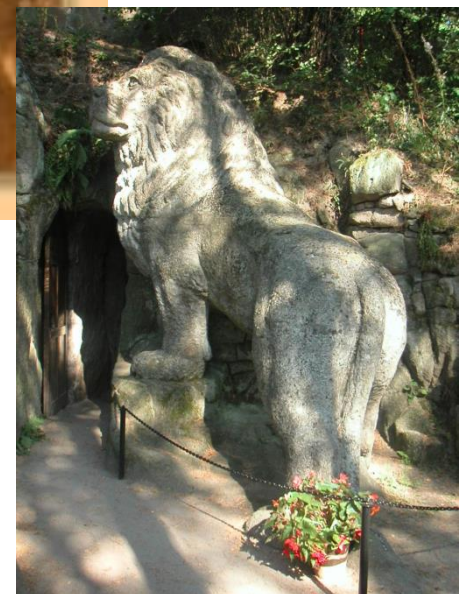


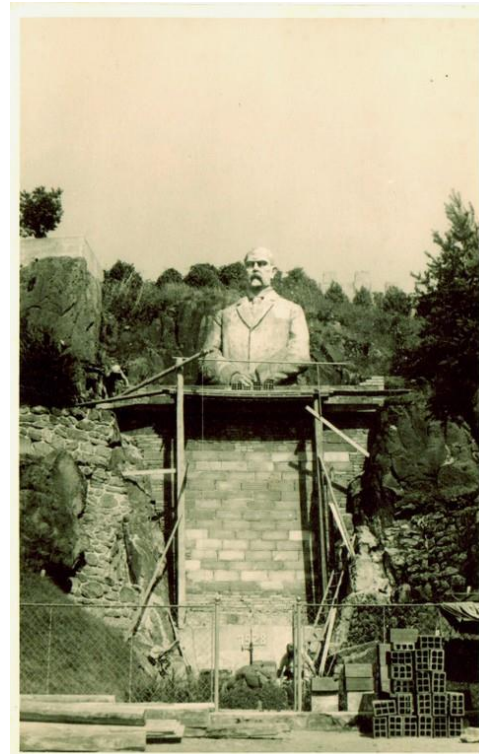
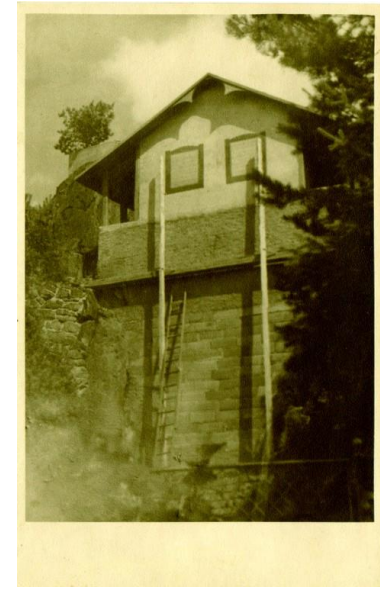
Blaník knights set off from the mountain ([Věnceslav Černý](#), 1898)



*Here they are – The Knights' cave at Rudka, not far from the little town Polička presented earlier.*

<http://www.rudka.cz/jeskyne/galerie>





Rudka – the same place, the same artist (Stanislav Rolínek): a remnant from an oversize statue of the first Czechoslovak President T.G.Masaryk, 13 meters high. Everything but these giant shoes was cut in pieces and destroyed during WWII after an ineffective attempt to hide the President's head by building a wooden cottage over it...