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Introducing the Recipients of Our 2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol College, High School, and Grade School Scholarship Grants Grants of \$1,000 each to recipients of our College Scholarships



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This year marks the 39th anniversary of our very generous scholarship program. Since 1972, a total of 1,784 members have been recipients of this fraternal benefit. A total of \$1,264,250 in scholarship grants have been awarded to date. This year, we are again pleased to support education by making these scholarship grants available to our deserving young members. Our fraternal best wishes and congratulations to all. Happy future and Zdar Boh!

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2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants

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From the desk of the Supreme President**Thoughts on Fraternalism**

by Larry M. Glugosh

On behalf of our family, I would like to extend our best wishes to all of the mothers and grandmothers within the Slovak Catholic Sokol and sincerely hope you enjoyed your special Mother's Day celebration earlier this month. It is truly a wonderful day to honor the women in our families for all of their daily sacrifice, commitment, devotion and most importantly, love throughout the year. Whether the day is spent with our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, sisters, aunts or wives, it is very important to let them know how much we love them and appreciate all the things they do for us every day.

In addition to our Mother's Day celebration this month, we will also pay tribute to our veterans in a few weeks during the Memorial Day long weekend. Given the latest news about Osama Bin Laden, I am sure many families will take a little extra time to reflect and appreciate our armed forces. It is important that we remember and recognize those individuals in our community, who have served to protect and uphold our democracy and way of life. I am personally grateful for our good fortune and wonderful blessings, as a result of the sacrifice, commitment and dedication of these individuals. I hope your weekend celebrations are memorable, safe and enjoyable.

Along the lines of being thankful, I would also like to take a moment to offer my genuine thanks to the members and officers who volunteered their time this month to participate in our bylaws and new motions committee meetings. These individuals were selected by our Supreme Secretary and myself and asked to meet at the Home Office to review all submissions and make recommendations to the delegates of our 31st Quadrennial Convention this summer in Pittsburgh, Pa. They performed their duties extremely well and with a great deal of professionalism, fraternalism and for the betterment of our society. We will publish the committee recommendations in our official publication in the coming months and I look forward to discussing their conclusions at the convention.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our 2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship recipients. Our Supreme Vice President chaired our annual meeting on Saturday, May 7th at the Home Office with our Supreme Secretary and two additional members of our Board of Directors. During the meeting, we reviewed the College, High School and Grade School applications and selected our 2011 recipients. There were many deserving winners but we had to make our final recommendations based on financial need, fraternal activity and academic merit. As in the past, we will post the award winners in this issue as well as in our annual review at the end of the year.

To everyone, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day long weekend and hope to see you soon at one of our many fraternal events in the coming months. May God bless all of you and Zdar Boh!

**Pre-Convention Committees Meet at the Home Office**

Members of the two committees which will make recommendations for consideration by the delegates of the upcoming 31st Quadrennial Convention, scheduled for Pittsburgh, Pa., July 30th - August 3rd met at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J. on Friday, May 6. Both Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh and Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. are ex-officio members of both committees with General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec offering assistance. Members of the ByLaws Committee are shown on the top photo and include, seated from the left, Joanne E. Spisak, Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa., Albert J. Suess, Jr., chairperson, Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Eileen S. Wilson, Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn. Standing, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, J. Kevin Conway, Assembly 28, East Douglas, Mass., Peter C. Eagler, Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J., and Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh. Shown on the lower photo are members of the New Motions Committee and include, seated, from the left, Julie A. Dobbs, Wreath 93, Milwaukee, Wis., Joseph A. Harak, chairperson, Assembly 261, Reading, Pa. and Lisa M. Hoeck, Wreath 93, Milwaukee, Wis. Standing, l-r, Brother Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh, Stephen A. Roman, Assembly 72, Catasauqua, Pa.; Paul J. Hackash, Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.; and Brother Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec.

**Sokol
Calendar**

MAY 20-22

■ 65th International Bowling Tournament at Bowl-O-Rama with participants housed at The Inn at Reading, Reading, Pa.

SAT. MAY 21

■ Healing Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church, 18 Trinity Pl., Yonkers, N.Y. beginning at 12 noon, call (914)963-0720.

SUN. MAY 22

■ Group 3 semi-annual meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall, Route 16, Douglas, Mass. beginning at 10:30 a.m.

■ 8th Annual Anniversary Banquet of the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association at the Kent Elks Lodge Hall, Elks Lane, State Route 59, beginning with reception at 1 p.m. followed by dinner at 2 p.m. with cultural program at 3 p.m., \$15.00

per person, call Rudy Bachna (330)673-3255.

SUN. JUNE 5

■ Wreath 81 meeting in the Sacred Heart Rose Room, 1723 LaPorte Ave., Whiting, Ind. beginning at 1 p.m., refreshments will be served.

■ Wreath 93 picnic and Slet eliminations beginning at 11 a.m. at Mequon Homestead High School, 5000 West Mequon Rd., Mequon, Wis.; picnic follows at German-town's Firemen's Park, RSVP trciaradlke@tsrnet.com.

MON. JUNE 6

■ Flag Day observance hosted by the Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania at the Ballpark, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m., call John at (570)344-1513.

■ Wreath 22 meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

SAT. JUNE 18

■ Golf Tournament hosted by Group 9 "SS. Cyril and Methodius" at the Summit Country Club,

Cresson, Pa. beginning with shotgun start at 1 p.m., call Tom Muldoon at (814) 886-8902.

■ Simply Slavic Festival in downtown Youngstown, Oh. from 12 noon to 8 p.m. check website: www.simplyslavic.org.

SUN. JUNE 19

■ Patronal Feast Day observance of Most Holy Trinity Parish, 18 Trinity Plaza, Yonkers, N.Y. beginning with outdoor procession at 9:45 a.m., Mass at 10:15 a.m.

followed by brunch in the parish social hall hosted by Branch 41 of the Jednota., \$20.00 per person, for reservations call the rectory at (914)963-0720.

JUNE 24-26

■ 24th Slovak Catholic Sokol International Softball Tournament, Nichols & Mullholland Fields, Uniontown, Pa. hosted by Group 6., call Edward D. Moeller (412)881-3506, moellerref@aol.com.

SUN. JULY 10

■ Slovak Day of the Diocese of Gary, hosted by the Gary Diocesan Midwest Slovak Cultural Society at the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville, Ind. beginning with Slovak Mass at 10:30 a.m.

JULY 12-16

■ 45th International Slet at Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa., closing exhibition on Friday, July 15.

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REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

Father George A. Torok, C.O. to be honored on Sunday, June 26

Our well-known and highly respected spiritual leader, cultural promoter and media specialist, the Very Rev. George A. Torok, C.O. will be honored on Sunday, June 26 at Hallel Communications Center in Sparkill, N.Y. He will be feted on the occasion of his 53rd anniversary of priestly ordination and 80th birthday. He will be principal celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception and luncheon given in his honor. Father George is our long-time Sokol of Assembly 182 in New York City and is a past chaplain of Group 1 "Msgr. Stephen Krasula." Father George is the founder and current Provost (superior) of the New York Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri located in Old Tappan, N.Y. which he established in 2007.

A native of Slovakia, Father George was born in Zilina in 1931. He decided on the priesthood and entered the Salesians. He was a seminarian at the time when in 1950, the communist government of Czechoslovakia decided to suppress all religious houses. He was imprisoned with other seminarians and priests and interned in a labor camp. He was able to escape to Austria and fortunate enough to make his way to Rome. He completed his theological studies there and was ordained a Salesian priest in 1958. Because of his interest in drama and the media, he pursued studies in Italy which led to his becoming a professional filmmaker. Upon his arrival in the United States, where he initially served at St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City, he continued his film endeavors. Over the years, he has made many religious and historical films, many of which have been acclaimed for their promotion of justice and peace themes. Many have been screened on PBS. In recent years, he established a studio which he named Hallel which means praise in ancient Aramaic. The studio is located on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters in Sparkill.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Father George on this milestone in his very fruitful priestly ministry among us. May God continue to

bless him with good health and happiness as he so beautifully mirrors our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Ad multos annos and Zdar Boh!

Sokol USA to note 115th anniversary at Sokolfest XXVI in Cleveland

Our brother Sokol fraternal organization, the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, commonly known as Sokol USA, will observe its 115th anniversary as part of its XXVI Slet scheduled for Independence, Ohio, June 29 through July 2, 2011. The Slet, part of the organization's Sokolfest will be staged at Independence High School Field in the south Cleveland suburb. In addition to the Slet, the Sokolfest will include a basketball tournament, gymnastics competition, a golf tournament at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course as well as a bowling tournament. The 115th anniversary banquet will be held on Friday evening, July 1 at The Holiday Inn-Independence beginning at 5:30 p.m. The closing Slet exhibition is scheduled for Saturday, July 2 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Independence High School Field. Following the exhibition, a cocktail reception and social will be held at The Holiday Inn. For information on the XXVI Sokolfest of Sokol USA, call tel. (973)676-0280 or 888-253-0362 or email sokolusahqs@aol.com.

Sokol USA had its beginnings in Chicago in 1896 when a group of Slovak immigrants gathered to establish the first Slovak Sokol organization in the United States. The Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol promoted the traditional activities associated with the Sokol movement in a number of American cities. The Sokol movement came to the United States with the early Czech immigrants. A group of Czechs founded the first Sokol organization in St. Louis, Mo. in 1865. In subsequent years, additional Sokol organizations were founded among the various Slavic immigrant groups in both the United States and Canada. Our own Slovak Catholic Sokol, founded in 1905, was the last of the Sokol organizations to be established in the United States. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Sokol USA President Joseph S. Bielecki, Supreme Secretary Milan Kovac, as well as Sokolfest Chairperson Bea Walko on the occasion of the 115th anniversary of the founding of their organization. May our both organizations continue to promote the high ideals of the Sokol movement in the years ahead. Zdar Boh!



The Word of God ...

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 22nd

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God;

have faith also in me.

In my Father's house

there are many dwelling places.

if there were not,

would I have told you

that I am going to prepare

a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again

and take you to myself

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know

where you are going;

how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth

and the life.

No one comes to the Father

except through me.

If you know me,

then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him

and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

"Master show us the Father,

and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him,

"Have I been with you for so long a time

and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say,

"Show us the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you

I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me

is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me,

or else,

believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me

will do the works that I do,

and will do greater ones than these,

because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 29th

John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me,

you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you always, the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him,

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PREPARING FOR THE 31ST CONVENTION - On Friday, May 6, the members of the Bylaws Committee and the New Motions Committee met at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J. to prepare their recommendations for the upcoming 31st Quadrennial Convention scheduled for Pittsburgh, Pa., July 30 to August 3rd. Shown on the photo from the left, are Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Joseph A. Harak of Assembly 261 in Reading, Pa., chairperson of the New Motions Committee; Albert J. Suess, Jr., of Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, Pa., chairperson of the Bylaws Committee; Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh and our General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec.

Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain

May: Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdzovic

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion to each month goes back to the early 16th century. Since the best known of those devotions is probably the dedication of the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, the devotion had become universal. May crowning and other special May events in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the Rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are more rare today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine. Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since their encounters with non-Catholic Christianity today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin Mary played in our salvation through her fiat - her joyous "Yes" to the will of God.



Invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Thou who wast a virgin before thy delivery, pray for us. Hail Mary, etc.*
- Thou who wast a virgin in thy delivery, pray for us. Hail Mary, etc.*
- Thou who wast a virgin after thy delivery, pray for us. Hail Mary, etc.*
- My Mother, deliver me from mortal sin. Hail Mary, etc. (three times).*
- Mother of love, of sorrow and of mercy, pray for us.*

Remember, O Virgin Mother of God, when thou shalt stand before the face of the Lord, that thou speak favorable things in our behalf and that He may turn away His indignation from us. Thou art my Mother, O Virgin Mary: keep me safe lest I ever offend thy dear Son, and obtain for me the grace to please Him always and in all things. Amen.



Lodge Jottings

MILWAUKEE, WIS. Wreath 93

We will host our traditional Family Fun Fest on Sunday, June 5 in Mequon, Wis. Our program begins at 11 a.m. with junior boys and girls drill practice at Mequon High School, located at 5000 West Mequon Road. From 12:30 - 2:15 p.m. the Group 4 qualifying track meet will be held. From 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. we will enjoy a traditional picnic at the Germantown Firemen's Park which is located between Fond du Lac Avenue and Freistadt Road. Following the picnic, from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. our senior women will host a drill practice in preparation for our upcoming 45th Slet.

We will enjoy a host of organized family fun games following lunch. There is no charge, however we ask that each family bring along some type of salad dish to pass: pasta salad, vegetables-dip, fruit, etc. Wreath 93 will provide the meat and dessert. Participants should also bring along their own drinks. An enjoyable day has been planned. RSVP to triciaradtke@tsrnet.com with the number of adults and children 15 years of age and under who will attend. Come and join the fun!

Zdar Boh!
Tricia Radtke
Sports Directress

PERRYOPOLIS, PA Assembly 25 Wreath 15

As has been our fraternal tradition for a number of years now, we will again be offering two college scholarship grants of \$1,000 each to deserving members of either of our Sokol lodges. Applicants need to have a minimum of a \$5,000 permanent life insurance certificate. They also must have completed a least one year

NEW BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN APRIL

RECOMMENDERS	CITY/STATE	CERTIFICATES	VOLUME	POINTS
Asa L. Bibbee	Youngstown, OH	1	\$5,000	55
William S. Cengeri	Bethlehem, PA	1	4,000	34
Therese Henninger	Lansford, PA	1	10,000	86
Home Office	Passaic, NJ	1	15,310	
Roger J. Manyak	East Douglas, MA	2	20,000	144
Albert O. Neudeck III	Bridgeport, CT	1	4,400	86
Kelly Norvis	Boonton, NJ	1	5,000	54
John C. Orsulak	Lansford, PA	1	5,000	140
Michael J. Pjontek Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	1	10,000	86
Steven M. Pogorelec	Clifton, NJ	1	10,000	86
Helene C. Rapchick	Philadelphia, PA	1	5,000	56
Totals		12	\$93,710	827

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RECOMMENDERS	CITY/STATE	CERTIFICATES	VOLUME	POINTS
Home Office	Passaic, NJ	2	\$102,000	
John Mihalenko	Jersey City, NJ	1	50,000	250
Daniel F. Tanzone	Yonkers, NY	2	2,000	10
Totals		5	\$154,000	260

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JUNE 1

In keeping with our bi-weekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, June 1st. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, May 26th.

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Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain
 Zdar Boh!
Daniel F. Tanzone
Editor

Any member interested in subscribing to *E-falcon*, kindly forward your e-mail address to: Louie@slovakcatholicsockol.org. Instead of mailing our official publication, the *Slovak Catholic Falcon*, members will be able to view it online.

Editor

PITTSBURGH, PA Wreath 22

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday June 6 at the Sokol Club beginning at 7 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

This month our Wreath will be selling lottery tickets as a part of our fund-raising efforts in support

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Resolution of Assembly 261 of Reading, Pennsylvania On the Occasion of the Centennial of Our Official Publication

Addressed to Editor Daniel F. Tanzone and Slovak Catholic Sokol members,


Let it be known that another milestone in the rich history of the Slovak Catholic Sokol has been achieved recently. Let it be recognized that on April 15, 2011, our organization celebrated the 100th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of its official publication, the *Slovak Catholic Falcon*. Let it be acknowledged that the *Falcon* is an indispensable asset to our organization.

It is on this historic occasion, that we, the membership of Assembly 261 and Wreath 155 located in Reading, Pennsylvania extend heartfelt congratulations to our organization and its editorial staff. We therefore commend those who have served as editor, both past and present, for their service and dedication to our organization while doing a great service of informing and enlightening our membership. Furthermore, we extend well wishes and prayers for many more editions of our official publication in the future.

Submitted by the Officers and Membership of Assembly 261 and Wreath 155

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Sincerely,
Joseph N. Oros
Assembly 261 President

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

Announces a Member Benefit Campaign – Growing Our Legacy in conjunction with our National Convention

GROWING OUR LEGACY – Application Instructions:

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is offering to its membership the “Growing Our Legacy” Convention Campaign. This campaign has been established to provide to our current members and their immediate family members an opportunity to purchase affordable, quality and relatively easy to obtain life insurance.

This offering will be available from **April 15, 2011 through August 31, 2011**. This is a benefit offered exclusively for our existing members and families of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, who currently have a life insurance policy or annuity certificate in force. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is making this commitment to extend to our member’s immediate family an opportunity to not only gain membership in the Society, but also to recognize the need to provide your family the important financial benefit of permanent life insurance coverage.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is extremely proud of both, our long legacy and outstanding fraternal programs. We are also aware that our current members and their families need to have sound financial protection throughout their lives. That is why we have developed this exceptional membership benefit that will focus on providing to accomplish these goals, the society will not only provide a **GUARANTEED ISSUE** permanent life insurance certificate to your loved ones, but also will provide a “Fraternal Benefit” that provides a partial payment that reduces first year premium*. We have structured our “Growing Our Legacy” program to be very flexible for our existing membership. As a valued member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, you can take advantage of this “limited time offer” to either increase your current permanent insurance coverage, or extend the same opportunity to an immediate family member.

1. Complete the “GROWING OUR LEGACY” Application Form (SHAPP-10).
2. Complete the Application for Membership Page (App-Membership-08) if the Proposed Applicant is not a current member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.
3. Complete all three pages of the Application for Life Insurance (App-Life-08)
4. Mail the “GROWING OUR LEGACY” Application Form (SHAPP-10), for Membership Page (App-Membership-08), Application for Life Insurance (App-Life-08) and your initial premium to the:

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GROWING OUR LEGACY – Application Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Benefit Offer

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Existing Member Name: _____ Certificate #: _____

Applicant Name Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Current Age: _____ (Applicant Qualifying ages are 0 – 80)

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____ Existing Member’s Signature: _____

SHAPP-10

GROWING OUR LEGACY - GUIDELINES:

Qualifications to participate in the “Growing Our Legacy” Fraternal Benefit -

An existing member in good standing of the Slovak Catholic Sokol with a current Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance or an Annuity Certificate, and their Immediate Family Members.

The Definition of Immediate Family -

The definition of the Immediate Family: your spouse, son, daughter, grandchildren, brother, sister, parents or grandparents.

Qualifying Permanent Life Insurance Plans by Age Groups – For Guarantee Issue

Ages	Max Face Amount	Single Premium Life	3 Payment Life	10 Payment Life	20 Payment Life	Paid Up Age 80
0 – 80	\$10,000	X	X	X	X	X

Fraternal Benefit Reduced Premiums –

10 Payment Life, 20 Payment Life and Paid Up Age 80

When purchased and qualified as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the society will issue a 25% Fraternal Benefit, that will be applied to reduce the first year premium, all succeeding premium payments will be at the regular premium rates.

Single Premium Life and 3 Payment Life

When a new certificate is purchased and qualified as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the society will issue, a “5% fraternal benefit”, that will be applied to reduce the total premium amount.

Taking Advantage of “Growing Our Legacy” –

Contact the Home Office (800)

886-SOKOL, the Sales & Marketing Office (888) 381-5431 or contact your local Group or Assembly Officer and request a Life Insurance Application.

GROWING OUR LEGACY – RECOMMENDER ENHANCEMENTS:

In Addition to the normal Recommender’s Fee, the Society is offering: \$5.00 for each Certificate with

a Face Amount between \$5,000 to \$9,999

\$10.00 for each Certificate with a Face Amount between \$10,000 to \$19,999

\$25.00 for each Certificate with a Face Amount over \$20,000

Recommend (5) five or more certificates by July 31, 2011 that are approved, you will be recognized at the National Convention and will receive a chance for each certificate sold to win a \$250 in a drawing.



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

Growing Our Legacy Campaign

Life Insurance Coverage For Your Lifetime

Issue Age	Single Premium Life	3 Payment Life	10 Payment Life	20 Payment Life	Life Paid-Up at 80
	Only 1 Payment	3 Annual Payments	Premium Payments For 10 Years	Premium Payments For 20 Years	
0	\$58.90	\$20.90	\$9.76	\$5.32	\$3.47
1	\$59.85	\$20.90	\$9.91	\$5.44	\$3.51
2	\$61.75	\$21.85	\$10.09	\$5.56	\$3.55
3	\$64.60	\$22.80	\$10.29	\$5.68	\$3.59
4	\$66.50	\$23.75	\$10.51	\$5.81	\$3.62
5	\$69.35	\$24.70	\$10.74	\$5.93	\$3.66
6	\$71.25	\$25.65	\$10.98	\$6.06	\$3.70
7	\$74.10	\$26.60	\$11.23	\$6.20	\$3.74
8	\$76.95	\$27.55	\$11.48	\$6.33	\$3.77
9	\$79.80	\$28.50	\$11.75	\$6.47	\$3.81
10	\$82.65	\$29.45	\$12.03	\$6.62	\$3.85
11	\$86.45	\$30.40	\$12.32	\$6.76	\$3.89
12	\$89.30	\$31.35	\$12.62	\$6.91	\$3.92
13	\$93.10	\$32.30	\$12.92	\$7.06	\$3.96
14	\$95.95	\$33.25	\$13.25	\$7.22	\$4.00
15	\$99.75	\$35.15	\$13.57	\$7.37	\$4.04
16	\$102.60	\$36.10	\$13.90	\$7.54	\$4.13
17	\$106.40	\$37.05	\$14.24	\$7.70	\$4.28
18	\$110.20	\$38.95	\$14.58	\$7.88	\$4.46
19	\$114.00	\$39.90	\$14.93	\$8.05	\$4.64
20	\$117.80	\$40.85	\$15.30	\$8.23	\$4.68
21	\$121.60	\$42.75	\$15.68	\$8.41	\$4.83
22	\$126.35	\$43.70	\$16.07	\$8.60	\$5.02
23	\$131.10	\$45.60	\$16.49	\$8.78	\$5.22
24	\$134.90	\$46.55	\$16.91	\$8.98	\$5.42
25	\$139.65	\$48.45	\$17.35	\$9.17	\$5.63
26	\$144.40	\$50.35	\$17.81	\$9.38	\$5.87
27	\$150.10	\$52.25	\$18.28	\$9.59	\$6.11
28	\$154.85	\$54.15	\$18.77	\$9.80	\$6.35
29	\$160.55	\$56.05	\$19.28	\$10.05	\$6.62
30	\$166.25	\$57.95	\$19.81	\$10.39	\$6.89
31	\$171.95	\$59.85	\$20.36	\$10.75	\$7.18
32	\$178.60	\$61.75	\$20.93	\$11.12	\$7.48
33	\$184.30	\$63.65	\$21.53	\$11.50	\$7.81
34	\$190.95	\$66.50	\$22.14	\$11.90	\$8.15
35	\$197.60	\$68.40	\$22.78	\$12.32	\$8.51
36	\$205.20	\$71.25	\$23.44	\$12.74	\$8.88
37	\$211.85	\$74.10	\$24.13	\$13.18	\$9.29
38	\$219.45	\$76.00	\$24.84	\$13.64	\$9.70
39	\$227.05	\$78.85	\$25.58	\$14.12	\$10.14
40	\$234.65	\$81.70	\$26.33	\$14.60	\$10.61

Issue Age	Single Premium Life	3 Payment Life	10 Payment Life	20 Payment Life	Life Paid-Up at 80
	Only 1 Payment	3 Annual Payments	Premium Payments For 10 Years	Premium Payments For 20 Years	
41	\$243.20	\$84.55	\$27.12	\$15.11	\$11.10
42	\$250.80	\$87.40	\$27.95	\$15.65	\$11.63
43	\$259.35	\$91.20	\$28.79	\$16.19	\$12.18
44	\$268.85	\$94.05	\$29.66	\$16.76	\$12.77
45	\$277.40	\$96.90	\$30.56	\$17.36	\$13.39
46	\$286.90	\$100.70	\$31.48	\$17.97	\$14.04
47	\$296.40	\$103.55	\$32.45	\$18.61	\$14.74
48	\$305.90	\$107.35	\$33.42	\$19.26	\$15.47
49	\$316.35	\$111.15	\$34.44	\$19.95	\$16.27
50	\$326.80	\$114.95	\$35.50	\$20.66	\$17.11
51	\$337.25	\$118.75	\$36.59	\$21.42	\$18.02
52	\$347.70	\$122.55	\$37.72	\$22.28	\$19.05
53	\$359.10	\$126.35	\$38.89	\$23.18	\$20.15
54	\$370.50	\$131.10	\$40.08	\$24.11	\$21.35
55	\$381.90	\$134.90	\$41.32	\$25.10	\$22.63
56	\$393.30	\$138.70	\$42.59	\$26.12	\$24.00
57	\$405.65	\$143.45	\$43.88	\$27.20	\$25.49
58	\$417.05	\$147.25	\$45.21	\$28.31	\$27.09
59	\$429.40	\$152.00	\$46.59	\$29.49	\$28.84
60	\$441.75	\$156.75	\$48.02	\$30.74	\$30.74
61	\$454.10	\$161.50	\$49.66	\$32.06	\$32.84
62	\$467.40	\$166.25	\$51.36	\$33.47	\$35.13
63	\$479.75	\$171.00	\$53.11	\$34.94	\$37.67
64	\$493.05	\$175.75	\$54.92	\$36.52	\$40.49
65	\$505.40	\$180.50	\$56.79	\$38.18	\$43.62
66	\$518.70	\$186.20	\$58.74	\$39.96	\$47.15
67	\$532.00	\$190.95	\$60.77	\$41.88	\$51.17
68	\$545.30	\$196.65	\$62.91	\$43.94	\$55.79
69	\$558.60	\$201.40	\$65.17	\$46.17	\$61.19
70	\$571.90	\$207.10	\$67.57	\$48.61	\$67.57
71	\$586.15	\$212.80	\$70.12	-	-
72	\$600.40	\$218.50	\$72.85	-	-
73	\$614.65	\$225.15	\$75.74	-	-
74	\$627.95	\$230.85	\$78.84	-	-
75	\$642.20	\$237.50	\$82.18	-	-
76	\$656.45	\$243.20	\$85.80	-	-
77	\$669.75	\$249.85	\$89.76	-	-
78	\$684.00	\$257.45	\$94.08	-	-
79	\$697.30	\$264.10	\$98.83	-	-
80	\$710.60	\$271.70	\$104.03	-	-

Premium Rates Calculated Per Thousand and Age Nearest

Example: Single Premium Life, Age 0, Premium Rate \$589.00, Coverage \$10,000 -
 Calculation: \$58.90 x 10 (thousand) = \$589.00

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Sokol Birthdays

MAY 21
 Scott W. Athey, West Windsor, N.J., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

Lubica Benca, New York, N.Y., a member of Assembly 314, Boston, Mass.

MAY 22
 Alexis Eckenrode, Lilly, Pa., a member of Assembly 79 in Lilly, Pa.
 Karen Ann Mesaros, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

MAY 23
 Joseph S. Gasperec, New York, N.Y., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nicole Krzysik, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.
 Courtney Michelle Macurak, Kennesaw, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAY 24
 Alexis R. Gordulic, Youngstown,

Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

Anna Kanta, Joliet, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.
 Edward Kanta, Joliet, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

Jon-Henry Kubej, Renton, Wash., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Matthew Kudlacik, Jr., Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Joseph L. Kudlacik, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Diana K. Vanderheyden, Winthrop Harbor, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Felicia Zalesny, Huntington Mills, Pa., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

MAY 25
 Jozef Jurasi, Garfield, N.J., a

member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.
 Andy Martin Matuschak, Saint Louis, Mo., a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

MAY 26
 Mary Ann Hajduch, Whiting, Ind., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

MAY 27
 Daniel M. Dorich, Missisauqua, Canada, a member of Assembly 227, Toronto, Canada.

Lara Elise Gogolak, McLean, Va., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

MAY 28
 Vivian Marnelli, Reading, Pa., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

MAY 29
 Morgan Macurak, Acworth, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAY 30
 Martha Iskra, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

MaryAnn Kalafut, Solana Beach,

CA, a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Catherine E. Megill, Mountain View, CA., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

Rosanne Urban, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

MAY 31
 Margaret L. Pacacha, Armonk, NY, a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Marcella Ridenour, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

JUNE 1
 Rev. Richard D. Baker, New York City, Chaplain of Group 1 and a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Nathan Vargoshe, Shelton, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

JUNE 2
 Hope Ann Egan, Los Angeles, California, a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

JUNE 4
 Justin Graham, Hudson, Pa.,

a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Clotty Iovanut, Bartlett, Ill., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

JUNE 5
 Michael Garver, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Kathy Trifiletti, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

JUNE 6
 Joseph A. Kostolansky, Donora, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

JUNE 7
 Margaret Seman, Canton, Oh., Honorary Physical Directress of Group 5 and Honorary Vice-President of Assembly 180, Canton, Oh.

JUNE 8
 Jaime Matthews, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JUNE 9
 Victoria Tomesco, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Wreath 13, Philadelphia, Pa.

Celebrating Sokol fellowship and good sportsmanship

Group 2 Rolls in 100th anniversary at Duckpin Tournament in Stratford, Conn.

by Eileen S. Wilson, *Group 2 president*

2011 marks the centennial of the founding of our Group 2 "Rev. Stephen Panik." Group 2 was the second of our organization's 19 Groups to be established. Since this is a year-long observance, we hosted our first centennial activity in the form of a traditional Duckpin Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 24. A good turnout of Sokol keglery from various Connecticut Sokol lodges gathered at the Barnum Duckpin Bowling Lanes in Stratford, Conn. for the event.

Since the tournament came one day after the feast of St. Joseph, Protector of Group 2, a very special dessert, Zeppole was enjoyed by all. This is a traditional St. Joseph Day speciality of the Italian community and enjoyed universally. Participants and spectators cheering the bowlers on enjoyed a great day of fun and fraternalism in the best tradi-

tions of Group 2 Sokol fellowship and good sportsmanship.

This was the second event that Group 2 sponsored relative to our 100th anniversary celebration - the first was our very successful Fraternal Insurance Seminar held on February 26. And we are currently actively preparing for the gala centennial celebration set for Sunday, November 13th. And in between, we are looking into other events - for a true year-long celebration.

And in keeping with our Group's long-standing tradition of Caring and Sharing, many bowling participants brought along non-perishable food items which were earmarked for the needy. The food collected was later transported to the Food Pantry of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Stratford, Conn. We thank all who participated in this outreach to the community.



Some of the Junior Sokols and Sokolky and their guests who enjoyed the tournament are shown above, l-r, Kaitlyn Wargo, guest of Jessica Sheehy; Jessica Sheehy, Keonti Collins, guest of Nichole Wells; Nicko Musial and Bobby Karosy. As a special centennial gesture, all received gift cards from Burger King.



The first place team is shown above and included, l-r, Supreme Auditor Eugene B. Kuruc, Martha Suchyak, Paul Nemergut, Judith Salamon and Joseph Goda. Brother Gene was the High Single recipient while Sister Martha was the High Three recipient.



Members of the fifth place team at the tournament pose for a photo and include from the left, George Suchyak, Dorothy Lawruszko, Kevin Sabovik, team captain; and Keith Sabovik. Absent from the photo was Tom Nanchy.



Members of the second place team pose above and include, l-r, Mary Ann Wells, Deandra Musial, Barbara Sheehy, Al Neudeck, III, the captain; and Jonathan Karosy.



The third place team at the competition included, l-r, John Golias, Group 2 President Eileen S. Wilson, Anne D. Knapik, Bob Sheehy, captain; and Anthony Lukac.



The fourth place team at the tournament is shown above and included, l-r, Vinny Tenney, Milysa Musial, Ann Marie Neudeck, Nichole Wells and Larry Wells, who was the captain.



Team captains of the duckpin tournament pose for a group photo and include, l-r, Supreme Auditor Gene Kuruc, Bob Sheehy, Al Neudeck, III, Larry Wells and Kevin Sabovik.



A special thank you goes out to Hunter and Lauren of the Barnum Duckpin Bowling Lanes who met our every need.

**The Theodore and Mary Jane Rich
Memorial Scholarships - \$2,500
grant for studies in the medical field**



Joseph Evica
Milwaukee, Wis.
University of Wisconsin-Madison
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Milwaukee, Wis.



Kathryn Jerek
Boardman, Oh.
College of Mount St. Joseph
Group 17 - Wreath 54
Youngstown, Oh.



David A. Stavarz
Barberton, Oh.
John Carroll University
Group 5 - Assembly 167
Barberton, Oh.



Samantha Stupak
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Clarion University
Group 14 - Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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of \$1,000**



Alexa Baker
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Canton, Oh.

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Scholarship Grant of \$500**



Charissa Perzel
Blaine, Minn.
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Group 11 - Wreath 47
Minneapolis, Minn.



Christine Bacha
Akron, Oh.
University of Notre Dame
Group 17 - Assembly 108
Youngstown, Oh.

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Jacqueline M. Smith
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**Recipients of the 2011 Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B.
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Kevin Matlon
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St. Catherine's High School
Group 4 - Wreath 93
Milwaukee, Wis.



Gabriel S. Scuglik
St. Joseph Catholic Academy
Group 4 - Assembly 113
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Austin Hill
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Group 5 - Assembly 180
Canton, Oh.



Kristin Hill
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Group 5 - Assembly 180
Canton, Oh.



Chelsea Laury
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
Group 5 - Wreath 103
Barberton, Oh.



Christopher A. Bianco
Bethlehem Catholic High School
Group 10 - Assembly 78
Bethlehem, Pa.



Jake Rostek
Central Catholic High School
Group 14 - Assembly 16
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Conrad K. Kovalcik
University of Detroit Jesuit
High School & Academy
Group 16 - Assembly 36
Detroit, Mich.



Joseph M. Sebest, III
Ursuline High School
Group 17 - Wreath 107
Youngstown, Oh.

2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants Catholic Grade School Grants of \$250 each



Ashley Hess
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Group 1 - Assembly 162
Clifton, N.J.



Alexander Kaplan
St. Denis-St. Columba School
Group 1 - Assembly 219
Yonkers, N.Y.



Arianna Weaver
St. Anna School
Group 3 - Wreath 18
East Douglas, Mass.



Matthew Weaver
St. Anna School
Group 3 - Assembly 28
East Douglas, Mass.



Chris Trokan-Tenorio
St. Coletta Day School
Group 4 - Wreath 93
Milwaukee, Wis.

2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants Catholic Grade School Grants of \$250 each



Katelyn M. Hearn
St. Anthony of Padua School
Group 5 - Wreath 153
Parma, Oh.



Christopher Macko
St. Francis de Sales School
Group 5 - Assembly 167
Barberton, Oh.



Daniel Underation
St. Augustine School
Group 5 - Assembly 167
Barberton, Oh.



Logan Kuch
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Group 6 - Assembly 163
Donora, Pa.



Courtney M. Iskra
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Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



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Good Shepherd Academy
Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



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Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Kelci Kuren
St. Nicholas - St. Mary School
Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Jeffrey Terpak
Good Shepherd Academy
Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Joseph C. Traglia
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Group 7 - Assembly 86
Port Griffith, Pa.



Maria L. Traglia
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Port Griffith, Pa.



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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



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Wyoming Area Catholic School
Group 7 - Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Nicholas Allardyce
Wyoming Area Catholic School
Group 7 - Assembly 86
Port Griffith, Pa.



Joshua J. Beblar
St. Andrew School
Group 9 - Wreath 14
Johnstown, Pa.

2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants Catholic Grade School Grants of \$250 each



Nicholas L. Beblar
St. Andrew School
Group 9 - Wreath 14
Johnstown, Pa.



Zachary T. Beblar
St. Andrew School
Group 9 - Wreath 14
Johnstown, Pa.



Ruby J. Korenoski
St. Andrew School
Group 9 - Wreath 14
Johnstown, Pa.



Thomas Biros
Holy Guardian Angels School
Group 12 - Assembly 261
Reading, Pa.



Georgia R. Holthenrichs
St. Bede the Venerable School
Group 12 - Wreath 13
Philadelphia, Pa.



Ashley M. Bakalarski
St. Sylvester School
Group 14 - Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Brianna C. Bell
St. Wendelin School
Group 14 - Assembly 54
Lyndora, Pa.



Emily Meador
St. Sylvester School
Group 14 - Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Casimara L. Berdis
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Group 15 - Assembly 64
Erie, Pa.



Adeline G. Fogle
St. Peter Catholic School
Group 15 - Assembly 96
Niagara Falls, N.Y.



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Holy Family School
Group 17 - Assembly 108
Youngstown, Oh.



Stephen M. Bartos
St. Nicholas School
Group 17 - Wreath 107
Youngstown, Oh.



Benjamin W. Blasko
St. Charles School
Group 17 - Assembly 108
Youngstown, Oh.



Zachary A. Foreman
St. Mary Magdalene School
Group 17 - Assembly 108
Youngstown, Oh.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

Jobless rate dropped slightly to 13.3 percent in March

The unemployment rate reached 13.13 percent in March, a decline of 0.03 percentage points on the month but representing an annual rise of 0.25 percentage points, the Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Center (UPS VaR) announced on April 20.

"This constitutes a reversal, a change in trend," said UPS-VaR head Ivan Juras in response to the March figures. The labor market is going through a revival, as the number of available vacancies rose.

A total of 392,483 people were registered at labor offices in February, of which 350,328 were immediately available to begin work.

The average unemployed person had been registered at a labor office for 13.81 months, down 0.04 months, month-on-month, but up 0.87 months, year-on-year.

Government approves agreement between Slovakia and Hungary on R4

The Slovak government on April 20 approved a bilateral agreement between Slovakia and Hungary on the placement of the cross-border point of the R4 express road linking Kosice and Miskolc (Hungary).

"The aim of the agreement is to create a legal framework for construction of the linking of the R4 express road. The regulations include the site of the interconnection of the roads between the border signs, proceedings in the case of investment preparations, validity of the agreement, as well as the way of its termination," reads material submitted by the Transport Ministry and released on April 20.

The Slovak section should be financed from the EU Structural Funds and co-financed from the state budget.

Gasoline prices in Slovakia are the highest in the region

Gasoline prices in Slovakia are the highest in the whole Visegrad Four region (Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary) plus Austria, the natanuk.sk website reported on April 21. At present, the cost is nearly \$7.00 a gallon.

The prices of gasoline are under the most heavy burden of taxes and further fees in Slovakia compared to the aforementioned countries. When it comes to diesel, however, the tax burden on diesel is the second lowest among the countries, behind Poland. (The government last year significantly reduced the tax burden on diesel, following road hauliers' protests after the electronic rolls for lorries were introduced. - ed. note.)

At the same time, the price of gasoline is 8.3 cents per liter lower than the EU average, while the diesel price is 4.6 cents below the EU average.

SACR: "Slovakia" brand suffers from low recognition

Slovakia as a brand still suffers from poor recognition due to the change of the country's position from a European perspective in the wake of the collapse of the Eastern bloc and the transformation to democracy plus the break-up of Czechoslovakia, reads the marketing strategy drafted by the Slovak Tourism Agency (SACR) that was released on April 21.

"The primary reason behind the lack of recognition of Slovakia brand is also a long-term absence of a systematic and coordinated presentation of the country," reads he material. It adds that recognizability represents one of the key factors influencing the tourism competitiveness of a country.

The process of building the brand "Slovakia" should be coordinated with all relevant subjects including the Foreign Affairs Ministry, its diplomatic representations in foreign countries or the Economy Ministry via the promotion of pro-investment and pro-

export policies. Also, an important role should be played by the Culture Ministry in promoting cultural values abroad.

Government okays national reforms aimed at boosting economy

The Slovak government at its session on April 20 approved Slovakia's ongoing National Program of Reforms due to remain in practice until the middle of 2014, TASR learned on the same day.

The document introduces a package of measures targeting revival of the Slovak economy and improving the standards of life. Gradual compliance with the objectives set forth in Europe 2020 is also addressed.

The goals include boosting the unemployment rate of people aged 20-64 above 72 percent while curtailing the long-term jobless rate below 3 percent.

The government also has its eyes on improving business conditions to a level that will position the country among the top 15 countries in the World Bank's 'Doing Business' ranking by 2020.

In addition, the program also addresses vows such as surpassing the occurrence of corruption and favoritism practices.

Meanwhile, a total of 170,000 people ought to be extricated from the risk of poverty by 2020, according to the document.

Reservations expressed by Slovak leaders regarding Hungarian Constitution

The spirit of the new Hungarian Constitution and some of its provisions indicate that Slovakia's southern neighbor has become fixated on its own national affairs and isn't interested in the reservations and concerns expressed about the extension of Hungarian law to the territory of neighboring states, said Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic at a conference on foreign affairs in Bratislava on April 28.

According to Gasparovic, such moves are leading Hungary in a different direction from the one Slovakia hoped to see a year ago. Slovakia, along with other foreign partners, is trying to find out why Hungary is so doggedly pushing its conception of the collective rights of national minorities, which isn't in line with the character of European legislation, he added.

"Europe said a long time ago that a citizen has to be free. When a citizen is free, we don't need to speak about collective rights. Why such an impassioned return to history, which has been changed by the results of the two biggest wars in the history of mankind? Why such an attempt to export Hungarian internal affairs to the territory of neighboring states?" asked Gasparovic.

According to him, historical experience teaches Slovaks not to view such issues as isolated from the historical and political context. He recalled his attendance at the same conference a year ago - the day after the parliamentary elections in Hungary.

"A political dialogue between Slovakia and Hungary has continued, the situation has calmed down slightly, bilateral cooperation continues, but none of the problematic issues has been resolved. Only the publishing of exchanges of opinion has been reduced," said Gasparovic.

Slovak Prime Minister Iveta Radicova (SDKU-DS) praised bilateral business cooperation, but expressed concern over the pillars of democracy. "We're watching the moves made by the Hungarian government with concern, whether these deal with Hungarian citizenship or the constitution," she said.

Mihal: We want to close gap between Austrian and Slovak salaries

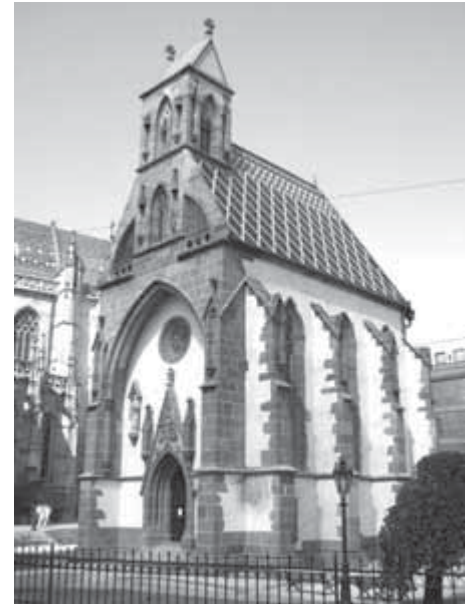
Having the labor markets in Austria and Germany open to Slovaks is good news; however, it also increases the risk of brain drain, which would represent a huge loss for Slovakia, Labor Minister Jozef Mihal (Freedom and Solidarity/SaS) said on April

27.

"Bolting for greener pastures is understandable, but we won't resign ourselves to it," said Mihal. "It's truly sad to see young graduates winding up either unemployed or leaving to get a job in Austria or Germany, where they can command much higher salaries...and then, they stay there, never to return. This is a huge loss for Slovakia, which funded their education from taxpayers' money."

Mihal stressed that the government's ambition is to decrease the gap between Slovak and Austrian salaries. "We hope that one day, Austrian salaries cease to be so tempting."

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One of the great architectural treasures of the city of Kosice, Slovakia's second largest city and its eastern metropolis, is the Chapel of St. Michael Kaplnka sv. Michala. The gothic structure near the great Cathedral of St. Elizabeth was erected in the first half of the 14th century. It was built as a cemetery chapel inside the town walls. Featured on the chapel's facade are St. Michael the Archangel flanked by the Archangels Raphael and Gabriel. The interior contains an impressive gothic stone tabernacle, a tradition of the middle ages, along with a handcarved wooden altar. Up until the nineteenth century, the chapel served as a Slovak church whereas the cathedral was a German and Hungarian church. The chapel was completely restored and re-dedicated by Archbishop Alojz Tkac on January 22, 2006. Our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic celebrated a special Liturgy in the chapel on May 6, 2006 for our Sokol members who traveled to Slovakia to participate in our organization's Centennial Tour. The above photos include both interior and exterior views of St. Michael's Chapel.

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Mihal doesn't expect to see a huge migration from Slovakia after the markets open. "This is about liberalization of the labor market and cancellation of administrative barriers. Those who wanted to leave for higher-paying jobs have already done so," he reckons.

The average salary in Austria is approximately double that of Slovakia.

Miskov: New investors will come to the Presov region thanks to Honeywell

Two new investors may come to the Presov region of Eastern Slovakia, said the Economy Minister Juraj Miskov (Freedom and Solidarity/SaS) at the HN Club on April 29.

"Based on the decision of the United States investor, Honeywell (to open an assembly plant in Slovakia), two other companies want to come to the same industrial park (ZP Zabor-ske)," said Miskov, refusing to reveal any further details about the two companies.

Honeywell wants to build a new assembly plant to produce turbochargers in Presov, and plans to create about 446 new jobs in the process. The overall investment should reach \$50 million. The government approved investment support reaching \$24 million for the company.

Miskov views the investment support as the right step. We've attracted the first important investor to the Presov region," said Miskov. "The return won't only come in the form of levies, but also via the development of the region, with such high (18.6 percent in 2010 - ed. note) unemployment," said Miskov.

SACR releases new promotional film during hockey championship

The Slovak Tourism Agency (SACR) featured a new film promoting Slovakia on the mumbotrons at the Orange Arena in Bratislava and the Ladislav Trojak Arena in Kosice during the Ice-Hockey World Championship which began Friday, April 29, SACR general director Peter Belinsky announced on the same day.

The film should draw the fans into the vibrant centers of the two host cities, according to Belinsky. "We're going to show Slovakia as a really attractive tourist destination that offers many opportunities for active vacationing and relaxing in the unique environment of Slovak nature and a host of enchanting and picturesque towns and villages," said Belinsky.

The film featured shots of the spa in Rajce Teplice (Zilina region of western Slovakia), the excellent golf course in Tale (Banska Bystrica region of central Slovakia) as well as river rafting in Liptov (also in the Zilina region). The beauties of Slovak nature dynamically alternate with views of castles steeped in history," said SACR's PR manager, Zuzana Nemcova.

The film is also available on www.sacr.sk, www.slovakia.travel and on the Facebook and Youtube sites of SACR.

Expert: Danger of terrorist attacks in Slovakia remains after Bin Laden

The danger of Slovakia becoming a target of a terrorist attack hasn't been removed with the death of al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden, said security expert Milan Zitny on May 3.

"Slovakia is in the same danger as before. The country is on the list of terrorists' targets due to our participation in Afghanistan," said Zitny.

"I know about the case of a Slovak citizen who converted to Islam. Islamist terrorists started trying to win him over in order to carry out their terrorist attacks in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland," said Zitny, adding that the Slovak citizen in question worked in Germany for a long time. The terrorists wanted him to undergo training at a terrorist camp in Sweden, but he told this to the police. He has now gone into hiding.

Zitny stressed that this example only shows that Slovakia is vulnerable to a real terrorist threat. "We don't know whether the terrorists have found a replacement for this Slovak citizen. We're not prepared enough for attacks," he added.

Czech and Slovak Cabinets to hold joint sessions on important issues

The governments of the Czech Republic and Slovakia will hold joint sessions to deal with selected bilateral issues and agendas of their common interest, Slovak Premier Iveta Radicova and her Czech counterpart Petr Necas agreed in Prague, where Radicova left for a working trip on May 5.

The first such meeting is expected to take place in Slovakia in the autumn. "We're preparing a new element in Czech-Slovak relations," commented Necas after meeting Radicova in Hrzansky Palace. "We have agreed on the date as well - October 28,"

added Radicova.

(October 28 represents an important milestone in the history of both countries - it was on that day back in 1918 that the first Czechoslovak Republic was established. - editor's note).

According to Necas, the joint agendas could include that of dual citizenship, as well as important environmental, energy and military issues.

Continuing in her Prague program, Radicova also attended a conference devoted to the 60th anniversary of the American radio network Radio Free Europe which began broadcasting from Prague.

Miklos: budget is in line with expectations with updates in July

Slovakia's state budget and public finance as such were progressing in line with the Finance Ministry's expectations over the first four months of this year, with the deficit shrinking by one-third in annual terms, Finance Minister Ivan Miklos announced at a press conference on May 10.

Nevertheless, some structural aspects of the budget have shown several features that will have an impact on further budgetary developments - some positive and some negative, noted Miklos.

Due to this, the ministry plans to present the government with an updated budget prognosis for 2011 before the end of July, said Miklos.

Compared to the budget setting as approved last year, the recently-adopted plan to revitalize the state-owned railway companies is now expected to have the most negative impact on the budget - with the costs climbing up to nearly \$285 million, said Miklos. He added that healthcare and environment agendas are also likely to swallow up some extra resources.

The minister went on to say that there are several positive budget features to counterbalance the negatives. The positives have been calculated to bring in an additional \$338 million into the budget, and the ministry is also envisaging higher tax revenues than was originally planned. However, Miklos said they have been unable to quantify the extent of the added revenues for the moment.

Wreath-laying ceremony at Slavin marks day of victory over fascism

A wreath-laying ceremony took place on May 9th at the Slavin monument in Bratislava to mark the 66th anniversary of the victory over fascism and the end of World War II in Europe.

The ceremony, dedicated to the 7,000 Soviet soldiers who were killed during the liberation of Bratislava and were buried at Slavin, was attended by Deputy Premier Rudolf Chmel, Defense Minister Lubomir Galko, as well as officials from the Russian Embassy in Bratislava, other diplomats based in Slovakia and war veterans.

Minister Galko in his address at the ceremony, said that the events surrounding the liberation of Bratislava in 1945 are a milestone in Slovakia's history.

"The war claimed a disastrous 60 million lives. Despite the fact that the end of the war meant the defeat of fascism, our country wasn't really liberated, with the following decades of Communism leaving a scar on the fate of this country and its citizens. Despite the totalitarian regime, we managed to win freedom and democracy in November 1989. The horrors caused by totalitarian regimes must remind us of the fact that peace and freedom shouldn't necessarily be taken for granted," said Galko.

Slovak museums and galleries have special Saturday offer

Museums and art galleries in Slovakia promised special experiences for Saturday, May 14, when they prepared a special program for visitors of all ages beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at midnight. Visitors enjoyed access to otherwise off-limit areas, while benefiting from the reduced admission fee.

"This was a European project that has already become a tradition in Slovakia. It's an interesting offer also for regular museum visitors, as everything looks different at night," Culture Minister Daniel Rrajcer said at a press conference on May 10.

Regular programs at Slovakia's museums and galleries can be found at www.muzeum.sk or www.nocmzei.sk.

Lunik IX protest fizzles out, meets with negative reactions

The Roma protest at the Lunik IX borough, a section of Kosice, organized by the Roma (gypsy) Parliament (an assem-

bly incorporating some 160 Roma organizations - ed. note) chairman Ladislav Fizik, has turned out to be a bit of a fiasco, with only about 50 curious children showing up at the agreed time in front of the local municipal hall.

After repeated calls, some adult inhabitants of Lunik IX appeared too, but they were attracted by the presence of journalists more than by any discussion. According to their answers, many had no idea there was supposed to be a protest nor what they would be protesting against.

Lunik IX mayor Dionys Slepckik informed journalists that the greatest problem for the neighborhood is the reduction in the per-capita contribution from income taxes paid by the state which has led to an untenable financial situation.

However, this statement was sharply rejected by Kosice's Vice Mayor Renata Lanartova, who implied that the city of Kosice plans major changes in its approach towards Lunik IX. "We want to change this long-term problem, where decent inhabitants of Kosice have been discriminated against by the unadaptable Lunik IX inhabitants. This borough or section of the city has been given \$40.00 per person from the income taxes, while other sections of the city have received benefits totalling only \$27.00," she said.

Kosice municipal administrators have announced that nobody will stand above the law - not even Lunik IX. "And this tenet will be thoroughly implemented in order to put an end to this state of affairs, in which all citizens of Kosice suffer as a result of the notorious borough Lunik IX," said Lanartova.

Award Winning, Beatles tribute band from Slovakia, "The Backwards" to begin their U.S. tour in Pittsburgh

"After 30 years, I have again heard the sound of The Beatles," - Louise Harrison, sister of the late George Harrison (1998, NYC.)

The two-time Beatfest NYC winners, "The Backwards," a Beatles tribute band from Kosice, Slovakia have announced their 2011 U.S. Tour. The Pennsylvania show dates include Saturday, June 4 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh beginning at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. Tickets are \$20.00 (advance sales only) and may be purchased via Eventbrite at <http://backwardspg2011.eventbrite.com/> or by calling (412)956-6000.

Their other Pennsylvania date is Sunday, June 5 in Johnstown, Pa. at Aces Banquet Hall, 318 Chestnut Street in the Cambria City section of the city beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 (in advance and at the door). Purchase tickets via Eventbrite at <http://backwardsjstown2011.eventbrite.com> or by calling (814)536-4176.

Other appearances include the Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30 in Louisville, KY. They will perform as part of the 10th annual Abbey Road on the River (AROTR) Beatles themed festival under the direction of Gary Jacob. AROTR is the longest running Beatles festival in the U.S. and attracts more than 30,000 attendees annually.

On Friday, June 10 they will appear in Clifton, N.J. hosted by the Domovina Slovak Society. The concert will be held in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall located at 218 Ackerman Avenue at a time yet to be announced.

On Saturday, June 11 the troupe will perform in New York City at the Bohemian National Hall located at 321 East 73rd Street on Manhattan's upper East Side.

The Backwards began their career in Kosice, Slovakia's great eastern metropolis in 1996 when two young teens decided to form a band to portray one of the music industry's iconic bands. They interpret the music note for note made famous by the Beatles with a complete sound and sense to detail and take no artistic liberties. The natural chemistry portrayed on stage between band members mimics that of Paul and John. Technically, they wear the attire of each Beatles era, have collected and insist on using the exact replicas and equipment used by the Beatles on stage whenever possible. The Backwards have performed to sell-out crowds in the U.S. from San Diego, Chicago to Pittsburgh.

I hope that many Sokol members in various parts of the country will have the opportunity to enjoy the creative artistry of The Backwards.

Zdar Boh!

Karen A. Mesaros

*Via a conference call***Minutes of the Meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board**

The meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board (SPFB) was held via a conference call on Sunday, March 20, 2011 beginning at 2 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics Edward D. Moeller. Brother Moeller welcomed everyone to the call and thanked the board for participating. The conference call was used to update the Supreme Physical Fitness Board with the Sokol sporting events of 2011. The last time the board met as a whole was on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at the conclusion of the Supreme Clinic. With the upcoming 45th International Slet scheduled for July 2011 in Kutztown, Pa., many plans needed to be discussed, planned and/or updated. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Supreme Assistant Physical Director Roger J. Manyak. The roll call was taken by Supreme Physical Directress Susan Blosser. Thirteen members were in attendance for the call, including the following:

Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh
 Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics..... Edward D. Moeller
 Supreme Physical Director..... Dusan Dorich
 Supreme Physical Directress..... Susan Blosser
 Supreme Asst. Director of Sports & Athletics James C. Matlon
 Supreme Asst. Physical Director..... Roger J. Manyak
 Supreme Asst. Physical Directress..... Julie Laury
 Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board:
 Denise DiMartino, Katie Swift, Kathleen S. Watkins,
 Frank P. Laury, III, Damian Suess, John M. Underation

Sister Susan Blosser served as secretary of the meeting. Brother Moeller reported on the 65th International Bowling Tournament scheduled for Reading, Pa. at Bowl-O-Rama with Group 12 serving as the host. April 8 is the deadline for registration. Applications have already been sent. An article has appeared in the *Slovak Catholic Falcon*. To entice additional participants to sports tournaments, a member of the SPFB assisting with the tournament will prepare an article for publication in the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* prior to the competition mentioning some activities, events or places to visit in the area around the tournament site city. Sister Kathy Watkins had done such an article for the bowling tournament in May.

The 24th softball tournament is scheduled at the Nichols & Mullholland Fields in Uniontown, Pa., June 25-26. The Holiday Inn will house the participants. Deadline for team entries is May 20, 2011. Brother James Matlon has the bats, balls and scorebooks for the softball tournament and will inventory the supplies and purchase more if needed. Brother Damian Suess will write the article in the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* about the activities in the Uniontown/Perryopolis area. Brother Edward Moeller mentioned that other Slovak fraternal were invited to participate, including the National Slovak Society and the First Catholic Slovak Union.

The 56th golf tournament is scheduled for August 19-21, 2011 at the Peek N Peak resort in Clymer, N.Y. The deadline for entrants is July 15. Sister Julie Laury will write an article on activities in the area for the *Slovak Catholic Falcon*. The golf course is a resort and has chalets and townhouses that will be available for golf participants to reside in during the tournament. There will be a separate golf package price if individuals opt to use these facilities rather than the hotel price package.

Sister Susan Blosser led the discussion on the upcoming 45th Slet in Kutztown, Pa., July 12-16. All members of the SPFB were given a list of duties during the Slet prior to the conference call. The duties were then discussed in detail. The participants at the Slet will be housed at two different dorms, due to the number of participants expected. Supreme Officers who will serve as chaperones at the dorms will include: Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors Dennis Zifcak. More responsibility will be given the directors and directresses and their assistants in helping to keep the Slet curfew time. Curfew every night is 11:30 p.m., however it may be adjusted if the SPFB sees fit. The SPFB will arrive at the Slet on Monday, July 11 to review last minute details and to do dorm inspections. All Groups are to register their participants prior to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 12, as individual drill competition is scheduled to begin at noon. Something new at this year's Slet will be the social following the opening ceremonies. All participants from every Group will be divided into sub-Groups, intermixing Groups. The new sub-Group will include all age groups in games similar to the show "Minute It to Win It." These activities

are fun and a good way to fraternalize with other members of our organization while having a little friendly competition.

Gymnastics is scheduled at the Paramount Sports Complex. This is the same facility used in the past. This facility is perfect for our gymnastic needs. The owners supply us with the gymnastic judges as well as the scoring and meet director. They are great hosts for our competition. Inquiry at other gymnastic facilities closer to the Kutztown campus was made, however they declined or did not have the days available for our Slet. We also looked into renting the equipment and having the competition at Kutztown University. The cost of rental equipment proved to be about five times greater than the cost at Paramount. In addition, 12 volunteers were needed to assist in setting up and taking down the equipment. Setup usually takes several hours. In the end, using the Paramount Sports Complex for our gymnastic meet was in the best interests of the organization. Some discussion followed as to bringing all Slet participants to the sports complex whether they are in gymnastics or not. The facility is large enough to have a volleyball and or basketball tournament at the same time as the gymnastic competition. The facility also has an area for kids to play in with bounce houses and jungle gyms. Paramount Sports Complex will get back to us with prices for renting the facility and Brothers Dorich, Moeller and Manyak along with Sisters Blosser and Laury will determine if this is feasible depending on pricing. Brother Manyak has secured buses for travel to the gym facility.

The track and field competition will use the automatic timing supplied by the university. The Kutztown track coach will run the timers and use his track students to assist in the timing and field events. An attempt will be made to award the track medals directly after the finish of each event including the field events. The men's shot put will be changed to a 12-pound shot for all competitors ages 16 and older. New elimination distance for the shot will follow. Brother Moeller will look into hiring the athletic trainer at the university to help with injuries at the track. Water will be supplied at the track for the competition. Sister Blosser asked for donations from the "Water Guy" distributor for free water for the competition but was denied. Brother Tom Cengeri from Group 12 is looking into this company or another company to help donate some or all of the water needed this year.

Brother Dorich and Sister Blosser are seeking volunteers to help with judging the drill competition. The Dance Group will again be the outside judges for the competition and will supply four judges as in the past. The inside judges have not been finalized as the SPFB is searching for judges who have not judged in the past, giving a new insight to the competition.

The closing ceremonies will be held a little earlier, time wise, than in the past to allow for a more formal dance following the closing of the competition. It has been recommended by many Groups that a more formal dress code be employed at the closing dance and this will be done this year. The dress for the dance is business casual. Nice shirts and shorts or pants for the boys as well as skirts or summer dresses for the girls.

Under Old Business, members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board were reminded that their four-year activity reports were due at the Home Office by May 11, 2011 in anticipation of the 31st Quadrennial Convention scheduled for Pittsburgh, July 30 - August 3, 2011.

Under New Business, Brother Moeller informed the Board about working with other Slovak fraternal organizations in hosting joint sporting events. It was noted that not all of the fraternal have bowling, golf, basketball, volleyball or softball tournaments, so we are looking to combine with other fraternal groups to form one tournament. Currently, we are looking at both a joint bowling and golf tournament in 2012. Sister Blosser will organize bringing drillers to perform at the 31st Quadrennial National Convention in Pittsburgh.

Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh then thanked Brother James Matlon for all his efforts in helping to make the annual review of fraternal activities issue for 2010 a success. Brother Glugosh also thanked the members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for their positive increase in members over the last few months. Our organization is on an upswing for the first time in many years. With the help of Facebook, more members are finding each other and staying in touch as well as when other friends read Facebook postings they are asking questions about the Slovak Catholic Sokol. What a great way to bring in new members!

Following a two and a half hour meeting session of updates and positive discussion, Sister Blosser moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brother Suess. The meeting was adjourned by Brother Edward Moeller at 4:30 p.m. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Blosser
 Supreme Physical Directress

*Held in Belle Vernon, Pa.***Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Group 6 "Msgr. Andrew Hlinka"**

The annual meeting of Group 6, under the patronage of Monsignor Andrew Hlinka, was held on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at the Cedar Brook Golf Club in Belle Vernon, Pa.

The president, Annamae Wanick called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. and extended a cordial welcome to the delegates present. In the absence of the chaplain, Secretary, Elaine Andras led the delegates in the prayer before meals.

After enjoying a delicious luncheon, President Warnick asked the Secretary Elaine Andras to read

a roll call of delegates in attendance. In attendance were a total of 17 delegates representing Sokol lodges in Donora, Greensboro, Perryopolis and Uniontown, Pa.

The Secretary Elaine Andras read the minutes of the semi-annual meeting held on July 11, 2010. The minutes were accepted as presented on a motion by Margaret Kallus, seconded by Dorothy Rudinec.

The Treasurer, Tom Matthey then presented his report indicating that all obligations were met. Donations were made to both the golf and softball games. The re-

port of the treasurer was accepted on a motion by John Erdley, seconded by Maryann Erdley.

The Sports Director Michael T. Matras then presented his report. He spoke about the bowling tournament in Pittsburgh and thanked Group 6 for their generous donation in support of both the golf and softball tournaments. President Warnick accepted his report and thanked him for a job well done.

President Warnick then presented her report speaking about the upcoming 31st national convention which is scheduled for Pittsburgh, Pa., July 30 to August 3, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel located in Green Tree She also spoke about contacting Father Lawrence Kulick asking him to serve as the

chaplain of Group 6. Father Kulick agreed to serve as the Group 6 chaplain, indicating that although he has other duties and obligations, he hoped they would not conflict with Group 6 meetings. The president then spoke of the transfer of Uniontown, Pa. Assembly 239 into the Perryopolis Assembly 25. She also indicated that many Sokol items from the home of the late Irene Matuschak would also be transferred to Perryopolis and was waiting to her from Sister Matuschak's daughter regarding the transfer of these items. The president then reminded the delegates that this is an election year and nominations of all officers will take place at the semi-annual meeting.

The president then asked all delegates for their reports. Jim Bench spoke about a future trip to Slovakia in June or July 2011 at the cost of \$3,400 per person. He passed out literature about this tour which he will lead.

With no further business, the president called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Dorothy Rudinec, seconded by David Matthey, the annual meeting was adjourned. The closing prayer was led by the Treasurer, Tom Matthey. Following the prayer, the delegates then stood and sang the patriotic Slovak song, Hej Slovaci. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Andras
 Group 6 Secretary

Enjoying Pennsylvania's scenic Berks County

Things to do and sites to enjoy during our upcoming 65th Bowling Tournament and 45th International Slet

by Kathleen S. Watkins

Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

This weekend many of our Sokol bowlers will converge on Reading, Pa. for our 65th International Bowling Tournament. In addition, our 45th International Slet is scheduled for July 12-16 in Kutztown, Pa. Both these communities are located in scenic Berks County. There are many exciting things to do in the Berks County/Reading Area. Kutztown is just 12 miles outside Reading. You can access information on all the places listed via the Internet.

Before you do anything else . . . Check out the beautifully, newly-renovated Reading Slovak Catholic Sokol Club.

Officers and members of Assembly 261, Wreath 155, the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Association, and dignitaries, gathered on Sunday, April 11th at 4:11 p.m. to mark an important occasion in the history of the Reading Sokols - The groundbreaking for their new Sokol Club addition.

Phillies Game (Saturday, May 21st) - See the Citizens Bank Park Stadium and enjoy the baseball game.

Historical Society of Berks County Museum (610-375-4375)

The Society's 20,000 artifacts tell many stories behind the development of the county. Three levels of museum exhibits interpret the colorful history from the Conestoga Wagon to the 1902 Duryea to toys, crafts, fine arts, all related to the social history.

Mid Atlantic Air Museum (610-372-7333)

The Mid-Atlantic Air Museum is located at Reading Regional Airport - Spaatz Field in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Mid Atlantic Air Museum's aircraft collection is a diverse one, including aircraft built from 1928 to 1982. Though we have a reputation as a "warbird" museum, we are much, much more. While the collection does contain

22 military aircraft, it contains 43 aircraft from various civilian venues.

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The Natural Science galleries are filled with collections of insects, birds and dinosaur fossils. The Ancient Civilizations galleries feature treasures from ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt. The newly renovated Latin American Gallery explores Ritual Arts and Sacred Rites. Painting and sculpture galleries include works by Degas, Rodin, and masters of the European Renaissance. Additional galleries include North American Indian, Pacific Islands, Asian, Armor, and African. Experience new, state-of-the-art SciDome full-immersion video system. This digital system offers real-time 3D sky simulation, full-dome shows and multimedia presentations. Its starfield quality, astronomical detail and teaching capabilities surpass any other digital planetarium system available. See the universe in fantastic detail, color and movement in an newly upgraded environment. Star Shows and Laser Shows are available for both school and public presentation.

Reading Railroad Heritage Museum

The RCT&HS invites you to visit the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum located at 500 S. Third Street in Hamburg, PA. Visitors can see an exclusive video showcasing the Reading Railroad, exhibits about the influence of the Reading Railroad on society, business, tech-

nology, and the environment, and shop in our museum store.

Reading Outlets (VF Outlet Center)

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Golf

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Flying Hills (610-775-4063)
Chapel Hill (610-775-8815)
Exeter (610-779-1211)
Ledgerock (610-777-9705)
Village Green (610-678-3988)
Manor Golf Club (610-678-9597)
Green Hills (610- 856-8633)
Willow Hollow (610- 373-1505)
Galen Hall (610- 678-9535)
Arrowhead (610-582-4258)

Wineries and Breweries

Visit one of the local wineries or breweries in and around Reading.
Blair Vineyards (610-683-8463)
Clover Hill Vineyards & Winery (610-693-8383)
Long Trout Winery (570-366-6443)
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Stoudt's Brewing Company (717-484-4386)

The Works @ Wyomissing (610.375.2700)

A premier food and fun destination offering nearly an acre of food and fun for you to enjoy. Fun for both kids and adults.

I hope you will have a chance to enjoy the various things that Reading has to offer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Bowling Tournament and 45th Slet.

Zdar boh!

For those visiting during our Slet week

Places to stay in the Reading, Pa. area during our 45th International Slet

by Susan L. Blosser

Supreme Physical Directress

The 45th International Slet is being held at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pennsylvania the week of July 12th to July 16th, 2011. The campus of Kutztown is a favorite of past Slets. The University founded in 1866 has changed names several times and became university status in 1983. Kutztown University is comprised of five colleges - visual and performing arts, business, education, liberal arts and sciences and graduate studies. The University has been a wonderful setting for the Slet. The dorms,

dining hall, track and gym are located all within short walking distances from each other. Now is a good time to start preparing for the upcoming event.

A lot of work goes into a Slet, not only from the Physical Fitness Board but from each and every group. By now all Directors and Directresses have been in preparation with their teams and have been learning the drills.

If parents want to start preparing for their vacation early for the Slet, you might want to book a hotel soon.

READING AREA HOTEL INFORMATION

Campus Inn 610-683-8721 Kutztown Area ½ mile from Kutztown Univ.	Allentown Comfort Inn Lehigh Valley West 610-391-0344 Near Allentown 10 miles from Kutztown Univ
Comfort Inn 610-371-0500 Off of 222 Business in Reading 9 m. from Kutztown Univ	Allentown/Fogelsville Sleep Inn 610-395-6603 Near Allentown 10 miles from Kutztown Univ
Econo-Lodge 610-378-5105 Reading area near Vanity Fair Outlet 11 m from Kutztown Univ	Hampton Inn Allentown 610-391-1500 10 miles from Kutztown Univ
Hampton Inn 610-374-8100 Reading area near Vanity Fair Outlet 10 miles from Kutztown Univ	Holiday Inn Conference Center 610-391-1000 or 888-452-5664 Near Allentown 11 m from Kutztown Univ
Homewood Suites 1-800-225-5466 Reading area 10 miles from Kutztown Univ	Inn at Reading 610-372-7811 Reading area near Vanity Fair Outlet 11 m from Kutztown Univ
Ramada Inn 610-929-4741 Off of 222 Business in Reading 9 m. from Kutztown Univ	Sheraton 610-376-3811 Reading area near Vanity Fair Outlet 11 m from Kutztown Univ
Wellesley Inn 610-374-1500 Reading area near Vanity Fair Outlet 11 m from Kutztown Univ	

Directions to Kutztown:

East

Interstate 78 west to Route 100 south (Fogelsville exit). Follow signs to Reading which turns into Route 222 south. Exit at Krumsville, turn left to Kutztown University.

West

PA Tumpike to Reading - Ephrata Exit. Follow 222 north to Kutztown - Virginville Exit. Kutztown University on right.

North

Route 309 south to Interstate 78 west to Route 100 south (Fogelsville Exit). Follow signs to Reading which turns into Route 222 south. Exit at Krumsville turn left to Kutztown University.

From Reading Airport

Route 183 south to Route 222 north to Kutztown - Virginville Exit. Kutztown University on the right.

From A.B.E Airport

Route 22 west to Route 100 south (Fogelsville Exit). Follow signs to Reading which turns into Route 222 south. Exit at Krumsville. Turn left to Kutztown University.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

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*because he remains with you,
and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.
In a little while
the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will realize
that I am in my Father
and you are in me
and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments
and observes them is the one who loves me
And whoever loves me
will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him
and reveal myself to him."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Day picnic at Yonkers, N.Y. parish

Most Holy Trinity Parish in Yonkers, N.Y. will host its annual Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 29 on the parish grounds located at 18 Trinity Plaza. Festivities begin at 12 noon and continue until 6 p.m. There will be plenty of delicious Slovak culinary fare along with traditional American picnic favorites. Admission is \$ 20.00 at the door. For additional information on this year's picnic call the rectory at (914)963-0720. Father George N. Onnoony, the pastor and the committee look forward to seeing many area Sokol members at this year's picnic. Come celebrate the Memorial holiday with us.

Zdar Boh!

Stephen J. Kubasek
Picnic chairperson

*As per our Organization's Bylaws***Donation Requests for Consideration at the 31st National Convention**

In order to insure that our members and delegates to our upcoming 31st National Convention, scheduled for July 30 - August 3, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, understand the procedure for donation requests at the Convention, I refer to page 15, Section 2.2(c) of our Bylaws. This section states: "The Petitions and Donations Committee shall consist of the Supreme Chaplain, Supreme President, and Supreme Secretary. Donations shall be limited to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one church, religious organization, social or cultural association, with a total donation limit of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00).

Petitions and requests for donations must be submitted in writing and mailed to my attention at the Home Office, 205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899, Passaic, NJ 07055 no later than one (1) month prior to the Convention. No Faxed copies or E-mails will be accepted. This year's deadline for submitting all petitions and donation requests is Monday, June 27, 2011. No petition or donation request will be accepted from the Convention floor. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Convention.

I hope that all members and delegates fully understand our Bylaws related to petitions and donations. Our Bylaws clearly state our official policy and therefore serve as our guide in all our Convention deliberations and decisions. I bring this important issue to your attention so that we all have sufficient time to submit any petition or donation request to be considered by the Committee and delegates of the 31st National Convention. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

Zdar Boh!
Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

Group 9 to host Golf Tournament Saturday, June 18 in Cresson, Pa.

Group 9 "SS. Cyril and Methodius" will again host its annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 18 at the Summit Country Club located in Cresson, Pa.



The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. This year's competition will be hosted by Assembly 79 of Lilly, Pa.

We are looking to attract new members into our organization and have opened the competition to non-Sokol members as well as our current members. We extend a cordial invitation to all to enjoy this year's outing and fraternal competition on this beautiful golf course. Following the golfing competition, as is our tradition we will host our traditional victory

dinner where the presentation of awards will be presented. The dinner will be held in banquet room at the Summit Country Club.

The cost of the golf tournament, which includes green fees, use of a golf cart and dinner is \$60.00 per person for members. Guest cost will an additional \$15.00 per person. Those planning to participate are asked to send the names and handicaps of all golfers to Tom Muldoon, 1089 Main St., Lilly, PA 15938 by the deadline date of June 1st so as to allow the Summit Country Club to make all the necessary preparations, including the evening meal. For additional information on what looks to be another exciting golf competition in the best traditions of Group 9 Sokol good sportsmanship, call Tom Muldoon at tel. (814)886-8902. We hope to see many veteran Group 9 golfers along with many new faces at this year's tournament.

Zdar Boh!
Tom Muldoon
Assembly 79
Sports Director

Fraternalist of the Year deadline is June 24

The deadline for submitting nominations for our 2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year is Friday, June 24. Each year we invite our membership to recommend an individual member who in their estimation inspires leadership and works tirelessly in promoting activities which serve their communities. Such an individual mirrors the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system. The individual selected by our Board of Directors will be honored at an

appropriate occasion and receive a commemorative plaque along with a check for \$200.00.

Individuals who have been previously nominated may be recommended again this year. Again, any individual member, a local Assembly, Wreath or Group may nominate an individual for this honor. If there are any questions, feel free to contact Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the Home Office. A nomination form is available.

Lodge Jottings

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of some of the charities which we support. The Wreath would like to commend some of our brother and sister fraternalists who are involved in sponsoring various walk-a-thons, namely Gina Capozoli who is a member of the West Mifflin Walkers team and will be participating in the June 4th "Walk for Autism" at Heinz Field; and Chris Chervanek, Carmella Suess and her friend Brandon, who along with her father, Assembly 16 president Albert Suess, participated in the Susan B. Komen "Race for the Cure" on Mother's Day. All of the above have been doing this for several years now.

We are also very proud of Marisa and Matt Monahan and Katie Moeller. Marisa made a heroic attempt to assist her neighbors when she noticed there was a fire in their upper rooms. After notifying the fire department, she then pounded on the doors to wake anyone who was asleep in the home. Luckily, they all escaped through the back door. Katie, without thinking about her-

self, ran to rescue some people in a car which was caught during a flash-flood following a torrential rain storm last year. Katie received a commendation for her heroic act. Matthew was recognized in the Westminster Magazine for his work with youth at Camp Laughalot Day Camp in southwestern Pennsylvania for special needs children. He is known as B.M.O.C. - "Big Man of Compassion." Congratulations to all of the above!

In the name of all our Wreath 22 members, we extend best wishes for a successful 45th Slet and 31st convention. Have a great summer.

Zdar Boh!
Joan Yanosick
Recording Secretary

**WHITING, IND.
Wreath 81**

The next regular meeting of our Wreath is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 at the Sacred Heart Rose Room located at 1723 LaPorte Avenue beginning at 1 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. The officers would like to see some new faces among us. Come join us for the meeting, refreshments and fraternal fellowship. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

Plans for our upcoming fraternal activities will be discussed. Among the items on our meeting agenda will be finalizing our plans for our annual summer picnic as well as our Wreath's participation in the 100th anniversary celebration of Group 4 set for Saturday, September 17 in Palos Hills, Ill. The centennial celebration looks to be a memorable and enjoyable event. Those who would like to attend the dinner are asked to attend our meeting so that we know how many will participate from our Wreath.

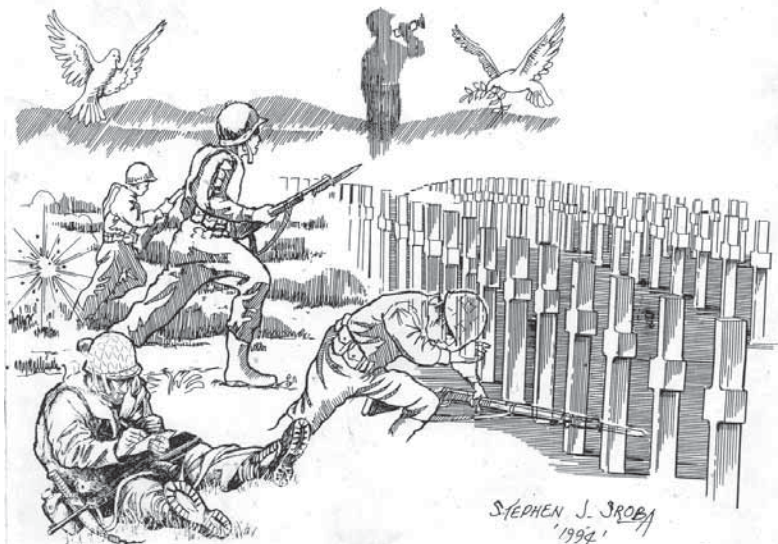
As is our tradition of fraternal outreach, we remind those members planning to attend our meeting, to bring along monetary donations which will be earmarked for the local parish food pantry. During these difficult economic times, many are dependent on our fraternal generosity.

Finally, our ill and homebound members are always remembered at our meetings and in our thoughts and prayers. Winter has finally released its chilly grasp...we hope! Wreath 81 wishes everyone a wonderful spring.

Zdar Boh!
Judy Strisko
Recording Secretary

"LEST WE FORGET"

Oh God, I am traveling out to death's sea,
I, who exulted in sunshine and laughter,
thought not of dying-death is such waste of me!
Grant me one prayer doom not the hereafter
of mankind to war, as though I had died not-
I, who in battle, my comrades arm linking,
shouted and sang-life in my pulses hot,
throbbing and dancing ! let not my sinking
in dark be for naught, my death a vain thing!
God, let me know it the end of man's fever!
make my last breath a bugle call, carrying
Peace o'er the valleys and cold hills forever!
for in the end, as in all wars, there are no
winners, for only death triumphs!



On Memorial Day, which we will observe this year on Monday, May 30th, let us remember all those Sokol members who over the years have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of freedom and our American way of life. Eternal is their memory! The above artistic sketch is the work of our well-known Sokol artist, Steven J. Sroba, who passed away in 1995. He was a long-time member of Assembly 48 in Philadelphia and took part in many Sokol activities over the years.

Report of the Supreme Secretary for the Month of March, 2011

REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL Activity for the Month of March, 2011

ASSETS		YEAR TO DATE
Cash - Senior Account	\$	-5,563.29
Cash - Bank of Montreal		30,216.71
Cash - Payroll Account		40,000.00
Petty Cash		254.00
Investments - Bonds & Bills		42,826,931.18
Investments - Stocks		6,185,255.01
Capital Reserve		930,214.82
Stock Adj. to Book Value		1,451,154.41
First Mortgage Loans		967,193.36
Loans on Certificates		212,103.65
Accrued Interest Receivable		606,851.00
Prepaid Expense		13,465.81
Sokol Building		2,669,876.49
Land		204,108.00
Furniture & Fixtures		155,472.22
Sokol Baby Spoons		10,075.00
Due From Groups		1,118.40
Accounts Receivable		21,948.25
Non-Admitted Assets		-30,007.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 56,290,668.02

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		YEAR TO DATE
Life Reserves	\$	36,865,014.00
Reserve Dep. Furn. & Fixtures		148,238.34
Reserve Dep. Sokol Building		2,615,933.04
Asset Valuation Reserve		1,297,143.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve		90,063.00
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts		241,246.00
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan		4,429,754.00
Reserve for Convention		439,054.38
Matured Endowments		101,736.12
Annuity Payable		75,030.00
Claims Payable		227,253.88
Accounts Payable		73,052.52
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund		85,000.00
Joseph & Mary Spernoga Scholarship Fund		2,500.00
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund		100,000.00
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund		20,000.00
Dividend Accum. at Interest		327,064.80
Dividend Payable		64,607.47
Advance Premiums		12,524.00
Premium Load		4,276.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 47,219,490.55
Undistributed Funds - Sokol	\$	9,071,177.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS		\$ 56,290,668.02

EXPENSES

	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Expense - Sokol Building	\$ 5,393.49	\$ 9,598.96
Building Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	931.20
Rental Area Expenses	1,102.82	1,770.55
Property Taxes - Sokol Building	0.00	27,406.88
Depreciation Sokol Building	311.52	934.56
Rent for Space	1,250.00	3,750.00
Pension Plan - Print	964.06	2,892.18
Salaries - Office Employees	51,022.90	126,390.93
Salaries - Editorial Employees	7,345.00	20,097.00
SS & Federal Income Tax - Office	3,967.91	10,306.37
Hospitalization	10,064.71	30,771.13
Pension Plan - Office/Officers	4,634.90	13,904.70
Office Expense	2,012.43	6,451.65
Supreme Officers Travel	308.36	1,930.79
Supreme Auditors	2,711.90	2,711.90
Actuarial Expenses	4,559.00	9,427.00
Accountant Expenses	5,000.00	10,000.00
Postage - Office	2,066.77	5,578.37
Telephone - Office	282.48	862.48
Telephone - Editorial	155.02	386.66
Printing - Katolicky Sokol	4,300.00	13,575.00
Postage - Sokol Paper	8,635.00	26,900.00
Misc. Publication Expense	0.00	23.50
Other Printing	389.61	663.21
Legal Expense	0.00	1,208.00
Other Legal Expenses	12,978.79	58,629.52
Death Benefit Claims Paid	102,570.53	221,833.15
Cash Surrender Values Paid	13,775.76	38,351.36
Annuity Surrenders	5,295.92	14,966.95
Matured Endowments Paid	7,374.00	26,085.00
Reserve Increase	314,584.98	314,584.98
State Insurance Dept. Lic./Fee	855.00	2,558.00
Bank Charges - Bond Account	10,174.22	30,529.85
Dues & Subscription	445.00	4,173.34
Donations & Contributions	470.00	490.00
Slet	0.00	500.00
District Tournaments	2,362.50	2,362.50
Other Coaching Insurance	1,799.93	1,889.92
Convention Expense	11,250.00	33,750.00
Group Assessments Paid	12,185.96	12,185.96
Commission Expense	1,178.90	3,955.15
Annuity Commissions	389.18	2,288.36
Advertising - Promotional	1,000.00	3,093.57
Marketing Expense	1,731.27	3,002.28
Agency Expense	2,495.15	3,937.09
Annual Meeting Expense	5,197.08	5,326.48
Salaries - Supreme Officers	13,423.75	13,423.75
Supreme Officers/Empl. Bonding	0.00	1,362.00
Fraternal Congress Expense	3,639.40	4,147.31
Local Fees/ Rebates	-2,874.46	-8,060.64
Interest Expense	1,161.14	3,259.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 639,941.88	\$ 1,127,098.18
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$ -153,752.40	\$ -88,356.00

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES MONTH OF MARCH, 2011 INCOME

	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
Interest on Bonds and Bills	\$ 218,367.73	\$ 537,649.29
Amortization of IMR	3,950.00	3,950.00
Dividends on Stocks	18,637.70	42,887.01
Interest on Mortgages/Loans	4,231.05	10,349.46
Interest on Certificate Loans	0.53	0.53
Sale of Cookbooks	135.00	501.00
Rent Received - Sokol Building	8,430.00	24,875.00
Premium Income	40,537.56	114,616.00
Annuities	107,151.93	200,960.56
Miscellaneous Income	7,653.21	20,658.56
Gain on Sale of Securities/Amortization	77,094.77	82,294.77
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 486,189.48	\$ 1,038,742.18

ZDAR BOH!
Steven M. Pogorelec, FIC
Supreme Secretary
Slovak Catholic Sokol

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Slovenská skupina "The Backwards" na turné v Spojených štátoch

Známa skupina The Backwards z Košíc, ktorá získala už veľký úspech v zahraničí, pride na turné do USA. Skupina je známa napodobňovaním skupiny Beatles. Už dvakrát sa im podarilo vyhrať medzinárodnú súťaž v New Yorku. V roku 1998 v silnej konkurencii spomedzi 36 kapiel zvíťazili na New York Beatfest v súťaži Battle of the Bands o čo najvernejšiu interpretáciu skupiny Beatles a získali 1. miesto. Jednou z gratulantiek vtedy bola aj sestra Georga Harrisona, ktorá pod jej slová viac než po 30 rokoch opäť počula zvuk Beatles.

Druhýkrát sa im podarilo obhájiť tento titul v roku 2003 opäť v tej istej súťaži v New Yorku, kedy súťažilo 44 kapiel z celého sveta. Vtedy sa im rozbehla spolupráca s americkým manažmentom. V auguste 2004 sa kapela predstavila v Clevelande, OH ako predsku-

pina rock'n rollovej legendy Little Richarda. Získali tam mimoriadny úspech, a organizátori najväčšieho amerického festivalu Abbey Road on the River vybrali The Backwards spomedzi 60 účinkujúcich skupín ako reklamné tváre na živé vystúpenia v médiách a americkej TV stanici FOX.

Odvtedy skupina The Backwards navštívila USA už niekoľkokrát a vystupovali už v dvadsiatich štátoch.

Tento rok sa opäť predstavia na festivale Abbey Road on the River v Louisvillu, KY v dňoch 27 až 31. mája. Tento festival priláka každý rok viac ako 30,000 návštevníkov.

Počas svojho turné sa skupina The Backwards predstaví v nasledovných mestách:

V piatok 3. júna - Johnstown, PA - od 5.00 do 7.00 hodiny večer počas slávnostného otvorenia výstavy "Imagine" - a Beatles

Inspired Exhibit v The Venue of Merging Arts (VOMA) 305 Chestnut St. The Backwards vystúpi o 7.00 hod.

V sobotu 4. júna - Pittsburgh, PA - o 7.00 hodine večer v Sokol Club, 2912. Carson St. Vstupné \$20.00, vstupenky iba v predpredaji na internetovej adrese: <http://backwardsppgh2011.eventbrite.com> alebo na telefónnom čísle (412)956-6000.

V sobotu 5. júna - Johnstown, PA - o 7.00 hodine večer v Aces Benquet Hall, 318 Chestnut St. Vstupné \$15.00 v predpredaji alebo pri vchode. Predpredaj vstupeniek na internetovej adrese <http://backwardsjtown2011.eventbrite.com> alebo na tel. č. (814)536-4176. Deti vo veku do 21 rokov musia mať rodičovský doprovod.

V piatok 10. júna - Clifton, NJ - bližšie informácie budú uverejnené neskôr.

V sobotu 11. júna - New York, NY - Czech/Slovak Miss America Pageant v Czech/Slovak Cultural Center, New York (Manhattan), NY.

Radičová chce od Putina pozývaci list z roku 1968

Rusko by malo Slovensku vrátiť pozývaci list, na ktorého základe vojská Varšavskej zmluvy v roku 1968 okupovali Československo. 12. mája oň požiadala premiérka Ivetta Radičová, ktorá v Bratislave prijala ruského predsedu vlády Vladimira Putina.

„Vyslovil ochotu, pokiaľ takéto dokumenty v Moskve existujú, dať ich k dispozícii,“ povedala po stretnutí Radičová.

Aj pre chýbajúci list na Slovensku doposiaľ nebol nik odsúdený za okupáciu. Vyšetrovatelia nedávno prerušili trestné stíhanie vplyvného komunistického funkcionára Vasilu Biľaka. Jedným z dôvodov bolo, že Slovensko nemá originál pozývacieho listu, z ktorého by sa dalo určiť, či ho Biľak podpísal. Rusko v minulosti odmietlo dokument sprístupniť s tým, že ide o historickú pamiatku.

Putin podľa Radičovej sľúbil, že sa nezopakuje plynová kríza z roku 2009. Pre spory s Ukrajinou Rusi vtedy dva týždne nedodávali plyn Slovensku a ďalším európskym štátom.

Okrem stretnutia s Radičovou a prezidentom Ivanom Gašparovičom sa Putin v Bratislave zúčastnil na kongrese hokejovej federácie, ktorý rozhodol, že Moskva v roku 2016 usporiada majstrovstvá sveta v hokeji.

Ach, tá naša slovenčina!!!

- **Tomatové rizoto s krevetami...**

- Majorán sa hodí k pečeni a cestoviny sa k predošlým dvom **ingredienciám** zasa hodia svojou konzistenciou...

-(Pravda.sk)

Mesto Martin získalo cenu OSN za boj proti korupcii



Organizácia spojených národov (OSN) zverejnila zoznam víťazov a finalistov najprestížnejšieho medzinárodného uznania za verejnú službu. Mesto Martin získalo prvé miesto v kategórii Prevencia a boj proti korupcii.

Mesto túto prestížnu cenu získalo ako vôbec prvé v rámci Slovenska za projekt Transparentné mesto. Súťažilo v konkurencii množstva projektov v regióne Európa a Severná Amerika, v ktorých sa nachádzajú krajiny s najvyššou demokraciou. V minulom roku ich bolo okolo 210 z vyše štyridsiatich krajín.

Mesto Martin začalo projekt Transparentné mesto rozvíjať v roku 2008.

Projektu predchádzal audit, ktorý pre mesto robilo Transparency International Slovensko. Spoločne s vedením mesta vytýčili 17 oblastí života a riadenia mesta, ktoré dnes už podliehajú princípu transparentnosti. Nie je to len oblasť elektronických aukcií, ktoré sa dajú vyhodnotiť jednoznačnými úsporami, ale aj vytvorenie možností, prostredníctvom ktorých obyvatelia mesta môžu, ak chcú, kontrolovať samosprávu, navrhovať zmeny a byť informovaní o všetkom, čo sa na úrade, v zastupiteľskom zbere či v spoločnostiach zriadených mestom deje. Od spustenia elektronických aukcií v roku 2009 mesto za zákazkach ušetrilo približne 300-tisíc eur.

Prihláška do súťaže bola podmienená množstvom úloh. Mu-

sela obsahovať opis situácie v meste, kľúčové prínosy projektu, jeho realizáciu, strategické ciele, kľúčové kroky v plnení projektu a spôsob, akým ich chce martin-ská samospráva splniť, museli byť vyčíslené dopady aj v merateľných údajoch a podobne.

Jej súčasťou bola aj minulo-ročná billboardová kampaň na celom Slovensku, ktorá propagovala projekt za hranicami mesta a získavala záujem oň aj v iných regiónoch Slovenska. Na oficiálnej stránke OSN sa uvádza, že cenu získalo Slovensko.

O projekt Transparentné mesto v celej šírke záberu tak, ako ho rozvíja Martin, už prejavili záujem samosprávy v Banskej Bystrici, Trenčíne a Prievidzi, jeho časťou sa inšpirovala už aj vláda, keď zaviedla povinnosť uverejňovať objednávky, faktúry a zákazky na internetových stránkach obcí a miest.

Ocenenie Organizácie spojených národov za verejnú službu je najprestížnejším medzinárodným uznaním inovátorstva a kvality vo verejnej službe. Udeľuje sa verejnému sektoru, samosprávam od miestnej cez regionálnu až po vládnu úroveň, ministerstvom, úradom vlád a neziskovým organizáciám.

Prestížne ocenenie za 1. miesto si primátor mesta Andrej Hrnčiar prevezme 23. júna 2011 na medzinárodnej konferencii OSN v Tanzánii za účasti najvyšších predstaviteľov a prezidentov z celého sveta a OSN.

Úrady práce v SR evidovali 111-tisíc mladých bez práce

Úrady práce a sociálnych vecí evidovali ku koncu marca tohto roku najviac nezamestnaných vo veku od 20 do 29 rokov. Išlo o 111,1 tisíc osôb. Druhou najpočetnejšou skupinou ľudí bez práce boli osoby vo veku od 30 do 39 rokov, a to v počte 92,2 tisíc. Vo veku 40 až 49 rokov zaznamenali úrady práce ku koncu prvého štvrťroku tohto roka 84,6 tis. uchádzačov o zamestnanie a vo veku 50 až 59 rokov nemalo prácu 88,8 tis. ľudí. Do kategórie nezamestnaných vo veku do

19 rokov sa zaradilo takmer 7,7 tis. osôb a vo veku nad 60 rokov išlo takmer o 8,1 tis. ľudí bez práce. Vplyva to z podrobných štvrtročných štatistík o nezamestnanosti na Slovensku, ktoré zverejnilo Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR.

Najviac nezamestnaných mladých ľudí vo veku od 20 do 29 rokov je v prešovskom a košickom kraji. Najmenej mladých ľudí bez práce bolo ku koncu prvého štvrťroku v bratislavskom, trnavskom a trenčianskom kraji.



V niektorých oblastiach Slovenska žijú ľudia kratšie

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územia, z čoho polovica sú horské oblasti prakticky bez osídlenia.


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V niektorých oblastiach Slovenska žijú ľudia kratšie

Takmer tretina Slovákov žije v narušenom až silne narušenom životnom prostredí. Geologická stavba územia SR je veľmi rôznorodá, čo je odrazom rozdielneho výskytu chemických prvkov priaznivých alebo nevhodných z hľadiska ľudského zdravia.

Takmer tretina obyvateľov žije v narušenom až silne narušenom životnom prostredí. Toto narušenie je podmienené najmä kontamináciou geologických zložiek.

Vysoká úroveň kontaminácie pôd, prírodných vôd, hornín, riečnych sedimentov a nepriaznivo zvýšené parametre prírodnej rádioaktivity boli geochemickým mapovaním dokumentované na viac ako desiatich percentách územia.

Ako poukazuje správa enviroreortu, ktorú vláda vzala na vedomie, na Slovensku sa vyskytujú viaceré oblasti, v ktorých je priemerná dĺžka života obyvateľstva o päť až desať rokov a často aj viac kratšia, a v ktorých sa

pozoruje zvýšený výskyt rôznych onkologických či kardiovaskulárnych ochorení.

Napríklad rakovina je najmenším problémom v oblasti Kysúc, Oravy, Spiša, naopak, vysoká úmrtnosť na rakovinu je v Bratislave, Košiciach a na južnom Slovensku.

Najviac srdcovocievnych ochorení sa zaznamenáva v oblastiach južného a stredného Slovenska s kontaminovaným geologickým prostredím.

“Výskyt významných, najmä rudných ložísk a stáročia trvajúca banká a úpravnícka činnosť v historických bankových oblastiach Slovenska na jednej strane, a na druhej strane rozsiahly a ekologicky nekontrolovaný rozvoj hospodárstva Slovenska v 20. storočí spôsobili značné škody na životnom prostredí,” upozornilo ministerstvo.

Kontaminované oblasti predstavujú približne desať percent

(Pokračovanie na str. 19)

V Bratislave otvorili výstavu o ŠtB

Skrýte fotoaparáty, šifrovacie zariadenie, vyznamenania, mapa konšpiračných bytov v Bratislave, fotografie, dokumenty a ďalšie dôkazy o činnosti komunistického Štátnej bezpečnosti (ŠtB) odhalí výstava Prísne tajné, ktorú otvorili 12. mája v Slovenskom národnom múzeu v Bratislave. Výstavu pripravil Ústav pamäti národa (ÚPN). Obsahuje obdobie od počiatkov ŠtB - 40. rokov, až do pádu režimu v roku 1989.

Návštevníci výstavy majú možnosť prezrieť si zoznam rezidentúr, ktoré pôsobili vo svete, dokumenty týkajúce sa príslušníkov i spolupracovníkov tajnej polície. Ukazuje spôsoby sledovania ľudí, obdobie normalizácie, ale aj pádu režimu a skartácie dokumentov v decembri 1989. Sú tam aj panely venované portrétom obetí - ľudí, ktorých prenasledovali - a sú doplnené aj o videoukážky z ich svedeckých výpovedí.

Činnosť ŠtB sa začala na Slovensku komplexne odkrývať až v roku 2003, keď ÚPN vznikol a jeho činnosť rozbehol prvý riaditeľ Ján Langoš.

Správy zo Slovenska



◆ 4. mája v noci vyčíňal v Košiciach a okolí silný vietor, ktorý strhával strechy, vyvracal stromy a priviesy nákladných áut.

◆ Veľké množstvo kokaínu v soškách vtákov zadržali 29. apríla colníci na bratislavskom letisku M.R. Štefánika, keď kontrolovali zásielku z Brazílie. Hodnota zaistenej drogy bola 5 920 000 eur. Colníci zadržali aj osobu, ktorá mala zásielku prebrať. Je ním 45-ročný konateľ slovenskej spoločnosti založenej iba pred mesiacom. Celkovo išlo o 32 kilogramov kokaínu, z ktorých by vyrobili minimálne 550-tisíc dávok.

◆ Podľa posledného prieskumu, ktorý sa konal v rámci európskeho projektu EDUMIGROM, chce takmer každý štvrtý žiak vo veku 15 rokov v dospelosti odísť zo Slovenska do cudziny. Odborníci to pripisujú zlej ekonomickej situácii, čo slovenskú mládež zrejme vedie k presvedčeniu, že v zahraničí nájdu lepšiu prácu a uplatnenie.

◆ V porovnaní s prvým kvartálom minulého roku sa v tomto roku predalo na Slovensku takmer o 50 percent viac bytov. Podľa vyjadrenia odborníkov by mal narastajúci záujem pokračovať aj ďalej. Najviac bytov sa predáva počas mesiacov máj až jún a v období letných prázdnin.

◆ Slovensku hrozí nedostatok zdravotných sestier. Dôchodkový vek dosahuje ročne 1200 až 1600 zdravotných sestier, pričom do systému prichádza asi 200 až 250 sestier, napriek tomu, že štúdium ukončí 500 sestier. Viac ako polovica z nich po ukončení štúdia odíde pracovať do zahraničia.

◆ Japonské deti z oblastí zasiahnutých zemetrasením a cunami budú môcť stráviť prázdniny na Slovensku. Túto formu pomoci ponúkol 10. mája minister vnútra SR Daniel Lipšic veľvyslancomi Japonska Yoshiovi Nomotovi, ktorý bude túto po-

nuku tlmočiť japonskej vláde. Výdavky spojené s pobytom a dopravou na Slovensko by hradila slovenská strana.

◆ 10. mája sa v popradskej nemocnici narodili trojčatá - Miriam, Bibiana a Martin. Všetky tri deti aj matka sú v nemocničnom ošetrovaní a sú zdraví. Novorodenci boli dočasne umiestnení v inkubátore.

◆ Najväčší počet vajec exotických vtákov v histórii Európskej únie sa podarilo zadržať slovenskej polícii v spolupráci s kolegami z Rakúska a Nemecka. Dvaja Slováci sa pokúšali doviezť v kokosovom orechu z Jamajky 74 vajec amazonských papagájov, ktoré plánovali predať záujemcom z celej Európy. Nitrianska polícia sledovala pašerákov už dlhšie. Sú známi medzi chovateľmi v Česku, Nemecku a Rakúsku.

◆ Na Slovensku sa 13. mája začalo sčítanie obyvateľstva, ktoré potrvá do 6. júna. Štatistický úrad SR ponúka obyvateľom po prvý raz v histórii možnosť vyplniť sčítacie formuláre aj cez internet. Elektronické sčítacie formuláre sú v slovenčine, angličtine a jazykoch národnostných menšín.

◆ Odborníci predpokladajú, že ani tohoročné sčítanie obyvateľov zrejme neprinesie reálne údaje o počte slovenských Rómov. Pri poslednom sčítaní sa k rómskej národnosti prihlásilo 89 920 obyvateľov. V porovnaní so sčítaním v roku 1991 sa počet občanov rómskeho pôvodu zvýšil o 14 000. Obe štatistiky sú však nepresné, podľa odhadov žije na Slovensku 280- až 400-tisíc Rómov. Väčšina z nich žije v 620 osadách, kde starostovia predpokladajú najväčšie problémy pri sčítaní obyvateľstva. Narádzajú na nedostatok vyškolených sčítacích komisárov, ktorí komunity dobre poznajú, majú prehľad o ich obyvateľoch a dokážu s nimi komunikovať v ich rodnom jazyku.



Jakabov palác v Košiciach postavil v neogotickom slohu v roku 1899 architekt Ing. Arpád Jakab. V stavbe boli použité kamenné články vyradené pri rekonštrukcii Dómu sv. Alžbety. Určitý čas bola budova sídlom prvého prezidenta ČSR Eduarda Beneša. Dnes slúži potrebám Britskej rady a na reprezentačné účely mesta.