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*Teams from New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania compete at tournament held in Uniontown, Pa.*

## The Group 6A Team from Perryopolis, Pa. Captures the Men's Title for the Third Consecutive Year at the 24th International Softball Tournament

**Jonathan Ross of Group 6 is named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament**

Group 6 "Msgr. Andrew Hlinka" of Perryopolis, Pa. served as the host for this year's exciting 24th International Softball Tournament held on Saturday, June 25 at the Nichols and Muholland Fields in Uniontown, Pa. Tournament participants were housed at the nearby Holiday Inn Express in Uniontown. Rudy Holloman of Group 6 along with our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Edward D. Moeller made all the arrangements for the fields, umpires, food and lodging.

As the players arrived at the softball fields on Saturday morning, partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the upper 70s made for nearly perfect weather for this year's 24th international softball competition. The softball action began at 9 a.m. sharp as teams from New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania came together in an attempt to capture the first place trophy. Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Damian Suess, working the event, made sure that every field

had the proper equipment, including bats, softballs and scorebooks for each game.

In the first game, Group 5, Cleveland, Oh. defeated the Group 14A team from Pittsburgh, Pa. by a final score of 12-1. Dan Dawson was 3 for 3 and Jay Macko, Chris Macko, Paul Macko, Jr. and Donny Macko all had two hits to lead the 16-hit attack and cruise to an easy victory. Rich and

Cindy Walkowiak had the only hits for the Pittsburgh team and Ben Moeller scored the only run for Group 14A.

In the second 9 a.m. game, Group 1, Passaic, N.J. cruised to an easy 23-2 victory over the Group 14B team from Pittsburgh, Pa. In the third game, the two time defending champs, the Group 6A team from Perryopolis, Pa., defeated the Group 5, Cleveland, Oh. team by a final score of 13-10. Scott Usher led Perryopolis with 3 hits and scored 3 runs and had two RBIs. Ryan Guthrie, Matt Guthrie, Matt Chalfant, Brian Chalfant, Ken Ozanick, AJ Novotney and Craig Kurdish all had at least two hits each in the 13-run 20-hit victory. The Group 5 team was led by Bauch Macko, who was 4 for 4 with 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Dan Dawson, Chris Macko and Paul Macko, Sr., all had two hits in a loosing effort.

Members of the Board of Directors came to watch the softball action on Saturday morning. The Board had been in session on Friday. Members who attended the tournament included: Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Treasurer James G. Jerek, General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Chairperson of Supreme Auditors Dennis J. Zifcak, Supreme Physical Director Dusan Dorich, and Supreme Physical Directress Susan L. Blosser. Sister Blosser volunteered to be the official scorekeeper for the final four games of the day at Mulholland Field.

In the fourth game, Group 1, Passaic, N.J. pounded out a ton of hits in 14-1 rout over the Group 6B team from Perryopolis, Pa. In the fifth game of the day, Group 5, Cleveland, Oh.



Members of the Group 6A Championship Men's team of Perryopolis, Pa. pose for a photo with tournament officials. The champs included kneeling from the left: Ryan Guthrie, Rudy Holloman (player/coach), Ken Ozanick, Matt Leachman, Scott Usher and Nick Molchan. Standing, l-r: Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Damian Suess, Greg Rabatin, Brian Chalfant, A.J. Novotney, Jonathan Ross, the MVP of the tournament; Clarence "Buffalo" Checton, Gerry Rabatin, Craig Kordich, Ed Elnikar, Matthew Chalfant, Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon and Michael T. Matras, Sports Director of Group 6.



The team from Group 1, Passaic, N.J. enjoyed a great performance at this year's 24th International Softball Tournament in Uniontown, Pa. The Garden State team took second place team honors at this year's competition. Members of the team included, kneeling from the left: Rich Bel Bruno, Patrick Elliott, Scott Pogorelec, Lorenzo Castaldo, Chris Rold and Ramon Cornier, Jr. Standing, l-r: Keven LaMonico, Danny Rold, Larry Galanti, Brad Forestieri, Steven Pogorelec, Jr., Chris Calabro and Robert Eickenberg.

crushed the Group 14B team from Pittsburgh by a final score of 18-3. Chris Macko smacked 4 hits and Ryan Blizzard and Dan Dawson chipped in 3 hits to lead their team in the big win over the Pittsburgh B team. Mike Lako, Jeff Harms and Beau Fanzo scored the 3 runs for the Group 14B team. In the sixth game, the Group 6B team of Perryopolis defeated the Group 14A team of Pittsburgh by a final score of 13-9. The Group 6B

team jumped out to an early 11-2 lead, after 3 innings, led by Doug Stocky and Levi Stanley who both had 4 hits. Mark Matras and Mikey Matras, each had 3 hits, and Mark scored 4 times. In the last 4 innings, the bats for the Group 14A team came alive, scoring one run in the fourth inning, two in the sixth and 4 in the top of the seventh for the final score. Ben Moeller had four hits for Pittsburgh and Brian Schiebel and Justin Kuchta had 3 hits. Rich and

Cindy Walkowiak both played hard and helped with the late inning rally that fell a little bit short.

In the seventh and by far the most exciting game of the day, Group 1 jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, as Larry Galanti got a key hit in the top of the first inning. The Group 6A team responded with 3 runs in the bottom of the second to tie the game courtesy of a 2-run double from AJ Novotney. In

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## From the Desk of the Supreme Secretary

# My Fraternal View

by Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.



### SOKOL FRATERNALISM AT ITS BEST

During the month of July this year, our organization plays host to two very important events which represent the highest ideals of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. 106 years ago, the founders of our organization gathered in Passaic, N.J. to organize what today is known as "America's Greatest Gymnastic and Athletic Fraternity." They wanted to provide financial security for their families and they wanted to promote an active gymnastic and athletic program.

From July 12-16 our organization hosted its 45th International Slet at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa. Our youth once again presented an outstanding display of gymnastics, track and field and good sportsmanship at its best. I wish to congratulate all of our Slet participants who once again displayed their best efforts. I hope all of them had an exciting and enjoyable Slet experience and something they will treasure throughout their lives. Hosting a national Slet is a nearly century-long tradition of our organization which had its beginnings in 1912 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Later this month, beginning on July 30th with the delegates registration, we will host our organization's 31st National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. The convention is the highest governing body in the life of a fraternal benefit society. The gathering of delegates who were elected by their local lodges and Groups represent the fraternal democratic process in action. From our very beginnings, our organization has reflected our American democratic way of life. All is in readiness as we return to Pittsburgh for our convention. It is the third occasion in the history of our organization that we have gathered in this great city for our convention. Previous Sokol conventions have included our 13th held there in 1936, our 24th held in 1983 and now our 31st in 2011. The Pittsburgh area has long been recognized as having the largest concentration of those of Slovak ancestry in the United States. More than a century ago, Slovak immigrants found abundant employment in the then thriving steel industry in the area. They established many local fraternal societies. As men and women of faith, in 1894 they founded St. Elizabeth's Parish, the first of many Slovak Roman and Greek Catholic parishes. Faith is still very important to all of us. It is interesting to note that as we gather this time in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, one of our own members, the Most Rev. David A. Zubik serves as Bishop. He was enrolled as a child in Assembly 206 in Ambridge, Pa. and all of us are very proud of him. The first session of the Convention will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Keeping with our religious traditions, our 31st Convention Mass takes place on Sunday, July 31 with a concelebrated Mass at St. Paul Cathedral beginning at 3 p.m.

Bishop David A. Zubik along with our Sokol Protector, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic and other clergy members will concelebrate the liturgy. I extend a cordial invitation to our members from across Western Pennsylvania to join us for our Convention Mass as we implore God's blessings on the deliberations of our Convention. The occasion is an important reminder of our ageless motto "For God and Nation." The Almighty certainly has had a hand in the success of the Slovak Catholic Sokol over these 106 years.

We return to Pittsburgh where our local Sokol lodges continue their activity, centered around the beautiful Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located on the city's historic South Side. We thank our local Group 14 Sokol members for their efforts in helping to host our convention.

Important decisions will be made by the delegates at our convention. The direction of our organization will be foremost in our minds. The challenges of the current economic crisis in our country have not deterred our plans. Today, we remain a sound financial institution worthy of our continued support and promotion. In addition to our insurance protection, we have offered so many fine fraternal benefits. Over the years, generations of our members have been protected by a variety of insurance products. Today, we offer many innovative ways to protect our lives and our families through our insurance and annuity products. We help to provide the security necessary in these challenging economic times. Purchasing life insurance may still be one of the best decisions you will ever make. Each of us again needs to ask ourselves whether we have enough life insurance. The answer isn't how much life insurance you need but how much money your family will need after you are gone. And remember, members still have until August 31, 2011 to purchase affordable, quality life insurance protection at reduced rates through our "Growing Our Legacy" Convention Campaign. Details along with an application may be found in this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations and best wishes to Honorary Supreme Officer, Brother Andrew J. Hvozdic our member of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on being selected as the Slovak Catholic Sokol "2011 Fraternalist of the Year." Brother "Butch" as he is well known is most deserving of this honor and we wish him and his family our sincere thanks and appreciation for his many years of service to our wonderful organization.

Until next time, I hope that all our members and friends will enjoy a pleasant and relaxing summer season. I hope to see many of you at our various upcoming Sokol activities. May God bless you and yours with much love and happiness. Have a great week and peace be with you. Zdar Boh!

p.m., Mass at 4 p.m. followed by cultural program and music for dancing beginning at 6 p.m. for tickets, call Dolly at (412)243-0438.

SUN.JULY 24

■ 81st annual Slovak American Day hosted by the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th St., Franklin, Wis. beginning at 11 a.m., Slovak Mass at 12 noon, cultural program with Group 4 drillers performing and cultural program to follow; for information call Betty Valent (414)425-6137.

JULY 30-AUG.3

■ 31st National Convention at The Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SUN.AUG.7

■ 11th annual Slovak Day Picnic hosted by the Slovak Ameri-

can Cultural Center of New York at Greenwich Point Park, Tod's Driftway, Old Greenwich, Conn. beginning at 12 noon, \$35.00, adults; \$15.00 children ages 6-18, call Adella Darula (203)531-9532 adelkadarula@aol.com.

AUG.11-13

■ 12th annual Bazaar of St.

John the Evangelist Parish on the church grounds, Broad and Church Sts., Pittston, Pa., bake sale, entertainment, ethnic foods, and bingo; beginning daily at 5 p.m.

SUN.AUG.14

■ Annual Slovak Day pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine of Our Lady

Help of Christians, Filors Lane, West Haverstraw, N.Y.; Slovak confessions at 10 a.m., Slovak Mass at 11 a.m., luncheon to follow; outdoor Rosary devotions at 2:30 p.m.; for information call Jozef Bilik at (718)643-2084.

AUG. 19-21

■ 56th International Golf Tournament at Peek N. Peak Golf Resorts, Clymer, N.Y.

SUN.AUG.21

■ Annual Parish Picnic of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish on the parish grounds, 1315 Second St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. with activities to follow until 5 p.m.; for additional information call James T.Genosky (763)789-9196.

SEPT.3-4

■ 76th annual Pilgrimage-Odpust in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.; begins Saturday morning and concludes on Sunday evening; for info call (724)438-8644.

SAT. SEPT. 10

■ Pilgrimage of Faith sponsored by the Slovak Catholic Federation at St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. beginning with devotions at 11 a.m., luncheon at 12 noon; devotions and confessions, concluding with Pontifical Mass in the Archabbey Crypt at 4 p.m.; call Dolores M. Evanko (570)454-5547.

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

- Editor

### OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JULY 27

In keeping with our bi-weekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, July 27th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, July 21st.

View e-Falcon on our website: [www.slovakcatholicokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicokol.org).

Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain  
Zdar Boh!

Daniel F. Tanzone, Editor

## Sokol Calendar

SUN.JULY 17

■ Slovak Day picnic hosted by the American Slovak Zemplin Club of Cleveland at St. Sava Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Rd., Broadview Heights, Oh. 12 noon-8 p.m., for information call (440)885-5702.

■ 38th annual Slovak Day celebration of the Diocese of Gary at the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Ave., Merrillville, Ind. beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m., luncheon and cultural program to follow.

THURS.JULY 21

■ 88th annual Pittsburgh Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. beginning with children's games and treats at 12:30

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## NEW BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN JUNE

RECOMMENDERS	CITY/STATE	CERTIFICATES	VOLUME	POINTS
Larry M. Glugosh	Toronto, CN	1	\$ 5,000	54
Kathleen A. Hiester	Reading, PA	1	5,000	57
George R. Hrubovcak	Barberton, OH	1	10,000	86
Michael A. Hussar	Lyndora, PA	1	5,000	56
Robert E. Leso	Philadelphia, PA	1	5,000	55
Robert Magruder	Yonkers, NY	1	10,000	31
Bernadette Malinak	Perryopolis, PA	1	10,000	81
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	9	95,000	783
Jennifer Ann Romine	Milwaukee, WI	1	5,000	56
Eileen S. Wilson	Bridgeport, CT	1	25,000	143
Totals		18	\$175,000	1,402
<b>ANNUITIES</b>				
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	2	\$ 20,000	125
Albert J. Suess, Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	1	200	26
Daniel F. Tanzone	Yonkers, NY	2	8,000	40
Totals		5	\$ 28,200	191

## Lodge Jottings

CHICAGO, ILL  
Assembly 11

All the members of Assembly 11 are invited to join with our brother Sokols and sister Sokolky from Indiana and Wisconsin in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Group 4, "Bishop Stefan Moyzes" which will be held at the beautiful Camelot Banquet Hall, 8624 West 95th St., Hickory Hills, Ill. on Saturday, September 17. Luncheon tickets are free of charge; however, members are asked to send in a \$10.00 reservation fee, which will be refunded at the door. Guests are also invited, but tickets for guests are \$30.00. The activities will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a one-hour cocktail hour (open bar), and a family style dinner at 12:30 p.m. A short program will follow dinner, and will conclude with another open bar cocktail hour. Gene Mikrut will provide music during and after the meal. Those who have attended our previous centennial celebrations recently, will surely not want to miss

this one!

The entire package is worth over \$30.00; however we are asking that you send \$10.00 as a reservation fee, which will be refunded to all members who will attend. Non-members can also attend; however they will have to pay the entire cost of the ticket, which is \$30.00 (no refund). To insure that we know how many will attend and how many dinners to order, we ask that those planning to attend send a reservation letter, along with the \$10.00 or \$30.00 per person, payable to Assembly 11, S.C.S. to: Therese M. Buc, 9024 Del Prado Drive, Unit 1S, Palos Hills, IL 60465-5032, before August 30, 2011.

As the first lodge of the Slovak Catholic Sokol to be organized in the Midwest, it is fitting that we honor the founders of Group 4, who were made up of mostly by Assembly 11 officers and members and celebrate all of the wonderful things that Group 4 has accomplished during

these one hundred years. We promise all an enjoyable afternoon of dining, and pleasant Slovak Catholic Sokol fellowship.

The history of Group 4 is the story of countless men and women who devoted their time and talents in promoting the ideals upon which our organization organized, right here in Chicago at St. Michael the Archangel Slovak Parish on April 20, 1911, just ten months after the 4th national convention, held in Johnstown, Pa., June 13-14, 1910, elected to form Groups which were to be organized throughout the organization so that local lodges might coordinate their fraternal and sports programs in a particular geographic area. That historic meeting was hosted by Assembly 11 and Wreath 9, and was called to order by Steve Summa, president of Assembly 11. Present were members from Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.; Assembly 41, Gary, Ind.; Assembly 51, Joliet, Ill.; Assembly 61, Westville, Ill.; and Wreath 9, Chicago, Ill. The founders selected St. Joseph, the foster Father of Jesus as their patron. A few years later, the noted Slovak patriot and religious leader, Bishop Stefan Moyzes was named patron of Group 4. The first president of Group 4 was Valent Lapsansky, who was not only one of the founding fathers of our organization, but also the first Supreme Auditor and one of the founders of Assembly 11.

For further information, please contact Joseph A. Seliga, at (773)476-1844, or Therese M. Buc, at (708)598-1468.

Zdar Boh!

**Frank R. Stolar**

President

**Joseph A. Seliga**

Financial Secretary

Convention Choir  
Forming

This is a call to all delegates who will be attending our upcoming 31st National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 30 - August 3 at The Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree. We all know the popular adage "Where there are Slovaks, there is singing." With this in mind, we are hoping to put together a choir for the official opening convention Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. with our own Sokol member, the Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, as principal celebrant. The music will be congregational in nature, a mix of English and Slovak hymns, most of which have been sung at previous convention Masses. We invite any of our delegates who are interested in becoming a part of the Convention Choir to contact our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic by phone (570)888-9641 or email: AHvozdovic@stny.rr.com. At the registration desk at the convention, there will be a sign-up sheet and the announcement of further details. Again, we look forward to an inspiring and historic 31st National Convention in.

## Honoring a very deserving fraternalist

## Andrew J. "Butch" Hvozdovic selected as our 2011 Fraternalist of the Year

He has been a model and active fraternalist all his life. He has given generously serving on the local, Group and Supreme Assembly levels of our organization. He is a popular, affable and certainly an individual who deserves to be honored. Such accolades describe none other than Andrew J. "Butch" Hvozdovic of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. who has been selected as our 2011 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. Members of the Board of Directors, assembled at their quarterly meeting on June 24 in Pittsburgh, Pa. chose Brother Hvozdovic from among individuals nominated for the honor by the membership. Brother Hvozdovic will be honored at an appropriate occasion in the fall where he will be presented with the Fraternalist of the Year plaque and a check for \$200 as a token of our organization's gratitude for his years of dedicated fraternal service and example. In addition, he will be submitted as our organization's candidate for the 2011 American Fraternal Alliance Fraternalist of the Year competition. Formerly known as the National Fraternal Congress of America, the American Fraternal Alliance represents more than 9 million members of fraternalism in the United States and Canada.



A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Brother Hvozdovic was born there March 25, 1934, son of Andrew Anthony and Anna Koval Hvozdovic. He was raised in Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Parish there and was graduated from its parochial school, where his teachers were the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius. He is a graduate of Wilkes-Barre's James M. Coughlin High School and is a retired city firefighter. On April 26, 1958 he and the former Margaret Louise Balint exchanged marriage vows before the late Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Super at St. John the Baptist Slovak Church in Pittston, Pa. The marriage has been blessed with two sons, the Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa.; and Stephen Andrew Hvozdovic, who currently resides in Wilkes-Barre with his wife, Chyrisse, who are the parents of two sons, Stephen and Joshua.

Brother Hvozdovic hails from a 100% Sokol family. He has been active in Assembly 59 all his life. In his youth, he competed at many of our national Slets, garnering several medals over the years. He currently serves as president of Assembly 59, a position he has held for the past 51 years. He has been active for many years in Group 7 "Rev. Joseph Murgas", serving as president, vice-president and currently serving as an auditor. He has served as a member of the Supreme Assembly for many years. The 24th national convention in 1983 first elected him a Member of the Supreme Court and was reelected to this office at subsequent conventions. He also served as Supreme Vice President and Chairperson of the Supreme Court. The 30th national convention held in Las Vegas, Nev. in 2008 elected him an Honorary Supreme Officer in recognition of his 22 years of service as a Supreme Officer.

As a fraternalist and sportsman, Brother Hvozdovic has actively competed in our national bowling and golf tournaments. At the 57th International Bowling Tournament in 2003, he was awarded the prestigious Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. Under his leadership, Group 7 hosted our 23rd national convention and 29th International Slet in 1979 as well as many national softball tournaments. He has also helped to coordinate many Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments. Most recently, he has organized an annual golf tournament hosted by Assembly 59 and helps coordinate the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Over the years, he has been among our organization's top recommenders of new membership. In short, he has been a model Sokol, an individual who beautifully mirrors our fraternal way of life.

In addition to his Sokol activities, as an individual proud of his heritage and interested in the welfare of his community, over the years, Brother Hvozdovic has served on a number of city commissions. He currently serves on the Wilkes-Barre City Golf Commission which oversees the city's two golf courses. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-Barre, one of the largest ethnic clubs of its kind in Pennsylvania. He has been a director for the past 44 years and is currently enjoying the honor of being the longest serving officer of the club. He is also active in the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Slovak League of America.

In addition, over the years, he has worked behind the scenes organizing the annual children's Christmas parties for the North End Slovak Citizens Club, many Group 7 Sokol Day committees, Joining Hands Day efforts as well as other community wide efforts. He is also a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Alhambra, the Tatra Club of Wyoming Valley, the Russian Club of Hudson, and the Polish Club of Plains. In short, volunteerism and service best portray our 2011 Fraternalist of the Year.

In addition, he enjoys his "free time" with his lovely wife, Louise and their grandchildren Stephen and Joshua.

Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes go out to Brother "Butch" Hvozdovic who is so deserving of our organization's recognition. May God continue to bless him with good health and happiness and his determination to continue to be a model fraternalist among us. God bless you and Zdar Boh!

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## REFLECTOR ...

### Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

#### St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Pa. to note milestone

St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Pa. has been spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of God's love for all people for fifty years. The ministry of the Franciscan friars has been serving the people not only in the Lehigh Valley but far beyond as well. Since its dedication in the fall of 1961, over 200,000 men, women and youth have come to this "Gospel Inn" seeking a quiet place, free from the distractions of daily life, where they have found spiritual enrichment, growth, and renewal through its retreat programs. The 50th anniversary of St. Francis Retreat House will be celebrated on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northampton Country Club in Easton, Pa.

At the jubilee dinner, a few special individuals as representatives of the many people who have supported the retreat house will be honored. Among those to be honored will be the Rev. William Reisteter, O.F.M., who served at the retreat house for many years, and the late Rev. Jerome J. Pavlik, O.F.M. who was instrumental in overseeing the building of the retreat house. Also among the honorees will be Brother Edward Skutka, O.F.M. and the Slovak Franciscan Friars of the former Vice Province of the Holy Savior who opened the retreat house and staffed the facility until their merger with the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. John the Baptist in Cincinnati, Oh. 2001.

The beginnings of the friary and retreat house date back to the mid 1950s. The Slovak Franciscans, under the leadership of the Very Rev. Francis Vilha, O.F.M., wanted to open a monastery in the Lehigh Valley then a part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Father Francis along with his secretary, Father Jerome J. Pavlik, O.F.M. visited the area and found a suitable piece of property for a monastery and retreat house. Permission for the project was given by Archbishop O'Hara and the property at Chipman Road in Easton was purchased in 1956. The final permission came on Nov. 13, 1956 from the Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor. The first Slovak Franciscans arrived in the Lehigh Valley in January 1957 with the Rev. Bernadine Hvizdos, O.F.M. as the first superior. A year later, Father Jerome J. Pavlik, O.F.M. became the superior. It was during his ministry and hard work that the new retreat house and monastery were completed. In August 1959 ground was broken for the new facility. Finally, on September 17, 1961, the new St. Francis Chapel, friary and retreat house were solemnly dedicated by the Most Rev. Joseph McShea, the recently appointed first Bishop of Allentown in which the retreat house was now located.

Father Jerome is to be credited for his years of hard work in planning and building the new retreat house.

Father Jerome, who later served as Supreme Chaplain of our organization, engaged Sokols and Sokolky across the country in support of the new project. Not only did the Slovak Catholic Sokol donate \$30,000 to the Slovak Franciscans for this project but also provided the mortgage at a reduced rate of interest so that the buildings might be built. Father Jerome continued his many innovations including the annual Poverello benefit dinners, the hosting of various Slovak gatherings as well as the traditional Slovak Portiuncula day pilgrimages held in August at the monastery which attracted pilgrims from Slovak parishes across the northeast. Even following Father Jerome's departure from Easton, he continued to actively support its ministry among Sokol members. For these and other reasons, most importantly our love for the Poverello, we consider the ministry of St. Francis Retreat House very close to all our hearts.

We congratulate the Franciscans in Easton on the golden jubilee of the dedication of their retreat house. In a sense it is somewhat a credit to the strong faith of American Catholics of Slovak ancestry. On this occasion, a special commemorative journal will be published. Those interested in purchasing an ad, attending the jubilee dinner on October 15, or just making a donation to the work of the Franciscans, may do so by

writing: St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA 18045-3014, tel. (610)258-3053.

#### Slovak illustrations and Art to be featured in Kansas City

The Czech & Slovak Club of Greater Kansas City, Mo. is excited to present Czech & Slovak Illustrations and Art at the Buttonwood Art Space Gallery, 3013 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri ([www.buttonwoodartspace.com](http://www.buttonwoodartspace.com)) with a First Friday Art Event Opening Reception on Friday, August 5 from 6 - 9 p.m. Exhibition dates are August 5 - August 26, 2011. The Buttonwood Art Space Gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment.

The main exhibit will be the award-winning collection of illustrations by Slovak artists in The Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (1967-2009) (BIB). These illustrations are the best children's book illustrations published in Slovakia during the past four decades. The Embassy of the Slovak Republic, Washington, D.C. (<http://www.mzv.sk/washington>) created the exhibit and Buttonwood Art Space is the only location in the Midwest that will be featuring the artwork.

The BIB is an international competitive exhibition of children's book illustration originals which has been held in Bratislava, the Slovak capital, every second year since 1967. The aim of the BIB is to present the best illustrations for children's books from countries across the world with a long tradition of book culture. At the same time it provides an opportunity for international illustrators to present their work to professionals and publishers.

The Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava Exhibition was previously displayed in the US in 2010 at the official opening of the Honorary Consulate of the Slovak Republic in Dallas in May 2010; at the Slovak Embassy in Washington during the official reception to Constitution Day in September 2010; and at the United Nations in New York City on the occasion of the visit of the President of Slovakia Ivan Gasparovic to the UN General Assembly in September 2010. In October - December 2010, the exhibition was also displayed in Washington, DC during the EURO Kids Festival in the Gallery of the Children's National Medical Center and at the Palisades Library.

For more information on images, contact Kathy Drungilas, Business Manager, Buttonwood Art Space, at 816-285-9040 or [Kathy@ButtonwoodArtSpace.com](mailto:Kathy@ButtonwoodArtSpace.com). For additional information on Slovak activities in Missouri contact Ross P. Marine, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic, 11729 Central St., Kansas City, MO 64114, tel. 916-943-0515, [rossmarine@earthlink.net](mailto:rossmarine@earthlink.net).

#### Traditional Slovak pilgrimage in West Haverstraw, N.Y. on August 14

The annual Slovak Day pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians in West Haverstraw, N.Y. is scheduled for Sunday, August 14. The Marian Shrine, conducted by the Salesians of St. John Bosco is located at Filors Lane. The annual event is hosted by the St. Stephen's Society, Branch 716 of the First Catholic Slovak Union along with other Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and parishes in the Archdiocese of New York. The program begins with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. a concelebrated Mass will be celebrated in Slovak at the outdoor shrine. Following the liturgy, a luncheon will be available in the shrine's dining hall beginning at 12:30 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. the traditional Slovak Rosary devotions will be celebrated outdoors. Sokols and Sokolky from across the metropolitan area are cordially invited to participate in this Slovak faith tradition which recalls the great pilgrimage sites in Slovakia which attract pilgrims throughout the summer season.

A bus will depart from St. John Nepomucene Church, located at the corner of 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan. Those interested in traveling on the bus or other details regarding this year's pilgrimage should contact Jozef Bilik at tel. (718) 463-2084. For directions to the shrine call the Marian Shrine at tel. (914)947-2200.



## The Word of God ...

Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday  
of the Year- July 17th

Matthew 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*Jesus proposed another parable  
to the crowds, saying:*

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened  
to a man who sowed good seed  
in his field.*

*While everyone was asleep  
his enemy came and sowed weeds  
all through the wheat,  
and then went off.*

*When the crop grew and bore fruit,  
the weeds appeared as well.*

*The slaves of the householder  
came to him and said,*

*'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?  
Where have the weeds come from?'*

*He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'  
His slaves said to him,*

*'Do you want us to go  
and pull them up?'*

*He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds  
you might uproot the wheat along with them.*

*Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time*

*I will say to the harvesters,*

*"First collect the weeds  
and tie them into bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn." ..."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday  
of the Year- July 24th

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*Jesus said to his disciples:*

*"The kingdom of heaven  
is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy*

*goes and sells all that he has  
and buys that field.*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven  
is like a merchant  
searching for fine pearls.*

*When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has  
and buys it.*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net  
thrown into the sea,  
which collects fish of every kind.*

*When it is full  
they haul it ashore  
and sit down*

*to put what is good into buckets.  
What is bad they throw away.*

*Thus it will be at the end of the age.*

*The angels will go out  
and separate the wicked from the righteous  
and throw them into the fiery furnace,  
where there will be wailing  
and grinding of teeth.*

*"Do you understand all these things?"*

*They answered, "Yes."*

*And he replied,  
"Then every scribe  
who has been instructed  
in the kingdom of heaven  
is like the head of a household  
who brings from his storeroom  
both the new and the old."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

## The 88th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park – A treasure chest of memories, many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created

by Angela M. Lipchick

The 88th Annual Slovak Day will take place on Thursday, July 21st at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pa. It is a day with colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities, foot-tapping music for dancing, and a treasure chest of memories - many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association under the leadership of Dolores Sakal and the Rev. Joseph R. Grosko. It is comprised of Slovak organizations from across Western Pennsylvania who come together to recognize all people of Slovak heritage in a day of fun and entertainment. Slovak Day was established in 1923 to celebrate and preserve the Slovak heritage of Western Pennsylvania. Kennywood Park became synonymous with this annual celebration due to easy access via the streetcar line from all regions of Western Pennsylvania. Slovak Day helped give many Slovak families a chance to speak in their own language, socialize with friends, as well as dance and enjoy the rich heritage they brought to this area. This event supports non-profit Slovak organizations of Western Pennsylvania such as the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, The Vincentian Home,

the Slovak Franciscan friars, the School Sisters of St. Francis, the Slovak Radio Hour, The Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble. Last year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association contributed approximately \$4,000 to these organizations.

The highlight of this year's festivities will be the visiting representatives from the Slovak Embassy in Washington, D.C. The introduction of the Slovak Embassy delegation will take place at the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" following the 4 p.m. Slovak Liturgy. The principal celebrant of the liturgy will be the Rev. Thomas Burke, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Braddock, Pa. Concelebrants will include priests of Slovak ancestry from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses. The liturgical music will be provided by the Rev. Greg Madja. Immediately following the liturgy will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by The Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS).

Entertainment at 2 p.m. will be provided by the Pittsburgh Junior Slovaks and the PAS Junior and Maly Ensembles. Also, strolling musicians will perform throughout the picnic area, playing and singing your favorite songs.

Slovak Day activities at Ken-

nywood Park will overflow with music, food, dancing, and displays along with children's activities which begin at 12:30 p.m.

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy Halupky (stuffed cabbage), halusky (sweet cabbage and noodles), and klobasy. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with such homemade favorites as ceregi. Enjoy this delicious dinner or ale carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as strolling musicians play all of the "Slovak favorites." Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride "Garfield's Revenge" beginning at 1 p.m. and will be provided until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3, you will be able to view an exhibit about the Spis Castle prepared by the PAS Junior and Maly Ensembles. Spis Castle is the largest castle complex in Central Europe. The exhibit is a Slovak heirloom of folk treasures that display the incredible skill and artistry of the Slovak villagers.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat of a Hot Dog and soft drink. All youth, ages 12 and under, are encouraged to attend.

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## Assembly 79 hosts Annual Group 9 Golf Tournament in Cresson, Pa.

Group 9, "SS. Cyril and Methodius" of Johnstown, Pa. held its annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 18 at the scenic Summit Country Club in Cresson, Pa. Hosting this year's fraternal competition was Assembly 79 of Lilly, Pa. Golfers from Sokol Lodges in Dunlo, Johnstown and Lilly participated in this year's outing.



After enjoying a spirited competition on the beautiful golf course, the Sokols and Sokolky gathered in the facility's Club House for a wonderful reception and victory dinner. Group 9 President Joanne E. Spisak extended a warm fraternal welcome to the fraternal golfers and guests in attendance. She expressed thanks and gratitude to all who had a hand in the success of this year's competition, in particular our host, Assembly 79 along with Robert and Keith Shedlock for their efforts. After enjoying a great meal along with traditional Sokol camaraderie, the awards were distributed to our tournament leaders.

This year's first place winner was Raymond Guzik, a member of Assembly 79 in Lilly. Second place honors went to Robert Shedlock, also of Lilly. In third place was John Pryo, another Lilly golfer. Fourth place honors went to Paul Glovany of Assembly 82 in Dunlo and in fifty place was Keith Shedlock of Lilly.

Skill prizes presented included the Closest to the Pin on Hole #4 won by David Thrower; Closest to the pin on Hole #8 to Corey Shedlock and Closest to the Pin on hole #12 to Keith Shedlock. Ladies first place honors went to Carol Susko of Assembly 82 in Dunlo. Second place honors went to Trish Gill and third place honors went to Susan Blazosky, both of Dunlo.

I would like to thank Robert Shedlock and his brother Keith for stepping in and taking charge at this year's tournament. I couldn't be there since my son Tom made me an offer I couldn't refuse - a Saturday at the US Open on June 18th. One can't beat a day like that - especially one spent with my son.

Next year, Wreath 14 of Johnstown, Pa. will host our Group 9 Golf Tournament. Thanks again to all our participants for making this year's golf tournament a success. Finally, best wishes go out to all our Group 9 golfers who will be competing at this year's 56th International Golf Tournament scheduled for August 19-21 at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, N.Y. Wishing all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer and looking forward to seeing you at upcoming Group 9 activities, I remain

Zdar Boh!

**Tom Muldoon**

Assembly 79 Sports Director

## Indiana fraternalists to be recognized

The Indiana Fraternal Alliance, formerly the Indiana Fraternal Congress, will offer Adult and Youth Fraternalist of the Year awards recognizing individuals who have provided outstanding volunteer service. An adult and a youth who are members of fraternal benefit societies affiliated with the Indiana Alliance will be chosen for their example and accomplishment have provided service to the local lodge, the society and the community in general are eligible to apply for these awards.

Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for at least two years residing in Indiana may apply for these awards. Anyone between the ages of 12-22 may be nominated for the youth award. Those ages 23 and older may apply for the adult award. Nominees will be judged on activities completed within the last 12 months. A quali-

fied panel of independent judges will choose the winners. The decisions of the judges will be final.

The awards will be presented at the annual meeting of the Indiana Fraternal Alliance on Friday, September 23, 2011. Travel, lodging and meal expenses for the honorees will be provided by the sponsoring societies. In addition to an engraved plaque, honorees will receive a \$100 check to be given to a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice. An application for either of these awards is available by contacting Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office at 800-886-7656. Deadline for the completed application is August 26, 2011. Andrew Harcar, Sr. of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the U.S. and Canada is serving as chairperson of the Fraternalist of the Year Committee of the Indiana Fraternal Alliance.

## Slovak Day Picnic in Old Greenwich, Conn.

The Slovak American Cultural Center of New York will host its 11th annual Slovak Day Picnic on Sunday, August 7 at Greenwich Point Park in Old Greenwich, Conn. Festivities begin at 12 noon and will include all things Slovak - music, food, beer, homemade pastries along with sports activities for all ages. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 6 to 18. Make check payable to S-ACC and send same to: Adelka Darula, 28 High St., Greenwich, Conn. 06830. For additional information on this year's picnic call Adelka at tel. (203)531-9532 or adelkadarula@aol.com.

Greenwich Point Park is located on Tod's Driftway in Old Greenwich. The park is conveniently located off Exit 5 of I-95. Turn right at exit ramp/light. Turn right again at next light onto Sound Beach Avenue. Continue passing park on right. Turn right onto Shore Road. Follow Shore Road over causeway into Greenwich Point. Area Sokol members are invited to enjoy a wonderful summer afternoon with a distinctly Slovak flavor.

## Vicky Kurak Honored by New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan



Vicky, affectionately known as Tory, Kurak, shown on the above photo far left, has been an outgoing volunteer and promoter of church activities since her grammar school days at Most Holy Trinity School in Yonkers, N.Y. where her teachers were the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius. She continues to remain active at Most Holy Trinity Parish even though she no longer resides in Yonkers. She served as the chairperson of this year's Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal at Most Holy Trinity which had as its theme "Sharing God's Gifts." Under Tory's leadership the Yonkers parish exceeded its goal by more than 20 percent and raised more than \$18,000 towards the appeal which supports many outreach projects serving the poor sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. Her hard work was recognized as Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan inducted Tory, as one of seven individuals from the nearly 400 parishes of the New York Archdiocese, into the Stewardship Appeal Hall of Fame at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie in Yonkers, N.Y. on June 10. This year's appeal help to raise more than \$18 million. Tory is shown above with Archbishop Dolan and the others inducted into the Appeal Hall of Fame. Tory is our long-time member of Assembly 219 and has been an active Sokolka all her life, including participating in our national Slets. She is a wonderful faith-filled individual who is a credit to our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage. She embodies the highest ideals of service and outreach which are the hallmarks of the fraternal benefit system. Tory is the daughter of Victoria Rehak Kurak and the late Emil Kurak. She hails from a 100% Sokol family. Again our congratulations and Zdar Boh!

# Prize List - 65th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament

## Bowl-O-Rama Lanes + Reading, Pa. + May 20-22

## MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handicap	Total
<b>1. Assembly 16, Pittsburgh PA</b>						
Jeff	Harms	167	180	157	82	586
Tony	Harms	219	165	147	67	598
Ed	Fischer	214	183	194	0	591
Beau	Fanzo	202	158	179	100	639
<b>Totals</b>		<b>802</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>2,414</b>
<b>2. Assembly 79, Lilly PA</b>						
Jerry	Bender	191	203	151	24	569
John	Smith	225	184	200	24	633
James	Bart	193	153	189	100	635
Tom	Muldoon	240	174	147	2	563
<b>Totals</b>		<b>849</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>3. Assembly/Wreath 25/162/82, Perryopolis/Clifton/Dunlo</b>						
Steve	Luczki	227	215	194	60	696
Rick	Anthony	125	192	201	34	552
Marc	Kudlacik	188	129	223	94	634
Eric	Mangiafico	139	138	120	100	497
<b>Totals</b>		<b>679</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>2,379</b>
<b>4. Assembly 167, Barberton, OH</b>						
Pete	Underation	164	160	190	67	581
Rich	Underation	156	162	149	74	541
Alex	Stavarz	197	178	167	89	631
Marty	Underation	162	224	169	38	593
<b>Totals</b>		<b>679</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2,346</b>

## MEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS

		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handicap	Total
<b>1. Perryopolis, PA</b>						
Clarence	Checton	222	246	198	10	676
Ed	Elnikar	247	200	173	29	649
<b>Totals</b>		<b>469</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,325</b>
<b>2. Lilly PA</b>						
Corey	Shedlock	202	208	201	67	678
Robert	Shedlock	187	192	173	72	624
<b>Totals</b>		<b>389</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1,302</b>
<b>3. Barberton, OH</b>						
Pete	Underation	213	212	151	67	643
Marty	Underation	255	187	178	38	658
<b>Totals</b>		<b>468</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,301</b>
<b>4. Detroit, MI</b>						
Michael	Romanchik	149	176	150	100	575
Daniel	Romanchik	209	236	193	50	688
<b>Totals</b>		<b>358</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,263</b>
<b>5. Pittsburgh, PA</b>						
Dave	Suchy	199	212	183	34	628
Jay	Barna	181	190	213	46	630
<b>Totals</b>		<b>380</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,258</b>
<b>6. Lilly PA</b>						
James	Bart	228	192	148	100	668
John	Smith	179	170	214	24	587
<b>Totals</b>		<b>407</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,255</b>
<b>7. Wilkes-Barre PA</b>						
Jeff	Jacob	171	196	201	0	568
Dave	Iskra	222	238	218	0	678
<b>Totals</b>		<b>393</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,246</b>

## MEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handicap	Total
1.	Justin Gober, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$120	267	267	224	0 758
2.	Roger Syms, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$90	243	215	201	10 669
2.	Gene Sedoti, Reading, PA	\$90	192	222	219	36 669
4.	Peter Underation, Barbeton, OH	\$70	180	189	227	67 663
5.	Joe Harak, Reading, PA	\$65	212	266	182	0 660
6.	Daniel Romanchik, Detroit, MI	\$60	183	233	190	50 656
7.	Mikey Matras, Perryopolis, PA	\$55	165	167	224	84 640
8.	Dave Suchy, Pittsburgh, PA	\$40	193	228	184	34 639
9.	Chris Antosy, Sr., Reading, PA	\$30	163	180	234	60 637
10.	Michael Spisak, Johnstown, PA	\$20	161	235	171	60 627

## WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handicap	Total
<b>1. Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA</b>						
Heather	Horvath	174	92	155	100	521
Amy	Degnan-Blasco	169	178	135	96	578
June	Gober	198	148	106	100	552
Bernardette	Jacob	174	154	171	58	557
<b>Totals</b>		<b>715</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>2,208</b>
<b>2. Assembly 206, Ambridge, PA</b>						
Marianne	Nalli	115	129	139	74	457
Evie	Catanzarite	188	125	165	86	564
Geri	Pollock	132	147	133	100	512
Kami	Simon	166	139	161	84	550
<b>Totals</b>		<b>601</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>2,083</b>
<b>3. Wreath 14/79/82, Johnstown/Lilly/Dunlo, PA</b>						
Joanne	Spisak	137	152	148	72	509
Catherine	Sweeney	133	178	144	100	555
Trish	Gill	134	144	134	96	508
Marianne	Mangifacio	141	125	114	58	438
<b>Totals</b>		<b>545</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2,010</b>

## WOMEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS

		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handicap	Total
<b>1. Wilkes-Barre, PA</b>						
June	Gober	161	222	149	36	568
Bernadette	Jacob	190	200	160	41	591
<b>Totals</b>		<b>351</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,159</b>
<b>2. Johnstown/Dunlo, PA</b>						
Trish	Gill	99	153	118	96	466
Marianne	Mangifacio	184	197	211	58	650
<b>Totals</b>		<b>283</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,116</b>
<b>3. Pittsburgh/Ambridge, PA</b>						
Kay	Babbie	127	135	145	100	507
Kami	Simon	184	170	153	84	591
<b>Totals</b>		<b>311</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>4. Lilly PA</b>						
Deb	Selip	138	171	122	100	531
Theresa	Shedlock	151	164	143	72	530
<b>Totals</b>		<b>289</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1,061</b>
<b>5. Pittsburgh, PA</b>						
Chris	Nelson	179	157	135	91	562
Joni	Masley	123	147	149	74	493
<b>Totals</b>		<b>302</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,055</b>
<b>6. Lilly, PA</b>						
Catherine	Sweeney	121	119	144	100	484
Heather	Nielsen	175	147	169	72	563
<b>Totals</b>		<b>296</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1,047</b>

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*Held in Coraopolis, PA June 24, 2011*

## Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol

**FIRST SESSION**  
**Friday, June 24, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.**

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh called the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2011 in the Riverview Terrace Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania and extended a warm welcome to all of the Board of Directors.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic led the Directors in reading the Opening Prayer which was the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Treasurer, James G. Jerek led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was called upon to read the Roll Call and the following members were present:

Supreme Chaplain .....	Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic
Supreme President .....	Larry M. Glugosh
Supreme Secretary .....	Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer .....	James G. Jerek
General Counsel .....	John D. Pogorelec, Esq.
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors .....	Dennis J. Zifcak
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics .....	Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Physical Director .....	Dusan Dorich
Supreme Physical Directress .....	Susan L. Blosser

Brother Secretary reported that the record will show that nine members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present and Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs is absent and excused.

Also present is the Slovak Catholic Sokol Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C. Acknowledged.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors Annual meeting held March 25-26, 2011 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Office in Passaic, NJ, and published in the May 4, 2011 issue of the Slovak Catholic Sokol *Falcon*, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic moved for the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved.

President Glugosh inquired if any communications were received for presentation. The Supreme Secretary reported that a written communication extending greetings and best wishes was received and presented from Brother Tony L. Scuglik, President of Group 4 in Chicago, Illinois on behalf of the officers and members of Group 4. Acknowledged.

President Glugosh then called upon the Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr. to present the Membership Report. The Board members were informed that as of **June 1, 2011** the Organization has **31,637 certificates in force** being held by **28,264 members**. For the first five months of the year there was a **decrease of 253 certificates and 224 members**. Brother Suess further reported that **94 new members have been enrolled** for the year which included **68 juniors and 26 seniors**. Also reviewed and discussed were the number of deaths, surrenders, lapses, matures and certificates that expired. The amount of premium income received for the first five months was **\$807,358.00**. Life insurance premiums totaled **\$218,310.00** and the annuity income received totaled **\$589,048.00**. Insurance written for the year is **\$900,710.00** and the amount of Insurance in Force was **\$104,174,891.00**.

Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec commented that of the **31,637 certificates in force, 733 are on extended term feature, 28,263 are paid-up, and only 2,641 are currently being billed for premiums**. The Supreme Secretary estimated that for the month of June a **loss of 50** more certificates is expected.

Brother Suess then reported on the **“Growing Our Legacy” Membership Campaign** which covers business submitted from **April 15 – August 31, 2011**. This is a limited time offer for **“Guaranteed Issue Permanent Life Insurance.”** Thus far we have received nine new membership applications with a total face amount of \$95,000.00.

Brother Suess reviewed the new annuity products that have been approved by the state insurance departments where we are licensed, as well as the new life insurance products and forms which have all been approved. Other items presented and discussed included new brochures, an agent sales guide, illustration software, agent recruitment, our new website, reinsurance, administrative software and attendance at various meetings and participation in other business activities.

Brother Suess informed the Board members that it was necessary to approve minimum guarantee interest rates which are declared at the time of contract for the annuity products.

After a discussion it was mutually agreed to approve a Minimum Guarantee of 2.0%, and to offer the following: For the Vantage 1 Annuity – 2.0%, Vantage 2 – 2.25%, Vantage 3 – 2.75%, Vantage 5 – 3.25% and for the Vantage 7 – 3.50%. Interest rates are declared quarterly as we currently do.

The Director of Sales and Marketing concluded his lengthy report with a review of a proposed statistical growth comparison for the next five years as it relates to assets growth, surplus, life insurance and annuity premium income and certificates in force.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh called for a motion to accept the Membership Report/Sales Update for discussion purposes only. General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. so moved, seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Susan L. Blosser.

Numerous questions were presented by all the Board members and addressed by Brother Suess. Some items will take time to put into place and will continue to be on-going. We are looking into a possibility of a third party administrator and other areas which would be in the best interests of the organization to consider for the future. Currently we are in the process of discussing our need for illustration software of our products for use by the agents.

After a lively and lengthy discussion, President Glugosh called for the question, the motion to accept the report was then approved. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Suess for his report as well as the entire Board

for all of their questions and suggestions.

Acknowledged.

Supreme President Glugosh and the Board members then welcomed Mr. Murray A. Barnett, CFA, Vice-President, Senior Portfolio Manager, of PNC Advisors who reported on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Investment Portfolio.

Mr. Barnett's presentation began by reviewing PNC Institutional Investments' current economic and financial market outlook as well as for the remainder of 2011.

The economic recovery has hit a soft patch. Real Gross Domestic Product (real GDP) advanced only 1.9% in the first quarter and the gain in the second quarter are likely to only be a bit more than 2%. For the second part of the year PNC does expect 3% growth, buoyed by a rebound in the auto industry which was severely impacted by problems associated with the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. We continue to believe that it is most important to accelerate job creation which will lead to gains in consumer confidence. This is necessary in order to record advances in the residential real estate market and consumer spending. We believe that the Federal Reserve is now on hold as to short term interest rates until mid-2012.

For the first five months of 2011, for the period ended May 31, 2011, the portfolio returned 4.98%. The total return on Bonds was 4.31% versus 3.04% for the benchmark Barclay Aggregate Bond Index. The continued decline in interest rates allowed for higher bond prices. For stocks, the portfolio returned 8.58% compared with the 7.83% return reported for the Standard & Poor's 500. Cash and equivalents returned 0.02% compared to the 0.05% return for the Citigroup 90 day Treasury bill index.

Mr. Barnett reported that the Portfolio's market value is \$55,366,003.00 as of May 31, 2011. The portfolio structure consists of 1.1% or \$612,287.00 in Cash Equivalents, 85.5% or \$44,652,029.00 in U.S. Government/Federal Agencies and Corporate Bonds, and 13.4% or \$7,415,080.00 in Equities. Estimated annual income is \$2,660,018.00 or a current yield of 4.80%.

Mr. Barnett discussed an investment program summary of selling some stocks and purchasing others to capture some minor gains, however the Board members were not in favor of doing so after a brief discussion and resulting outcome.

Mr. Barnett concluded his report stating that the Market Value of the portfolio as of June 22, 2011 was \$54,996,000.00.

After a general discussion and addressing several other issues, the Board members expressed their thanks to Mr. Barnett for his report and he was then excused from the meeting. Acknowledged.

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller was called upon to present the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Report.

Brother Moeller reported that since the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, the 65<sup>th</sup> International Bowling Tournament was held on May 20-22, 2011 at Bowl-O-Rama Lanes in Reading, Pennsylvania. A total of 144 bowlers enjoyed this year's event. The Financial Report is being completed and will be forwarded to the home office. A copy of the financials will be forwarded to the *Falcon* for publication.

Brother Moeller further reported that the 24<sup>th</sup> International Softball Tournament will be held the weekend of June 25-26, 2011 in Uniontown, PA hosted by Group 6, Perryopolis, PA. A total of 6 teams from four different Groups have registered. Only two female teams had previously registered and the decision was made to cancel the female portion of the tournament.

The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics continued to report that the 45<sup>th</sup> International Slet will be held July 12-16, 2011 at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. The Supreme Sports Director asked Supreme Physical Directress, Susan L. Blosser to offer her comments regarding the Slet attendance.

Sister Blosser reported that 9 groups have registered to attend. There are a total of 78 male and 144 female members for a combined total of 222, however, this figure does not include staff or the chaperones. Also, of the 222 participants there are 51 females and 31 males registered to compete in gymnastics for a total of 82.

Brother Moeller thanked Sister Blosser for her comments and then continued to report that the 56<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament will be held at Peek N Peak Resort in Clymer, New York the weekend of August 19-21, 2011.

Lastly Brother Ed updated the Board on the sites and dates for the 2012 sports program.

Basketball and Volleyball – April 20-21, 2012 at Baldwin High School in Pittsburgh, PA, Bowling – May 4-6, 2012 in Eastlake, OH at the Wickliffe Lanes. This will be a joint tournament with members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, National Slovak Society and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. The Embassy Suites in Beachwood, OH will be used as the lodging facility. Softball – Wilkes-Barre, PA, July 20-22, 2012 and Golf – Treasure Lake, Du Bois, PA, August 10-12, 2012.

The Board members questioned if any sites have been looked at for the 2012 Clinic and 2013 Slet.

Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich stated that currently Mansfield, PA and East Stroudsburg, PA have been asked to submit proposals. The Board members asked that a proposal also be requested from Kutztown University which has been very cooperative and financially feasible for our organization in the past. Brother Dorich agreed and will request the proposal.

Brother Moeller thanked the Physical Director and concluded his report by thanking the Board of Directors for all of their support throughout the year.

President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the report of the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. and seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics for his report and comments.

The Board members welcomed to the meeting Mr. Edward U. DePersis and Mr. Nick DePersis from Bruce and Bruce Company and Bruce and DePersis who provide actuarial services to fraternal and commercial companies and organizations.

After a brief introduction, Mr. Edward DePersis presented an overview of the services provided to their clients which include 25 fraternal clients in asset size ranging from 1 million dollars to 800 million dollars. The company is located in Lake Bluff, Illinois and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have served fraternal benefit Societies for over 60 years. 9 of the 30 largest fraternal in the U.S. are clients of Bruce and Bruce Company based on

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assets.

Mr. Nick DePersis reviewed additional services and reporting procedures to the various state insurance departments that are performed as part of their services.

Numerous questions were presented and addressed relative to the services offered by Bruce and Bruce and DePersis.

The Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation to both of the presenters for their lengthy presentation which is very much appreciated. The Board will take this presentation under advisement and thanked them for their suggestions and recommendations. They were then excused. Acknowledged.

Having completed all the business on the morning agenda, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh called for a motion to adjourn the morning session.

Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Dennis J. Zifcak so moved, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, James G. Jerek. Approved.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic closed the morning session with a prayer and grace before lunch.

The First Session was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

## SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 24, 2011 – 12:45 p.m.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh called the Second Session of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. on Friday June 24, 2011.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic offered the afternoon prayer with a special prayer for all the deceased members of our organization.

Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. read the Roll Call and reported that the record will show nine members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present and Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs is absent and excused. Acknowledged.

President Glugosh called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. for the Legal Department Report.

- A. Counsel reported that since our last meeting, two mortgage loans have been paid in full.
- B. Secondly, Brother John reported that one mortgage was in default and a foreclosure lawsuit was instituted and the mortgagee as of this meeting was making the monthly payments per a communication received from the Supreme Secretary.
- C. Additionally, Brother John reported on the Assembly 206 Ambridge, PA and the Sokol Club litigation which is proceeding according to the Rules of Civil Procedure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since the matter is in litigation no further comments may be made unless authorized by the Court.

President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the report for discussion purposes only, so moved by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller and seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich.

Supreme Treasurer, James G. Jerek, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh and Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. offered various comments relative to Counsel's report. Several concerns were also addressed by Brother Counsel to the satisfaction of the Board members.

After a brief discussion, the motion to accept the General Counsel report was approved. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother John for his report and called upon Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. for a Scholarship Advisory Committee report.

Brother Steve reported that this year's Scholarship Selection Committee met on Saturday, May 7, 2011 via a Conference Call to select the 2011-2012 recipients.

Letters were mailed out from the Home Office on May 13, 2011 to the applicants who were selected for a grant. The photos of the grant winners were featured in the *Falcon* issue of May 18, 2011. The checks will be mailed out sometime in July, 2011.

Brother Secretary, reported that 26 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grants were awarded, 1 Joseph and Mary Spornoga Memorial Grant, 1 Emil Slavik Memorial Grant, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant and 2 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition 13 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants and 34 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected.

Thank you letters acknowledging individual selections have been received at the home office and Sister Dobbs, as in the past, has forwarded the "essay quotes" and they appeared in the June 15, 2011 *Falcon* publication.

After a brief discussion, Supreme Physical Directress, Susan L. Blosser moved to accept the report of the Scholarship Advisory Committee presented by Brother Secretary, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Steve for the report and asked the Supreme Secretary to present the Mortgage Department Report.

Brother Steve reported that as of June 22, 2011 the Organization has **4 existing mortgages totaling \$633,091.20** as compared to the last report presented on March 26, 2011 of **6 mortgages totaling \$845,843.25**. Principal payments received for the first six months of 2011 total **\$342,752.05** and interest payments total **\$28,950.29**. The Supreme Secretary also reported that no new mortgage applications have been received for presentation.

Since our last meeting in March, two mortgage loans have been paid in full and the one delinquent mortgage is only one month behind on payments.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Dennis J. Zifcak moved to accept the Mortgage Department report, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, James G. Jerek. Approved.

Brother Glugosh thanked Brother Steve and called upon Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Dennis J. Zifcak to report on the Independent Auditor's Report.

Brother Zifcak informed the Board members that they were all sent a copy of the **CPA Audit Report** for the years ending December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 as prepared by our Certified Public Accountants, Vision Financial Group, CPA's, LLP.

Vision Financial Group through a written communication along with the report informed the Board that they have audited the financial statements of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the years ending 12-31-10 and 12-31-09 and issued their report thereon received at the Home Office on May 27, 2011. The sixteen page report was discussed at length and it is intended for the information of the management of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the State of New Jersey, and other states audit agencies.

Brother Zifcak further informed the Board members that the Supreme Auditors will conduct the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2010 Semi-Annual Audit at the Home Office on August 24-25, 2011.

There being no questions, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller moved to have the minutes reflect that the Board members reviewed the report and accept it as presented, seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Susan L. Blosser.

Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Dennis and inquired if any donation requests were received to be addressed at this meeting.

The Supreme Secretary happily reported that no petitions or donations requests were received for the Board members to consider. Acknowledged.

Brother Glugosh thanked Brother Steve and then proceeded to provide an update to the Board members of the activities of the **Business Development Committee**.

Efforts continue in exploring joint ventures with other fraternal organizations. As previously noted by our Supreme Sports Director, plans are being finalized for the 2012 Joint Bowling Tournament as well as other tournaments, i.e. golf.

Also, we continue to work with our Director of Sales and Marketing to design a new look for our web-site, compile a sales guide, have new promotional brochures and investigate various vendors/companies who provide administration and other services to fraternal benefit societies. Most importantly is our continued efforts and support to implement a full time agency sales force.

Brother Glugosh addressed several questions presented by the Board members and after a discussion, Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich moved to accept the committee report, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller.

Approved.

Unfinished Business included the Supreme Secretary previously had forwarded to the Board members a communication that he received from Editor, Daniel F. Tanzone, Coordinator of the Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol "Fraternalist of the Year" program. Brother Tanzone informed the Board members that several individuals were nominated for consideration as our 2011 honoree. Each of the individuals is well known within the organization and is worthy of consideration.

The Board members after reviewing the individual nomination forms and the accomplishments relative to family and personal achievements, volunteer efforts, fraternal and community involvement, and reasons for the nomination, conducted a secret ballot to select this year's S.C.S. Fraternalist of the Year.

After the ballots were counted, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh and the Board members extend their congratulations and best wishes to Honorary Supreme Officer, Andrew "Butch" Hvozdovic, a member of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, PA on being selected as the 2011 S.C.S. "Fraternalist of the Year". He is active within Group 7 and Assembly 59 and many other organizations. He is well known for his many family and personal accomplishments and promotion of community events. Brother Hvozdovic will be presented with a plaque and monetary award sometime in the fall. The Board of Directors representatives who will represent the organization after a suitable date is selected are the Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary. Acknowledged.

Regarding the upcoming Convention, President Glugosh previously appointed the members of the Supreme Board of Directors to serve as the 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention Rules and Regulations Committee.

The Board members discussed the proposed Rules and Regulations Report which will be presented to the Convention delegates as per the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization.

After a lively discussion of the proposed rules and regulations, the Board members mutually agreed to present the committee's recommendations to the convention delegates. General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. is the Chairperson of this committee. Agreed.

The Convention daily schedule was reviewed, the delegates have all received the New Motions and Bylaw Committee Reports, current bylaw books, Actuaries Report and other documentation for them to review and address at the Convention. Acknowledged.

President Glugosh reviewed the various committee appointments that have appeared in the *Falcon* regarding the Convention, and Brother Secretary commented that to date 246 delegates are planning to attend. Acknowledged.

The Board members conducted a random drawing by Groups as to the seating of the delegates at the 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention. Seventeen Groups are represented and a random draw in the order of seating was performed as to how they will be seated. Acknowledged.

Lastly under Unfinished Business was the annuity interest rate to consider for the third quarter of 2011 effective July 1, 2011 on our annuities. The interest rate for the second quarter of 2011 had been set at 3.50%.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Dennis J. Zifcak, moved that effective July 1, 2011, the annuity interest rate for the third quarter be set at 3.25%, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, James G. Jerek. Approved.

Under New Business, Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. explained that the home office parking lot is in need of repairs and according to the bylaws, authorization for any major repairs (capital investment) must have the approval of the Board of Directors. He presented three proposed amounts for the Board members to consider to perform the necessary work.

After review of the proposals and a brief discussion, Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich moved that the amount of \$9,500.00 be approved for the necessary home office parking lot repairs, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

President Glugosh reminded the Board members that as per the Annual Meeting of

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# KIDS' CORNER

## July, 2011

### ANNOUNCING THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!



If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 14th-August 20th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than **September 15th**. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

Notice that I have divided the groups based on reading ability....I did this as I anticipate the non-readers to achieve higher book totals as they may have books read to them on a more regular basis. The following is the breakdown of award levels.....Keep in mind that those that reach higher levels will receive better prizes.

#### Non-Readers

- Level 1 16 books
- Level 2 24 books
- Level 3 32 or more books

#### Early Readers (sounding out most words)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books

#### Intermediate Readers (40+ pages each)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 12 books
- Level 3 16 or more books

#### Advanced Readers (200+ pages each)

- Level 1 4 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books

Do me a favor and highlight your favorite books on the list!!! I love to share the titles with other children....Good luck and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Julie Ann Dobbs- 5324 Agatha Turn, Racine, WI 53402. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at [jdobbs2@wi.rr.com](mailto:jdobbs2@wi.rr.com)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Jacob Wood 7/1
- Dominik Luthens 7/6
- Travis Watkins 7/18
- Andrew Peterson 7/28
- Alexa Sims 7/29



### Fourth of July— How much do you know about America?

Every day hundreds are people become American citizens. In order to do that, they have to pass a test. Could you pass that test? Here are some of the questions . . .

1. What is the Supreme Law of the land?
2. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
3. What are the three rights in the Declaration of Independence?
4. How many U.S. Senators are there?
5. In what month do we vote for president?
6. If the president can no longer serve, who becomes president?
7. If the president and vice-president can no longer serve, who becomes president?
8. What does the president's cabinet do?
9. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
10. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

#### ANSWERS:

1. Constitution
2. declared our independence (from Great Britain)
3. Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness
4. 100
5. November
6. Vice-President
7. Speaker of the House
8. Advises the president
9. Nine
10. Republican and democratic



There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on the Treasure Island.

Walt Disney

# Scenes of the 65th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament

Bowl-O-Rama Lanes + Sovereign Performing Arts Center + Reading, Pa. + May 20-22



A team from host, Assembly 261 of Reading, Pa. included, l-r, Mike Kaczor, Gene Hracho, Frank Pompiano and Steve Seaman.



A team from Assembly 79 in Lilly, Pa. included, l-r, Brian Phillips, Corey Shedlock, Robert Shedlock and Allen Keagy.



A team from Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. included the above, l-r, Dave Check, Gary Blasko, Michael Horvath, who serves as president of Group 7; and Martin Degnan.



A team from Assembly 79 in Lilly, Pa. included, l-r, Tom Muldoon, Jerry Bender, James Bart and John Smith.



Enjoying this year's competition were veteran bowlers including, l-r, David Antoniuk, Gene Hracho and Albert J. Suess, Jr.



Some of our youngest bowlers included a team from Assembly 261 in Reading, Pa., shown, l-r, John Lauer, Ethan Muvaney, Andrew Harak and Austin Harak.



Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Kathleen S. Watkins greets Heather Horvath of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. who was on the women's first place team from Assembly 59.



JoAnn Antosy of Reading welcomes Clifton, N.J. regulars, Frank Pavlica and John Termyna.



Veteran Sokol keglers from Assembly 261 in Reading, Pa. included, l-r, Bernie Keturakis, George Kazmierczak, Walt Kazmierczak and Bill Kazmierczak.



Assembly 261 financial secretary Joseph M. Oros and Wreath 155 president Kathleen Smolkowicz are shown during the Friday night hospitality gala at the newly expanded Reading Slovak Catholic Sokol Club.



With all smiles are young bowlers from Wilkes-Barre's Assembly 59, from the left, John Syms, Roger Syms, Jeff Jacob and David Iskra.



Longtime fraternal friends, John Milanek of Reading, Pa. and Helen Glugosh of Toronto, Canada are shown above.



Well-known Reading, Pa., Assembly 261 bowlers included, l-r, Tom Cengeri, Spike Pluta, Jr. and Guy DeMartino.



Four young bowlers from Assembly 25 in Perryopolis, Pa. are shown above, l-r, Jared Russell, Ryan Keebler, Drew Hough and Levi Stanley.



Veteran Assembly 162 bowlers from Clifton, N.J. included Frank Pavlica and Marc Kudlacik.



Keystone State bowlers from Ambridge, Assembly 206 and Wilkes-Barre, Assembly 59 included, l-r, Tony Gober, John Goberish, Doug Simon, and Bob Ziolkowski.

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the Board of Directors, our next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 via a Conference Call beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Acknowledged.

Regarding the December quarterly meeting, the Board members discussed holding a meeting on December 2-3, 2011 with travel dates of December 1, and December 4, 2011 either in Orlando, FL or Las Vegas, NV if either place would be financially feasible as compared to holding the quarterly meeting in Passaic, NJ. The Board members would like to continue researching future Convention sites. Acknowledged.

Having completed all the business items on the agenda, the Supreme President inquired if there is any other business to be presented before the Board, there being none, Brother Glugosh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Susan L. Blosser, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller. Approved.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic closed the meeting with a prayer, thanking the Good Lord for all of the many blessings we have received, which we are very thankful for.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**  
Supreme Secretary

## Prize List - 65th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament

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### WOMEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handicap	Total
	Game	Game	Game	Game		
1. Chris Nelson, Pittsburgh, PA	\$100	165	158	179	91	593
2. Kathy Figard, Canton, OH	\$60	153	136	173	98	560
3. Bernadette Jacob, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$47.50	166	181	158	41	546
3. Christine Sofranko, Ambridge, PA	\$47.50	166	127	171	82	546
5. Kay Babbie, Pittsburgh, PA	\$40	142	133	166	100	541
6. Amy Degnan-Blasco, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$10	161	164	124	89	538
6. Deborah Selip, Lilly, PA	\$10	163	132	143	100	538

### MEN'S ALL-EVENTS RESULTS

	Team	Dbls	Sngl	Handi-	Total	
	Score	Score	Score	cap		
1. Daniel Romanchik, Detroit, MI	\$100	593	638	606	150	1,987
2. Joe Harak, Reading, PA	\$65	598	635	660	0	1,893
3. Pete Underation, Barberton, OH	\$50	514	576	596	201	1,887
4. James Bart Lilly, PA	\$40	535	568	473	300	1,876
5. Marty Underation, Barberton, OH	\$20	555	620	574	114	1,863
6. Mikey Matras, Peryopolis, PA	\$15	545	495	556	252	1,848

### WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS RESULTS

	Team	Dbls	Sngl	Handi-	Total	
	Score	Score	Score	cap		
1. Bernadette Jacob, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$45	511	550	505	123	1,689
1. Chris Nelson, Pittsburgh, PA	\$45	443	471	502	273	1,689
3. Amy Degnan-Blasco, Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$15	434	510	449	267	1,660

### SCRATCH HIGH GAME, SERIES AND ALL-EVENTS

HIGH GAME:	Justin Gober	Wilkes-Barre, PA	267	Singles
	June Gober	Wilkes-Barre, PA	222	Doubles
HIGH SERIES:	Justin Gober	Wilkes-Barre, PA	758	Singles
	Marianne Mangiaco	Dunlo, PA	606	Doubles
HIGH ALL-EVENTS:	Joe Harak	Reading, PA	1,893	
	Bernadette Jacob	Wilkes-Barre, PA	1,566	

### Remember the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the Memorial Scholarship fund? Donations made payable to: SCS Memorial Scholarship Fund may be sent to:

Jim Jerek  
SCS Museum Treasurer  
381 Melbourne Ave,  
Boardman, OH 44512  
or  
Julie Ann Dobbs  
SCS Museum Chairperson  
5314 Agatha Turn,  
Racine, WI 53402

## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 31st National Convention Schedule

The Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree  
101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
(412) 922-8400

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

### SATURDAY - JULY 30<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration of Delegates and check-in - Main Lobby for Rooms-Confluence Room for Delegate Registration  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Get-Acquainted Reception - Junior Ballroom

### SUNDAY - JULY 31<sup>st</sup>

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Junior Ballroom  
8:00 a.m. Late Registration - Confluence Room  
8:30 a.m. Convention Delegates Seating - Grand Ballroom  
9:00 a.m. Opening Session-31<sup>st</sup> National Convention-Grand Ballroom

Noon - 1:15 p.m. Lunch - Junior Ballroom

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bus Transportation to the Cathedral  
3:00 p.m. Convention Mass - Saint Paul Cathedral  
4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Leave to Return to Radisson Hotel  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception - Grand Ballroom  
6:45 p.m. Banquet and Program - Grand Ballroom

### MONDAY - AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Mass - Duquesne Room  
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Junior Ballroom  
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Convention Morning Session - Grand Ballroom  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - Junior Ballroom  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Convention Afternoon Session - Grand Ballroom  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner - Junior Ballroom

### TUESDAY - August 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Mass - Duquesne Room  
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Junior Ballroom  
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Convention Morning Session - Grand Ballroom  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - Junior Ballroom  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Convention Afternoon Session - Grand Ballroom  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner - Junior Ballroom

### WEDNESDAY - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Mass - Duquesne Room  
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Junior Ballroom  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Convention Conclusion Session - Grand Ballroom  
11:30 a.m. Lunch - Junior Ballroom  
Delegates Depart

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Office will be in the Confluence Room which is near the lobby for the entire Convention. The daily hours will be posted.  
(Schedule Subject to Change)

## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 65TH INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT MAY 20TH - 22ND 2011

### TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>INCOME</b>		
Prize Money Allotment	Home Office Allocation - May 2011	\$ 2,255.00
Prize Money	Collected from Bowlers	\$ 2,877.00
Banquet Allotment	Home Office Allocation - May 2011	\$ 4,375.00
Banquet Fees	Collected from Bowlers	\$ 3,075.00
Entry Fees	Collected from Bowlers	\$ 3,699.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$ 16,281.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Men's Prize Money	Published and Distributed - July 2011	\$ 2,680.00
Women's Prize Money	Published and Distributed - July 2011	\$ 1,320.00
Awards	Jumpstart Promotions - #1463	\$ 65.00
Tournament Trophies	Brett Harris - #1464	\$ 805.00
Souvenirs	HDS Marketing - #1461	\$ 954.43
Cost of Bowling	Bowl-O-Rama - #1456	\$ 2,484.00
Printing	Entry Forms/Souvenir Book - #1462	\$ 395.00
Services Rendered	Schedules, Handicaps, etc. - #1465	\$ 150.00
Saturday Banquet	Sovereign Performing Arts Center - #1460	\$ 5,918.75
D J Services	Louis Serrino - #1457	\$ 250.00
Local Assistance	Bowling Manager, etc. - #1468	\$ 150.00
Postage/Courier	Prize Money Distribution - #1466	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$ 15,272.18
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	Returned to H/O July 8th - # 1467	\$ 1,008.82



## Obituaries...

### Professor Karol Belak, 83, cultural leader and educator passed away in New York

Professor Karol Belak, a distinguished educator, fraternalist and Slovak cultural leader, passed away peacefully at Calvary Hospital in



New York City on March 23 after a lengthy illness. He was 83.

A native of Nove Zamky in western Slovakia, he was born there September 8, 1927, son of the late Jozef and Alzbeta Czabanova Belak. He began his formal education in Slovakia where he received his undergraduate degree in education at Comenius University. Following the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia, young Karol obtained a scholarship in 1949 to study at the University of Madrid in Spain. He was able to emigrate to the United States in 1958 and settled in New York City. In 1959, he returned to Madrid to defend his doctoral thesis at the University of Madrid and to marry the love of his life, the former Mercedes Junguera Lozano, who survives. Upon his arrival in New York, he became active at St. John Nepomucene Slovak parish and became an active member of Assembly 182 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. He continued his studies in New York and received a Master's degree in Spanish Language and Literature at Fordham University in 1966. He enjoyed a professional career teaching Spanish language and literature at Manhattan College and at Rockland College and until his retirement at the Barnard School. He authored many historical and scholarly articles on Slovakia which were published in numerous publications including our own. He was the author of several books including his most recent work in Slovak Zivot v Tieni Mrakodrapov (life in the shadow of skyscrapers), a biography which was published in 2004.

In addition to the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Professor Belak was active in the Slovak League of America, serving as a director of its scholarship awards program.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Professor Belak. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 26 at the Church of St. Frances de Chantal in the Bronx. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y. A memorial liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in Slovak on Sunday, September 18 in the Church of St. John Nepomucene in Manhattan. In addition to his wife, Mercedes, Professor Belak is survived by two sons and six grandchildren.

Professor Belak was a respected and distinguished member of the New York area Slovak community. Over the years, he participated in

many Slovak activities. His numerous contributions to the cultural fabric of the community were very well received. May this wonderful Catholic gentleman, patriotic American and proud Slovak son now rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Mercedes and family. R.I.P.

### Dr. Joseph J. Schwerha, 72 member in Monessen, Pa.

Joseph J. Schwerha, M.D. of Venetia, Pa., died suddenly on April 27 in the Jefferson Regional Medical Center. He was 72.

A native of Monessen, Pa., he was born there July 29, 1938, son of the late Joseph J. and Susan Shesko Schwerha and was raised in West Newton, Pa. Dr. Schwerha enjoyed a distinguished career in medicine. He received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of Public Health Degree in Environmental Health and Industrial Hygiene from the University of Michigan, his Doctor of Medicine from West Virginia University School of Medicine and was Board Certified in occupational medicine. He served as General Manager of Health Services and Corporate Medical Director at United States Steel having worldwide responsibility for medical, safety, industrial hygiene, workers compensation, self insurance, employees assistance programs, and the family medical centers. After 30 years, he retired from US Steel to become professor of occupational medicine, the director of the Occupational Medicine Residency and director of the newly formed Public Health Graduate Preparedness certificate program at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a frequent contributor to many professional publications and volunteered his time and talents at numerous clinics.

He was a long-time member of Sokol, Assembly 127 in Monessen, Pa. and was a member of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Finleyville, Pa. Survivors include his wife, the former Dorothy Fefolt; four children, nine grandchildren, two sisters, many nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Dr. Schwerha at the Kegel Funeral Home in Finleyville. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on April 30 at St. Francis of Assisi Church with the Rev. Robert J. Boyle officiating. Interment followed in West Newton Cemetery. May our Brother Sokol, Dr. Schwerha who so beautifully mirrored our fraternal and religious traditions now rest in peace. He was a model and mentor to all.

### John S. Kovarovic, 102 Johnstown, N.Y. member

John Stephen Kovarovic passed away peacefully on May 13 at the Evergreen Commons in East Green-

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### Member

Eugene Bognar, Jr., Passaic, NJ  
Mary Bendik, Chicago, IL  
Eulalia Slowinski, Chicago, IL  
William Ziska, Philadelphia, PA  
Peter J. Muzyka, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Helen Fulton, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Felix J. Uhrinek, Catasauqua, PA  
Mary Danko, Bethlehem, PA  
Eleanor Orloski, Bethlehem, PA  
William George Zeaken, Youngstown, OH  
Donald M. Johnston, Youngstown, OH  
Frank Joseph Matussek, Nanticoke, PA  
Sophie S. Kirchmayer, Clifton, NJ  
Frank John Pramuka, Barberton, OH  
Stephen J. Marinik, Lorain, OH  
Thomas J. Stedina, New York, NY  
Frank R. Sabol, Lansford, PA  
Joseph A. Nigrini, Reading, PA  
George P. Slanina, Passaic, NJ  
Gilbert David Yurus, Passaic, NJ  
Peter Koval, Johnstown, NY  
Pauline A. Chabak, Farrell, PA  
Anna Jarosz, Whiting, IN  
Mary Mc Carthy, Milwaukee, WI  
Monica E. Mc Ardl, Barberton, OH  
Helen Cataldo, Lorain, OH  
Valeria Y. Konecny, Lorain, OH  
Mary Frano, New York, NY

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September 16, 2008  
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May 21, 2011  
April 13, 2011  
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May 7, 2011  
May 11, 2011  
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May 10, 2011  
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March 31, 2011  
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April 19, 2011  
April 20, 2011

## IN MEMORIAM

### Slovak Catholic Sokol extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of deceased members

#### MAY 2011

bush, N.Y. where he had been a resident for several years. He was 102. He was a longtime member of our Sokol Wreath 11.

A native of Johnstown, N.Y., he was born of Slovak immigrant parents, Stephen and Louise Simkovic Kovarovic on December 9, 1908. He was graduated from Johnstown High School in 1925 and was first employed by General Electric in Schenectady. He took accounting courses through GE and remained until 1929 when he lost his job during the Great Depression. He later was employed by New York State and at the Winthro-Stearns Labs as a production planner and cost accountant, remaining until his retirement in 1974.

On July 23, 1938, Brother John married the love of his life, the former Elizabeth Simek in St. Anthony of Padua Slovak Church in Johnstown. He and his wife then moved to Rensselaer where he served as chief air raid warden for the city during World War II. He became an active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Rensselaer and was active in the Holy Name Society. After retirement, he served as a part-time accountant and volunteer at the Franciscan Mission House. He was an enthusiastic fisherman and remained a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees and enjoyed bowling and vegetable gardening.

He became a devoted caregiver to his wife, Betty in the final years of her life and until her death in 1999. He remained independent and active into his late 90s, when he entered Evergreen Commons.

Brother John is survived by his children, Dr. David Kovarovic of Alva, Okla.; Suzanne Bomar(Lamar) of Springfield, Va.; grandchildren, Major James Kovarovic, Dr. Stephanie Bomar, Jennifer Brose and Andrea Bomar; along with three great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on June 13 at the Church of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph in Rensselaer. Interment followed at St. Anthony of Padua Slovak Cemetery in Johnstown, N.Y. May our Brother Sokol who was blessed with many and fruitful years and who so beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith now rest in peace. He was among our organization's oldest members.

### Michael L. Meterko, Jr. member in Bethlehem, Pa.

Michael Leonard Meterko, Jr. passed away peacefully on June 7. He was 63. A native of Ft. Hill, Pa., he was born there April 8, 1948 son of the late Michael, Sr. and Mary Hivizdak Meterko. He was educated locally and was a brick layer for the former Bethlehem Steel Corp for 34 years before his retirement in 1998.

He was a lifelong member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus parish in Hellertown, Pa. and was our Sokol of Assembly 78 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Brother Michael is survived by a son, Michael, III and his fiance Tracy. He was predeceased by a sister, Agnes Theresa Meterko.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in St. Theresa's Church on Friday, June 10. Interment followed in SS. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery in Bethlehem. May our departed Brother Sokol rest in peace.

### Joseph Tapak, 97 Whiting, Ind. member

Joseph Tapak, a long-time member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Whiting, Ind. passed away peacefully on February 7, 2009. He was 97.

A native of Ft. William(now Thunder Bay), Ontario, Canada, he was born there August 27, 1911 son

of Paul and Ann Tapak. His parents immigrated to Canada from the village of Dlha nad Oravou in Slovakia around 1900. Paul Tapak was among the founders of St. Peter's Slovak Parish in Ft. William. The family moved to Whiting, Ind. in 1925, and joined Immaculate Conception Slovak Parish. He originally joined Assembly 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and took part in many of the lodge's activities. At the time of his death, he enjoyed membership in Wreath 81. As a youth, Brother Joe was an active gymnast and took part in many national Slets. He also enjoyed ice skating will into his 70s.

He married Mary Skurka, who preceded him in death in 1984. Brother Joe served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was stationed in India. He was a laborer for Standard Oil/Amoco as an Oil Inspector in Whiting for 38 years before his retirement.

Brother Joe relocated to Indianapolis, Ind. in 2004 to be closer to his family. Known as Granpa Tapak to many, he treasured his time and experience with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His kind and generous heart endeared him to all who knew him. Survivors include his son, Joseph (Evelyn) Tapak, Jr. of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Chris(Heather) Tapak of Greenwood, Ind., Nicole (Don)Lukes of Indianapolis, and Ryan(fiancee Emily Beck) Tapak of Greenwood, Ind. and four great-grandchildren, Steven Lukes, Molly Tapak, Benjamin Tapak, and Nathan Lukes.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis. Graveside services took place the next day at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, Ind. May our brother Sokol rest in peace.

# SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

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

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.

### 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.



### GROWING OUR LEGACY – Application Instructions:

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:  
Slovak Catholic Sokol  
PO Box 899  
Passaic, NJ 07055



## GROWING OUR LEGACY – Application Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Benefit Offer

### Purchase one of our Permanent Life Insurance Products and receive the following as a Fraternal Benefit

1. The right to obtain a Guaranteed Issue Permanent Life Insurance Certificate for yourself or an Immediate Family member; and
2. A 25% reduction for the 1<sup>st</sup> year premium if the certificate chosen is a 10 Payment Life, 20 Payment Life or a Paid Up at Age 80. A 5% Reduction on a Single Premium Life or a 3 Payment Life plan.

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

### 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	\$4.42
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	\$358.10	\$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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## 24th International Softball Tournament

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the third inning, the New Jersey team scored 2 runs to tie the game at 5 and in the top of the fourth took a 7-5 lead, only to have Rudy Holloman knock in 2 runs to grab an 8-7 lead. The fifth and sixth innings were scoreless for both teams and in the top of the seventh, Rich Bel Bruno, Scott Pogorelec and Lorenzo Castaldo all scored as Group 1 took a 10-8 lead into the bottom of the seventh.

With 1 out, Matt Leachman hit a double followed with two singles from Jonathan Ross and Matt Chalfant, to cut the lead to 1 with runners at first and second base. But the final two batters of the inning made consecutive outs and Group 1 remained undefeated at 3-0, with the exciting 10-9 victory.

In the eighth game of the tournament, Group 5 defeated the Group 6B team by a final score of 10-3. Jay Macko had his hitting shoes on as he went 4 for 4, scoring 3 runs and knock-

ing in 2. Brian "Strawberry" Macko had 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in a run and played solid defense to key Group 5. Mark Matras, Doug Stocky and Drew Hough all had 2 hits for Perryopolis but were held scoreless until the bottom of the seventh when they rallied for 3 runs, however the 10-run lead for Group 5 was just too much.

The ninth game of the day pitted the Group 6A team of Perryopolis, the defending champions from both 2009 and 2010, against the 2008 champions, Group 5 of Cleveland. Group 6A advanced back to the winner's bracket with a hard fought 7-3 victory. Scott Usher led Group 6 going 3 for 3, scoring 2 runs and knocking in a run accounting for nearly half the team's runs. Jonathan Ross, Matt Leachman, Brian Chalfant and Greg Rabatin all had 2 hits for the winning team. Paul Macko, Jr. led the Cleveland team with 3 hits, and scored all 3 runs. Dan Dawson, Donny Dawson and Paul Macko,

Sr., all contributed 2 hits for the Group 5 team.

After the ninth game of the day, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic celebrated Mass to satisfy the Sunday obligation for the participants and their families in a tent set up next to the softball diamonds. Assisting Father Andrew as lectors were Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr., Brian Wamick and Cindy Walkowiak, who presented the first reading, the second reading and the Prayer of the Faithful, respectively.

Following the liturgy, the two remaining teams squared off for the championship trophy. The Group 6A team, the two-time defending champions had to defeat the still undefeated Group 1 team twice to capture the title. Matt Leachman led off the game with a single and came around to score as the Perryopolis team grabbed a 1-0 lead. In the top of the third inning, Greg Rabatin, Nick Molchan, Jonathan Ross, Matt Chalfant, Ryan Guthrie, all had hits and scored runs as the Group 6 team jumped out to a 6-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Group 1 team finally scored a run as Robert Eickenberg singled and scored on a single by Kevin LaMonico. In the top of the sixth, Group 6 scored 4 more runs, led by a base clearing triple by Greg Rabatin. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Group 1 added another run by Chris Calabro but Group 6 tacked on another 4 runs, led by a 3-run homer by Brian Chalfant, as Perryopolis cruised to an easy 14-2 victory.

The final game of the day would decide the championship of the 24th International Softball Tournament. In the first inning, Scott Pogorelec of Group 1 got a key hit and scored the first run of the game. In the bottom of the first, Group 6 took the lead as they scored 2 runs as Scott Usher knocked in the runs with a base clearing double. In the bottom of the second inning, Group 6 padded the lead with 6 hits and scored 6 runs to take a big 8-1 lead. Group 1 rallied for 2 runs in the top of the third as Rich Bel Bruno and Chris Rold scored and cut the lead to 8-3. Group

6 padded the lead with another 6-run inning in the bottom of the third, as 6 of the first 7 hitters got on base and scored runs. Group 1 cut into the lead in the top of the sixth, as the New Jersey team scored 3 more runs, led by Larry Galanti and Robert Eickenberg as Kevin LaMonico drove them both in with a double and scored on the single by Lorenzo Castaldo. Group 6 scored the final run of the game in the bottom of the sixth as the MVP Jonathan Ross notched his fourth hit of the game and scored his 3rd run of the game in a convincing 15-6 victory.

The Group 6A team of Perryopolis, Pa. won the international softball tournament for the third straight year, finishing the tournament with a 4-1 record. The MVP award for the 24th tournament went to Jonathan Ross of Group 6 who had 11 hits, scored 6 runs, knocked in 6 runs and played a solid right field. He also had his wife and three children cheer him on all afternoon. Group 1, Passaic, N.J. finished (Continued on page 17)

# Sokol Birthdays



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL A Fraternal Benefit Society

205 Madison Street  
Passaic, NJ 07055-5224

### APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE

**PART I (Please print neatly)**

Plan of Insurance:  Single Premium Life  3 Payment Life  10 Payment Life  20 Payment Life  
 Life Paid-Up at Age 80  5 Year Term  Juvenile Term to Age 25

Face Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OF INSURED \_\_\_\_\_

Insured's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Street Apt No.

City State Zip Code

Male  Female  Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Insured's Marital Status:  Single, Widowed or Divorced  Married

Mail Premium Notice to:  Insured's Address  Applicant's Address

Name of Applicant (if other than Insured) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Insured \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address (if different than Insured's) \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PAYABLE:  Annual  Semi-annual  Quarterly

DIVIDEND OPTION:  Paid-Up Additions  Accumulate at Interest  Cash

AUTOMATIC PREMIUM LOAN OPTION:  Yes  No

Beneficiary(ies) Relationship to Insured Share (%)

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Contingent Beneficiary(ies) Relationship to Insured Share (%)

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**NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, if more than one Beneficiary is alive when the Insured dies, the proceeds will be paid to them in equal shares or all to the last survivor.

**NOTE:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

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### Slovak Catholic Sokol

JULY 25

Kelly Connolly, Jensen Beach, Fla., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TamaraAnnKaplan, Hopewell Junction, N.Y., a member of Assembly 36, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 26

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

Rev. Elimir J. Mikus, Skalica, Slovakia, retired pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Sterling Heights, Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Placid F. Pientek, O.S.B., Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh.

Roseann Rakovan, Chardon, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

Joseph P. Sroba, Trevoise, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

JULY 27

Julia Cernak, Windsor, Me., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

J. Kevin Conway, Douglas, Mass., financial secretary of Assembly 28, Douglas, Mass.

Alaina Mondik, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Martha Sipka Parry, Bronx, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 28

Judith Ann Glogovsky, Flushington, N.Y., a member of Wreath 168, New York City.

Albert J. Suess, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., President and Financial Secretary of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JULY 29

Leonard Malshefski, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

James G. Papcun, Livonia, Twp., Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Anna M. Rollman, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JULY 30

Andrew G. Buck, Poland,

Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Pamela Ann Hess, Cedar Grove, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

John Janetka, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

John Yonkoski, Sr., Dunlo, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

JULY 31

Bradley A. Schostok, Libertyville, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

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

JULY 15  
Michael T. Matras, Perryopolis, Pa., President of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

Paul Tomasura, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 71, Edwardsville, Pa.

JULY 16  
Michael J. Kaczor, Reading, Pa., a member of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

Charles Rapchick, Cherry Hill, N.J., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

JULY 17  
Michael S. Anthony, Bethlehem, Pa., our Honorary Supreme Officer a member of Assembly 78, Bethlehem, Pa.

Linda Cvrkel, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Robert G. Evans, Jr., Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perropolis, Pa.

Joseph P. Urban II, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

JULY 18  
William Kivon, Cleveland, Oh., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

JULY 19  
Marge Kurta, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.  
Mary M. Stanek, St. Clair Shores, Mich., Secretary of Group 16 and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Lorraine Szluka, Hopatcong, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

JULY 20  
Casimir B. Kromkowski, Rochester, Ind., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Barbara Maschak, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

James Potanko, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JULY 21  
Dr. Pamela K. Maskara-Honohan, Fairfield, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 22  
Roman Hrdlicka, Roslindale, Ma., a member of Assembly 314, Boston, Ma.

Michael J. Knies, Lansford, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

Ladislav Kolozi, New Foundland, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Albert M. Kolesar, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JULY 23  
Bernard Skurka, Highland, Ind., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

Michael J. Stroka, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., a member of Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.

Adeline Vatauvuk, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

JULY 24  
Stephen J. Knoblock, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.



**PART II (Must be completed in all cases)**

**If application is non-medical, this page is to be filled out by the Insured (or the Applicant). If a medical examination is required, this page is to be filled out by the medical examiner.**

1. IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, HAS THE INSURED EVER HAD OR BEEN TREATED BY A LICENSED MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR:
- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Disorder of eyes, ears, nose, throat or speech?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Dizziness, fainting, seizures or convulsions, chronic headache, epilepsy, paralysis or stroke or any disease of the brain or nervous system?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Chronic cough, asthma, emphysema, tuberculosis or any lung or respiratory disorder?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Chest pain, high blood pressure, heart attack, or any disorder of the heart or blood vessels?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Any disorder or disease of the stomach, intestines or bowel, rectum, appendix, liver or gall bladder?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Sugar, albumin, blood or pus in urine, venereal disease, stone or any other disorder of the kidney, bladder, prostate or reproductive organs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Diabetes, thyroid or other glandular disorder?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Sciatica, arthritis, gout, or disorder of the muscles, bones, joints, spine, back or neck?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Cancer, tumor or disorder of the lymph glands or breasts?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Allergies, anemia or other disorder of the blood?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
2. OTHER THAN AS LISTED ABOVE, HAS THE INSURED, WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS:
- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Had any mental or physical disorder?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Had an illness, injury or surgery?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Been a patient in a hospital, clinic, sanatorium or other medical facility?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Been scheduled to have any test, consultation, hospitalization or surgery which was not completed (other than for AIDS or AIDS-related condition)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Been treated for or counseled for alcohol or drug use, dependency, addiction or abuse?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
3. What is the Insured's height? \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ ins. What is the Insured's weight? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Weight gained in past year? \_\_\_\_\_ lost in past year? \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for change: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the Insured ever had life, disability of health insurance declined, rated or cancelled?  Yes  No
5. Is the Insured taking any medication or drugs (legal or illegal, prescription or non-prescription) for any reason?  Yes  No
6. What is the Insured's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the above questions have been answered YES, give particulars:

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**MEDICAL EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I have completed the questions in Part II and the answers are true, complete and correctly recorded to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Medical Examiner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed by Medical Examiner

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Slovak Catholic Sokol

**24th International Softball Tournament**

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in second place with a 3-2 record, scoring a total of 55 runs in the five games. Group 5, Cleveland, Oh. finished in third place, also with a 3-2 record, scoring a total of 53 runs and only giving up 27. Danielle Dawson from Group 5 also filled in for Group 14A and played an excellent game as the starting shortstop. In fourth place was the Group 6B team of Perryopolis, Pa. which finished with a 1-2 record. The Group 14A and Group 14B teams of Pittsburgh, both finished with identical 0-2 records.

After the trophies were handed out to the top two teams, everyone headed back to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel where they enjoyed a de-

licious buffet dinner with plenty of water and ice tea for the hungry and thirsty participants. All of the players and fans really enjoyed the excellent softball facilities and the hospitality of Group 6 in Uniontown. The spectators and players were able to participate and watch some excellent softball games all day long. The 2011 tournament was another example of Sokol fraternalism and good sportsmanship at its best with players from the teens through the 50s participating in the annual event. This sporting event is truly one that can be enjoyed by all age groups and we are looking to increase the number of teams participating in next year's historic 25th International Softball Tournament which will be

staged in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 2012. We want to bring back some of the magic from many of the exciting past tournaments and hope to have at least eight to ten teams in the Men's Division and a minimum of four teams in the Women's Division. We are open to suggestions and if any members have any ideas or would like to participate in next year's competition and are not currently on a team, feel free to contact me via email, jamesmatlon@optonline.net.

We have great memories of this year's 24th softball tournament and hope to make next year's 25th tournament one of the best ever in keeping with our organization's great tradition as "America's Greatest Gymnastic and Athletic Fraternity!" Zdar Boh!

**Pittston, Pa. parish to host annual bazaar**

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, Pa. will host its 12th annual bazaar, August 11-13 Thursday and Friday, 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturday 5-11 p.m. on the church grounds located at Broad and Church Streets. There will be an array of gift booths, an indoor flea market, jewelry booths, books and CDs and DVDs, homemade Slovak culinary specialties along with American picnic favorites along with a bake sale. There will be games for children, bingo and entertainment. Entertainment includes Thursday - Hillbilly D'Lux, Friday - Last Call, and Saturday - Pat Ward Clown act and Flaxy Morgan. On Saturday, August 13, Mass is celebrated at 4:30 p.m. in church to satisfy the Sunday obligation.

Our Sokol, Monsignor John Bendik, pastor and our Group 7 chaplain, Father Richard Cirba, associate pastor, along with Father Hugh McGroarty extend a cordial invitation to area Sokol members to come out for an enjoyable summer evening with our parish family.

Zdar Boh!

Stephen Vitek

**Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park**

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To conclude the 88th Annual Slovak Day activities, one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music performed by the George Batyi Ensemble in front of the Main Stage immediately following the main program.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$22.00 for General Admission and \$12.00 for those 55 years-of-age and over. In addition, a coupon will be available for those age 70 years and older to be paid at the gate for \$8.50 plus tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Dolores Sakal at (412) 243-0438 or Father Joseph Grosko at (412) 466-6545. See you at Kennywood!

**Plan to participate****International Golf Tournament - More than just Golf**

Don't miss your chance to attend the 56th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament, August 19-21 at lovely Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, New York. This resort is noted for its golfing in the summer and snowsports in the winter. This resort has more than golfing. It has loads of activities that everyone can enjoy.

Here are just a few activities that are available at the resort: shopping, nature walks, bowling casinos, horseback riding, bicycling, cultural events, craft festivals, Saturday Markets, scenic boat tours, laser tag and much, much more. For more information, you can call Erasmo Paolo, the concierge, at tel. (716-355-4141, extension 1039 or his cell at (814)602-7324 or google Concierge@PKnPk.com. He is a wealth of information. Maps are available at the Concierge's desk at the resort. So don't delay. Come and explore all that Peek'n Peak has to offer in golf and other seasonal activities. Enjoy!

Zdar Boh!

Julie Laury

Supreme Assistant Physical Directress

# Scenes of the Final Liturgy Celebrated in Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church Trinity Sunday, June 19 + Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



## PAS in Florida

### A Magical Reason to Celebrate by Angela Lipchick

March 2011: The Pittsburgh Area Slovak(PAS) Folk Ensemble performed at Disney World in Orlando, Florida and at the 59th annual Florida Slovak Day at The Slovak Garden cultural complex in Winter Park, Florida.

On March 4, 2011 PAS debuted its new 25-minute program from the Zemplin region(East) and Central Slovakia at the Waterside Stage in Downtown Disney. Disney Performing Arts is celebrating its 26th year by providing an opportunity for special groups from around the world to entertain at a world famous attraction. Group selection for the "Disney Show" represents a legacy of millions of performers who have graced the stages of the Walt Disney World Resort. Disney Performing Arts are quality events with a great reputation. These delightful events are arranged so that performance groups have the opportunity to show their skills at a world-famous attraction. Over the years, the Magic

Music Days programs have grown in popularity so much so that it requires performing groups to apply for acceptance into the program. After successful auditioning, PAS received the honor to perform in downtown Disney on the Waterside stage, which is the premier venue at Walt Disney World. Because of Disney's high standard of expectations, it is a tremendous honor for any group to be chosen to participate.

On March 6th, the ensemble also performed at the 59th annual Florida Slovak Day at The Slovak Garden complex in Winter Park. Everyone was excited to attend this event which celebrates our Slovak heritage in the Sunshine State. PAS presented a 25-minute presentation of songs and dances from the various regions of Slovakia.

PAS continues to have an exciting schedule throughout 2011. Don't miss out on the chance to see the group in your area. Check the following schedule and mark your cal-

endars and plan to see PAS present a colorful and entertaining program.

#### 2011 Summer & Fall

PAS will be performing at the 88th annual Slovak Day of Western Pennsylvania at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pa. on Thursday, July 21st.

They will also perform on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 16, 17 and 18 at the International Village in Renziehausen Park in McKeesport, Pa.

They are scheduled to perform on Sunday, November 6 at the 21st annual Slovak Heritage Festival in the Cathedral of Learning Commons Room at the University of Pittsburgh located in the Oakland section of the city.

They will present their program at the Fourth Annual Heritage Holidays Weekend at the Heinz History Center on Saturday, November 19 at 4 p.m. and on Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Senator John Heinz History Center is located in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa.

For additional information on PAS the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, contact Melanie Kopanic-Feighner at mobile: (814)934-5323, www.PASFolkensemble.com.

*(Editor's note: We have noticed a number of returned copies of our Falcon due to incorrect addresses of our members. We ask that when individuals move, that they complete the form below for a change of address or call the home office. We thank you for your continued cooperation)*

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR REQUEST FOR SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON

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## Slovenský deň vo West Mifflin, PA

Vo štvrtok 21. júla sa bude v Kenywood Park vo West Mifflin, PA konať 88. slovenský deň. Začiatok bude o 12.30 hodine. Od 1.00 hodiny bude podávaný bohatý výber slovenských jedál. O 2.00 hodine sa predstaví detské folklórne súbory Pittsburgh Jr. Slovaksians a PAS Jr. a súbor Malý Slovenská sv. omša bude o 4.00 hodine v Main Pavilion. Po nej budú predstavení zástupcovia Veľvyslanectva SR z Washingtonu D.C., ktorí sa ne Slovenskom dni zúčastnia. Nasledovať bude kultúrny program, v ktorom sa predstaví folklórne skupiny Pittsburskí Slováci a PAS.

Počas popoludnia bude hrať hudba do tanca a návštevníci si budú môcť prezrieť výstavu o Spišskom hrade a slovenských dedinách. Pre deti vo veku do 12 rokov bude pripravený bohatý program a rôzne hry.

Vstupné je \$22.00, pre dôchodcov nad 55 rokov je vstupné \$12.00 a nad 70 rokov je vstupné \$8.50. Blížšie informácie a vstupenky: Dolores Sakal, tel. číslo 412-243-0438 alebo Rev. Joyef Grosko, tel. číslo 412-466-6545.

## Piknik SAKS- v Greenwich Point, CT

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko usporiada v nedeľu 7. augusta piknik v Greenwich Point Park, Tod's Driftway, Old Greenwich, CT. Park je pri morskej pláži. Vstupné je \$35.00 za dospelých a pre mládež od 6 do 18 rokov je vstupné \$15.00. Deti vo veku do 6 rokov majú vstup bezplatný. Šeky vystavené na S-ACC majú byť poslané na adresu Adelka Darula, 28 High Street, Greenwich, CT 06830. V cene je započítané jedlo a nelkoholické nápoje. Rezervácie a bližšie informácie: Adelka Darula, tel. č. 203-531-9532.

## Púť do West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej katolíckej slovenskej jednoty v New Yorku usporiada v nedeľu 14. augusta púť do Mariánskej svätiny vo West Haverstraw, NY. Pred svätou omšou bude spoveď. Svätá omša začne o 11.00 hodine. Obed bude o 12.30 hod. a Ružencová procesia začne o 2.30 hod. Ak bude dosť záujemcov, na púť pôjde od Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC autobus. Záujemcovia sa majú prihlásiť u Jozefa Bilika, tel. č. (718) 463-2084.

## Slovenskí žiaci boli na enviroolympiáde v USA úspešní

Jednu zlatú a dve bronzové medaily získali pre Slovensko stredoškólcovia v USA na Medzi-národnej olympiáde environmentálnych projektov - GENIUS olympiáde (Global Environmental Issues and Us).

Súťaž sa konala na newyorskej štátnej univerzite v Oswego v USA. Zúčastnilo sa na nej 376 nadaných žiakov stredných škôl v oblasti vedy a techniky zo 46 štátov.

V konkurencii 188 súťažných projektov zameraných na riešenie environmentálnych problémov reprezentovali Slovensko piati žiaci stredných škôl s tromi súťažnými projektmi.

Zlatú medailu, vecnú cenu a čestné uznanie za mimoriadne vedomosti získal žiak Gymnázia Jána Chalupky v Brezne Peter Horváth, ktorý vyvinul novú metódu stanovenia kadmia vo vode.

Bronzovú medailu a vecnú cenu si z GENIUS olympiády odniesla žiačka Gymnázia J. G. Tajovského v Banskej Bystrici Emília Petříková za projekt s názvom Vplyv zinku na rôzne vývinové štádiá fazule záhradnej.

Dalšiu bronzovú medailu a vecnú cenu získal aj žiak Gymnázia na Exnárovej ulici v Košiciach Daniel Grega za projekt s názvom Zrážanie kovov z kyslých bankských vôd.

Na GENIUS olympiádu postúpili žiaci z Celostátnej súťažnej prehliadky bádateľských projektov žiakov stredných škôl o cenu Scientia Pro Futuro.

Súťaž Scientia Pro Futuro vylahuje a organizuje občianske združenie Mladí vedci Slovenska v spolupráci so spoluorganizátorom Ministerstvom školstva, vedy, výskumu a športu SR. - SITA

## Národná púť v Nitre

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kultúrnej a duchovnej samostatnosti? Podobná otázka sa otvára osobitným spôsobom aj pred Cirkvou, jej hierarchiou a jej inštitúciami. Akým spôsobom uskutočňujeme novú evanjelizáciu? Akú víziu máme pre rozvoj inkulturácie Kristovho evanjelia v meniacom sa svete? Rastislavov projekt v našich dejinách stroskotal, rozbil sa na ľudskej zlobe a závisť. (...) A predsa, napriek tomu všetkému, vklad svätých Cyrila a Metoda do našich dejín bol taký silný, že prekonal a prekonalá všetky tieto nepriazne ľudí, osudu i histórie. A je tu prítomný dodnes."

Na konci cyrilometodskej púte v Nitre sa prihovril apoštolský nunciatus na Slovensku, arcibiskup Mons. Mario Giordana. Prítomným bol prečítaný pozdravný telegram pápeža Benedikta XVI. pri príležitosti štátneho sviatku Slovenskej republiky, adresovaný prezidentovi Ivanovi Gašparovičovi a všetkým občanom Slovenska.

Po skončení slávnosti nitriansky biskup Mons. Viliam Judák požehnal nový zvon pre katedrálu - Baziliku sv. Emeráma v Nitre. Sú na ňom reliéfy sv. Emeráma, sv. Bystríka a bl. Maura. Zvon meria 160 cm, váži 2 400 kg a jeho zvuk vydáva tón C1. Čoskoro bude inštalovaný k trom starším zvonom vo veži biskupského chrámu. - TK KBS

## KÚTIK HUMORU

Policajti dostali za úlohu zmerať výšku stĺpa. Chodia okolo stĺpa, špekulujú a nemôžu na to prísť.

Pride k nim kolega a hovorí:  
- Mám nápad, zvalme stĺp a potom ho odmeriame.  
- Ty hlupák, my potrebujeme jeho výšku, nie dĺžku.

Malého Janka bolí bruško a vzdychá:  
- Jój, bolí ma bruško!  
- To preto, lebo ho máš prázdne. Odpovie jeho mama. O dva týždne neskôr k nim na návštevu príde teta, ktorá sa pošťazuje:  
- Jój, ako ma bolí hlava!  
Janko sa zamyslí a povie:  
- Asi preto, lebo ju máš prázdnu...

Ferko víta tetu:  
- Ocko sa veru poteší, že si prišla.  
- To je milé a prečo si to myslíš?  
- Lebo povedal, že už len ty nám chýbaš ku šťastiu.

Dvaja opití idú po kolajniciach.  
- Tie schody sú ale nekonečné.  
- Ale už nám ide výtah!

Pride policajti do obchodu so šiltovkami. Skúša, skúša, ale nejak sa mu nepozdávajú. Predavačka sa ho pýta:  
„Pane môžem vám nejakou poradiť?“  
Policajti: „A tie šiltovky zo šiltom dozadu máte?“

## Prezident Gašparovič prijal delegáciu amerických kongresmanov



Na snímke kongresman John Mica (vľavo) počas návštevy u prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča (vpravo).

Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič sa 2. júla v Bratislave stretol s delegáciou amerických kongresmanov, ktorú viedol predseda Výboru pre dopravu a infraštruktúru, republikánsky člen Snemovne reprezentantov John Mica.

Prezidentovi Gašparovičovi podakoval za vynikajúcu spoluprácu a partnerstvo medzi krajinami v oblasti podnikania, investícií, vo vojenských operáciách či v mierových misiách. "Využili sme dnes možnosť, ako ďalej posunúť toto dobré partnerstvo a vzťahy. V hospodárskej oblasti sme počas krízy celkom slušne obstáli, ale musíme sa snažiť ďalej," uviedol pre TASR po stretnutí v Prezidentskom paláci kongresman slovenského pôvodu.

Micovi rodičia pochádzali z obce Sobotište na Záhorí a do USA emigrovali v roku 1907. On Slovensko navštívil už viackrát, s Gašparovičom sa naposledy stretol pred šiestimi rokmi v Bratislave, krátko po summite amerického prezidenta Georgea Busha a ruského prezidenta Vladimira Putina. Mica doviedol teraz na Slovensko skupinu demokratov aj republikánov,

ktorí sú novými kongresmanmi a nemali doteraz šancu navštíviť Slovenskú republiku. Okrem Slovenska zavítali aj do Bruselu, sídla Európskej únie.

Prezident vyjadril potešenie z návštevy amerických politikov. "Myslím si, že poslanci parlamentov by sa mohli častejšie stretávať a vytvárať ozvuššie ozajstnej spolupráce na reálnych projektoch," poznamenal. Považuje za sympatické, že kongresman Mica chcel počas cesty do Európy predstaviť svojim kolegom krajinu svojich predkov. "Zatiaľ síce iba prostredníctvom verbálnych informácií, ale som presvedčený, že táto návšteva nebude posledná," povedal Gašparovič. Potvrdil, že diskutovali o výbornej spolupráci SR a USA prakticky vo všetkých oblastiach.

Delegácia amerických kongresmanov sa počas krátkej návštevy Slovenska stretla aj s premiérkou Ivetou Radičovou. Cieľom pracovnej cesty bolo otvoriť témy dopravy, európskych bezpečnostných štandardov v rámci civilného letectva a rozhadnej dopravy či možnosti rozšírenia ekonomickej spolupráce. - TASR



V obci Horuba v okrese Medzilaborce slávnostne otvorili nový drevený chrám. Posvätil ho 9. júna prešovský gréckokatolícky arcibiskup a metropolita Ján Babjak. Ide o kópiu pôvodného chrámu, ktorý stál v obci pred 250 rokmi. Je najmladším dreveným kostolíkom na Slovensku. Pôvodný kostolík predali do Hradca Králové. Rozobrali ho a do Českej republiky previezli vlakom.

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### Na národnú púť v Nitre zaslal pozdravný telegram aj pápež Benedikt XVI.



Na cyrilo-metodskej púti sa zúčastnil aj prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič - na snímke uprostred.

Na Nitrianskom hrade sa 5. júla - na sviatok sv. Cyrila a Metoda - konala národná púť. Tisíce veriacich si prišli uctiť odkaz svätých solúnskych bratov. Boli medzi nimi aj predstavitelia cirkevného, politického, kultúrneho a spoločenského života na Slovensku i hostia zo zahraničia. Hlavným celebrantom svätej omše pod holým nebom bol sekretár Kongregácie pre východné cirkvi, arcibiskup Cyril Vasil, SJ. Prítomných na začiatku bohoslužby privítal ni-

triensky biskup Mons. Viliam Judák. Pripomenul základný rozmer sviatku a spojitost starobylej Nitry s misiou svätých Cyrila a Metoda.

Hlavný celebrant v homilii označil svätých solúnskych bratov za mužov viery, ktorí obstáli v skúške dejín. Konštatoval, že „sú prijateľní a prijímaní širokým spektrom našej spoločnosti, teda nielen veriacimi, katolíckmi či Slovákmi, ale pri nich aj ten obyvateľ Slovenska, ktorý o sebe povie: nie som veriaci, nie som

katolíck, nie som Slovák, môže súčasne povedať: predsa sú mi tieto historické postavy svojim spôsobom blízke. Ich osudy a ideály mi niečo hovoria“. Mons. Cyril Vasil pripomenul, že svätí Cyril a Metod boli „v minulosti podľa potreby raz označovaní za symboly slovanskej družby, či Česko-Slovenskej vzájomnosti, za literátov, za predstaviteľov byzantskej diplomacie, za tvorcov národného jazyka. (...) Kultúra, politika, diplomacia, písomníctvo, jazyk - to všetko to bolo, všetko toto bolo pri misii sv. Cyrila a Metoda potrebné a dôležité, ale nie prvoradé a podstatné. Prvoradé a podstatné bolo ohlasovanie viery. A to spôsobom novým, prítlačivým, horlivým a vytrvalým“.

Mons. Vasil ďalej pokračoval: „Aké bude miesto našej vlasti na medzinárodnom fóre? Zachováme si vlastnú tvár a charakter alebo sa necháme zmiesť zo scény pod tlakom ekonomických výhod či hrozieb, ktoré k nám prichádzajú z nadnárodných fór a vyžadujú, aby sme si nechali postupne, krok za krokom, odkrajať z našej politickej,

(Pokračovanie na str. 19)

### Správy zo Slovenska



◆ Automobilová spoločnosť Volkswagen Slovakia bude pokračovať v nepretržitej štvorzmennej prevádzke výroby automobilov sedem dní v týždni až do konca roku 2011. Dôvodom je pretrvávajúci dopyt na svetových trhoch po všetkých vozidlách vyrobených v bratislavskom závode. Výroba automobilov v nepretržitej prevádzke začala v septembri minulého roku a bola plánovaná do konca júna 2011. Priamo v spoločnosti vytvorila približne tisíc nových pracovných miest. Volkswagen Slovakia pôsobí na Slovensku 20 rokov. Od roku 1991 vyrobil už viac ako 2,5 milióna vozidiel.

◆ Vo Važci pod Tatrami stavia spoločnosť Arent Development prvé seniorské mesto na Slovensku a v celej Európe. Podľa vyjadrenia projektového manažera spoločnosti P. Horáka chcú oslovit aj početnú komunitu Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorí by sa v dôchodkovom veku chceli vrátiť na Slovensko.

◆ Projekt ráta do dvoch rokov s prvou výstavbou. Celkovo by malo ísť o 500 rôznych bytov, domov či apartmánov.

◆ Na Slovensku je neďalej nízka pôrodnosť a vlni opäť klesla. Podľa údajov Štatistického úradu SR sa vlni narodilo 60 410 živých detí, čo je porovnateľné s rokom 1996. Najviac detí sa rodí matkám vo vekovej skupine 25 až 29 rokov.

◆ Na Slovensku zomiera ročne asi 51 až 54-tisíc ľudí. Stredná dĺžka života má rastúci trend. Oproti roku 2001 sa zvýšila u mužov o 2,1 roka a u žien o 1,3 roka. V roku 2010 bola u mužov 71,62 rokov a u žien 78,84 rokov.

◆ Tempo rastu priemyselnej produkcie na Slovensku pokračovalo v máji v postupnom zrýchľovaní. Podľa údajov Štatistického úradu SR produkcia v slovenskom priemysle v

piatom mesiaci medziročne stúpila o 10,7 percenta. V apríli rástla 8,3-percentným tempom a v marci bola vyššia o 6,8 percenta.

◆ Malé lietadlo spoločnosti Aero Slovakia spadlo 8. júna počas chemického postreku do poľa v katastri obce Zemplínske Jastrabie v okrese Trebišov. Lietadlo zachytilo elektrické vedenie pravdepodobne krídлом, roztrhlo drôty a zrútilo sa. 63-ročný pilot na mieste nehody zahynul.

◆ Podľa výsledkov prieskumu Eurostatu, ktorý porovnával ceny potravín a priemerné platy obyvateľov Európskej únie, platia Slováci za jedlo viac než v susedných krajinách. Oproti máju minulého roku sa zvýšili ceny potravín o 7,4 percenta. Podľa analytikov Slováci začali šetriť a menej nakupujú.

◆ Počas druhého júlového vikendu postihli niektoré časti Slovenska silné prívodové dažde, ktoré spôsobili záplavy. Situácia bola vážna najmä v okresoch Dolný Kubín a Trebišov, kde zatopilo 180 rodinných domov. V niektorých oblastiach podmylo aj cesty a v Dolnom Kubíne došlo k zosuvu svahu a zosunutá zem zasypala aj jedno auto. Prudký dážď pustil v turisticky frekventovanom prielome Dunajca v Červenom Kláštore skalnú lavínu, ktorá zahatala turistický chodník.

◆ Silné búrky nasledovali po veľkých horúčavách. Teploty na niektorých miestach dosiahli 33 až 35 stupňov Celzia. Nemocnice zaznamenali nárast ľudí, ktorí z horúčav kolabovali.

◆ Veľké nešťastie sa stalo v katastri obce Slovenské Nové Mesto v pokrese Trebišov. Vo vybagrovanej jame sa utopili traja bratia vo veku 5, 7 a 9 rokov. Keď rodičia zistili, že deti nie sú doma, išli ich hľadať. Keď prišli k bagrovisku, videli na vode plávať jedno teličko, dvaja súrodenci boli už pod vodou.



Mons. Viliam Judák požehnáva nový zvon pre katedrálu - Baziliku sv. Emeráma v Nitre.