Sokol Members Join Thousands of Pro-Life Advocates at 39th March for Life in Washington

Despite inclement weather, the spirit and enthusiasm of tens of thousands of pro-life marchers remained undeterred at this year’s 39th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23. Thousands made the trip to our nation’s capital by bus, train and auto to call for protection under the law for human life at all stages. Some contingents, especially from the midwest encountered heavy snow which closed major highways, yet were determined and able to make the march.

The march marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision, which made abortion legal throughout the United States. The march also is a sign of the strength of the pro-life movement in the United States, and of the growing opposition to abortion and other attacks on life, including euthanasia.

As has been our tradition for most of the years of the march, members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, led by our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, joined members of our brother and sister Slovak Catholic fraternals, namely, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union in the annual march. “Slovak Fraternalists for Life” in the name of our four organizations joined the estimated 100,000 marchers under rainy skies as they walked down Constitution Avenue towards Capitol Hill. The annual march is part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life which began on Sunday evening, January 22 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas and chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities was principal celebrant and homilist at the 6:30 p.m. liturgy. Many bishops along with hundreds of bishops and thousands of pro-life advocates made the trip to our nation’s capital undeterred at this year’s 39th annual March for Life.

Our members along with those of our brother and sister Slovak Catholic fraternals, namely the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union joined thousands of pro-life marchers at the 39th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23. The march commemorates the infamous January 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court which made abortion legal in the United States.

Our Honoray Supreme Officer

Group 7 Honors Msgr. Francis J. Beeda on his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood

Group 7 “Rev. Joseph Murguia” took the time to celebrate a special milestone with an individual who has played an important role in its life and activities over the past half century, Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L. Our Golden Jubilarian celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 20, 2011. On Saturday, January 6, 2012, Group 7 officers and guests from various Sokol lodges, under the leadership of their president, who is now serving as Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath, decided to honor their former chaplain who went on to serve as our organization’s Supreme Chaplain. The Sokols and Sokolky gathered at the Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. where Msgr. Beeda is a resident.

The evening celebration began with the Rev. Richard J. Cirba, chaplain of Group 7 and associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, Pa. offering a festive toast asking God to continue to bless Msgr. Beeda as he observes this important milestone in his priestly ministry among us. The blessing before the meal was offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic who serves as pastor of the Parish of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa. Father Andrew is a son of Sacred Heart Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre where Msgr. Beeda was his boyhood pastor and priestly mentor. He recalled the important role played by Msgr. Beeda in the life of the Wilkes-Barre parish and the American Slovak community in general.

The occasion was a wonderful opportunity for storytelling. During the course of the evening, Msgr. Beeda recalled many stories about his priesthood, his friendship with so many who were here present and his involvement with the Slovak Catholic Sokol, in particular with Assembly 59 which was active at Sacred Heart Parish and Group 7 and finally his years as pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish in Hazleton, the oldest Slovak faith community in the United States. His recollections brought many smiles and gestures of happiness and joy to the assembled fraternalists. It was indeed a very special night for all.

Raised in the former Holy Family Slovak Parish in Scranton, al-

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Introducing our newest members

Reagan Sophia Dedes, born April 2, 2011, is the daughter of Ryan and Mary Beth Bielewicz Dedes of Pittsburgh, Pa. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Madison Marie Marchinsky, born May 1, 2011, is the daughter of Kevin and Colleen Bielewicz Marchinsky of Pittsburgh, Pa. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alexander John Molchany, born October 27, 2011, is the son of Paul and Jennifer Molchany of Neenah, Wis. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 255 in Egypt, Pa.

Addison Rose DiMartino, born August 2, 2011, is the daughter of Guido and Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Denise Lendacky DiMartino of Havertown, Pa. She was enrolled as a member of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Lily Isabella George, born November 1, 2011, is the daughter of Bryan H. and Linda M. Petko George of Grapevine, Tex. She was enrolled as a member of Assembly 78 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Assembly 82 enjoys fraternal visit with Michael E. Gdula

One of our veteran Group 9 Sokol activists, Michael E. Gdula enjoyed a special visit from fellow officers and members of Assembly 82 in Dunlo, Pa. over the Christmas holiday season. Dolly Yonkoski dressed up as Santa and the Sokols and Sokolky visited Brother Mike. Santa presented him with a gift of lottery tickets in a card along with a basket of fruit. Brother Mike certainly enjoyed the visit.

Brother Mike, a Dunlo, Pa. native, has been an active Sokol all his life. He has been a member and long-time financial secretary for over 20 years in Assembly 82 and has represented the lodge as a delegate at several of our national conventions. An avid golfer, he and his son, Jim have enjoyed participating in both Group 9 and our international Sokol golf tournaments. Brother Mike is known throughout our organization as a wonderful sportsman and fraternalist. At our 43rd International Golf Tournament held in Dubois, Pa. in August 1998, Brother Mike was presented with the prestigious Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award for his leadership and good sportsmanship. While not in the best of health, the officers of Assembly 82, Sister Dolly, Brother John and Sister Alice Podreb-arac and Brother Joe Richnavsky were pleased to enjoy the visit with Brother Mike and thank him for all he has done on behalf of Assembly 82 as well as the Slovak Catholic Sokol in general. Brother Mike will turn 89 on April 10. May God continue to bless you and Zdar Boh!

At St. John Nepomucene Parish

New York’s Youngest Sokols Welcome St. Nicholas

Some of the youngest members of Assembly 182 in New York City enjoyed this year’s St. Nicholas Day celebration on Sunday, December 5 held at St. John Nepomucene Parish. The annual event celebrates the tradition of St. Nicholas whose feast is observed on December 6. In Slovakia, the children receive their Christmas gifts from the well-known saint whose cult evolved into Santa Claus brought to our shores by the early Dutch immigrants. The children enjoyed games and refreshments and each received a gift from St. Nicholas. On the right, St. Nicholas (Brian Korcek) is shown with Victoria and Claudia Bodo, who are the daughters of Assembly 182 vice president Jozef Bodo. Below, the children pose for a group photo with committee members including Dr. Ladislav Korcek, back row third from the left, who is the president of Assembly 182. An enjoyable time was had by all.

BABY SPOONS
December 2011

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LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER
You might have listened to our President of the United States in his State of the Union message on January 24 emphasize the fact that we all need to work together to help improve our nation's economy and strengthen our resolve to emerge from the current crisis stronger and better than ever. He declared that "We've come too far to turn back now." This year, the Slovak Catholic Sokol will observe its 107th anniversary. For more than a century, generations of committed, hardworking Sokols and So- lolky have labored in order for our organization to grow. We've come a long way from those early days when we were just a few scattered lodges eager to help expand our organization so that today we can proudly say that we remain one of America's most admired fraternal benefit societies.

Milestones in our history offer opportunities to look back and reflect on how we can improve our organization. This year, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of our organization's first national Slet. It was in the summer of 1912 when hundreds of young Sokols and So- lolky from various parts of the country traveled to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to compete in that first Slet. The Slet competitors didn't stay in hotels or school dormitories back then, they stayed in the homes of their Sokol families in the Wilkes-Barre area displaying true fraternalism. Group 7 was just about two years old and its members served as wonderful hosts. As our organization grew and expanded, later Slets saw the participants housed in campus facilities. When our organization expanded into Canada, our young people began competing at our Slets which eventually were called "International Slets."

I along with our Supreme President recently participated in the annual meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board in Cleveland, Ohio. At this meeting, we discussed the 46th International Slet to be held in 2013 as well as some services to our international athletic programs in 2012. At this meeting, we had the opportunity to express farewell to three dedicated members of the board, namely Susan L. Blosser, Julie M. Laury, and Roger J. Manyak. We thanked them for their many years of faithful service to our organization.

In our last issue, we published a list of names of those members who took the time and had interest in 2011 to contribute to our various insurance products. We would like to personally thank each of these 116 dedicated members for their willingness to contribute to our organization. Their efforts are very much appreciated and I hope that they, along with many more of our members, will contribute as a board member, will promote new membership in 2012. The easiest way to start is for our parents and grandparents to look for their own family. Enrolling a new member is a simple task. The child is young so the benefit is minimal yet the long-term benefit, the security of life insurance along with the many fraternal benefits offered our members will provide a wonderful return on the investment of a member or grandparent. We ask parents and grandparents to think about it and see your local lodge office or contact our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. at 888-381-5431 about an application and rate chart.

In this issue a new benefit offering is extended to our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. They can invest their funds into our Sokol Secure Fund. It is an excellent investment vehicle whose current interest rate is earning more than what most banks offer in their CD's. Not only will our lodge and Group treasurers benefit with an attractive interest rate but these funds contribute to the overall strength and security of our organization in the long run. Complete details of this new benefit offer to our Groups and Lodges may be found in this issue. If there are any questions, just give as a call at 800-886-7656 and we will gladly assist you.

So, until next time, have a wonderful week and may God continue to bless you and your family with good health and happiness. Peace be with you and Zdar Bo!h.
Sr. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich's cause of canonization progresses

The cause for the beatification and canonization of the Servant of God, Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, a Sister of Charity of St. Elizabeth, continues to progress. Sister Miriam Teresa, born in Bayonne, N.J., in 1901 of immigrant parents from Bardejov, Slovakia could become the first candidate for beatification from the Diocese of Trenton, N.J., according to a feature article by Michael Wojcik in the January 19th issue of The Beacon, newspaper of the Diocese of Paterson.

In August 2011, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop emeritus of Washington, wrote to Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, in support of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Sister Miriam Teresa. In reply, Cardinal Amato wrote, "I am pleased to inform you that the Cause is making excellent progress. As soon as the Decree on the Heroicity of Virtues has been promulgated, the Medical Board of this Congregation will be convoked in order to deliberate on the presumed miracle presented for the Beatification of the Servant of God, the cure of a 6-year-old blind boy from Teaneck, N.J.

In Rome this month, a group of Cardinals will meet to discuss the Positio (an account of her virtues). If the unexplained cure of the boy can be attributed to Sister Miriam Teresa’s intercession, it would be a major step in her beatification. It’s designated “Blessed” by the Church, one confirmed miracle must be proven. A second miracle is needed for canonization.

Sister Miriam Teresa, who lived a life of everyday holiness, following a rule of life of Jesus: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Her message predated the Second Vatican Council’s document, “A Universal Call to Holiness,” said Sister Jane Teresa, an assistant to Sister Miriam Jose Smith, vice postulator of Sister Miriam Teresa since it was introduced by the Cardinal-archdiocesan seminary. Over the years, its members have promoted the cause of Sister Miriam Teresa since it was introduced by the first Bishop of Paterson, Thomas McLaughin in 1945. The Sister Miriam Teresa League of Prayer was founded in 1948 and publishes a quarterly league of prayer Bulletin by the Convent Station, Sister Miriam Teresa’s priest-brother, the late Msgr. Charles Demjanovich taught the Slovak language at the Newark archdiocesan seminary.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of the Year - February 19th

Mark 1:14-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed: that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord

60th Florida Slovak Day set for Sunday, March 4

A bit of American Slovak history will be made this year, as The Slovak Garden hosts its 60th annual Florida Slovak Day on Sunday, March 4 at its cultural center located at 3110 Howell Branch Road in Winter Park, Florida.

This year’s celebration begins with a Slovak Mass at 11 a.m. in the Slovak Garden Great Hall. The liturgy will be celebrated for all the deceased members who have labored to establish The Slovak Garden as a home for American Slovaks in Florida. Following the liturgy, a traditional luncheon will be served beginning at 1 p.m. featuring various Slovak culinary specialties. The rich cultural program begins at 3 p.m. and will feature a host of dancers and singers celebrating the music and songs of Slovakia. Tickets for the luncheon are $25.00 per person. For reservations, call The Slovak Garden at (407)677-6894 or email at: slovakgar den@centurylink.net. Our transplanted New York Sokol of Assembly 1862, Jerry J. Krupa, president and manager of The Slovak Garden, extends a cordial invitation to Sokols and Sokolky who now reside in the Sunshine State to turn out for this year’s Florida Slovak Day.

On Monday, March 5, the annual meeting of The Slovak Garden will be held in the cultural center beginning with registration at 9 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. All members are invited to attend.

The history and development of The Slovak Garden is a rich chapter in the history of the American Slovak community. Following the Second World War, a number of Slovaks from north of the Mason Dixon Line began visiting Florida to sample its very pleasant climate and atmosphere. The founders of The Slovak Garden were fraternalists from the National Slovak Society, the former Zverna Beneficial Society and other societies as well. The founders wanted to establish a residence where retirists from the north could reside in a facility with a distinct Slovak atmosphere about it. Property was purchased in Winter Park, just outside Orlando in 1950. Construction of the new apartments commenced that year and were completed a year later. It was in March 1952, that the group decided to host a Slovak Day observance. With the date and details of the event announced in our Slovak fraternal press, a good turnout of Slovaks from across Florida enjoyed that first Slovak Day. Thus, this year’s observance celebrates 60 years of annual Florida Slovak Day. Over the years, many members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have been active in the work of The Slovak Garden. The facility has grown and expanded over the years. Today, it includes a complex which attract those of Slovak ancestry from 55 and older. It includes a wonderful cultural center and Slovak museum. The Slovak Garden has been publishing its quarterly Floridsky Slovák (The Floridian Slovak) for more than a half century. Seasonal activities are held at the complex, which attract those of Slovak ancestry from across the Sunshine State. We congratulate Brother Jerry J. Krupa as well as all the directors of The Slovak Garden on this milestone in their rich history. We hope that many Sokol members will make it a point to travel to Winter Park on March 4th for an enjoyable day celebrating Slovak heritage and pride in the Sunshine State.

The Gospel of the Lord

70th Slovak Bowling Congress of America tournament set

Bowlers - Let the good times roll. So say John M. Golias and Joseph M. Harkulich, president and secretary, respectively, of the Slovak Bowling Congress of America (SBC), as they announced that this year’s 70th Slovak National Bowling Tournament will be held in Akron, Ohio. The tournament will be held weekends beginning on April 14 and concluding on May 6. The competition is expected to attract an entry of over 700 bowlers from some 160 cities in the United States and Canada. The competition will be staged on the well-conditioned lanes at Midway Bowling Lanes located at 1070 East Tallmadge Avenue in Akron.

In this historic year in the life of the Slovak Bowling

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The Slovak Catholic Sokol has created a new benefit that we are able to extend to our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. This benefit is titled SOKOL SECURE FUND; it is designed specifically for the Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths of our organization only and cannot be used as an individual account. This is an excellent investment vehicle that can only grow and currently is earning more than what most banks offer through their Certificates of Deposit (CD’s).

The current interest rate for the SOKOL SECURE FUND will earn 2.5% APY effective October 1, 2011. This rate is determined on a quarterly basis by the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors. They at that time consider the market and financial conditions and may adjust the rate accordingly. The Slovak Catholic Sokol does not invest in “junk or low-grade securities”. Over 85% of our portfolio is in high investment grade corporate bonds and government securities.

To open a SOKOL SECURE FUND for your Group, Assembly or Wreath all that is required is to complete an application and include at least a minimum deposit of $5,000. Since this benefit is structured to be flexible, additional deposits can be made at any time providing the minimum deposit is at least $100. The SOKOL SECURE FUND includes the following features: No Loading Fees, No Withdrawal Penalties, High Liquidity and a Competitive Interest Rate compared to certain CD’s.

For administrative purposes, fund withdrawals are restricted to no more than four times a year; however, remember there are no penalties on any withdrawal of funds. The minimum amount for a withdrawal is $250.00. Once the fund is established, a minimum balance of $4,000 must be maintained.

With the SOKOL SECURE FUND you can have your cake and eat it to, unlike the CD’s offered by banks there are no restriction period or withdrawal penalty fee due for early withdrawals. Your money is accessible when you need it and has greater earning potential. Realizing the struggle to earn a reasonable interest rate in today’s economical environment the Slovak Catholic Sokol has created this benefit to assist our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths.

Following are Features and Highlights of the SOKOL SECURE FUND:

**Plan Features**
- No Loading Fees
- No Withdrawal Penalties
- High Liquidity
- Competitive Interest Rate
- Flexibility

**Minimum Withdrawn – $250.00 Underwriting – Slovak Catholic Sokol Group, Assembly or Wreath that is Internal Revenue Service designation of 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (8) only**

**Premium Deposit Options – Flexible**
- Minimum Initial Deposit – $5,000
- Minimum Balance – $4,000

**Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate – 1% APY**

**Surrender Period & Charges – None**

For additional information or for SOKOL SECURE FUND Application and SOKOL SECURE FUND Withdrawal Form, please contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656 or the Sales and Marketing Office at 888-381-5431.

**Slovak Catholic Sokol**
A tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members.

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**APPLICATION FOR SOKOL SECURE FUND – a Fraternal Benefit**

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Account Number: Initial Interest Earned: % APY

The Slovak Catholic Sokol acknowledges the receipt $ This said amount to be held by the Slovak Catholic Sokol as trustee for your organization in the Sokol Secure Fund. The initial deposit shall be no less than $5,000 and the minimum account balance no less than $4,000.

The interest rate payable is compounded daily and applied monthly. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors shall determine the interest rate paid according to the fiscal conditions in the market place and is guaranteed to not be less than 1.00% APY. These funds are not insured by the FDIC.

Your not-for-profit organization: 1) shall have the right to invest or withdraw funds on deposit, in amounts of not less than $100, 2) Withdraw the entire amount on deposit upon written request received by the Supreme Secretary of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and 3) This Deposit Agreement and any withdrawal request must be signed by the President and the Treasurer of the organization.

Dated at Passaic, NJ this day of , 20 .  
By: (Corporate Seal)

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For students entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2-8)

Slovak Catholic Sokol Catholic Grade School Grants

As per the decision of the delegates at the 28th National Convention held in Buffalo, NY in August, 1999, a fraternal benefit is being offered to our young members attending a Catholic Grade School. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $250.00 Grants to our young Sokols and Sokolky in each of our organization’s nineteen Groups. Two grants per each Group are available to any qualified Sokol member entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2 through 8).

Eligibility

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a Permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of not less than $3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.

B. One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member.

C. The principal of the Catholic Grade School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

Application

This application must be received on or before March 31, 2012 with a clear, small (2” x 3” wallet size) head and shoulders photograph. Application is also available on the Internet at www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

Return of Grant

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.

Disqualification

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

Acknowledgment

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

Awardee

Deadline for Return completed application to: Slovak Catholic Sokol, Catholic Grade School Grant, 205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899, Passaic, NJ 07055

As part of a multi-fraternal competition

66th Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament in Wickliffe, Oh., May 4-6

by Edward D. Moeller

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

As many of you know, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has been meeting with several of our brother and sister fraternal organizations to try and combine some of our sporting events. It is therefore with great pleasure that I announce the First Annual United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament! The Slovak Catholic Sokol has combined its upcoming bowling tournament with members of the National Slovak Society, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. This will enable us to have an even bigger tournament with the opportunity for more prizes and a chance to get to know our brother and sister fraternals.

It is once again time to begin preparations for your teams for this historic event. This year the bowling tournament will take place in Wickliffe, Ohio. The tournament will be held at the Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe, Oh. It begins on Friday, May 4 and concludes on Sunday, May 6th. The lanes are located only minutes from the Embassy Suites Hotel in Beachwood, Oh., which will be our main headquarters for the weekend. This will be a spectacular event that you will not want to miss. We hope the location will entice many “alumni” bowlers from years past, to join us at this special fraternal event as well as many new bowlers looking to combine a great family vacation as part of the special fraternal event.

All of the preparations are complete and you can now reserve your rooms. With our large volume of bowlers and through some keen negotiations, we are able to enjoy a very reasonable price of $1000/night, tax included. A total of 150 newly remodeled rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at this special rate. As well, if any of our members wish to arrive before the tournament or stay a few days later, they will also receive the reduced rate.

The hotel reservation number is 800 317-1960. The final deadline to reserve and book all your hotel room is Wednesday, APRIL 4TH. After this date, we cannot guarantee you will secure a room at the hotel. Our organization’s block of 150 rooms is registered under the United Slovak Fraternals and when you contact the hotel, kindly identify yourself as a member.

The hotel address is 3775 Park East Drive, Beachwood, OH 44122. The telephone number at the hotel is (216)765-8866. The bowling lanes are located at 28801 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. The telephone number at the bowling lanes is (440)896-5855. There are 84 newly renovated lanes with automatic scoring which we hope will generate some high scores for our members. The bowling center is fully equipped with restaurants, a proshop along with all the other facilities required to effectively support our tournament.

Soon you will receive your team (Continued on page 13)


CLIFTON, NJ

Assembly 162

The founders of our Assembly in 1916 chose the great Apostles of the Slavs, Saint Cyril and Methodius, to be patrons of the lodge. One of the traditional fraternal activities of our lodge is to host a patronal feast day observance honoring our patrons and saluting the seventy-five year and fifty-year members of our Assembly. This year’s patronal feast day celebration is set for Sunday, February 12 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church at 218 Ackerman Avenue. Our program will begin with attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Slovak Mass which will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Assembly 162. Our officers, members and honorees will assemble in the church vestibule at 10:15 a.m. so as to march in a body to the liturgy. Following the liturgy, we will assemble in the church hall where we will enjoy a delicious luncheon and fraternal program. All members are invited to join us for this annual celebration.

At the luncheon, we will honor our senior Sokols including our 75-year member, Anthony Gozdava. Brother Gozdava is a well-known Sokol activist and currently serves as an officer of our lodge. In addition, this year four members will be honored as our 50-year members, including Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Karen Kirchmayer, Mary Lejava, George Tauras and Peter J. Sienacki. Each of our honorees will receive a special diamond or gold pin as well as a Certificate of Appreciation from our lodge office. We look forward to seeing our 2012 honorees and their families. In addition, we extend a special invitation to our past honorees as well as all our members in general.

Assembly 162 has enjoyed a wonderful history over these past 96 years. Today, we are the largest lodge within Group 1. Our founders gave strong support to the establishment of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish. We have supported its ministry ever since. “Clifton, the city of champions” has been a familiar adage regarding our lodge and the many outstanding athletes who have been active in our organization.

Therefore, we look forward to seeing a great turnout of our members at this year’s patronal feast day celebration, honoring the great evangelizers who brought the gift of faith to our ancestors and saluting the senior Sokol members. Zidar Boh!

John D. Pogorelec, Jr.

President

David Rublin

Recording Secretary

LORAIN, OH

Wreath 111

A wonderful tradition had by all! That was the sentiment expressed by the Sokolky who enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner hosted by our Wreath on Monday, December 12 at the American Slovak Home. The evening included all the wonderful foods enjoyed at a traditional Christmas Eve supper in a Slovak home. During the evening, we carried out our Slovak customs at dinner, such as washing our fingers in a bowl of water and coins, sharing the Oplatky with one another, raising our glasses to a healthy, happy and holy New Year 2012. After dinner, we sang Christmas carols, first in English and then in Slovak. We concluded by raising our glasses to all of you still know our Slovak. Our member, Melissa Denen baked and decorated a delicious cake enjoyed for dessert. It was a very enjoyable evening.

As is our fraternal tradition the annualaffle in support of our various charities took place this year’s winners include: 1st prize - $100 won by Mary Mamcarz, Oh., 2nd prize - $75 won by Trisha Radman, Lorain, Oh.; 3rd prize - $50 won by Chris Nedeltz, Lorain, Oh.; and 4th prize - $25 won by Anne Fair, Avon, Oh. We wish to thank all who supported our annualaffle this year as well as in years past.

Zidar Boh!

Anna Gaydosh

Treasurer

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Assembly 77

On Sunday, April 1, we will observe the feast of St. George, patron of our Assembly. We will attend the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Second Street and 13th Avenue. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and lower churches and every chapel of the shrine which is the largest Catholic church in the United States. Following the liturgy, the National Rosary for Life will be celebrated. In addition, various devotions including Night Prayer and holy hours continued throughout the night concluding with a 7:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Cardinal-designate, Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as principal celebrant and homilist.

With each passing year, thou- sands of Catholics from all over the country have responded enthusiastically and in ever greater numbers by taking part in the National Prayer Vigil for Life.

Prior to the beginning of the March, thousands gathered at the National Mall for the inspiring pro-gram which included, speakers and entertainment. Among those who ad-dressed the pro-life speakers was the Speak-er of the House of Representatives, Ohio Republican, John A. Boehner who reminded his audience that the majority of Americans do not want to have government pay for abortions. Speakers reminded the participants that to date more than 53 million abortions have been performed since the Roe v. Wade decision.

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Zidar Boh!

Anna Gaydosh

Treasurer

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priests joined as concelebrants of the liturgy. More than 10,000, mostly young people, packed every area of the basilica, lower churches and every chapel of the shrine which is the largest Catholic church in the United States. Following the liturgy, the National Rosary for Life will be celebrated. In addition, various devotions including Night Prayer and holy hours continued throughout the night concluding with a 7:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Cardinal-designate, Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as principal celebrant and homilist.

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KIDS’ CORNER “Detský kútik ”
February, 2012

Valentine’s Day gift ideas for Mom and Dad

No matter what you make, homemade gifts are always treasured. These are the kinds of presents that moms and dads really love. It shows that you put thought into the gift.

Here are a few ideas for homemade gifts that you can make:

- Use some pictures and make a collage
- Make a jewelry box out of popsicle sticks
- Write a poem and draw a picture to go with it
- Make a card
- Paint a flower pot for mom or dad’s favorite plant
- Make a coupon book with things like (Good for one time of loading the dishwasher)
- Make a mobile with a hanger a cut out hearts (you can even add cool sayings on the hearts)
- Use M-n-M’s or Reeses Pieces to spell out I love you on a piece of paper (use glue to keep the candy in place)
- Paint a mason jar and fill it with candy

Just a quick thank you to Kathy Watkins, Supreme Physical Directress for her assistance with the Kids’ Corner over the past 4 years- her help has been invaluable. As Kathy moves on to her new role, we welcome Jennifer Romine, new Supreme Physical Fitness Board member, to the Kids Corner editorial staff. :)

Surprise your boyfriend/girlfriend, or your parents and grandparents by wishing them these:

Happy Valentine’s Day - Šťastný Valentínsky deň = Pronounced [shytaast-nee vaah-len-teen-skee den, with a soft n.]

Valentínska kartka = Valentine’s Day card
milovať [mee- low – vaat ] = to love, to be in love (with), to carry a torch for

Milujem len Teba. [mee – lew – yem len Tye – bah ] = I love you (and only you)

Miláčik [Mi – laah-cheek] = darling, honey, sweetheart
ľúbť [lyoo – beet ] = to love (can be used for girlfriend/boyfriend, parents, grandparents, etc.)

ľúbť sa [lyoo – beet sah ] = to be nuts or crazy about, to be take with

Ľúbim sa Teba = I am crazy about you, I love you

frajer [fry – air ] = boyfriend
frajerka [fry – air – kah ] = girlfriend
Scenes of the Annual Christmas Dinner Hosted by Wreath 111
The American Slovak Home + Lorain, Ohio + December 12

Sharing the traditional Oplatky at the beginning of the dinner are, Mary Mager and her daughters, Michele and Sandy Mager.

Watching over the gifts left by Santa, are, Pat Frey and her daughter, Amy Grude.

Tina Hellinger serves her mom, Kathy Trifiletti coffee.

Well-known baker, Melissa Deneen baked and decorated a wonderful cake which was enjoyed for dessert.

Three generations of Sokolky include, l-r, Judy Hromada, her daughter Melissa Deneen and her mother, Ann Zuffa.

Offering the traditional toast for a joyous Christmas season and a happy New Year 2012 at the dinner are, l-r, Sue Naelitz, Regina Davies and Marge Kurta.

Selecting the winning raffle tickets, are, l-r, Helen Virant, Anna Gaydosh and Helen Zemanek.

Sharing their bags of candy and treats are Pam Cera and Wreath 111 President Glenice Zelina.
Scenes of the Group 7 Celebration Honoring Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L.
on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of His Ordination to the Priesthood
Little Flower Manor + Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania + January 6

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ways an excellent student, Msgr. Beeda was selected to complete his theological studies in preparation for the priesthood in Rome residing at the North American College. He was ordained a priest on December 20, 1961 in St. Peter’s Basilica by Archbishop Martin O’Connor. He celebrated his first solemn Mass on December 21, 1961 in the chapel of SS. Cyril and Methodius in St. Clement’s Basilica where the grave of St. Cyril is located. Upon his return to the Diocese of Scranton, Msgr. Beeda served a summer assignment at St. Patrick’s Parish in Wilkes-Barre before being named assistant at St. Joseph’s Slovak Parish in Nanticoke where he remained until 1964 when he was assigned as assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Wilkes-Barre. Here he enjoyed a wonderful 21-year ministry. It was during his ministry at Sacred Heart that he was the recipient of Papal honors. It was in 1984, at the recommendation of the Bishop of Scranton, J. Carroll McCormick that Blessed Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor. On the occasion of his receiving these honors, the people of Sacred Heart hosted a wonderful banquet in his honor with more than 1,200 in attendance - a record in the history of the parish. About a year later, the people were somewhat disappointed to learn that Msgr. Beeda would leave them and become pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish in Hazleton, the largest Slovak parish in the Scranton Diocese and the oldest Slovak parish in the United States founded in 1882. His love for the Sacred Heart faith community continued through the many Slovak activities he shared with them over the years during his pastorate in Hazleton.

An active Slovak fraternalist all his life, Msgr. Beeda was elected the Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1993, serving in this capacity until 2003. The delegates of the 29th national convention in Orlando, Florida in 2003 elected as an Honorary Supreme Officer. In 2009 he was named our organization’s Fraternalist of the Year, an honor he so rightly deserved. While his mobility is somewhat hampered as a result of a stroke he suffered three years ago, his mind and spirit are as sharp as ever. While he may now observe Sokol and Slovak activities from the sidelines, his interest and love for our organization continues. Members of our organization throughout the U.S. and Canada commend Group 7 for taking the time to celebrate an important milestone in the life and priestly ministry of an outstanding American, proud Slovak son and beloved fraternalist, Monsignor Beeda. Ad multos annos and Zdar Boh!

Monsignor Beeda, who served as our Supreme Chaplain is shown with his successor, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Shown with them are Louise Hvozdovic and Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J. “Butch” Hvozdovic.

Group 7 Chaplain, Rev. Richard J. Cirba, standing left, is shown offering a toast to Msgr. Beeda, our Golden Jubilarian at the celebration given in his honor.

Monsignor Beeda is shown with the Horvaths, including, l-r, Suzanne and Heather and Michael J. Horvath, who is Group 7 president and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors.

Our Golden Jubilarian, Msgr. Beeda is shown with well-known officers of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, including, from the left, Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J. “Butch” Hvozdovic, Nancy Fedor, William Greystock and Emil Sefcik.

Sharing reminiscences. Flanking Msgr. Beeda are Mary Vitek and Stephen Vitek. Standing are, l-r, Mary Ann Keating, Bernard Novhilski and Betty Fereck.
Enjoying the evening with Msgr. Beeda are, l-r, Dawn Palchanis, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Martin Degnan, Amy Blasco, Danielle Zablotney, Kelly Palchanis and Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.

Making a presentation to Msgr. Beeda are Midge Malsheski and Irene M. Kascak.

Assembly 59 activists, l-r, Andrew “Butch” Hvozdovic, John Yencha and Emil Sevcik.

Our honoree is shown with Nancy Fedor and Michael J. Horvath.

Msgr. Beeda is shown with, from the left, Audrey and Fred Graham and Ann Kollesar.
Sedgewick updates Radicova on U.S.’s new defense strategy

Even though the new United States defense strategy shifts focus on to the Pacific region, the importance of cooperation with Europe continues to be high, U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Theodore Sedgewick said during his meeting with Slovakia’s Prime Minister Iveta Radicova on January 16.

“The size of a country isn’t important. What matters is its standing within NATO, its fulfillment of commitments and its reliability. Slovakia is indeed a reliable partner and, just like the U.S., has followed the European Union’s defense and new decisions, Slovakia too is working on a parallel strategic evaluation,” said the Slovak premier.

Radicova’s talks with Sedgewick, which lasted for the better part of an hour, revolved mainly around the situation in Libya, Egypt and other countries that lie in the zone of interest of both Slovakia and the United States.

In response to tension between the United States and Iran, Radicova emphasized that “all recourses need to be employed to avoid conflict - an open conflict in particular.”

The U.S. official praised Slovakia’s involvement in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan and called Slovakia a serious and reliable security partner of NATO.

Bratislava Airport saw drop in passengers, rise in revenues

Bratislava’s Milan R. Stefanik International Airport (BTS) expects that the number of travelers using the airport in 2011 will be found to have shrunk by 4 percent year-on-year, BTS spokesperson Dana Madunicka told TASR on January 16.

It is estimated that close to 1.6 million people flew in or out of the airport last year. Despite the drop, airport revenues probably rose by a few percent in 2011.

When it comes to international transport, 2011 followed very much the same trends seen the year before. However, a drop has been experienced in air transport within Slovakia ever since the no-frills airline SkyEurope went bust in 2009.

Despite unrest in certain Arab countries in early 2011, which resulted in the cancellation of dozens of fights, the airport saw an increase in public interest in charter flights. “In a year-on-year comparison, all the summer-season months posted growth of over 10 percent,” said Madunicka on developments in charter flights. As usual, July and August were the busiest months, posting 17 and 16 percent rises respectively.

NBS: Slovakia 2011 inflation faster than in Eurozone

The average rise in prices in 2011 followed the trend in the eurozone and speeded up in comparison to 2010, but the pace of price growth was faster in Slovakia than in the euro area as a whole, the country’s central bank NBS said in its commentary on the developments on January 16.

The average EU harmonized inflation rate over the past 12 months reached 4.1 percent in 2011, up from 0.7 percent seen the year before.

The price developments in 2011 were due to the impact of higher energy and foodstuff prices as well as the introduction of the value added tax over the past year, said the NBS.

Experts object to emaciated models in beauty contests

A group of experts that organize a public education program called “I’m Yelling With My Body (Kricim telom)” designed to prevent anorexia and bulimia eating disorders sent an open letter to modeling agencies, fashion designers and the media on January 11.

TASR has learned from Barbara Drahovska, representing a company called Herial that cooperates with the program, that the experts object to the current trend of presenting emaciated models as an ideal of beauty, health and success.

“Our reaction was aroused by the results of the Elite Model Look 2011 competition, which was won by Julia Schneider, a severely underweight 15-year-old Swede. It is disconcerting to learn that Elite Model Look expert Sasa Jany says that she is “a naturally slender young lady in fit shape,” reads the letter. The authors include, for example, Genoveva Almasyova of Pezinok psychosomatic illnesses department, Magdalena Prečer of Ružinov’s psychiatric department and Anna Sedláková of WHO Slovensko.

According to the program organizers, dieting represents one of the most crucial risk factors that contribute to the onset of eating disorders. Experts point out that 80 percent of 13-year-old girls in the USA and Canada already have experience with dieting, while it’s 60 percent of 16-year-old girls in the Czech Republic. Overall, 91 percent of individuals suffering from eating disorders stated that they were dieting in the initial stages of their disorder. “These statistics are alarming,” reads the letter.

The experts claim that they don’t want to hamper the creative work in the field of fashion or the presentation of beauty. “We just want to point to the responsibility of all those who control the world of fashion and modeling and profit from it,” adds the letter.

Poll: Half of Slovaks place sovereignty above EU

Almost half of Slovaks put Slovakia’s sovereignty above EU membership, Pavel Haulík of the MVK agency told TASR on January 26, referring to a recent poll.

A total of 47.6 percent of those questioned responded in this manner, with 14.9 percent insisting that Slovakia should hang on to its sovereignty even at the cost of leaving the EU. Conversely, more than one-third (37.6 percent) think that Slovakia should attempt to keep its EU membership as a priority, with 11.2 percent stating that Slovakia should do so even at the cost of sacrificing its sovereignty.

Most-Híd voters were found to have the strongest pro-European leanings, with 56.3 percent preferring membership of the Union. The same opinion prevailed among SDKÚ-DS sympathizers (56.7 percent), whereas voters of other large political parties favored sovereignty over the risk of losing EU membership.

The poll, conducted by the MVK agency between January 5-11, 2012, was carried out on a sample of 1,145 respondents.

Zaborska: Slovakia’s influence on decisions in the EU may be diluted

Slovakia’s influence on decision-making in the EU may be diluted after the next European Parliament election, Slovak MEP Anna Zaborska (KDH) said on January 27.

The EP Constitutional Affairs Committee earlier in the day approved a report submitted by British Liberal MEP Andrew Duff on changing the rules for EP elections, thus launching a debate on the mathematical model on increasing the number of MEPs representing large countries at the expense of small countries.

“Every lost MEP mandate means a reduction of chance that European directives will take into account justified interests of Slovakia’s citizens in the EU Council...Slovakia insists on maintaining the current number of MEP mandates,” said Zaborska.

Duff’s report also introduces a so-called unified EU slate with 25 candidates. Zaborska pointed out that MEPs from small countries would have virtually no chance of being elected in this system. In addition, there are 27 countries in the Union, while the slate features only 25 spots. Certain countries would therefore be left empty handed, stressed Zaborska.
66th Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament in Wickliffe, Oh., May 4-6

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entry forms, information packages and further details about the hotel. This will be a great fraternal event and you should plan to make your travel plans and hotel reservations early(within the next few weeks if possible). For additional information about your entry forms is now MARCH 16TH(postmarked). An entry form may be found on page 16 of this issue.

Team competition for both men and women will take place on Friday night, May 4th beginning at 6 p.m., with the second group scheduled for Saturday morning and singles events will begin on Saturday morning, May 5th at 8:30 a.m. with the second group scheduled for 12:30 p.m. We will have a 9 a.m. squad on Sunday, May 6th if required. Please try to arrive at the lanes at least 30 minutes before your scheduled time. A separate Simplex Event Prize pool will be established. All monies paid into that pool will be distributed among those who have paid. You will still be eligible for the overall Simplex Events monies.

This year, our Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Em- nassy Suites. We hope everyone will attend this special event com- plete with an awards ceremony, great food, drinks and music. The cost for this event will be $25.00 per person. This includes all taxes, gratuities, a wonderful meal and a few drinks to complete the evening.

This year, we are looking for bowling lane sponsors. It is only $50.00 to have a sign placed on a lane with your Assembly, Wreath, Group or Bowling League name. If you wish to attend a bowling lane being a bongi- ing lane sponsor, please send the wording for your sign along with a check payable to “Slovak Catho- lic Sokol Bowling” in the amount of $51.00 per lane. If you attend the Saturday banquet, they the total amount is $76.00 per bowler. Something new this year will be a separate prize pool for our Senior Members(age 60 and older)

Pre-Lenten Sokol celebration set for February 18 in Milwaukee

Milwaukee’s Assembly 20 of the Slovak League of America will host its traditional Pre-Lenten celebration in the Slovak tradition of “Fasangy” on Saturday, Febru- ary 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 3200 South 103rd Street(103rd and Oklahoma Av- enue) in Greenfield, Wis. from 6 to 11 p.m. Delicious Slovak food and homemade Slovak cakes will be available beginning at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. A live band will provide music for dancing and listen- ing pleasure. A speicial highlight of the evening will be our Wreath Tournament program which begins at 7:30 p.m. The well-known Tatra Sokol Dancers attired in their colorful kroj will feature the music and dance

who wish to participate. For an ad- ditional $5.00 for those members, a separate Simplex Event Prize pool will be established. All monies paid into that pool will be distributed among those who have paid. You will still be eligible for the overall Simplex Events monies.

A native of Bratislava, Msgr. Halko was born there May 10, 1964. He completed studies in the econo- my and sociology at the University of Bratislava. In 1990, he began his theological studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Bratislava and was ordained a priest on July 4, 1994. He completed his theo- ulate studies at the Pontifical Uni-versity of Santa Croce in Rome and was awarded a doctorate in 2000. At time of his appointment, Bishop- op-elect Halko was serving as the spokesperson for the Slovak Bish- ops Conference. He is the author of numerous books and articles.

The new bishop is the nephew of our Sokol members, Dr. Miku- las and Nadine Halko of Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Dr. Halko’s late uncle, John A. Olbrych, was the past president of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Our congratulations to the Halkos and especially to Bishop Joseph A. Al- lumos name!

70th Slovak Bowling Congress of America tournament set

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Congress, bowlers will be competing for a prize fund in excess of $20,000. Estimated first place prizes: $1,500 Team; $1,000 Doubles; $600 Sin- gle$ and $500 All Events. Entry fee: $18.00 per bowler per event; $5.00 in all events. Past Slovak Congress of America Tournaments have enjoyed entry of 13,255 teams, 32,322 doubles, 75,543 single and $52,477 all events. Top prize fund has remained at $80,070.01. The Slovak Bowling Congress of America (SBC) is a member of the National Bowling Congress, the World Bowling Federation, the American Bowling Congress and the Professional Bowlers Association. Top prize list payouts total $830,970.01. Estimated prize fund in excess of $20,000.

entry blank, contact Joe M. Harku- diak, secretory. The important part of the SBC over the years has been the SBC Bowling Tournament. The SBC Bowling Tournament (SBCBT) is a true unique and historic bowling tournament. This year’s “Fasiangy.”

Zdar Boh!

Betty Valerie

15th Tour of Slovakia by Sokolites

The Youngstown, Ohio - Czolem Sokol Fraternal Association will host its 15th annual Tour of Slovakia scheduled for July 10 to July 24. The tour will visit six cities in Slovakia including the capital, Bratislava, as well as Pies- tany, Trencin, Nitra, Presov, Banska Bystrica, Slia and as Spisska Nova Ves, Trenciansky and Trenciansky Rynek City located in the heart of the Spis region. The tour will include time in the High Tatras, a rafting ride on the Dunajec River which forms the boundary between Slovakia and Poland in the heart of the scenic, Pen- niny National Park as well as vis- its to historical sites, many beautiful churches and castles. Side trips to ancestral villages are available. The traditions of Slovakia. Tickets for the evening are $5.00 per person. For additional information, call Betty at (414)425-6137 or Em- ily at (414)464-1063.

We extend a cordial invitation to members of Wreath 93 to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening celebrating Slovak Mardi Gras tra- ditions and good cheer before the beginning of the Lenten season. We close our season with our former Sr. Stephen’s Slovak Parish, area-wide Slovak gatherings are becoming a rarity. Therefore, we hope to see a good attendance from the Milwaukee area Slovak community at this year’s “Fasangy”.

Zdar Boh!

Timothy L. Kuzma to be honored by Pittsburgh Fraternal Societies

Timothy L. Kuzma, president and CEO of the Polish Falcons of America has been selected by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh as their 2012 Frater- nalist of the Year. Brother Kuz- ma will be honored at a banquet scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at Pittsburgh’s Sheraton - Station Square hotel beginning with a formal reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are $55.00 per person and reservations may be made by contacting Karen A. Pintar at the Slovene National Bene- fit Society at tel. (724)695-1100 or 800 843- 7675.

Brother Kuzma is a well- known and respected professional who has enjoyed a very active and successful career as a frater- nal leader, National Fraternal Congress of America, which is our brother fraternal in the Sokol tradition, he has served in a number of ca- pacities including editor of its official publication Sokol Polski. Since 2008, he has served as the organization’s president and CEO. Brother Kuzma has been active in

the American Polish community and recently was honored by the president of Poland. In 2004, he served as president of the Frater- nal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh which is comprised of 17 fraternal benefit societies, including our own, along with nine business- associated groups representing over one million members which has been serving the western Pennsylvania area for more than 66 years. He has also served in leadership positions both in the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance as well as the American Fraternal Association(formerly the National Fraternal Congress of America). Tim and his wife Patti have been married for 20 years and reside in the Regent Square area of Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Individuals and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Kuzma who has been a mover and shaker within the fraternal ben- efit system on this well-deserved tribute. He is a credit to the Sokol tradition as well as his Polish and Slovak heritage. Congratulations Zdar Boh and Zdar Boh!

YOUNBENEFICIARIES

When was the last time you looked at your designated benefi- ciaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy? How important is it? Just how much money will you have if you are married, divorced, had children, maybe you lost one a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.
For students currently attending a Catholic High School

Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B. Memorial High School Grant

As per the decision of the delegates at the 26th National Convention held in New Haven, CT in August, 1991, and amended at the 28th National Convention held in Buffalo, NY in 1999, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization’s nineteen Groups. These 19 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

Eligibility
A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of not less than $3,000, and has been a member for at least five years. Application is also available on the Internet at www.slovakcatholicsokol.org.

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic High School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

Application
ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION you must submit a typed or written essay DOUBLE SPACED in 100 to 200 words on the following topic: “WHAT DOES THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEAN TO ME?” This essay must be submitted along with the application.

This application must be received on or before March 31, 2012 with a clear, small (2 x 3”) wallet size head and shoulders photograph.

Disqualification
An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

Acknowledgment
An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible. If you are awarded a Grant.

Return of Grant
If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.

Slovak Mardi Gras set for February 19 in Johnstown, Pa.

The Sustainable Environmental Economic Partnership (SEEPS), a Slovak-American partnership from Kosice, Slovakia will host a traditional Slovak Mardi Gras celebration “Fasiangy” this Sunday, February 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. The carnival-like celebration, before the beginning of the Lenten season will be held at The Venue of Merging Arts located at 305 Chestnut Street in the National Historic District of Cambria City in Johnstown, Pa.

The event will feature an authentic Slovak potato halusky cooking demonstration by Dennis Ragan (Indiana, Pa.) using byndryza sheep’s cheese. Other activities will include a travelogue presentation by Kay Ann Cober (Berlin, Pa.) who will discuss her personal story of family research and discovering family in the former Rusyn village of Kamienka (Kamjunka) Slovakia. The VOMA gallery will feature the photo exhibit and display honoring SS. Cyril and Methodius and along with merchandise for sale by Slovak Imports Company.

Admission is $5.00 for adults and $2.00 for children ages 6 to 11. Halusky and light refreshments will be served. BYOB is permitted for age 21 and older with ID. Tickets will be available at the door or online at http://slovakmardigras.eventbrite.com. Our Sokolka of Wreath 22, Karen Mesars is serving on the committee for this exciting event. Area Sokol members are invited to turn out for a unique and entertaining afternoon.

DETACH HERE

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # ___________________ Assembly/Wreath # ___________________

Name ____________________

Address ____________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip Code __________

Date of Birth __________________________ Current Age __________

Home Phone (____) __________ High School Phone (____) __________

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # __________ Face Amount __________

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Father’s name ___________________________ Are you a member? __________

Mother’s name ___________________________ Are you a member? __________

Parent’s S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # __________ Face Amount __________

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Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? ______ Yes ______ No ______ If yes, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year? __________

High School verification (to be completed by High School Principal)

Principal of _________________________ (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that _________________________ is a student at the above school and will be attending _______ Grade in the 2012-2013 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes ______ No ______

Deadline for receipt of this application is March 31, 2012.

Return completed application to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol High School Grant
205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899, Passaic, NJ 07055

FEBRUARY 12
Irene Yaniglos Matlak, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Wreath 107, Youngstown, Oh.

FEBRUARY 16
Andrew M. Papeun, Sterling Heights, Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

FEBRUARY 17
Richard J. Chodlaka, Antioch, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Amy R. Frink, Schwenksville, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Maura E. Jobes, Edinboro, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

George J. Kostelnik, Bethlehem, Pa., Honorary Supreme Officer and President of Group 10.

Rachel A. Papeun, Pottsville, Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Msgr. Peter M. Polando, pastor of St. Matthias Parish, Youngstown, Oh., member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

FEBRUARY 18
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Edward A. Rakocy, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Ashley Thomas, White Plains, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngers, N.Y.

FEBRUARY 19
Denise Lendacky Di Martino, Havertown, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Diana L. Martino, Breezy Point, Minn., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

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Anne Dalidowski, Chicago, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

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For Petersons II, Homing Saints Cyril and Methodius by Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SSC.M.

On February 14th, we as Slovaks in the United States and Canada, have the joy of celebrating two very special feast days. The first and most common one is Saint Valentine’s Day, which has been commercialized as a time for sending messages of love, care and appreciation.

Our primary honor, however, on this day goes to Saints Cyril and Methodius, our Slovak patrons. Originally, this feast was celebrated on July 7th, until the Church calendar was restructured by Pope Paul VI after the Second Vatican Council. In Slovakia, our great patrons continue to be honored on July 5th.

With our joyous hymn, Dunsa Krestanska (Christian soul), we raise our voices in grateful chorus and praise the Lord for Cyril and Methodius. They are truly the foundation and inspiration for the steadfast faith of the Slovak nation. In the ninth century, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they taught and served the people spiritually and liturgically in their own language. Thus, the gift of faith was deeply rooted, survived and spread, despite the 1,000 years of Magyar oppression which followed.

A firm devotion to the Mother of God is also a great strength and support. Images and statues, such as the Mother of Sorrows, as well as her triumphant Assumption into heaven, are frequently found throughout the country.

Now as our ancestral homeland of Slovakia celebrates its 19th year as a free and independent nation, we thank God for His continued guiding presence and support for the growth and spread of the gift of faith. As we celebrate the feast of our great evangelizers, let us sing out with joy the traditional hymn Dunsa Krestanska - We Raise Our Voices as we recall the brother saints who brought the gift of faith to our ancestors more than eleven hundred years ago.

We Raise Our Voices
Dunsa Krestanska
1. We raise our voices in grateful chorus, Praising the Lord for Cyril, Methodius. Chorus: O Saint Cyril, Saint Methodius.
2. With ardent zeal you taught the Lord’s message, Shared words of wisdom in their own language.
3. Preaching God’s mercy, love and redemption, You helped our faith to grow with conviction.
4. Pray for us daily, strengthen and guide us, To follow as God’s kingdom will call us.

Dunsa Krestanska
1. Dunsa Krestanska, zveleboj Boha, - že nám Cyrila dal i Metoda. Zbor - Chorus: Svätý Cyril, svätý Metod, ľud kresťanský ctí váš príchod, Zbor - Chorus: To follow as God’s kingdom will call us.
2. Přišli ste k našim pohanským predkom, - cvičili se ich verne vo všetkom.
3. Hlášali Boha ste jediného, - Otca, Syna i Ducha Svätého.
4. Náchylné duše pri svätom krste - z hriechu pokuty očistili ste.
5. Pray for us daily, strengthen and guide us, To follow as God’s kingdom will call us.

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Fraternals in Connecticut
Group 2 Corner
by Eileen S. Wilson

Group 2 to host Duckpin Tournament on March 18
Sokols and Sokolky of Group 2, join us as we roll out our Centennial year by enjoying a day of traditional Duckpin bowling at the Barnum Duckpin Lanes, located on Barnum Avenue in Stratford, Conn. on Sunday, March 18, the day before the feast of our protector, St. Joseph from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An enjoyable time is assured.

Those who participated last year, will remember we rolled in our Centennial year on March 20, 2011. Pizza, beverages and a special dessert following the bowling at 1:30 p.m. COMPLIMENTS OF THE GROUP! There is no charge for Junior members age 15 and younger. Those aged 12 and younger may bowl in socks. Junior members will be grouped according to age: 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Senior teams will be chosen by draw. Cost for Senior Sokol members bowling and monetary prizes is $13.00. For non-member Senior guests the cost is $18.00.

RSVP reservation deadline (strictly adhered to) is Tuesday, March 13 - no exceptions - checks made payable to SCS Group 2 (non-refundable) mailed to John Smans, Group 2 treasurer, 406 Erwin St., Trumbull, CT 06611. Note we only went up $1.00 for Senior Sokol members and non-member Senior guests.

When making reservations by the deadline of March 13, include: name, Wreath or Assembly number and age of Junior members. Call the following for reservations: Wreath 1, Eileen S. Wilson, (203)378-8837, Wreath 39, Larry Wells (203)375-2836, Wreath 86, Bonnie Rossi (860)482-9062; Assembly 9, Judith Salamon (203)333-3716, Assembly 33, Joseph Duilla (203)734-5574; or Assembly 308, Paul Nemergut (203)732-1136.

We look forward to meeting and greeting one and all as we roll out our Centennial Year. Come join us for an enjoyable fraternal afternoon in the best traditions of Group 2 Sokol good sportsmanship and fellowship.

Group 2 Athletes
For those interested, the 45th annual Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Group 1 “Mstr. Stephen Krasula” of Passaic, N.J. will be hosting this year’s competition at the Clifton Boys & Girls Club, 822 Clifton Avenue in Clifton, N.J.

If you are a basketball or volleyball player and meet the age and insurance requirements, you may participate in the Junior Varsity 8-11 basketball, the Junior Varsity basketball 12-15, the Men’s Varsity basketball or the volleyball competition.

We are currently looking to organize teams from Group 2. If there are not enough players to form teams, players from other Groups will be added to complete the team roster. The RSVP deadline for fee and team rosters for all groups is Sunday, March 4th. For additional information on what looks to be another exciting Sokol tournament, contact our Group 2 Sports Director Larry Wells at tel. (203)375-2836. Looking ahead, Group 2 will be hosting the 2013 tournament.

Address Unknowns
If anyone has information on any of the following members, current addresses, please contact the Home Office at 1-800-886-7656.

February is for Patriots
February has been a busy month in this nation’s past. On Feb. 10, 1763, the Treaty of Paris ended the French and Indian War. With it, France ceded her territorial claims in Canada to Great Britain and the stage was set for the American Revolution that was to begin in the next decade.

Birthdays this month include those of Aaron Burr, an almost president, on Feb. 6, 1756, and three presidents: George Washington on the 22nd in 1712, William Henry Harrison on the 9th in 1773, and Abraham Lincoln on the 12th in 1809.

Among other historical milestones for the month of February is the unanimous election of George Washington as first president of the United States on Feb. 4, 1789. On the same date, John Adams was chosen first vice president.
As many of you know, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has been meeting with several of our brother fraternals to try and combine some of our sporting events. It is with great pleasure that I announce the 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternals Bowling Tournament. The Slovak Catholic Sokol has combined its upcoming Bowling Tournament with members of the National Slovak Society, The First Catholic Slovak Union and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. This will enable us to have an even bigger tournament with the opportunity for more prize monies and a chance to get to know our brother and sister fraternalists.

It is once again time to begin preparations for your teams for this historic event. This year the Bowling tournament will take place in Wickliffe, OH.

The tournament will be held at the Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe, OH. It begins on Friday May 4th and concludes on Sunday May 6th. The lanes are located only minutes from the Embassy Suites in Beachwood, OH, which will be our main headquarters for the weekend. This will be a spectacular event that you will not want to miss. We hope the location will entice many “alumni” bowlers from years past, to join us at this special fraternal event as well as many new bowlers looking to combine a great family vacation as part of a special fraternal event.

All of the preparations are complete and you can now reserve your rooms. With our large volume of bowlers and through some keen negotiations, we are able to enjoy a very low price of $100.00/night, tax included. A total of 150 newly remodeled rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights at this special rate. As well, if any of our members wish to arrive before the tournament or stay a few days later, they will also receive the reduced rate.

The hotel reservation number is (800) 317-1960. The hotel address is 3775 Park East Drive, Beachwood, OH 44122. The telephone number at the hotel is (440) 585-5800. There are 84 newly renovated lanes with automatic scoring which we hope will generate some high scores for our members. The bowling center is fully equipped with restaurants, pro shop and all of the other facilities required to effectively support our tournament.

Soon you will receive your team entry forms, information packages and further details about the hotel. This will be a great fraternal event and you should plan to make your travel plans and hotel reservations early (within the next few weeks if possible). The deadline to submit your entry forms is now March 16th (postmarked). Team competition for both men and women will take place on Friday May 4th beginning at 6:00 pm, with the second group scheduled for 9:00 pm. The doubles and singles events will begin on Saturday morning May 5th at 8:30 am with the second group scheduled for 12:30 pm. We will have a 9:00 am squad on Sunday May 6th if required. Please try and arrive at the lanes at least 30 minutes before your scheduled time. The cost of bowling per person will be as follows. The rate is $16.00 for 3 games or $48.00 for all 9 games. (team/doubles/singles) The all events cost is an additional $3.00 therefore the total cost is $51.00 per bowler. If you attend the banquet then your total amount is $76.00 per bowler. Something new this year will be a separate prize pool for our Senior Members (60+) who wish to participate. For an additional $5.00 for those members, a separate Single Event Prize pool will be established. All monies paid into that pool will be distributed among those who have paid. You will still be eligible for the overall Singles Event monies.

This year our Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Embassy Suites. We hope everyone will attend this special event, complete with an awards ceremony, great food, drinks and music. The cost for this event will be $25.00 per person. This price includes all taxes, gratuities, a wonderful meal and a few drinks to complete the evening.

This year we are looking for bowling lane sponsors. It is only $50 to have a sign placed on a lane with your Association, Wreath, Group or Bowling League name. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please send the wording for your sign and check payable to “Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account” to:

Edward Moeller  
Supreme Sports Director  
Slovak Catholic Sokol  
2821 Waterman Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15227-4051

If there are any further questions or concerns in the short term, please contact me at my home telephone number (412) 881-3506 or email me at moellerref@aol.com. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Wickliffe!

Zdar Bob!  
Edward D. Moeller  
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

The Men’s and Women’s  
1st Annual United Slovak Fraternals Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, the National Slovak Society, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, for the purpose of promoting fraternalism and good sportsmanship, to promote membership in our fraternal organizations, and to provide a social event for our members.

The National Of Catholic Slovak, wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to the Host City, Wickliffe, Ohio, in this rapidly growing Fraternal.

The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternals Handicap Tenpin Bowling Tournament will be held at Freeway Lanes 28801 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH. The tournament will be held the weekend of May 4 - 6, 2012. Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 4, at 5:45 PM.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MARCH 16, 2012. PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY. PRIZE FEES AS STATED ON THE FRONT OF THIS ENTRY BLANK, MUST ACCOMPANY (Continued on page 17)
Celebrating our Slovak heritage in the Sunshine State

The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble to perform at the 60th Florida Slovak Day and at Disney World

The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble will debut its new program at Disney World on the Westside Stage in Downtown Disney on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. The new program is from the Horehron region of Slovakia and features the beauty of their stamping, precision and rhythmic movement. The program comes alive with the Horehronsky Dukap in which the young men and women impress each other with unique stamping and dancing skills. A romance often evolves, as the stamps are a call to one another.

The Performing Arts On-stage Program provides an opportunity for ensembles from around the world to entertain an international audience at their world famous attraction. After successfully auditioning, PAS received the honor to provide a special performance on the Downtown Disney Water-side Stage, which is the premier venue at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Because of Disney’s high standard of expectations, it is a tremendous honor for any group to be chosen to participate.

“PAS” also represented the United States in Det va Slovakia at the 44th Annual Folklorama Slavnost pod Pol’anou v Drev (Folklore Celebration below Pol’an Moun-tain) in July 2009. The most recent local invitation came in October of 2011 when the Pittsburgh Philharmonic Symphony requested PAS to join them in a series of concerts. On Sunday March 4, “PAS” will continue its Florida performing tour at the Slovak Winter Garden Complex on 3110 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, Florida at the 60th Anniversary Annual Slovak Day. The new program from the Horehron Region of Slovakia will be featured. Festivities will begin with a Mass celebrated in Slovak. Following the liturgy, a luncheon including a variety of homemade Slovak culinary specialties will be served in the social hall. Music for dancing and listening will be provided through out the day in addi-tion to their Slovak Museum being open for everyone to enjoy.

Reservations for the event can be made by contacting the Slovak Garden at (407) 677-6894. Doors open at 10:00 am.

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

- Editor
Lincoln, The man for All Reasons

Editor’s note: The following was taken from an editorial profile of Abraham Lincoln that appeared in the Chicago Tribune five days before his nomination in 1860:

Mr. Lincoln stands 6 feet 4 inches...His frame is not muscular, but gaunt and wiry...In matters of dress he is by no means precise. Always clean, he is never fashionable; he is careless, but not slovenly...In manner he is remarkably cordial and, at the same time, simple. His politeness is always sincere but never elaborate and oppressive...His gait from his profession have been moderate, but sufficient for his purposes. While others have dreamed of gold, he has been in pursuit of knowledge...In his deportment he has the reputation of being gentle but exact and above all, religiously honest he lives at peace with himself...and for his honesty, ability, and patriotism, the admiration of his countrymen.
SLOVENSKÁ LIGA OZNAMUJE

55. kongres Slovenskej ligy bude
8. a 9. júna v Bridgeporte, Conn.


Slovenská liga pozýva na 55. kongres členské organizácie, spoľky, zbory Slovenskej lige a doživotných členov, ako aj slovenskí verejníci. Blížšie informácie a inštrukcie budú poskytnuté v piatok 4. marca budú na predaj histórický 105-minútový video-film Slovaks in America (v slovenskom znení Slováci v Amerike). Možno si ho objednať za $8.00 vrátane poštovného a balenia.

Parníkové vozidlo na spomienkovú oslavu slovenskej štátnosti v nedeľu 4. marca bude vstupné $10.00 vrátane poštovného a balenia. Po uctení cintorína na cintoríne v Dunajskom Hrádku bude obdobia pochode za neho.

Oslava štátnosti v Amerike má ešte na predaj historický 105-minútny video-film Slovaks in America (v slovenskom znení Slováci v Amerike). Možno si ho objednať za $8.00 vrátane poštovného a balenia.

Vstupné je $25.00 za osobu. V cene je započítaný obed. PÁS. Do tanca i na počúvanie bude hrať skupina Európa.

Takto vyzerá zámok dnes.

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Otočil svoj prejav vďaky. Kubiš tiež vyjadril svoju úprimnú vdaku a respekt pred každodennou prácou slovenských špecialistov. Dôkazom významnosti slovenských špecialistov v Kandaháre je aj fakt, že na stretnutie s Kubišom prišli priamo zo zásahu v centre mesta, kde odstraňovali nástražný výbušný prostriedok. Aj tentoraz svoju úlohu zvládli na najvyššej profesionálnej úrovni - zachránili zdravie a životy afganských obyvateľov, alebo koalíčných vojakov.


Tohoročná zima priniesla Slovensku veľkú nádielku snehu.