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22nd International Men's Basketball, Jr. Varsity "3 on 3", & Women's Volleyball Tournament set

by Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics

This year's exciting 22nd Annual International Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of April 13-14. The site of this year's competition will be Baldwin High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. Our tournament headquarters will be conveniently located at the nearby



Quality Suites in Greentree, just a few minutes drive from the high school. Group 14 will be hosting this year's event.

Our 2012 International Tournament will once again feature three(3) divisions, namely, the Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and our Junior Varsity "3 on 3" competition. This division was adopted for our youth a few years ago and has proved to be very popular with our younger members.

As in the past, we will allow

Groups to submit up to four(4) teams per division. In the Junior Varsity division, the teams are comprised of male and female players but must be between the ages of 13-15. These same players can play on the senior men's basketball or women's volleyball teams.

This year's competition will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 14th and will continue throughout the day. We will utilize all available courts throughout the day with the semi-final and final games of the competition scheduled for Saturday evening or Sunday morning (depending on the number of entries). This year, the men's basketball competition teams will play a double elimination format and the schedule will be determined prior to the event by the tournament director. The team's ranking will be determined prior to the tournament by the tournament director. The women's volleyball competition and the Junior "3 on 3" basketball event will once again be an all-day "round-robin" tournament.

Lodging for the participants will be the responsibility of each individual Group. The necessary arrangements have been made at the Quality Suites, however individual Groups need to contact the hotel to secure their team's lodging before March 23. The Quality Suites hotel is located at 700 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. The telephone at the hotel is (412)279-6300. As in the past the Supreme Assembly, managed by the tournament director, will cover the cost of the rooms (four(4) participants per room). In addition, a breakfast will be served both Saturday and Sunday mornings at the hotel. The Saturday evening program will feature a buffet dinner served at Baldwin High School.

We are confident that the 2010 championship teams will all be prepared to defend their respective titles. A Mass will be celebrated to satisfy the Sunday obligation at Baldwin High School late Saturday afternoon during a formal break in the tournament competition.

Entry forms may be found on our website or a copy can be emailed to those interested in participating by

contacting Edward D. Moeller at (412)881-3506 or email at moeller-ref@aol.com. All tournament entry forms must be returned to me with their entry fee per team, no later than March 23rd. Kindly make checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol - Sports Account and send same to my home address: Edward D. Moeller, 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. This year the cost of each team's entry is \$250.00 prior to the deadline date and \$300.00 per team after the deadline date of March 23rd. The entry fee for the Junior "3 on 3" is \$50.00.

If there are any further questions or concerns related to this year's 22nd International Basketball and Volleyball Tournament, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at either the telephone number or email address listed above. Come join us for what looks to be another exciting fraternal competition in the best traditions of Sokol good sportsmanship and camaraderie. I look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh. Zdar Boh!

Our walkers trekked 91,448.75 miles in 2011

Our Slovak Catholic Sokol Walking Program Continues to Enjoy Success

by Katie J. Swift
Supreme Assistant Physical Directress

Once again, I am pleased to report that our Sokol Walking Program enjoyed continued success in 2011. Our dedicated and energetic walkers did another outstanding job trekking a record total of 91,448.75 miles in 2011 - what a great success! Whether it was raining, snowing, sunny, hot or cold, each walker made the walking regimen an important part of their dedication to living a healthier life style in the best traditions of our ageless Sokol slogan of "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body!"

New Members Welcomed

I am always excited to recognize and salute our past walkers, however nothing gives me greater pleasure than to welcome new walkers to our Sokol Walking Program. Our walking program is the only sporting activity of our organization which attracts both male and female participants of every age from every Group residing in all parts of the United States and Canada. In 2011, 12 new members joined our walking ranks. We welcomed the following new Sokol walkers: Megan Antosy of Group 12, Robert Benek of Group 18, Brad Hoeck of Group 4, Riana Hoeck of Group 4, Grace Martyak of Group 9, John Moynihan of Group 5, Andrew Peterson of Group 4, Amber Radtke of Group 4, and Cindy Walkowiak, Richard Walkowiak and Gary Watkins, all of Group 14. Welcome aboard!

Achievements - I am very excited to announce that a number of our walkers have made great achievements in 2011. I congratulate all
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Supreme Physical Fitness Board Hosts Annual Meeting



The Supreme Physical Fitness Board hosted its annual meeting January 20-22 at the Doubletree Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., back row, fourth from the left, is shown with present and former members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board. Front row, l-r, Jennifer A. Romine, Denise DiMartino, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift, and Nancy Kropolinsky. Rear, l-r, past Supreme Assistant Physical Director Roger Manyak; Martin A. Degnan, Damian J. Suess, Brother Pogorelec, Supreme Physical Director Dusan Dorich, Frank P. Laury, III, Supreme Sports Director Edward D. Moeller, Supreme Assistant Physical Director John Underation and Supreme Assistant Sports Director James C. Matton.



Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and members of the Home Office staff feted a former long-time employee John A. Holy, seated second from the right, on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebrated on February 8. Brother Holy formerly served in the editorial department and later as actuary before his retirement. Currently he staffs the office of the Slovak League of America located in our headquarters building. Shown on the photo seated, l-r, Peter Dobko, office manager; Margaret Iurato, secretary to the Supreme Secretary; Brother Holy and Livia Karak, member of the editorial staff. Standing, l-r, Melanie M. Sasiela, bookkeeper; Lorrie Pinck and Billie Lou Moakley, clerical staff; Brother Steven M. Pogorelec and Daniel F. Tanzone, editor. Brother Holy was born in Slovakia on Feb. 8, 1922. He emigrated to the United States in 1949 and began his employment at the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1950. Brother Holy's many friends and admirers throughout the organization extend best wishes on this milestone in his fruitful life. Zdar Boh! - photo by Frank Revisor

Sokol Calendar

SUN.FEB.26

■ 15th annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Group 1 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 4 p.m.; \$6.00 per person, \$5.00 seniors and \$3.00 children, call Peter Walentowicz(973)432-8841.

SUN.MARCH 4

■ 60th annual Florida Slovak Day observance at The Slovak Garden, 4755 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, Fla. beginning with a Slovak Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a traditional Slovak luncheon and cultural program; \$25.00 per person, for reservations and additional information call The Slovak Garden at (407)677-6894.

■ Annual meeting of Group 19 at Brunswick Bowling Lanes, 2561 Stanfield Road, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada beginning at 11 a.m., refreshments will be served; for information call (905)823-5700.

MON.MARCH 5

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

FRI.MARCH 9

■ Wreath 1 patronal feast day observance beginning with 7:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. followed by breakfast and visits to senior Sokolky.

MON.MARCH 12

■ Wreath 111 and Assembly 177 meeting at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SAT.MARCH 17

■ St. Patrick's Day Party at the

Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 412 Crestmont St., Reading, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

SUN.MARCH 18

■ Assembly 182 annual St. Joseph patronal feast day observance at St. John Nepomucene Parish, corner 66th and First Ave., New York City, beginning with 11 a.m. Slovak Mass in church followed by luncheon and fraternal program in the parish social hall.

■ Group 2 Duckpin Bowling Tournament at the Barnum Duckpin Lanes, Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. beginning at 11 a.m.; for information and reservations call Eileen S. Wilson (203)378-8837.

■ Annual Lenten Mass and Communion Breakfast hosted by Assembly 25 and Wreath 15 beginning with 10 a.m. Mass at the Church of St. John the Baptist followed by breakfast at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club.

MARCH 20-22

■ Annual Audit by the Supreme Auditors at the S.C.S. Home Office in Passaic, N.J.

MARCH 23-24

■ Quarterly Meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors at the S.C.S. Home Office in Passaic, N.J. beginning at 8:30 a.m.

SAT.MARCH 24

■ 20th annual bowling tournament hosted by Group 9 at Westmont Lanes beginning at 10 a.m. followed by dinner at the Slovak Band Hall, 716 Chestnut St., Johnstown, Pa.

SAT.MARCH 31

■ 45th annual Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament hosted by Group 1 at the Clifton Boys and Girls Club, Clifton Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 8:30 a.m. for information call Tournament Director Eric Topczj (973)985-0134.

SUN.APRIL 1

■ Assembly 34 patronal feast of St. George beginning with 9 a.m. Mass at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Second St. and 13th Ave., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. full breakfast to follow in the Father Dargay Memorial Hall., call James T. Genosky

Group 19 Annual Meeting Set

Officers and members of Group 19 and Assembly 227 of Toronto, Ontario, Canada are cordially invited to join us for our annual meeting. Our meeting is set for Sunday, March 4 at the Brunswick Bowling Lanes located at 2561 Stanfield Road in Mississauga, Ontario. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m. Election of officers will take place and plans for our various fraternal and sporting activities will be finalized. Refreshments will be enjoyed following our business meeting. All members are invited to attend. For any inquiries or questions, please contact Larry Glugosh at tel. (905)823-5700. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout of members at our annual meeting, we remain

John E. Jasenec
President

Larry M. Glugosh
Treasurer

(763)789-9196.

MON.APRIL 9

■ Wreath 111 meeting at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the theme "What's left in your Easter basket?"

APRIL 13-14

■ 22nd International Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament at Baldwin High School, participants housed at the Quality Suites, 700 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., call Edward Moeller (412)881-3506.

APRIL 14-MAY 6

■ 70th annual Slovak Bowling Congress of America tournament, weekends at Midway Bowling Lanes, 1070 East Tallmadge Ave., Akron, Oh., call Joseph M. Harkulich, (330)448-8630.

SUN.APRIL 15

■ 6th Annual Assembly 78 Singles Bowling Tournament at the National Sokol Bowling Lanes, 613 Hillside Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m., call Fran Blannar, (610)866-8381.

MAY 4-6

■ 66th International Bowling Tournament as part of the 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament, Freeway Bowling Lanes, 28801 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Oh., tel. (440)585-5800; bowlers housed at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 3775 Park East Drive, Beachwood, Oh., tel. (216)765-8066.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS MARCH 7

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, March 7th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, March 1st. View *e-Falcon* on our website: www.slovakcatholicsokol.org.

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

Zdar Boh!
Daniel F. Tanzone, Editor

The Centennial of the Ordination of the Rev. John J. Kubasek



On Sunday, February 12, the parish of the Most Holy Trinity in Yonkers, N.Y. observed the 100th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. John J. Kubasek. Father Kubasek, a native of Stara Lubovna in the Spis region of Slovakia, was ordained a priest in New York City on Feb. 14, 1912. He was the first Slovak ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of New York and spent his entire priestly ministry at the Yonkers parish until his death on June 16, 1950. An active Sokol, serving as chaplain of Group 1, in 1925 he helped establish Assembly 219 of our organization at the parish. The centennial celebration included a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception. At the liturgy, a special letter was read from Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York noting the historic occasion. The Rev. George N. Oonnoony, current pastor of the parish, is shown above holding the portrait of Father Kubasek, flanked by concelebrants of the liturgy, the Rev. Anthony J. Pleho, former pastor of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and the Rev. Richard D. Baker, pastor of St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel in New York City and chaplain of Group 1, who was the homilist. Also shown on the photo are members of the Kubasek family, all of whom are members of Assembly 219, including former Yonkers City Councilman Stephen J. Kubasek, Jr., far left. Also shown are Edward Sabol, president of the parish council, second row, far left and parish Trustee, James G. Holodak, front row, far right. Back row include Knights of Columbus - Color Corp, 4th degree, John G. Coyle Council # 166.

*In our 107th year of fraternal service***First Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors set for March 23-24 in Passaic, N.J.**

In compliance with section 3.2(f) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, we hereby officially announce the First Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors, scheduled for March 23-24, 2012 at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J.

The meeting will officially open on Friday, March 23 with a Mass celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozovic at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Home Office. This liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of our organization.

Following the liturgy, the Annual Meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum will be called to order. At the conclusion of this meeting, the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene.

Members wishing to submit business for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send same to the attention of: Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Slovak Catholic Sokol, P.O. Box 899, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055. All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Meeting must be received no later than March 12, 2012.

From March 20-22, the Supreme Auditors will meet at the Home Office for the annual audit.

As we embark on the 107th anniversary of our beloved organization, may we once again pledge ourselves to the upholding of the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our founders to establish what we today know as "America's Greatest Slovak Gymnastic and Athletic Organization."

Zdar Boh!

Larry M. Glugosh
Supreme President

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

Scholarships available for Lorain, Oh. members

The United Slovak Societies of the American Slovak Club in



Lorain, Ohio will again offer scholarship grants to members who belong to the local Lorain lodges of our Slovak fraternalism. These scholarship grants are available to any member of either Wreath 111 or Assembly 177 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Applicants must be our Sokol members for at least five years to apply.

Applications for the scholarship program tailored for 2012 graduating high school seniors who will enter a college, university or professional school this fall are available. An application form along with complete rules is available by contacting Helene Virant at tel. (440)282-3325, or the American Slovak Club located at 29th Street and Broadway in Lorain. Applicants may also contact the presidents of the individual organizations. Deadline for the completed applications is May 20, 2012. We encourage our young Sokol members to apply for these grants.

Zdar Boh!

Judy Hromada
Recording Secretary,
Wreath 111

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

by Larry M. Glugosh

With the Season of Lent upon us, we should all take a moment to reflect on our daily lives. Often we experience busy and stressful schedules, which make us unaware of God's wonderful blessings that are around us every day. Our family and friends should be the cornerstone of our daily activity, however they sometimes play a secondary role to seemingly more important issues such as our work life, social commitments and even household activities and chores that never seem to get finished.

During the Season of Lent we will give up and sacrifice something we really enjoy. This could be a special food, dessert, alcoholic beverages or even a fun activity. The purpose of this personal and individual sacrifice is to demonstrate our love, thankfulness and spiritual appreciation for God's gifts and His ultimate sacrifice to us all. During Lent, I believe we should take a moment to give more of ourselves to our loved ones, who support, encourage, protect and comfort us throughout the year. They represent the soul of our existence and yet we sometimes give less priority to these family members due to the demands and challenges of less important activities.

During this Lenten season as you spiritually reflect on your lives, take a moment to thank God for the most important blessing of all, which is a supportive and caring family and the wonderful friendships that surround you. These relationships constantly give us strength, purpose and meaning every day. Let them know how important and special they are in your life and never take them for granted because we never know when we might lose the privilege and opportunity to share these special moments and memories.

On behalf of my entire Slovak Catholic Sokol family, we would like to wish all of you a safe, reflective and passionate Lenten season and I sincerely look forward to seeing each of you at one of our fraternal benefit events in the coming months.

May God bless all of you as we give thanks for our many countless blessings! Zdar Boh!

**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:

Dennis J. Zifcak
S.C.S. Museum Treasurer
205 Madison St.
Passaic, NJ 07055

or

Julie Ann Dobbs
SCS Museum Chairperson
5314 Agatha Turn,
Racine, WI 53402

*Welcome to Slovak Catholic Sokol***Introducing our New Members Enrolled During the Month of January 2012**

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	CITY/STATE	RECOMMENDER
S-136	David Bodosky	Nanticoke, PA	Authorized Agent
S-072	Jonathon Robert Brock	Catasauqua, PA	Stephen A. Roman
S-072	Seanna Elizabeth Brock	Catasauqua, PA	Stephen A. Roman
S-078	Andrew Walter Brown	Bethlehem, PA	George J. Kostelnik
S-078	Dylan Tyre Brown	Bethlehem, PA	George J. Kostelnik
S-059	Melinda Butler	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Addison Rose Di Martino	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Denise Di Martino
S-059	Angelina Eddy	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Athena Eddy	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Mark Eddy	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Roan Eddy	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-025	Elliott Graham Fouch	Perryopolis, PA	Michael T. Matras
S-024	Sophia Jae Gonda	Boonton, NJ	Home Office
S-024	Stephen Richard Gonda	Boonton, NJ	Home Office
S-162	Jeffery Gullely	Clifton, NJ	Eric C. Topczij
S-113	Milena Margaret Holmes	Kenosha, WI	Leo Bryan Aller
S-059	Irene A. Kepp	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-235	Bonnie Lou Lavelle	Exeter, PA	Authorized Agent
S-235	Robert Lavelle	Exeter, PA	Authorized Agent
V-022	Kenley Drew Macurak	Pittsburgh, PA	Edward D. Moeller
S-016	Wyatt James Macurak	Pittsburgh, PA	Edward D. Moeller
S-024	Alyssa Marie Mayhood	Boonton, NJ	Home Office
S-024	James Mathew Mayhood	Boonton, NJ	Home Office
S-024	William Joseph Mayhood	Boonton, NJ	Home Office
S-016	Andrew John Michel	Pittsburgh, PA	Home Office
S-255	Alexander John Molchany	Egypt, PA	John H. Molchany
V-093	Alyssa Grace Peterson	Milwaukee, WI	Kristy Peterson
V-093	Nathan Michael Radtke	Milwaukee, WI	Tricia Radtke
S-059	David Ruranich	Milwaukee, WI	Authorized Agent
S-048	Logan I. Sevick	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Robert E. Leso
S-059	Kim Shemanski	Philadelphia, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Kim Snopkowski	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-059	Stanley Snopkowski	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Authorized Agent
S-025	John L. Curnow	Perryopolis, PA	Authorized Agent
S-162	Andrew Kristofick	Clifton, NJ	John Kristofick
S-162	Anna Marie Kristofick	Clifton, NJ	John Kristofick
S-162	Jennifer Ann Kristofick	Clifton, NJ	John Kristofick
S-162	Kaitlyn Rose Kristofick	Clifton, NJ	John Kristofick
S-036	Chester A. Latocki	Detroit, MI	Authorized Agent
V-093	Janet Robaidek	Milwaukee, WI	Authorized Agent
V-093	Timothy Vyvyan	Milwaukee, WI	Authorized Agent

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REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik, ret. to speak in Cleveland on Feb. 27

Retired United States Ambassador to Slovakia, Vincent Obsitnik will present a lecture on his personal and experiences on Monday evening, February 27 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Cleveland South, 5300 Rockside Road in Independence, Oh. The evening begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Ambassador Obsitnik will speak at 6 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. Admission is free and area Sokol members are invited to attend. The First Catholic Slovak Union will be hosting the evening. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Andrew Rajec, Jr. at the Jednota home office at 1-800-533-6682 ext. 112.



A native of Moravany, outside Hummene in eastern Slovakia, Ambassador Obsitnik emigrated to the United States with his parents as an infant, initially settling in western Pennsylvania and later in Linden, N.J. where the ambassador grew up. He was a 1959 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and received his MBA in Finance from The American University in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Obsitnik enjoyed a successful corporate career with the IBM, Unisys and Litton Corporations.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed him as a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, serving until 2006. In this position, he worked to bring international attention to the plight of the 17th and 18th century Greek Catholic wooden churches in Slovakia and through his leadership, two of the most endangered churches have been restored.

President Bush appointed Obsitnik Ambassador to Slovakia on May 10, 2007. He was sworn in at the U.S. State Department on November 9, 2007. He served in Bratislava in this role until January 20, 2009. In retirement, Ambassador Obsitnik currently resides in McLean, Va., continues his interest and activity in the Washington, D.C. area Slovak community. He is married to the former Anemarie Harden. They are the parents of four sons and twelve grandchildren. An active Byzantine Catholic, Ambassador Obsitnik is a member of Assembly 219 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Kent-Dudince Sister Cities to note 10th anniversary

Following the fall of Communism in the then-Czecho-Slovakia in 1989, a number of American cities formed cultural and educational ties with cities in Slovakia. Many of these ties, known as "Sister Cities" have enjoyed great success opening a wonderful cultural bridge with ancestral communities. Among the most successful of these Sister Cities has been the Kent, Ohio - Dudince, Slovakia Sister City Association. This year marks the group's 10th anniversary and its 9th annual cultural banquet. This year's festivities are scheduled for Sunday, May 20 at the Kent Elks Lodge Hall located at Elks Lane - 2245 State Route 59, behind the Twin Star Bowling in Kent, Oh. The festive celebration begins with a social hour beginning at 1 p.m. followed by dinner catered by Tom's Country Place beginning at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m. the cultural program will begin. Music during the social hour and dinner will be provided by the Johnny Pastirik Band. Dancing will follow the cultural program. Featured during the colorful cultural program will be the Sarisan Slovak Dance Ensemble of Detroit, Mich. under the direction of its founder, Milan Straka; the Slovenske Mamicky of Greater Cleveland Vocal Ensemble who will present an array of traditional Slovak folk songs, concluding with the spirited and enthusiastic performance by our youngest Slovak

cultural enthusiasts, the Lucinka Children's Slovak Folk Ensemble of Greater Cleveland under the direction of Nadia Oros, choreography and Tom Ivanec, program coordinator. Tickets for the wonderful afternoon are \$20.00 per person. Advance ticket sales only. Make checks payable to: Kent-Dudince Sister City Association, 1544 Vine St., Kent, OH 44240 or call Rudy Bachna, tel. (330)673-3255. Deadline for dinner reservations is May 15th. This year's celebration looks to be one of the best.

The group had its beginning on July 4, 2002 when a group of individuals met with Kent city officials with the idea of establishing a sister city association with the city of Dudince located in southwest Slovakia just outside Bratislava. The group was led by Rudy Bachna, a native of Dudince and a professor at Kent State University. Rudy had been an ardent proponent of the Sokol movement all his life. The city fathers approved the new association and the group's first official meeting took place in September 2002. The early meetings were held in the Kent City Council Chambers and later moved to the Kent City Fire Station #1. Today, the group counts members residing in 19 different states, Washington, D.C. and Canada - many with ancestral ties to Dudince. Over the decade-long existence of the group, many interesting and innovative activities have been held. In 2003, the group hosted a visit to Slovakia with 22 members participating. The Mayor of Dudince, Pokluda and Kent City Manager Lew Steinbrecker met, exchanged greetings and gifts and signed the Sister City charter. In 2004, the group arranged for a 30-member Kent choir to visit Dudince where they performed, including Slovak tunes. That same year the group welcomed young Slovak athletes who came to Cleveland to compete at the International Children's Games. In 2005, the Stanton Middle School choir enriched one of their concerts by performing Slovak songs, thus exposing the Kent community to the music traditions of Slovakia. The school initiated a partnership with middle-school students in Dudince promoting "pen pals" and email communication between American and Slovak students. In 2006, a second heritage tour from Kent visited Dudince where the locals warmly welcomed the Americans. In return, in 2008, Kent welcomed a 5-member delegation from Dudince providing a number of activities enjoyed by the guests and Sister City members. The group toured many notable Cleveland-area Slovak cultural sites and were hosted at dinners and evening gatherings, providing a wonderful cultural exchange. More recently, the group hosts exhibits and cultural programs including tours to Slovakia. Monthly meetings provide a wonderful evening of sharing a wonderful meal, often with lectures and cultural presentations making for unique Slovak fellowship. The group's quarterly newsletter affords the opportunity of members who resident in many parts of the country to continue their interest in the work of the Sister City Association. Individual dues are \$15.00 with family membership at \$25.00. Dues or information may be sent to Brother Rudy Bachna at the address and telephone listed above. Many Cleveland area Sokols and Sokolky are active in the group. In addition to Brother Bachna who serves as president, other officers include Dr. Bob Stevenson and John Keleciny, vice presidents; Lexia Yankovich, secretary; and W.Roak Zeller, treasurer.

Finally, we offer a warm "Nazdar" to Brother Rudy Bachna, a life-long proponent of the Sokol movement, as well as all associated with the Kent-Dudince Sister City Association on its 10th anniversary. We pray that the group continues to build educational and cultural bridges between the United States and Slovakia. Enjoy your celebration on May 20th and Zdar Boh!



The Word of God ...

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent - March 4th

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*Jesus took Peter, James and John
and led them up a high mountain
apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth
could bleach them.
Then Elijah appeared to them
along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!"
Let us make three tents:
one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah."
He hardly knew what to say,
they were so terrified.
Then a cloud came,
casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around,
they no longer saw anyone but Jesus
alone with them.
As they were coming down
from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate
what they had seen
to anyone,
except when the Son of Man
had risen from the dead.
So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant*

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent - March 11th

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*Since the Passover of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
He found in the temple area those
who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there
He made a whip out of cords
and drove them all out of the temple area,
with the sheep and oxen,
and spilled the coins of the money changers
and overturned their tables,
and to those who sold doves he said,
"Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house
a marketplace."
His disciples recalled
the words of Scripture,
"Zeal for your house will consume me."
At this the Jews answered
and said to him,
"What sign can you show us
for doing this?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."
The Jews said,
"This temple has been under construction*

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From our Director of Sales & Marketing

Attention: Groups, Assemblies & Wreaths

Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C.

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 2.50% 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**
- o No Loading Fees
 - o No Withdrawal Penalties
 - o High Liquidity
 - o Competitive Interest Rate
 - o Flexibility

Minimum Withdrawn – \$250.00
Underwriting – Slovak Catholic Sokol Group, Assembly or Wreath that are 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.

From the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Sokols and Social Networking

by Damian J. Suess

Most of you already are familiar with the coined term, Social Networking. Whether you realize it or not, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has always been a form of social networking - just not so much a digital one like we have been familiar with in the media within the past ten years. Our organization operated for the past nearly 107 years by word of mouth as well as other forms of communication. It's amazing to see how times have changed, yet the basic principles have stayed the same.

For the past few years now we have been using the newer forms of communication to reach out to our members. We are embracing the media through the use of services such as email, YouTube and Facebook. So how does embracing these technologies affect us and what can they do for us? For one, they provide

a quick and easy gateway to reach out to one another and keep in touch at amazing speeds.

Through services such as Facebook's Group Page, our members are able to openly talk to one another and share pictures and videos of our events quickly and easily. If you already have a Facebook account, you can easily find our Business page and the Group page very easily by searching for, "Slovak Catholic Sokol" in the search box at the top.

Some of you may be wondering what is the difference between the two pages, Business and Group pages, so why is that? The Group page is one that we use to provide updates on upcoming events as well as everyone is invited to post their local pictures, videos and share comments on these events. The Business page is provided as a business front, providing our contact and service information to current and new members alike. Check back on these pages and you can watch us grow as we continue to enhance our sales and marketing.

Come and join us - We would love to hear from all of you! Zdar

Boh!

Group 9 to Host 20th Annual Bowling Tournament on March 24 in Johnstown, Pa.

Group 9 "SS. Cyril and Methodius" will host its 20th annual bowling tournament on Saturday, March 24 at the Westmont Bowling Lanes in Johnstown, Pa. Competition at the lanes begins at 2 p.m. Hosting this year's fraternal competition will be Wreath 14 of Johnstown. The tournament will consist of men's and women's team competition. Cost of bowling, which includes bowling, dinner and prizes is \$25.00 per person. Snacks will be provided during the competition at the lanes. Participants may BYOB, however Group 9 assumes no responsibility for the demeanor of any participants.

Following bowling, a dinner will be served at the Slovak Band Hall located at 716 Chestnut Street in the

Cambria City section of Johnstown. Cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 per guest. Members of Group 9 who bowl will have their dinner compliments of the Group. Since this is a Group event, any member may attend the dinner. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Deadline for bowling entries is Saturday, March 17. Send all reservations to: Joanne E. Spisak, 47 Bear St., Johnstown, PA 15906. This tournament is open to all members of Group 9. An afternoon of traditional Sokol good sportsmanship and fellowship is assured. We hope to see participants from all our Group 9 lodges.

Zdar Boh!

Joanne E. Spisak
 Group 9 president

Slovak Catholic Sokol

A tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members.

APPLICATION FOR SOKOL SECURE FUND- a Fraternal Benefit

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Federal Tax Identification Number: _____ Date: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Initial Deposit: \$ _____

(Corporate Seal)

 President (Print) President Signature

 Treasurer (Print) Treasurer Signature

For Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Office Use Only. Please do not write below.

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 not to 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 Treasurer of the organization.

Dated at Passaic, NJ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

By: _____
 (Corporate Seal)

TOP MONTHLY RECOMMENDERS

JANUARY 2011

RECOMMENDERS	CITY/STATE	FACE AMOUNT	NEW MEMBERS	POINTS
Mary Lou Talafous Favetta	Jersey City, NJ	\$50,000		290
Stephen A. Roman	Catasauqua, PA	20,000	2	162
John C. Orsulak	Lansford, PA	7,000		161
George J. Kostelnik	Bethlehem, PA	10,000	2	148
John Kristofick	Clifton, NJ	4,000	4	120
Edward D. Moeller	Pittsburgh, PA	10,000	2	97
Tricia Radtke	Milwaukee, WI	10,000	1	82
Leo Bryan Aller	Kenosha, WI	10,000	1	80
Eric C. Topczij	Clifton, NJ	5,000	1	59
Robert E. Leso	Philadelphia, PA	5,000	1	55
John H. Molchany	Egypt, PA	5,000	1	55
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	5,000	1	55
Denise Di Martino	Wilkes-Barre, PA	5,000	1	54
Kristy Peterson	Milwaukee, WI	5,000	1	54
Ann Marie Silinskie	Port Griffith, PA	10,000		150
Anna Mae Gaydosh	Lorain, OH	3,000		15
Home Office	Passaic, NJ	300,000	6	0

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 S.C.S. 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"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph. Application is also available on the Internet @

www.slovakcatholic Sokol.org



(Detach here)

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # _____ Assembly/Wreath # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ School Phone (_____) _____
area code area code

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

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

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

Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? _____

If yes, what Year? _____ (yes/no)

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that _____ is a student at
(Name of student)

the above school and will be entering _____ 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
Grade School Grant
205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899
Passaic, NJ 07055



Fraternal Activities in Connecticut

Group 2 Corner

by Eileen S. Wilson

Sokols lead in outreach project

Our Group 2 as well as local Sokol Assemblies and Wreaths in the greater Bridgeport area once again participated in their traditional outreach project to the community. They participated in the annual observance of Make a Difference Day. Our Sokols and Sokolky once again chose The Thomas Merton Center located at 43 Madison Avenue in Bridgeport, Conn. as the recipient of their outreach effort. This facility reaches out to assist many of Bridgeport's most needy individuals.

Participating in this year's effort, from the Slovak Catholic Sokol were Group 2, "Rev. Stephen Panik", Wreath 1 and Wreath 39, both of Bridgeport; Assembly No. 9, Inc. and Assembly 308 also of Bridgeport. In addition, the following local Slovak societies participated: National Slovak Society, Region of Connecticut, Leaf 2 and Assembly 28; The First Plavecky Society of the Holy Trinity, Inc., the Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport, Inc., and Lodge 2 of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA. Group 2 President, Eileen S. Wilson coordinator of the effort presented checks totaling \$600.00 to The Thomas Merton Center which were earmarked for meals for the guests. The monies raised provided a wonderful dinner for the facility's guests on October 27, 2011. Group 2 Sokol members gathered on that occasion and helped prepare the luncheon for the guests. It was wonderful sense of caring and sharing for those who depend on The Thomas Merton House for a good hot meal.

The following includes excerpts from the thank you letter sent to the Slovak societies by the director of The Thomas Merton Center, Mark W. Grasso. "The staff and guests wish to thank you for donating to The Thomas Merton Center, for both your donations, monetary and time. We wish you God's peace for your generosity...."

The Thomas Merton Center is a program of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The center serves men, women and children of greater Bridgeport, Conn.

Once again, our local Slovak fraternal societies set an example of caring and sharing in the best traditions of the fraternal benefit system. Thanks once again to all and Zdar Boh!



Group 2 president and coordinator of the Slovak societies Make a Difference Day effort, Eileen S. Wilson, center, is shown presenting a check for \$600.00 from the participating societies to Kathy Barone, kitchen coordinator and Janet Barker, office manager at The Thomas Merton Center.



Sokols and Sokolky enjoyed a "hands on" effort as they prepared the special meal at The Thomas Merton Center for its guests. Cooks included, front row, l-r, Carol Ladue, Mary Kuruc, John Golias and Eileen S. Wilson. Rear, l-r, Kevin Sabovik, Judith Salamon, Nelson Ladue, and Eugene B. Kuruc.

Lodge Jottings

BRIDGEPORT, CONN Wreath 1

Our Wreath will celebrate and commemorate the feast day of our patroness, St. Frances of Rome on Friday, March 9. We will attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Holy Name of Jesus Church located at 1950 Barnum Avenue in Stratford, Conn. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Wreath 1. Following the liturgy, we will enjoy breakfast and then continue with our traditional gift-bearing visit to our health care and home bound members. This has been an important outreach project in the best traditions of Sokol fraternalism. Out-of-town members will receive an Easter Mass card.

In order to make the necessary preparations, we ask family members to indicate whether their home bound Sokolky would like a visit from us. They should call either Eileen S. Wilson at (203)378-8837 or Irene Sinanis at (203)378-0223. We invite our sister Sokolky to join us for our annual patronal feast day observance and outreach to our senior members.

Zdar Boh!
Eileen S. Wilson
President
Irene Sinanis
Financial Secretary

LORAIN, OH. Wreath 111

In 2011, we enjoyed an active fraternal year with our Wreath hosting regular meetings, each with a particular theme or activity. So too in 2012, we anticipate another active year of celebrating Sokol fraternalism and fellowship.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at the American Slovak Club located on Broadway beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be an important meeting and we strongly urge our members to attend.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our other meetings as well. Our April 9th meeting "with a theme of "What's left in your Easter Basket?" Be assured it will be interesting and enjoyable.

Our May 14th meeting will celebrate the 90th anniversary of our Wreath. An enjoyable evening is assured as we recall nine decades of active Sokol fraternalism.

On June 11th we will include our traditional "indoor picnic - without ants". During the months of July and August, we take a summer break.

Returning in the fall, our first meeting of the new season is set for September 10th, when we honor our Wreath's patroness, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On October 8th "Autumn leaves are falling" is the theme of the meeting. On November 12th we will host our annual meeting with the election of officers. Its theme is "Thanks for a Good Year." And finally, on December 10th "O Come All Ye Faithful to Our Christmas party."

So as you can see, 2012 looks to be busy and interesting. Remember our meetings are held the second Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. unless announced otherwise. With the closing of our Slovak parish of the Holy Trinity, gathering at our local Slovak fraternal gatherings affords us the opportunity for us to stay together.

Zdar Boh!
Anna Gaydosh
Treasurer

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Assembly 34

On Sunday, April 1, we will observe the feast of St. George, patron of our Assembly. We will attend the 9 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 deceased members of our Assembly. Following the Mass we will gather in the Father George Dargay Hall of the parish where will enjoy a full breakfast which will be served by the members of the St. Cyril Slovak Men's Club. The breakfast is free of charge for all Sokol members of Assembly 34 and Wreath 47. We remind those planning to attend not to park in the school lot. Come join us for some traditional Sokol fellowship and fraternalism.

Assembly 34 has enjoyed a rich history of promoting the high ideals of Sokol fraternalism and our Slovak heritage for more than a century. Founded on April 4, 1909 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, this year will mark our Assembly's 103rd anniversary. Come join us as we celebrate this milestone at our traditional patronal feast day observance.

Zdar Boh!
James T. Genosky
Financial Secretary

NEW YORK, N.Y. Assembly 182

Our Assembly under the patronage of St. Joseph will host its traditional St. Joseph Day observance on Sunday, March 18. We will attend the 11 a.m. Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, located at the corner of East 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of our lodge by the parish associate, the Rev. Stefan Chanas. Following the liturgy, we will host a delicious luncheon featuring traditional Slovak culinary specialties in the parish social hall and enjoy a wonderful fraternal program. As is our tradition, we will honor all the Josephs and Josephines among us. Our St. Joseph Day celebration has been an annual tradition of our Assembly for more than 60 years. All members are invited to participate. In addition, we extend a cordial invitation to Sokol members from neighboring lodges as well as our Slovak fraternal brother and sisters from the Jednota and Zenska Jednota. An

enjoyable afternoon is assured.

Our lodge was founded in 1923 and been active in the life of our parish as well as the New York area Slovak community. We look forward to seeing a good turnout at this year's patronal feast day observance.

Zdar Boh!
Dr. Ladislav Korcek
President
Anna Korcak
Financial Secretary

PERRYOPOLIS, PA Assembly 25 Wreath 15

Both our lodges will host their traditional Lenten Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 18. Mass will be celebrated by our pastor, the Rev. Robert Lubic at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church for the living and deceased members of both the Assembly and the Wreath. Following the liturgy, we will gather at the Slovak Catholic

Sokol Club where a full breakfast will be enjoyed. All members are invited to join us for the annual event.

This time-honored tradition emphasizing the spiritual dimensions of our organization takes place during the holy season of Lent. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout at our annual Communion Breakfast, may I remain

Zdar Boh!
Michael T. Matras
President,
Assembly 25

PITTSBURGH, PA Wreath 22

The next meeting of our Wreath, under the spiritual patronage of Saint Cecilia, is scheduled for Monday, March 5 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, South Side beginning at 7 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

This month our outreach project will include a donation made to the Food Bank of Prince of Peace Par-

ish to assist the needy in our community. And as is our tradition, following our business meeting, we will enjoy a small social. So join us for an enjoyable evening.

At this time, we ask all our Wreath Sokol sisters to offer special prayers on behalf of one of our youngest Sokol members, Kevin Harms who has recently been diagnosed with Lukemia. Kevin will soon begin chemotherapy for the next few months. Kevin is just two years old and is the son of Jeffrey and Jesse Harms and the grandson of Tony Harms. All of the members of the Harms family are our active Sokol members. We want them to know that little Kevin's intentions will be in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Wishing all a spiritually uplifting Lenten season in anticipation of the joy of the Easter season, may I remain Zdar Boh!

Fraternally,
Joan Yanosick
Recording Secretary

A fraternal benefit in support of higher education

Our organization will offer \$60,500 in Scholarship Grants

We are pleased to announce that the Slovak Catholic Sokol will make available a total of \$60,500 in scholarship grants to eligible members in 2012. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2012 grant; however, per Convention mandate - a student may receive a maximum of two (2) Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grant awards in each category.



A total of 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol college grants of \$1,000 each, two Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,500 each, two Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,500 each, one The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, one Joseph and Mary Spernoga Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 and three Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

With one application you may apply for all college scholarship grants for which you are eligible. Note that only one grant per applicant will be awarded.

College scholarship eligibility requirements:

Slovak Catholic Sokol (a total of 30, \$1000 grants will be awarded)

- Must have a minimum of \$3,000 permanent Life Insurance Coverage
- Must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for at least five years.
- Must have completed one semester of undergraduate studies as a FULL TIME student at an accredited college, university or professional school, or be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program.
- Must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better
- One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member
- Essay- "How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol influenced my life?"

Joseph and Mary Spernoga (1 grant in the amount of \$500 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship

Theodore and Mary Jane Rich (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2500 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in medical curriculum

Emil Slavik (2 grants in the amount of \$2500 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol
- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical or business curriculum.

The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship (1 grant in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in Nursing or Medical curriculum
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry

Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship (3 grants in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship
- Essay- "Describe the one volunteer experience that made the biggest personal impact on you-how/why".

Applications are **ONLY** available for download on our website @

www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

Completed applications for college scholarships should be sent to:

Julie Dobbs
Supreme Vice-President
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee
5314 Agatha Turn
Racine, WI 53402
(262)681-1720

Deadline for return of all scholarship application is March 31, 2012

In addition to our college grant program, we make available 19 Catholic High School Grants in the amount of \$500 each as well as 38 Catholic Grade School Grants in the amount of \$250 each. Please find these scholarship applications and directives in each of the issues of the *Falcon*.

Slovak Catholic Fraternalists Participate in the 39th Annual March for Life

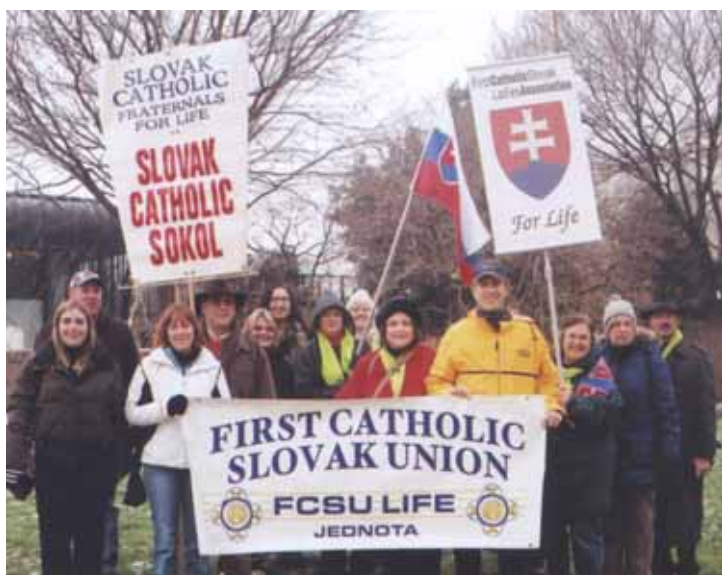
Washington, D.C. + Monday, January 23 + Celebrating Life from Conception to Natural Death!



Sister Madonna Figura, SS.C.M., director of Religious Education at the Parish of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa., center is shown with Chairperson of Supreme Auditors Michael J. Horvath and Group 7 participants.



Students from Epiphany School in Sayre, Pa. with their pastor, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, fourth from the left and Wilkes-Barre participants.



Members of the four Slovak Catholic fraternalists participated in the annual pro-life demonstration.



Among the Group 7 contingent were Theresa M. Kluchinski, president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, far left who is our Sokolka; and our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.



A group of Sisters of Life from New York City during the National Prayer Vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, second from the left, is shown with some of the leaders of the Slovak Catholic fraternalists who participated.

Highlights of the Children's Christmas Party Hosted by Assembly 201 & Wreath 147 Holy Trinity School Hall + Swoyersville, Pa. + Sunday, December 4



Santa's helper, Marc Kolendowicz is shown with Matthias Ryder and Santa.



Adele Ryder presents her wish list to Santa.



Santa is shown with, l-r, Jocelyn Polney, Adam Kaschak and Kendall Pelliccia.



Santa's helper Marc Kolendowicz and Santa are shown with Christopher Dunbar with his dad, Christopher.



Santa's helper Marc Kolendowicz and Corey Bohn are shown with Santa.



Santa's helpers, Marc Kolendowicz and Jocelyn Polney flank Kendall Pelliccia and Santa.



Santa's helper Corey Bohn and his brother, Blake Bohn are shown with Santa.



Little Rylie Dunbar presents her wish list to Santa as Santa's helper Corey Bohn looks on.



Members of the committee, l-r, Irene M. Kaschak, Deb and Robert Bohn are shown with Santa.



Santa is shown with his helpers, Corey Bohn and Jocelyn Polney.



Santa is shown all smiles with, l-r, Marc Kolendowicz, Oliva Dunbar, her dad, Christopher and Santa's helper Jocelyn Polney.

Scenes of the Annual Group 17 Youth Bowling Party

Camelot Lanes + Boardman, Ohio + Sunday, December 4



Ruth Troxil with her granddaughters, Jenna and Kayla.



Three generations of the Gonda family enjoy the afternoon's festivities.



Three generations of the Blasko family are shown enjoying the activities.



Members of the Havrilla family waiting to bowl.



Candee Krakovich presents her list to Santa and his helpers, Joanne Bartos and Kayla Troxil.



Stephen Franken, a grandson of William Knapik, is shown with his mom.



Our young Sokol bowlers enjoy the camaraderie.



The committee, l-r, Judy Babik, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, Nancy Kropolinsky and Edie Babik, with Santa.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

Kia Slovakia produces millionth car, donates it to clowndoctors

Kia Motors Slovakia in Teplicka nad Vahom near Zilina in the northwestern part of the country has produced its millionth car, which it donated to the civil association Red Nose Clowndoctors on January 25.

The white Kia cee'd will be used by 41 professional actors from the civil association, which amuses children in hospitals throughout Slovakia.

Gary A. Edwards, founder of the Red Nose Clowndoctors, said that the car will enable the clowns to make as many as 90 visits to hospitals every month.

Kia Motors Slovakia in 2011 recorded a 10-percent rise in production of cars, and a 12-percent increase in production of engines, said company spokesman Dusan Dvorak.

Kia Motors Slovakia has been Kia's first factory in Europe. The plant near Zilina was constructed between 2004-06, with car production launched in December 2006. The factory currently employs almost 4,000 people.

SAV: Number of Slovak caregivers in Austria has tripled

There are 16,000 Slovak caregivers looking after the elderly in Austria, Miroslav Bahna from the Social Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV) said at a press conference dedicated to the issue on January 31.

An intensive growth in the figure was seen especially in 2009, when the number of Slovak caregivers in Austria went up from 6,000 to the current statistics.

SAV, in cooperation with TNS Slovakia, carried out a survey finding out that the average age of Slovak female caregivers in Austria is higher than is the case with other immigrants.

"Two thirds of these women belong to the age group of 40-49 years," said Bahna, pointing out that the survey didn't cover male caregivers, however.

According to the results, most of these caregivers come from the Kosice, Presov, Banska Bystrica and Zilina regions.

More than 70 percent of the caregivers have completed a high-school education including the graduation examination, 18 percent of them did not complete the final examination, 10 percent are university graduates and only 1 percent of them have basic education.

"When it comes to their marital status, more than half of these women are married," said Bahna, specifying that about 78 percent of them have children, 70 percent of whom are already grown.

Most of the caregivers stated they work legally in the country, with 7 percent confession that they are in Austria "informally."

Around 78 percent of the female caregivers expressed their satisfaction with the job. "It seems that most of the replies indicate that the situation of the women improved when they started to work in Austria," Bahna said, adding that 88 percent of them are not thinking about settling down in Austria permanently.

Restored Reduta building welcomes home the Slovak Symphony

The reconstructed and restored Reduta in downtown Bratislava that serves as the seat of the Slovak Symphony Orchestra was ceremoniously re-opened on the evening of January 27, with President Ivan Gasparovic, Parliamentary Chairman Pavol Hrusovsky and Prime Minister Iveta Radicova among the invited guests.

Under the baton of Emmanuel Villaum, the Slovak Symphony Orchestra performed Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125 that elicited a standing ovation from the audience.

"I was quite curious to see how the reconstruction work was carried out. It's a nice feeling to come and see that something good was accomplished again and the splendid concert served as icing on the already delicious cake," said Gasparovic.

The Slovak Symphony Orchestra had to abandon the Reduta in April 2009 due to the deterioration of the building. On January 27, exacting 33 months later, the orchestra returned home. "Both dates are historic for us, with the first one reeking of sadness and the second of joy. We're glad to return to professional conditions...they're almost too good," said orchestra general director Marian Lapsansky. "In the case of the concert hall, we have to get re-adjusted to beautiful and reverberating acoustics - quite different from the acoustics in a theatre, but we'll be very pleased to do it."

Reconstruction works began in December 2009 on the nearly-century-old building and cost about \$35 million. \$2.3 million was contributed from Norwegian Funds.

Israel to honor 17 Slovaks with Righteous among the nations award

Another 17 Slovaks will be honored with the title 'Righteous among the Nations,' which is given to non-Jews who helped save the lives of Jewish people during World War II, the Israeli Embassy informed TASR on January 18.

The ceremonial award-giving organized by the State of Israel and Jerusalem-based memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust Yad Vashem was scheduled to take place in February in the historical building of the Slovak Parliament in the presence of Slovakia's top constitutional representatives.

Relatives of the awardees will receive a medal and an honorary diploma from Israeli Ambassador to Slovakia Alexander Ben-Zvi.

"While others were watching with fear or disregard how their Jewish neighbors were disappearing from the houses next to theirs, these (people to be honored) were building hiding places for their Jewish neighbors, sharing food with them and bringing them solace every day. While the majority would be silent and avert their eyes, these people were active and saving lives," said Ben-Zvi.

According to him, the acts of the 'Righteous among the Nations' are part of the cultural heritage. "We have to cherish it...it not only has an immense importance for the people who were saved. To all of us, it sends a message of goodness, humanity and bravery. Righteous among the Nations show us that salvation is possible even in the worst of times," he added.

The honored Slovaks will have their names inscribed on the Wall of Honor in the Garden of the Righteous at Yad Vashem. To date, a total of 540 Slovak citizens have received the Righteous Among the Nations accolade, which makes Slovakia a country with one of the highest number per capita to receive the award.

Dzurinda: Slovakia gains respect in Europe for standpoints and actions

Slovakia enjoys respect in Europe thanks to its standpoints and actions rather than harsh statements, and is a respected partner among the EU and NATO member nations, Foreign Affairs Minister Mikulas Dzurinda (SDKU-DS) has told TASR in an interview reviewing his tenure in office.

He pinpointed the fact that it was he, alongside Finance Minister Ivan Miklos (SDKU-DS), who have long been championing the need for more stringent budgetary rules for European countries.

"Back then they viewed us in a bit of an odd light, but seeing the state of affairs now and the statements made by Ger-

man Chancellor Angela Merkel, it turns out we're all in the same boat," said Dzurinda.

Turning to Slovakia's two disputatious votes - the rejection of a loan to Greece and the initial voting down of an extension of powers and funding within the temporary EFSF bail-out fund - Dzurinda said that, despite the two votes, Slovakia isn't viewed as a problematic country by its European peers.

"They were just surprised and perhaps at a loss," said Dzurinda, adding that much time was lost vis-a-vis Greece's woes.

"We didn't want to waste any more time. We didn't want to make it look like nothing was going on...We couldn't have justified it to ourselves had we not had a principled say on the issue then," he asserted.



Many unique and picturesque villages dot the landscape in many areas of Slovakia. The village of Donovaly, located in the Banska Bystrica Region of central Slovakia is among them. It is located in an important pass between the mountains of Velka Fatra and Starohorske vrchy, on the route connecting Banska Bystrica with Ruzomberok. It has become a popular center of winter and summer sports. Part of the Low Tatras National Park, it hosts one of the largest and most popular ski and dogsled resorts in the country. The ski season, now in its prime, begins in November and lasts until early April. With an actual population of just 154, it swells with tourists during most of the year. The village was founded in the early seventeenth century, and is first mentioned in written documents in 1618. During World War II, it became an important center of the anti-German resistance. Seasonal photos of Donovaly are shown above.

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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 year. Application is also available on the Internet @ www.slovakcatholicssokol.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"x3" 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.

Sokol Birthdays

MARCH 1

Joseph J. Sovcik, Jr., Santa Fe, N.M., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

MARCH 2

Zachary A. Banaszek, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Christine Hill, Watertown, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Joseph M. Oros, Reading, Pa., financial secretary of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

Nancy A. Ramirez, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARCH 3

Gloria Carpency, Tamaqua, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

Paul J. Hackash, New Ringgold, Pa., President of Group 18.

Angela P. Kurnath Hoffer, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., a member of Assembly 162 in Clifton, N.J.

Jillian M. Krasauskis, Plainfield, Ill., a member of Assembly 11 Chicago, Ill.

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

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

MARCH 5

Cheryl L. Chuba, Dauphin, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Elizabeth A. Hennis, Bridgeview, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

MARCH 6

Paula Ferrato, Barrington, R.I., a member of Wreath 15 in Perryopolis, Pa.

Ted Grzybowski, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

MARCH 7

Michele Banaszek, Scranton, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Kayla L. Troxil, Canfield, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

MARCH 8

Lynn M. Flore, West Mifflin, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARCH 9

Felix S. Gula, Livingston Manor, N.Y., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

Cassandra Johnson, Point Pleasant, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Tessie A. Oros, Reading, Pa., a member of Wreath 155 in Reading, Pa.

Frank J. Pavlica, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

MARCH 10

Michael J. Kostolansky, Donora, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

MARCH 11

Phyllis J. Flynn, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARCH 12

Livia Polanski, Morris Plains, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Our Slovak Catholic Sokol Walking Program

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you need to do is to clip out the walking box found on page 8 of this issue. First and foremost a huge thank you goes out to all our walkers for continuing to make this program so successful. Thank you to Glenice Zelina, president of Wreath 111 in Lorain, Ohio.!!! She helps organize the Group 5/Wreath 111 section. Your efforts with this group is to be commended. Thanks to our editor for publishing our activities in a timely manner. This helps to communicate throughout the year.

Finally, this year has proven to be another successful year for our walk-

ers. I know some of our walkers have suffered a few setbacks, however I am happy to encourage those people to get back up and moving. Remember, a few miles a week is better than nothing at all.

The year 2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol movement of which we are a part. With its emphasis on physical fitness, this year is a wonderful opportunity for more of our Sokol members to join us as we promote the Sokol movement by walking to good health. Have a great year and I hope to welcome many more walkers this year. Have a great year and Zdar Boh!

Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent

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*for forty-six years,
and you will raise it up in three days?"
But he was speaking about
the temple of his body.
Therefore,
when he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered
that he had said this,
and they came to believe the Scripture
and the word Jesus had spoken.
While he was in Jerusalem
for the feast of Passover;
many began to believe in his name
when they saw the signs he was doing.
But Jesus would not trust himself to them
because he knew them all,
and did not need anyone to testify
about human nature.
He himself understood it well.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

(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 (_____) _____
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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? _____ If yes, please
indicate Grade School or High School. What year? _____ (yes/no)

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

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that _____ is a student at
(Name of student)
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

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Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic
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Obituaries...

Well-known Group 2 Sokolka

Sophia Zaharek Wilcox, 95, Wreath 86 Activist, laid to rest in Torrington, Conn.

Sophia M. Wilcox, a lifelong resident of Torrington, Conn. passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 22 after a brief illness. She was 95.

A native of Torrington, Sophia was born there May 15, 1916, daughter of Slovak immigrant parents, the late John and Julia Meyerjack Zaharek. She was raised in Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak parish. She was educated locally and worked for many years in the Guidance Office at Torrington High School before her retirement. On May 30, 1942, Sophia and the late Frederick Wilcox exchanged their marriage vows at Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. John Zihala officiating.

After the death of her husband over 50 years ago, she was devoted to her four children and their families. In recent years, she spent time with her grandchildren and always delighted in attending their activities and those of her many nieces and nephews.

An active Sokolka all her life, Sister Sophia was enrolled in our organization as a toddler and became a member of Wreath 86 in 1933. Over the years, she participated in many fraternal activities sponsored by Wreath 86 and Group 2 as well. In her youth, she competed at our various Group 2 and national Slets. She hailed from a pioneer Torrington Sokol family and instilled a love for the Slovak Catholic Sokol among her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also active in St. Francis Parish, now a part of the Torrington Parish Cluster, where she served as president of the Women's Club. An avid traveler, she and her

sister, Elizaeth Zaharek traveled extensively, including two trips to Slovakia where she visited with family members.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Sister Sophia at the Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home. The Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza, Auxiliary Bishop-emeritus of Hartford, was principal celebrant of the Mass of Christian burial celebrated in St. Francis Church on January 26. Interment followed in the new St. Francis Cemetery.

Sister Sophia was dearly loved and will be missed by her surviving children, Claire Wilcox and Joan Rosazza of Carlisle, Mass., Patricia DeBazio of Middletown, Conn., and James and Lori Wilcox of Bonita Springs, Fla. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her oldest son, Frederick of Torrington, her parents and a sister, Julia Misencik who served as the Supreme Assistant Commandress of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for many years. She is also survived by her sisters, Mary Beyer and Elizabeth Zaharek as well as a brother, George Zaharek; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our Sister Sokolka was active in our organization all her life and will be sorely missed. She so beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith and was a wonderful ambassador of the high ideals of Sokol fraternalism. Our sympathy goes out to her family. May she rest in peace.

Thomas W. Wallace Pittsburgh, Pa. member

Thomas W. Wallace passed away on January 23 in Pittsburgh, Pa. following an extensive illness. He was 67.

A native of New York City, Tom was born on April 28, 1944 in Brooklyn, son of the late Mary

IN MEMORIAM			
Slovak Catholic Sokol extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of deceased members			
JANUARY 2012			
Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 11	Margaret Donahue, Chicago, IL	92	January 20, 2012
Assembly 16	Robert Holan, Pittsburgh, PA	65	December 31, 2011
Assembly 16	John F. Skok, Pittsburgh, PA	87	January 9, 2012
Assembly 23	James E. Pavlik, Torrington, CT	86	January 1, 2012
Assembly 28	Stephanie D. Biros, East Douglas, MA	83	October 25, 2008
Assembly 28	Michael M. Biros, East Douglas, MA	88	September 25, 2011
Assembly 28	Mikulas Pavuk, East Douglas, MA	88	November 18, 2011
Assembly 36	Frank W. Hutira, Detroit, MI	89	January 15, 2012
Assembly 39	Lawrence L. Wojick, Bellaire, OH	72	January 21, 2012
Assembly 48	Joseph Valyo, Philadelphia, PA	74	December 24, 2011
Assembly 57	Elaine Stoudt, Allentown, PA	74	January 7, 2012
Assembly 71	Michael E. Gober, Edwardsville, PA	87	December 29, 2011
Assembly 78	Margaret Hudak, Bethlehem, PA	87	December 28, 2011
Assembly 78	Andrew Thomas Jasso, Bethlehem, PA	83	September 28, 2011
Assembly 79	Joseph Otavka, Lilly, PA	89	December 23, 2011
Assembly 108	Frank A. Laskay, Youngstown, OH	85	December 9, 2011
Assembly 136	Margaret Barcik, Nanticoke, PA	79	December 19, 2011
Assembly 162	Katherine Probola, Clifton, NJ	88	September 21, 2011
Assembly 162	Maryann Gasparovic, Clifton, NJ	78	January 5, 2012
Assembly 162	Virginia A. Cook, Clifton, NJ	73	January 8, 2012
Assembly 180	Donald Richard Burlfield, Canton, OH	85	December 15, 2011
Assembly 180	Dorothy Kelly, Canton, OH	81	December 18, 2011
Assembly 201	Joseph E. Ribar, Larksville, PA	82	December 6, 2011
Assembly 227	Gertrude Paracka, Toronto, CN	89	March 10, 2011
Assembly 255	Michael Kuchera, Jr., Egypt, PA	59	January 12, 2012
Assembly 257	Margaret Karpel, Chicago, IL	92	December 25, 2011
Assembly 257	Ladislav Vietoris, Chicago, IL	85	December 28, 2011
Assembly 257	Geraldine Misik, Chicago, IL	77	December 14, 2011
Assembly 312	Mary Kerrick, Passaic, NJ	90	December 14, 2011
Wreath 11	Ann Evelyn Carey, Johnstown, NY	94	December 28, 2011
Wreath 21	Helen Goligoski, Superior, WI	90	January 14, 2012
Wreath 34	Mary Kondas, Cleveland, OH	92	December 22, 2011
Wreath 39	Elizabeth F. Kasinak, Bridgeport, CT	92	January 2, 2012
Wreath 81	Helen Arvay, Whiting, IN	69	April 10, 2011
Wreath 81	John J. Vrlik, Whiting, IN	88	January 9, 2012
Wreath 81	Anne C. Lessie, Whiting, IN	89	January 8, 2012
Wreath 81	Anna Teliga, Whiting, IN	90	December 14, 2011
Wreath 85	Ethel Lex, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	85	December 23, 2011
Wreath 85	Mary Ann Matejko, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	96	January 15, 2012
Wreath 85	Agnes Naquin, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	82	December 14, 2011
Wreath 107	Mary Partika, Youngstown, OH	84	September 10, 2011

Schwenk Wallace and Russell Wallace. He was educated locally and resided for many years in Pittsburgh, where he married the former Carol Ann Schild 39 years ago. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962 until 1965. Tom was a member of the American Legion, the D.A.V. and Assembly 16 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. He was an active Sokol member, participating in many local and Group 14 activities.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their final respects to Brother Tom at the Boron Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on January 26 in the Church of St. Basil in Pittsburgh. Interment followed in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

In addition to his wife, Carol Ann, who was a past chairperson of Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Brother Tom is

survived by a daughter, Mary Ann Wallace, a sister, Patricia Wallace Saltz, two sisters-in-law, Nancy Wallace and Eileen D. (Schild) McCrea along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Walter and Donald Wallace.

May our Brother Sokol, who so beautifully mirrored our fraternal way of life, now rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to the Wallace family.

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**FREEWAY LANES, WICKLIFFE, OH
MAY 4TH – 6TH, 2012**

As many of you know, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has been meeting with several of our brother fraternalists to try and combine some of our sporting events. It is with great pleasure that I announce the 1st 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 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 final deadline to reserve and book your hotel room is April 4th. After this date, we cannot guarantee you will secure a room at the hotel. Our organization's blocks of 150 rooms is registered under the United Slovak Fraternalists and when you contact the hotel please identify yourself as a member.

The hotel address is 3775 Park East Drive, Beachwood, OH 44122. The telephone number at the hotel is (216) 765-8066. The bowling lanes are located at 28801

Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. The telephone number at the bowling lanes 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, proshop 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 night 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 Assembly, 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 Boh!
Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

The Men's and Women's 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternalists 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, and to generate nationwide interest in the Slovak fraternal organizations. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, the National Slovak Society, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to the Host City, Wickliffe, Ohio, in this rapidly growing tournament.

The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternalists 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

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Requests (based on order received)				
Event	Date	Time	Date	Time
TEAM				
DOUBLES & SINGLES				

2012 May 4 – 6, 2012
Entries Close
March 16, 2012

BOWLING ENTRY BLANK

Please Read Carefully

The 1st Annual United Slovak Fraternalists Men's and Women's Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

Hosted by First Catholic Slovak Union, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, and Slovak Catholic Sokol, a/k/a the United Slovak Fraternalists

Freeway Lanes
28801 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092

Team Name: _____
League: _____
City: _____

Captain Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Entry Fees	
Prize Fee	\$7.00
Bowling Fee (3games).....	\$6.50
Tournament Fee.....	\$2.50
Total Each Event	\$16.00

Optional Events	
All Events	\$3.00
Senior Singles Event (60+).....	\$5.00

Banquet Fees	
Member	\$25.00
Total submitted.....	\$ _____

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Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account
Mail to:
Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Sports Director
Slovak Catholic Sokol
2821 Waterman Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

All Events (X)	Banq (X)	CORRECT TEAM LINEUP (Print or Type)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	USBC NO.	ADDRESS	CERT./POLICY NO. MUST BE FILLED IN	BRANCH/ ASSM NO.
		1.					
		2.					
		3.					
		4.					
Singles (X)	Banq (X)	TWO-MAN EVENT (Print or Type Full Names)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	Seniors (X)			
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		1.					
		2.					

Schedule -
TEAM EVENT
Friday, May 4 6 PM & 9 PM

DOUBLES AND SINGLES
Saturday, May 5 8:30 AM & 12:30 AM
Sunday, May 6 9:00 AM (if needed)

BOWLING FEES, AS WELL AS, ENTRY MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THIS BLANK

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND MUST BE RESUBMITTED

Substitutes on two-man teams **must** bowl in the position vacated by the original entrant as per USBC.

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 THIS ENTRY. ALL INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN FOR RESUBMISSION.

In submitting this entry, the captain and the team members agree to forfeit all rights to prize money as well as the total entry fees in the event that any information listed herein should be found to be false. We are not responsible for errors in averages made in filling out this entry form. No refunds of tournament entry fee.

USBC Bowling Rules shall govern in all matters concerning the actual play on the lanes in this Tournament.

ELIGIBILITY: This Tournament is open to all First Catholic Slovak Union, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, and Slovak Catholic Sokol male and female bonafide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. Note that Slovak Catholic Sokol members must be members for at least three months SPL or one year for all other policies prior to the date of the tournament with a minimum of \$3000 coverage. Slovak Catholic Sokol bowlers must be policy holders, not social members. Slovak Catholic Sokol members enrolled after January 1, 2008, require a minimum of \$5000 insurance coverage to participate. All winners will be checked before any prize money is awarded.

Only members with USBC Membership Cards will be eligible for the USBC special awards in this USBC Certified Tournament. Bowlers without USBC Membership Cards may purchase some from the Tournament Committee at current local fees prior to actual participation in this Tournament.

CONSENT RULES: Any unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to participate in USBC Certified Tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Said written consent must be on a form approved by United States Bowling Congress and must be on file with Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his/her parents, in which

case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC Rule No. 13

AVERAGES: All entrants will use their highest average of any USBC league of at least 21 games from the 2010-2011 season. Bowlers with no such average from the 2010-2011 season and with at least 21 games in the 2011-2012 season will use their current league average. This must be designated as such on entry form by his name and a league year-to-date statistics sheet must be presented to the Tournament Committee at the Tournament. Non-certified bowlers, with no certified league average, that have bowled in previous FCSU, LPSCU, NSS, or SCS tournaments will have their averages calculated from their three most recent tournaments. All male bowlers with no established USBC average will bowl a 175 scratch. All female bowlers with no established USBC will bowl a 150 scratch. Summer league averages will be accepted.

Any contestant whose current average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2012, is TEN (10) PINS or more above his or her average from previous season, must use his or her current average and will indicate this on the entry form at time of entry.

AVERAGE CHANGES: The original averages submitted on the Entry Blank cannot be changed prior to participation by anyone except the Team Captain, who must submit written proof thereof to the Tournament Committee.

It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others.

Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score of submitted average if lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average.

Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of a series if the tournament manager prior to the

completion of the first game of the series has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct his average.

HANDICAPS: MEN – The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 210 and the submitted average. **WOMEN** – The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 180 and the submitted average. The maximum handicap awarded to any bowler will be 45 pins.

Under no circumstances will handicap be increased after participant has bowled.

PRIZES: MEN and WOMEN - One prize will be paid for every seven (7) entries in each event, with the exception of All Events, which will pay one prize for every fifteen (15) entries. No duplicate prizes will be awarded and prize fees will be returned 100 percent.

All prizes will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee.

Any entrant who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event of a tournament in the 12-month period prior to entry, must report actual score, position, and amount won to tournament management at time of entry for possible rerating.

LINE-UP CHANGES: All participants must bowl according to where they are listed on the submitted entry form. Any replacement of participants originally scheduled to bowl on team or doubles will take same position on team and doubles event.

ABSENTEES: To alleviate absentee problems, the Tournament Committee will provide a replacement bowler when notified of the absentee.

TARDY BOWLERS: Tardy Bowler will receive zero for each frame missed. USBC Rule 322

SCORING: Errors in scoring or calculations must be presented to the Tournament Committee within 48 hours after completion of play. Captains of Teams or Doubles Partners have the option to pick up duplicate score sheets upon completion of play.

45th Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament Set

The plans have been finalized for this year's 45th Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at the Clifton Boys and Girls Club located 822 Clifton Avenue in Clifton, N.J., tel. (973)773-2697. The competition begins at 8:30 a.m. Hosting this year's competition will be Group 1, "Msgr. Stephen Krasula" of Passaic, N.J.

We extend a cordial invitation to the following Groups to join us for this exciting, annual, day-long competition: Group 2, Bridgeport, Conn.; Group 3,

East Douglas, Mass.; Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Group 10, Bethlehem, Pa.; Group 12, Reading, Pa.; Group 18, Lansford, Pa.; as well as Group 1. Volunteers are needed to assist at this year's competition. If anyone would like to assist, please feel free to contact Group 1 Sports Director Eric Topczij at tel. (973)985-0134. An enjoyable competition is planned in the best traditions of Sokol good sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Zdar Boh!
Eric Topczij
 Tournament Director

- The Mixing Bowl -

The following tasty and nutritious dish from the California Prune Board makes an excellent winter-time dessert:

- 1 1/2 cup (about 9 oz.) pitted prunes
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 3 tbsp. orange-flavored liqueur
- 2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp. grated orange peel
- 3 grapefruits
- 2 oranges
- Mint sprigs

In a small saucepan combine

prunes, orange juice and water. Bring just to boiling. Remove from heat. Gently stir in honey, then the liqueur, ginger and orange peel. Cool, cover and chill up to 2 days. Several hours before serving: Peel and section grapefruits and oranges; combine with prune mixture. Cover and chill. Garnish with mint. If you wish, serve fruit mixture in grapefruit shell halves with membranes removed. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition info per serving: 215 calories, .4 g fat, 4.5 g dietary fiber, 2 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

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

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Held in Clifton, N.J.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Group 1, "Msgr. Stephen Krasula"

The annual meeting of Group 1, Passaic, N.J. under the patronage of Monsignor Stephen J. Krasula, P.A. was held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J. The officers and delegates marched in a body to the 10:30 a.m. Slovak Mass which was celebrated for the living and deceased members with the Rev. Martin Kertys as celebrant. Celebrating were Monsignor John J. Demkovich and the Rev. Richard A. Bay.

Following the liturgy, the officers and delegates assembled in the church hall where the annual meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by the President, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, who serves as our organization's General Counsel. He extended a warm welcome and thanked all for their interest and attendance in spite of the inclement weather caused by the unexpected fall snow storm. In the absence of the Group chaplain, the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Richard A. Bay who serves as the chaplain of the host, Assembly 162. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then led by Group Sports Director Eric Topczij. A welcome on behalf of the host, Assembly 162 was extended by its president, John D. Pogorelec, Jr. The president then asked the Secretary, Daniel F. Tanzone to read the roll call of officers and delegates. Representatives of the following lodges were represented at the meeting: Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.; Assembly 24, Boonton, N.J.; Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.; and Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J. Due to the inclement weather, there were no other lodges represented.

The president then asked the secretary to read the minutes of the officers' meeting held during the year. The minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2011 were then accepted on a motion by Thomas Krack, seconded by Peter Bakarich. The minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2011 were accepted on a motion by Dorothy Lukas, seconded by Joseph Gnida.

The president then asked the Treasurer, Anthony Glodava to present his report. Brother Glodava then passed out copies of his report. However, before accepting the treasurer's report, the auditors made their presentation. Auditor, David Bulwin indicated that the auditors had the opportunity to audit all the financial books and records and indicated that they found all to be in order. They recommended that the treasurer's report be accepted and commended Brother Glodava on a job well done. On a motion by Thomas Krack, seconded by Robert Raichel, the report of the treasurer was then accepted.

The reports of the officers followed. In the absence of the Chaplain, Rev. Richard A. Baker, Brother Daniel F. Tanzone indicated that parochial duties at St. Malachy's Parish in New York City prevented him from attending the annual meeting. Father Baker indicated

that he would like to continue to serve as the Group Chaplain. On a motion by Mary Ternovay, seconded by Peter Walentowicz, the report of the chaplain was accepted.

The President John D. Pogorelec then turned over the chair to the Vice President John D. Pogorelec, Jr. so that he might present his report. The president indicated that 2011 has been a very busy year for our organization as well as our Group. He indicated that he has fulfilled all the duties of president as outlined by our bylaws and thanked all for having had the opportunity to serve as Group 1 president over the past 30 years. On a motion by Eric Topczij, seconded by Robert Raichel, the report of the president was accepted.

The vice president then returned the chair to the president. The Vice President John D. Pogorelec, Jr. presented his report and thanked all for their cooperation in promoting the work of Group 1 during the past year. He noted that it was a distinct pleasure to serve Group 1 as vice president. On a motion by David Bulwin, seconded by Father Richard A. Bay, the report of the vice president was accepted.

The Secretary Daniel F. Tanzone then presented his report. He thanked all for their cooperation in promoting the high ideals of Sokol fraternalism over the past year and was grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the Group as secretary. On a motion by Mary Ternovay, seconded by Joseph Gnida, the report of the secretary was accepted.

The president then called on the Sports Director Eric Topczij to present the report of the Physical Fitness Board. Brother Topczij indicated that Group 1 enjoyed an active participation in all the international and district-wide sporting competitions held during the past year. He commended our six young people who competed at this year's 45th International Slet held at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa. Our Group 1 participants were under the direction of our Physical Director Kevin Matlon. Brother Topczij indicated that in 2012, Group 1 would be hosting the Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament on March 31 and asked that we all cooperate to insure the success of this competition. He also noted that the annual Group bowling tournament, the Junior Sokol Bowlingfest and the Spaghetti Dinner all were held and enjoyed success. On a motion by David Bulwin, seconded by Dorothy Lukas, the report of the Physical Fitness Board was accepted as presented by the Sports Director. The president then announced the appointment of those who would serve on the various committees. Before the adjournment of the first session, Brother John D. Pogorelec introduced our Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon and congratulated him on his reelection at the 31st na-

tional convention.

At this time, the president indicated that the luncheon was ready. The president asked that the members of the various committees meet during the luncheon break to prepare their presentations to the full body. Father Bay offered the grace before meals and all then enjoyed a wonderful dinner.

The president then called the second session of the annual meeting to order following the lunch break. He called on Elsie Termyna, chairperson of the Verifications committee to present her report. She indicated that a total of 13 Group officers and 15 delegates for a total of 28 were in attendance at the annual meeting. She moved for the adoption of the report, seconded by Dorothy Lukas and accepted.

The report of the Petitions and Grievances Committee was presented by its chairperson Anna Walentowicz. There were no grievances submitted. The committee recommended that we continue our support of the Slovak Catholic Federation, along with its annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal, whose director is our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozovic. Continued support for the Slovak League of America was also recommended. The committee recommends a donation of \$200.00 to SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish for use of its facilities along with a stipend of \$25.00 given to the Rev. Martin Kertys, the Mass celebrant. Sister Walentowicz moved for the adoption of the report seconded by Father Richard Bay. Accepted.

The report of the Salaries and Surety Bond Committee was presented by its chairperson James C. Matlon. The committee recommends that all salaries remain the same, na starom. Brother Matlon moved for the adoption of the report seconded by Robert Raichel. Accepted.

The report of the New Motions Committee was presented by its chairperson, Peter Bakarich. The committee recommends that we continue to host are Group bowling tournament, the children's bowlingfest and the spaghetti dinner. In addition, Group 1 should participate in the various international sporting events and do our best to insure the success of the 2012 Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball Tournament which we will host. The committee recommends that a fraternal insurance seminar be held either alone or with neighboring Groups and that a St. Martin's Day celebration be held if possible. Brother Bakarich moved for the adoption of the report, seconded by James C. Matlon and accepted.

Under New business, discussion followed on the Sokol Relief Fund which was established by our organization to assist those members affected by the recent natural disasters. On a motion by Daniel Tanzone, seconded by Father Richard Bay, it was agreed to donate \$100 to this relief fund. Accepted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by its chairperson, Father Richard A. Bay.

1) In the name of the officers and members of Group 1, we extend

prayerful best wishes to Monsignor John J. Demkovich on the occasion of his retirement as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Passaic. During his 40-year ministry at this historic parish where our organization was founded in 1905, he has fully supported our various activities. We look forward to his continued participation and interest in the work of our organization at his new home at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton.

2) We likewise congratulate our former chaplain, Very Rev. George A. Torok, C.O., on the occasion of his 80th birthday. We pray that God continue to bless his ministry among us.

3) We congratulate the School Sisters of St. Francis with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. on the election of their new international and provincial superiors.

4) Congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to our Group 1 members on their reelection as Supreme Officers, namely Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec and Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon. We likewise congratulate our former Medical Examiner, Dr. Mary Z. Gasparik on her election as an Honorary Supreme Officer.

5) We congratulate the following Group 1 members who received Sokol scholarship grants in 2011: Richard Krause, Janice Matlon, Jacqueline M. Smith, Kevin Matlon, Ashley Hess and Alexander Kaplan.

6) We recommend that our Group 1 recommenders promote the new Legacy Collection of Life Insurance products. We thank all Group 1 members who submitted new business in 2011.

7) We recommend our continued support for the annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival and thank all those dedicated Group 1 members who serve on the festival's committee.

8) We extend fraternal best wish-

es to the Rev. John T. Connolly, as well as all the clergy who serve SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J.

9) We express thanks and gratitude to Assembly 162 who served as our gracious hosts for this year's annual meeting.

10) We recommend continued support for the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Slovak League of America.

Father Baker moved for the adoption of the Resolutions, seconded by Joseph Guida. Accepted.

Since this year's annual meeting follows the national convention, election of officers will take place with individuals serving for the coming four-year period. On a motion by Anna Walentowicz, seconded by Peter Bakarich, all current officers will serve for the coming four-year period and two vacancies will be filled. Agreed.

With no further business, the annual meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mary Ternovay, seconded by Kevin Matlon. The meeting closed with a prayer led by Monsignor John Demkovich followed by the singing of Hej Slovaci, Nad Tatrou sa Blyska and God Bless America.

The following will serve as officers of Group 1 for the coming four years: Rev. Richard D. Baker, chaplain; John D. Pogorelec, Esq., president; John D. Pogorelec, Esq., Jr., vice president; Daniel F. Tanzone, secretary; Anthony Glodava, treasurer; David Bulwin and John Termyna, auditors; Eric Topczij, sports director; Kevin Matlon, physical director; Janice Matlon, physical directress; Joseph Krzysik, assistant sports director; Gerard Freda, assistant physical director; Jenna Freda, assistant physical directress; Thomas Krack, Robert Baran, Robert Raichel, Christine Smith, Kelly Norvis, Louis Smeriglio and Peter Walentowicz, members of the physical fitness board. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel F. Tanzone
Secretary

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žalúdočné vredy, dvanástnik a choroby hrubého čreva. Prečisťuje organizmus, je bohatá na vitamín C, obsahuje aj vápnik, draslík, železo a vitamíny B.

JAHODY - Patria k najsilnejším potravinovým antioxidantom. Majú protizápalový a antibakteriálny účinok. Pomáhajú pri liečbe pečene, priaznivo pôsobia na krvotvorbu a rast buniek. Obsahujú vitamín C a mangán. Podporujú imunitu, pozitívne vplyvajú na metabolismus, činnosť nervov, tvorbu hormónov štítnej žľazy. Pozor, sú zároveň silným alergénom!

REĎKOVKA - Obsahuje množstvo vzácnych látok, má vysoký podiel vitamínu C, mladá dokonca dvakrát viac ako citrón. Jej konzumáciou predchádzate prechladnutiu či chrípke. Používa sa pri liečbe žlčníka, žalúdka, čistí obličky a močové cesty. Má silné antibakteriálne a antimykotické účinky.

Slovenská národná knižnica v Martine pripravuje digitalizáciu písomného dedičstva

Slovensko sa projektom digitalizácie písomného dedičstva zaraďuje medzi najvyššie krajiny na svete, projekt nerieši len digitalizáciu, ale aj záchranu písomného dedičstva. Slovenská národná knižnica (SNK) pripravuje projekt digitalizácie slovenského písomného dedičstva. Cieľom projektu je digitalizovať všetky slovenské knihy, noviny, časopisy a dôležité archívne dokumenty, teda všetko dôležité písomné dedičstvo od čias Veľkej Moravy do súčasnosti.

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60. Slovenský deň vo Winter Park, FL

V nedeľu 4. marca sa v Slovenskej záhrade (3110 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL) bude konať 60. Slovenský deň. Program začne o 11.00 hodine slovenskou svätou omšou. O 1.00 hod. bude obed. Podávané budú slovenské jedlá. O 3.00 hod. začne kultúrny program, v ktorom sa predstavia folklórny súbor PAS. Do tance i na počúvanie bude hrať skupina Európa.

Vstupné je \$25.00 za osobu. V cene je započítaný obed.

Na druhý deň - v pondelok 5. marca, bude konvenca Slovenskej záhrady. Registrácia členov bude od 9.00 do 10.00 hodiny.

Blíže informácie a rezervácie, ktoré majú byť urobené do 29. februára, na tel. č.: 407-677-6894, e-mail: slovakgarden@centurylink.net

Prezident Gašparovič prijal amerického veľvyslanca Sedgwicka

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početov a charakteru pôsobenia slovenských jednotiek budú už predmetom rozhodovania budúcej slovenskej vlády na základe stratégie spresnenej summitom NATO v Chicagu v máji 2012.

Veľvyslanec Sedgwick prezidenta oboznámil s hlavnými líniami novej strategickej obrannej smernice USA. Tú začiatkom roka prezentoval aj premiérke Ivete Radičovej.

Zdôraznil vtedy, že hoci sa sústreďuje na oblasť Tichomoria, význam spolupráce s Európou ostáva aj naďalej rovnako vážny.

Veľvyslanec USA prezidentovi SR odovzdal text Zápisu Kongresu USA, ktorý oceňuje vynikajúcu prácu tímu majora Rolanda Bartakovicsa pri zneškodňovaní výbušnín v blízkosti vojenskej základne v afganskom Kandaháre.

Kvôli ladochodu na Dunaji odstavili plavidlá

Prudký pokles teplôt v podunajskej oblasti v uplynulých dňoch spôsobil vznik ladochodu na celom splavnom toku Dunaja, čo sa prejavilo aj v postupnom obmedzení a neskôr aj zastavení plavby.

Plavidlá spoločnosti Slovenská plavba a prístavy (SPaP) postihlo zastavenie plavby na priplave Dunaj-Mohan-Rýn, v Nemecku, Rakúsku, Maďarsku, Srbsku, Bulharsku, Rumunsku i na Ukrajine, postupne už od 2. februára.

Momentálne je mimo územia Slovenskej republiky odstavených 14 tlačných remorkérov SPaP a.s. a 63 tlačných nákladných člnov. Odstavením takého počtu plavidiel vznikajú podniku značné finančné straty, a to jednak priame straty z titulu uviaznutia vo výške asi 15.000 eur denne a nepriame straty z výpadku tržieb z prepráv a prekladu tovaru vo výške približne 65.000 eur denne.

Napriek predbežným poveternostným prognózam o postupnom otepľovaní však vzhľadom na pretrvávajúce nízke nočné teploty nie je predpoklad obnovenia plavby a prepráv tovaru v plnom rozsahu do konca mesiaca.

Kútik humoru

O štvrté ráno zvoní profesorovi doma telefón. Rozospatý profesor to dvíhne. - Haló?

Zo slúchadla sa ozve: - Spíš?

- Spím...

- No, a my sa ešte učíme!!!!!!

Učiteľ sa pýta Moricka:

- Keby si mal sedem cukrikov a ja by som ťa o dva poprosil, koľko by ti ostalo?

- Sedem

Slovensko bojovalo so snehom



Sneh, ktorý husto padal päť, vytvoril na Kysuciach rozprávkovú krajinu.

Počasie opäť potrápilo Slovákov. Po arktických mrazoch, ktoré ich trápili vyše dvoch týždňov, sa museli v polovici februára do slovne vyhrabávať zo snehu.

Hustý sneh, poľadovica, silný vietor, kolabujúca doprava. Taká bola situácia takmer na celom území Slovenska.

Kalamitný stav v dôsledku ne-priaznivého počasia trval päť dní. Meškali mnohé vlaky, niektoré horské priečhody boli pre dopravu úplne uzatvorené. Pre prudký vietor museli odstaviť aj lanovky vo Vysokých Tatrách. Najzložitejšia situácia bola na ceste I/11, ktorá smeruje k hraničnému priechodu s Českou republikou Svrčinovec.

Na Kysuciach zlú dopravnú situáciu skomplikovala aj kolóna odstavených kamiónov, ktorá sa tiahla celými Kysucami až k českým hraniciam. Kamióny odstaveni policajti na vyše 40 kilometroch od Dolného Hričova cez Žilinu až po hraničný priechod Svrčinovec. V kysuckej obci Klokočov vyhlásil 16. februára ráno mimoriadnu situáciu. „Je to tu kritické. Miestami napadlo až 1,5 metra snehu,“ povedal starosta Ľuboš Stríž. Je to najviac snehu, ktorý napadol od roku 1921.

Podobná situácia bola aj v Handlovej, kde boli nútení vyhlásiť mimoriadnu situáciu z dôvodu nepriaznivých klimatických podmienok. V priebehu 24 hodín tam napadlo veľké množstvo snehu, v niektorých lokalitách až do výšky jedného metra.

Viacere miesta Slovenska zahalila väčšia snehová perina ako je zvykom. V mnohých regiónoch zaznamenali rekordy novej snehovej pokrývky. Maximálne padli na šiestich meteorologických stanicach.

Mnohé dediny zostali úplne odrezané od sveta. V nietkorých oblastiach sa deti nemohi dostať domov zo školy, preto ich museli rozvážať traktormi. V Korní na Kysuciach hasiči zachránili život šestnásťročnému dievčatku, ktoré cestou zo školy nezvládlo náročnú cestu a uviazlo vo vyše metrovom snehu. Našťastie vysilené dievča malo pri sebe mobilný telefón, takže mohlo zavolať na tiesňovú linku. Na jej záchranu museli ísť peši traja hasiči a piati dobrovoľníci. Dievča našli pri vedomí, bolo však ustrašené a vyzimené. Transportovali ju do dediny na nosidlách, kde už čakalo vozidlo rýchlej záchranej služby, ktoré ju odviezlo do nemocnice.

Veľké problémy spôsobili aj lavíny. Vo vysokohorskom teréne Západných Tatier, Malej a Veľkej Fatry bol vyhlásený štvrtý stupeň lavínového nebezpečenstva z päťdielnej medzinárodnej stup-nice.

Na severe Slovenska bol 16. februára aj silný vietor, ktorý situáciu ešte skomplikoval, nakoľko sa vytvárali snehové jazyky a záveje. Vietor miestami na hrebeňoch hôr dosiahol rýchlosť v nárazoch 25 až 30 metrov za sekundu.



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Kysucké múzeum darovalo kozmonautovi Eugenovi Cernanovi jeho rodom



Rodomom odhalil predseda Žilinského kraja Juraj Blanár (vľavo) a riaditeľ Kysuckého múzea v Čadci Miloš Jesenský. - Foto: TASR

Predstavením umelecky spracovaného rodomu amerického astronauta s kysuckým pôvodom Eugena Andrewa Cernana 13. februára Žilinský samosprávny kraj (ŽSK) zavŕšil rok E. A. Cernana, ktorý vyhlásil v roku 2011. Rodomom zatiaľ posledného človeka na Mesiaci chce ŽSK odovzdať prostredníctvom zastupiteľskej misie Slovenska v USA.

Genealógiu - rodomom Cernanových predkov pripravil ŽSK v spolupráci s Kysuckým múzeom (KM) v Čadci aj pri príležitosti astronautových 78. narodenín. Jeho starý otec sa vysťahoval z Vysoké nad Ky-

sucou do Chicaga, kde začal pracovať a potom tam všetko potomstvo ostalo. Eugen Cernan bol trikrát vo vesmíre a bol posledným astronautom, ktorý bol na Mesiaci. To sú veci, na ktoré je potrebné myslieť a možno v podstate povedať, že na Mesiaci bolo prítomné aj Slovensko.

Po genealógii rodu Čerňanovcov pátral historik KM Martin Turóci, ktorý sledoval cirkevné matriky zhruba do polovice 18. storočia. Do tejto doby sú zachované v obci Čierne, odkiaľ pochádzajú aj príslušníci rodiny Čerňanovcov. Títo sa neskôr presťahovali do obce Vysoká nad Kysucou, odkiaľ pochádza

aj dedo Eugena Cernana. V roku 1900 emigroval do Ameriky, aby začal živobytie za oceánom.

Na Slovensku bol Cernan celkovo trikrát - v roku 1974, 1994 a 2004. Pokaždé navštívil aj Kysuce, pretože javil záujem poznať aj vzdialenú rodinu v obci Vysoká nad Kysucou. K slovenským koreňom sa priznáva. Dokumentuje to príhoda, keď sa ako veliteľ Apollo 17 vrátil z vesmírnej misie a na otázku ako sa cíti doma vo vlasti odpovedal, že môj domov je na Slovensku a moja vlasť je v USA.

KM vybudovalo v Čadci expozíciu E. A. Cernana. Záujemcovia sa môžu symbolicky poprechádzať po mesačnom povrchu, ktorý v múzeu napodobnili vo veľkej výstavnej sieni. Je tam kópia skafandra, ktorý používali americké lunárne misie, model rakety, ktorá vyniesla E. A. Cernana na Mesiac a samozrejme veľmi bohatá panelová príloha expozície, kde na veľkoplášnych expozíciách môžu návštevníci nahliadnuť do zákulisia amerických vesmírnych letov.

V Kysuckom múzeu v Čadci v galérii osobnosti Kysúc má kozmonaut Eugen Andrew Cernan aj svoju drôtenú sochu.

Prezident Gašparovič prijal amerického veľvyslancu Sedgwicka

Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič prijal 8. februára veľvyslancu USA Theodora Sedgwicka. Rokovania sa týkali slovensko-amerického bilaterálneho spolupráce, ako aj ďalšieho pôsobenia slovenského vojenského kontingentu v operácii ISAF v Afganistane.

Prezident Gašparovič potvrdil, že Slovenská republika bude naďalej dôstojne naplňať svoje záväzky v spojeneckej medzinárodnej operácii v Afganistane a akékoľvek zásadné politické rozhodnutia o zmene

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Správy zo Slovenska



▼ Medzinárodná ratingová agentúra Moody's 13. februára znížila úverové hodnotenie Slovenska o jeden stupeň na úroveň A2. Hlavným dôvodom aktuálneho zníženia ratingu o jeden stupeň je situácia v eurozóne, avšak agentúra zohľadnila aj pád vlády Ivety Radičovej a prehlbuje sa zadlženie krajiny.

▼ Rast cien na Slovensku nabral v januári pomerne rýchle tempo. Medzimesačne služby a tovary v obchode zdraželi oproti decembru minulého roku o 1,4 percenta. Na ceny vplývali najmä vyššie ceny energií a drahšie pohonné látky. Oproti decembru si tak obyvatelia Slovenska pripočítali za dopravu, bývanie a za stravu.

▼ Politické strany na Slovensku vstúpili 18. februára do oficiálnej kampane pred predčasnými parlamentnými voľbami, ktoré sa uskutočnia 10. marca. O priazeň voličov sa bude uchádzať 26 strán.

▼ Slovensko ide s Európskou komisiou riešiť nezamestnanosť mladých, ako aj podporu malých a stredných podnikov. Slovensko patrí medzi osem štátov s najväčšou nezamestnanosťou medzi mladými a musí preto vytvoriť akčný tím, ktorého cieľom bude zlepšiť a zrýchliť čerpanie eurofondov. Súčasťou tímu budú okrem zástupcov Slovenska aj zástupcovia Európskej komisie. Podľa posledných

údajov je na Slovensku bez práce 35,1 % mladých ľudí, zatiaľ čo priemer v EÚ je 22 %.

▼ Nezamestnanosť v SR v januári prekročila ďalšiu hranicu, keď počet nezamestnaných stúpil na 408 874. Oproti decembru 2011 narástol počet nezamestnaných o vyše 9 000 a oproti januáru 2011 o viac ako 17 000 osôb. Miera nezamestnanosti tak dosiahla 15,13 percenta.

▼ Úrad práce v Michalovciach evidoval k 31. januáru 2011 takmer 24-percentnú nezamestnanosť. Viac ako 123-tisíc ľudí v okresoch Michalovce a Sobrance je bez práce. Jedná sa o 13 893 nezamestnaných. V poslednom čase pribudli do radov nezamestnaných najmä ľudia z priemyselnej výroby a stavebníctva.

▼ 27. januára sa v Španielsku utopil 23-ročný študent z Bratislavy, ktorý tam bol na študijnom pobyte. Spadol do mora, keď sa chcel odfoťiť s kamarátmi. Zachrániť sa ho snažili traja španielski policajti, ktorý sa v rozbúrenom oceáne tiež utopili. Ich telá našli niekoľko dní po tragédii. Telo mladého Tomáša more vyplavilo až tri týždne po tragédii.

▼ Snehová kalamita, ktorá na Kysuciach trvala 5 dní, si vyžiadala jednu obeť. Jeden z obyvateľov obce Zápotočie chcel zhrnúť zo strechy svojho domu ťažký sneh, ktorý sa na neho zvalil a usmrtil ho.

Peter Tomka sa stal predsedom súdneho dvora v Haagu

Slovenského sudcu Petra Tomku zvolili 5. februára za nového predsedu Medzinárodného súdneho dvora (MSD) so sídlom v Haagu. Informoval o tom tento najvyšší súdny orgán OSN, ktorý rozhoduje o sporoch medzi štátmi.

55-ročný Peter Tomka na vrcholnom poste medzinárodného súdu nahradil Japonca Hisašihio Owadu. Novým

podpredsedom MSD sa stal Mexičan Bernardo Sepulveda-Amor, uviedla tlačová agentúra AFP. Funkčné obdobie oboch je trojročné.

Sudcom MSD sa P. Tomka stal v roku 2003, od roku 2009 pôsobil ako jeho podpredseda. Na Slovensku sa stal predtým známym zastupovaním Slovenska pred MSD v spore s Maďarskom vo veci vodného diela Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros.

Medzinárodný súdny dvor zriadili v roku 1945 a je jediným zo šiestich hlavných orgánov OSN, ktoré nesídli v New Yorku. - TASR



Zima na Slovenských horách.