Honoring a very deserving fraternal activist

Joan J. Yanosick of Pittsburgh, Pa., selected as our 2012 S.C.S. Fraternalist of the Year

There has hardly been a fraternal or outreach project in the Pittsburgh area which has not had the whole-hearted support and enthusiasm of Joan J. Yanosick. Over the years, our Joanie, as she is known by her many friends and admirers, has given generously of her time and talents in support of the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system in general and the Slovak Catholic Sokol in particular. She is active in her home lodge, Wreath 22 on Pittsburgh’s South Side, where she currently serves as the Recording Secretary, as well as activities of Group 14, “St. Francis of Assisi.” She is an example and mentor for all. The Board of Directors of our organization chose Joan J. Yanosick as our 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. Sister Joanie will be honored at an appropriate occasion in the fall where she will be presented with our 2012 Fraternalist of the Year Plaque along with a check for $200 as a token of our organization’s gratitude for her years of dedicated fraternal service.

In addition, Joan will be submitted as our organization’s candidate for the 2012 American Fraternal Alliance Fraternalist of the Year competition. Formerly known as the National Fraternal Congress of America, the American Fraternal Alliance represents more than 9 million members of fraternals in the United States and Canada. Each organization has the opportunity of submitting an individual for consideration as the American Fraternal Alliance Fraternalist of the Year program. We are pleased that Joan will be our organization’s candidate. For more than 30 years, Joan and her husband Jack have participated in and directed numerous activities both on behalf of Assembly 16 and Wreath 22 as well as within Group 14. A native of Pittsburgh, Joan is the daughter of the late John Goliwas and the former Constance Spangreski. On September 8, 1956 at St. Joseph’s Church on Pittsburgh’s South Side, Joan married Jack Yanosick. The couple professed their marriage vows in the presence of the late Rev. Thomas B. Harranyak, Jack’s uncle. The marriage has been blessed with four children. Joseph, Connie, Marlene and Andrew. Connie and Marlene are deceased. Joan and Jack are also the proud grandparents of five, including, Jacob, John, Nathan and Francesca Yanosick and Shannon Barton. The Yanosicks are a 100 percent Sokol family.

In particular, Joan devotes many hours and many days preparing for the annual Children’s Christmas. (Continued on page 5)
Sister M. Augustine Kollar to Celebrate Her 70th Anniversary of Religious Profession

Little did Sister M. Augustine Kollar realize that her vocation to religious life, which began in Slovakia, would find her today in the United States. Sister Augustine entered the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi in Prešov - Bratislava, Slovakia on July 16, 1939. She received the Franciscan habit on August 15, 1940, and pronounced her first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in 1942. This August 15th, Sister Augustine marks her 70th anniversary of her profession as a Daughter of St. Francis of Assisi and will be honored at a special liturgy in the chapel of St. Joseph’s convent, the community’s motherhouse located in Lacon, Ill.

When asked what attracted her to religious life, Sister Augustine recalls that when she completed her second year of college in Slovakia, she was living a regular lifestyle. She was invited to a retreat at the convent where her sister lived. During the retreat, she gave thought about religious life and returning home, after a few days, she decided that she couldn’t return home. Instead, God was calling her in such a strong way that no words can fully describe the experience. It was during that retreat that she was attracted to religious life and the presence of God in her life. She decided then to remain in the convent. The feeling of closeness to God has been felt throughout her years as a religious. Sister Augustine came from a large family of 12. One of her sisters was a member of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi and a brother was ordained as a Salesian priest.

She was asked, what has been the most satisfying aspect of your vocation and why? Sister Augustine answered her final vows on August 15, 1946 in Prešov and within two months, she was missioned to the United States to help establish the American Province of her order. Throughout the decades that followed, Sister Augustine learned English at St. Bede College in Peru, Ill. She was graduated from the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Ill. where she received her R.N. and furthered her education to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist through St. John’s Hospital in Springfield, Ill. Sister then studied for her Rehabilitation certificate in Nursing. With all these skills, she helped open the community’s first mission at St. Francis Hospital in Mount View, Mo. in 1949. She also worked at the former Villa Sancta Anna, sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association in Beachwood, Ohio and later at St. Joseph’s Nursing Home in Lacon, Ill. Throughout her nursing career and until this very day, she describes the spirituality of the patients, the dedication and most satisfying aspect of ministry for her. As an accomplished organist, Sister played the organ at Mass for many years.

When asked, What advice would you offer someone considering a vocation to religious life? She responded. Keep up with prayer. If you experience a strong call from God, do not put it off, it will come back. Discernment...I didn’t have any idea about what a “convent” was as I was in college. Do not focus on “doing” as God will lead you. Follow God’s will. It is important to let go of worldly values for God’s call is stronger. The best advice I can give is “talk to God, attend Mass and seek cloister, privy our Lord. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Rosary are also important. Be prepared to sacrifice and never give up. God will get you through!”

Sister has experienced the hundredfold and the most valuable blessing she receives is the closeness and intimacy with our Lord that she spends most of her day. She notes, “I try to pray with or without consolations, you cannot depend on feelings, but faith.” Although she is retired, she also assists at the Motherhouse as best she can.

The history of the Daughters of St. Francis in the United States is quite interesting. Before World War II, several attempts were made to establish a province in America, but unsuccessfully. When the Rev. Stephen Kassovic, spiritual director of the congregation went to America in 1940, he promised to do what he could to welcome the sisters in America. He was serving in the mid-west in the Diocese of Peoria, Ill. Through his efforts and through the kindness of the Most. Rev. Joseph Schlarmann, Bishop of Peoria, a total of fifteen sisters departed Slovakia and arrived in the United States, settling in the Diocese of Peoria. They initially took over domestic duties at St. Bede’s College in Peru, Ill. In September 1948, they acquired an 11-room residence in Lacon, Ill. which became the motherhouse of the community. And the rest is history! Over the years, the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi have enjoyed a wonderful ministry of nursing and eldercare. They have been a source of pride for the entire Slovak American community. They have actively participated in many of our activities over the years including their membership in the U.S. Conference of Slovak Religious.

We offer congratulations and fraternal best wishes to Sister M. Augustine Kollar on the occasion of her 70th anniversary of profession as a member of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi. May God continue to bless her with good health and happiness as she so beautifully mirrors our Cyrilic-Methodian heritage of faith. Ad multos annos and Zdar Boh!

If anyone would like to send a note to Sister Augustine or receive information on her community they may write: Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi, 807 North Prairie St., Lacon, IL 61540, tel. (309)246-2175.

We thank Sister Loretta, D.S.F. for sharing this wonderful story with our readers.

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As I continue reading on, there seems to be no end to what Alyssa is involved in, either volunteering or participating in fraternal and parish activities. All I can say is, she is ONE AMAZING young lady. If this is what our young Sokols and Sokolky are turning out to be, then our organization is in GOOD HANDS!

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Sokol Calendar

**JULY 13-14**
- Quarterly meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**JULY 13-15**
- 25th International Softball Tournament at Kirby Park Fields, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., participants housed at The Home Of Sokol at Kirby Park Fields, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**JULY 15**
- 39th Annual Summer Festival of SS. Cyril and Methodius at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, 1731 LaPorte Avenue, Whiting, Ind. beginning at 12 noon; free of charge for members; for reservations call (203)531-9532.

**SUN.AUG.12**
- Slovak Family Day picnic hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish and Jednota Mgr. Shuba District at Credevalke Park, Barbertown Rd., Massissauga, Ontario, Canada beginning at 12 noon, cultural program and BBQ to follow, for information call (905)712-1200.

**SUN.AUG.19**
- Annual Summer Festival of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 915 Cornell St. in the Lansingville section of Youngstown, Oh.

**SEPT.1-2**
- Annual Summer Festival of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 3135 Second Street, N.E., Minneapolis, Minn., on the parish grounds beginning with Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow until 5 p.m.; for additional information call James T. Genosky (763)789-9196.

**AUG.24-25**
- S.C.S. Federated Sokol Audits Semi-Annual Audit at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Headquarters, Pussan, N.J.

**SEP.T1-2**
- 77th Annual Pilgrimage-oudjot in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.; begins Saturday evening and concludes on Sunday evening; for information call (724)438-8644.

**TUESSEPT.4**
- 29th annual summer session of Slovak language classes offered by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association at Brashear Association Hall, 2005 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 6:30 - 8 p.m., for information call (412)31-2236.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JULY 25**

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of Wednesday, July 25th. Deadlines for soliciting and submitting copy will be Thursday, July 19th. View e-Falcon on our website: www.slovak-catholicsokol.org. Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, Fremain Zidar Boh! – Daniel F. Tancoze, Editor
Scholarly symposia scheduled for upcoming Cyril-Methodian year

The year 2013 marks the 1,380th anniversary of the beginning of the evangelization efforts of SS. Cyril and Methodius. It was in 863 A.D., that the Byzantine Emperor Michael III, at the invitation of the Great Moravian Ruler Rastislav, sent two outstanding missionaries, SS. Cyril and Methodius, along with the first Slav king of Moravia, Rastislav. Great Moravia covered the territory of what today is Slovakia, the eastern portion of the Czech Republic and southwestern Poland. It was the first great Slavic empire in the history of eastern Europe. The brothers, born into an aristocratic family and highly educated were natives of Thessalonica, Greece. Their mother was thought to be a Slav. They arrived in the area of what today is Nitra in the fall of 863 A.D. Not only did the holy brothers bring the message of the Gospel to the ancient Slavs, they also brought the light of culture and education as well. St. Cyril invented an alphabet known as the Glagolitic, with a later form known as the Cyrillic. With this, they translated the scriptures and liturgy into what is known as Old Slavonic, or the proto-Slav language. Today this alphabet is still used by the Russians, Ukrainians, Serbs and Bulgarians.

In observance of the 893rd jubilee year, special scholarly symposia have been planned in Rome and Slovakia. A symposium honoring SS. Cyril and Methodius will take place in Rome, February 25-26, 2013 co-sponsored by the Pontifical Oriental Institute and the Pontifical Gregorian University. The symposium is under the patronage of His Eminence, Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal Tomas Orban, Prefect-emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and His Excellency, Archbishop Giovanni Vannini, S.J., Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. Presenters will include a number of prominent Slovaks, as well as those of Slovak ancestry, along with Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture; Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, Archbishop of Krakow and Dominik Cardinal Jukcewicz, Archbishop of Prague. In addition, in May 2013, the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome will host a symposium under the direction of its rector, Monsignor Vladimir Stahovec.

In Slovakia, symposia and cultural celebrations have been planned under the leadership of the Conference of Catholic Bishops throughout the jubilee year. In May 2013, SS. Cyril and Methodius Symposium in Bratislava will host an ecumenical symposia with participants to include representatives from both the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The Diocese of Nitra, established in 880 A.D., not only the oldest diocese in Slovakia but the oldest on the territory of the Western Slavs, will host a symposia and grand celebration in July. The principal observance will take place on July 5th, the day on which Slovakia celebrates the feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius. A huge outdoor pilgrimage will be held with an outdoor liturgy along with a festive concert. Let us hope that these celebrations marking the great jubilee of SS. Cyril and Methodius will have a place in the United States as well. Perhaps the Slovak Catholic Federation, cooperating with the Congregation of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius might host a religious and scholarly gathering some time in 2013. The Slovak Catholic Federation has already announced that it will sponsor a pilgrimage to Rome and Slovakia in April 2013 as part of the jubilee year celebrations.

89th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, July 19

The 89th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday July 19, 2012 Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It is a day for Slovaks to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, a spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children’s activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created. A highlight of Slovak Day is the con-celebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion directly behind “Garfield’s Revenge” at 4:00 p.m. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be Reverend Edward Litavec, along with several Catholic priests and bishops from the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertory of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the “Pittsburgh Area Slov-ak Folk Ensemble” (PAS).

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), haluski (sweet cabbage and noodles), and kolbasy. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite – cerugi. Enjoy this delicious cake, carrot or ala carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all of the “Slovak favorites”. Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride “Garfield’s Revenge” from 1:00 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3 you will be able to see an exhibit on “Popluksa” the Slovak Cinderella, prepared by the “PAS” Jr. and Maly Ensembles. The exhibit is a Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry of the Slovak village. A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children’s program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat.

To conclude the 89th Annual Slovak Day activities one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble in front the Main Pavilion directly after the main program.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday July 19, 2012 Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are $23 General Admission, $13 for those 55 years of age and over and a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for $9.00 + tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Dolores Sakal at (412) 243-0438 or Rev. Joseph Grisko at (422) 466-6545.

Pope meets with Cardinals to discuss credibility crisis

Pope Benedict XVI has met recently with some of his closest advisors for guidance on how to restore trust and confidence in the Catholic church’s leadership amid a scandal over leaks of confidential Vatican papers.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out by twos and threes to each town and place where he himself had been doing good.

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Streetfest on August 9-11 at Pittston, Pa. parish

St. John the Evangelist Parish Community of Pittston, Pa. will host a traditional Street Festival, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 9-11 outdoors on the parish grounds, located at Broad and Church Streets. Festivities begin each evening at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. The fest will include a flea market, Bingo, a Bake Sale, a lottery and grocery store voucher booth, traditional ethnic foods along with American picnic favorites along with games for children. An enjoyable evening is assured. Entertainment will be provided each evening featuring Somethin’ Else on August 9, Hillbilly D’Luxe on August 10 and Flaxy Morgan on August 11. In addition the Pat Ward Magic Act will be featured.

Monsignor John J. Bendik, the pastor and long-time Sokol and Father Richard Carba, who serves as chaplain of Group 7, extend a cordial invitation to Group 7 Sokol members to come out and enjoy an evening at this year’s parish street fest.

Zidar Boh! Stephen Vitek Committee

WHITING, INDIANA
Summer is now in full swing and its time for our traditional Wreath 81 picnic. The festivities begin at 12 noon on Sunday, August 5 at the Sacred Heart Rose Room located at 1731 LaPorte Avenue in Whiting. The chairperson of the picnic, Audrey Filipik will be accepting reservations until the deadline of Sunday, July 29. Reservations are necessary in order that proper preparations might be made. Please contact Audrey at tel (219) 659-6444. As is our fraternal tradition, the picnic is free of charge to all our members. Guests are welcome at the cost of $5.00 per person. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. Come out and enjoy good company and a pleasant afternoon of food and fellowship at this annual fraternal function.

As is our custom and in keeping with our Care and Share project, we will be collecting monetary donations to be given to our local food pantry. The officers are grateful that our members are so generous and supportive of our Wreath’s community project which is in the best traditions of fraternal outreach. Our prayers go out to our members who can’t join us because of health or distance. Be assured you are always remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Happy summer - stay cool!

Zidar Boh! Judy Strisko Recording Secretary

Group 2 - Circle the Dates

We remind members of Group 2, “Rev. Stephen Panik” with headquarters in Bridgeport, Conn. that two important dates should be re-called. Our Group 2 annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 30th in Torrington, Conn. Hosting this year’s meeting will be Wreath 86 and Assembly 23. Our program begins with attendance at the 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, located at 116 Grove Street. The Liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 2. Following the liturgy, we will assemble at the nearby Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, located at 171 Franklin Street, where the annual meeting will be called to order. Complete details will appear in a subsequent issue. Our Group Secretary will send out the delegate forms to the president of all Wreaths and Assemblies within the confines of our Group.

The second of importance is Sunday, November 11th when we will be hosting the 30th Annual St. Martin’s Day Celebration. This year’s observance, celebrated on the actual feast of St. Martin, patron of our organization, will mark a thirty-year milestone for this fraternal activity for Group 2. Our program will begin with attendance at the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 2 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, located at 1950 Barnum Avenue in Stratford, Conn. This will be followed with a gala reception and luncheon at the scenic Grassy Hill Lodge in nearby Derby, Conn. Complete details will appear in an upcoming edition of our Falcon.

In the meantime, we ask our members to mark their calendars and plan to join us for the above noted activities of our Group. Continued fraternal activities insure the viability of our organization. We wish all our members a very relaxing, safe summer season. Looking forward to meeting and greeting all at our annual meeting on St. Martin’s Day Celebration, may I remain Zidar Boh!

Fraternally yours,
Eileen Salamon Wilson President, Group 2

Joan J. Yanosick of Pittsburgh, Pa., selected as our 2012 S.C.C. Fraternalist of the Year

She is an active member of Prince Peace Parish on Pittsburgh’s South Side where she serves as a lector and is active in the Christian Men’s Fellowship. She is a member of the Holy Angels Crochet Club which crochets blankets, robes, scarfs and hats for children and the homeless. She also prepares these items for cancer patients. In short, Joan is a wonderful ambassador of outreach and community concern, the hallmarks of the fraternal benefit system. As part of the care and share program of Wreath 22, Joan makes it a point to visit homebound and institution-bound senior Sokoliki and gathers for them food and health care items for local food pantries. She notes that she receives great joy and happiness in her many outreach projects. In addition to our organization, Joan enjoys membership in the National Slovak Society and the Polish Falcons of America.

For these and many other of her activities, we are pleased to congratulate Joan J. Yanosick and add her name to the list of exemplary Sokol members who have been selected as our Fraternalists of the Year, since the inception of this program in 1985. Her many friends and admirers throughout our organization congratulate her on this well-deserved honor. Congratulations and best wishes, Joan and Zidar Boh!

YOURS BENEFICIARIES

When was the last time you looked at your designated beneficiaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy? How important is it? Just think about how much your life has changed. Have you married, divorced, had children, maybe you lost a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.
57th International Golf Tournament Set for the Weekend of August 10-12 in DuBois, Pa.

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plentifuly bar on Saturday night, your entry fee and prize money. All taxes and gratuities are included.

The non-golf weekend package for guests is $145.00. This is all inclusive and includes meals and lodging as listed above. Finally, for our local area Sokol members, who may not require the entire hotel accommodations and meal package, there is a golf-only package for $145.00, which includes the entry and tournament expense fees. All of these outstanding packages for the service, quality of meals served and golfing that will be enjoyed throughout the weekend.

As in the past, those planning to join us for the tournament must make their own hotel arrangements. They should contact the Clarion Hotel directly, leaving a credit card for all incidentals. This year a block of 75 rooms has been reserved per night at the Clarion Hotel on behalf of our organization. The telephone number at the hotel is (814)503-8151. Golf reservations must be placed at the golf course pro shop at telephone (814)375-1808. The 2012 prize money entry fee will be $15.00 per golfer (included in the above package) and the Board of Directors of the Supreme Assembly has recommended providing $20.00 per golfer towards the tournament prize money. All monies will be distributed to the golfers and the allocation will be based on the number of golf entries per flight.

A new option for women has been added and will be an opportunity to participate in a Best Ball Style of play. This will enable some newer golfers to participate in a non-competitive way. Those wishing to participate in this option must declare their intentions in advance. Those choosing this option will not be eligible for prize monies in the Women’s division but will continue to contribute their share of fees into the overall pool.

This year we will experiment with the option of bringing along a non-Sokol guest to join us at this year’s golf tournament. This hopefully will show these guests the Sokol hospitality at this event with the hopes of welcoming them as new members. These guests will not be eligible for prize monies. When filling out a golf application for a guest, those applying should be sure to mark guest on that application. All meals will be served at the Clarion Hotel. However, the Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Treasure Lake Resort. There will be a charge of $25.00 for those members who would like to purchase additional banquet tickets for Saturday night only. The banquet will feature a wonderful four-course sit down meal with host bar. All of this is part of the golf or non-golf package. As is our tradition, Mass will be celebrated at approximately 5:30 p.m. prior to the Saturday evening banquet to satisfy the Sunday obligation. Prior to the dinner we will enjoy a cocktail hour. A short speakers program will follow dinner including the announcement of the tournament leaders and a welcome from our keynote speaker. Our Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. will once again present the 2012 Frank S. Pettruf Memorial Sports Award to a deserving Sokol golfer. The evening will conclude with a few hours of hospitality and shared Sokol fraternalism and fellowship.

This summer’s 57th International Golf Tournament looks to be a great fraternal golf event. I hope to see many of our veteran Sokol golf enthusiasts as well as many new faces among us. I look forward to seeing you all in the beautiful and scenic community of DuBois, Pa. this August. Thank you and Zdar Boh!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Every contestant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing at least one (1) year or three (3) months with Single Premium Life Insurance prior to the event with a minimum of $3,000.00 coverage. All new members who are enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 will require a new minimum of $5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage. No social members.

2. A. The tournament will be held in six (6) flights as follows, prior to applying 75% to handicap:
   - “A” Flight: 0 to 12 Handicap
   - “B” Flight: 13 to 20 Handicap
   - “C” Flight: 21 and over
   - “D” Flight: Callaway System
   - “S” Flight: Senior, 62 years and over

3. A new option for women will be the opportunity to participate in a Best Ball Style type of play. This will enable some newer golfers to participate in a non-competitive way. Those wishing to participate in this style must declare their intentions in advance. Those choosing this option will not be eligible for prize monies in the Women’s division but will continue to contribute their share of fees into the overall pool.

4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a Slovak Catholic Sokol handicap (handicaps are determined after two years of Slovak Catholic Sokol play) Callaway Modified System with two blind holes both days will be applied.

5. A. All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by “Handicap Committee”. In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared trophy winner.

6. (B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight. Modified Callaway System will be used both days.

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8. All play will be 36 holes. 18 to be played when scheduled starting, Saturday August 11, 2012 and 18 on Sunday, August 12, 2012.

9. Entry Fee is $15.00. Tournament Expense is $10.00. A Banquet will be held Saturday Evening.

10. Prizes: There will be a Championship Trophy in each flight. Other prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries received. All entry fees will be returned to contestants in the form of prizes, according to entries in each flight.

11. foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, but those wishing for special starting times due to transportation issues should notify Tournament Director at time of entry.

12. Send all entries to: Edward D. Moeller
   2021 Waterman Ave
   Pittsburgh, Pa 15227
Sokols Continue Support

It was a good deed on Good Friday experienced when the members of Wreath 39 of Bridgeport, Conn. pooled their resources and donated food items to be enjoyed by the residents of the homes for the Brave in Bridgeport. The food collected by the Sokol members was presented to John Porto, COO/Clinical Director at the facility, far right. Sokols and Sokolky for the Brave in Bridgeport.

The donations were given to John Porto, SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON, JULY 11, 2012                           PAGE 7

Join Hands Day Effort

Once again, members of Group 2 participated in the annual observance of Join Hands Day on Saturday, May 5. The annual observance is a day of volunteering sponsored by America’s fraternal benefit societies. It is fraternalism’s day, a day when local fraternal societies reach out to people and communities in need in the best traditions of the fraternal benefit system.

The following partnered with Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport, Conn. With monetary donations from Slovak Catholic Sokol Assembly No. 9, Inc., where Judith Salamon serves as president and Wreath 1, where Eileen Salamon Wilson serves as president. The two shops for and purchased hundreds of non-perishable food items which were earmarked for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry.

The wonderful ladies of Project Linus (who meet every Wednesday out of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center in Stratford) where they handcrafted beautiful blankets and quilts, through a generous donation made by Soklov Catholic Sokol, Assembly No. 9, Inc. allowed Judith Salamon and Eileen Salamon Wilson to purchase 43 pounds of assorted colored yarn to return the favor. Among the dedicated volunteers of Project Linus are our Sister Sokolky and Betty Daley is one of them.

Father Reginald D. Norman, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish is a STEWARD to be emulated and we tell everyone who will listen about his efforts and his wonderful parish.

SSK plans pilgrimage to Rome and Slovakia

The Slovak Catholic Federation (SSK) will sponsor a tour to Rome and Slovakia in 2013 as part of the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia. The Jubilee year pilgrimage will include 5 nights in Rome and 5 nights in Slovakia. The tour departs from the Philadelphia International Airport on Sunday, April 14 and will return to Philadelphia on Monday, April 26, 2012 from Vienna. The tour will include major celebrations in the Eternal City and will include an audience with Pope Benedict XVI and a visit to the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius which was built through the generosity of American Catholics of Slovak ancestry.

From Rome, the tour travels by air to Vienna and then by bus to Bratislava. In Slovakia, several celebrations have been planned including a visit to the city of Nitra, the site of the oldest Christian church in Slovakia, and headquarters of the oldest diocese on the territory of the western Slavs. Nitra was the center of the Cyril-Methoidian Mission. Fraternal arrangements will be handled by Danube International Travel of West Nyack, N.Y. The cost of the air and land package is $3,900.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is $780.00. Space on the tour is limited so early reservations are suggested. Following the deposit of $100 made payable to Slovak Catholic Federation, a copy of the itinerary will be forwarded. Write: Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.G., St. Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503-1237 or contact Anna Korcak at Danube Travel at tel. 845-355-7792.

Don’ts for Summer Travelers

Don’t drive while fatigued. You might fall asleep - permanently.
Don’t rely on the other guy to count. Summer school is on.
Don’t exceed speed limits. Late arrival always beats non-arrival.
Don’t forget to watch out for children. They’re out of school.
Don’t forget to check brakes. A long grade’s end could be your own.
Don’t neglect equipment. Fix anything wrong before it fixes you.

Members of Wreath 1 and Assembly No. 9, Inc. are shown presenting their donations to the Rev. Reginald D. Norman, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport, Conn. Shown during the presentation, are l-r, Betty Daley, Eileen S. Wilson, Joseph Goda, John Tkacik, Kevin Sabovik, Judy Salamon and Sandy Miliale.

Wreath 1 Member in the Spotlight

Weddings are wonderful events and you can certainly see it in the eyes of Allison and Tony on their wedding day. Allison Iancale and Anthony Valiance gathered on October 29, 2011 at the Chapel of the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy at Lauralton Hall in Milford, Conn. to profess their marriage vows. Presiding at the ceremony was the Rev. Philip Sharkey. A nuptial blessing was offered by the Rev. Msgr. J. James Cuneo. A reception followed at the New Haven Lawn Club.

Allison is the daughter of James and Patricia Iancale of Holland, Mass. and Port Charlotte, Fla. Tony is the son of Robert and Vickie Valiance of Laurel, Md. The bride is a Registered Nurse at St. Raphael’s Hospital in New Haven and groom is the assistant Lacrosse coach at Fairfield University, where the couple met.

Among the attendance were Allison’s sister, Amy Primini, who served as matron of honor, niece, Emma Primini who was the flower girl and nephew, Luke Primini, the ring bearer. The flowers worn in the bride’s hair were from the headpiece worn by her mother Pat and the Hankie she carried was once in the shape of a bonnet she wore on her christening day. The couple resides in Hamden, Conn.

Allison hails from an active Group 2 Sokol family. She enjoys membership in Wreath 1, where her mother, Pat serves as vice president. Her dad, James served as president of Assembly 9 and was a member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board. Allison began her Sokol activity as a youth and served as the Wreath and Group 2 Assistant Physical Director for a number of years. Over the years, she participated in a number of our International Slets. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Allison and Tony on this joyous time in their lives. May their love for each other continue to grow as the years go by. Happy future!

Sokol Children’s Section

Erin (Salamon) Larnouette received her First Holy Communion recently at St. Pius X Church in Loudounville, N.Y. Erin is a student at the parish school. She is a member of Assembly 9 in Bridgeport, where her great-grandfather, Joseph M. Salamon served for many years as pastor until his death.

Erin tells us that she is testing for her high red belt in the tae kwon do school. She is a member of Assembly 9 in Bridgeport, where her sister, Abby competes on. Her sister told her she will make it, because she can do a round off and two back hand springs in a row and some of the older girls still can’t.

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Betty Daley, Cathy Tringhese and Judith Salamon are shown above with the 43 pounds of donated yarn in support of Project Linus at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Stratford, Conn.

Betty Daley is shown presenting some of the collected donations to Father Reginald D. Normand for the needy families of Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Slovak League of America Hosts its 55th Congress in Bridgeport, Conn.

Delegates representing the five member Slovak fraternal Social Assemblies and other Slovak cultural and civic groups gathered in Bridgeport, Conn., to participate in the deliberations of the 55th Congress of the Slovak League of America, June 8-9. A civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry, the League is called to order in the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 8-9, 2012; and as this Congress calls us the delegates and the entire Slovak League of America community to look forward, to push on, and to continue to espouse the ideals and purposes set in place by our founders, Reverend Stephen Furdek and Peter P. Rovnianek in 1907 in Cleveland, Ohio.

So we, the members of the Resolution Committee with forward-looking vision and deep commitment of the unified spirit of this Congress, present the following resolution:

Whereas, the Catholic Church in the Republic of Slovakia prepares to mark in the year of Our Lord 2013 the 1,150th anniversary of the evangelizing work of its principal patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius; And

Whereas, the Republic of Slovakia will mark the 20th year as a sovereign, independent nation on January 1, 2013; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America played a significant role in the establishment of the first Republic of Czechoslovakia in 1919 with the blessings of then President of the United States of America, Woodrow Wilson; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America for more than a century has hosted various programs promoting Slovak culture, heritage and history in the United States; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America continues to promote higher education among Americans of Slovak ancestry and has assisted hundreds of students through its very generous scholarship program; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America has published numerous works in both the Slovak and English languages related to the culture, heritage and history of Slovakia; And

Whereas, since the independence of the Republic of Slovakia was declared on January 1, 1993, the Slovak League of America has participated in numerous educational and cultural exchange projects between the United States and Slovakia; And

Whereas, since its earliest days, the Slovak League of America has enjoyed the full support of the Slovak fraternal societies in the United States which enjoy institutional membership; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America is delighted to have the retired United States Ambassador to Slovakia, the Honorable Vincent Obstnitsky deliver the principal English address at the 55th Congress banquet; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America welcomes Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska, the oldest and most prominent Slovak cultural association in Slovakia, the Honorable Vincent Obstnitsky for its efforts which have ensured the success of our Congress; Finally, we also take this opportunity to extend best wishes and the promise of continued cooperation with the Office of the Association of Slovaks Living Abroad in Bratislava (Urad pre Slovakov, zijuich v zahrani) and its new president, Igor Furdek.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Slovak League of America accepts the direction as well as the challenges as put forth by this 55th Congress in spirit in which we have always lived in clarity and enthusiasm always with our focus on maintaining the ideals and purposes for which the Slovak League of America was founded 150 years ago.

May God bless us and may God bless the Slovak League of America.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Dolores M. Evanko
Resolutions Committee Chairperson Committee Secretary

Tepak Magruder for Kentucky, and Mimi E. Danhel for California and the Western States.

The Slovak League of America, as a civic and cultural organization, maintains its national office at 205 Madison Street, Passaic, N.J. 07055. Individual annual dues are $10.00 with Life Membership at $200.00. Tax deductible donations in support of the publication of the scholarly annual, Slovakia as well as the Slovak League Scholarship Fund may be sent to the national office.

The Slovak League of America looks forward to a future of continuing to promote Slovak culture and heritage as part of the rich fabric of American cultural life.
Scenes of the 66th International Bowling Tournament as part of the 1st Annual
United Slovak Fraternals International Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament
Freeway Bowling Lanes + Embassy Suites Hotel + Wickliffe, Ohio + May 11-13


Members of the Macko Family team from Group 5 included, l-r, Dan Dawson, Chris Macko, Robert Macko and Steve Macko.

Three members of the Perryopolis Sokol II team included, l-r, Brian Warnick, David Matty and Bernard Seruga.

Members of the Pittsburgh #4 team included, l-r, Joseph Moeller, Chris Millus, Keith Moeller and Jay Barna.

Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union, second from the right, is shown with some Canadian keglers, including, l-r, Chet Dziuba, Joe Takerer and Andy Cincar.

Lovely keglers from the First Catholic Slovak Union promote the fifty-fifty raffle.

Loretta Smith of Youngstown, Oh. is shown displaying her top form.

Well-known Group 7 bowlers enjoying the tournament included Kelly Palchanis and Heather Horvath.

The Crown Royal Express team from Pittsburgh included, l-r, Pat Collins, Joseph Barron, Daniel Walko and Michael Lako.
Scenes of the 55th Congress of the Slovak League of America
The Holiday Inn + Bridgeport, Connecticut + June 8-9, 2012

Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik, center, is shown with Congress participants including, l-r: Dr. Mikulas Halko, newly elected first vice president of the Slovak League; John A. Holy, our Supreme Chaplain; Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic who represented our organization at the Congress; Theresa M. Khuchinski, president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Daniel F. Tanzone and Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska in Slovakia, who was the principal Slovak speaker at the Congress banquet, center, is shown with from the left, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, SS.C.M., director of Jankola Library in Danville, Pa.; Theresa M. Khuchinski, president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union; Nina Holy, Cynthia M. Maleski, president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Headtable guests at the 55th Congress included, seated, l-r, Daniel F. Tanzone, president; Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik and his wife, Annmarie; and Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union and his wife, Idka. Standing, l-r, Eileen S. Wilson, chairperson of the local Congress committee; Theresa M. Khuchinski, president of the Ladies Pa. Slovak Catholic Union; Rev. Robert V. Biroschak, J.C.D., and John G. Duch, Congress chairperson.

Congress delegates from New York City and Detroit.

Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union; former Yonkers, N.Y. Councilman Stephen J. Kubasek, Jr., Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik and Slovak League President Daniel F. Tanzone.

Headtable guests included, seated, l-r, Dr. Ludwig J. Pavlo, honorary president; Cynthia M. Maleski, president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; Justine Wesnak, newly elected second vice president; and Marian Tkac, president of the Matica Slovenska in Slovakia.

Congress delegates from New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.
Elected to serve as officers include, from the left, Jozef Kovac, third vice president of Deto-rit, Mich.; Justine Wesnak, second vice president of Schnecksville, Pa.; Daniel F. Tanzone of Yonkers, N.Y., president; W. Nina Holy, secretary of Pompton Plains, N.J.; Dr. Mikulas Halko, first vice president of Mt. Kisco, N.Y. and John G. Duch of Wyckoff, N.J., member of the Executive Board.

Congress principals included, l-r, Daniel F. Tanzone, Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska, Steve Obsitnik, Nina Holy, Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik, John A. Holy and Dr. Mikulas Halko.

Congress delegates from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Eileen S. Wilson, left, chairperson of the local committee, is shown welcoming delegates at the registration desk, including, l-r, Milan Cuba, W. Nina Holy and Joseph Goda.

Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik is shown with well-known Slovak cultural advocates, Professor Martha Kona, right, and her daughter Lindy Kona of Toledo, Oh.

From the left, Jednota President, Andrew M. Rajec and Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik are shown with, l-r, Milan and Henrietta Dait of New York; Idka Rajec, and Anna Korcak, Martha Catalano and Maria Bozekova, also of New York.

Daniel F. Tanzone, far left, and Nina Holy, center, are shown with the oldest delegates present at the 55th Congress, including, l-r, Ivan Kralik of Chicago, Ill., whose father was a founder of the Slovak League in 1907; John A. Kulhan of New York and Dr. Ludwig J. Pavlo, currently residing in Florida.
ZAP: almost 780,000 cars due to be made in Slovakia this year

Car production in Slovakia is again expected to grow in 2012, the president of the Automotive Industry Association (ZAP) Jaroslav Holecek said on June 13 after a meeting with Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic.

Holecek estimates that an extra 140,000 cars will be produced in Slovakia this year, bringing the number up to 780,000.

The car-makers discussed the Labor Code with Gasparovic, asking him to speak up in favor of flexibility being maintained. Both sides agreed that it isn’t necessary to change the legislation at the moment.

“I don’t agree with amending the Labor Code right now,” said Gasparovic, although he added that the current wording doesn’t suit anybody - neither employers and businesses, nor the trade unions. It will be too complicated to change the legislation at this time, however, as the government has to deal with many other important reforms.

Another priority voiced by the car-making industry at the session was the completion of a new highway leading from Zilina and Banska Bystrica further to the east of Slovakia, since 251 out of 274 suppliers are located in that part of the country.

Stats: Slovak economy up by 3 percent, year-on-year in 1Q12

Slovakia’s economy grew by 3 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2012, according to revised data published on June 6 by the Statistics Office, which has slightly trimmed its original estimate of 3.1 percent.

In current prices, the GDP grew by 4.4 percent, year-on-year to $20 billion. It rose by 0.7 percent quarter-on-quarter.

“The slower growth in GDP creation was caused in particular by a significant deceleration in the growth of foreign demand,” said analysts.

Exports of goods and services grew by 2.6 percent year-on-year, 14.2 percentage points lower than the increase in the same period of 2011. Imports dropped by 1.3 percent. Net exports continued to be the main source of Slovakia’s GDP growth, therefore.

Industry made up a dominant share of the total volume of added value, reaching $16 million or 35.9 percent. Other significant contributors were trade, transport and warehousing, accommodation and food services, public administration, education, health-care and social assistance.

Finance Ministry: Slovak economy to grow by 2.5 percent this year

Slovakia’s economy should grow by 2.5 percent this year, the Finance Ministry states in a macroeconomic prognosis published on June 15 that raised the estimate made in February by 1.4 percentage points and increased the 2.3 percent flash estimate from March.

“The structure of economic growth won’t have a considerable influence on tax incomes, however, as growth will continue to be driven by foreign trade first and foremost. The labor market and household consumption should only recover gradually,” the Finance Ministry’s Financial Policy Institute (FPI) says in its commentary.

The ministry expects that economic growth in Slovakia will reach 2.6 percent next year, with the government’s consolidation measures aimed at bringing the deficit down by 3 percent already factored into the prognosis.

Analysts think that more than 5,600 new jobs will be created this year, which represents 0.3 percent employment growth. This won’t mean an automatic drop in unemployment, however. Unemployment should grow this year to 13.9 percent and should only start decreasing in 2013 to reach 13.2 percent in 2015.

The average nominal salary this year will reach $1,000, which is $35 more than last year.

“We’re expecting 3.5 percent growth in prices in 2012, which is less than in 2011, when inflation reached 4 percent,” said the Finance Ministry.

One quarter of Slovaks reject corporal punishment for children

One quarter of the people of Slovakia completely reject the use of physical punishment for children, while 10 percent approve of such disciplinary measures, according to a poll carried out by the NMS Market Research agency and published on June 20.

According to Maria Harvankova from NMS Market Research, 66 percent of the respondents said that they are against corporal punishment, but would not rule it out in exceptional cases.

Meanwhile, those who completely reject physical punishment are mainly women (27 percent), the unmarried (28 percent) and young people aged between 18-25.

The survey was carried out on a representative sample of 1,100 respondents.

Finland is interested in cooperation with Slovakia

The latest development in the EU, financial crisis and possibilities of further cooperation were the key topics of the meeting between President Ivan Gasparovic and Finland’s parliamentary chair Eero Heinahonmaa, the president’s spokesman Marek Trobac told TASR on June 23.

“I am glad that in the current financial crisis we share the same views on the preservation of the EU as such, also because Finland is the only Nordic country whose currency is the same as ours – the euro,” said Gasparovic.

Both Gasparovic and Heinahonmaa agreed that the eurozone should expand, however the president thinks that the economy, rather than the political situation of membership candidates should be the main accession criteria in the future. Turning to cooperation possibilities, Heinahonmaa said that Finland has been increasingly interested in cooperation with Slovakia in the fields of trade, as well as tourism. According to Gasparovic, mutual cooperation between the countries could concern trade as well as education and culture.

Stefanec: ESM ensures stability for Euro and protects jobs in Slovakia

The European Stability Mechanism (ESM) will ensure stability for the euro, thereby protecting jobs in Slovakia, SDKU-DS Member of Parliament Ivan Stefancic said in reaction to the approval of the bail-out scheme in Slovakia’s parliament on June 22.

“At the same time, we stress that ESM can’t be the sole solution, and so we’re promoting responsible financial management, structural changes and observing the rules. In line with our principles, we’re promoting debates taking place in parliament each time when money from ESM is used,” said Stefanic.

The parliament earlier in the day approved the international treaty on setting up the European Financial Stability Facility (ESM) with the votes of 118 out of 144 members of parliament present.

In order to be ratified, the treaty must also be signed by President Ivan Gasparovic. All practical matters pertaining to Slovakia’s role in the scheme will be tackled by specific domestic legislation that is expected to be debated in parliament next month.

Selected stories are provided by TASR-Slovakia, the Slovak Republic’s official News Agency.

The Milmany Arboretum of the Slovak Academy of Sciences is home to the largest collection of non-native trees and shrubs in Slovakia and is one of the largest collections in central Europe. The arboretum was founded in 1892 by Dr. Stefan Ambrozy-Migazzi. His plan was to create an evergreen park, which he called “Semper Vireo” (always green). It was located on more than 50 acres of land and led to the establishment of one of the first large-scale plantings of evergreen trees in central Europe. In 1953, a new project, which is still on-going, under the auspices of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, has expanded the collection with many new species of trees from as far away as China and North Korea. The complex includes a neoclassical mansion built in 1894, which houses a library, an exhibition center, and a memorial collection of the Ambrozy-Migazzi family. In summer outdoor concerts are held in the lush gardens. Located in western Slovakia, the arboretum has become a very popular tourist attraction.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Jacob Wood 7/1
Karleigh Richnavsky 7/5
Dominik Luthens 7/6
Michael Phillips III 7/12
Izaak Waddle 7/13
Phyllician Beitler 7/17
Travis Watkins 7/18
Edye Spangler 7/20
Ruby Korenoski 7/22
Christa Diaz 7/25
Andrew Peterson 7/28
Alexa Sims 7/29
Emily Olexa 7/30

If you love to read….this is just the program for you. From June 15th-August 26th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter…etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than September 15th. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

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

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

Early Readers (sounding out most words)
- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books

Intermediate Readers (90+ pages each)
- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 12 books
- Level 3 16 or more books

Advanced Readers (200+ pages each)
- Level 1 9 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books

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

Please send your completed reading lists to:
Julie Ann Dobbs– 5314 Agatha Turn, Racine, WI 53402. If you prefer to do it on-line…you can e-mail it to me at jdobbs2@wi.rr.com

Swamp Chomp- A Revolting Recipe

Even the creature from the black lagoon would gag on this slimy dessert!

What you need:
- Green Jello
- Plastic containers
- Gummy bug candy (worms, ants…etc)

What to do:
- Make green Jell-O
- Put some of it in clear plastic containers and put the rest aside
- When the Jell-O starts to solidify, add swarms of gummy bugs
- Beat the rest of the Jell-O to a foul froth and add it to the top of the slime.

Let set and serve

Found on www.yucky.kids.discovery.com

Sidewalk Chalk
Make Your Own

Need: 2 parts Plaster of Paris, 1 part of Bio color (it’s a type of paint)

Directions: Stir until the consistency that is of frosting. Pour in to a muffin tin. Let it set for at least 24 hours. You could also pour it into cookie cutters for neat chalk shapes, or into Chard board tubes to make a stick of chalk. Just peel the tube away when it is dry.
Sautéed Salmon Steaks

1 Tbsp. oil
2 (6 to 8 oz. each) fresh salmon steaks
1 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
4 slices fresh lemon

Heat oil in medium skillet; add salmon steaks. Combine butter, soy sauce; baste salmon steaks. Cook about 5 minutes or until browned on one side. Turn, baste. Place lemon slices on steaks and cook until salmon flakes easily when tested with a fork. Makes two servings.

Souvenir Cream Raisin Pie

This very old recipe is a favorite with all who taste it:

2 eggs
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. cloves
1 cup raisins, soaked in warm water or brandy and drained.

Beat eggs, sour cream, vanilla, sugar, nutmeg, and cloves together until well blended. Stir in raisins. Pour into pie shell and bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes, until just set - it should not brown much. Cool. Serve with a spoonful of sour cream, if desired.

Souvenir Cream Raisin Pie

Dough for 1 (9-inch) pie crust
3 eggs
2 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Roll dough and line pie pan. Combine eggs, milk, sugar, flour, vanilla, salt and nutmeg in a bowl. Beat with an egg beater or wire whisk. Place pie pan on oven rack in preheated 425 degree oven. Pour custard mixture into pie crust. Bake pie until a knife inserted about 1 inch from the edge of the pie comes out clean, to 20 minutes. Cool before serving.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol has been selling annuity products for close to twenty years. For majority of that time, we offered a one Single Premium and one Flexible Deferred Annuity Plan. In 2011 we introduced the Vantage Collection of Annuity Financial Growth Products. This collection of products is developed with more options to better suit the ever changing financial climate. This collection of annuity plans now includes three Single Premium and two Flexible Deferred Annuity plans, which include both Traditional and ROTH Deferred Annuity plans, which in-...
**Sokol Birthdays**

**JULY 12**
Constance Vogel, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**JULY 13**
Sylvia Goff, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**JULY 14**
Anne Z. Sarosy, Colorado Springs, Co., member of Assembly 312, Pasco, N.J.

**JULY 15**
James Fesko, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**JULY 16**
Keith Graham, Plains, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**JULY 17**
Michael T. Matras, Perryopolis, Pa., President of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

**JULY 18**
Robert G. Evans, Jr., Reading, Pa., a member of Assembly 71, Edwardsville, Pa.

**JULY 19**
Michael J. Kaczor, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

**JULY 20**
Charles Raphick, Cherry Hill, N.J., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

**JULY 21**
Linda Cvrkel, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**JULY 22**
Robert G. Evans, Jr., Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

**JULY 23**
Joseph P. Urban II, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

**JULY 24**
William Kivon, Cleveland, Oh., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**JULY 25**
Marge Kurtza, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

Mary M. Stevans, St. Clair Shores, Mich., Secretary of Group 16 and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

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

John Munoz, a member of Wreath 81 in Whiting, Ind., recently celebrated his 17th birthday. John, his mother and sister along with his godfather, Robert Tapak Magdrury, celebrated the event at a Chinese restaurant on Chicago’s South Side. Afterwards, they met up with John’s other sister and his nephew and enjoyed ice cream at a cafe located on the city’s North Side. John attends Rogers Clark High School in the Bordentown neighborhood of Hamilton, Ind. He is shown above in his Akatsuki Ninja cloak. Happy birthday John and Zidar Boh!

**Happy 17th Birthday**

**From the Supreme Physical Fitness Board**

**Happy 25th Birthday to Our Sokol Softball Tournament**

by Martin Degnav

The idea was put together years ago. Bring Sokols and Sokolky together for an athletic event. Let them compete against each other and enjoy some traditional fraternalism and fellowship along the way. Hold it right here in my hometown of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Sounds like a great idea, right? It was and still is. The numbers of participants may have decreased over the years but if you ask anyone who has attended, they will tell you that they do it again in a heartbeat.

Sound familiar? Well it should. I could be talking about the 100th anniversary of our first Stet held here in Wilkes-Barre, but I’m not. No, this is about our 25th Annual International Softball Tournament. Seems like a long time when you see it on paper. 25 years! Can’t be that long. I remember... And of course someone could fill in that blank with a story about any of the past tournaments. The year it was so hot that we all got sunburned; the year it rained and we played a one-pitch tournament; or the year that we won it all.

When the first tournament came to town, I remember sitting on my front porch and waiting for the buses to roll into town. I recall walking down to the hotel and tournament headquarters to see if anyone needed any help getting settled. The anticipation of waiting until Saturday to play. Picking up t-shirts for Group 7. And then, Saturday morning at Kirby Park. You see, I’d never played softball before like many of the guys on the team. I didn’t play much because I was one of the younger guys on the Group 7 team. But what an experience it was. Back then, the tournament was played out over two days because of the number of teams that were involved. I can still remember sitting on Sunday morning to just go and watch the final day of play. No, I can’t remember who won but what a great weekend it was! You see, I’d been to a few Slots at that point and was the Group 7 Physical Director too. I knew a lot of the other guys that came to play and made a few new friends too. Like I said, I didn’t play much so that left me with a lot of time to be fraternal. What I do remember of play and the competition that weekend was the intensity of each and every player, whether they were male or female. Everyone wanted to win or at least to make a good showing of it. That seemed to be the case for the longest time.

And then the years went by. The tournament went to other cities. The years continued to roll by. The teams grew smaller and then, fewer. The players got older(yes, you did admit it). Priorities changed. In the beginning, it was all about playing hard and winning. After a while, it was play hard and have fun but don’t get hurt; still got to go to work on Monday. The tournament came and left Wilkes-Barre. Let’s go to different places, see different cities. The tournament visited often, but no as often.

When the 25th anniversary of the softball tournament rolled around, the only logical place to hold it was in the place where it all began. The city of Wilkes-Barre has changed a lot since that first tournament a quarter of a century ago. We’ve had our share of troubles but we’ve bounced back with a revitalized community. Kirby Park has changed a lot since then as well. Now playing surfaces and better facilities for the players and fans have been added. We’ve changed too. The players who were around for the first tournament(you know who you are) may not play anymore; perhaps they still do but not as much. We still play hard; it’s still about the pride of winning and accomplishment.

I guess what I’m trying to say is that things change and it’s not a bad thing when they do. What started out as a competitive tournament is still a competitive competition but different. It may have become smaller and shorter by a day, but the play now is just as good or better than it was back then a quarter century ago. The things that have changed have changed for the better. I’ve gone to many tournaments over the years, all of them Slovak Catholic Sokol events. What always stuck out in my mind about the bowling and golf tournaments was the friendships that formed over the years. Men and ladies played with the same partners in golf, year after year. Bowling teams bowled during certain shifts because they knew that they’d see other teams from previous years. What I see at those events is a starting to see at our softball tournaments. There is one difference, however, families. Players who previously participated in our early softball tournaments are now bringing along their wives and children to play or just to watch. During the last tournament in Wilkes-Barre, I was playing with guys who were calling me “old man.” Imagine, me...old man!

If you ask me, our softball tournament has earned its rightful place alongside the “older and bigger brothers” of Slovak Catholic Sokol tournaments. By changing into a family-oriented event and making it through good years and bad, it has become something that many of us look forward to each and every year.

Well, here’s to you Sokol Softball Tournament...Happy Birthday! 25 years old and still getting better each and every year! Zidar Boh!
Pope removes Slovak bishop

In an unusual move, Pope Benedict XVI has removed the Most Rev. Robert Bezak, C.Ss.R., as the Archbishop of Trnava in western Slovakia effective July 2nd. No reason for the removal, announced on July 1, was given. However, from January 22 to February 1, an investigation of Archbishop Bezak had been conducted at the behest of the Vatican. The investigation was conducted by Bishop Jan Bazant of the Diocese of Litomerice in the neighboring Czech Republic. In early June, Archbishop Bezak, who is 52, received a letter from the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Mario Giordana suggesting that he resign as Archbishop. A week later, the Papal Nuncio, the representative of the Pope in Slovakia, informed him that as of July 2, 2012 he was no longer head of the archdiocese and that he may not reside within the archdiocese. No reason was given for the removal, however Italian news reports suggested administrative problems. The nuncio asked that he not contact the media regarding the removal. On Sunday, July 1 following the Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Archbishop Bezak chose to read both letters noting that he was not announcing the action to the media, but rather to the faithful of the archdiocese. He received a standing ovation from the congregation.

The removal of Archbishop Bezak has touched off protests in various parts of Slovakia. Hundreds continue to gather daily in Trnava demanding to know why their much-loved shepherd had been removed. It is thought that Archbishop Bezak, as a Redemptorist, will either take up residence in one of the six houses of this order in Slovakia or leave Slovakia. A native of Handlova in central Slovakia, Archbishop Bezak was born on March 1, 1960. He was ordained a priest by the late Bishop Rudal Balaz in Banska Bystrica in 1984. On April 18, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI named the then 49-year-old Redemptorist, Father Robert Bezak, C.Ss.R., officially a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, as the second Archbishop of Trnava. He succeeded Archbishop Jan Sokol whose resignation was accepted since he was past the retirement age of 75 for bishops. He was ordained to the episcopacy at the Trnava cathedral on June 6, 2009. The Pope named Auxiliary Bishop Jan Orosch, as apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Trnava “sede vacante.” A new archbishop will be named in the coming months.

Christmas in September

The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum located at 351 Valley Brook Road in McMurray, Pa. will host a special workshop on making traditional Slovak Christmas decorations on Saturday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Some Slovaks buy their decorations, some are handmade and include wooden figures, straw ornaments in the shapes of balls, rings, stars and angels. The traditional Slovak Christmas tree is decorated with candles, nuts, apples, gingerbread cakes, dried plums or other fruit. More modern trees have glass ornaments and strings of lights. Participants of the workshop will learn to make traditional straw ornaments, honey cakes (medovinky), sallowky, and more to decorate their Christmas tree Slovak style! The cost per person for the workshop is $20.00 per person and includes all materials needed as well as refreshments. The seminar will be conducted by Lawrence Kozlowski, noted Slovak folklorist and author. Register at the NSS Home Office at 1-800-488-1890. Everyone is welcome to participate. - Narodne Noviny

Slovakia’s Peter Sagan wins first leg of the 2012 Tour de France

At age 22, Peter Sagan of Slovakia is the youngest winner of a Tour de France stage since Lance Armstrong won one at 21 in 1993. Peter’s youth has not prevented him from becoming one of the most feared finishers in professional cycling - entering the Tour de France, he has had 13 stage victories this season. He added one more on July 1, powering past the field in Seraing to claim the Tour’s first stage, a 196-kilometer, 123-mile, ride in the province of Liège in Belgium. He is a rider for Liquigas-Cannondale and is making his debut at the Tour de France.

In a New York Times article on July 2 by Jon Brand, Peter said “I’m very happy; it was a great day,” he told French television afterward. “But it was a tough stage, and very hard.”

Sagan, who hails from Slovakia and got his start as a mountain biker, has ridden well all season, but perhaps his most impressive performance interrupted Lives: Catholic Sisters Under European Communism” will be featured in August on EWTN, the Global Catholic Television Network. The very interesting and stirring documentary explores the 40-year plight of religious communities of women in Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Ukraine during the years of persecution by the Communist governments of these countries beginning in the late 1940s. This persecution forced them to practice their vocations underground. Our own Sister M. John Vranek, SS.C.M. of Danville, Pa. is featured in the documentary. “Interrupted Lives” will be shown on Sunday, August 5 beginning at 2 a.m. and Saturday, August 10 at 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 11 at 2 p.m. Each of these performances are scheduled for Eastern Daylight Time. For a complete list of programming, go to www.ewtn.com.

39th Slovak Day in the Gary Diocese on July 15

The 39th annual Slovak Day observance of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana is set for Sunday, July 15 at the Salvatorian Shrine located at 5755 Pennsylvania Street in Merrillville, Indiana. Festivities begin with a concelebrated Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Principal celebrant and homilist will be the Rev. Joseph Kelchak, a priest of the Diocese of Gary. Concelebrants will include priests of Slovak ancestry from the Gary Diocese as well as neighboring dioceses. Following the liturgy, a luncheon will be served featuring and array of traditional ethnic specialties. A cash bar will be available.

A highlight of the afternoon will be the cultural program which begins at 1 p.m. featuring the artistry of the Veselica Dancers from Chicago. The ensemble, attired in colorful kroj will present an array of music and dance traditions from the various regions of Slovakia. Music for dancing and listening pleasure by the Joe Arent Quartet will be featured from 2 p.m. Group 4 Sokols and Sokolky are cordially invited to participate in this annual celebration of Midwest Slovak pride. The annual Slovak Day was inaugurated by the late Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, the first ordinary of the Gary Diocese.

**UNITED SLOVAK FRATERNALS SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 66TH INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT MAY 4TH - 6TH 2012**

**TOURAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT**

**INCOME**

| Prize Money Allotment | Home Office Allocation - April 2012 | $2,200.00 |
| Prize Money | Collected from Bowlers (Sokol) | $3,418.00 |
| Prize Money | Collected from Freeway Lanes - #1564 | $1,490.50 |
| Prize Money | Collected from Freeway Lanes - #1565 | $4,892.50 |
| Banquet Allotment | Home Office Allocation - April 2012 | $3,500.00 |
| Banquet Fees | Collected from Bowlers (Sokol) | $2,650.00 |
| Banquet Fees | Collected from NSS | $1,921.97 |
| Banquet Fees | Collected from Freeway Lanes - #1564 | $1,714.97 |
| Entry Fees | Collected from Bowlers (Sokol) | $3,699.00 |
| Entry Fees | Collected from NSS | $801.00 |
| Entry Fees | Collected from Freeway Lanes - #1565 | $2,646.00 |
| Lane Sponsors | $1,050.00 |
| Lane Sponsors | $1,615.00 |

**TOTAL INCOME** | **$32,198.94**

**EXPENSES**

| Men’s Prize Money | Published and Distibuted - June 2012 | $9,053.00 |
| Women’s Prize Money | Published and Distributed - June 2012 | $65.00 |
| Tournament Trophies | Brett Harris - #1573 | $627.30 |
| Souvenirs | HDS Marketing - #1556 | $1,435.79 |
| Cost of Bowling | Freeway Lanes - #1564 | $4,110.00 |
| Hospitality | $4,106.40 |
| Lane Sponsor Signs | Susan Ondrejco - #1566 | $296.62 |
| Saturday Banquet | Embassy Suites Beachwood - #1569 | $7,384.85 |
| Postage/Courier | Prize Money Distribution - #1572 | $100.00 |

**TOTAL EXPENSES** | **$31,200.96**

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSES** | **$977.98**

**Shots from the filming of “Interrupted Lives”**
**2012 Sokol Scholarship Recipients Express thanks and gratitude....**

**COLLEGE RECIPIENTS**

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for selecting me to be a recipient of a Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. This will definitely help me to continue my education. I will be returning to The Pennsylvania State University in the fall of 2012 as a sophomore, majoring in engineering.

Once again, thank you and I will continue to do my best to achieve the goals I have set for myself. Best regards,

Zidar Boh!
William F. Bennethum
Sinking Spring, Pa.

Dear members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Emil Slovak Memorial Scholarship Grant. It will help me greatly in my pursuit of gaining both my major in Zoology and minors in Anthropology and Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences. I am still attending the University of Florida and am very happy residing here in sunny Gainesville, Florida. Hope all is well back at the Sokol headquarters and my birthplace of Passaic, New Jersey. Once again, thank you for such a magnificent opportunity and gift. Zidar Boh!
Sincerely,
Michael Sipos
Estero, Florida

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

Thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of a Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. I am very grateful for your support of my academic pursuits and will always remember your organization’s kindness. Please consider this my acknowledgement of my talent and the many years of work and investment that I have been privileged to spend in the Sokol. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
Katie E. Wisdom
Daphne, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

I would like to thank you and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors Scholarship Advisory/Selection Committee for selecting me as one of the 2012 recipients of a Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. I am honored to be one of the few chosen for this prestigious award.

I will be a sophomore at Seton Hill University in the fall and with the help of this scholarship, I plan on continuing my quest to become a physical therapist and help others with their health problems. Thank you for your support and acknowledgment of my accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Jenna C. Snyder
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you very much for awarding me with a 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant in the amount of $1,000. I greatly appreciate the help with my education as I anticipate entering my sophomore year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. this fall. I value my association with the Slovak Catholic Sokol and organization and I want to thank you for supporting my education.

Sincerely,
Zachary Chupka
Douglas, Mass.

Dear Mr. Steven Pogorelec and the S.C.S. Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for my selection as a recipient of a 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. This grant will assist me with continuing my education at John Carroll University in the fall. I want to sincerely thank everyone on the S.C.S. Scholarship Committee who took the time to review my application. This grant is deeply appreciated. I hope to see my fellow brothers soon at the upcoming sporting events and best wishes to all.

With much gratitude,
Evan J. Bogorelec
North Canton, Oh.

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

I am honored to have been chosen to receive the 2012 Joseph and Mary Spernova Memorial Scholarship Grant from the Slovak Catholic Sokol. I will be a junior at Penn State University, University Park, Pa. for the fall 2012 semester. Thank you very much for your organization’s generosity in awarding me this scholarship grant which will help with my college costs. It is a pleasure to have your support.

Sincerely,
Marielle Balz
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Dear S.C.S. Board of Directors/Scholarship Advisory Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a winner of a Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. It is an honor to represent the S.C.S. in furthering my education through this scholarship money. I will continue my education in achieving my goal of becoming a Physical Therapy Assistant and this money will definitely help. I will be attending Chattahoochee Technical College in Acworth, Ga. in the fall. It is an honor to be part of such a great organization as the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Sincerely,
Jayme Blosser
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Pogorelec,

I have received your letter notifying me of my award of a 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. This letter is to acknowledge my receipt of the grant and to confirm that I will be attending King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the fall 2012 semester.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the committee for choosing me to receive this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Adam M. Kudlack
Parisippany, N.J.

Dear Mr. Steven M. Pogorelec,

I have received the acceptance letter on behalf of the 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant. I wanted to sincerely thank you for accepting me for this generous scholarship award to help me pay for Ramapo College of New Jersey. I will be attending Ramapo College in 2012/2013. In today’s world and economy, bills have been very overwhelming.

With the help of you, my father and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors, I am more than grateful for the generosity of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. I greatly appreciate that the Slovak Catholic Sokol recognized my hard work. Again, I thank you for taking an interest in me and recognizing my accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Anthony J. Cassano
Franklin Lakes, N.J.
Slovenské letné podujatia

Piknik v Broadview Heights, OH

Slovenský deň vo West Mifflin, PA

Púť vo West Havenstr, NY
V nedelju 12. augusta sa bude konať púť do Mariánskej svity vo West Havenstr, NY. O 10.00 hod. bude spoved a o 11.00 hod. začne svätá omša. Omšu bude obed. O 2.30 bude nasledovať různověká modlitba.

Slovenský festival v NJ bude 23. septembra
Výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey už pripravuje program na 35. festival v Holmdel, NJ. V program vstupí fúťochní skupina PAS z Pittsburghu a dve mládežnícke skupiny z New Jersey a New Yorku. Na festival sa zúčastní aj prominentní hostia zo Slovenska. Slovenský festival v NJ je už mnoho rokov najväčším slovenským podujatím v Amerike.

55. kongres Slovenskej ligy v Americi sa konal po prvý raz v Bridgeport, Conn.

Za Boha a národ

For God and Nation

Za Boha a národ

55. kongres Slovenskej ligy v Amerike bol konal 8. a 9. júna v hoteli Bridgeport Holiday Inn v Bridgeport, Conn. Pritomných bol vyše 60 delegátov a viacerí hostia. Zastúpené boli všetky členské frakčných organizáciách.


Martin Glváč im odovzal počas prvého júlového týždňa odbornicího vývoja v Košiciach, kde horúčav skolabovalo vyše 600 ľudí. Kardinála Jána Chryzostoma Božkova zo zboru 1 v NYC bol prijatý do nemocnice 13. júna, kedy sa podrobil operácii, po ktorej ho lekári museli držať v umelom spánku.

Správy zo Slovenska

Z mierovej misie ISAF v Afganistane sa konal v Bratislave pred koncom júna úvodný zasadnutie programu Slovenskej lige v budúcnosti. Minister obrany SR Martin Čížek im odovzal počas prvého júlového týždňa v Amerike predsedníka miestneho prípravného výboru Eileen S. Wilson, tajomníčka SLvA Nina Holá a Dr. Michal Kopanič, ktorý mal počas kongresu prejav o histórii Slovákov v novoanglických štátoch a o programe SLvA v budúcnosti.

V agende kongresu boli aj rokovania o dalšom programze Slovenskej lige a o tom, ako získat najmôžšých príslušníkov do práce v Slovenskej lige v slovenských organizáciách.

Volba funkcionárov


Konanie o ďalšom programze boli aj rokovania o futúrnej budúcnosti slovenských organizácií so Slovenskou ligou. V agende kongresu boli aj rokovania o dalšom programze Slovenskej lige a o tom, ako získat najmôžšých príslušníkov do práce v Slovenskej lige v slovenských organizáciách.

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