Celebrating a spirit of volunteerism and outreach

2012 Fraternalist of the Year Joan J. Yanosick Honored at Dinner Held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Friday evening, September 21, Joan J. Yanosick, our 2012 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year, was feted at a reception and dinner given in her honor at the Monterey Bay Fish Grotto Restaurant in Pittsburgh, Pa. Joining Sister Yanosick at this well-deserved tribute were Supreme Officers, headed by Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh and Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.L.C., along with her husband, Jack Yanosick and members of her family. In addition, in attendance were her sister and brother Sokoliks and Sokols of Wreath 22 and Assembly 16 of Pittsburgh. Sister Yanosick serves as the Recording Secretary of Wreath 22 and has been a local and group 14 activist for more than 30 years. She and her husband, Jack, have been a model Sokol couple for many years and a tribute to the fraternal benefit system. One of her signature fraternal projects that she chairs, is the annual children’s Christmas party hosted by Wreath 22 and Assembly 16 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club. She devotes months of her time and energy preparing for the annual fraternal event which on average attracts nearly 200 youngsters. After enjoying a wonderful meal, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.L.C. offered remarks in which he recalled the many fraternal endeavors in which Sister Joan Yanosick has been involved in over the years. He asked her to join him and presented her with the Fraternalist of the Year Plaque. The inscription on the plaque reads: “Slovak Catholic Sokol 2012 Fraternalist of the Year Award to Joan J. Yanosick in recognition of her life-long commitment to the high ideals of Sokol Fraternalism, Zúbar Boh! Pittsburgh, Pa. September 21, 2012.” In addition to the plaque, he also presented her a check for $200 as a small token of our organization’s gratitude for her leadership and fraternal efforts. Brother Pogorelec also presented Sister Yanosick with the Certificate designating her as our Fraternalist of the Year by the American Fraternal Alliance. The American Fraternal Alliance represents more than 70 fraternal benefit societies in the United States and Canada with over

Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.L.C., right, is shown presenting the 2012 Fraternalist of the Year Plaque and honorarium to Joan J. Yanosick at the dinner given in her honor at the Monterey Bay Fish Grotto Restaurant located in the Mount Washington section of Pittsburgh on September 21. Looking on during the presentation is Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh.

If you wish to continue receiving the Slovak Catholic Falcon,
You must ACT NOW!
Deadline extended to December 15th!

At the most recent Board of Directors conference call, on September 22, 2012, we once again discussed the importance of cutting costs by encouraging our members to sign up to receive the Falcon electronically. Since the responses have been coming in slowly, the Board of Directors agreed to extend the deadline to respond to December 15, 2012. For the betterment of the organization, we are committed to decreasing the number of mailings by requiring each member to return a form if they wish to continue receiving the Falcon. By the end of this year, you will no longer receive the Falcon if you have not completed the enclosed form and mailed it back to home office.

1. We are committed to deliver the Falcon through electronic media, where possible; therefore, as of April 1, 2012, new members joining the society that provide an email address, will receive the Falcon by email, those without will receive a hard copy of the Falcon, one per family.

2. We are requesting all members with an email address receive the Falcon through email. Please send your request to maassie@slovakcatholickokol.org or mail in the enclosed form. Please reference the Falcon in the subject line and ask to have the regular mailed issue discontinued.

3. We understand that some of our members do not have e-mail or internet access. You can still request a mailed copy of the Falcon. Below you will find a form to complete. You can decide whether you wish to receive the Falcon electronically or via the regular mail. YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE FALCON! We are asking you to respond by December 15, 2012.

NOTE: IF you have already signed up for e-mail or have already sent back the previous request to have the Falcon mailed to your home, you can disregard the enclosed form.

There are many benefits to receiving the Falcon electronically …

• You receive it sooner (especially helpful to our Canadian members who usually have to wait two weeks to receive the paper)
• It is easier to read and save.
• You will be doing your part to conserve our natural resources by eliminating the printing of paper and mailing.
• You will be helping the organization to reduce the excessive cost of printing and shipping.
• The quality of the paper is better.
• Since it is electronic, it can also be accessed at the Slovak Catholic Sokol website www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

How do you wish to receive the Slovak Catholic Falcon?

IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE HOME OFFICE BY DECEMBER 15, 2012, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A COPY OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON.

Please write your name in the space provided and check one of the following options.

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Mail to: Slovak Catholic Sokol --- EFALCON
205 Madison Street, P.O. Box 889, Passaic, N.J. 07055
An Opportunity to Increase Your Life Insurance Coverage

Throughout the past number of years there has been much concern and talk regarding the financial crises, lack of employment and other related items receiving headlines, but there is another one that is just as concerning - the crisis is that many Americans do not have adequate life insurance coverage.

According to LIMRA International, 68 million adult Americans have no life insurance at all and those with coverage have far less than most experts recommend for a secure financial future for their families. With so many Americans in a financially vulnerable situation today, the life insurance industry has created a public awareness campaign aimed at encouraging the public to take stock of their life insurance needs.

A Life Insurance Awareness campaign generally takes place during the fall season. The campaign is an industrywide effort coordinated by the nonprofit LIFE Foundation. Each year, LIFE is joined in this educational initiative by more than 100 of the nation’s leading insurance companies and other industry groups, including fraternal benefit societies like our own. All share the same objective: to end the unnecessary financial suffering that so often occurs when a loved one dies.

When an individual dies without adequate life insurance coverage, surviving family members often face very difficult financial consequences like having to work additional jobs or other hours, borrow money from friends and family, move to smaller, less expensive housing, or put plans for a child’s education on hold. You need to consider how your family would fare financially if suddenly, you were not there to provide for them. Where would the money come from to pay for your funeral, the monthly bills, the mortgage, and the kids’ education costs? These types of questions are the life insurance industry wants all Americans to ask themselves. If you have any doubts as to how your family would manage without you, it is time to take charge of your situation by getting a life insurance check-up today.

Do not gamble with your family’s financial future for one more minute. Take charge of your life insurance situation today and rest easier knowing your loved ones will be taken care of if something were to happen to you.

Life insurance is considered by many financial experts as the key to sound financial planning. It is a cost effective method to providing for those you care most about, when you are gone. There are a number of important factors that make life insurance an important tool; income replacement, the ability to pay outstanding debts, long-term obligations, estate planning and wealth transfer.

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In conjunction with our fall Life Insurance Awareness effort, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is excited to introduce a new life insurance campaign, “Sokol Heritage”, this campaign is established to provide to our current members and their immediate family members an opportunity to purchase affordable, quality and relatively easy to obtain life insurance.

This offering will be available from August 15, 2012 through December 15, 2012. This is a benefit offered exclusively for our existing members and families of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, who currently have a life insurance policy or annuity certificate in force.

You are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to increase your life insurance coverage.

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From the Desk of the Supreme Secretary

My Fraternal View

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

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERISM

Recently, along with Supreme President, Larry M. Glu- gosh we had the opportunity to be in Pittsburgh where we took the time to honor our 2012 Fraternalist of the Year, Joan J. Yanosick. Our Fraternalist of the Year beautifully mirrors what it means to be a true fraternalist. While fraternal benefit societies, like our own, provide outstanding insurance and annuity products which assure financial strength and security, they also provide so much more. Many members of fraternalists are individuals who work in their com-
munities in a generous, loving and thoughtful manner. Our Sister Joan better known as “Aunt Joannie” to many of us, is just such an individual. With her husband, Jack they have raised a wonderful family. In addition to their own family, for many years they have devoted their time, talents and efforts in caring for their fraternal brother and sister, Sokols and Sokolky. Joan and Jack make for an ideal fraternal couple and we are pleased that they have served our organization for these many years. I pray that they will continue with their efforts in the best traditions of the fraternal benefit sys-
tem. Again, our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Joan J. Yanosick our 2012 S.C.S. Fraternalist of the Year.

In early September, several of our officers joined the leadership of the fraternal benefit system in the United States and Canada at the 126th Annual Meeting of the American Fraternal Al-
Alliance. The Alliance represents more than 70 fraternalists with nearly 10 million members in the U.S. and Canada. Fraternalists provide suc-
cessful, stable and member-focused benefits to our members. We provide an important alternative to the commercial life insurance market- place. In addition to the outstanding financial security we provide our members, we also are member-oriented and offer many benefits which commercial insurers do not provide. That’s what sets us apart. In our case, we provide our members with many gymnast-
us and sporting activities and offer a generous scholarship program to insure that our young people achieve their educational goals. In addition, we provide support for many local community initiatives which assist those in need in local communities across the country. We have a 107-year record of service and outreach which is second to none in the fraternal world. When meeting other fraternal leaders, I am very proud of our record and many of them marvel at the num-
ber of young people who participate in our various sporting and fra-
ternal activities. So, all in all, our organization’s participation in the American Fraternal Alliance is always a positive experience.

With the knowledge shared and opportunities for networking at these meetings, I always come away with many new insights and sugges-
tions on how to strengthen the fraternal benefit system in general and the Slovak Catholic Sokol in particular.

As part of our insurance awareness effort, we have intro-
duced a new life insurance campaign Sokol Heritage.” The cam-
paign is an opportunity for our current members to increase their own insurance coverage with us and to purchase affordable, quality insurance coverage for the members of their families at specially reduced rates. It’s a wonderful opportunity and I hope that many of our members will take advantage of this unique campaign. The campaign will be available until December 15, 2012. Take the time and read all the details found in this issue.

Our Single Premium Life plan has been very popular. While appealing to young and old alike, the vast majority of pur-
chases have been for children. The minimum purchase is $5,000. There are several reasons for considering this plan of insurance. Parents or grandparents should consider it because it makes a
children and grandchildren members of our organization and enti-
tles them to many of our fraternal benefits. It is a very economical plan for insurance. For seniors, it enables them to leave tax-free proceeds for their heirs. It enables our annuity holders the opportunity to create a larger estate for their family. And of course there is just one payment. So, there’s no better time than the present to take advan-
tage of the reduced rates offered by our Sokol Heritage Campaign and purchase a Single Premium Life plan for your family members.

It makes for the perfect Christmas gift. For additional information on our campaign or any of our various insurance and annuity prod-
ucts, feel free to contact our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. at tel. 888-381-5431, or call the Home Office at 800 886-7656, or speak with your local Group or Assembly/Wreath
officer.

As we approach Election Day, I encourage all our mem-
bers to exercise their democratic right to choose our elected lead-
ers. If you are not as yet registered to vote, make it a point to do so as soon as possible. Selecting our President, Vice President and members of Congress is so very important in these very challenging times we find ourselves in.

Our Groups, along with our Assemblies and Wreaths will be hosting their annual meetings in the coming weeks. I wish them well and encourage our members to participate where possible. Fi-
nally, I hope you and your family have the opportunity to get out doors and enjoy the colorful fall foliage during this beautiful time of the year. Walking helps to keep us fit and there’s no more beautiful time of year than the fall to do so.

Until next time, have a great week, good health to all and peace be with you. Zdar Bob!
150th anniversary of the Sokol movement held in Prague

Tens of thousands of people turned out in the Eden Stadium of Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, on July 6th for the closing exhibition of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol movement. Sokol members from various parts of the globe participated in the historic gathering. Among the participants were representatives of various Sokol organizations in the United States and Canada. The week-long celebration included a parade through center-city Prague, various exhibitions and included a special tribute to the United States on July 4th. The Ceremony of Democracy and Freedom was planned by American participants at the Woodrow Wilson Monument and Walk of Freedom in Prague. The ceremony took place at the recently restored Woodrow Wilson Monument in downtown Prague. President Wilson was a strong advocate for the emancipation of the Slovaks and Czechs from the Austro-Hungarian Empire during World War I. With the support of President Wilson's Fourteen Points, the first Republic of Czechoslovakia was established in 1919 with the blessings of the United States. The Fourth of July occasion was a unique opportunity for the American Sokols in attendance at the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol movement to celebrate American independence in Prague on the Fourth of July. The speakers at the celebration paid tribute to the ties between the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the United States’ common goal of freedom and democracy.

From its beginnings in 1862 in Prague, over the years, the Sokol movement spread not only among the Czechs and Slovaks but among all of the Slavic nations. In 1865, just three years after its founding the Sokol movement came to the United States with the early Czech immigrants. The first Slovak Sokol organization in the United States was founded in 1896 and later in 1905 our own Catholic Sokol organization was founded. A number of other Sokol organizations followed both in the U.S. and Canada as well.

As a part of the Sokol movement, we are pleased to continue the fine traditions of good sportsmanship, education and patriotism as we observe its sesquicentennial observance. May we continue to share our historic Sokol greetings, Nazdari(toward success) and our own Zdar Boh! with God) as Catholic Sokols in the years ahead.

Raritan, N.J. Slovak parish to note 100th anniversary on October 21

St. Joseph’s Parish in Raritan, N.J. will conclude its Centennial Year observance on Sunday, October 21.

The Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of Metuchen, will be principal celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. A gala centennial luncheon will follow at the Raritan Valley Country Club. For luncheon reservations call tel. (908) 725-0163. Ext. 10 weekdays 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Father Kenneth Kolibas currently serves as pastor of the parish.

Slovak immigrants, mostly from the eastern counties of Spis, Zemplin, and Sabin in the then Austro-Hungarian Empire began emigrating to the Raritan area in the early years of the twentieth century where they found employment in the woolen mills, Dukes Park and on the railroad. The number of Slovak families increased rapidly when they petitioned the Commissariat of the Holy Cross in Lemont, Ill. for the establishment of a parish. Bishop Robert Mitchell, who directed the Sokol movement, entrusted to the ministry of the Franciscan friars, initially from the Commissariat of the Holy Cross in Lemont, Ill. and then beginning in 1926 from the Vice Province of the Most Holy Savior in Pittsburgh. The Franciscans continued to serve the parish until 1954, when priests of the Diocese of Paterson once again resumed their ministry in the parish.

Currently the parish is served by the Rev. John T. Connolly, administrator, the Rev. Hector Melendez, associate, the Rev. Martin Kertys, C.O., who directs the Slovak Program. The parish is blessed with the presence of a Pontifical confraternity of Mary Magdalen.

A gala centennial luncheon will be held following the Mass of Thanksgiving, Saturday, October 20.

Pioneer members of Assembly 162, Robert Raichel is serving as chairperson of the Centennial committee. Many Slovaks and Sokolky are serving on this committee as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year – October 7th

Mark 10:2-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark: The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” They were testing him.

He said to them in reply, “What did Moses command you?”

They replied, “Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.” But Jesus told them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.

Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.’ In the case of the disciples again, questioned Jesus about this.

He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and commits adultery against her;

and if she divorces her husband and commits adultery against him;

she commits adultery.”

Gospel for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year – October 14th

Mark 10: 17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: ‘You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.’”

He replied and said to him, “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.”

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, “You are lacking in one thing. (Continued on page 14)
SOKOL HERITAGE - GUIDELINES:
Qualifications to participate in the “Sokol Heritage” Fraternal Benefit
An existing member in good standing of the Slovak Catholic Sokol with a current Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance or an Annuity Certificate, and their Immediate Family Members.

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

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

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Life Insurance - The Key to Sound Financial Planning

Fraternal Benefit Reduced Premiums –
Legacy 10, Legacy 20 and Legacy Life
When purchased and qualified as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the society will issue a 50% Fraternal Benefit, that will be applied to reduce the first year premium, all succeeding premium payments will be at the regular premium rates.

Legacy Single Premium and Legacy 3
When a new certificate is purchased and qualified as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the society will issue, a “10% fraternal benefit” that will be applied to reduce the total premium amount.

Taking Advantage of “Sokol Heritage” –
Contact the Home Office (800) 886-7656, the Sales & Marketing Office (888) 381-5431 or contact your local Group or Assembly Officer and request a Life Insurance Application. You can find information and premium rates regarding the Sokol Heritage Campaign on our web site www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

Due to the large reduction to the premium rates this campaign will not include a recommender’s fee.

SOKOL HERITAGE - Application Instructions:

1. Complete the “SOKOL HERITAGE” Application Form (SHAPP-12).
2. Complete the Application for Life Insurance (LA-10).
3. Mail the “SOKOL HERITAGE” Application Form (SHAPP-12), Application for Life Insurance (LA-10) and your initial premium to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol
PO Box 699
Passaic, NJ 07055

SOKOL HERITAGE - Application
Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Benefit Offer

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

1. The right to obtain a Guaranteed Issue Permanent Life Insurance Certificate for yourself or an Immediate Family member; and
2. A 50% reduction for the 1st year premium if the certificate chosen is a Legacy 10, Legacy 20 or Legacy Life plan. A 10% Reduction on a Legacy Single Premium or a Legacy 3 Life plan.

Existing Member Name: ___________________________ Certificate #: _______________

Applicant Name Full Name: _____________________
Address: ____________________________________
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Current Age: _____ (Applicant Qualifying ages are 0 – 80)
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**SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON, OCTOBER 3, 2012**
## Sokol Heritage - Legacy 10

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On Sunday, November 11, Group 2, “Rev. Stephen Panuk” will host its 30th annual St. Martin Day Celebration and one of its lodges, Wreath 39 of Bridgeport will observe its 100th anniversary. The gala celebration begins with participants attending a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church, located at 1950 Bar- num Avenue in Stratford, Conn. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 2. Participants will assemble in the church vesti- bule at 10:45 a.m. so as to march in a body to the liturgy. The Rev. Andrew Marus serves as pastor of this Slovak parish.

Following the liturgy, a reception and luncheon will be enjoyed at the Grassy Hill Lodge in nearby Derby, Conn., where our Sister Sokolka, Martha Dulla, Esq. is the owner and proprietor. Music for dancing, singing and listening pleasure will be provided by our Brother Sokol, Tony Dulla, Party Central DJ of Assembly 33.

Inasmuch as much of our celebration coincides with the observance of Veterans Day, as is our custom, we will acknowledge and pay tribute to all of our Veterans who will be present. We re- call that St. Martin, our organization’s great patron himself, was a soldier. In a spirit of patriotism, we would ask that participants consider wearing something red, white and blue. At this year’s celebration, we will recognize two well-known Sokols who celebrated their 90th birthday this year, namely our Group 2 Chaplain, Rev. A. Leo Spodnik who celebrated his 90th on June 5 and our Group 2 Treasurer John Simans who turned 90 on April 19, Wreaths and Assemblies who wish to recognize their 50 and 75 year members at this time with a beautiful gold pin and certifi- cate, courtesy of the home office, should notify Group 2 President Eileen S. Wilson so they may be included in the program.

The cost of the celebration, which includes the luncheon, reception, drink tickets is $25.00 for members and $35.00 for guests. Children age 10 and under pay $10.00. Meal choices include: Baked Salmon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Prime Rib Auj, Vegetarian. Children will enjoy chicken tenders. In order to properly prepare for this gala, reservations, accompanied by a check (non-refundable) made payable to SCS Group 2, by the RSVP deadline date of Friday, October 28, mailed to Group 2 Treasurer, John Si- nam, 406 Erwin St., Trumbull, Conn. 06611 will be strictly ad- hered to. Reservations for tables of 8 or 10 may be reserved with all names provided.

Reservations may be made with any of the following: Wreath 1, Eileen S. Wilson (203) 578-8837; Wreath 39, Larry or Mary Ann Wells (203) 375-2368; Wreath 86 and Assembly 23, Bonnie Landor Ross(203) 482-9062; Assembly 9, Jack Zark (203) 268-4727 or (Continued on page 15)
Our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic, center, whose first priestly assignment was at the Parish of the Epiphany, is currently the pastor of the parish. He is shown with his brother priests who co-celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving on September 2. Shown, from the left, Rev. James Alco, Rev. Bryan Wright, who is the current assistant at the parish; the Rev. Vincent F. Langan, the parish’s retired pastor; and the Rev. Richard A. Cirba, chaplain of Group 7, “Rev. Joseph Murgas.”

Immediate family members shown with our jubilarian, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic include, seated, his parents, Andrew and Margaret Hvozdovic and flanking him, l-r, his nephews Joshua and Steven Hvozdovic, and brother and sister-in-law, Steven A. and Chyrisse Hvozdovic.

Our jubilarian, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic is shown above with his proud parents, Margaret and Andrew “Butch” Hvozdovic prior to the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Photo left includes well-known Group 7 personalities who participated in the Silver Jubilee of Father Hvozdovic. Shown are seated, Audrey Graham and Anna Kollesar and standing from the left, Fred Graham, Suzanne Horvath, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic Father Richard A. Cirba, Heather Horvath and her dad, Group 7 President and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath.
Scenes of the 35th Annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival
PNC Bank Arts Center + Holmdel, N.J. + Sunday, September 23
The number of Slovakia-based companies listed among the 500 highest-earning companies in CEE decreased to 31 from 50 companies listed in 2011, according to the 2012 ranking released by financial magazine Forbes. The overall earnings of the Slovakia-based companies listed in the table went up by 12 percent to $45 billion. 

**Slovakia to contribute additional funds towards new NATO headquarters**

Slovakia should by 2017 contribute an additional $8.5 million towards constructing the new NATO headquarters building in Belgium, reads a proposal submitted for a government session. The financial means for this purpose will come from the Foreign Affairs Ministry’s budget as part of contributions to international organizations. From the overall scheduled costs of $12 million, Slovakia has so far contributed about $4 million. In addition, the Slovak Representation to NATO will also require some extra financial support in connection with this process.

**Radicova won’t run for president in 2014 but not ruling out a return**

Former prime minister Iveta Radicova in an interview for Radio Express on September 3rd said that she won’t run for president in the election in 2014. “Thanks for the trust, but no, really,” said Ms. Radicova, who added that her experience in politics had scarred her due to the degree of arrogance, hate and aggression she encountered.

“Radicova also complained about the “lack of freedom in politics due to necessary compromises, and the lack of freedom to respond to stimuli that can be described neither as decent nor cultivated.” On top of this, politics requires a great deal of sacrifice, she said. “If you want to be engaged in politics to the fullest, you must scrap everything else in your life,” said Ms. Radicova, who added that her experience in politics had scarred her due to the degree of arrogance, hate and aggression she encountered.

**Slovakia attracts more tourists in 1H2012 than in 1H11**

The number of holidaymakers in Slovakia in the first half of 2012 rose compared to the same period in 2011, both in terms of domestic tourists (up 5.6 percent) and foreign tourists (up 1 percent), the Slovak Tourism Agency (SACR) announced on September 12.
**Report of General Counsel Concerning The American Fraternal Alliance**

by Attorney John D. Pogorelec

The 120th Annual Meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, su-
cessor to the National Fraternal Congress of America of America, was
held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from September 6th to September 11th,
2012. There were 142 delegates, several fraternal leaders and
members, and State fraternal congresses. Attending on behalf of the Slovak Catholic Sokol were the fol-
lowing: Larry M. Ghoghos, Supreme President; Ste-
ven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Secretary; Albert J. Guzzis, Sales Manager; and the undersigned.

**Vital Community Role**

Fraternal benefit societies hold a unique place in history since they are a different kind of life insur-
ance and security provider, securing members' futures through reliable service offering and giving back to their local communities through meaningful volunteer activities.

Many fraternal benefit societies, such as ours, were created to serve the needs of immigrants and others struggling to secure financial se-
curity for their families. Fraternals create a strong sense of community sup-
port for their members by also providing financial security through life insurance and other financial products. The original mission of fraternals, which began as a simple idea more than 125 years ago, is as relevant and important to members today.

Fraternals provide the following:

1. Support and enrich lives with a variety of charitable outreach;
2. Fraternals touch those in need;
3. Fraternals support a variety of cultures and generations; and
4. Fraternals are united in service and financial security.

**Major Emphasis**

This American Alliance meeting highlighted the following major areas:

1. Governance Roadmap: Change starts at Your Convention. This workshop suggests convention issues. Societies whose con-
ventions act at the supreme governing body, such as ours, are faced with a variety of challenges that restrict their ability to grow and modernize.

2. Educational: This education session provides federal, state, and local government regulatory updates.

3. Annuity and Life Insurance Tax Compliance: Why you should care and what you can do when mistakes happen.

4. Social Media: If You’re Late to the Party, You Shouldn’t Watch Catch 22. This work session was designed to help everyone use their important tools to enhance their interaction with members, prospects, local chapters, and agents. The benefits of the use of Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter were discussed, and the benefits of being on line show how societies may present themselves to a vast majority of con-
sumers.

5. Generate Dramatic Growth by Optimizing Your Business Strate-
gies to Succeed in the Hispanic Market. This session provided factors on the opportunity to develop a successful Hispanic marketing strategy.

6. Dispute Resolution the Fraternal Way. This workshop provided an efficient and cost-effective process for resolving membership disputes. This session showed participants how to accomplish satisfactory resolution of sensitive membership information that fraternal benefit societies face. The workshop demonstrated how to assess a society’s risks to these external environmental factors and also how to protect the society, its board, and membership from the potential fallout from these risks.

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30th Annual benefit dinner set for Slovak Radio Hour

All is in readiness for this year’s 30th annual benefit dinner and dance in support of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located at 201 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. The festivities begin with a reception at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the ever-popular Joseph Jurasi Band from New Jersey. Tickets for the gala in support of the popular Slovak Radio Hour are $35.00 per person. For ticket reservations call (412)421-1204.

The annual dinner and dance serves as the principal fund-raising event in support of the Slovak Radio Hour. It is hosted by our well-known Slovak fraternal couple and our Sokol members, Rudy and Sue Ondrejcak. The radio program is heard in western Pennsylvania every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. on Station WPTT 101.5 FM/730 AM. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Sue and Rudy Ondrejcak and the Slovak Radio Hour as it celebrates its 30th anniversary. We encourage our Sokol members in western Pennsylvania to turn out for the dinner-dance and listen in to the Slovak Radio Hour which is dedicated to the promotion of our rich Slovak heritage and culture. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Welcome to Slovak Catholic Sokol

Introducing our New Members Enrolled During the Month of August 2012

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2012 Fraternalist of the Year

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nine million members.

Supreme President Larry M. Giobbe then offered some fra-
ternal remarks and paid tribute to Sister Yanosick’s wonderful record of volunteerism and fraternal out-
reach. He joined her many friends and admirers in thanking her for her efforts and praying the God would con-
tinue to bless her with good health and happiness in the years ahead.

In addition to our organization, Sister Yanosick is an active mem-
ber of Prince of Peace Parish lo-
ated on Pittsburgh’s South Side where she serves as a Lector and member of the Christian Mothers Club. She crochets blankets, robes, scarfs, hats and children’s and the home
ess as an active member of the Holy Angels Club Choir.

Sister Janosick’s many friends and admirers throughout our or-
ganization offered their congratu-
lations and fraternal best wishes to her for so beautifully repres-
enting the high ideals of Sokol fraternalism. God bless you Joan and Zdrar Boh! 

Your Beneficiaries

When was the last time you looked at your designated benefici-
aries 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.

Lodge Jottings

EGYPT, PA
Assembly 255

The annual meeting of our As-
sembly under the fostering care of St. Michael the Archangel is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 in the social hall of Holy Trinity Parish located at 4556 Main Street in Whitehall-Egypt. Our meeting will commence at 1 p.m. All members are invited to attend this annual meeting.

At this meeting, our regular or-
der of business will be continued, concluding with election of offi-
cers to serve our lodge for 2013. We are looking forward to seeing new faces and hoping for a good
turnout of members. Officers are prepared to give a report of their activities for the past year.

At the conclusion of our busi-
ness meeting we will join our fellow Slovak fraternalists of Jed-
nota, Branch 796 for a traditional

luncheon featuring Slovak culi-
nary specialties. Good fellow-
ship in the best traditions of Slo-
kivak fraternalism will be enjoyed by all.

May Jesus and our Blessed Mother keep our organization in their hands. In the name of all the officers of Assembly 255, may I extend to all a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas hol-
iday season to our brother and sis-
ter, Sokols and Sokolky through-
out the country.

Zdrar Boh!
Monica Anthony
Recording Secretary

WHITING, IND.
Wreath 81

Our Wreath will host its next meeting on Sunday, October 7 in the Sacred Heart Rose Room

Gospel for the Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

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Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me.”

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus, looked around and said to his disciples:

“How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!”

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but for God. All things are possible for God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PAGE 14                     SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON, OCTOBER 3, 2012

Slovak Catholic Sokol
25th International Softball Tournament
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + July 13-15

EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

Revenues
Home Office allotment, as per July 3, 2012 request to the Home Office $8,900.00
Team entry fees, 14 teams @ $350.00 per team... 4,900.00
Total Revenues .......................... $13,800.00

Expenses
Hotel, Best Western(88 rooms @ $114.45........ $10,071.60
Hotel, Best Western(4 rooms @ $199.20.......... 436.80
Drinks/dinner, Michael Horvath .................. 146.63
Field Rentals, City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ......... 4,000.00
Championship Trophies, TIA Consultants ....... 315.00
Tourney official fees, Kirby Park(Ron Trimbale) $520.00
Food/catering, Metz Culinary ........... 2,210.00
Softballs/bats/kegs Sporting Goods........ 1,700.00
Total Expenses .......................... $14,442.11

Difference ................................... $257.89
Report of General Counsel Concerning The American Fraternal Alliance

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8. Measuring Member Satisfaction: How Does Your Society Stack Up?

Measuring member satisfaction is one of the best ways to discover a society’s strengths and weaknesses. Information and facts were given on how financial service organizations are able to benchmark their customers’ satisfaction, drive organizational strategy and use the results in fresh marketing and communications campaigns.

9. Who Will Lead?

This workshop concerned itself with developing leaders. The presenter provided attendees with effective tools to maximize the performance of the entire team, from field force to group leaders, to the home office staff. The secrets of identifying, recruiting, and training the future leaders of the society were discussed.

Needless to say, the workshops were outsold in minutes. They were designed to anticipate the changing requirements in governance, advocacy, and marketing.

Management, Technology and Organization

An interesting program was presented by the keynote speaker, Jim Collins, who has written numerous books on management of corporations, technology, strategic planning, and future decision-making. Terms such as discipline, ambition, creativity, fashion, and progress were discussed. The thrust of the presentation was to build momentum and instill confidence so that societies will prevail, regardless of the obstacles they face. We are only complete if we are useful.

In an election year, the American Alliance was able to have Mary Mautlin and James Carville address the delegates. The husband and wife team have moved to New Orleans and presented timely and balanced political observations on the national as well as the local scene.

Edward L. Potter, the Executive Director of the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation/Americas presented an interesting historical perspective on how fraternal benefit societies were founded in 1869 by the “Ancient Order of United Workmen” and cited that fraternal benefit societies will be winners in the future by: (1) utilizing value-based strategy, (2) communication of values, (3) engagement with members, (4) listening and to respond to members, (5) adapt to changing member needs, (6) address social, environmental, and ethical issues, (7) fair and transparent reporting in governance, (8) professional and sell new business, (9) place customers at heart of decision, and finally, (10) create a culture that encourages all the above.

Taxation

A representative from the law firm acting as lobbyist for the American Fraternal Alliance in Washington, D.C. stated that House Resolution No. 116 is proposed which, in effect, supports fraternals and the tax exemptions they enjoy.

Fraternal beneﬁts were cited that fraternal beneﬁts societies may beneﬁt from in terms of what we have to offer to our membership. As you can see by reading the Minutes of the meeting of the Fraternal Alliance Congress, the membership numbers have begun to grow which is the key to our future. However, your help is needed in order for our organization to successfully grow and prosper. I urge you to try and enroll a new member by the end of this year. If you do, WE WILL PAY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Local Reading, Pa.

Golf Tournament

Members of Assembly 261 and Wreath 155 along with the Sokol Home Association in Reading, Pa. are hosting their annual local Golf Tournament to Saturday, October 20. The annual benefit competition will be held at the scenic Manor Golf Club with a buffet. Golfers can expect food, drinks along with cash prizes are included in the $65.00 person entrance fee.

Interested area golfers are asked to sign-up their foursomes now by contacting Dave Materi at dm@verizon.net or the sign-up list at the Sokol Manor Golf Club located at 411 Crestmont Street in Reading, tel.(610)375-4500. We are also looking for volunteers and hole sponsors for the golf tournament. An enjoyable time is assured at our golf tournament. For additional information on the tournament, please visit our website at www.readingsokol.org.

Zdar Boh!

Joseph Harak
President, Group 12

Sokol Birthdays

OCTOBER 3

Theresa Zegura Wiesner
Northampton, Pa., a member of Assembly 255, Whitehall, Pa.

OCTOBER 5

Deborah D. Lubati
North Brad-
dock, Pa., a member of Assembly 179, Braddock, Pa.

OCTOBER 6

Patricia L. Bitz
Streamwood, III., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

Maria Jurasi
Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Cliffon, N.J.

OCTOBER 7

Mary Barcelowsky
The Vil-
lages, FL, a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

Matthew D. Duska
Villanova, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

Emily Nicole Goberisher
Ambridge, Pa., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Linda M. Simko
Barberton, Oh., a member of Wreath 43, Akron, Oh.

Michael G. Spisak
Johnstown, Pa., a member of Assembly 14, John-
town, Pa.

OCTOBER 8

Caden Patrick Buck
Poland, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Robert Cupper
Bellevue Vernon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moun
eson, Pa.

M. Michael J. Chaback
S.D.T., Northampton, Pa., Chaplain of Group 10 and a member of Assembly 78, Birdlemham, Pa.

Stephanie Ann Chiaro
Chesape
ek, Pa., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

OCTOBER 9

John D. Rokovic
Allepport, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moun
eson, Pa.

Elizabeth A. Cholawa
Shillington,
Pa., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

Eric Soppi
Upton, Pa., a member of Assembly 167, Barber
ton, Oh.

Jan Slovak
Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

Kathleen R. Hildebrand
Carfield, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

OCTOBER 13

David A. Bulwin
Cliffon, N.J.

30th Annual St. Martin Day Celebration and 100th Anniversary of Wreath 39

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Judy Sablan
(203)333-3716; Assembly 33, Martha Dulla
(203)734-1616 or Assembly 308, Paul Nemerberg
(203)372-1136.

When making reservations, members are asked to inquire if there will be any charge if they belong to a particular lodge. To date, we have been notified that Feuchta 1 and 39 and Assembly 9 will pay for their members.

The traditional Special Events raffle will benefit the Jozef Car
dinal Tomko Scholarship Fund at the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. Additional highlights will make our dual celebration very special. Join us for this gala Dual Celebration as we observe the 30th anniversary of our St. Martin Day celebra
tion and the centennial of one of our oldest local lodges, Wreath 39. Zdar Boh!

Fraternally,
Eileen S. Wilson
President, Group 2
MINUTES OF THE
SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIA
CONFERENCE CALL

F I R S T  S E S S I O N
Saturday, September 22, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

President Glugosh thanked the General Counsel for his report and called upon Su-

Brother Suess further reported on the year-end projections, Sokol Secure Fund, Sokol Heritage Campaign, agent recruitment, web site, administrative software and his activities since our last Board meeting.

In conclusion, several recommendations were presented as they pertain to our current investment advisors, extending the deadline for the e-mail version of our publica-

President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the Membership/Sales and

Marketing Report for discussion purposes, as moved by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich.

Numerous questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board members. Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath moved that our organ-

ization apply to join the World Sokol Federation, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich in their department of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller to apply for membership on behalf of our organization.

After all the discussions were completed the report was accepted. Approved.

President Glugosh expressed his thanks to Brother Suess for his extensive report and recommended that the report be made available to all members online.

President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the report.

President Glugosh reported that since our last Board of Directors meeting, we have completed our International Softball Tournament which was held in Wilkes-Barre, PA on

July 13-15, 2012. A total of 14 teams participated. The 9 Men’s teams participating were from Group 1 Passaic (2 teams), Group 3 Douglas, Massachusetts, Group 5 Cleveland, Group 6 Peryopolis (2 teams), Group 7 Wilkes-Barre (2 teams), and Group 14 Pittsburgh (2 teams). The 5 Women’s teams participating were from Group 1 Passaic, Group 3 Doug-

las, Group 5 Cleveland, Group 7 Wilkes-Barre, and Group 14 Pittsburgh. The Tournament Financial Report has been completed and forwarded to Headquarters with a refund check.

A copy of the financials has also been forwarded to the Falcon for publication.

The International Golf Tournament was held on August 10-12, 2012 at Treasure Lake Resort in DuBois, PA. A total of 104 golfers were in attendance for the weekend. The Finance Report is in the process of being completed and will be forwarded to the Home Office.

Brother Ed further reported that the next annual meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is being planned and consideration is being given for sometime in January, 2013 in the Pittsburgh, PA area.

Brother Moeller then discussed the schedule of events and the sites and dates for 2013:

May 3-5, 2013 Bowling
Airport Inn Airport, Buffalo, NY
Holiday Inn Airport, Buffalo, NY
(Combined with other fraternal)

June 28-30, 2013 Softball
New Jersey Area
(Tentative waiting for commitments)

July 16-20, 2013 Slet
Slippery Rock University
Slippery Rock, PA

August 9-11, 2013 Golf
Wilkes-Barre Area
(Tentative waiting for commitments)

After a lively discussion, President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Report, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, Kath-

leen S. Watkins and seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Moeller for his report and asked General Counsel John D. Pogorelec, Esq. for the Legal Department Report.

Counsel reported that the newest update was regarding

1. Brother John offered comments regarding the recent developments with the continuing litigation between Assembly 206 Ambridge, PA and the Sokol Club which continues according to the Rules of Civil Procedure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. Brother John also reported on the foreclosure proceedings of one of the mortgages that continues to be delinquent, however payments are being received but not in a timely manner.

3. Lastly, Brother John informed the Board members that he has reviewed a new Administrative Software Agreement from the provider and has made several recommendations to the contract to protect the interests of our organization and has forwarded them to the Supreme Secretary.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the Report of our General Counsel, so moved by Su-

preme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic and seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak.

President Glugosh thanked the General Counsel for his report and called upon Su-

preme Physical Director, Julie Ann Dobbs, Chairperson of the Scholarship Advisory Com-

mittee for a report.

Sister Dobbs reported that an article will be published in the Falcon regarding the Scholarship Grants starting in November. Information will be also available on our web-

site. Efforts continue to enhance the process of applying for our grants and it is hopeful that a total online completion of the application be considered, however, the drawback now is the verification process by the assembly/wrath members.

Sister Dobbs indicated that the College Scholarship Program will once again allow applicants to apply for multiple grants as done last year and the selection committee agreed with the best individuals being selected for the various grants.

Regarding the Museum Memorial Scholarships, it was recommended by Su-

preme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller to award two $1,000.00 grants for the 2013-2014 program rather than several $500.00 grants as we have in the past. The recommendation was seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins.

Approved.

Sister Dobbs and the Board members discussed at length the problems with ac-

ceptance of the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held July 13, 2012 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Con-

ference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and published in the July 25th, 2012 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. moved for the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs. Approved.

President Glugosh informed the Board members that they all have received the minutes from our last Board of Director’s meeting and entertained a motion for their ac-

ception.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held July 13, 2012 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Con-

ference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and published in the July 25th, 2012 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. moved for the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs. Approved.

In conclusion, several recommendations were presented as they pertain to our current investment advisors, extending the deadline for the e-mail version of our publica-

and members extending their greetings, prayers and best wishes to the Slovak Catholic So-

The Supreme Secretary reported that a written communication was received from the President of Group 4, head-

tion at the meeting.

弟妹 Charles J. Fogle wishing the Board members God’s blessings and granting them

The record will show that all ten members of the Board of Directors are on the Conference Call.

Also joining in on the call were, Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C., PNC Bank Vice – President/Marketing Director, Thomas Calimano, and the Slo-

vak Catholic Sokol Accountant, Mr. Alvin Egly, CPA.

President Glugosh informed the Board members that they all have received the minutes from our last Board of Director’s meeting and entertained a motion for their ac-

ception.

Also, a written communication was received from the President of Group 4, head-

quarters in Poughkeepsie, Illinois, Brother Tony Tosti, Esq. on behalf of all the new officers and members extending their greetings, prayers and best wishes to the Slovak Catholic So-

kol Supreme Board of Directors for a successful and productive meeting.

A greeting was received from the President of Group 15 Buffalo, New York, Brother Charles J. Fogle wishing the Board members God’s blessings and granting them wisdom in their deliberations.

Lastly a communication was presented from Charlotte Byers, Secretary for “Feed My Sheep” Food Cupboard in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania thanking the organization and the Clinic participants for the summer food and monetary donations made to the Food Cup-

board. Our support helps to make their ministry possible.

President Glugosh thanked the Supreme Secretary and asked the Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C. to present the Membership/Sales and Marketing Report.

The Director of Sales and Marketing, Brother Suess presented a lengthy report bringing the Board members up to date with his progress.

As of September 1, 2012, 316 life insurance applications have been processed, 279 are for new members and 37 are for existing members who increased their coverage.

The total face amount of insurance issued for the first eight months totaled $5,119,740.00.

Reviewing a year comparison, the overall loss of certificates at the end of August 2011 totaled 387, for the same time period in 2012, the loss of certificates was only 242.

This reflects that 145 less certificates were lost in 2012.

The total number of certificates as of September 1, 2012 is 31,095, and the total number of members is 27,894. This reflects a loss of 242 certificates and 134 members.

New members amounted to 279 with 122 being Juniors and 157 Senior members.

99 annuity certificates were issued consisting of 68 for new members and 31 with additional deposits.

Life insurance sales continue to grow as compared to the same time frame of 2011.

Face amounts to date total over 5.1 million compared to 1.6 million in 2011. The average Face Amount improved to over $16,202 as compared to $9,230 in 2011. Premium Dollars increased $229,454 in 2012 as compared to $140,526 in 2011. Term insurance sales are up as well. Regarding the 99 annuity certificates, they amounted to $2,494,292.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the Report of our General Counsel, so moved by Su-

preme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic and seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak.

President Glugosh thanked the General Counsel for his report and called upon Su-

preme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller to award two $1,000.00 grants for the 2013-2014 program rather than several $500.00 grants as we have in the past. The recommendation was seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins.

Approved.

Sister Dobbs and the Board members discussed at length the problems with ac-
The Board members briefly discussed the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered. Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak moved that we offer the same interest rate for the last quarter of 2012 for the annuities that were offered for the third quarter of 2012 on all our Vantage products, seconded by Supreme Physical Director Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved.

President Glugosh questioned if there was any Unfinished Business to address. The Supreme Secretary informed the Board members that on October 11, 2012 a Conference Call will be held with examiners and representatives of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance which has been done in the past. Also on the call will be our Supreme Auditors, Investment Advisor, Accountant, Investment Advisor, Home Office Manager and the Supreme Secretary.

The 2011 year end results for our organization will be reviewed and the 2012 results through June 30, 2012. The Department will probably question what the outlook for 2013 will be. Investigation questions will be on the need to have any elder participants over the age of 18 should also have a background check as well as making consideration the best interest of the Groups and our Organization.

Supreme Secretary, Kathleen S. Watkins reported on the progress of the “background checks” which were being conducted by the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) for the members of the Board of Directors and individuals involved with our youth and sports programs. A good number of individuals have already completed this process.

Investigation questions were on the need to have any participants on the Board members.

Mr. Calimano stated that as of September 19, 2012 the total assets in the account amounted to $622,839,900. The portfolio structure consists of 2.47% or $1,501,700.00 in Cash Equivalents, 82.85% or $51,853,466.00 in U.S. Government/Federal Agencies and Corporate Bonds, 15.15% or $9,484,793.00 in Equities. Estimated annual income is $2,846,000 or a current rate of 4.5%.

For the eight months ended August 31, 2012, the portfolio’s total return was 8.83% versus 4.62% for the Weighted Index. The total return on Bonds was 8.21% which outperformed the 3.85% return of the benchmark Barclay U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The continued flight to quality by investors into fixed income obligations and the Federal Reserve’s policy during the first eight months of the year kept the pressure on yields while stocks benefitted from positive earnings comparisons, benign domestic economic reports and greater clarity on a solution for the European economic crisis. Equities had a total return of 13.72% compared with the 13.51% return of the Standard & Poor’s 500 for the same eight month period. Cash Equivalents returned 0.33% compared to the 0.03% return for the Citigroup 90 day Treasury Bill index. The Portfolio’s total return on a preliminary basis through September 19, 2012 was 9.59%.

PNC anticipates its net earnings growth in 2012 to be 2.3% and inflation as measured by the CPI of 2.1% on a year over year basis. The unemployment rate should end 2012 at 8.2% as payroll growth should average 140,000 jobs during the second half of the year. We continue to believe that corporate net earnings growth in 2012 should remain strong and the Federal Reserve’s current policy indicates that interest rates will remain low until 2015.

Mr. Calimano also discussed the change from a core strategy to a diversified strategy that was implemented in August for the equity portion of the portfolio. The change increased the Portfolio’s estimated annual income from $2,778,499 as of July 31, 2012 to $627,701.44.

Mr. Calimano proposed that PNC Investment Advisors would like to have total discretionary investment for Brookdale Senior Living incorporated in the portfolio and create a new investment policy with the organization. The reporting process would no longer change and the portfolio would be better diversified to improve a better yield.

After a lively discussion, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller moved to approve the policy change and give PNC total discretion to manage the portfolio, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Calimano expressed his thanks to the Board members for approving the policy change and assured the Board that efforts will continue to provide the best results for the portfolio and the organization.

The Board members expressed their thanks to Mr. Calimano for his report and he was excused from the Conference Call. Acknowledged.

President Glugosh asked the Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath to present the 2012 Semi-Annual Audit Report.

Brother Horvath reported that the audit for the first six months of 2012 was completed. The report was approved and the audit was conducted at the Home Office in Passaic, New Jersey on August 24 & 25, 2012. He stated that the report was printed in the September 5, 2012 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother Michael proceeded to review the report and addressed several questions presented by the Board members. Brother Horvath expressed his thanks to the Home office staff for their cooperation and appreciated the continued efforts of the various Boards to control and reduce many of the expenses which the auditors truly appreciate.

After a brief discussion, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller moved to accept the 2012 Semi-Annual Audit Report, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Horvath for his report and inquired if any Donations Requests were received to be addressed at this time.

The Supreme Secretary reported that no donation requests were received for presentation at this meeting. Acknowledged.

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered for the fourth quarter of 2012 on our annuity products. The Board members briefly discussed the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered. Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak moved that we offer the same interest rate for the last quarter of 2012 for the annuities that were offered for the third quarter of 2012 on all our Vantage products, seconded by Supreme Physical Director Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved.

President Glugosh questioned if there was any Unfinished Business to address. The Supreme Secretary informed the Board members that on October 11, 2012 a Conference Call will be held with examiners and representatives of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance which has been done in the past. Also on the call will be our Supreme Auditors, Investment Advisor, Accountant, Investment Advisor, Home Office Manager and the Supreme Secretary.

The 2011 year end results for our organization will be reviewed and the 2012 results through June 30, 2012. The Department will probably question what the outlook for 2013 will be. Investigation questions were on the need to have any participants on the Board members.

Mr. Calimano stated that as of September 19, 2012 the total assets in the account amounted to $622,839,900. The portfolio structure consists of 2.47% or $1,501,700.00 in Cash Equivalents, 82.85% or $51,853,466.00 in U.S. Government/Federal Agencies and Corporate Bonds, 15.15% or $9,484,793.00 in Equities. Estimated annual income is $2,846,000 or a current rate of 4.5%.

For the eight months ended August 31, 2012, the portfolio’s total return was 8.83% versus 4.62% for the Weighted Index. The total return on Bonds was 8.21% which outperformed the 3.85% return of the benchmark Barclay U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The continued flight to quality by investors into fixed income obligations and the Federal Reserve’s policy during the first eight months of the year kept the pressure on yields while stocks benefitted from positive earnings comparisons, benign domestic economic reports and greater clarity on a solution for the European economic crisis. Equities had a total return of 13.72% compared with the 13.51% return of the Standard & Poor’s 500 for the same eight month period. Cash Equivalents returned 0.33% compared to the 0.03% return for the Citigroup 90 day Treasury Bill index. The Portfolio’s total return on a preliminary basis through September 19, 2012 was 9.59%.

PNC anticipates its net earnings growth in 2012 to be 2.3% and inflation as measured by the CPI of 2.1% on a year over year basis. The unemployment rate should end 2012 at 8.2% as payroll growth should average 140,000 jobs during the second half of the year. We continue to believe that corporate net earnings growth in 2012 should remain strong and the Federal Reserve’s current policy indicates that interest rates will remain low until 2015.

Mr. Calimano also discussed the change from a core strategy to a diversified strategy that was implemented in August for the equity portion of the portfolio. The change increased the Portfolio’s estimated annual income from $2,778,499 as of July 31, 2012 to $627,701.44.

Mr. Calimano proposed that PNC Investment Advisors would like to have total discretionary investment for Brookdale Senior Living incorporated in the portfolio and create a new investment policy with the organization. The reporting process would no longer change and the portfolio would be better diversified to improve a better yield.

After a lively discussion, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller moved to approve the policy change and give PNC total discretion to manage the portfolio, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. 

Mr. Calimano expressed his thanks to the Board members for approving the policy change and assured the Board that efforts will continue to provide the best results for the portfolio and the organization.

The Board members expressed their thanks to Mr. Calimano for his report and he was excused from the Conference Call. Acknowledged.

President Glugosh asked the Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath to present the 2012 Semi-Annual Audit Report.

Brother Horvath reported that the audit for the first six months of 2012 was conducted at the Home Office in Passaic, New Jersey on August 24 & 25, 2012. He stated that the report was printed in the September 5, 2012 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother Michael proceeded to review the report and addressed several questions presented by the Board members. Brother Horvath expressed his thanks to the Home office staff for their cooperation and appreciated the continued efforts of the various Boards to control and reduce many of the expenses which the auditors truly appreciate.

After a brief discussion, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller moved to accept the 2012 Semi-Annual Audit Report, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Horvath for his report and inquired if any Donations Requests were received to be addressed at this time.

The Supreme Secretary reported that no donation requests were received for presentation at this meeting. Acknowledged.

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered for the fourth quarter of 2012 on our annuity products.
Attention Group 14
The next few months are packed full of fraternal activities for the group. Please mark your calendar!

Every Wednesday and Thursday evening –
mystic and drill classes. It is not too late to sign up!
Contact Traci Walkowiak at traci.walkowiak@yahoo.com.

Thursday, October 11th –
mandatory parent meeting for any
guest who has a child that will be
competing next summer at the compe-
tition. Meeting to begin at 6:30PM.

Saturday, October 13th –
Spaghetti Luncheon
Doors open at 12:00PM
Tickets: $7.00 adults
$3.00 children
Contact Maryann Naple at
Naple146@comcast.net

Friday, October 26th –
Family Halloween Party
Tickets: $5.00
Tickets will be on sale every Wednesday and
Thursday evening during gymnastics classes.

Saturday, November 10th –
Ladies Night Out
Pre-purchased Tickets: $12.00
Tickets at door: $15.00

Saturday, November 17th –
Mother / Daughter Breakfast
Details to follow

Saturday, November 17th –
Night at the Races
$10.00 (includes a horse)
More details to follow.

Saturday, December 8th –
Children’s Christmas Party
Doors open at 12:00PM
Children MUST be pre-registered. Spots are
limited to the first 150 children. When those
spots are filled, we regrettably can-
not accept any more children. Joan
Yanosick will be at the gymnastics classes
the last two weeks of October or you can
call her at 412-881-8502 to register.

Philadelphia Parish
Festival on Oct. 7
St. Agnes – St. John Nepomuc-
ene Parish in Philadelphia, Pa. will host its annual Fall Parish
Festival on Sunday, October 7 on the parish grounds located at 4th
and Brown Streets in the City of Brotherly Love. Festivities begin at
9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. There will be plenty of traditional
Slovak culinary specialties along with American favorites. The food
service begins at 11 a.m. with either eat in or take out. A special bake
sale will feature homemade Slovak pastries and breads. There will
be games for children and adults alike, along with various raffles includ-
ing a top prize of $500.00 and breads.
All proceeds benefit the parish.
Entrance to the parish social hall is
on Ontario Street. For additional information call the rectory at (215)
627-6340.
This year’s festival celebrates the
105th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak parish. It was in 1907 that the Slovaks in the
city’s north side approached the Archbishop of Philadelphia to
establish a parish for them. The Archbishop gave permission and St. Agnes Parish was established.
A year earlier, the Slovaks on the city’s south side organized St.
John Nepomucene Parish. The two parishes were merged in 1977 using the St. Agnes complex as
the site of the parish. Our Sokol, Assembly 48 and Wreath 13 have been active in the parish for most of
its history. The Rev. Francis G. Lendacky currently serves as
pastor of the parish, beautifully ministering in the best traditions of
our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage.

Cleveland Benedictines to note
90th anniversary at benefit
The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey in Clev-
eland will host their annual Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 4.
This year’s benefit will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the
foundation of the Benedictine Monks in Cleveland.
All of our ill and homebound mem-
ers; we miss your presence and pray.
As autumn begins, we look forward to the
beauty of fall’s landscapes. Enjoy the sea-
son!

Lodge J otings
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located on LaPorte Avenue begin-
in at 1 p.m. Serving as hostesses
are the Sisters of Mercy Hre. Among the items on the meeting
agenda will be annual Christmas party. The date and place are still
to be determined, so we encour-
age our members to attend, as
we welcome suggestions. Input
from our members will insure the
success of this annual fraternal
event. All event information will
be forthcoming as the details are
finalized.
As part of our Care and Share
efforts for fraternalists, it is our
custom at all our meetings and
functions, we will be collecting monetary donations to be given
to our local food pantries. It is
to the Knights of Columbus,
who are generous in support of this
community project.
We send our best wishes to all
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remember you in thought and prayer.
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Slovensko sa počasí priblížuje Balkánu

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Najlacnejšie bývanie majú v pomere k výške platov Trenčína.

Najlacnejšie bývanie majú v pomere k výške platov Trenčína, najdajšie Bratislavača. Na Slovensku sa dostupnosť bývania zvyšuje a ešte zdvojnásobí.

Mzdy Slovákov rastú, ceny nehnuteľností klesajú. Dostupnosť bývania tak na Slovensku aj nadalej stúpa. No kys v niektorých krajoch si z priemerného platu môžu Slováci dovolať kúpiť viac metrlových bytov či domu, v iných menej.

Podľa analýzy CSEB Marek Gábria je najlacnejšie bývanie v Trenčianskom, Nitrianskom a Žilinskom kraji.

Naopak, najlacnejšie bývanie je v pomere k platom v Bratislavskom kraj. Aj keď tu muzdy zvisne, podstatne vysše sú aj ceny nehnuteľností. Bratislava je región, kde je najprv čo sa z prehľadnosti, najviac miera nezamestnanosti, a dôjdeno o výkôr v tretom a o géne na tretom, touto časťou východ až k Ka-

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Obdojí šťastnej omšy v kostole sa jej maximálnu hodnotu 22,3 stupňov Celzia.


Obdobie od marca do septembra až šesť tretínne teplý.

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Státna úradná kontaktná čísla: (02) 547-0001

V strednej Európe sa prípadne sa v príbeh cell zvýšiť rôzne druhy zápor a ne- 19. storočia. Je to aj preto, že leto až klesajú.

Odborníci tvrdia, že takéto počasí je typické pre Balkán. V tomto roku bola v úplnom počite.

Po svätej omši bude v kostolnej halie recepcia. Usporiadatelí Hector Melendes.

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Prezident Ivan Gašparovič sa stretol s generálnym tajomníkom OSN

Prezident Slovenskej republiky Ivan Gašparovič sa 24. septembra v New Yorku stretol s generálnym tajomníkom OSN Pan Ki-munom.

Ivan Gašparovič zdôraznil, že Slovensko je pripravené byť aj národným priemyselným partnerom významných medzinárodných inštitúcií.

Pan Ki-munová sa 24. septembra stretol s generálnym tajomníkom OSN, a ihneď po ich stretnutí sa zaoberali rôzne medzinárodné otázky, v rámci nich bola aj diskusia o stave procesu na Balkáne.

Slovensko sa počas stretnutia s generálnym tajomníkom OSN podal za účel zverejnenia výsledkov výskumov a vzťahov s medzinárodnými organizáciami.

V diskusii sa nevyhli ani vývoj politiky a ekonomiky v rozpočtovom rámci medzinárodných konfliktov.

Slovensko sa v stretnutí s generálnym tajomníkom OSN podarilo ukončiť vnútorný konflikt.

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Prezident Gašparovič zdôraznil, že Slovensko má väčší záujem Čína.

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