Softball enthusiasts from five participating Groups enjoy annual fraternal competition
Top Honors at the 26th International Softball Tournament Held in Drifton, Pa., June 28-30 Include
The Group 1A team, 1st place; Group 5 team, 2nd place, Combined Group 1-Group 3 Team, 3rd place

MVP Award given to Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. for his 26-year effort

Finally after 26 years of softball competition, Group 1, Passaic, N.J. put it all together at this year’s 26th International Softball Tournament held the weekend of June 28-30 in Drifton, Pa. The Garden State team beat Group 5, Cleveland, Oh., 19-16, to capture their first place honors at the 26th International Softball Tournament. Shown on the photo are standing, l-r are Kevin Lamonico, Larry Galanti, Robert Eickenberg, Brother Steven M. Pogorelec, Brad Forestieri, Patrick Elliott, Lorenzo Castaldo, Danny Rold and Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Edward D. Moeller. Shown kneeling from the left are, Rich Bel Bruno, Scott T. Pogorelec, Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr., Chris Rold, Chris Calabro and Ramon Cornier, Jr.

Story & Photos by
James C. Matlon
Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics

Members of the above team from Group 5, Cleveland, Oh., which took second place honors at the 26th International Softball Tournament in Drifton, Pa. are shown above with their trophy. Members of the team include kneeling from the left, Chris Macko, Danielle Macko, Steve Macko, Landon Blizzard, Jay Macko and Robert Macko. Standing from the left are, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Edward D. Moeller, Paul Macko, Sr., Andy Lipovsky, Ryan Blizzard, Paul Macko, Donnie Macko, Dan Dawson, Don Macko and Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Slovak Catholic Sokol Camp Adventure

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is very excited to announce that from Aug 14 - 17, 2014, we are inviting all children ages 7-16 to attend our first ever Sokol Camp at Camp Fitch in North Springfield, PA (on Lake Erie). The days will be filled with fun activities such as: swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, archery, rock climbing, paintball, arts and crafts and much, much more. Since we will be running the camp in conjunction with our clinic, in the evening, the campers will join the directors/directresses and their assistants for fun team building and fraternal activities. Cost: $240.00 per camper. $120.00 will be covered by the Slovak Catholic Sokol. $120 will be paid by the camper (Group support may be provided at their discretion).

Camper must meet all of the following criteria:
1. Camper must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol policy holder in good standing.
2. Camper must be at least 7 years of age by August 31st, but no older than 16.
3. Camper must half pay of the total cost AND provide their own transportation.
4. Camper’s fee must be paid before camp begins (specific date will be published in Falcon at a later date).

So that we can start planning for this exciting new event, please complete the form below and e-mail me at kathyw626@yahoo.com or send it by mail to:

Kathleen S. Watkins
7019 Highland Creek Drive
Bridgeville, PA 15017

I am interested in attending Slovak Catholic Sokol Camp Adventure!

Name:
Address:

Phone Number: __________________________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________________________
Birthdate: __________ Age as of August 31, 2014

Slovak Catholic Sokol Policy 

Well-known Group 9 fraternal activists

Paul and Joanne Spisak of Johnstown, Pa. Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spisak, Sr. of Johnstown, Pa. recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Paul and Joanne were honored at a liturgy and dinner held on Saturday, April 20. The Golden Jubilee liturgy was celebrated at Resurrection Catholic Church in the Cambria City section of Johnstown. Father Alan F. Thomas, pastor was celebrant of the liturgy. Paul and Joanne renewed their marriage vows during the liturgy. It was in this very church, then the Slovak Church of St. Stephen, that Paul Spisak, Sr. and the former Joanne Popovich exchanged their marriage vows on April 20, 1963 in the presence of the late Rev. Joseph A. Banik, then pastor. Following the liturgy, the lovely couple was honored at a reception and open house at their residence.

Paul is retired from the Bethlehem Steel Company. Joanne enjoys croswords and hosting family gatherings.

Both Paul and Joanne have been active in the Slovak Catholic Sokol all their lives and enjoy membership in Wreath 14 in Johnstown. Paul served as president of Group 9, “SS. Cyril and Methodius” in the late 1960s. He served as president when Group 9 hosted the Supreme Clinic in 1968 and then the 24th International Slet held in Johnstown in July 1969. Brother Paul continues his fraternal activity, participating in the Group 9 and national bowling tournaments along with his sons, Matthew, Michael and Mark.

Joanne likewise has held the presidency of Group 9 since the 1970s, with the exception of two terms. She has been an active member and officer of Wreath 14 as well and is a veteran of the past nine Slovak Catholic Sokol national conventions. She has shared her enthusiasm for Sokol Fraternalism by serving on the new Motions and By-Law committees at several of these conventions. In addition, Sister Joanne has served in a number of capacities within the Supreme Assembly. She was first elected to the Supreme Assembly as a member of the Supreme Court at the 24th national convention held in Pittsburgh in 1983. She later served as a Supreme Auditor and then as Chairperson of Supreme Auditors. In her youth, Joanne was a former driller and competed at our organization’s national Slets. She served as the Group 9 Recorder for many years.

This month, the Matica Slovenska, the oldest Slovak cultural and scholarly organization celebrates its 150th anniversary with a variety of festivities at its headquarters in Martin as well as in Slovakia’s capital city of Bratislava. Our organization has enjoyed a close association and cooperation with Matica Slovenska for many years. During the recent Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Rome and Slovakia sponsored by the Slovak Catholic Federation, the President of Matica Slovenska, Dr. Marian Tkac invited the Americans to visit the Matica center in Bratislava on April 25. Dr. Tkac, center is shown welcoming the American Sokols and presenting copies of their recent publications. Shown with Dr. Tkac are from the left, Editor Daniel F. Tancze, the Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation and pastor of St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton, Pa.; Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, S.S.C.M., director of Jankola Library and Slovak Archives in Danville, Pa. and our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic who is pastor of the parish of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa. Founded in July 1863, Matica has championed the rich history and political aspirations of the Slovaks. Its first president was Bishop Stefan Moyzes of Banska Bystrica who is the patron of our Group 4 in Chicago, Ill. In recent years, our young Sokol athletes participated in youth festivals hosted by Matica Slovenska in Slovakia. Our congratulations go out to Matica Slovenska as it continues to espouse the rich artistic and creative traditions of the Slovak people.
Thoughts on Fraternalism

by Larry M. Glugosh

With the summer season upon us, many of our members will take part in family activities, group outings and fun-filled road trip vacations. This summer had an important Slovak Catholic Sokol fraternal event with the 46th International Sokol Heritage University located near Grove City, PA. For many of our family members they combined the International Sokol Heritage University, as a special way to spend quality time with their children and grandchildren. It was evident throughout the week’s activities that many of our members took advantage of this unique opportunity to share in their children’s development, as they participated in the various aspects of our program.

From my perspective, this event is truly a developmental program which provides our youth with the unique opportunity to grow physically, spiritually and emotionally, as they compete and socialize throughout the week. Our athletic program has always been viewed as one of our fraternal benefit society, however when you spend a week watching the children perform and interact with other groups, you realize that a great deal more is accomplished. Our youth gain a great deal of compassion, self worth, confidence and trust in each other. The International Sokol is a physical version of social networking, which is so prevalent in our children’s lives today. It is a remarkable experience and creates some great value for our youth. I hope that you all have an opportunity to participate or witness our wonderful program in the future.

Tired bodies, fatigue and a degree of sadness took over many of our participants as the International Sokol concluded on Saturday morning. It was evident that this week home some great memories, lifelong experiences and hopefully new friendships which will live with them until the next event.

The heat wave that swept across the area this week certainly caused a lot more challenges however our participants maintained strong and healthy environment and protected our youth athletes with lots of liquids, proper shade and lotions. The weather was so modulated several times to address the extreme heat and conditions.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the participants, coaches and local group leaders for making the sacrifice and commitment at this summer’s event. You are a competitive group of athletes and yet you demonstrated great sportsmanship, compassion and were very respectful of your fellow participants throughout the week. You represented yourselves, your family, your groups and our society extremely well and we are very proud of you. My special congratulations to the athletes, coaches and local leaders from Group 5 Cleveland Ohio for capturing the 2013 International Flag at this summer’s event.

In addition, I would like to sincerely thank our Supreme Physical Fitness Board led by Edward Moeller, Kathy Watkins and Dusan Dorich and their entire physical fitness board staff for the countless hours of preparation, planning and execution of a first class event. Our assigned chaperones namely our Father Andrew Hvozdovic and Dennis Zifcak should also receive high praise for assisting the children, parents and enabling a safe, enjoyable week for all who attended. As well, many thanks to our Supreme Chaplains for providing spiritual enrichment throughout the week and our Board of Directors and Honorary Supreme Officers who took part in the closing ceremonies on Friday night.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents and grandparents who spent hours preparing the participants for this year’s event. If you had the opportunity to witness the closing ceremonies, then you would know your sacrifices were well worth your efforts. If you were not able to attend then I encourage you to consider making the next International Sokol, a key part of your summer vacation plans with your family and friends.

I wish all of you the very best for the remainder of the summer and look forward to seeing some of you at future fraternal events like our 2013 Group Presidents’ meetings, which will take place August 16-18 in Pittsburgh PA.

May God bless all of you!

From our Supreme Chaplain

Cannization of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic

Pope Francis has approved the cause of canonization of two previous Popes, Blessed John Paul II who served from 1978 until his death in 2005; and Blessed John XXIII who served from 1958 until his death in 1963. The announcement was made on July 5, the same day as Pope Francis’ first encyclical, “The Light of Faith” was released. Of interest to those of Slovak ancestry, is the fact that the announcement was made on the occasion of the official celebration of the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia.

The previous steps towards Blessed John Paul II’s canonization had been completed in recent months. In the case of Blessed John XXIII, however, only one miracle has been formally approved by the Vatican. Normally, two miracles must be approved before a person can be canonized. Although such a decision is unusual, Vatican press office, Father Federico Lombardi, S.J., explained that it is within the authority of the Pope to waive the second miracle for a canonization cause. Since there was already one approved miracle that allowed Pope John XXIII to be beatified, the canonization will still be valid even without a second miracle, he explained. He also referenced talks among theologians about whether separate miracles for beatification and canonization are necessary. Blessed John XXIII is known for his encyclical, “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth), and for calling the historic Second Vatican Council. The Church is currently celebrating the 50th anniversary of the council during the Year of Faith.

Blessed John Paul II became famous worldwide during his 27-year papacy for his charismatic nature, his love of youth and his world travels, along with his role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. The beloved Polish Pope died in 2005, making his 2011 beatification and canonization one of the quickest in recent Church history.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Supreme Officers, the Executive Committee and all of our Supreme Fraternal Event Chairs, for the upcoming International Sokol Heritage University and all our annual events.

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8th Mahoning Valley SlovakFest in Youngstown on August 11

It’s so hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about what’s going on in August! But the annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be here before we know it. And it’s even harder to believe that this will be our eighth SlovakFest! We are expecting a great turnout because there has been so much renewed interest in our Slovak heritage in this area of Ohio. Between the Simply Slavic Heritage Festival in downtown Youngstown which just had its third successful celebration in June and the publishing of a new book titled The Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley, there has been a real resurgence in celebrating our heritage.

This year, the SlovakFest will be held on Sunday, August 11 on the grounds of St. Matthias Church located at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown, Oh. St. Matthias is now part of the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows along with two other Slovak churches in Youngstown, namely SS. Cyril and Methodius and Holy Name of Jesus. With many of our parishes now being merged or closed, it is more important than ever to support our Slovak events.

The SlovakFest kicks off as usual with a traditional Slovak Mass in St. Matthias Church beginning at 11 a.m. This church is located on Youngstown’s historic South Side, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. Following the liturgy, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, now the Father Snock Center. And of course there will be plenty of Slovak culinary specialties and home baked goods available all day long. All of these goodies will be made by the local men and women from local Slovak parishes, including St. Matthias, Holy Name of Jesus, St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity. There will be a host of colorful indoor displays of Slovak arts and crafts (kroj), pictures, books and memorabilia. There will be information about our various Slovak organizations, including the Slovak Catholic Sokol. In addition information on our various projects, cookbooks and recipes and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages in Slovakia.

Food will be available all day outside, including halusky, klobasy, lamb, pirohy and more...And of course there will be plenty of imported Slovak pivovar (beer) to quench any thirst. Inside the Father Snock Center, dinners will be served from noon till 3 p.m. with a choice of chicken, pork or holubky. There will also be delicious Slovak pastries for sale.

No Slovak celebration would be complete without music and dance. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Eddie Vallas Band, the Del Sinchak Orchestra with Slovak singing and folk dancing inside the hall after the dinners are finished.

The SlovakFest also has many Slovak items on display as well as for sale, including a selection of imported Slovak crystal. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, along with a raffle of $2,000 worth of Get GoGiant Eagle gift cards for gasoline or food. There will be children’s games as well as other activities for every member of the family throughout the day. If you remember the Slovak picnics of your childhood, or if you don’t, but would like to make some new memories, plug us into your GPS, jump in your car and join us as we celebrate our Slovak heritage on August 11.

A number of Group 17 Sokol members are serving on this year’s committee. For additional information on the SlovakFest, call Loretta Ekonik at tel. (330) 549-3760 or loretta.ekonik@gmail.com.

58th Slovak Catholic Federation Convention in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, Pa. and national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF), announced that the organization’s 58th quadrennial national convention is set for Sunday, September 11 through Tuesday, September 17, 2013 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The SCF was founded in 1911 under the leadership of the Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Parish. It serves as the representative body which coordinates the religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, religious communities and Slovak ethnic parishes in their effort to address themselves to the pastoral needs of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry.

The Convention Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15 at 3 p.m. in St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The Rev. Msgr. Thomas V. Banick, S.T.D., past-president of the SCF, serves as the host pastor. The Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamiec, D.D., S.T.L., Bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the SCF will be the main celebrant of the Convention Liturgy with the Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, National President, serving as homilist.

Following the liturgy, a reception and banquet will be held at the East Mountain Inn & Suites, 600 Wildflower Drive at Route 11 (Exit 170A off I-81, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702. A cash-bar cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m. with the buffet dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Cost per banquet ticket is $40.00.

Convention sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday at the East Mountain Inn & Suites. Lifetime and yearly dues paying member of the SCF are eligible to attend the convention. For information and registration visit www.slovakcatholicfederation.org or call 717-782-8430.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year – August 4th

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 12:13-21

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Traditional pilgrimage at Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, N.Y.

The annual pilgrimage held near the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother will be held on Sunday, August 11 at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Filors Lane in West Haverstraw, N.Y. Sponsored by the Slovak parishes and societies in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, the traditional event recalls the rich Marian pilgrimage traditions in Slovakia. The pilgrimage begins with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) offered by the participating Slovak priests. Special guest at this year’s pilgrimage will be the Most Rev. Jozef Halko, Auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava and delegate of the Slovak Bishops Conference for the pastoral care of Slovaks and those of Slovak ancestry residing outside Slovakia. Bishop Halko will be principal celebrant and homilist at the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated at the outdoor shrine altar.

Following the liturgy, a countries featuring Slovak culinary specialties will be available in the shrine cafeteria. Afternoon devotions will include recitation of the Rosary at the outdoor Rosary Walk beginning at 2:30 p.m. Area Sokols and Sokolky are invited to participate in this annual celebration of one of our favorite Slovak faith traditions. For additional information or directions to the shrine, call (914)497-2200.

Founded in 1891, SS. Cyril and Methodius is the oldest Slovak parish in the United States. Our local Sokols and Sokolky are proud to be a part of this continuing faith legacy. Come out and join us for a fun afternoon on August 18.

Zdar Boh!

James T. Genosky
Financial Secretary
Assembly 34

PERRYPOLIS, PA. Assembly 25
Wreath 15

In keeping with our season traditions, we extend a cordial invitation to members of our local lodges to join us for our annual Sokol Family Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 18 to be held at our Slovak Catholic Sokol Pavilion located on Memorial Drive. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. and will conclude until 6 p.m. There will be games for children and adults alike, as well as music for dancing and listening pleasure. In addition, there will be plenty of traditional American picnic favorites along with soda and liquid refreshment. An enjoyable time is assured in the best traditions of Perrysopol Sokol fellowship and good cheer.

We look forward to seeing a good turnout to this annual fraternal event. It’s a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon.

Zdar Boh!

Michael T. Matras

It’s ARFING HOT! The Dog Days, generally from late July until the middle of August, are the hottest of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. So how did these lazy, crazy days of summer get their moniker?

In ancient times, it was thought Sirius, the dog star, was responsible for the hot, often humid weather. To appease Sirius’ rage, a brown dog was sacrificed at the beginning of Dog Days.
Dear Slovak Catholic Federation member,

Welcome to Slovak Catholic Sokol
Introducing Our New Members Enrolled During the Month of June 2013

ASSEMBLY/WREATH
MEMBER                  CITY/STATE
V-155  Serenity Rayne Barker  Reading, PA
V-155  Vicky L. Barker  Reading, PA
V-155  Isabella Nicole Baron  Toronto, ON
V-155  Noah Alexander Baron  Toronto, ON
V-155  Zachary Stephen Baron  Reading, PA
V-155  Carole V. Bauer  East Douglas, MA
V-162  Iwona Bibok  Clifton, NJ
V-047  Zayle O. Dongzski  Minneapolis, MN
S-028  Steven F. Colton  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Judith A. Corker  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-155  Lucilla A. Donzalski  Reading, PA
S-261  Robert L. Frick IV  Reading, PA
S-261  Robert L. Frick Jr.  Reading, PA
S-261  Joshua R. Frick  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Korah Gentner  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Iris N. Gutierrez  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Lumirina Her  Milwaukee, WI
S-034  Sheng Her  Milwaukee, WI
S-034  Sunil Her  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Toua Her  Milwaukee, WI
S-034  Xai Phau Her  Minneapolis, MN
S-059  Savannah L. Keast  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Linda J. Kowalski  Wilkes-Barre, PA
V-093  Joshua Nita Kue  Milwaukee, WI
S-034  Kaviya Shou Kue  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Avina D. Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Billy Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Fae Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  George C. Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Jimmy C. Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Pa Ying Lee  Milwaukee, WI
V-093  Steve M. Lee  Milwaukee, WI
S-059  Vicki Long  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Zora B. Lynn  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Arthur W. Parks  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Melanie Parks  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-025  Thomas Andreas Petrus  Perryopolis, PA
S-134  Elaine S. Pospuque  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-022  Ella-Jo Kathleen Reinhardt  Parryopolis, PA
S-261  Daniel J. Sharp  Reading, PA
V-093  Bab Thao  Milwaukee, WI
S-059  William C. View  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-059  Jeffrey Warnagiris  Wilkes-Barre, PA
S-261  David M. Weng  Reading, PA
S-261  Paul K. Wef  Reading, PA
S-034  Ger Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-034  Hue Chee Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-034  James Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-047  Kaylyn Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-036  Miley D. Xiong  Detroit, MI
S-034  Port Chonwa Xiong  Milwaukee, WI
S-034  Picky Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-034  Ruy Tih Nkm Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-034  Sherry Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-034  Yang Xiao Xiong  Minneapolis, MN
S-036  Fong Yang  Detroit, MI
V-093  Nathalie Yang  Milwaukee, WI
S-047  Yer Yang  Minneapolis, MN

ASSEMBLY/WREATH
MEMBER                  CITY/STATE
V-054  Delores L. Thompson  Youngstown, OH

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58th Slovak Catholic Federation Convention in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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table to delegates at the National Convention. Everyone, whether paying
member, dues or Group 16 must be submitted to the National Secre-
tary-Treasurer by August 15, 2013. Dues and quotas for all member
fraternal societies, conferences and Chapters of the SCF must be up-
to-date, in order for these groups to have delegates at the National
Convention.

To commemorate this historic event, a Convention Booklet
- Pamatnica will be published. Sponsorship is being sought for
the booklet. Details on authorship, sponsorships is: August 15, 2013.
For more information on banquet tickets, to become a sponsor for
the Convention Book or to become a member of the SCF, please
contact Dolores M. Evanko, Na-
tional Secretary-Treasurer of the
Slovak Catholic Federation website
at: www.slovakcatholicfedera-

Clifton parish centennial banquet tickets available
The Centennial Committee of
SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish
in Clifton, N.J. is pleased to an-
counce that tickets for the cen-
tennial banquet are now avail-
able. The centennial year celebra-
tion takes place on Sunday, November
3. Paterson Bishop Arthur Ser-
atelli will be principal celebrant
in church. The banquet will fol-
low at the Venetian in Garfield,
N.J. Banquet tickets are available
at $80.00 for adults and $40.00
for children ages 12 and younger
following the weekend liturgies
or call the rectory at (973)546-
4390.

Group Annual Meetings Set
Group 2, “Rev. Stephen Panik” - This year’s annual meeting is
sched-
uled for Sunday, September 29. Complete details will be forthcoming.

Group 4, “Bishop Stefan Moyzes” - Members of Group 4, Slovak
Catholic Sokol of Chicago, under the patronage of Bishop Stefan Moyzes
are hereby notified that our Annual Meeting will take place on
Saturday, September 14 at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Franklin Facility
located at 10101 South 27th Street in Franklin, Wis. The meeting will be
called to order promptly in the facility’s meeting room at 10 a.m. A lun-
cheon will be served at 12 noon and the second session of the annual meet-
ing will resume at 1 p.m.

The cost of the luncheon will be $10.00 per person. We ask that the
financial secretaries of our Group lodges return the lunch payment, made
payable to Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 4 along with the completed del-
egate forms before the deadline date of July 23, 2013. This is necessary to
guarantee our luncheon arrangement.

Group 4 officers are notified to ask the Secretary Julie Ann Dobbs, 5314 Agatha Turn, Racine, WI 53402, tel. (262)681-1720, jdobbs2@wi.rr.com to pri-
tom July 23 if they are UNABLE to attend the annual meeting. We hope to have representatives from all our lodges in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin at this year’s meeting so that we may be able to address any
concerns and hear new ideas and suggestions. Input from all our lodges will
insure the success of our various projects.

Tony L. Scuglik
President
Julie Ann Dobbs
Secretary

Group 9, “SS. Cyril and Methodius” - This year’s annual meeting is
set for Sunday, October 6 in Johnstown, Pa. Our meeting will be called
to order at 2 p.m. in the Resurrection Oratory Hall, located at the corner of 8th
and Chestnut Street in the Cambria City section of Johnstown. The meet-
ing hall is part of the former St. Stephen’s Slovak Parish plant. Hosting this
year’s annual meeting will be Wreath 14 of Johnstown. Plans for our up-
coming fraternal activities will be finalized and reports of the officers will be
presented. We hope to have all lodges belonging to Group 9 represented at
this important meeting. Representatives will be served.

Joaane E. Spisak
President
Alice Podrebarac
Secretary

Group 16, “Rev. Ferns Juriga” - Our annual meeting will be held
on Saturday, September 21 in SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish located at
41233 Ryan Road, north of 18 Mile Road in Sterling Heights, Mich. Host-
ing this year’s meeting will be Assembly 36 of Detroit. Our program be-
gins with the officers and delegates attending the 4 p.m. Mass in SS. Cyril
and Methodius Church. We will assemble at 3:45 p.m. in the church vesti-
bule so as to march in to a body to the liturgy which will be celebrated by the
pastor and our Group 16 Chaplain, Rev. Benjamin Kosuch. The Mass will be
celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 16. Following the
liturgy, we will assemble in the Heritage Room of the parish which the
annual meeting will be called to order. We hope that all lodges belonging to
Group 16 will be represented at this important meeting. All officers are
requested to submit a written report of this activities at this meeting. Look-
forward to seeing you at a good turnout at a good annual meeting as we
promote the rich fraternal traditions of Group 16, we remain

Zdrad Boh!

Andrea Papcun       Madeline Stanek
President                   Secretary

YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

Insurance Premium Rate Changes

As of January 1, 2013 the Slovak Catholic Sokol has in-
creased the premium for the following Legacy Single and Group
Legacy Single Premium and the

As we all know, interest rates are at historical lows; this change
continues a 25-year downward trend in interest rates, as the
maximum interest rate for life insurance products has gradually
declined since 1986. Most com-
mercial and fraternal insurance
companies are faced with the
need and requirement to increase their yield.

Following are the new Legacy Single and the Legacy
3 Premium Rates:

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VANTAGE 1 ANNUITY - ENHANCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

For a number of years the investment climate has had its ups and downs. Everyone is waiting and expecting the interest earning rates to increase, it just has not happened. Without a crystal ball or being able to predict the future no one is sure when these changes will occur. Our current short-term annuity plans the Vantage 1, Vantage 2 and Vantage 3 are designed for this purpose. These plans are for the individual looking for a solid short-term investment alternative that affords them the flexibility to make financial decisions without a long term commitment and creating an excellent interest rate.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is making a change to further enhance the Vantage 1 Annuity, it is designed and tailored primarily for the individual that is not quite sure what investment vehicle is right during these low interest rate times, is undecided what length of time they want to invest, waiting for the stock market to take off, or looking for a good short-term Investment alternative with numerous options and flexibilities.

With this in mind, the enhanced version of the Vantage 1 Annuity now includes a “30-Day Window”, which starts on the anniversary date of the annuity certificate. During this period the annuitant/owner can exercise a number of options that meets their investment needs. Annually prior to the certificate anniversary date, a notice is sent to the annuitant/owner that presents each of the available options, which consists of the following:
1) continue as a Vantage 1 earning the guaranteed credited interest rate declared at that time for the upcoming year; or 2) transfer all or specified portion of the total deposit to a new annuity contract with the Slovak Catholic Sokol or another financial institution.

Not only will you find the Vantage 1 Annuity Plan competitive, but also it outperforms the current short-term market offerings and is tax deferred. The Vantage 1 is currently earning a yield of 1.25% APY.

Vantage 1 Features:
The Vantage 1 Annuity is tax-deferred annuity, with a minimum guaranteed interest rate of 1%. What makes this annuity special is a unique feature, the “30 Day Window”, that allows the certificate holder to notify the Slovak Catholic Sokol of their intentions to withdraw their deposit and interest earned, penalty free, at the end of each certificate anniversary date. This option is available for the life of the annuity certificate. Any withdrawal made outside the timeframe of the “30-Day Window” and exceeds the annual 10% annual withdrawal will result in a penalty charge as follows:
- During 1st year – 6%
- 2nd year – 5%
- 3rd year – 4%
- 4th year – 3%
- 5th year – 2%

As with our entire Vantage Collection of Annuity Plans the Slovak Catholic Sokol allows a 10% penalty free withdrawal annually after the first year. However, the 10% free withdrawal may be subject to IRS penalty.

Vantage Annuity Plans Features
Tax-Deferred Earnings
Earnings grow tax-free until a withdrawal occurs. Due to the power of compound tax-deferred growth, your retirement savings will accumulate quicker compared to a fully taxable account.

Cost
With all of our Annuity plans your investment can grow rapidly since there are no initial service, contract, transaction or premium fees. Every dollar you pay in premiums goes directly into your annuity’s cash value and earns interest immediately.

Safety
Your annuity deposits are protected by the total resources of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Information regarding the solvency can be readily verified by our financial statements filed with the New Jersey Insurance Department. These financial statements are accompanied by the required Actuarial Certification and Opinion of an independent Certified Public Accountant.

Early Withdrawal
Each of the Vantage Collection of Annuity Products has a 10% penalty free withdrawal feature after the first anniversary year.

Guaranteed Income Option
Each of the Vantage Plans has an option that allows the Annuitant at any time to settle/annuitize the contract. When the annuity contract is settled/annuitized a guaranteed payment is established pays a specified periodic distribution or for a lifetime of income.

The settlement options available are: • Life Only • Specified Period, • Life and Period Certain and • Payments for Life for both situations on a single individual or as a joint and survivor.

Nuns on the Bus for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Nuns on the Bus, a project of the national Catholic social justice lobby, Network, kicked off their 15 state, 40-city, 53 event, 6,500-mile bus ride at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on Wednesday, May 29. When the bus arrived in Scranton, PA in the afternoon, Sister Jean Marie Holup, SS.C.M., and Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M., Darville Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, were there to greet them, and participate in the rally. Several hundred people gathered in Scranton to greet the travelers, and in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

Nuns on the Bus is traveling to advocate immigration policies that protect family unity and workers’ rights and to provide a pathway to citizenship for those already in the United States. The group seeks to cast light on the 11 million people living in the shadows because they’re undocumented. The group stopped in Scranton to highlight the region’s past and present diversity.

Network Executive Director Sister Simone Campbell spoke about how sensible immigration reform will benefit business, the economy and the common good. She said that people of faith know that when America celebrates and promotes our history as a nation of immigrants, we are better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. She said, “Valuing the contributions of current and future immigrants doesn’t limit opportunity, but rather opens us up for limitless success and future innovation.” Sister Campbell says the group is calling for immigration reform that addresses the root causes of migration and provides a roadmap to citizenship for fellow neighbors, colleagues and friends seeking protection from further senseless exploitation.

Scranton Mayor Christopher Doherty also spoke to the group, welcoming the travelers. He referred to the great cultural diversity, past and present, in Northeastern PA, demonstrated by the fact that over 30 languages are spoken in Scranton High School alone. He pointed out that the United States is a country of immigrants.

Refreshments and ethnic foods were served after the program.
While Group 1 did not have a victory for years to come. That set off the celebration for Group 1, one that they had waited 26 years for. The number of the Supreme Physical Fitness Directive Dusan Dorich, General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Chairperson of Supreme Auditors Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Treasurer Dennis J. Zifcak, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins and Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Edward D. Moeller. The directors had gathered for their quarterly meeting on June 28.

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Enthusiasm and pride were much in evidence as the jubilant members of the championship Group 1A team of Passaic, N.J. proudly lifted high the 1st place trophy they garnered at the 26th International Softball Tournament at the Jake Kislans Field Complex in Drifton, Pa. on Saturday, June 29th.

The participants were housed at The Best Western Genetti Inn & Suites in nearby Hazleton, Pa. The hotel provided great lodging accommodations which included a hot breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. The hotel was conveniently located just a few miles from the softball fields.

The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Edward D. Moeller made all the necessary arrangements for a successful softball tournament. This year’s tournament was moved to a new venue that included four softball fields with lights and fences with a chance for the power hitters to put some long drives over the fence. The weekend weather in eastern Pennsylvania was hot and humid. Heavy rains passed through Hazleton and Drifton on Friday evening that left some standing water on the fields. As the players assembled at the softball complex on Saturday morning, bright sunny skies and cooler temperatures with daytime highs expected to get into the low 80s greeted the players as they loosened up for the first games at 8:30 a.m. The initial games were delayed so that the fields could be worked on to get rid of some of the remaining wet spots around the bases, especially home plate and the pitching mounds. The tournament format was changed to a round robin tournament, that allowed every team to play each other and the top team would play the fourth place team in a semi-final round and second and third place teams would play in the other semi-final game. The two winning teams would set-up one game championship for the final game of the day. All participating teams would have at least four games and the two teams in the championship game would play a total of five games for the day.

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In the fifth game of the day, Group 5, Cleveland, Oh., defeated Group 1, Passaic, NJ by a final 5-4 score. In the top of the 2nd inning Larry Galanti scored the 1st run, after leading off the inning with a single and scored on a single by Steven Pogorelec, Jr. In the top of the third inning, Rich Bel Bruno, Patrick Elliott and Scott Pogorelec all scored as Group 1 took a 4-1 lead, but Group 3 answered back with three runs of their own. Bauch Macko, Chris Macko and Donnie Macko all scored runs to tie the game at 4-4 after three innings. The final run of the game came in the top of the fourth inning as Paul Macko scored on a single by Bauch Macko. Group 1 played solid defense holding Group 5 to only one hit in the final two at bats for the home team. Group 5 who also played solid defense holding Group 1 to only two hits in the final three at bats, to pace Cleveland, Ohio to another victory.

In the sixth game of the day, Group 1/3 defeated Group 6, Perryopolis, Pa., 8-2. Hitting stars for Group 1/3, leading them to their 1st victory, included Kevin Matlon who hit the first home run of the tournament, Tony Catalioto, Eric Topczij, Shawn Mekkawy, Kevin Scott, Rob Hoekstra, Rich Walkowiak and the pitching of Chuck Marakovitz. Top performers for Group 6 included Brian Warnick, Dave Matty, Mark Matras, and Greg Rabatin.

In the first semi-final game un-

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Members of the team from Group 6, Perryopolis, Pa. pose for a group photo. Shown above kneeling are, l-r, Dave Matty, Ryan Morrison, Ryan Pato and Jim Traynor. Standing, from the left, Steve Erdely, Mark Matras, Michael T. Matras, Mikey Matras, Joe Ross, Brian Warnick, Craig Kordich, Greg Rabatin and Doug Stockey.

Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon is shown congratulating the tournament’s MVP recipient, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

Group 1’s Kevin Matlon left, is shown above being congratulated after hitting a homerun. Brother Kevin serves as the Physical Director of Group 1.

Members of the team from Group 5, Cleveland, Oh. pose for a photo and include kneeling, l-r, Robert “Strawberry” Macko, Steve Macko, Landon Blizzard, Jay Macko, Chris Macko and Danielle Macko. Standing are, l-r, Ryan Blizzard, Paul Macko, Andy Lipovsky, Donnie Macko, Dan Dawson and Don Macko.

Play at the plate - Dave Matty of Group 6, right is tagged out by Ryan Blizzard of Group 5

The dynamic Matras trio of Perryopolis, Pa. enjoyed the annual competition. Michael T. Matras, Sports Director of Group 6 is shown flanked by his sons, Mikey and Mark.
Pope Francis sends message to July 5th celebration in Nitra

The national celebration marking the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius on the territory of present-day Slovakia took place in Nitra on Friday, July 5th with top state officials along with thousands of the faithful.

The principal celebrant of the liturgy held outdoors on Svatopluk Square was the Papal Legate, Slovenian Cardinal Franc Rode, C.M.,retired Prefect of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Pope Francis in a letter brought by Cardinal Rode to those taking part in the celebration pointed to the significance of the mission of the “Apostles to the Slavs” in Great Moravia in 863.

They came to the territory of present-day Slovakia with the Gospel message and began bestowing the Lord’s salvatory graces upon people. Apart from sacred nourishment with the Liturgy, they also brought education and culture. The two brothers realized the antiquity and rightness of these sacred rituals, and without any fear, they used the Slavonic language for liturgical rituals. It rightly behoves us to commemorate and praise this event, therefore,” wrote the Pope in this letter, adding that although he wasn’t able to attend the celebration in person, he was spiritually united with the faithful participating in the national pilgrimage to Nitra.

The pontiff sent a special letter to President Ivan Gasparovic, who was present at the celebration, and called on representatives of the state to strive for “the common good, recognizing that the unity of the nation is a fundamental condition for the creation of national awareness, and stated that the two men also deserve credit for the spiritual development of the Slovak nation,” wrote Pope Francis.

Among the guests of honor at the celebration were representatives of the diplomatic corps, as well as outstanding personalities of the Church.

During the celebration, representatives of the state and Church presented their letters of congratulations to President Gasparovic and the Pope. The letters were also presented by representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in Slovakia with the blessings of the Pope.

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July 5th celebration in Komarno held early due to fear of ethnic tension

Security reasons related to possible ethnic tension were behind the decision of the local authorities in Komarno (southwestern region of Nitra) to hold a celebration marking the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius on the territory of present-day Slovakia two weeks in advance of the July 5 national holiday. TASR learned on July 5.

The celebration in Komarno took place on June 21-23, with representatives of Matica Slovenska, the largest and oldest Slovak cultural organization only laying wreaths at a monument depicting the brothers saints in the center of the roundabout in the city on July 5.

The head of Matica Slovenska in Komarno, Jozef Cernek told TASR that the police advised against holding any large event at the sculpture, as this would require the suspension of traffic on busy roads. Another reason given was the fear that the sculpture would again become a target of ethnically motivated vandalism.

The statue of SS. Cyril and Methodius, which was a bone of contention in the mixed Slovak-Hungarian city even before it was placed on the roundabout on Kossuth Square in 2010, has already been damaged several times. It’s been splashed with paint twice, and in one incident vandals smashed the marble plaque below the statue into pieces, apparently using a hammer.

Papal Legate attends oldest Slovak pilgrimage in Levoca

The special Papal Legate of Pope Francis to the celebration of the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in the territory of present-day Slovakia on July 5, Slovenian Cardinal Franc Rode, C.M. also participated as a special guest at the oldest Slovak pilgrimage in Levoca on July 7. The Shrine is located in the heart of the Spis region of northeastern Slovakia.

The pilgrimage was held to commemorate the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on July 2. This pilgrimage has been held on Marianska hora (the Hill of Our Lady) since the Mongol invasion in the 13th century. The Shrine of Our Lady of Levoca is the oldest pilgrimage site in Slovakia. According to organizers this year’s pilgrimage attracted more than 500,000 pilgrims.

Two female pilgrims from Hustinit (Zilina region of western Slovakia) told TASR that they came on foot. “We walked nearly 45 miles from Muran (Banska Bystrica region) to Levoca. “We trekked a total of about 12 miles in the first two days each and then about 7 miles each of the remaining days. It wasn’t as demanding as we had thought,” they said.

Tourist numbers increase in Bratislava by one fifth

The number of overnight tourists visiting Slovakia’s capital of Bratislava increased by 19 percent over the figure for 2012. A total of 173,000 visitors were overnight guests during the first three months of 2013. The numbers were confirmed by the head of Bratislava City Hall media department, Daniela Rodinova.

The travelers made a total of 334,000 overnight stays during the January-March period, which is an annual increase of 26 percent. “The average length of the visitors’ stay rose from 1.82 to 1.93 days, that is by 5.9 percent,” said Rodina.

As regards different nationalities, Slovak tourist remained frequent visitors to the capital - 61,095, or 35 percent of the total - followed by Czech tourists (18,942).

Annual increases were also observed by tourists from the United States, Germany, Austria, Ukraine and Russia.

Fico praises American-Slovak relations

American-Slovak trade increased during the past two years by almost 60 percent, the U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, Theodore Sedgwick said on the occasion of the Independence Day celebration in Bratislava on July 1st.

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10. The only president born in

Pennsylvania. JAMES BU-

CHANAUS along with his Vice

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14. RUTHERFORD B Hayes was always proud of his Civil War re-

cord than that of his presidency.

15. The only president to date that has reported a UFO sighting! -

JAMES EARL CARTER

16. In 1940 the University of Cali-

fornia voted RONALD REAGAN

as the “Most Nearly Perfect Male

Figure”. He posed nearly naked so

students could sculpt the human

physique.

17. JOHN F KENNEDY is the only

President to serve the United States of America.

18. Many referred to BENJA-

MIN Harrison as the White House

Iceberg; he cut his children out of

his will. His grandfather served


Douglas in a debate as two-faced,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN replied

“If I had another face, do you think

I would wear this one?”

20. ZACHORY TAYLOR’s clothes were so tattered that many

Americans mistook the president as a

farmer.

21. Known as the “Father of the

Constitution”, JAMES MADI-

SON’s “Virginia Plan” was adopt-

ed as its basis.

22. Hiram Ulysses S GRANT nickname given to him from his

father was “Useless”, due to his ex-

traordinary ordinariness.

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23. FRANKLIN Pierce was in 1855 with his wife, and egg during his presidency, the assistant attempt- ed suicide after taken into custody.

24. Queen Victoria considered Mill- ard Fillmore the handsomest man she’d ever met.

25. No other president had more chil- dren than JOHN TYLER in United States history.

26. JOHN ADAMS our 2nd presi- dent died July 4, 1826 the same day as Thomas Jefferson our 3rd presi- dent.

27. An avid swimmer, JOHN QAD- AMS - did swim in the made in the Potomac River every day.

28. James Garfield spent 80 days on his deathbed while a team of experts (including Alexander Gra- ham Bell) probed and prodded with unsanitary instruments.

29. GROVER CLEVELAND was the only president to be married in the White House.

30. As the last president to serve in the Civil War William McKinley was the 1st to have his inaugural cap- tured on film.


32. While employees received strict orders to do nothing whenever Herbert Hoover passed by, those who failed to do so risked dismissal.

33. CALVIN COOLIDGE loved to sleep, he'd usually be asleep by 10 p.m., and rose at 8 a.m. and took 4 hour nap each morning.

34. WOODROW WILSON was a big fan of D W Griffith’s “The Birth of a Nation”, a film that glorified the actions of the Ku Klux Klan.

35. As 325 points, WILLIAM HOWARD Taft often found himself stuck in the White House bathtub. His advisors sometimes helped pull him out.

36. Also known as “Slick Willie”, WILLIAM JEFFERSON Clinton was a gifted saxophone player and won contests and received music scholarships from several colleges.

37. After GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH voricated on the Japanese Prime Minister, a new word entered the Japanese language Bushuken - literally means “to do the Bush thing” - is slang for vorication.

38. Like his father GEORGE W BUSH vocalized many brain farts - “I promise you I will listen to what has been said here, even though I wasn’t there”.

39. GERALD FORD was con- sidered within the group of beautif- ul people”, he is the only presi- dent to date to have worked as a model, and he also appeared on the front page of Cosmopolitan in his younger days.

40. LYNDON BAINES Johnson was gruff and obscene virtually all of the time; he belched, swore and scratched his privates regularly and conversations with staffers with him in the bathroom.

41. Harry S TRUMAN talked his pi- lot of the presidential DC-4 airplane to buzz the White House while Rees and Margaret Truman were on the roof. In the dark the Secret Service agents flew into action.

42. Not a fan, William Henry HARRISON got the longest in- augural speech on record - he also served the shortest term. He died just weeks after delivering his one-hour and forty-five minute speech.

Outreach days set by Philadelphia fraternals

Philadelphia Fraternals, which includes a number of fraternals ac- tive in the Philadelphia area in the best traditions of volunteerism, will host their annual Volunteer Days. On these occasions, members of various Fraternals, including the Catholic Sokol Societies, will volun- teer to assist at various community projects. Area Sokols and Sokoliki are invited to join in the effort.

Upcoming Fraternal Days include Saturday, August 3: Philabun- dance, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Sokol Hall in Philadelphia. Volunteers will as- semble and sort items; and Tues- day, September 10, Breakfast Bags for Aid for Friends beginning at 12 noon at the PBA in Philadelphia, in conjunction with Phila. Fraternal Mtg., the task will be to assemble and sort. Sokol members interested in volunteering with this project should contact Heather Bradley at tel:(215)563-2537 or heather@rbo. org to sign up.

The Philadelphia Fraternals strive to promote the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system by hosting a variety of outreach and volunteer programs which assist the local community.

Helping the Missions

Our old friend, Father Paul Cruz recently sent us a letter from his mission in India expressing his thanks and gratitude to our many members who over the years have supported him in his ministry. He thanks those who send various re- members and personal checks are also suggested.

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Shrine Dedicated to Blessed John Paul II

Preparing for His Canonization

We at the shrine dedicated to this great man with people around the world in welcoming the news that Blessed John Paul II will be canonized, said the shrine’s Executive Director Patrick Kelly. Throughout his life, John Paul II was a champion of the rights and dignity of every human person, and his witness and legacy continue to speak im- mense hope to the world today. Similarly, his life of holiness and devotion to God continues to be an example to us all.

The canonization, the finalization, the Shrine will announce a series of events leading up to and surrounding the canonization date, expected to be sometime before the end of the year. Some events will be devotional in nature, while others will be educational - highlighting the legacy of John Paul II’s life and the importance of his message.

Individuals, groups and media interested in learning more about Blessed John Paul II are wel- come to contact the shrine, located adjacent to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immacu- late Conception on Michigan Avenue, the heart of our nation’s capital. The shrine houses one of the most extensive collections of Blessed John Paul II’s relics and artifacts outside the Vatican.

For more information, visit www.jsp2shrine.org.
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol

FIRST SESSION
Friday, June 28, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh Called to Order the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2013 in the Barre Room at the First Wisconsin Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and extended a warm welcome to all of the Board of Directors.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdvic was called upon to lead the Directors in the Opening Prayer which was the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule. Father Andrew also gave each member of the Board a Papal blessed prayer card from Pope Francis and informed the Board members of the second general audience since the Pope’s election which Father Andrew was present at. Acknowledged.

Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins led the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme Secretary, Ed. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was called upon to read the Roll Call and the following members were present:
Supreme Chaplain .................................................................................................................................Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdvic
Supreme President .................................................................................................................................Larry M. Glugosh
Supreme Secretary ...............................................................................................................................Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer ...............................................................................................................................Dennis J. Zifcak
General Counsel .................................................................................................................................John D. Pogorelec, Esq.
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors ..............................................................................................Michael J. Horvath
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics ..........................................................................................Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Physical Director ................................................................................................................Kathleen S. Watkins
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Brother Reported that the record will show that nine members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present and one is excused, namely Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs due to personal reasons.

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

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held March 15–16, 2013 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Office in Pasaic, NJ, and published in the April 17, 2013 issue of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Falcon, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath moved for the Acceptance of the Minutes, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller. Approved.

President Glugosh inquired if any Communications were received for presentation.

The Supreme Secretary reported that a written communication extending greetings and best wishes was received and presented from Brother Tony L. Scuglik, President of Group 4 in Chicago, Illinois on behalf of the officers and members of Group 4.

Also, a written communication was received and presented from Sister Eileen S. Wilson on behalf of the officers and members of Group 2 in Bridgeport, Connecticut extending their prayers, greetings and best wishes for a successful and productive meeting which will benefit our entire Organization and membership.

Sister Wilson also presented some recommendations for consideration to the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Lastly, a written communication was received and presented from Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs asking to be excused from the meeting due to personal reasons.

President Glugosh then called upon the Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. to present the Membership Report. The Board members were informed that as of June 1, 2013 the Organization has 30,995 certificates in force being held by 27,829 members. For the first five months of the year there was a decrease of only 21 certificates and 2 members. Brother Suess further reported that 287 new members have been accepted for the year which included 115 juniors and 172 seniors. This is a great improvement from previous years and noted the progress the society is making to improve our membership efforts. Also reviewed and discussed were the number of deaths, surrenders, lapses, matures and certificates that expired. The amount of premium income received for the first five months was $1,383,805.00. Life insurance premiums totaled $224,439.00 and the annuity income received totaled $1,383,805.00.

Brother Suess then reported on the statistical growth and Year-End projections, a New Vantage 1, the Sokol Secure Fund, marketing updates, products, agent recruitment, sales, e-rate, reinsurance, administrative software, and attendance at various meetings and participation in other business activities.

Brother Suess reviewed the Annuity interest rates which were offered for the second quarter; For the Vantage 1 Annuity – 1.25%, Vantage 2 – 1.50%, Vantage 3 – 2.25%, Vantage 5 – 3.25% and for the Vantage 7 – 3.50%. Interest rates are declared quarterly as we currently do.

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

President Glugosh, Larry M. Glugosh called for a motion to accept the Membership Report/Sales Update for discussion purposes only. Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich so moved, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdvic.

Numerous questions were presented by all the Board members and addressed by Brother Suess. Some items will take time to put into place and will continue to make progress. We continue to increase the number of agents and our recommenders are doing a great job. The results of the first five months speak for themselves.

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

President Glugosh thanked Brother Suess for his report and for the progress we are making as well as the entire Board for all of their questions and suggestions.

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

Brother Moeller reported that since the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, the International Bowling Tournament was held on May 17–18, 2013 at Airport Lanes in Buffalo, NY. A total of 104 bowlers were in attendance for the weekend. The Financial Report is in the process of being completed and will be forwarded to the Home Office.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Moeller for this and further reported that the 26th International Softball Tournament will be held the weekend of June 28–30, 2013 in Drifton, PA. A total of 5 men’s teams from four different Groups are expected. Due to the lack of Female teams there is no Women’s Tournament this year. The tournament will be played at Jake Kislau Park with a picnic dinner to take place after the Mass offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew at the hotel in Hazleton, PA.

The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics reported that the 58th International Golf Tournament will be held at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville, PA the weekend of August 9–11, 2013. A good number of golfers are expected.

Lastly Brother Ed updated the Board on some of the sites being considered for the 2014 sports program.

The members of the Board of Directors went on record instructing Brother Ed to pursue his efforts to host joint fraternal activities and events with other organizations as we have in the past for bowling and golf tournaments.

Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins reported on the upcoming 46th International Softball Tournament to be held July 16–20, 2013 at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA. The closing exhibition will take place on Friday July 19, 2013 beginning at 6:15 p.m. A total of 9 Groups will be participating. Currently there are 236 participants which include 157 female and 79 male members.

Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich reported that he and Sister Watkins have visited several Kid’s Camps as approved by the Board of Directors and a “Pilot Program” in conjunction with Clinics to try and attract more participation of our youth. These camps are intended for both Groups 1 and 2 with a focus on Group 1. Brother Dorich and Sister Watkins are recommending a Camp to be held in North Springfield, PA which is a YMCA camp. The clinic dates for next year would be August 14–17, 2014.

A very lengthy discussion took place and a motion was made by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath and seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak to approve a “Pilot Program” as presented with the organization and the individual attendees splitting the costs 50% and 50% each and the individuals are responsible for their own travel expenses. The camp cost per day is expected to be around $60.00 per day. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother Ed, Sister Kathy and Brother Dusan for their reports and a motion to accept the report of the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, approved by President Glugosh, was made by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath and seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdvic, and seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved.

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

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

Brother Counsel reported on the Assembly 206 Ambridge, PA and the Sokol Club litigation which is proceeding according to the Rules of Civil Procedure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He brought the Board members up to date with the most recent events. Depositions have been taken and a few more are expected. We are hopeful that the trial will begin later this year as reported to us by the attorney in Pittsburgh.

Counsel responded to the several questions presented from the Board members to the best of his knowledge.

Lastly, Counsel reported on the foreclosure proceedings with the one mortgage that is in default with the organization; however we do continue to receive monthly payments even though they are not being received in a timely manner.

President Glugosh moved for a motion to accept the report of our General Counsel, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Brother John for his report and presented a written report from Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, for the Scholarship Committee Report.

Sister Dobbs reported that the committee met on Saturday, May 4, 2013, via a Conference Call, and made their selections.

The winners photos appeared in the May 15, 2013 issue of the Falcon publication. Checks will be mailed out from the Home Office in July to the applicants who were selected for a grant. Sister Dobbs, reported that 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grants were awarded, 1 Joseph and Mary Spermona Memorial Grant, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grants, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant and 2 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition 15 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial Scholarship Home Of Schools and 25 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected. Thank you letters acknowledging individual selections have been received at the Home Office and Sister Dobbs, as in the past, has forwarded the “essay quotes” received from the winners. A summary of said information included in a report to the Board of Directors.

Several recommendations were presented from Sister Dobbs and the Board agreed with them which would improve the application process. The website will be updated accordingly and the applications will become available in November of 2013.

Lastly a donation was submitted to PNC Bank and Mr. Thomas Calimanu requesting a donation to the S.C.S. Memorial Scholarship Program. A donation in the amount of $2,500.00 was received in May and a letter of thanks has been mailed acknowledging this generous donation.

President Glugosh called for a motion to accept the written report submitted by Sister Dobbs (Continued on page 16)
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Dobbs, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved.

President Glugosh thanked Sister Dobbs for her written report and the fine work performed by the selection committee.

President Glugosh praised the Board members that he will be establishing a Memorial Scholarship in the name of Krista L. Glugosh and will work with our General Counsel and Scholarship Committee to accomplish this. Acknowledged.

Also, the Supreme Secretary distributed a communication received from the President of Group 22, Eileen S. Wilson regarding the Scholarship program. It was mutually agreed to have our Chairperson review and address it accordingly.

Supreme President Glugosh and the Board members then welcomed Mr. Thomas Calimano, Vice-President/Marketing Director, and Portfolio Manager, from PNC Advisors who reported on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Investment Portfolio.

Mr. Calimano’s presentation began by reviewing PNC’s Investment Policy Guidelines which covered the Asset Allocation, Equity Securities, Market Capitalization, Fixed Income Securities, Cash Equivalents and Benchmarks.

Mr. Calimano reviewed the investment account. As of May 31, 2013, total assets in the Slovak Catholic Sokol investment account were $64,302,634. Bonds represented 84.0% of the account; Stocks, 15.1%; and Cash Equivalents 0.9% of the portfolio.

For the five months ended May 31, 2013, the portfolio’s total return was 2.47% versus 1.96% for the Weighted Index. The total return on Bonds was 0.16% versus (0.01%) for the benchmark Barclays Aggregate Bond Index. Bonds benefited during the first four months of 2013 from the continued search for yield in the fixed income environment. However, during May better economic reports and the Federal Reserve’s comments about the tapering of their bond purchases caused interest rates to rise and bond prices to retreat. The lack of coupon protection to offset the decline in bond prices led to negative total returns for May. While the Bond Portfolio was impacted by this increase in interest rates, its above market average coupon of 5.40% and high quality investments acted as a buffer. The accommodative policy of low interest rates, as measured by the Federal Funds Rate will remain intact but the bond market will continue to be concerned with the timing of the Federal Reserve’s tapering of bond purchases.

This has caused long term interest rates to rise. While impacting the intermediate market value of the bonds held in the portfolio, the level of income hasn’t changed and may increase as current holding mature and the proceeds are reinvested in bonds with higher yields than were available earlier in the year. Equities had a total return of 16.37% compared with the 15.37% return of the Standard & Poor 500 for the same five month period. We continue to believe dividends are a compelling investment strategy. Companies that are growing their earnings and converting it into growth in their dividend continue to be rewarded by investors which fueled the equity portfolio’s outperformance. Cash Equivalents returned 0.01% compared to the 0.01% return for the Citigroup 90 day Treasury Bill index for the same five month period.

The economic recovery that began in 2012 has continued into 2013 but with housing and the consumer beginning to lead the way. PNC continues to anticipate GDP growth in 2013 of 2% with some softness in the second and third quarters followed by an improvement in the fourth quarter. Inflation is expected to remain moderate only increasing 2.3% on a year over year basis. We would expect the unemployment rate to fall to 7.4% by year end and to have average monthly job gains of 185,000. The moderate growth forecast is being supported by an improving housing market, continued gains in employment and disposable income which will boost consumer confidence. This economic outlook and corporate profits growth of mid single digit through 2014 should be positive for stocks. However, bond total returns will remain challenging as the global economy continues to improve because concerns over the Federal Reserve’s tapering of bond purchase even though it’s accommodative monetary policy appears to be in place until 2015.

Mr. Calimano concluded his report by discussing the effects of recent changes to the portfolio and an investment strategy to invest in the current environment.

Supreme Treasurer and Secretary/Treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum, Dennis J. Zifcak in the absence of Sister Dobbs expressed thanks to Mr. Calimano and PNC Bank for their donation to the Memorial Scholarship program.

At this point addressing some questions, President Glugosh called for a motion to accept the report, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq., seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved.

Having completed all the business on the morning agenda, Supreme President, Lar- my M. Glugosh called for a motion to Adjourn the morning session, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Physical Director, Michael J. Horvath. Approved.

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

The First Session was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

SECOND SESSION  
Friday, June 28, 2013 – 12:45 p.m.

Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., in the absence of the Supreme President and Supreme Vice-President, called the Second Session of the Supreme Board of Directors to order at 12:45 p.m. on Friday June 28, 2013.

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

Bell Call was taken and the record will in that our eight members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present. Absent and excused were the Supreme President and Supreme Vice-President due to personal reasons. Acknowledged.

The Supreme Secretary presented the Mortgage Department Report.

President Calimano reported that as of June 28, 2013 there are 8 existing mortgages totaling $596,187.36. Principal payments received for the first 6 months of 2013 total $15,808.66 and interest payments total $19,548.84. The Supreme Secretary also reported that no new mortgage applications have been received for presentation.

After a brief discussion, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq., moved to accept the Mortgage Department report, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath. Approved.

Brother Steve then called upon Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath to report on the Independent Auditor’s Report.

Brother Horvath informed the Board members that they all were sent a copy of the CPA Audit Report for the years ending December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 as prepared by our Certified Public Accountants, Vision Financial Group, CPA's, LLP. Vision Financial Group through a written communication along with the report informed the Board that they have audited the financial statements of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the years ending 12-31-12 and 12-31-11 and issued their report thereon received at the Home Office on May 23, 2013. The nineteen page report was discussed at length and it is intended for the information of the management of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the State of New Jersey, and other state audit agencies.

Brother Horvath further informed the Board members that the Supreme Auditors will conduct the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2013 Semi-Annual Audit at the Home Office on August 22-23, 2013.

There being no questions, Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins moved to have the minutes reflect that the Board members reviewed the report and accepted it as presented, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved.

The Supreme Secretary thanked Brother Michael for his presentation and then presented a donation request which was received at the Home Office to be addressed at this meeting.

Brother Steve presented each member with a copy of the donation request received from Margaret Dvorzky, President of the Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum requesting financial assistance.

After reviewing the three planned projects for this year of Slovak Awareness and the events planned for the years 2013 and 2014, the Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum for the year 2012, Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich moved to approve a donation in the amount of $250,000, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, No discussion, and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business included the Board members discussing two Convention proposals which were presented by the Supreme Secretary. He informed the Board members that to date proposals have been received from The Orleans in Las Vegas, NV site of our 2007 Convention and from the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree, formerly the Radisson Hotel, site of our 2011 Convention. Both proposals were similar in cost and the most important issue discussed by the Board members was the travelling expenses if a site such as Las Vegas was considered. The Supreme Secretary reviewed the travel expenses of the Conventions held in Florida, 2007 and 2011. No other proposals have been received from the other Board members and after a lively discussion, no decision was made as to where the 2015 Convention should be held. It was mutually agreed to select a site at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Supreme Secretary also informed the Board members that a Group Presidents meeting will be held on Saturday August 17, 2013 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Pittsburgh-Green Tree and this is one of the agenda items that will be discussed with the Group Presidents for the 2013 Convention.

New Business included a review of the individuals who were submitted for consideration as our 2013 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. S.C.S. Editor, Daniel F. Tantzone is the Chairperson of this program, each Board member reviewed the Nomination Forms, their qualifications and service each has performed over the years. After a secret ballot was taken, the individual selected was Brother Fred A. Graham, a member of Assembly 59 and Group 7 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The members of the Supreme Board of Directors extended their congratulations and best wishes to Brother Graham on his selection. Fred has been an active member of Assembly 59 for many decades and has served in various capacities as an officer, as well as in Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA. He is an example and mentor for all to follow. Acknowledged.

The Supreme Secretary thanked the Board members and then opened the floor for a discussion regarding the Slovak Catholic Sokol Amenity Interest Rate for the third quarter of 2013 beginning July 1, 2013.

After a brief discussion, Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak moved that the interest rate for the third quarter of 2013 be continued at the current rates being offered, seconded by General Counsel John D. Pogorelec, Esq.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic presented an extensive overview of the Slovak Catholic Federation Historic Year of Faith Pilgrimage trip to Rome and Slovakia. It was a wonderful experience which included a general audience with Pope Francis, the second presentation—Late 20th Century Church, Father Andrew’s talk was given to the Choir of the Slovenian Catholic Church. Cardinal Jozef Tomko who extended greetings to the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Father Andrew emphasized that during his travels he kept all our members in his daily prayers.

The pilgrimage was held from Sunday, April 14 to Friday, April 26, 2013. Father Andrew expressed his thanks for the opportunity to be a part of this historic pilgrimage. Acknowledged.

The Supreme Secretary thanked our Supreme Chaplain for his overview and numerous photos of the pilgrimage have appeared in the Falcon.

The Supreme Secretary then presented a proposal for the Board members to consider in order to reduce some of the overhead costs.

He went on to explain that our September Conference Call Board of Directors meetings have been very efficient and successful and recommended that we should consider face to face Board of Directors meetings a year and two Board of Directors Conference Call meetings a year.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak that starting in 2014, the March and December Quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors be held face to face and the June and September Quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors be held via Conference Calls, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved.

The Supreme Secretary then informed the Board members that the next meeting of (Continued from page 17)

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Assembly 116 of Greensboro, Pa. to consolidate with Wreath 15, Perrypol, Pa. Effective July 1, 2013 the 99 members of Assembly 116 in Greensboro, Pa. will be consolidated with Wreath 15 in Perrypol, Pa. The reorganization has been agreed upon and approved by the Home Office. I wish to thank Mrs. Margaret Kalis and Rose Kendall, as well as all past officers of Assembly 116 for their cooperation and efforts over the years for all they have done for the Assembly and our organization. I encourage the members of Assembly 116 to remain active within our organization and in their new Wreath.

If there are any questions or concerns that need to be addressed, please feel free to contact the Home Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday at toll free 800-866-7656. Again, I thank all for their cooperation and understanding during this transition.

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Fraternally yours,

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

Bishop Milan公交 is new Archbishop of Trnava

On June 30, Pope Francis announced the appointment of the Most Rev. Jan Orosch as the new Archbishop of Trnava. Bishop Orosch has been serving as the Apostolic Administrator of the archdiocese since July 2, 2012. A native of Bratislava, Archbishop Orosch was born there in 1953. Following studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Bratislava-Trnava in 1976. He served as a parish priest in Komarno, Busince, Nove Zamky, Bratislava-Praezov, Canovo and Sturno. In 2004, he was named Auxiliary to Archbishop Jan Sokol. He was consecrated a bishop on May 2, 2004. Following the creation of the Archdiocese of Trnava, he was named Vicar General. Archbishop Orosch succeeds Archbishop Robert Bezak, C.Ss.R. who assists in Slovak ministry in Chicago.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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The supreme Board of Directors will be on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. via a telephone Conference Call.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the financial health of the Sokol system of Pennsylvania and to set the agenda for the annual meeting which will be held in the fall of 2013. The meeting was opened with a prayer, thanking the Good Lord for all of the many blessings we have received, which we are very thankful for.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

(Continued from page 4) for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions. Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced abundant crops. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This night your life will be demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Summer Bazaar at Pittston, Pa. parish

The faith community of St. John the Evangelist Parish of Pittston, Pa. will host its 14th annual Summer Bazaar beginning on Thursday, August 8 and concluding on Saturday, August 10. Festivities begin daily at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. Festivities are held church parking lot located at the corner of Church and Broad Streets. There will be plenty to eat and drink as well as arts and crafts, music, raffle tickets, face painting and many other fun activities for the entire family.

There will be entertainment nightly. Appearing on Thursday, August 8 will be “Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots” on Friday, August 9, “Hillbilly d’Lux” will be featured and on Saturday, August 10, “Flasy Morgan” along with “Pat Ward the Clown” will light the evening’s entertainment. An enjoyable time is assured.

The pastor of the parish, our well-known Sokol, Monsignor John J. Bendik along with the new associate pastor, Rev. Peter Tomaszewski, invite area Sokol members to come out and enjoy the festivities of the annual bazaar. Many Sokol members are serving on the bazaar committee.

Zdar Boh!

Stephen Vitek

for the Committee

DON’T FOR SALE DRIVERS

Don’t drive while fatigued. You might fall asleep - permanently.
Don’t rely on the other guy to stop. He/she may be relying on you.
Don’t disregard traffic. In summer, Sunday drivers drive weekdays, too.
Don’t tailgate. There’s no one on the road you want to meet that badly.
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 school signs still count. Summer school is on.
Don’t forget to check brakes. A long grade’s end could be your own.
Don’t neglect equipment. Fix anything wrong before it fails you.

NO MORE SMOKING NO EXTRA WEIGHT

Kicking the habit isn’t easy, but it need not be delayed by fear of weight gain, says RN Magazine. The metabolic rate slows down when a smoker quits smoking, but ex-smokers can expect to lose extra pounds by expending more energy through exercise and cutting back calories. To combat with the increased appetite or nervous tension that may accompany nicotine withdrawal, healthy snacks like vegetable salads, fresh fruit, and plain popcorn are recommended.

New Discoveries from Ancient Slovakia

The annual Slovak Pastoral Seminar hosted by the Chicago Region of the Slovak Catholic Federation is scheduled for Sunday, September 15. Special guest at the seminar will be the Most Rev. Milan Sasik, C.M., Byzantine Catholic Eparch of Mukachevo in Ukraine. The Vincentian and native of Slovakia was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest and in recent years was named as bishop serving Greek Catholics in what was known as Ruthenia before the Second World War. The seminar will be held at St. Simon the Apostle Parish located at 5157 South California Avenue in Chicago’s South Side from 1:30 to 6 p.m. This year’s seminar is dedicated to the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius in what is present-day Slovakia.

The seminar opens at 1:30 p.m. with viewing of the extensive and colorful exhibit on the evangelization of SS. Cyril and Methodius among the Slovak people. A Mass to commemorate the feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia will be celebrated in church at 2 p.m. Following the liturgy a delicious dinner will be enjoyed in the parish social hall. Beginning at 4 p.m., an interesting and informative lecture, titled “New Discoveries from Ancient Slovakia” will be presented by Vlastimil Libant, former mayor of Nitra in Slovakia. He is the son of the Rev. Kristian Libant, C.M., a Slovak priest who assists in Slovak ministry in Chicago. A question and answer period as well as time for socializing will follow the lecture.

This year’s seminar which includes the luncheon is $20.00 for adults and $10.00 for children ages 4-12 prior to September 4th and $25.00 after the cut-off date. The seminar is open to all who assist in Slovak ministry in Chicago. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

Scholarship grants for Pennsylvania members

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) will again offer scholarship grants to deserving students who will attend a college, university, trade or professional school full time beginning in this year’s fall semester. Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol residing in Pennsylvania may apply for these $500 scholarship grants. Other requirements are that the applicant be a member of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia who assists in Slovak ministry in Chicago. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award between the months of October and November.

An application is available by contacting Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office 800-886-7656 or by visiting the website of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance at www.pfaranet.org. The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2013.

I M memory of... Announcing the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

Julie Ann Dobbs

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Museum Treasurer

Memorial Scholarship Fund

205 Madison St.

Passaic, NJ 07055

Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.

Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two $500 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earing捐款 to this fund in memory of them. Keep the spirit of your fellow Sokol alive by investing in a way that their fraternal dedication will not be forgotten.

After you have decided to make a donation, you may do so by visiting the website of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance at www.pfaranet.org. The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2013.
defeated Group 5 defeating winless Group 6, by a final score of 12-6. Group 5 jumped out to a 5 run lead, as they sent 8 men to the plate led by a pair of doubles from Donnie and Bobby Macko. In the second inning, Group 5 scored 6 more runs as Danielle Macko led off the inning with a single and scored on an inside the park home run from Paul Macko. Group 6 scored four runs in the top of the 2nd led by Doug Stockey, Ryan Morison, Dave Matty and Jim Traynor. Only two more runs were scored for the rest of the game, Greg Rabatin for Perryopolis, and Paul Macko for Cleveland.

In the other semi-final game, Group 1 defeated Group 1/3, 7-6 with the winning run scored in the bottom of the 7th inning as Patrick Elliott’s single scored Rich Bel Bruno that moved Group 1 into the championship game. Group 1 jumped out to a three run lead in the bottom of the 1st inning as Patrick Elliott, Larry Galatins and Chris Rodal all scored on 6 hits in the inning. Group 1/3 scored the first run as Rob Hookstra led off with a single and scored on the single from Rich Walkowiak. Group 1 kept hitting the ball, with four hits in the third inning and two additional runs, taking a 5-1 lead. In the fourth inning, Kevin Matlon and Tony Cataloto scored runs to cut the lead and make it a two run game. Lorenzo Castaldo scored another run for Group 1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Group 1/3 had a big come back in the top of the seventh inning. Tony Cataloto, Eric Topczaj and Kevin Scott all scored runs for Group 1/3 to tie the game and with the bases loaded and two outs. Kevin Matlon came to the plate and hit a drive to deep left field and Patrick Elliott tracked it down just in front of the fence, setting up the dramatic bottom of the seventh with the walk-off hit.

After the games were finished up and the trophies were handed out to the winning teams, everyone headed back to the hotel as our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic celebrated Mass to satisfy the Sunday obligation. Assisting in the liturgy were Mikey Maltastr from Perryopolis, Pa., Kevin Matlon, from Whippany, N.J., Cindy Walkowiak, from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Carol Macko from Barberton, Oh., who presented the first reading, the responsive psalm, second reading and prayers of the faithful, respectively. Father Andy had a great homily and welcomed everyone to Hazleton, the mountain city and mentioned that St. Joseph’s Church, located just a mile up the road is the oldest Slovak Catholic Church in the Western Hemisphere. He also mentioned that just down the road in a local patch town, Slovak and Polish miners rebelled against the coal mine owners for better working conditions and some of the miners were killed that helped to lead to the formation of the United Miners Workers Union.

After Mass Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, FLC welcomed all of the participants, thanked them for coming and hoping that everyone goes back to their respective cities and starts to recruit more players for the 2014 International Softball Tournament. Edward D. Moeller also greeted all of the players and guests, thanked them for participating in another exciting softball tournament, even with a limited number of teams. Ed also mentioned that most of the games were very competitive and congratulations again to the Group 1, Passaic, New Jersey on their first championship after coming so close for so many years. After Mass the participants enjoyed delicious buffet dinner that included sausage and peppers, meatballs, hot-dogs, Italian sausage, with all of the fixings, chips, desserts and soft drinks.

The rest of Saturday evening was spent with many of the participants enjoying the outside pool and socializing and discussions about all of the great time that everyone had playing in the tournament earlier in the day. We need all of the men and women who love playing softball to contact me or their Group Sports Director to get as many players to participate and increase the number of teams for the 27th International Softball Tournament in 2014. Zdár Boh!

FINISH GROUP CITY WINS LOSSES
1st Place Group 1 Passaic, NJ 4 1
2nd Place Group 5 Cleveland, Oh. 4 1
3rd Place Group 1/3 Passaic, NJ/Mass. 1 3
4th Place Group 6 Perryopolis, Pa. 0 4

Youth Awards salute volunteer efforts
One of the most important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance (NJ-NYFA) is its support for the annual Youth Volunteer Award Program. Each year, deserving young students who are members of fraternal organizations affiliated with the NJ-NYFA are honored for their outreach efforts both within their own society as well as the community at large.

Thanks to the generosity of the Recreation Farm Society, each youth award recipient receives $500 with an additional $500 award given to their designated charity. The number of awards is based on the proceeds of the annual NJ-NYFA convention ad book.

Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol between the ages of 16 and 22, residing in either New Jersey or New York active in any outreach or volunteer project may apply for these awards. An application form for the awards program is available from Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office. The completed application must be returned by the deadline date of September 2, 2013.

The Youth Volunteer Award Committee of the NJ-NYFA will make the selection of this year’s award recipients and all decisions are final. The award recipients will be announced at the 80th annual convention of the NJ-NYFA scheduled for the Golden Nugget Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J. on October 10-11 2013.

Over the years, members of our organization have been recipients of these awards. Many of our young members are involved in a variety of outreach projects and we encourage them to apply for these awards.
Biskup Jozef Halko navštívil USA a Kanadu

Svätý Otec František vymenoval nového trnavského arcibiskupa

Svätý Otec František vymenoval nového trnavského arcibiskupa. Stal sa nim doterajší apoštolský a dňa požehnal Jánoš Ornoch. „Je to so strany Svätého apostola pre ta veľké dôvery voči mojej osobe. Všim, že je to neľahká úloha, v plnej jav veľkej

Svätého Zo slovanského apoštolstva v Štúrove a od 1999 bol farským adminis-

trátorom v Bratislave a Pomazanie,“ povedal nový arcibiskup. Význam našich vojínov do Ľúdov Ján


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