9,000 Turn Out for the 37th Annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival on September 28 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J. With Slovakia’s New President Andrej Kiska Participating

Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Manchester, N.H. Celebrates Slovak Mass

The Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, center, of Manchester, New Hampshire was principal celebrant of the Slovak Mass which opened the 37th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival on Sunday, September 28 in Holmdel, N.J. Flanking Bishop Peter were festival co-chairpersons, Nina Holy and Attorney John G. Duch as well as other members of the festival committee.

U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Theodore Sedgwick, second from the left is shown, with John G. Duch, Anna Korcak, the Rev. Martin Vavrak and Stan Krcmar.

Slovakia’s new President Andrej Kiska, second from the left, is shown with, l-r, Henrietta and Milan Dait; Stephen Zluky and Vasil Hlinka.

Bishop Peter A. Libasci is shown with, l-r, Jane Konzelman, Nina Holy and Dr. Mikulas Halko and his wife, Nadine.

Enjoying the festival are, l-r, Maria Bandjlich, Anna Korcak, Lydia Denko, Jozef Korcak and John G. Duch.
On his first visit to the United States, since his election as Slovakia's fourth head of state in June, President Andrej Kiska participated in the opening and deliberations of the 69th General Assembly of the United Nations in New York City, September 22-27. On the evening of September 25, President Kiska was feted at a gala reception hosted by Slovakia's Ambassador to the United Nations, Frantisek Ruzicka at his residence, an impressive Beaux Arts mansion located just off Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. Representatives of the New York-New Jersey Slovak community were invited to the reception.

Accompanying President Kiska at the reception were Slovakia's Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak and former Slovak Ambassador to the United States, Martin Butora, currently an advisor to the president. Ambassador Ruzicka welcomed the president. Speaking at the reception were Slovakia's current Ambassador to the United States, Peter Kmec and the Slovak Consul General in New York, Jana Trnovcova. In his response, President Kiska, speaking in slightly accented but perfect English and then in Slovak, recalled his first visit to the United States in January 1990 when he sought to find the "American dream." During that period, he labored sometimes 80 to 100 hours a week outside Philadelphia. While he returned to Slovakia eighteen months later, he credited his experience in America in helping him to learn English but more importantly to motivate his future as he strove to make a successful career in business just following the fall of Communism. He commended the American Slovak community for continuing its love of Slovak culture and heritage. He marveled that after more than a century, Slovak organizations continue their efforts on behalf of the land of their ancestry. He thanked our American Slovak organizations for their continued promotion of various cultural and education projects with Slovakia.

President Kiska is the fourth head of state since Slovakia gained its independence on January 1, 1993. He is unique in that he is the first president who has never had any ties with the Communist party. In addition, he was elected as an independent, belonging to none of Slovakia’s more than 20 political parties. President Kiska received a warm American welcome and assurances of continued promotion of USA-Slovak projects.

President Andrej Kiska offers remarks at the reception given in his honor. Looking on, l-r, are Slovak Consul General in New York Jana Trnovcova, Slovak Ambassador to the U.S. Peter Kmec and Slovak Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak.

Slovakia’s New President, Andrej Kiska Honored at a Reception in New York
Slovak Mission to the United Nations + New York City + September 25

Former Slovak Ambassador to the United States, Martin Butora, third from the left, is shown with, l-r, Editor Daniel F. Tanzone, Nina Holy, Dr. Mary Z. Gasparik, our Honorary Supreme Officer and Albina and Joseph Senko. Brother Senko serves as the Honorary Slovak Consul in Pennsylvania.

Slovak Ambassador to the U.N., Frantisek Ruzicka, at the microphone, extends a warm welcome to President Kiska. Also shown, l-r, Ambassador Peter Kmec and Slovakia’s Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak.

Slovakia’s Ambassador to the United States, Peter Kmec, third from the left, is shown with from the left, members of the Masi-Holy family, including Tom and Luby Masi and Nina Holy.

Veteran New York Slovak activist, Rudolf Gregus is shown flanked by our Honorary Supreme Officer Dr. Mary Z. Gasparik and his daughter, a star of the New York Broadway stage, Luba Mason.

Slovakia’s Ambassador to the United States, Peter Kmec, is shown with, from the left, Nina Holy, Rosemary Golia, Sabina Sabatos and Editor Daniel F. Tanzone.
BEGINNING A NEW SEASON OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Now that fall has finally arrived, with crisp cool temperatures, it’s time to adjust our activities from the great outdoors to that of the indoors. It’s time to host the many fraternal activities that have made our organization unique and popular over the past 109 years of our history. In the past, many of our local lodges had their own Sokol halls. Today, some of these clubs continue to exist and provide a wonderful venue for our indoor sporting and fraternal activities.

Now that we have experienced a successful Supreme Clinic or Kurz as it is known in Slovak, and our very first Youth Camp experience, I hope our Groups are motivated to prepare themselves for next year’s exciting 47th International Sokol scheduled for Slippery Rock University located in western Pennsylvania. This campus provides an ideal facility for our Sokels and is geographically located for the convenience of most of our Groups. Thus, the fall and winter provides an opportunity for our Group Physical Fitness Boards to schedule regular drill classes in preparation for the 47th Sokel.

We encourage our local Groups and lodges to host a variety of indoor activities which affords the opportunity for members to gather and promote sporting and fraternal projects. Remember, we are part of the great Slovak Catholic Sokol family. Meeting with each other at these gatherings helps to strengthen the “family ties.” We remind our Groups and lodges that the Home Office will provide $100 in support for any of their activities, with a limit of two per year. All that we ask is that you announce the date of the activity and subsequently if possible, provide a story and photos which can be featured in our Slovak Catholic Falcon. We commend those lodges and Groups which host such gatherings and who exhibit interest in providing assistance to the needy in their community by collecting donations for food banks and other outreach projects. Remember one of the hallmarks of fraternalism over the years has been social interaction.

At this time of the year, many local lodges are making plans to host their traditional Christmas parties for their junior members. Again, the Home Office assists with a donation of $5.00 for every member, aged 15 and younger who attends the Christmas party. We commend our many Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths which host such parties. We encourage other lodges to make an effort to host a Children’s Christmas Party this year. Bringing your youth together at these gatherings offers the opportunity to discuss the various sporting events in the coming year, including learning more about our Sokel and how they can participate. For many of us, participating in our Sokels was the first opportunity to enjoy Sokol’s good sportsmanship at its best. We have made friendships which have lasted through the generations. All of this certainly makes fraternalism very unique. Commercial insurance companies do not provide such activities or the numerous benefits we offer.

With election day just a few weeks away, it is important that all fraternals exercise one of their privileges as Americans - the right to vote. We also need to encourage our family and friends to vote. It is always sad to learn that many Americans do not vote with often less than half of those eligible not voting. It was interesting recently during the referendum vote in Scotland on the question of its independence to see that 97 percent of the population was registered and nearly that number turned out to vote.

When have we seen such a large percentage of eligible voters in the U.S.? As fraternalists, we need to once again emphasize what we do to promote volunteerism and outreach in the private sector. We need to be visible and we need to support candidates who will champion the cause of fraternal. As you know, fraternalis, like our own, enjoy federal tax exempt status. Certainly fraternalists deserve this status which enables them to promote so many wonderful service oriented programs. In our own organization, I am extremely proud of the many efforts of our individual members in their local communities, in their parishes and in various service-oriented efforts. They beautifully mirror our fraternal way of life. If fraternalists were to be taxed, many would go out of business with perhaps the largest ones becoming mutuals. So please remember to get out to vote on Tuesday, November 4th. And remember when you are planning your various fall activities, see that you invite your local elected officials to attend so that they can learn more about all the wonderful things fraternalis do not only for their own members but for the good of our communities as well. Remember, we need to be visible.

And let us always remember the importance of having sufficient life insurance and how our organization can help you achieve your financial goals. Life can take unexpected, unpredictable turns. Toward the amusing, the annoying, and, unfortunately, even the tragic. So every day, you take those little steps to improve the odds that good things will happen to you, that you will wear seat belts, lock your doors when you leave home. You buy life insurance for the same kind of reason - to protect your family financially. It ensures that your loved ones will have the kind of lifestyle and opportunities you always hoped they’d have, even if you’re not here. So think about your own family and how you can better protect their interests. If you have any questions regarding any of our term or permanent life insurance plans, offered at competitive rates, give a call to our Director of Sales and Marketing, Brother Albert J. Suess, F.C.L., at 888-381-5431 or (412)381-5431 or call us at the Home Office at 800-886-7656. Thank you for helping to keep our organization a strong financial institution serving your best interests. Remember, we are here for you.

In the name of our organization, I would like to extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B. for his occupancy of his installation as the seventh Abbot of St. Andrew Svordal Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland this past October 5. May God bless Abbot Gary and the wonderful work of our Benedictine monks who have contributed so much to American Slovak life.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdivc who was recently elected to serve as the new National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, the representative organization of American Catholics of Slovak ancestry. We assure him of the continued prayers, good wishes and support of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the many projects of the Slovak Catholic Federation. We’re proud of you Father Andy!

Until next time, take the time to enjoy the colorful foliage display of mother nature and have a wonderful Halloween celebration with your family and friends, especially with your little ones this month. May God bless each of you with good health, love, happiness and Peace be with you. Zdar Boh!

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**Sokol Calendar**

**SAT.OCT.11**

- Traditional Slovakofest celebration at The Slovak Garden, 3110 Howell Branch Rd./100, Winter Park, Florida, with Slovak culinary specialties and entertainment, 4 to 9 p.m. $10.00 per person; for reservations call (407)677-6684.

- Slovak Oktoberfest celebration at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 1130 Brunswick Ave., Trenton, New Jersey, beginning with a Slovak Mass in church at 7 p.m. followed by the dinner and dance in the church hall, $40.00 adults at the door, children up to age 15 are free of charge; for information call Sylvia (267)269-2325.

**SUN.OCT.12**

- Wreath 31 meeting at the Sacred Heart Rose Room, 1725 LaPorte Ave., Whiting, Ind. beginning at 1 p.m. Mary Hric will serve as hostess.

- Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner at St. John the Evangelist Parish in the Seton Catholic Cafeteria, William St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 12 noon to 3 p.m., takeouts begin at 11 a.m., $9.00 adults, $6.00 children, RSVP (570)654-0053.

**MON.OCT.13**

- Wreath 111 meeting and social “Trick ‘n’ Treat” at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway, Lorain. Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**SAT.OCT.18**

- 3rd Annual Reading Sokol Golf Tournament hosted by Assembly 261 and Wreath 155 at the Manor Golf Club, Reading, Pa. shotgun start at 1 p.m., $70.00 per golfer includes refreshments; call (610)375-4500.

- A Slavic Soup Luncheon hosted by the Raritan Valley Slavic Cultural & Heritage Society at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, 601 East Senter St., Raritan, N.J. 12 noon to 3 p.m., $15.00 per person, reservations necessary; call (908)526-3514.

- Annual Spaghetti Benefit Luncheon and Chinese auction hosted by Wreath 22 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 12:30 p.m., $9.00 adults, $3.00 children, tickets call Mary Ann Naple at (412)886-1818.

**SUN.OCT.19**

- Group 10 annual meeting at the Best Western Hotel in Bethlehem, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m., dinner will follow, deadline for reservations is Oct. 10, contact the secretary, Susan Knoblauch.

- Group 17 annual meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish/St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell St., Youngstown, Ohio, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. in church followed by a luncheon and meeting in the Father Snock Center.

- Wreath 54 meeting in the Father Snock Center, 915 Cornell St., Youngstown, Ohio, immediately followed by the 17th Annual meeting.

- 73rd dinner dance hosted by the American Slovak Zemplin Club at SS. Cyril and Methodius Auditorium, 12608 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, beginning with Slovak Mass at 1 p.m. followed by homemade dinner; music by the Johnny Psychik Band, $15.00 per person, call George Cary (440)885-5702.

- Assembly 162 meeting in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 235 Ackerman Ave., Cliffon, N.J. beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**OCT.21-24**

- 15th Genealogical & Cultural Conference of the Czechoslovak Genealogical & Research Society International at the Marriott Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA, for information contact Paul Makovsky at Paul@Mczech.com/casnet.net.

- Flea Market and Slovak culinary specialties available for sale at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, South 6th & Laurel St., Reading, Pa. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for information call Marge Danowsky (610)375-3515.

**SUN.OCT.26**

- Children’s Halloween Costume Party hosted by the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 1 p.m., signup list at the (Continued on page 6)

**HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE**

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, October 13. The Home Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, October 14. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Best wishes for an enjoyable Columbus Day Weekend. Zdar Boh!

**OUR NEXT ISSUE IS OCTOBER 22ND**

In keeping with our bi-weekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of Wednesday, October 22nd. Deadline for photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, October 16th. View e-Falcon on our website: www.slovakcatholicfalcon.org.

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

Daniel F. Tanzone, Editor
Monsignor Larry J. Kulick honored by Pope Francis

The Most Rev. Lawrence Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg, Pa., announced recently that Pope Francis had honored the Very Rev. Larry J. Kulick, pastor of St. James Parish in New Alexandria, Pa. Pope Francis named him an Honorary Chaplain of His Holiness with the title of Monsignor. In addition to serving as pastor of St. James, Monsignor Kulick serves as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Greensburg Diocese.

Monsignor Kulick, a native of Leccebourg, Pa., was born there Feb. 24, 1946, son of Larry and Myrna Kulick. He was raised in the former St. Martha Slovak parish there. He was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Natrona Heights, Pa. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. in 1988. He completed his theological studies for the priesthood at St. Vincent Seminary, where he received a master’s degree in systematic theology in 1991 and a master of divinity degree in 1992.


His first assignment was as a parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 1992-1995. He then served as Immaculate Conception Parish in Irwin from 1995-1997. He was appointed to his first pastorate at the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Kent, Pa. where he served until 2002. In 1999, he was appointed as Consultant for Priestly Vocations for the diocese. On July 23, 2002, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph’s Church in New Kensington, Pa. On January 31, 2008, Msgr. Kulick was appointed Director of Clergy Vocations for the diocese and Episcopal Master of Ceremonies with residence at Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensburg. Msgr. Kulick pursued graduate studies in Canon Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he was awarded a Licentiate in Church Law (J.C.L.) in 2012.

That year, he was also appointed co-director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.

Monsignor Kulick has always been interested in his heritage and is active in American Slovak life. He is a Sokol of Sokoloslovakia 15 in Perryopolis, Pa. and serves as chaplain of Group 6, “Mgsr. Andrew Hlinka.” He is also active in the First Catholic Slovak Union, where he serves as chaplain of the George Onda District in western Pennsylvania. He also supports the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

In the fall of 2012, Bishop Lawrence Brandt appointed Monsignor Kulick as Vicar General and moderator of the curia of the Diocese of Greensburg. We offer congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Monsignor Kulick on the occasion of his receiving Papal Honors from Pope Francis. May God continue to bless his ministry among us in the best traditions of our Cyril-METHODIAN heritage of faith. Ad mutos annos and Zidar Boj!

American Slovak Zemplin Club to host 73rd Dinner-Dance on Oct. 19

One of the oldest and best known Cleveland area Slovak cultural groups, the American Slovak Zemplin Social Club will host its 73rd annual dinner and dance on Sunday, October 19 in Lakewood, Oh. The afternoon’s program begins with the celebration of Mass in St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey Church on the Saturday of the Transfiguration of the Lord/or formerly SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church). Father Joachim Pastirik, O.S.B., Prior of St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland will be the celebrant of the liturgy. The church is located at 12608 Madison Avenue.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 22: 1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those invited: ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.’ Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whoever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw there was not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came here without a wedding garment?’ But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’ Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year – October 12th

Matthew 22: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, (continued on page 17).
Our Supreme Chaplain
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic Elected National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation

by Timothy L. Wagner

In keeping with its practice of holding fall and spring meetings in various cities around the country which have a strong Slovak Catholic presence, the Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation hosted its fall Executive Board Meeting in Youngstown, Ohio, on Tuesday, September 16. The Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) serves to promote and coordinate religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, religious communities and Slovak ethnic parishes, in their effort to address themselves to the pastoral needs of Slovak Catholics in the United States and Canada.

Many of the board members arrived the evening before on September 15th which enabled them to participate in the patronal feast day celebration at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, St. Mathias in Youngstown. The parish maintains its Slovak identity and also contains its Slovak identity and also hosts its fall Executive Board Meeting opened on Tuesday morning. The first and most important issue on the meeting agenda was the unanimous election of Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Federation, as the new national president.

Father Hvozdovic has served as the organization’s national first vice president and has been active in the work of the SCF throughout his life. A priest of the Diocese of Scranton, he serves as pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre, Pa. Father Hvozdovic has served as the co-chairman of the national annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal which assists the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome and religious communities of men and women in Slovakia. It is providential to note that the founder of the SCF was the Rev. Joseph Murgas at Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1911. Father Hvozdovic was born and raised in the former Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Slovak parish. Elected as the sixth national president of the SCF was the Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Youngstown; the new national president.

The meeting agenda included reports of the officers as well as that of the various SCF chapters located in various American communities. The national secretary-treasurer Dolores M. Evanko gave a report on the 2014 SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Collections of donations for the appeal continue until the end of this year. Updates on the work of the Standing Committees were also presented. Considerable time was devoted to discussing plans for the next year’s Pilgrimage of Faith, planned for Saturday, September 12 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage will mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovak Catholics in America. The pilgrimage began in September 1965, was a part of the First Catholic Slovak Union. The 2015 pilgrimage will mark the centennial of the death of the Rev. Stephen Furkely and the 125th anniversary of the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Union. The pilgrimage will be coordinated jointly by the Slovak Catholic Federation and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The Slovak church has been the focal point of devotion and specific events at the National Shrine over the years, not only by Slovaks but by other groups of eastern European background. It is one of the most frequently visited chapels in the basilica.

The Executive Board also heard a presentation by Monsignor Vlado Kiska about the Slovak Institute of the Papal College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. The college serves as a graduate residence for priest of Slovak origin pursuing graduate degrees in the various Pontifical universities in the Eternal City. The college is one of the primary beneficiaries of the endeavors of the Slovak Catholic Federation which was instrumental in the establishment of the college in 1963, then known as the Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius. Along with the Conference of Slovak Clergy, the Slovak Catholic Federation provides substantial financial support for the Slovak college. Monsignor Kiska acknowledged the thanks and gratitude to the American Slovak Catholic community for its continued support of the college underwriting the costs of educating the next generation of priests who will serve the Church in Slovakia.

Kiska urges Slovaks living in US to present ideas to help Slovakia

Slovak living abroad shouldn’t forget their ancestral homeland; quite the opposite, they should come up with ideas that would help Slovakia. Slovak President Andrej Kiska told visitors of the festival that the Slovak government is pushing for an amendment to the so-called Dual Citizenship Act, which prevents Slovaks from obtaining dual citizenship and was passed during the spring meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation, which was scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2015 in Bethlehem, Pa. The fall meeting will be held on September 11, 2015 in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with Pilgrim of Faith’s 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Individual annual dues in the Slovak Catholic Federation are $15.00 and includes a subscription to The Good Shepherd - Dobry Pastier, the religious journal with articles of interest to those of Slovak ancestry. Tax-deductible donations to the 2014 SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal may also be made until the end of the year. Make checks payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to the national secretary-treasurer, Dolores M. Evanko, 173 Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18210.

The board meeting concluded with a special liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown. Monsignor Peter A. Polando, rector of the cathedral and a former national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation, arranged for numerous members of the local Slovak community to participate in the Mass and the dinner which followed. Principal celebrant of the liturgy was Bishop Joseph V. Adamcek, episcopal moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The liturgy was also attended by Monsignor burzov, chairman of the Standing Committees of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Annual Group 17 Children’s Christmas party set for Dec. 7

Continuing a wonderful fraternal tradition of many years now, the Physical Fitness Board of Group 17, “Rev. Francis Sku- til” is pleased to announce that this year’s Children’s Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 at the Camelot Bowling Lanes in Boardman, OH. The afternoon of bowling, games and festivities begins at 1 p.m. and will continue until 4 p.m.

Children, along with Group 17 members of all ages, are invited to participate in the festivities and celebrate the Christmas Season with their Sokol family and friends. All are invited to an afternoon of bowling, pizza, snacks and of course a visit from Santa who will greet all the youngsters will complete the festivities. In addition to Group 17, hosting the annual fraternal event will be Wreath 54 along with Wreath 107 and Wreath 108, all of Youngstown.

In order to make the necessary preparations, reservations are necessary. Parents are asked to call Edith Babik at tel. (330)782-9555 indicating the number of children who will attend. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, November 20. We in Group 17 look forward to celebrating the joyous Christmas season with you at Camelot Lanes. An enjoyable afternoon of traditional Group 17 good fellowship and fraternalism is assured.

Zdar Bohi
Group 17 Physical Fitness Board
Edith Babik, Judy Babik, Susan Babik and Virginia Bartos

Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, episcopal moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation, right, shown administrating the oath of office on September 16 to, Father Thomas A. Nasta and Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic, newly elected national first vice president and national president, respectively of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Monsignor Thomas Derzack, national spiritual advisor of the Slovak Catholic Federation, leads the board in Morning Prayer.

Newly elected Abbot of St. Andrew-Svord Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, the Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B. addressed the SCF executive board.

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Plan to participate

Group Annual Meetings Announced

Group 1, "Mggr. Stephen Kra- 
sude*" - This year’s meeting is sched- 
uled for Sunday, November 2 in SS. 
Cyril and Methodius Church located 
at 235 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, 
N.J. Hosting this year’s meeting will 
be Assembly 182 of New York City. 
Our program will be held at 10:30 a.m. 
in the church hall. The luncheon will 
be held to order in the church hall. 
A luncheon will be served. Reports 
of the officers will be presented and 
plans for upcoming fraternal and 
sporting events in the new year will 
be discussed. We hope to have all 
Assemblies and Wreaths belonging 
to Group 1 represented at this year’s 
annual meeting. Lodge secretar- 
is are asked to call the secretary at 
(973)777-8401 as to the number of 
degrees that will represent their 
respective lodge. Deadline for lun- 
cheon reservations is October 27.

Group 2, "Rev. Joseph Mur- 
yany*" - This year’s annual meeting is 
scheduled for Saturday, November 
15 in St. John the Evangelist Parish 
in Pittston, Pa. The meeting will be 
called to order in the parish church 
and fellowship, may we remain 
Zidar Boh!

Group 3, "Rev. Cyril Meth- 
ditsine*" - Our annual meeting is 
scheduled for Sunday, October 19 at 
the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located 
on Railroad Street in Lilly, Pa. 
Beginning at 2 p.m. This year’s meeting 
will be called to order by Assembly 
79 of Lilly. We ask that all lodges belong- 
ing to Group 9 make every effort 
to be represented at this important 
meeting. We enjoyed an active pro- 
gram this year and we look to 
finalize our plans for the various sporting 
and fraternal activities in 2015. A luncheon 
will be enjoyed following our business 
meeting. An enjoyable afternoon is 
assigned. Zidar Boh!

Group 9, "SS. Cyril and Meth- 
ditsine*" - Our annual meeting is 
scheduled for Sunday, October 19 at 
the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located 
on Railroad Street in Lilly, Pa. 
Beginning at 2 p.m. This year’s meeting 
will be called to order by Assembly 
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meeting. An enjoyable afternoon is 
assigned. Zidar Boh!

Group 4, "St. Francis of As- 
sist" - This year’s annual meeting is 
scheduled for Saturday, November 
8th at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club 
located at 2912 East Carson Street, 
South Side, Pittsburgh. The meeting 
will be called to order at 9 a.m. 
All Assemblies and Wreaths be- 
longing to our Group are invited to 
send their representatives. Reports 
of the officers will be presented. We 
have enjoyed an active year of 
fraternal and sporting year. Plans for our 
upcoming fraternal and sporting activities 
as well as fund-raisers in the new year will 
be discussed. Our organization’s 
quadrennial convention is set for Pittsburgh in 
August 2015. In order to make the necessary 
arrangements, those planning to att- 
end are asked to call (412)225-8233 
or e-mail Kathly323@gmail.com. 
We are looking forward to a very suc- 
scessful meeting. Even if you haven’t 
been recently, we cannot stress 
considering your attendance. Your 
thoughts and input are always very valuable to 
the future of our organization.

Group 10, "Rev. Francis 
Sasinek*" - The annual meeting of our 
Group is scheduled for Sunday, 
October 19th at the Best Western 
Hotel in Bethlehem, Pa. Our meeting 
will be called to order at 1 p.m. Follow- 
ing our business meeting, a dinner 
will be served. Assemblies belong- 
ing to Group 10 need to return their 
degree forms to the Secretary 
Susan Knoblah by October 10. Plans 
for our various fraternal and sporting 
activities in the new year will be dis- 
cussed. Input from our members will 
insure their success. We hope to see 
every lodge represented at our annual 
meeting. An enjoyable afternoon of 
traditional Sokol fellowship and 
fraternalism is assured. Zidar Boh!

Group 11, "St. John Nepomu- 
cus" - Our annual meeting is set for 
Sunday, October 12 in Minneapolis, 
Minn. Hosting this year’s meeting 
will be Assembly 34 and Wreath 
47 of Minneapolis. Mass will be offered 
for the living and deceased members 
of Group 11 in SS. Cyril and Method- 
dius Church located at 13th Avenue 
and 2nd Street N.E. beginning at 9 
a.m. Following the liturgy, we will 
assemble in the Father George 
Dargay Memorial Hall of the parish 
where our annual meeting will be 
called to order. Coffee and rolls will 
be available before the meeting and 
a luncheon will be served following 
the conclusion of our business agen- 
da. All delegates and guests from 
Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., 
as well as Wreath 21 of Superior, Wis. 
and Assembly 155 of Ironwood, 
Mich. are required to register with 
the Secretary at least one day in 
advance, James T. Genosky, 
tel: (763)789-9196 by the deadline 
of Sunday, October 4. We look forward to 
seeing a great turnout of everyone 
from our Assemblies and Wreath in 
the best traditions of Group 7 Sokol 
fraternalism. Zidar Boh!

Michael J. Horvath 
President

James T. Genosky 
Secretary
Group 2 to host 32nd St. Martin Day Celebration on Nov. 9 in Stratford, Conn.

Group 2 “Rev. Stephen Panik” will host its 32nd annual St. Martin’s Day Celebration honoring the patron of our organization on Sunday, November 9th. This year’s celebration of Sokol fraternalism begins with participants attending the 11 a.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 5050 Barnum Avenue in Stratford, Conn. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 2 by the Rev. Andrew G. Marus, pastor of this Slovak parish. We will assemble in the church vestibule at 10:45 a.m. so as to march in a body for the liturgy.

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

Inasmuch as our celebration is so close to Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11, we will pay tribute to and acknowledge all Veterans in attendance.

We will also host a memorial service for members who have gone on to their eternal reward in 2014. Group 2 lodge officers are asked to advise President Eileen S. Wilson, (203)378-8837; Wreath 39, Larry or Mary Ann Wells, (203)375-2836; Wreath 86 and Assembly 23, Bonnie Landor Rossi, (860) 482-9062; Assembly 9, Henry Zack, (203)268-4727; and Judith Salamon (203)333-3716; Assembly 33, Martha Dulla Andrade, (203)734-1616. When making reservations, members are asked to inquire whether there will be any charge if they belong to a particular Wreath or Assembly. As in the past, Wreaths 1 and 39 and Assembly 9 pay for their members.

The traditional special events raffle will benefit the Jozef Cardinal Tomko Scholarship Fund of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. Additional highlights will make the celebration very special and memorable in the best traditions of Group 2 fellowship and fraternalism.

JOIN US as we observe the 32nd annual St. Martin Day Celebration honoring our organization’s great patron. Our Group 2 was the second Group to be organized in the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1911-2014 One hundred and three years old! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this wonderful fraternal event. Fraternally,

Zdar Boh!  
Eileen S. Wilson  
President, Group 2

Fall Flea Market at Reading, Pa. parish

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, where the pastor is the Rev. Charles Sperlak, will host its Fall Flea Market and Food Sale on Saturday, October 25 in the church hall located at the corner of South 6th and Laurel Streets in Reading, Pa. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The flea market will feature new and used household items, tools, and toys. In addition a variety of Slovak culinary specialties will be available for sale and takeout. A variety of homemade Slovak pastries, breads and soups will be featured. All proceeds will aid our Slovak parish. We hope to see many area Sokols and Sokolky at the event. For information, call (610)375-3515.

Zdar Boh!  
Marge Danowski
KIDS’ CORNER “Detský kútik ”
October, 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
YOU!!!!
Elizabeth Dobbins 10/9
Maddy Lynn Phillips 10/12
Hannah Jozwiak 10/19
Patrick Phillips 10/22
Grace Magnan 10/31

By
Dr. Michael Kopanic

All Saints Day
=Sviatok všetkých svätých
[Halloween; literally, All Saints Eve]
Slovak also uses the English word Halloween, but pronounces it [hollow – ven].

Slovak Words-Slovenské slovo

Reading Program Participants: Watch for your award in the mail soon and recognition in November’s edition of the Kids Corner!

MARbled Shaving Cream PAINTINGS
Make some beautiful leaves, a frame, a book cover for school with this fun art project. It’s a great way to incorporate colors, imagination, and hands on play.

Materials needed:
- Paper or cardstock
- Shaving foam
- Food coloring or watercolor paint
- Tray or plastic placemat
- Eyedropper, small spoon or paint brush
- Chopstick or small craft stick
- Cardboard or squeegee

- Spray shaving foam on tray, wax paper, or plastic placement.
- Level the shaving foam with a straight edged piece of cardboard (or ruler) so foam is approximately an inch thick.
- Place several drops of food coloring, paint, watered down watercolor paint onto the shaving foam. Try only 2-3 colors at first since mixing too many colors can result in muddy color. (eye droppers work great for little hands)
- Use a stick or wooden tip of a paint brush (or handle of silverware) to swirl the colors around. Don’t push too deep on shaving cream. Just skim the surface and make interesting patterns.
- Once you have a pretty design, grab your paper.
- Lay the paper onto the surface of the shaving cream. Gently press down on the paper so that it comes in contact with the colors, but do not leave it on too long to soak up too much moisture.
- Carefully lift the paper from the shaving cream.
- Place the paper on a flat surface and use a straight edges piece of cardboard or ruler to scrape off the shaving foam from the paper. (colors should be “printed” onto your paper)
- Let the paper dry completely. Your beautiful marbled paper can be framed or made into many things (in fall, we like to make them into leaves or if use shades of orange/yellow you can make marbled pumpkins). They can be cards, borders, or anything you like. Just make sure it’s dry before you begin to cut.
- You can lift 2-3 more prints from your colored foam layer. The prints will be softer than the original one but they are still quite stunning.
- If you wish to reuse the colored foam, mix it until it turns into a single color. Level the foam and start again.
- The colored foam layer will add a background color to your marbled prints. Continue reusing the foam layer until the color gets too dark or muddy. Then, replace with a batch of white shaving foam and begin again.

This project is great for all ages. Little ones find success and older ones like to create different patterns/designs. Have fun with this great fall project.

Pumpkin Roll- Give your extra toilet tissue a festive look this Halloween.

What you’ll need:
- Toilet tissue rolls
- Orange fabric
- Brown paper bag
- Glue
- 12-inch green pipe cleaners
- Green felt leaves (or paper)

How to make it:
1. Set each roll in the center of a 22- by 18-inch piece of fabric, gather the fabric around it, and tuck the edges into the top hole (A)
2. For a stem, roll a strip of brown paper bag and glue the edge.
3. For a vine, glue one end of a pipe cleaner to a felt leaf, then curl the pipe cleaner around the stem. Insert the stem in the hole.
Pilgrims from several parishes and communities in the northeast journeyed to our nation’s capital on Sunday, September 14 to celebrate the feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia and the Slovak people at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus-loads of pilgrims traveled from St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City, SS. Cyril and Methodius in Clifton, N.J. and St. Michael the Archangel in Trenton, N.J. In addition, participants hailed from other parishes and societies. The observance was coordinated by the Embassy of Slovakia in Washington and the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York. 

This year’s pilgrimage commemorated the 450th anniversary of the establishment of the National Shrine of Our Mother of Sorrows in Sastin in western Slovakia. Traditionally, Our Lady, under her title of the Seven Sorrows, has been the patroness of the Slovak people over the centuries. In 1927, Pope Pius XI officially declared Our Mother of Sorrows as patroness of Slovakia. The feast is observed by the Universal Church on September 15. This year’s pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the elevation of the shrine church of Sastin as a minor basilica by Pope Paul VI. The shrine’s most famous pilgrim was that of Pope Saint John Paul II who visited on July 1, 1995.

A highlight of the pilgrimage was the participation of the renowned Bratislava Boys Choir who were currently on their first American tour. The choir founded in 1982 is part of a music school in the Slovak capital. They regularly sing at the Cathedral of St. Martin in Bratislava. The members of the choir, ranging in age from seven to twenty-eight performed a concert beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Crypt Church of National Shrine.

The concelebrated pilgrimage liturgy was celebrated beginning at 11 a.m. in the Crypt Church. Principal celebrant of the Slovak Mass was the Rev. Frantisek Conka, C.O., a member of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Tappan, N.Y. Concelebrants included other members of the Oratory, who provide ministry to the Slovak speaking at parishes in New York and New Jersey, including the Rev. Vladimir Chripko, C.O., Rev. Martin Kertys, C.O. and Rev. Roman Palecko, C.O. Other con-celebrants included priests visiting from Slovakia, the Rev. Jan Dolny and the Rev. Stefan Migac. The beautiful Slovak hymns resounded throughout the Crypt Church led by the 26-member Bratislava Boys Choir.

The pilgrims had the opportunity to pray in the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows in the upper church of the shrine. This chapel, a gift of the First Catholic Slovak Union on the occasion of its 75th anniversary was dedicated on September 5, 1965. Since then, the local branch of the Jednota, has sponsored an annual Slovak Mass and program at the National Shrine. In September 2015, the Slovak chapel will observe its 50th anniversary. A great pilgrimage under the auspices of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the Slovak Catholic Federation, has been planned for September 2015. That pilgrimage will commemorate the centennial of the death of Father Stephen Furdek, known as the Father of American Slovaks and founder of the Jednota. All Slovak Catholic fraternals will participate in this great celebration.

This year’s pilgrimage served as a wonderful manifestation of the love of the American Slovak Catholic community for Our Lady, under her title of the Seven Sorrows. - Photos by Milan Dait
Highlights of our first-ever, Sokol Children’s Camp Adventure and Supreme Clinic-Kurz

Camp Fitch + North Springfield, Pa. + August 14-17
Kukan accepts Poroshenko’s invitation to visit Ukraine

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has invited the Slovak head of state, Andrej Kiska to visit Ukraine, with the Slovak president accepting the invitation, TASR learned from the president’s press department on September 16.

Poroshenko’s invitation was extended by Ukraine’s Ambassador to Slovakia Oleg Havashi, whom Kiska received at Havashi’s request.

Meanwhile, Kiska expressed his support for the pro-European orientation of Ukraine and pledged for Slovakia to stand ready to share with Ukraine its experience with respect to reform processes.

The two officials also discussed the situation ahead of Ukraine’s parliamentary elections as well as the situation regarding security in eastern Ukraine and perspectives for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Kukan: ratification of EU-Ukrainian Association Treaty is historic step

The European Parliament on September 16 ratified an EU Association Agreement with Ukraine that was simultaneously approved by the Ukrainian Parliament, and this agreement must now be ratified by member states in order to come into effect, Slovak Member of Parliament and two-time Slovak foreign affairs minister, Eduard Kukan (SDKU-DS) told TASR later on the same day.

Kukan, a member of the European Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee, said that the vote on the agreement, approved by a significant majority of lawmakers, was preceded by a debate on EU-Russian relations, which have reached freezing point at the moment.

“Today’s ratification of the EU Association Agreement represents a symbolic and historically correct step in relations between the EU and Ukraine. It’s a step in the right direction. The EU has been promoting a clear long-term policy towards Ukraine based on respecting its free and sovereign decisions. The Association Agreement is the result of a long process of negotiations that confirm this policy,” claimed Kukan.

Kukan voiced his hope that the agreement will bring economic benefits to Ukraine and inspire further reforms.

“I view the arguments raised against the ratification of this treaty as erroneous, inaccurate and often the product of Russian propaganda,” stressed the Slovak MEP, adding that the EU has an interest in Ukraine being a partner - in the economic as well as the political sphere. “With today’s ratification we’re signalling our determination to meet this goal,” claimed Kukan.

The MEP emphasized that the current crisis in Ukraine was not provoked by the prospect of the EU Association Agreement but rather by Russia’s aggressive policies towards its neighbors.

Kiska: UN must not relinquish its purpose to be conscience of the world

The United Nations was established after World War II with an aim to prevent military conflicts and ensure territorial integrity for countries around the world. Currently, when there are conflicts erupting in a number of regions - including with Slovakia’s eastern neighbor Ukraine - the issue of how the UN is capable to following through with this needs to be discussed, Slovak President Andrej Kiska said after delivering an address at the 69th General Assembly of the UN on September 25.

The Slovak Republic, according to Kiska, harbors the belief that sustainable peace in Ukraine can be secured only through dialogue and diplomatic efforts - with the involvement of Russia - and this is the sphere where the UN must play a key role. “Ukraine today needs peace, stability, reforms and guarantees about the inviolability of its territorial integrity. Slovak Republic is ready to participate in this process,” said the president.

Within his speech, Kiska pointed to the missions of Slovak soldiers in Afghanistan as well as the threat believed that the number of conflicts would decrease over time. But today, “we’re confronted with the opposite reality - instability is becoming the new status quo. Instability, poverty and hatred feed and catalyze terrorism. And terrorism represents a threat against which no one is immune,” stressed the president.

The UN should therefore not give up on its goal to serve as the conscience of the world, said Kiska. “Our organization should be an authority capable of defining, preventing and solving conflicts and problems. Together, we need to convince people around the world to believe that we’re protecting international norms and principles upon which the UN is based,” claimed Kiska.

If this global organization fails, humankind won’t have any guarantees that totalitarianism, injustice and immorality won’t take over the world, he added.

Education Ministry sends old textbooks to Slovaks in the USA

Slovaks living in the United States will soon receive 499 textbooks from their country of origin, TASR was told by the Education, Science, Research and Sport Ministry spokesperson BeataDupalovaKsenzighova.

This concerns Slovak language, literature and homeland studies textbooks that have been thought to be outdated compared to the latest curricula. They would have been discarded if they hadn’t been sent to America.

The books will serve well to our compatriots - students of the Czech and Slovak School in Astoria, Queens, N.Y. who chose to learn about mastering the Slovak language as well as the rich history and traditions of Slovakia. Included in the shipment of books were primers which are used in Slovakia’s primary school, according to the Education Minister, Peter Pellegrini. The books were sent to New York on the presidential plane which took President Kiska to the 69th General Assembly of the United Nations in late September.

Jobless rate down to 12.56 percent in August

The unemployment rate in Slovakia stood at 12.56 percent in August, which was a drop of 1.14 percentage points, year-on-year and a reduction of 0.11 p.p. in monthly terms, the Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Center (ÚPSVaR) announced on September 22.

Meanwhile, the number of unemployed people registered with job centers who were immediately available to start work stood at 338,825 in August. This figure went down by 30,811, year-on-year and by 3,057 people, month-on-month.

When all jobseekers including those who were not immediately available to work are taken into account, the unemployment rate in August reached 14.11 percent, which represented a decrease of 0.79 p.p.year-on-year and of 0.12 p.p. on a monthly basis.

A total of 380,668 people, including those not immediately available to take up work, were jobless in August. This figure fell by 21,545, year-on-year and by 3,334, month-on-month.

Drops in the unemployment rate were reported in seven out of the country’s eight regions, with the highest reduction seen in the Presov region. The Bratislava region was the only region to post an increase in unemployment in August.

Selected stories are provided by TASR-Slovakia, the Slovak Republic’s official News Agency.
**Funding needed for Greek Catholic shrine**

Traditional wooden churches may be found in many parts of Slovakia, however most are found in the northeastern area of the country. Most of these churches are Greek Catholic while a few are Orthodox. The Most Rev. Jan Babjak, S.J., Metropolitan Archbishop of Presov, is engaged in a project to restore these great spiritual and cultural treasures. Our Sokol and former United States Ambassador to Slovakia, Vincent Obstriňk informs us that Archbishop Babjak has a project at the great Greek Catholic pilgrimage center located in Lutina, Slovakia. A replica of each of the nearly 30 such churches are being created at the pilgrimage site so that pilgrims can appreciate this great spiritual heritage. Funding for this project has come from the European Union. However, he needs additional financial assistance to have the last ten built and placed in Lutina.

A total of $1,300 is needed to finance the construction of an individual church which is all handmade and made to scale. Two of the churches have already been committed and additional sponsors are needed in the United States. At each model, a plaque showing the name of the church and the individual donor is listed. If you would like to assist in this project, contact Ambassador Vincent Obstriňk, 701 Prestige Point, Peachtree City, GA 30269, email: vicceobbrika@gmail.com.

**2014 Scholarship Winners Express Thanks and Gratitude**

Thank you very much for awarding me a 2014 Abbot Jerome M.Koval, O.S.B. Memorial Catholic Scholarship Grant of $1,000.00. It will definitely help me with my tuition as I attend Holy Redeemer High School, where I will be a sophomore this year. Once again, we thank you and appreciate being awarded this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Karina Graham
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,
I wish to acknowledge receipt of the check for $1,000 as a 2014 S.C.S. College Scholarship Grant recipient. The grant will assist me in my studies at Ken-state University in west Georgia. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Morgan Macurak
Aecworth, Ga.

**From the Supreme Physical Fitness Board**

**Plans for a Pilot Program of Youth Soccer Suggested**

Over the past several years, the Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness have discussed, as a pilot program, adding Youth Soccer as part of one of our annual events. The Board of Directors informally discussed the possibility of such an event if there is enough interest amongst our members. This event may be planned in conjunction with one of our other adult events, allowing for the possibility of families to attend. The youth soccer games (ages 13 and under) could possibly be played during our Annual Softball Tournament next year.

If your group does not have a youth soccer team, it is no big deal. The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics and staff may create and combine teams so all members can participate. The Soccer competition is just meant to be a fun event for our junior members.

So that we can gauge the interest level for adding youth soccer, please e-mail me at kathyw323@gmail.com (or complete the form below) and return it to me by Thanksgiving. More details will follow once the membership is heard from.

Group _______ Member’s Name __________

Child/Children’s Name: __________ Age: __________

Would you play on a team with members from other groups? YES NO
Would you be willing to play on a co-ed team? YES NO

Zidar Bobi!  
Kathleen S. Watkins, Supreme Physical Directress  
7019 Highland Creek Drive  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

**Zemplin Club Hosts Slovak Day Picnic**

The American Slovak Zemplin Club of Cleveland, Oh. hosted its traditional Summer Slovak Day Picnic on Sunday, July 20 at the Slovak Sokol Campgrounds in Broadview Heights, Oh. from noon to 8 p.m. Plenty of Slovak culinary specialities along with imported Slovak beer were enjoyed. Music for singing and dancing pleasure was provided by the popular John Pastirk Band throughout the afternoon. Our Sokol, Brother George P. Carny serves as president of the Zemplin Club. Shown on the top photo are Richard Carny with daughter, Stella Carny. Middle photo includes, from the left, Marge Valencik and her dad, Joseph Valencik; and Tom and Terri Ivanec. Terri serves as the editor of Jednota, official publication of the First Catholic Slovak Union. The lower photo includes, l-r, George P. Carny, Helen and Marty Zemanek and Marge and Joseph Gebura. - Photos compliments of Jednota

**Remember the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!**

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the Memorial Scholarship fund? Donations made payable to: SCS Memorial Scholarship Fund may be sent to:

Dennis J. Zifcak  
SCS Museum Treasurer  
33 Pinecrest Rd.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569  
or  
Julie Ann Dobbs  
SCS Museum Chairperson  
5314 Agatha Turn,  
Racine, WI 53402
Sokol Birthdays

**OCTOBER 13**
Christine M. Dlaunay, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**OCTOBER 14**
Anne Ficra, Avon, Oh., a member of Wreath 131, Lorain, Oh.

Katherine Zelina, Broadview Heights, Oh., a member of Wreath III, Lorain, Oh.

**OCTOBER 15**
M. Gregory J. Bendik, Ph.D., Trucksville, Pa., a member of Assembly 71, Edwardsdale, Pa.

Andrea (Chuba) Kealey Harrisburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Stephanie Marie Malyasz, Con- ingers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Maria Miro, Palmis, Mass., a member of Assembly 314, Boston, Mass.

Andrea Sinclair Hillsborough, N.J., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Rev. George Torok, Sparkill, N.Y., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

Elizabeth Zaharakos, Torrington, Conn., President of Wreath 86, Torrington, Conn.

**OCTOBER 16**
Daniel Kovatch, Youngstown, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

**OCTOBER 17**
Colleen Koval, Hudson, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Carol Ann Baron, Monroeville, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

James J. Dzuricky, Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

Carl E. Gregor, Farmington, Mich., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Tyler J. JohnK Chopak, Park Ridge, N.J., a member of Assembly 1, Parsippany, N.J.

Ann DeSantis Mainiero, Concord, N.C., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

Marlene Morris, Chiliwacho, Oh., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

Gregg P. Smerika, Moshannon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

**OCTOBER 19**
Joseph Bruno, Sinking Spring, Pa., a member of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

William P. Barber, Forty Fort, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Madeline Cardamone, Harvest, Ala., a member of Assembly 188, Landsford, Pa.

Margaret A. Dzimiera, Altoona, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

James Hildebrand, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Holly A. Oliver, Moshannon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

**OCTOBER 20**
Nicholas A. D’Agostino, Three Bridges, N.J., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Gabrielle Cardamone, Harvest, Ala., a member of Assembly 188, Landsford, Pa.

James J. Gresko, Stratford, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

Jannen K. Kovale, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Shirley M. Macek, Moshannon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

Brandon Mario Parsis, O.S.B., Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh.

Debra Puglisi, Vista, Ca., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

**OCTOBER 21**
Donald A. Shoemaker, J., West Newton, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

**OCTOBER 22**
Brian Anthony Macarak, Ac- worth, Ga., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Laura Ann Polchak, Pueblo, Colorado, a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

Joseph Samsel, Stratford, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

Lawrence J. Stark, Moshannon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

Tyler Evan Seluka, Hopatcong, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Cliffton, N.J.

**OCTOBER 23**
Marilyn S. Becker, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

Victoria Bodo, Brooklyn, N.Y., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

James G. Holodak, J., Youngstown, Pa., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Remy Olinzock, Sparkill, N.Y., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Brian A. Macarak, Acworth, Ga., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**OCTOBER 24**
Jacqueline A. Bacon, Almonk, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Richard T. Smika, Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

Nicholas S. Matsukash, Moshannon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Moshannon, Pa.

**OCTOBER 25**
Judy Hromada, Lorain, Oh., a member of Assembly 111, Lorain, Oh.


**OCTOBER 26**
Evelyn Czynarszr, Freehold, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Theodora K. Belfasto, Saugerties, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Zachary L. Belfasto, Saugerties, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Youngstown, N.Y.

Anne M. Bokota, Edinboro, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Landsford, Pa.

Frank Radcha, Allentown, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Landsford, Pa.
Minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting held via Conference Call

First Session
Saturday, September 27, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh called to order the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2014 and greeted all the members of the Board on the call.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic offered the Opening Prayer leading the Directors in the reading of the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs led the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the Roll Call and the following members responded:

Supreme Chaplain……………………………………Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic
Supreme President……………………………………Larry M. Glugosh
Supreme Vice-President…………………………………Julie Ann Dobbs
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………………………………Excused
Supreme Physical Director………………………………Kathleen S. Watkins

The record will show that nine members of the Board of Directors are on the Conference Call, and Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich is excused.

Acknowledged.

Also, excused from being on the call is the Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess Jr., F.I.C. Acknowledged.

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

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held July 11, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and published in the July 30th, 2014 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq. moved for the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved.

A written communication was received from the President of Group 2 headquartered in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Sister Eileen S. Wilson on behalf of the officers and members of Group 2, extending their prayers, greetings, and best wishes for a most productive and successful meeting. Acknowledged.

Also, a written communication was received from the President of Group 4, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, Brother T. L. Scugliik on behalf of all Group 4 officers and members extending their greetings, salutations and best wishes to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors for a successful and productive meeting. Acknowledged.

A written communication was received from Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich requesting to be excused from the meeting due to personal reasons. The record will show that he has been excused.

In addition a written communication was received from our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. requesting to be excused. Acknowledged and Approved.

Lastly, a letter of thanks and appreciation was received from Brother Peter D. Hulkin, C.S.C., Ph.D., the President of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, for our generous donation to support the new Jozef Murgas Room Project in the King's on the Square. Our donation has also been forwarded to the Falcon for publication. The Women's portion of the tournament was cancelled due to the lack of registrations.

The International Golf Tournament was held on August 1-3, 2014 in West Middletown, PA. A total of 109 golfers were in attendance for the weekend. The Financial Report is in the process of being completed and will be forwarded to the Home Office. A copy of the Financial will be forwarded to the Falcon for publication. Prize monies will be sent out this week.

The International Classic/Kruz was held in conjunction with our first ever Youth Camp at Camp Fitch in North Springfield, PA August 14-17, 2014. Everyone who attended indicated they had a wonderful time and the facilities were fantastic.

Brother Ed further reported that the next Annual Meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is being planned for January 2015 probably in the area where our 2015 Sket will be held and plans should be finalized soon.

Negotiations are in progress for all of the 2015 tournaments. Preliminary talks have arisen regarding becoming involved in the joint bowling tournament with other fraternal organizations. Brother Moeller met with representatives from the other organizations on Thursday, September 25th and updated the Board members regarding the discussions that took place. He further indicated that he is in negotiations to take our Softball Tournament back to the Wilkes-Barre, PA area the weekend of June 26-28, 2015. He also stated that he is in the process of finalizing contracts for our Golf Tournament to be held August 14-16, 2015 at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville, PA.

He further reported that Wilkes-Barre, PA was being considered for the 2015 International Bowling Tournament.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh voiced his concern that three athletic events were being planned in the Wilkes-Barre area for 2015 and might it be better to have the Bowling or Golf Tournament in a different location.

Brother Ed indicated that based on the meeting held with the other fraternal organizations, it is possible and he will look into possibly conducting the 2015 Bowling Tournament in Ohio on or around the 15-17, 2015 either on our own or with one of the other fraternals if they choose since they did indicate their interest and then maybe in 2016 this can include several other societies.

Supreme Physical Director, Kathleen S. Watkins was asked to report on the Camp Watkins tournaments reported that all the participants attended the Kids Camp August 14-17, 2014 at Camp Fitch in North Springfield, PA.

Those in attendance had a great time, they were all well behaved and the staff and facilities were excellent for this first time event. Three Groups had individuals attend namely, Group 1, Group 5 and Group 14.

Regarding the International Classic there were 22 representatives which included 13 women and 9 men. The Male Division had representatives from 5 Groups and the Female Division had representatives from 7 Groups. Everything went well and those who represented their Groups worked hard to prepare for next year’s Sket to be held at Slippery Rock University July 14-16, 2015. The facilities which were available were fine, however in the future we would probably return to using those available at the site of our Slets.

Sister Watkins offered comments regarding incorporating a Soccer Program with one of our athletic events and an article will be appearing in the Sokol publication to see what kind of interest there might be from the membership.

Brother Ed thanked Sister Watkins for bringing the Board up to date.

After a lengthy and lively discussion, President Glugosh asked for a motion to accept the Supreme Physical Fitness Board report, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, and seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Michael J. Horvath. Approved.

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

Counsel reported that there are four items to report on:

1. Brother John also reported on the forecourts proceedings of one of the mortgages that continues to be delinquent, a judgment has been re

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received and a writ of Execution has been signed by the Superior Court and the entire $3,012,971.00 or a current yield of 4.30%.

In August the board had increased the yield to 4.75% and continued it to the end of the year. The bond portfolio is a diversification of bonds, and the average quality rating of A and an average coupon of 5.17%. This structure led to the continued outperformance of the portfolio versus the benchmark index. During the first eight months of the year the bond portfolio rose 6.31% which outperformed the 4.81% return for the Weighted Index. The total portfolio has increased 7.78%, 8.19%, and 6.33% respectively.

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Elder Andrew thanked the members of the Board and informed them that we should also offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., on the occasion of his installation as the seventh Abbot of Saint Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio which will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

Supreme Vice-President, Julie Ann Dobbs presented two items. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to our Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh on his upcoming Nuptials and the Board members wish him and his family many wonderful and blessed years filled with much love and happiness. President Glugosh thanked the Board for their congratulations.

Secondly, Sister Dobbs informed the Board that usually we review the bylaws for the upcoming Convention and make our recommendations to the bylaw committee.

President Glugosh confirmed that this will be done and we should bring any suggestions or ideas for changes to our December Board meeting and have them discussed at that time.

President Glugosh offered comments on the attendance of our Supreme Secretary, General Counsel, Director of Sales and Marketing, and himself at the American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting held in Austin, Texas. An excellent article authored by our General Counsel also appeared in the September 24, 2014 issue of the Falcon highlighting the proceedings. A tremendous amount of information was presented during the meeting and will be very helpful to us in the future.

President Glugosh informed the Board members of the dates and site for the next Supreme Board of Directors meeting. The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on December 5-6, 2014 with travel dates being December 4 and December 7, 2014 in Orlando, Florida.

Having completed all the business items on the agenda, the Supreme President inquired if there is any other business to be presented at this time, there being none, Brother Glugosh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Esq., seconded by Supreme Director of Sports ad Athletics, Edward D. Moeller. Approved.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdvic offered the Closing Prayer for all those in need as well as for all the ill and deceased members of our organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Zdar Bobh!

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

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**Wreath 22 Spaghetti Luncheon on October 18 in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

The Sokolky of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh will host their annual Spaghetti Luncheon as a benefit on Saturday, October 18 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, located at 2012 East Carson Street on the city's historic South Side. In addition to the luncheon, there will be an array of interesting activities including bingo, a 50-50 raffle as well as a Chinese auction where you'll find treasures galore. Doors open at 12 noon and the luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. An enjoyable afternoon has been planned and we hope to see many of our fellow Slovak Sokolky at this event whose proceeds will support our various charities.

For luncheon tickets, call Mary Ann Naple at tel. (412)886-1818. The price remains the same: $7.00 for adults and $3.00 for children. Come join us for an enjoyable afternoon of traditional Sokol fellowship and fraternalism. Zdar Bobh

Dolly Lutz
Financial Secretary

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**Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (Continued from page 4)**

“The teacher, we know that you are a trustworthy man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.”

Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”

They replied, “Caesar’s.”

At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Slovak Catholic Sokol Introduces the Irrevocable Burial Trust Agreement

Protection of assets at any age is important, but especially so when faced with the need for nursing home services, Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income. One option that may help preserve eligibility for services, while at the same time protecting assets from the reach of creditors, is to place your Slovak Catholic Sokol life insurance policy in the Slovak Catholic Sokol Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

Upon naming the Irrevocable Burial Trust, as the irrevocable beneficiary, the Trust becomes the owner of the policy and as Trustee, is obligated to apply the policy proceeds towards burial, funeral, and end-of-life needs up to the face amount of the policy. The benefit of naming the Irrevocable Burial Trust as Owner is that it may help the insured qualify for Medicaid and Social Security Income benefits by preventing the value of the policy from being considered a resource of Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income eligibility.

A further benefit is that the policy proceeds, to the extent they are applied to end-of-life needs, would in most cases be protected from claims made by creditors, including the state and federal government. Any proceeds unnecessary for burial or funeral expense would be paid to the insured’s estate and would then be available to creditor’s claims.

Because the policy proceeds are to be applied to the end-of-life needs, the benefits avoid the cost and delay probate, and because they constitute the life insurance proceeds, they are tax free upon death.

The Irrevocable Burial Trust

An Irrevocable Burial Trust is a valuable option that protects your assets that you want to designate for your final expenses. Upon naming the Irrevocable Burial Trust, as the irrevocable beneficiary, the Trust becomes the owner of the policy and as Trustee, is obligated to apply the policy proceeds towards burial, funeral, and end-of-life needs up to the face amount of the policy.

Types of expenses that qualify for payment from the Irrevocable Burial Trust*

- Funeral home personnel
- Embalming/cosmetology
- Casket and/or other containers
- Clergy honorarium
- Transportation of deceased
- Cremation
- Obituary notices
- Musicians and flowers
- Death certificates
- Other legitimate funeral and burial expenses

* Burial insurance funding should be within the limits of actual funeral costs. Excess proceeds not spent on funeral costs must go back to the estate. Funeral trust burial insurance plans should be used to fund funerals, and not to pass additional money to heirs.

Reasons to choose an Irrevocable Burial Trust rather than a Pre-paid Funeral Through a Funeral Home

- If the funeral home goes out of business you might not be able to recover your money
- The funeral home might be sold or merge with another, less-personalized funeral home that you would not want handling your final arrangements, and they might not grant you a refund
- What if you move, making your pre-paid funeral in a certain locality impractical or obsolete?
- A funeral trust allows your arrangements to be handled by anyone you wish, such as your personal representative, a relative, friend, or funeral home—anywhere—at the time of your passing

Simple to establish and no extra charges

Purchase a Slovak Catholic Sokol life insurance policy and we will create your irrevocable burial trust at no charge. The paperwork is simple to complete and we are here to help.

The best time to protect your burial funds is now.** Purchasing an irrevocable burial trust life insurance policy protects your burial funds.

- The Trust is the owner of the policy and the primary beneficiary
- When a claim is paid, the funeral home is paid first
- Any remaining funds are placed into the estate of the insured

The representations included herein are not guarantees and do not constitute legal or tax advice. In addition, they do not ensure that the product is appropriate for the client’s situation. Before purchasing any life insurance product, we recommend that the client seek the advice of an attorney and accountant.

Protection provided by the Irrevocable Burial Trust

By irrevocably assigning your life insurance policy to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Irrevocable Burial Trust, you receive:

- The ability to exclude your policy as an asset in order to qualify for government assistance programs, Medicaid or Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI).
- Policy proceeds are paid to the trust, which then pays your funeral expenses.
- Funds used for funeral expenses are protected from creditors, such as nursing homes, hospital, etc.
- Death benefits used for funeral expenses will avoid probate costs and delays.
- Benefits paid are income tax free. IRV Code Section 101(a)

** Medicaid (Title 19) rules and laws governing these issues differ by state and change without notice. Before taking any action, we recommend consulting an elder law attorney or professional in your state for advice on your situation.

Being Sure

Having the right amount of life insurance or putting money aside to cover your final expenses is the right step. But it’s only a first step. You need one more, easy step to protect your burial funds, the Irrevocable Burial Trust through the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Complete the Irrevocable Trust Agreement is a Simple Process:

- The Grantor must be both the Insured and the Owner of the policy.
- Only Slovak Catholic Sokol life insurance policies are eligible.
- The total face amount of the policy or policies in the Trust are limited in amount in most jurisdictions, which allows them to be excluded as a resource in determining eligibility for certain governmental service programs, such as those mentioned above. These limitations vary depending on the state in which you reside and frequently change from time to time, but a $10,000 limitation is quite common. It is your responsibility to determine the limitation that would be applicable to you.
- It is important to act quickly, because under IRS rules, death proceeds of life insurance policy given away within three years of the insured’s death are automatically included in the insured’s gross estate. The accuracy of the representation stated within are not guaranteed by the Slovak Catholic Sokol and are not meant to constitute either legal or tax advice, nor do they insure that this product is appropriate for the client’s situation. Before purchasing any life insurance product or creating an Irrevocable Trust, the client should seek the advice of an attorney or a qualified tax advisor. Laws vary from state to state and are subject to change at any time, which may impact the treatment of this product as being negative to the client’s situation.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Irrevocable Trust Agreement is available on new and/or existing Whole Life Policies. If you would like more information regarding this useful option, you can contact your Authorized Slovak Catholic Sokol Agent, the Home Office (800) 886-7656 or the Sales and Marketing Office (888) 381-5431. A tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members.
O živote a diele Ignáca Gessaya

Ignác Gessay, oravského rodáka z Tvrdošína, osadil nadiel ne príliš dlhý, no o to plnejšie život, ktorý strádavo prežil vo svojom domovine, a na americkom kontinente. Narodil sa v chudobnej rodinách v Tvrdošíne a Žoﬁ e Gessayovej, dňa 17. júna 1874.

Zmluvené vzdelanie bolo Gessayov v Tvrdošíne a v Trstení, neskôr na učiteľskom ústave v Spišskej Kapitule, a v ľatých. Profesionálne manželou sa začal vzdieľať ako učiteľ vo viacerých oravských dedinkách a na Žmepíne v Spišskej Kapitule. Vhodný časom pre získanie právneho titulu a získanie zo jeho celoživotného krédu: „Ak som bol adeptom Slovenskej ligy, tak som v niekom záplyte prácu vzbudila v niekom zápal.“ Gessay odmietol žiť na Orave a kázal sa „pansláva“.

V Amerike za veľmi prospešnú, so svojami osobnými a spoločenskými osobitnosťami a čakala na ňom svoje hospodárstva. Za jeho pomoci aj pozemky osídľovali a udomáčovali sa na ňom. Títo osadníci (časť Malasálov) dostali na jeho počet meno Gessayovho (Gešajov).

Práve pre tieto dôvody sa Gessay podporil úplne samostatne Slovensku, a program Slovenskej ligy. Preto Slovenská liga v Amerike, Gessay pracoval aj nadal ako námorník, a pripopravovaním nových členov do Slovenskej ligy postupne zo strany Slovenskej ligy v Amerike využil svoj vplyv na Americkú školu, ktorú mali za úlohu poskytnúť Slovákom presne 499 učebníckych prípravníků, až po učebnici pre deťom začínajúce Šlabikárom pre slovenských krajov.

Počas vykonávania učiteľskej práce občas prispieval do časopisu Dom a škola a Slovenské práctického časopisu začinajúce Šlabikárom pre slovenských krajanov i Slovákov. Avšak jeho pomoci aj pozemky osídľovali a udomáčovali sa na ňom. Títo osadníci (časť Malasálov) dostali na jeho počet meno Gessayovho (Gešajov).

Slovensko založil Gessay do USA učebnicy slovenčiny

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Prezident Slovenskej republiky Andrej Kiska navštívil 37. Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ

Prezident Slovenskej republiky Andrej Kiska navštívil 37. Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ. V festivali sa zúčastnili viacerí členovia a účastníci z rôznych oblastí sveta, ako napríklad Americká republika, Kanada, Francúzska, Británska, Austrália a ďalšie. Významnými hostmi boli aj americkí a slovenskí politici a známi osobnosti.

Prezident Kiska sa pokúšal podtýkať význam človečenských hodnôt, ktoré sú základom solidarité a demokracie. Vyhovéval v spojení s predstaviteľmi slovenskej menšiny v USA, ktorí sú zároveň hlavnými organizátorom festivalu. V rovnakom duchu sa zúčastnil aj podpredseda vlády Miroslav Lajčák, ktorý sa prítomným príznakom podaril pozrieť na slovenské dedičstvo z moderného perspektív.

V prvom dňovom program bol rozdelený na štyri hlavné časti: kulturný, školský, sportovný a ekonomický program. V rámci kulturného programu bol zavedený festival teatra, ktorý sa konal v Holmdel, N.J., pre dodávanie slovenskej kultúry do americkej verejnosti. V rámci školského programu sa konal festival, ktorý sa začal s návštevou škôl, kurátorov a predstavitelov z rôznych oblastí.