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Introducing the Recipients of Our 2015 Slovak Catholic Sokol College, High School and Grade School Scholarship Grants

Grants of \$1,000 each to recipients of our College Scholarships



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Merrimack College
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East Douglas, Mass.



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Over the past 43 years, our organization has generously supported the educational aspirations of our youth through our scholarship program. Since 1972, a total of 2,114 members have been recipients of this fraternal benefit. A total of \$1,471,000 in scholarship grants have been awarded to date. This year, we again are pleased to assist 76 of our young members in their quest for a good education. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all our 2015 recipients.

Happy future and Zdar Boh!

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The Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships - \$2,500 grant for studies in the medical field

The Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$2,000



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Walsh University
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, Oh.



The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship Grant of \$1,000

The Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Grant of \$1,000

2015 Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$1,000



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REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

Father Joseph Murgas memorial to be dedicated in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania in cooperation with King's College of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. is in the final stages of their project honoring the Rev. Joseph Murgas, pioneer in wireless telegraphy, and spiritual leader of the initial wave of Slovak immigration to the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Rev. Jozef Murgas Room will house the archives of Father Murgas on the first floor of "King's on the Square," the former Ramada Inn located on Public Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre. It is appropriate that the Murgas memorial be found in Wilkes-Barre, where Father Murgas spent the greater part of his life from 1896 when he arrived from his native Slovakia to his death on May 11, 1929. He left an indelible mark on the religious, scientific, educational, and cultural life of the community. His genius has been felt far beyond the area of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and the United States as well as across the pond in his native Slovakia.

The Father Jozef Murgas Room will display his butterfly collection, original paintings, a well as replicas of his large paintings of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which previously adorned the altars at Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre. This past Christmas, the paintings and altars were transferred from Wilkes-Barre and placed in the Albanian Church of St. Paul in Rochester Hills, Mich. The Father Jozef Murgas Room will memorialize the genius of Father Murgas and his extensive work in the field of art, botany, science and wireless telegraphy.

In addition, Father Murgas was a prominent leader of the early Slovak immigrant generation which arrived in the United States in the latter years of the 19th and the early years of the 20th centuries. In 1911, he founded the Slovak Catholic Federation 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 Catholics of Slovak ancestry in the United States and Canada. During World War I, Father Murgas was a leader in the effort to liberate the Slovaks and Czechs from Hapsburg rule. He supported the work of the Czecho-Slovak National Council which had been established in 1914 in Paris whose goal was to liberate the Slovaks and Czechs. In 1917, he met with General Milan R. Stefanik in New York to discuss the position of the Church in the newly proposed Czecho-Slovak state. He met with Thomas G. Masaryk and was a signator of the Pittsburgh Agreement in 1918. This agreement addressed the issue of autonomy for the Slovaks and was a major document in the liberation of Czecho-Slovakia. When the new republic was established in October 1918, he spearheaded the Million Dollar Drive of the Slovak League of America which raised funds for the new state. Father Murgas serves



All is in readiness for the dedication of the Father Jozef Murgas Room at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on June 4. Shown above are Dr. Thomas M. Check and Magdalen M. Benish who were instrumental in the project.

as the patron of our Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 7.

The Father Jozef Murgas Room has been an important cultural project of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Thomas M. Check of Philadelphia was instrumental in this project and Magdalen M. Benish serves as its chairperson. Both Dr. Check and Ms. Benish are members of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre. Many area Sokol members as well as local Slovak fraternalists have given strong support to this project.

The Father Jozef Murgas Room will be dedicated on Thursday, June 4 at 5 p.m. in the first floor of "Kings on the Square," the former Ramada Inn on Public Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre. This facility is owned and operated by King's College. King's College, formally The College of Christ the King is a Catholic liberal arts institution of higher learning founded in 1946 by the Congregation of the Holy Cross from the University of Notre Dame.. The Slovak Heritage Society was founded in 1976 during the American Bicentennial under the leadership of Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L., then pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wilkes-Barre and successor of Father Murgas. The group promotes a number of Slovak cultural activities throughout the year.

Visit Slovakia - "The Old Country"

Remember how your parents or grandparents often referred to their homeland or birthplace as "the old country." Well now is the time for you and your family to go to Slovakia and visit the ancestral homeland and villages of your family. There is so much beauty and history in Slovakia, now that it is a free and prosperous country in the very heart of Europe. Over the years, the Slovaks have struggled to seek their own self-determination, something denied them for so many centuries during the years of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, when they were one of the subject peoples of the Hapsburgs. Well, now Slovakia is a modern state with all the conveniences and "creature comforts" which we Americans demand.

Make it a point to speak with your family and friends and plan to join Kay and Jim Bench as they host the 18th annual Youngstown, Ohio - Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia Sister Cities Tour, scheduled for July 13-27, 2015. Jim and Kay are seasoned travelers with the expertise and experience to see that your once in a lifetime visit to Slovakia will be memorable and enjoyable.

You'll see the sparkling new capital of Slovakia, Bratislava located on the Danube River. The city has been restored in recent years and offers a wonderful opportunity to visit its majestic historic castle, long the symbol of Bratislava for centuries; its many palaces, the historic Cathedral of St. Martin as well as other churches; museums and centers of the arts. You will enjoy many colorful and entertaining folk groups who present the rich music and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. You will visit Litmanova, where there have been documented apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to three school children in the 1990s. Throughout your stay, you will enjoy traditional Slovak food, attend several kolibas (shepherd huts), enjoy shopping for the country's many arts and crafts and its world-famous crystal and pottery. You will go whitewater rafting on the Dunajec River, which forms the natural border between Poland and Slovakia, visit villages such as Cicmany where you will see decorated homes, visit historic Tichy Potok, stay in the beautiful spa in Sliač and enjoy the thermal waters, indoor and outdoor pools and other amenities. You'll have the opportunity to visit relatives and enjoy a luncheon reception with Youngstown's Sister City, Spisska Nova Ves in the

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The Word of God ...

Gospel for the Solemnity of Pentecost - May 24th

John 20:19-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - May 31st

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you, always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

As per our Organization's Bylaws

Donation Requests for Consideration at the 32nd National Convention

In order to insure that our members and delegates to our upcoming 32nd National Convention, scheduled for August 1 - August 5, 2015 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, understand the procedure for donation requests at the Convention, I refer to page 15, Section 2.2(c) of our Bylaws. This section states: "The Petitions and Donations Committee shall consist of the Supreme Chaplain, Supreme President, and Supreme Secretary. Donations shall be limited to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one church, religious organization, social or cultural association, with a total donation limit of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00).

Petitions and requests for donations must be submitted in writing and mailed to my attention at the Home Office, 205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899, Passaic, NJ 07055 no later than one (1) month prior to the Convention. No Faxed copies or E-mails will be accepted. This year's deadline for submitting all petitions and donation requests is Monday, June 29, 2015. No petition or donation request will be accepted from the Convention floor. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Convention.

I hope that all members and delegates fully understand our Bylaws related to petitions and donations. Our Bylaws clearly state our official policy and therefore serve as our guide in all our Convention deliberations and decisions. I bring this important issue to your attention so that we all have sufficient time to submit any petition or donation request to be considered by the Committee and delegates of the 32nd National Convention. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

Zdar Boh!
Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

28th International Softball Tournament set for Willig Field in Canton, Ohio, June 26-28

by Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics

Now that we are in the baseball season in full swing throughout the country, now is the time to make the necessary plans to participate in this year's exciting 28th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Softball Tournament. This year's competition is scheduled for the weekend of June 26th to 28th in Canton, Oh. Our competition will be staged at Willig Field, located at Harrisburg and 30th Street. Our softball competitors will be housed at the Red Roof Inn, located at 5353 Inn Circle Court Northwest in North Canton, Oh. 44720, tel. (330)499-1970.

Once again, this year's tournament will feature both a men's and women's team competition. We are looking to include a Co-Ed division. However, a Co-Ed division will require at least five females on the field at all times. As in the past, we will allow Groups to submit up to four(4) teams. This year's competition will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday,

June 27 and will continue throughout the day. We will utilize all available fields throughout the day with semi-final and final games scheduled for Saturday evening or Sunday morning depending on the number of team entries. As in the past, we will use a double elimination format.

Lodging will be the responsibility of each Group. A total of 40 rooms have been blocked each night of the weekend event, however it is up to the respective captains to contact me to secure your team's lodging before May 27. The telephone number at the hotel is (330)499-1970. You must however call me at tel. (412)881-3506 to reserve your required rooms. Each team must secure four(4) participants to a room. As in the past, the Supreme Assembly, managed by the Tournament Director, will cover the cost of the rooms. In addition, breakfast will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. A buffet dinner will be enjoyed on Saturday evening.

I am sure that the 2014 championship team of our 27th Softball Tournament will all be prepared to defend their respective titles. Arrangements are being made to

have Mass celebrated at Willig Field to satisfy the Sunday obligation. The Mass will be offered during a formal break in our tournament competition.

Team competition will take place beginning at 8 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. Team finals are scheduled for Saturday evening, June 27. Entry cost: \$400.00 per Men's Softball team and \$400.00 per Co-Ed Softball team. Rules for this year's tournament are found on this page with the only rule change from previous competitions related to the Co-Ed team. All tournament entry forms must be returned to me with their entry fee per team no later than Tuesday, May 26. Kindly make all checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol - Sports Account and send same to my home address: Edward D. Moeller, 2812 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at my home at (412) 881-3506. I look forward to seeing you in Canton as we enjoy yet another exciting softball competition in the best traditions of Sokol good sportsmanship and fellowship. Zdar Boh!

28th International Softball Tournament Rules - 2015

1. Entrance Fee: Completed roster and \$400.00 per team. (\$450.00 after deadline)
2. Team Roster: Limited to 15 members who must be at least 14 years of age by the first day of the International Softball Tournament.
3. Double Elimination Tournament: Men and Co-Ed division with a maximum total of four per Group. The four teams can be any combination. (Men or Co-Ed)
4. Slow-Pitch: Amateur Softball Association rules will be used for the tournament. Maximum of (10) ten players can field per inning and each player that fields, must bat. Co-Ed requires a™ as an extra hitter to total (11) eleven.
5. No metal cleats or "double wall" bats will be allowed on the fields. All bats will once again be provided. Player misuse will result in disqualification from the game.
6. A meeting with all captains and the head umpire will take place on Friday evening.
7. Drinking and Smoking: There will be no drinking or smoking on the playing field during the game.
8. Accommodations: Teams will be responsible for their own hotel accommodations. The Slovak Catholic Spool will make arrangements for reserving blocks of hotel rooms and securing reduced rates.
9. Meals: Meal arrangements will be based on game schedule and number of participants.
10. Uniforms: The Tournament Committee recommends that all teams have uniforms that display Slovak Catholic Spool and proper numbering.
11. Mass: A Holy Mass will be attempted to be offered to the members on Saturday afternoon at the softball fields to fulfill your Sunday obligation. (weather permitting) Softball Arc: Minimum of 6 ft and maximum of 12 ft as listed in the A.S.A. manual. All teams will play with a 12-inch flight restricted softball.
12. The Tournament will begin on Saturday morning and conclude Saturday evening. The 10 run rule after 4 1/2 innings will be used in both divisions. Once a team reaches a 10 run advantage, the game is immediately stopped. All round robin games will have a 1 hour time limit and each batter will begin with a "1 and 1" count. No inning can begin after this time has expired. The semi-final and final games will be played without the 1-hour time limit.

From the Desk of the Supreme President

Thoughts on Fraternalism

by Larry M. Glugosh

To begin, I would like to extend our best wishes to all of the mothers and grandmothers within the Slovak Catholic Sokol and sincerely hope you enjoyed your special Mother's Day celebration on May 10th. It is a truly wonderful day to honor the women in our families for all of their sacrifice, devotion and most importantly their unconditional love. Whether the day is spent with our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, sisters, aunts or wives, it is very important to let them know how much we love them and appreciate all the wonderful things they do every day.

In addition, we hope you also take the time to pay tribute to our many veterans as part of the Memorial Day long weekend. We should all take some quality time to reflect and appreciate our armed forces. It is important that we remember and recognize those individuals in our local communities, which have served to protect and uphold our democracy and way of life. We are grateful for our good fortune and blessings, as a result of the sacrifice and dedication of our veterans. I hope your weekend celebrations will be memorable, reflective and pleasant.

Recently, our Supreme Vice President chaired our 2015 annual scholarship meeting with four members of

our Board of Directors. I would like to congratulate our Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship recipients. During the meeting we reviewed the College, High School and Grade School applications and selected our 2015 recipients. There were many deserving winners but we had to make our final recommendations based on financial need, fraternal activity and academic merit. As in the past, we post the award winners in our newspaper and annual review.

I would like to thank Brother Edward Moeller our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics and his assistant Brother Jim Matlon for organizing and conducting our 2015 International Bowling Tournament in Wickliffe Ohio this past weekend. There were over 120 Slovak Catholic Sokol bowlers in attendance at this year's event but 220 bowlers participated because we co-hosted the tournament with the officers and members from the Greek Catholic Union (GCU). It was our first joint venture with this fraternal society but based on the general feedback, I do not think it will be our last. In fact, I had the opportunity to spend some time with their National President, George Juba and their Fraternal Director, Christie Petty. They both felt the joint venture went well and are considering joining our 2015 International Golf Tournament this summer. Regardless, I would like to congratulate all the bowlers that attended and my best regards to all the individual

winners. Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to our 2015 Frank Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient, Michael T. Matras. Brother Michael has been a dedicated and active member of his local assembly in Perryopolis, PA and is very deserving of this year's recognition.

To conclude, I would like to take a moment to offer my genuine and sincere thanks to our family and friends who continue to provide their heartfelt support to our family, especially during this special time of the year. Your warm thoughts, prayers and support continue to give us strength and hope for the future. We are forever grateful and will always keep you in our prayers.

May God bless all of you!

Lecture on sites to see in Slovakia

As part of the Slovak Heritage Group Meetings hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, an evening will be devoted to "Sites to See in Slovakia." The group meets at the Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. on Monday, June 1 from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Theresa Dostalick, a frequent traveler throughout Europe, and Slovakia in particular, will offer a video presentation of her travels as well as tips on getting the most out of a visit to Slovakia. She will point out her favorite spots to visit. Pittsburgh area Sokol members are invited to attend. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Slovak Children's Choir benefit in Linden, N.J.

The renown Pro Musica-Magnolia Children's Choir from Eastern Slovakia will perform in concert during a cultural evening on Friday, July 3 in Linden, N.J. The benefit concert and dinner will be held at the Monsignor Michael Komar Hall of Holy Family Parish, located at 2806 Parkway Avenue in the Tremley Point section of Linden. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Following the presentation by the choir, a dinner featuring Slovak culinary specialties will be served. Live music for

dancing and listening pleasure will follow dinner featuring the artistry of the Relax Ensemble. Advance ticket sales only.

Deadline for reservations is June 15. For reservations, call Adriana (908)510-0547 or Hanka (908)494-4534. A wonderful evening celebrating Slovak music traditions by one of Slovakia's most talented choirs is assured. The Pro Musica-Magnolia Choir is currently on tour visiting several American communities.

New Members Enrolled from April 1-30

RECOMMENDER	CITY/STATE	FACE AMOUNT	NEW MEMBERS
Joseph Krzysik	Clifton, NJ	\$30,000	1
Jozef Bodo	New York, NY	30,000	1
Roger J. Manyak	East Douglas, MA	25,000	5
Jo Ann M. Antosy	Reading, PA	10,000	1
Melissa M. Friedman	Wilkes-Barre, PA	10,000	1
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	10,000	1
Cynthia A. Walkowiak	Pittsburgh, PA	5,000	1
Edward D. Moeller	Mc Kees Rocks, PA	5,000	1
Francis S. Blonar	Bethlehem, PA	5,000	1
James T. Genosky	Minneapolis, MN	5,000	1

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RECOMMENDER	CITY/STATE	FACE AMOUNT	NEW MEMBERS
Magdalene J. Mashlefski	Nanticoke, PA	\$1,000	1

Sokol Calendar

SAT.MAY 30

■ 2nd annual Eastern European Food Festival hosted by Assembly 261 and Wreath 155 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 411 Crestmont St., Reading, Pa. from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

SUN.MAY 31

■ Trinity Sunday observance marking the closing of Most Holy Trinity Parish, 18 Trinity Pl., Yonkers, N.Y. Mass at 3 p.m. followed by buffet supper, \$30.00 per person; for reservations call the rectory at (914)963-0720, deadline is May 18.

MON.JUNE 1

■ Slovak Heritage Group meeting at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., 7-9 p.m., free of charge; topic for meeting is "Sites to see in Slovakia," presented by travel-specialist Theresa Dostalick.

THURS.JUNE 4

■ Dedication of the Father Joseph Murgas Memorial Room at King's College at "King's on the Square," Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. beginning at 5 p.m.

SAT.JUNE 6

■ Annual picnic hosted by the Slovak American Society of Washington at Fort Hunt Park, Alexandria, Va. from 12 noon to 5 p.m., food and beverages, \$20.00 for individuals, \$25.00 for couples; www.dcs-lovaks.org.

SUN.JUNE 7

■ Assembly 163 semi-annual meeting at Dorothy's Place, Donora, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m., discussion of upcoming 32nd national convention will be on the meeting agenda.

SAT.JUNE 13

■ Quarterly meeting of the S.C.S. Board of Directors via conference call beginning at 10 a.m.

■ Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland benefit all you can eat supper at Scoreboards Sports Bar & Grill, 10333 Northfield Rd., Northfield, Oh., 7 - 9 p.m., \$20.00 per person, for reservations call Milan (216)235-7466 or Tom (440)655-8244.

SUN.JUNE 14

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

■ Annual Slovak picnic hosted by the St. Joseph's Society at Monsignor Michael Komar Hall, 2806 Parkway Avenue, Tremley Point section of Linden, N.J. from 1-7 p.m., traditional Slovak specialties along with American picnic favorites; entertainment; tickets \$20.00 for adults, children 6-12 years of age \$10.00, to age 5, free of charge, open bar; for reservations and additional information call Peter (908)494-4533, Pavol (908)327-5877, Martin (908)313-3659.

SAT.JUNE 20

■ Annual Simply Slavic Festival in downtown Youngstown, Oh. beginning at 12 noon, for information call Loretta Ekonomiak (330)549-3760.

JUNE 26-28

■ 28th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Softball Tournament at Willig Field, Harrisburg & 30th St., Canton, Oh., participants housed at the Red Roof Inn, 5353 Inn Circle Court Northwest, North Canton, Oh., tel.(330)499-1970.

SUN.JUNE 28

■ Meeting of the Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands in the social hall of Christ the Savior Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 300 Garfield St., Johnstown, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m., new members are welcome.

■ Annual Slovak Day Picnic hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club at the American Sokol Camp, 2069 Royalwood Rd., Broadview Heights, Oh. from 12 noon to 8 p.m., ethnic food, entertainment, music by the Anthony Culkar Band, \$4.00 admission at the gate.

TUES.JUNE 30

■ Assembly 9 patronal feast day observance beginning with Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. at 7:30 a.m., breakfast will follow; for reservations call Tom Marticek (203)375-0762.

■ Concert of the Slovak children's choir Pro Musica - Magnolia, sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association at Synod Hall, Craig St., in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7:30 p.m., tickets adults \$20.00, \$7.00 children.

SAT.JULY 11

■ 42nd annual Summer Festival hosted by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius at their Motherhouse grounds, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pa. beginning at 10:30 a.m. concluding with Mass at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius; for information call (570)275-3581, ext.302.

THURS.JULY 16

■ 92nd annual Pittsburgh Slovak Day observance at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. beginning with children's games and treats at 12:30 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m. followed by cultural program, music for dancing begins at 6 p.m.

SUN.JULY 19

■ 77th annual Slovak Day observance hosted by the Canadian Slovak League in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m., Slovak culinary specialties, cultural program and music for dancing and listening pleasure.

SEPT.10-12

■ 129th annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

CORRECTION

In the feature article on things to do in Pittsburgh which appeared in the May 6 issue, the email address of Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins was incorrect. Her correct email is kathyw323@gmail.com.

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-termed 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 crediting 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; 2) withdrawing a portion of the certificate amount and continuing

the certificate earning the guaranteed credited interest rate declared at that time for the upcoming year; or 3) 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.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ANNUITY RATES

EFFECTIVE SINCE: JULY 1, 2012

	CURRENT	MINIMUM GUARANTEE
VANTAGE 1	1.25%	1.00%
VANTAGE 2	1.50%	1.00%
VANTAGE 3	2.25%	1.00%
VANTAGE 5	3.25%	2.00%
VANTAGE 7	3.50%	2.00%

SINGLE PREMIUM IMMEDIATE ANNUITY

SPIA

5 THROUGH 9 YEARS	2.75%
10 YEARS OR MORE	3.50%

NO LONGER OFFERED EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 31, 2011

	CURRENT	MINIMUM GUARANTEE
FLEXIBLE	3.00%	3.00%
SINGLE PREMIUM	3.00%	3.00%



Lodge Jottings

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Assembly 9

On Tuesday, June 30, we will host our traditional patronal feast day observance honoring SS. Peter and Paul. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Stratford for our living and deceased members. Following the liturgy we are hoping to go to breakfast. In order to make the necessary arrangement, those interested in joining us for the breakfast, please call Tom Marticek at tel. (203)375-0762. An enjoyable time is assured.

Our lodge had its beginnings when a group of young Slovak immigrants organized a social society in September 1904. In September 1906, this group of 28 Slovak immigrant men was accepted as Assembly 9 of the recently established Slovak Catholic Sokol. Our founders chose SS. Peter and Paul as patrons of the Assembly. And the rest is history. We have enjoyed an active role in promoting the high ideals of Sokol fraternalism and have supported many outreach projects within the Slovak community.

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout at our annual meeting as well as our patronal feast day observance, may I remain

Zdar Boh!
Henry J. Zack
Financial Secretary

and Methodius Church Hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. All members are invited to join us.

We have a busy fraternal and sporting season ahead for our Assembly. On our meeting agenda will be a recap of the 69th International Bowling Tournament held in Woodcliff, Oh. where a number of our members participated. We look ahead to participation at our 28th International Softball Tournament scheduled for June 26-28 in Canton, Oh. Our youngsters will compete at the 47th International Slet scheduled for Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pa., July 14-18. Several of our members also expect to participate in our organizations' 60th International Golf Tournament scheduled for August 14-16 in Barnesville, Pa. The most important gathering of the summer will be our organization's 32nd quadrennial convention in Pittsburgh. Input from our lodge will insure the continued success of our organization.

At the conclusion of the meeting we will have our traditional raffle drawing. So we look forward to seeing a good turnout at our meeting, celebrating Sokol fellowship and fraternalism.

Zdar Boh!
John D. Pogorelec, Jr.
President
David Bulwin
Recording Secretary

CLIFTON, NJ Assembly 162

Our next monthly meeting of our Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 in SS. Cyril

READING, PA. Assembly 261 Wreath 155

Continuing in our outreach to the community, we are pleased

to extend a cordial invitation to area Sokol members and their friends to join us as we host our 2nd annual Eastern European Food Festival on Saturday, May 30. Last year's first ever festival was very well received and so we again look forward to a successful event this year. The festival will be held at our Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, located at 411 Crestmont Street from 12 noon until 6 p.m. This event helps present the rich culinary traditions of the Slovak, Polish and Ukrainian communities. A smorgasbord of tastings will allow visitors to savor many of our beloved specialties. Visitors can either eat in or take out. For those who like take out, we ask that you bring along your own container. An array of pastries and breads will also be available. In addition, participants can enjoy an array of imported beer and wines in the club's popular beer garden. Needless to say, an enjoyable afternoon is assured.

Members of both our lodges are working hard to insure the success of this year's Eastern European Food Festival. We hope that many Sokols and Sokolky, from near and far, will join us for some great feasting and fraternal fellowship.

Zdar Boh!
Kathi Smolkowicz

Scholarship Grants: Wreath 1 & Assembly No.9, Inc. Bridgeport, Conn.

These grants are a one time only benefit in the amount of \$200.00 each. To apply, members of either Wreath 1 or Assembly 9 must have a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$3,000 and have been a member for at least 5 years. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or Catholic high school.

To request an application, call Judith Salamon at tel. (203)333-3716 or Eileen S. Wilson at (203)378-8837 and specify either college or Catholic high school grant, as well as the address to which the application should be mailed. The application must be completed and returned by our Sunday, June 14, 2015 meeting for consideration.

Promoting education among our members has been a priority of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for generations. Zdar Boh!

Fraternally,
Judith Salamon
Eileen S. Wilson

HOME OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of Memorial Day, the Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, May 25. The Home Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, May 26. Regular business hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. An enjoyable and safe Memorial Day weekend to all. Zdar Boh!

Places to stay near Slippery Rock University, site of our 47th International Slet

All is in readiness for this summer's exciting 47th International Slet. This year's competition will be held July 14-18 at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pa. Our Slet is a wonderful opportunity for many family and friends of our Slet competitors to join them. Many out-of-town Sokol members will join our athletes at this summer's competition. Many of our Sokol families make the Slet week a part of their traditional summer vacation.

I have listed a number of hotels which are nearby Slippery Rock University along with their rates and amenities. Each hotel listed below includes an indoor pool and complimentary breakfast. All of the pools were approximately the same size. When I visited each hotel a few years ago, they all appeared very clean and the staff was friendly and courteous. In my opinion, I believe that the Best Western offers the best deal, since it is significantly cheaper than the other hotels and offers the same amenities.

I suggest that you make early reservations. Call the hotel you are interested in and ask them to set aside a block of rooms for your group. If you are a AAA member, you may be able to get a better rate. Some of the hotels will provide a discount if you mention that you are going to Slippery Rock University for a competition.

Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott (This hotel is closest to the university, but it is the most expensive),

1000 University Parkway
Slippery Rock, Pa. 16057
tel. 724-406-0535

Amenities include: heated indoor

pool, fitness center, complimentary breakfast.

There is a block of 10 rooms being held until April 29th. The group rate is \$139.00 plus tax. Please reference the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

All hotels listed below are about 12 minutes traveling distance from the campus. They are near Grove City Outlets and Volant Amish Country. There is also a Hampton Inn, but it is completely booked.

Best Western

1924 Leesburg Road
Grove City, Pa. 16127
tel. 724-748-5836

Amenities include: heated indoor pool, fitness center and complimentary breakfast.

Holiday Inn Express Suites

21 Holiday Boulevard
Grove City, Pa. 16237
tel. 724-748-5514

Amenities include: heated indoor pool and hot tub, fitness center and complimentary breakfast.

Comfort Inn

118 Garrett Drive
Grove City, Pa. 16227
tel. 724-748-1005

Amenities include: heated indoor pool, fitness center and complimentary breakfast.

There is a block of 25 rooms being held until April 29th. The group rate is \$100.00 plus tax. Please reference the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Make your plans now and be assured of a memorable Slet experience with your children and friends. See you in Slippery Rock, PA. in July.

Zdar Boh!
Kathleen S. Watkins
Supreme Physical Directress

Lucina Folklore Ensemble benefit in Northfield, Oh.

The Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland has enjoyed a wonderful reputation of celebrating the music, song and dance traditions of Slovakia for many years now. They have performed at numerous celebrations throughout the northeast as well as Canada and Slovakia. A special benefit supper in support of their activities will be held on Saturday, June 13 at Scoreboards Sports Bar & Grill, located at 10333 Northfield Road in Northfield, Oh. 44067 from 7 to 9 p.m. The menu will include All you can eat: BBQ Wings & Garlic Wings, Pasta with meat sauce, Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza, Veggie trays, chips & pretzels, Cheese & Crackers, beer, wine, soda and coffee.

There will also be raffle baskets and sideboards as well. An enjoyable evening is assured. Advance sale tickets are only \$20.00 per person. Reservations may be made with any of the following: Milan, (216)235-7466; Jennifer (440)439-4119; Tom (440)668-7797 or Christine at (440)655-8244.

The Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland is grateful for the support given their cultural efforts by Sokol members over the years. We hope that many area Sokols and Sokolky will turnout in support of this fine group at their benefit supper on June 13. The ensemble beautifully promotes our rich Slovak heritage and traditions.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JUNE 3RD

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, June 3rd. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, May 28th. View *e-Falcon* on our website: www.slovakcatholicssokol.org. Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh!

Daniel F. Tanzzone, Editor

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Yonkers, N.Y.



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Milwaukee, Wis.



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Group 5, Assembly 167
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Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, Oh.



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Group 14, Assembly 54
Lyndora, Pa.



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St. Elizabeth Elementary School
Group 14, Assembly 295
Duquesne, Pa.



Emily Meder
St. John Bosco Academy
Group 14, Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Josephine Berdis
Holy Family School
Group 15, Assembly 64
Erie, Pa.



Natalie Blasko
St. Charles School
Group 17, Wreath 54
Youngstown, Oh.

Convention Choir Forming

This is a call to all delegates who will be attending the 32nd National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, August 1-5, 2015 at The Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree. We know that where there are Slovaks, there is singing. We are hoping to put together a choir for the Official "Opening Mass" of the Convention. The music will be congregational in nature, a mix of English and Slovak Hymns, most of which have been sung at previous Convention Masses. The choir will assemble in the choir loft of St. Paul's Cathedral, and it would help if we had an idea as to how many we could expect. Therefore please before July 18th email our Supreme Chaplain, Father Hvozdozic at ahvoz87@gmail.com if you wish to be a part of this choir.

Washington Slovaks set picnic on June 6

The Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. (SASW) will host its traditional picnic on Saturday, June 6 at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Va. Fort Hunt is part of the National Park System and is about 12 miles south of the Beltway, off the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Festivities begin at 12 noon and continue until 5 p.m. All members, prospective members and guests are welcome. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

This Slovak style picnic is jointly organized with the Washington Slovak Meet Up group. Food and variety of beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks) will be provided. Cost to members is \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples. Non-members and guests are charged \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Non-members who join SASW will receive a \$5 discount per person. Children age 10 and under are welcome free of charge.

Further details will be available on the SASW web site www.dcslovaks.org and Facebook. Reservations are required.



ration and hard work, at the end of the day, the Slet participants love it and everyone cherishes their memories of a unique and wonderful week. I look forward to meeting and greeting all our 47th Slet competitions, both veterans as well as first-timers. Meeting new people is always enjoyable. See you in just a few weeks.

Zdar Boh!
Katie Swift
Supreme Assistant
Physical Directress

Fraternalist of the Year for NJ & NY members

The New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance, which represents fraternalists in both the Garden and Empire States will host its traditional Fraternalist of the Year program. Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol residing in either New Jersey or New York may be considered for this program. Consideration may be given any individual member who through example and accomplishment provides outstanding volunteer service in their local community. They are individuals who beautifully mirror traditional fraternal outreach in their parish, their local community center or other outreach venues in which they are active.

Any Sokol member of either New Jersey or New York may nominate an individual who in their estimation is worthy of recognition. A nomination form is available by contacting our Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office. Deadline for the completed application is September 1, 2015. The individual selected as the 2015 Fraternalist of the Year will be honored during the annual meeting of the New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance scheduled for October 8-9 in Atlantic City, N.J. Members of the Fraternalist of the Year Award Committee include Frederick M. Durso, Theresa M. Kluchinski and Charlotte L. Androckitis.

Gymnastics Competition set for our 47th International Slet

The Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board are busy getting prepared for our upcoming 47th International Slet, scheduled for July 14 -18 at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pa.

This year the gymnastics competition at the Slet will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at Steve Heasley's Butler Gymnastics Club, located only 20 minutes from the Slippery Rock campus.

Because of several new and exciting schedule changes that are still being worked out, the gymnastics portion of this year's International Slet is tentatively scheduled to have a 7 p.m. start on July 15th. The address of Steve Heasley's Butler Gymnastics is: Steve Heasley's Butler Gymnastics, 560 Evans City Road in Butler, Pa. 16001. The owner, Steve Heasley and his daughter, Michelle, did an amazing job with our gymnastics competition at our 46th International Slet held in 2011 and they are very excited to be hosting our gymnastics



competition again at our 47th Slet.

A reminder to our competitors, please make sure you have received the new changes to the rules and regulations. The qualifiers are mostly the same but there are a few new first timers. I ask that our competitors have ordered our new uniform leotards for female competition. The new leotard will be a tank style leotard.

Anyone who needs a copy of the rules and regulations, qualifiers or information on our new leotards, kindly contact me as soon as possible. My email is Katie70@aol.com.

I hope that all of our young people are working hard preparing themselves for Slet competition are at the same time having fun as we enjoy our wonderful spring season. Our International Slet is always an exciting and enjoyable event in the life of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. The event is always amazing and even though it takes a lot of prepa-

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATES!

August 1- 5, 2015

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32nd Quadrennial Convention**

**at the
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500 Mansfield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15205**



**Zdar Boh!
Plan now to be there!**



An opportunity to recognize leadership among us

Our 2015 Fraternalist of the Year Program Salutes Volunteerism and Outreach

Service and outreach are two words which beautifully describe what a fraternalist is all about. For the past 110 years, our organization has championed the cause of fraternalism among our members. Serving the needs of our members as well as their local parishes and communities has been the hallmark of Slovak Catholic Sokol fraternalism over the years. Since 1985, our organization has recognized fraternal leadership among us by selecting an individual member who mirrors the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system. Fraternalism is unique and has served an important purpose in American life. The first fraternalism was organized just prior to the Civil War. These organizations were founded to serve their fellow members as well as the communities in which they were active. Over the decades, fraternal organizations have been an important component of the charitable outreach network in our country ever since. Fraternalism, as non-governmental organizations, provide invaluable service to others.

For the past 30 years, individual members of our organization have been chosen as our Fraternalist of the Year in recognition of all the good they accomplish on behalf of others. Over the years, those chosen for this award have reflected a variety of outreach efforts which have been a credit

not only to them individually but to the Slovak Catholic Sokol in general. Past honorees have come from all parts of the United States and Canada as well. Our organization would not enjoy our current success without the hard work and dedication of many members in our many Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. There are our such individuals out there who deserve to be recognized. Often they are the quiet, behind the scenes individuals who make things happen. These doers need to be recognized!

Each year then, we ask the membership to take the time to nominate an individual member who in their estimation serves as a wonderful role model and is deserving of being selected as our 2015 Fraternalist of the Year. At your next lodge or Group meeting, discussion of this program should be on the meeting agenda. Discuss individuals who deserve recognition.

This year's honoree will be presented with an appropriate plaque along with a gift of \$200.00 as a small token of our gratitude for his or her efforts in promoting volunteerism and outreach. In addition, the individual selected as our fraternalist of the year is then recommended for consideration to the American Fraternal Alliance for consideration in their 2015 Fraternalist of the Year program. The American Fraternal

Alliance is the trade organization which represents more than nine million fraternalists in 70 member societies in the United States and Canada, including our own. Three individuals are then selected from among individuals nominated from participating fraternal benefit societies for recognition. One winner and two runners-up will be honored at the 129th annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance scheduled for September 10-12 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Therefore, now is the time to think about who among us is deserving of recognition? Last year's nominee was our Honorary Supreme Officer Roger J. Manyak of East Douglas, Mass. who has been a model fraternal leader in our organization for most of his life. Brother Roger was certainly worthy of this recognition. There are other individual Sokol members who are movers and shakers among us who should be considered as our Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year for 2015. Any individual member, local Assembly, Wreath or Group may nominate an individual for consideration. A special nomination form is available from the home office. Contact Editor Daniel F. Tanzoni, who coordinates the program, at the home office at 800 886-7656 for a copy. A recent photo of the nominee should also be included along with the completed nomination form. Deadline for receipt of the nomination form is Friday, June 26, 2015.



Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Program

Join us for fraternalism, friendly competition, and unique Sokol experiences in these exciting opportunities.

International Softball Tournament. June 26-28, 2015, Canton, OH



NEW THIS YEAR....Coed Softball Tournament!!!! So, for all of you who couldn't field a full men's or women's team, now is your chance. If you do not have a team, be sure to contact Ed Moeller and he will help you find one. The Men's Softball Tournament will be played as always.

International Slet: July 14-18, 2015. Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA

The highlight of the year for our youth members!!! After months of practicing drills, marching, track, gymnastics, volleyball skills... this is the culminating event to showcase their hard work. New this year: Soccer and Basketball Shoot Out competition. It's a week of fraternalism, competition, and all out Sokol Spirit. Youth 8 years and older are encouraged to participate. The children stay in a college dorm supervised 24/7 and meet many new friends. If you have a youth interested, please contact your local Sokol branch.



International Golf Tournament, August 14-16, 2015. Mountain Valley, Barnesville, PA



This weekend can't be beat. Filled with 2 full 18-hole golf games, a banquet, award ceremony, and prizes, a weekend of fraternalism for golf enthusiasts is sure to be rewarding. Reservations are due July 8, 2015.

Walking Program

This is an ongoing program that compiles all the miles you walk (and new this year, bike) and awards your physical fitness with prizes. It's for all ages!!!! The only thing you have to do is walk or bike, fill in the sheet (or email it) with your recorded miles, and be proud of yourself for having a sound mind in a sound body. Contact Katie Swift, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress to sign up.



Contact your local officers or www.slovakcatholicsokol.org for more information and registration forms.



Pre-Convention Bylaw Committee Meets at the Home Office



In anticipation of our 32nd Quadrennial Convention, members of the Bylaw Committee met at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J., May 18-19 to make their recommendations to the full convention body. Our 32nd Quadrennial Convention is scheduled for August 1-5, 2015 at The Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Members of the committee shown above include seated from the left, Therese M. Buc, Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.; Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C., Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairperson; and Eileen S. Wilson, Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn. Standing, l-r: Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh, Joseph A. Harak, Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.; James G. Jerek, Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.; and Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

Night Wolves arrive in Bratislava, lay wreaths at Slavin Memorial

Five members of the Russian motorcycle club Night Wolves arrived at the Slavin War Memorial in Bratislava on May 2, with hundreds of people with Russian and Slovak flags welcoming them at the site.

The Russian motorcyclists were accompanied on their way from the Czech Republic to Bratislava by several sympathizers from Slovakia and the Czech Republic. After arriving at the Slavin memorial, they laid wreaths at the door of the memorial room and bowed their heads to commemorate the more than 700 Soviet soldiers who were killed in World War II.

"We came here only to lay wreaths in order to commemorate our grandfathers and great-grandfathers," a member of the club who introduced himself as Vladimir told, TASR.

Vladimir said that the group hasn't faced any problems in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, quite to the contrary, the locals were welcoming them.

The Night Wolves are claiming that their visit hasn't anything to do with promoting the policies of Russian President Putin.

The waiting for the Night Wolves at Slavin that took several hours on May 2 afternoon was dramatic at some moments due to disputes between a camp of those who appeared at the site to welcome the Russian motorcyclists and those who came to protest against their arrival in Slovakia. The situation had eventually to be calmed down by police.

Meanwhile several publicly known figures, among them extra-parliamentary Civic Conservative Party (OKS) chairman Ondrej Dostal, political analyst Grigorij Meseznikov and journalist Martin Mojzis staged in front of the Russian embassy in Bratislava an event to commemorate the victims of what they called Russian aggression in Ukraine. They believe that the ride of Russian motorcyclists through several countries in Eastern and Central Europe commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II isn't a private issue but art of Putin's state propaganda.

Some countries, including Poland and Lithuania, have banned their entry.

US Embassy: financial groups in media threaten free press

The US Embassy in Slovakia is concerned about the increasing engagement of large financial groups in the Slovak media, which can be seen as a potential threat to the freedom of the press in the country, the Embassy wrote in a press release issued on May 4.

The release date closely follows World Press Freedom Day, which falls on May 3.

The US Embassy at the same time observed that Slovakia and Central Europe are home to "a robust free press where a multitude of outlets actively express their views." For example, the Embassy praises the media for regular in-depth reporting on various corruption scandals, which more often than not feature those in power.

There are also discouraging developments, however. "We're concerned about increasing consolidation in the media sector, which has the potential to limit the variety of views expressed," stated the Embassy, pointing to the current state of affairs in which a small number or large financial groups control several media outlets in the country.

The Embassy further stated that in a chapter on Slovakia in its annual Human Rights Report it will voice its concerns about "apparent attempts by government officials, judges and other elites to intimidate the press with threats of civil defamation suits." The report is due to be released soon.

"The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the International Press Institute (IPI) of Slovakia and other

observers have voiced concerns that the sizable damages that have been awarded to litigants in such cases could lead to media self-censorship," warned the Embassy, adding that Slovak political elites should develop a greater appreciation of the watchdog role played by the free press.

European Commission envisions sound economic growth for Slovakia

Slovakia will rank among the eurozone's and the EU's top countries in terms of economic growth in 2015 and 2016 as per the spring forecast by the European Commission released on May 5, TASR learned on the same day.

The prognoses point to an economic revival and are optimistic for the EU and the eurozone alike.

According to the EU's executive arm, Slovakia came in sixth in the eurozone and tenth in the EU in GDP growth (on 2.4 percent) last year. Ireland fared the best last year (4.8 percent), with Cyprus doing the worst (minus 2.3 percent).

As for 2015, the Commission predicts growth of 3 percent for Slovakia - which places the country fourth in the eurozone and fifth in the EU. Meanwhile, Ireland and Cyprus are expected to retain the top and bottom positions, respectively.

Slovakia is predicted to speed up its growth further in 2016 - up to 3.4 percent. This would yield the country the second highest growth both in the eurozone and the EU.

The Commission also revised its figures for 2014, concluding that GDP growth amounted to 0.9 percent of GDP in the EU. The EU and the eurozone as a whole are expected to grow by 1.8 and 1.5 percent of GDP, respectively, this year. The eurozone is expected to see economic growth of 1.9 percent in 2016 while the EU should grow by 2.1 percent next year.

Sulik turns to US Justice Department over new tax system suspicions

Member of Parliament and Opposition Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) chair Richard Sulik has turned to the United States Department of Justice in Washington asking for an investigation into the new tax system supplied to Slovakia by the American company IBM, TASR learned on May 4.

According to Sulik, IBM sub-suppliers are companies such as Anext and Sevitech, which are connected to the governing Smer-SD party. "The links to the governing party that controls not only the Interior Ministry but also the Prosecutors' Office and other supervisory bodies don't allow a transparent investigation to take place in the Slovak Republic," claimed Sulik in a letter addressed to the US Justice Department.

"I'm asking the US authorities to provide answer to a few questions, at least to determine which companies participated in meeting contractual obligations and whether IBM was familiar with the ownership structure of its sub-suppliers," Sulik told the media. The MEP harbors the conviction that IBM knowingly covers up corruption when dispensing public commissions.

Premier's attendance in Moscow was seen as a misstep

There's a lot good opportunities and ways how to commemorate the victims of World War II, however, the personal participation of Prime Minister Robert Fico in official festivities in Moscow is not one of them, SDKU-DS leader Pavol Freso said on May 6.

"One has to give undoubtable credit to the Soviet Army

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Trnava is one of the oldest and best known cities in Slovakia. Located in the western part of the country, about 35 miles north of the capital city of Bratislava, Trnava has a population of over 65,000. It is one of the oldest medieval towns in the country situated in a fertile plain under the Little Carpathians located on one of the main commercial roads of Europe, near other medieval towns in central Europe. Probably established at the end of the 9th century, its first written reference dates from 1211. By the Middle Ages, impressive gothic churches and other buildings were built including the Basilica of St. Nicholas and the Church of St. Helen. Monasteries of both men and women religious developed over the years. By the 16th century, a university was established by the Jesuits and the city became an important trade center of Hungary. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, it became the center of Slovak Catholic intellectual thought led by Anton Bernolak. In 1870, the Society of St. Adalbert (Spolok Sv. Vojtecha), the largest Slovak Catholic literary and religious society was founded here and has its main headquarters in the city. With its many churches and monasteries, Trnava is known as "The Rome of Slovakia." Following the creation of Czecho-Slovakia in 1919, Trnava became the seat of the Apostolic Administration serving more than one million Catholics. It officially became a diocese in 1977 and subsequently the seat of the first metropolitan province in Slovakia. Trnava is a popular tourist attraction.

47th International Slet Schedule

Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.

July 13 - July 18, 2015

(Tentative - Subject to Change)

MONDAY, JULY 13

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
11:00AM - 1:00PM	Arrival of Supreme Physical Fitness Board	WATSON HALL
1:00PM - 6:00PM	Work Detail	PLACES VARY
6:00PM	Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting	WATSON HALL

TUESDAY, JULY 14

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
8:00AM - 11:00AM	Registration	WATSON HALL
9:00AM - 10:00AM	Judges Meeting	WATSON HALL
10:00AM - 6:00PM	Individual Drill Competition	VINCENT SCIENCE CENTER (Rooms 205, 305, 308, & 310)
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch	BOOZEL DINING HALL
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Supreme Physical Fitness Board, Directors Directresses, Sports Directors and Chaperones Meeting	WATSON HALL
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Dinner	BOOZEL DINING HALL
6:30PM - 8:00PM	Group Pictures Mass Grand March Opening Ceremonies and Mass Lighting of the Torch Announcement of individual drill finalists	UNIVERSITY STADIUM (FIELD HOUSE IF RAINING)
8:45PM - 10:45PM	Volleyball (13 and over) Soccer and Basketball Contests (12 and under)	FIELD HOUSE GRASS TEX (back of Field House)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:15AM	Breakfast	BOOZEL DINING HALL
8:30AM - 12:00PM	Track and Field	UNIVERSITY STADIUM
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch	BOOZEL DINING HALL
1:15PM - 1:30PM	Junior Individual Drill Finalists Competition (This is only for the finalists)	MORROW FIELD HOUSE (DANCE STUDIO)
1:30PM - 4:30PM	Senior Drill Competition Junior Individual Drill Finalists perform Junior Individual Drill Winners Announced	MORROW FIELD HOUSE
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Dinner	BOOZEL DINING HALL
6:00PM	Bus leaves for gymnastics	FRONT OF DORM B
7:00PM - 9:30PM	Gymnastics	BUTLER GYMNASICS
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Games for non-gymnasts	TBA

THURSDAY, JULY 16

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Breakfast	BOOZEL DINING HALL
8:30AM - 11:45AM	Track and Field	UNIVERSITY STADIUM
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch	BOOZEL DINING HALL
1:15PM - 1:30PM	Senior Individual Drill Finalist Competition (This is only for the finalists)	MORROW FIELD HOUSE (DANCE STUDIO)
1:30PM - 3:45PM	Junior Drill Team Competition Senior Individual Drill Finalist Perform Senior Individual Drill Winners Announced	MORROW FIELD HOUSE

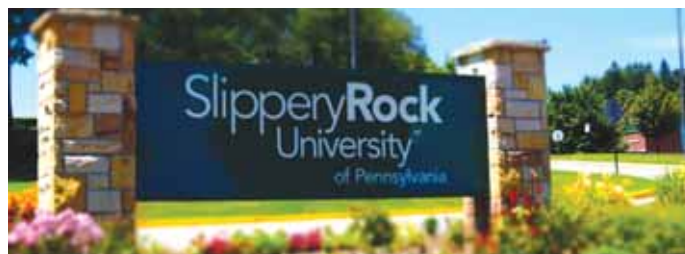
3:45PM - 4:45PM	Volleyball Championship Game	MORROW FIELD HOUSE
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Dinner	BOOZEL DINING HALL
6:30PM - 10:30PM	Track and Field	UNIVERSITY STADIUM

FRIDAY, JULY 17

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:15AM	Breakfast	BOOZEL DINING HALL
8:30AM - 11:00AM	Track and Field Finals	UNIVERSITY STADIUM
11:00AM - 11:30PM	Closing Ceremony Rehearsal	UNIVERSITY STADIUM
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch	BOOZEL DINING HALL
1:15PM - 3:15PM	Closing Ceremony Rehearsal	UNIVERSITY STADIUM
4:15PM - 7:30PM	Closing Ceremony - March Mass Gymnastics Exhibition Drill Exhibition Awards Extinguishing the Torch	UNIVERSITY STADIUM (RISLEY HALL IF RAINING)
7:45PM - 11:30PM	Picnic Dinner / Dance	GRASS TEX (back of Field House)

SATURDAY, JULY 18

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast	BOOZEL DINING HALL
8:30AM	Departure	FRONT OF DORM B



'LEST WE FORGET'

GOD, I AM TRAVELING OUT TO DEATH'S SEA,
I, WHO EXULTED IN SUNSHINE AND LAUGHTER,
THOUGHT NOT DYING - DEATH IS SUCH WASTE OF ME!
GRANT ME ONE PRAYER: DOOM NOT THE HEREAFTER
OF MANKIND TO WAR, AS THOUGH I HAD DIED NOT -
I, WHO IN BATTLE, MY COMRADE'S ARM LINKING,
SHOUTED AND SANG - LIFE IN MY PULSES HOT,
THROBBING AND DANCING! LET NOT MY SINKING
IN DARK BE FOR NAUGHT, MY DEATH A VAIN THING!
GOD, LET ME KNOW IT THE END OF MAN'S FEVER!
MAKE MY LAST BREATH A BUGLE CALL, CARRYING
PEACE O'ER THE VALLEYS AND COLD HILLS FOREVER!
FOR IN THE END, ONLY DEATH TRIUMPHS.



As we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, let us remember the generations of Sokol members who have championed the cause of freedom and democracy in defense of our American way of life. We especially reverence the memory of those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice. Eternal is their memory. The above artistic rendition is the work of the late Steven J. Sroba, a gifted artist and well-known fraternalist. For many years, his art work has graced the pages of our official publication as well as other souvenir books. He was a long-time and devoted member of Assembly 48 in Philadelphia, Pa. and a participant in Sokol fraternal and sports activities all his life. He passed away in 1995.

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)

As part of our philanthropic endeavors, we have chosen the Wounded Warrior Project as our charity for the 32nd International Convention. The mission of this esteemed organization is to honor and empower wounded warriors. Their purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, help injured service members aid and assist each other, and provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001 and their families. On that date, America watched in horror as approximately 3,000 people died including hundreds of firefighters and rescue workers. Many warriors note a sense of duty to volunteer for the military following these tragic events.

With advancements in battlefield medicine and body armor, an unprecedented percentage of service members are surviving severe wounds or injuries. For every US soldier killed in World Wars I and II, there were 1.7 soldiers wounded. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, for every US soldier killed, seven are wounded. Combined, over 48,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in the recent military conflicts.

In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated as many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Another 320,000 are believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment.

If you, your group, assembly, or wreath are interested in making a donation to this very worthy cause, please make checks payable to the Wounded Warrior Project and mail by July 20th to: Kathleen S. Watkins, 7019 Highland Creek Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017

Zdar Boh!
Kathleen S. Watkins
Supreme Physical Directress

Scholarship available to study in Slovakia

For the tenth consecutive year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) and the Stephanie Husek Scholarship Fund is offering a scholarship to attend the Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program (SAS) at Comenius University located in Slovakia's capital city of Bratislava. The course runs from August 2 to August 22, 2015. The WPSCA will award a grant of \$2,500 to cover transportation, tuition, room and board to the successful candidate. Applicants must meet the following requirements: must be a full time college student, must be of Slovak heritage, must not have previously attended the program, must apply to Comenius University for acceptance, and must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss the program.

The SAS Summer School is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia and is designed to enable students to improve and enhance their knowledge of Slovak as well as increase their knowledge of Slovak literature and culture. For information on this summer's grant, contact Joseph T. Senko at (412)531-2990 or (412)956-6000.

Sokol Birthdays

MAY 25

Jozef Jurasi, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 182, New York, N.Y.

Andy Martin Matuschak, Saint Louis, Mo., a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

Loretta L. Pogorelec, Wayne, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

MAY 27

Daniel M. Dorich, Mississauga, Canada, a member of Assembly 227, Toronto, Canada.

Lara Elise Gogolak, McLean, Va., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Luby O. Masi, Basking Ridge, N.J., a member of Assembly 282, Passaic, N.J.

MAY 28

Vivian Marnelli, Reading, Pa., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

MAY 29

Morgan Macurak, Acworth, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAY 30

Martha Iskra, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mary Ann Kalafut, Solana Beach, CA, a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Catherine E. Megill, Mountain View, CA., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

Matthew J. Pyo, Lilly, Pa., a member of Assembly 79, Lilly, Pa.

Rosanne Urban, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

MAY 31

Dr. Mikulas Halko, Mt. Kisco, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JUNE 1

Rev. Richard D. Baker, New York City, Chaplain of Group 1 and a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Nathan Vargoshe, Shelton, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

JUNE 2

Hope Anne Egan, Los Angeles, California, a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

JUNE 3

Susan M. Evans, Erie, Pa., a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

JUNE 4

Justin Graham, Hudson, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Clotty Iovanut, Bartlett, Ill., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

JUNE 5

Rev. Richard A. Cirba, chaplain of Group 7 and a member of Wreath 147, Larksville, Pa.

Michael Garver, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Kathy Trifiletti, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

JUNE 6

Joseph A. Kostolansky, Donora, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perryopolis, Pa.

JUNE 8

Jaime Matthews, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JUNE 9

Lauren Harney, Mahopac, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Victoria Tomecsko, Kintnersville, Pa., a member of Wreath 13, Philadelphia, Pa.

Martha Volosin, Lower Burrell, Pa., a member of Assembly 313, Winter Park, Fla.

JUNE 10

Marjorie K. Mischik, Bridgeport, Conn., a member of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

Margaret Mociak, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Wreath 13, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Stanichar, V.F., Weston, Ore., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JUNE 11

Frances M. Moore, Indiana, Pa., a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

JUNE 12

Irene M. Sinanis, Trumbull, Conn., President of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

Marsha Smith, Valparaiso, Ind., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Premier's attendance in Moscow was seen as a misstep

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for its participation in the defeat of Nazism and the end of World War II, yet in the context of the current security situation of our eastern neighbor, such a gesture is incomprehensible," claimed Fresno. He added that the participation of top officials from EU member states in Moscow commemorations will only serve to fuel the Kremlin's political propaganda, which can use it as a proof that Russian aggressive foreign affairs policies enjoy support also in the West.

According to Pavol Fresno, there's more than 9,100 military graves and 2,800 memorial sites in Slovakia linked to World War II. "These are the places where all of us can, and I hope we also will, commemorate victims of the destructive war, in a similar manner as

our president (Andrej Kiska)," said the SDKU-DS chairman. Therefore, the party calls upon all citizens for whom May 9 is not just a day off from work but a holiday commemorating the end of World War II, to pay respect to their ancestors, thanks to whom we're all alive, by laying flowers at any memorial site in Slovakia dedicated to the victims of World War II.

In late April, Prime Minister Fico announced that he would travel to Moscow to take part in the commemorations of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. "I believe that this is history and historic facts, and I consider this move to be natural," said Fico. According to his itinerary, he also visited Poland on May 7 for commemorations, then to Liptovsky Mikulas on May 8 in Slovakia. His visit to Kiev that same day was cancelled.

Visit Slovakia - "The Old Country"

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heart of the Spis region. There are many other activities and cities too numerous to mention in this short article. English-speaking tour guides and air conditioned buses are employed throughout the tour.

Jim and Kay Bench are our Sokol members in Perryopolis, Pa. They have hosted many tours and look forward to welcoming a good number of Sokol members on their 2015 tour to Slovakia. For additional information and details

feel free to contact Jim Bench, cell phone: 724-858-5843, e-mail jmbench@yahoo.com or Kay Bench, cell phone 724-771-7900.

Travel arrangements are made through Adventure International Travel Service of Lakewood, Oh. Contact Paul Hudak at 216-228-7171 or 800 542-2487 or Fax 216-228-7174. E-mail Paul@advintravel.com. So mark your calendars and inquire about the details of this unforgettable visit to "The Old Country!"

Priesthood Scholarship Grants Available

In addition to our regular scholarship program for students on the college, high school and grade school levels, as a Catholic organization, we also offer grants to students preparing for the diocesan or religious priesthood. The Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Grant of \$500 is given annually to an applicant beginning in his second year of Theological Formation until ordination. An applicant must be our member for at least five years and hold a minimum permanent insurance certificate of \$3,000.

Those interested in this grant should write to our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, Church of The Epiphany, 304 South Elmer Ave., Sayre, PA 18840 for an application.

Appeal for the Missions

Our good friend and long-time missionary in India, Father Paul Cruz again reminds our members that used Christmas and other religious cards, as well as pens, pencils, rosaries and statues are needed for the children of his parish. Father Cruz has nearly 5,000 children who attend three schools within his parish. They are in need of these items which assist in their religious education. Or if you can't send these items, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. Father Cruz expresses thanks and gratitude to our many members who have supported his mission over the years. He sends his blessings to all our members as we anticipate the joy of the Christmas season. Send items or donation to: Father Paul Cruz, P.O. Box 691571, Kolliyam-691571, Kerala-INDIA.

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Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance 2015 Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is announcing that the 2015 applications are now available for the annual Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained through eligible members of a Fraternal Benefit Society belonging to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance or by visiting the website of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance at www.pafraternal.org

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2015 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2015 as a full time student (twelve semester credits).
- Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.

temal Benefit Society.

• Submit a 500-word essay on: **"How your Fraternal Benefit Society has made an impact on your daily life, your family and your community."**

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2015.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Susan M. Ondrejco, Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Chairperson at 234 Ilion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. You can also call 412-421-1204 or e-mail sue.ondrejco@gmail.com

PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE 2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

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Your Fraternal Benefit Society: _____

College you will be attending in 2015/2016: _____

Scholastic Achievement (Honors/Awards)*: _____

Extracurricular School Activities*: _____

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Fraternal Benefit Society Activities*: _____

*Information can be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.

Rules/Regulations/Requirements

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2015 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2015 as a full time student (twelve semester credits). Proof of attendance must be submitted with application.
- Obtain a recommendation letter from your Fraternal Benefit Society.
- Submit a 500-word essay on: "How your Fraternal Benefit Society has made an impact on your daily life, your family and your community."
- Sign the Statement of Application on the bottom of this page.
- Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2015, to:

Susan M. Ondrejco Chairperson
Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee
234 Ilion Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

- At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.
- Judging will be done by the 2015 Scholarship Committee of the PFA.
- Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting held in October 2015.

Statement of Application

I understand that my selection for this scholarship is based upon my answers to these questions and the essay I have written; and, further, that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and that the decision of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is final. This application is completed with my knowledge and consent, and false information will void the award. The information that is provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____



Obituaries...

Gus Kaczvinsky, veteran Assembly 308 officer, buried in Trumbull, Conn.

Gustave W. Kaczvinsky, fondly known as Gus by his family and friends, passed away peacefully at his home in Monroe, Conn. on February 22. He was 89. He was the



beloved spouse of the late Anna Jakupkovic Kaczvinsky.

A native of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., he was born there, November 2, 1925, son of Slovak immigrant parents, the late Rudolph Kaczvinsky and the former Anna Talian. As a teenager, Gus and his family moved to Bridgeport, Conn. meeting his future wife soon thereafter. He and Anna were married in 1954 and then spent the next forty years creating a beautiful, loving family. Together, they loved traveling, dancing and enjoying their family and friends. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Gus began his association with the Slovak Catholic Sokol more than 60 years ago in Bridgeport. He served for many years as the financial secretary of Assembly 308 and represented his lodge at many Sokol national conventions. He also was active in the work of Group 2, most recently participating in the annual St. Martin's Day Celebration held on November 9, 2014. He was also active in the First Plavecky Society of the Holy Trinity, serving in various committee positions. He was very proud of his heritage and for

many years took an active role in the Bridgeport area Slovak community. He tried to keep the traditions alive within his own family. He loved sitting on the front porch, in the sun, or in front of a roaring fire, with a cup of tea and a good piece of nut roll or pagach. His was a full and rewarding life.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Gus at the Adzima Funeral Home in Stratford, Conn. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in the Church of St. Jude in Monroe, Conn. on February 26. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Trumbull, Conn. with full military honors.

Gus was the beloved father of: Joyce Frame and husband, Douglas of Arizona; Cheryl Greenwood and her husband, David of Southbury, Conn.; Susan Kaczvinsky of Shelton, Conn.; Kim Barnett, his beloved caretaker, and her husband Dennis of Monroe, Conn.; grandfather to: Kyle and Bryan Frame, Jessica, Ashley and Brendan Greenwood, Nicholas, Chelsea, Matthew and Evan Barnett. He is also survived by his brother, Joseph Kaczvinsky, Sr. of Ohio; brother-in-law, William Jakupkovic of Stratford, Conn., as well as many nieces and nephews.

May our Brother Gus, who so beautifully mirrored our Sokol way of life now rest in peace. He was a patriotic American, Catholic gentleman and was a wonderful credit to his Slovak heritage. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

John L. Podrebarac, 72, former officer of Assembly 82 and Group 9

John L. Podrebarac passed away peacefully on March 27 at the Windber Hospice. He was 72. A native of



Dunlo, Pa., he was born there August 28, 1942, son of the late John W. and Carolyn M. Koontz Podrebarac. He was educated locally and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He served aboard several submarines from 1961 to 1967. Upon his return to civilian life, John was employed at United States Steel, retiring from the quality assurance department at Johnstown Corp. On January 4, 1969, he and the former Alice A. DiMarino were united in holy matrimony. His wife of 46 years survives.

He was an active member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in St. Michael, Pa. and was a community activist all his life. He was an active Sokol at Assembly 82 in Dunlo, Pa. all his life. He was serving as the lodge vice president at the time of his death. He was also active in

Group 9, serving in various capacities over the years. He attended several Slovak Catholic Sokol national conventions. He and his wife, Alice, who currently serves as secretary of Group 9, were well-known throughout the organization attending many international tournaments. In addition to the Sokol, Brother John was active in the American Legion Post 551 of St. Michael, Pa.; VFW Menoher Post 155, Richland, Pa.; the Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Station 82, Dunlo; the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County; and the Dunlo Rod & Gun Club.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Brother John at the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home in South Fork, Pa. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 31 at St. Michael the Archangel Church with the Rev. Charles F. Bodziak officiating. Interment followed at Corpus Christi Cemetery in Dunlo, Pa. with a full military service led by St. Michael American Legion Post 551.

In addition to his wife, Alice, Brother John is survived by his children, Lynn Ann Sowerbrower, Latrobe, Pa.; Joseph J., married

Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 1	Joseph H. Lukas, Passaic, NJ	64	November 18, 2014
Assembly 1	Edward Jacobson, Passaic, NJ	90	February 22, 2015
Assembly 6	Margaret Medovic, Benwood, WV	85	February 25, 2015
Assembly 9	Gustave W. Kaczvinsky, Bridgeport, CT	89	February 22, 2015
Assembly 9	Rudolph Lutheran, Bridgeport, CT	94	February 17, 2015
Assembly 9	Michael G. Stifil, Bridgeport, CT	85	January 10, 2015
Assembly 11	Thomas R. Radzienda, Chicago, IL	65	March 4, 2015
Assembly 11	Marcella Bartosik, Chicago, IL	91	March 9, 2015
Assembly 16	Joseph E. Regec, Pittsburgh, PA	94	March 10, 2015
Assembly 24	Helen E. Rhoden, Boonton, NJ	91	February 17, 2015
Assembly 25	Emily Gelotti, Perryopolis, PA	96	March 7, 2015
Assembly 33	Joseph M. Dulla, Ansonia, CT	86	March 9, 2015
Assembly 64	William T. Palkovic, Erie, PA	81	March 4, 2015
Assembly 64	James Kujan, Erie, PA	56	December 26, 2014
Assembly 69	Elizabeth Florek, Smock, PA	91	February 8, 2015
Assembly 78	Mary Gress, Bethlehem, PA	100	March 2, 2015
Assembly 78	John J. Bartos III, Bethlehem, PA	65	March 10, 2015
Assembly 78	Justine Edelman, Bethlehem, PA	90	March 12, 2015
Assembly 78	Anna Wietcha, Bethlehem, PA	86	March 9, 2015
Assembly 78	Edward James Hudak, Bethlehem, PA	86	February 16, 2015
Assembly 82	Carlos Alberto Diaz, Dunlo, PA	51	March 3, 2015
Assembly 108	Michael T. Senchak, Youngstown, OH	83	February 16, 2015
Assembly 127	Emma Pavlekovsky, Monessen, PA	94	November 16, 2014
Assembly 162	Eric R. Awramko, Clifton, NJ	61	March 17, 2015
Assembly 162	Ronald Trella, Clifton, NJ	64	February 18, 2015
Assembly 180	Judith Ann Shaffer, Canton, OH	68	September 11, 2014
Assembly 188	Joseph B. Sniscak, Lansford, PA	96	January 1, 2015
Assembly 214	Karl John Gadus, Rossford, OH	75	January 22, 2015
Assembly 261	Edward W. Morris, Reading, PA	72	February 15, 2015
Wreath 1	Marie Sikorski, Bridgeport, CT	101	February 22, 2015
Wreath 1	Johanna Czeszel, Bridgeport, CT	87	January 20, 2015
Wreath 3	Irene E. Gamrat, Lisbon Falls, ME	94	January 19, 2015
Wreath 15	Florian Holva, Perryopolis, PA	86	October 22, 2014
Wreath 22	Mildred Hovanec, Pittsburgh, PA	83	March 2, 2015
Wreath 81	Clara Coppolillo, Whiting, IN	99	August 25, 2014
Wreath 81	Mary Paryl, Whiting, IN	93	March 14, 2015
Wreath 93	Francis A. Groh, Milwaukee, WI	88	February 16, 2015
Wreath 107	Frances Hutchko, Youngstown, OH	81	February 16, 2015
Wreath 111	Delvyn A. Nocjar, Lorain, OH	77	February 12, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Slovak Catholic Sokol extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of deceased members

MARCH 2015

to Courtney(Caputo), Johnstown, Pa.; and Cynthia M., wife of Jeffrey Wicks, Salix, Pa.; grandchildren, Jacquelyn Sowerbrower, Sydney and Madison Podrebarac; Anthony Wicks, and David and Alyssa Wicks; brother, Robert, married to Anna (Brindak) of Dunlo; and brother-in-law, Ronald Puto of Monroeville, Pa.

Brother John was a community activist and exemplary fraternalist all his life. He was a wonderful ambassador of our Slovak Catholic Sokol organization and will be sorely missed. May this wonderful patriotic American, Catholic gentleman and Sokol rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

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In Memory of.... Announcing the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!



Julie Ann Dobbs
Supreme Vice-President

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Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund clearly indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at

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Museum Treasurer
Memorial Scholarship Fund
205 Madison St.
Passaic, NJ 07055

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- ♦ 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 earmarking donations to this fund in their memory. Keep the spirit of your fellow Sokol alive by investing in a way that their fraternal dedication will not be forgotten.



The Mixing Bowl

GOULASH SOUP

2 onions, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 lb. diced chuck or shank beef
1/4 cup melted butter
1/4 cup flour
6 cups boiling water
1 1/2 cups diced vegetables (carrot, parsnip, celery root)
salt to taste
1 lb diced potatoes
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
dash of pepper

Fry onion in the 2 tablespoons butter. Add paprika and meat. Cook slowly until brown (about 30 minutes). Melt the 1/4 cup butter, blend in flour, and fry until golden, stirring constantly. Add to meat with water, vegetables, and salt. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add potatoes, caraway seeds and pepper, and simmer until potatoes are tender (20 to 30 minutes). Serves 4 to 6.

HOLUBKY (stuffed cabbage)

4-pound head of cabbage, large leaf
1 large can sauerkraut
1 medium can tomatoes
3/4 cup rice (cooked about 5 minutes, then drained)
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef and pork
small slice of pork, one pound cut in small pieces
1 egg
salt and pepper to taste

Combine ground meat, rice, salt and pepper to taste. Core cabbage, parboil several minutes, covered, then drain the water. Separate the leaves, stuff with meat and wrap up. In a large kettle, place a layer of sauerkraut, layers of Holubky, then pieces of pork, seasoning as you add the 1 can of tomatoes. When all is used, cover Holubky with water. Cover and simmer at low heat about 3 hours.

HEARTY PEA SOUP

3 quarts water (12 cups)
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
2 teaspoons salt
2 fresh (1 to 1 1/4 pounds) pork hocks or 1 pound pork steak
1 1/2 cups chopped leeks or green onions
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
3 packages (10 oz.) frozen green peas
1/2 pound precooked smoked pork sausage links, sliced

Bring 2 quarts (8 cups) of water to a boil in a large covered Dutch oven or pot. Add garlic salt and pork. Cover. Simmer gently until meat is tender. Remove meat from stock; cool and remove meat from bones; cut meat into small pieces and return meat to soup stock. Add leeks and celery; cover and cook slowly until vegetables are very tender. Cook peas until tender in remaining 1 quart (4 cups water). Pour 1/2 of peas and water into Dutch oven or pot remaining peas and liquid

into blender top. Turn blender to medium speed. Pour pureed peas into soup stock; add sausage pieces. Heat and serve. Yields 2 1/2 to 3 quarts.

CHICKEN PAPRIKAS

1 onion chopped
4 tablespoons shortening
1 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons salt
4 to 5 lbs. chicken, disjointed
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 pint sour cream

Brown onion in shortening, add seasonings and chicken; brown 10 minutes. Add water, cover and let simmer slowly until tender. Remove chicken. Add sour cream to drippings in pan and mix well. Add dumplings; arrange chicken on top. Heat through and serve. For more gravy add 1/2 pint sweet sour cream to sour cream. Serves 4 to 6 people.

Dumplings:

3 eggs beaten
3 cups flour
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 cup water

Mix all ingredients together and beat with a spoon. Drop batter by teaspoonful into boiling, salted water. Cook about 10 minutes; drain; rinse in cold water. Drain well and add to paprikas. Chicken Paprikas may also be served with fried noodles (Tarahonya) instead of the dumplings.

Tarahonya:

2 cups sifted flour
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter
3 cups chicken soup or stock
salt and pepper to taste

Mix flour, eggs and salt together. Add water if necessary to make a stiff dough. Knead into a ball and grate on medium side of grater. Spread out to dry overnight. Melt butter. Add dried noodles and brown 5 to 10 minutes stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add soup, 1/2 cup at a time. Cook covered until liquid is absorbed. Season to taste. Cooked chicken giblets may be chopped and added when done.

BARLEY SOUP DINNER

3 1/2 to 4 pounds lean cottage ham
1 cup barley, washed well
1 cup roman beans, washed well
4 quarts water
3 cups carrots, diced
1 cup celery, diced
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 cup canned or fresh tomatoes
1 sprig each: bay leaf and green parsley, chopped

Method: Put ham, barley and beans with water in large deep kettle. Boil gently for 2 hours, add rest of the ingredients, except parsley, and simmer slowly for another hour or until meat and vegetable are tender. Soup should

be rather thick. Sprinkle chopped parsley over soup when serving. Will serve 6 to 8. Ham, sliced and served with a tossed salad, plus pie or other hearty dessert completes the barley dinner.

RASPBERRY ALMOND COFFEE CAKE

1 cup fresh raspberries
3 Tbsp. Brown sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1/2 cup sour cream
3 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Icing

1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon 2% milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar and brown sugar; set aside. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, whisk the egg, sour cream, butter and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened.

Spoon half of the batter into a greased and floured 8 inch round baking pan. Top with raspberry mixture. Spoon the remaining batter over raspberries; sprinkle with almonds.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. In a small bowl, combine the icing

Pennsylvania fraternalist of the year program

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA), known as The Keystone of Fraternalism, will again accept nominations for its 2015 Fraternalist of the Year. Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol residing in Pennsylvania may be nominated for this award. Members who through example and accomplishment and who provide outstanding volunteer service may be considered.

The award includes a certificate and medallion presented to the honoree at the 2015 PFA annual meeting in October. The honoree will be invited to attend the meeting with two (2) complimentary lunch tickets along with \$250 to help defray

the cost of attending the luncheon. Only the honoree and guests will be invited to attend the annual meeting.

The award is administered by the PFA Fraternalist of the Year Award Committee headed by Irene Jugan, chairperson of the Polish National Union. An application form is available by contacting Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office. Deadline for completion of the application is September 1, 2015. We have many dedicated, hard working Sokols and Sokolky in Pennsylvania who beautifully mirror the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system who should be considered for this award.

ingredients; drizzle over the coffee cake. Serve warm.

POTATO SALAD

2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
3 tablespoons vegetable broth
1 teaspoon creole or other whole grain mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
generous grating of black pepper
1/16 teaspoon hickory smoked salt or other smoked salt
1/3 cup sliced green onions or chopped red onions

Wash the potatoes well and if they are large, cut them into halves or quarters; try to keep your pieces about the same size so they cook at the same speed. Bring a pot of water to boil, add

the potatoes, and cook until they are tender when pierced with a fork. The time will depend on the size of the potatoes (the large, cut in half potatoes took about 25 minutes).

Drain the water from the potatoes in a colander and rinse them with cold water to cool them down enough to handle. If you want, you can peel them. Chop them into bite-sized cubes and place in a large bowl.

Whisk together the remaining ingredients except the onions in a small bowl. Pour over the potatoes and mix well. Stir in the onions. Check flavor and add more vinegar, salt, pepper, or smoked salt to taste. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage schedule announced

On Saturday, September 12 the historic pilgrimage of the Slovak Catholic Federation is scheduled for Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic church in the United States. The shrine is located at 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, N.E. in our nation's capital. The pilgrimage will be held in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia. It was on September 4, 1965 that the Slovak chapel was blessed and dedicated. On that occasion a crowd of more than 10,000 from all parts of the United States and Canada participated.

The program for the pilgrimage begins with the arrival of pilgrims from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. At 11:15 a.m. a welcome will take place in the Upper basilica. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. From noon to 3 p.m., pilgrims will have the opportunity for lunch as well as enjoy tours of the shrine. Beginning at 1 p.m. the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in the crypt church. At 3 p.m. a solemn pontifical concelebrated Mass will be celebrated in the great Upper Church. Principal celebrant and homilist of the liturgy will be His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington. Complete details of the pilgrimage will be announced shortly.

The Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) is the representative body of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry. It was founded on February 22, 1911 at the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. under the leadership of the Rev. Joseph Murgas. The SCF promotes the bonds of fraternal cooperation among Slovak Catholic fraternal and Slovak Catholics in the



United States and Canada sponsoring various religious and social activities. It publishes an annual, Dobry Pastier - The Good Shepherd, which includes articles of interest to those of Slovak ancestry in both English and Slovak. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals, \$30.00 for a family, and Life Membership is available at \$100.00 for those aged 60 and older and \$150.00 for individuals aged 59 and younger. Annual dues for local fraternal lodges and districts is \$35.00. Membership includes a subscription to The Good Shepherd. For the past 37 years, the SCF has sponsored the SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal which raises funds in support of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome as well as religious communities of men and women in Slovakia. For additional information on the SCF and this September's pilgrimage, contact the national secretary-treasurer, Dolores M. Evanko at 173 Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201. The current national president of the SCF is our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic of Sayre, Pa. Father Hvozdozovic expresses thanks and gratitude to Sokol members and lodges for their continued support of the work of the SCF and hopes to see many of them in Washington, D.C. on September 12.

National Czech & Slovak Museum's summer season

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) announces an interesting and creative program for the summer season. The facility is located in Czech Village, 1400 Inspiration Place, SW in Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, tel. (319)362-8500, www.NCSML.org. Founded in 1974, the NCSML is a not-for-profit institution promoting the rich history, traditions and heritage of Americans of Czech and Slovak ancestry.

In the coming months, the NCSML hosts various projects and exhibits which inspire people from every background to connect to Czech and Slovak culture. In addition to world class exhibitions, events and programs offered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the NCSML often has traveling exhibits, lectures and events throughout the country as a way to further engage the national audience.

2015 has been designated the Year of Beer at the museum. You think you know everything you need to know about beer...but you don't. Beer made in Slovakia and the Czech Republic are among the best brews made in the world. A special exhibit: Beer, Please! opened April 17 and will continue until October 27 at the NCSML. Relax and have fun with this interactive exhibit that is as enlightening as it is mood-enhancing. Is it true that Good King Wenceslas ordered the death penalty for anyone caught exporting the much-coveted Bohemian hops? Or that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock because they ran out of beer? You can test your beer savvy in this pub quiz-themed exhibit.

The first beer brewed by American colonists was at the Roanoke colony in 1587. Most of the early breweries were small, home-based operations. Traditional ingredients were not available in the New World, and were often replaced with maize, molasses, bran, persimmons, potatoes, spruce twigs, birch bark, ginger, and all spice. Colonists continued to request shipments of "real" beer from England, and in 1609 colonists placed an ad in a London newspaper, asking for brewers to come to America.

19th century immigrants, especially those from Ireland and Germany, brought their beer culture with them. Breweries and bars spread across the United States with these new Americans. The most famous breweries in the United States, such as Miller, Coors and Pabst, were founded by German immigrants. Czechs established breweries in Ohio, Illinois, Texas and Iowa. One of the more well-known Czech-owned breweries in Chicago was the Bohemian Brewing Company, founded by Charles Vopicka in 1891. It changed its name to Atlas Brewing Company in 1896 and continued to operate until 1962.

Cleveland was home to several Czech owned breweries, including Forest City Brewing Company, Bohemian Brewery, and Pilsner Brewing Company. All three brewed Bohemian or Pilsner style beer, which was a lighter beer as compared to heavier German lagers. Americans



of all backgrounds grew to like the taste of this type beer and most U.S. breweries began to produce a pilsner-type brew.

By the late 19th century, there were nearly 4,000 breweries in the USA. Repeated attempts to enact prohibition led to a decline, and by the time prohibition was the law of the land in 1920, there were only about 500 breweries operating in the United States. These companies tried to survive the dry years by producing near beers and soft drinks. Once prohibition was repealed in 1933, some breweries tried to rebound. By the late 1960s, only a handful of large breweries were able to compete and the smaller companies closed their doors. These stories and more are featured in the NCSML's original exhibit Beer, Please!

As part of the Beer, Please project, a special Root Beer Fest will be held on Saturday, July 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be a wonderful summer family free day. There will be root beer samples, root beer floats, live music, family activities, tasty eats and treats as well as games for all ages. A variety of beer products are available at the NCSML's popular gift shop.

Special Summer Camps are also hosted by the NCSML. The Little Adventure Camp will be held from Monday, June 15 to Wednesday, June 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. This camp is geared to youngsters ages 2nd to 6th grade. What do Eskimos, dragons, Galileo, and rockets have in common? You'll find them all in this summer camp. Inspired by the illustrations and stories of author Peter Sis, this three day adventure includes crafts and activities that explore outer space, airplanes,

world cultures, and more. Creative Kids Folk Art Camp is scheduled for Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24 from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. daily. Get creative and spend a week this summer learning from a Czech Master Folk Artist. Decorate beautiful eggs using traditional techniques, learn simple weaving, discover the art of Polish paper cutting, make dolls out of ordinary straw and wheat, and much more. All projects are great for beginners, and lots of fun. Snacks are included during both summer camps. Register for these camps at NCSML.org.

An exhibit titled "Global Shoes" encourages children and their families to explore global cultures within the context of a fantasy shoe store and factory. The exhibition incorporates intriguing cultural artifacts from the Brooklyn Children's Museum's collection and a variety of hands-on, feet-in activities. This exhibition for ages 5-12, features an interactive shoe store and factory complex that "manufactures" shoes from around the world. Through try-on, role play, and investigative activities, children will explore how shoes are clues to people and places. This exhibit opened on May 9 and will continue until September 7, 2015.

These and other projects and exhibits make the NCSML the perfect destination for a summer family road trip. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library publishes a colorful and interesting quarterly Most (The Bridge) featuring the many projects its hosts. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is an Affiliate Member and we encourage our members to check out the website www.NCSML.org for further information.



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Takže vôbec nie je prehnaté tvrdenie, že dlhodobé sedenie

sposobuje choroby. Dobrovoľníci sa odhodlali na experimente, ktorý viedli odborníci na fakulte športu v Kolíne. A výsledky?

Dobrovoľníkom merali hladinu cukru v krvi na začiatku a ku koncu dňa. Ak sa ich celodenný pohyb obmedzil na pár krokov na toaletu a na krátku vychádzku počas obeda, hladina krvného cukru na konci pracovného dňa bola zvýšená. Dôvod? Bez fyzickej aktivity matabolizmus organizmu stagnuje, takže hladina cukru je prirodzene vyššia. Ak nie ste fanúšikom športu, zameraajte sa aspoň na chôdzu.

WHO (Svetová zdravotnícka organizácia) pritom odporúča 10 000 krokov denne, čo sa rovná hodinovej prechádzke. Po niekoľkých týždňoch pocítite zlepšenie svojho stavu, budete menej unavení a zaženiete aj nervozitu. Prechádzka pomôže aj poobede, keď stres z celého dňa necháte vonku a nebudete ho nosiť rovno domov. - pravda-sk

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alebo mimovládnych inštitúcií. Jeho úlohou je vytvárať priestor pre komunikáciu a prognostický výskum najmä v oblasti demografického a etnického vývoja, migrácie a integrácie.

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Dočká sa kaštieľ v Rusovciach rekonštrukcie?



Premiér Robert Fico oznámil spustenie tendra na opravy historického kaštieľa v Rusovciach začiatkom mája. Náklady na rekonštrukciu kaštieľa Rusovce boli pôvodne odhadované zhruba na 40 miliónov eur.

Keďže ide o národnú kultúrnu pamiatku, peniaze môže premiér čerpať aj z iných zdrojov ako z rozpočtu svojho úradu. Okrem štátneho rozpočtu, z prostriedkov Finančného mechanizmu EHP, Nórskeho finančného

mechanizmu a darov od nadácií, občianskych združení a podnikateľských subjektov. Najskôr sa súťaží o cenu architektonického návrhu a následne samotných stavebných prác. Práce chcú dokončiť pred začatím slovenského predsedníctva EÚ, teda pred júlom 2016.

Kaštieľ by sa po ukončení rekonštrukcie mal využívať na reprezentatívne účely, čeladník a park pre verejnosť - počíta sa so zriadením múzea, komunitného centra, park bude slúžiť na rekreáciu, šport, bude napojený na blízku cyklotrasu a spolu s novým amfiteátrom sa bude môcť využívať na rôzne verejné či spoločenské podujatia.

Kaštieľ v Rusovciach sa už niekoľkokrát snažili vrátiť do života. "Od roku 1995 bolo na rekonštrukčné práce okolo kaštieľa vynaložených 3.415.477 eur," vyčíslil úrad. Reštaurátorské a stavebné práce mala na starosti poľská firma P. B. K. Filbud. Tá tieto práce vykonávala za účasti slovenských subdodávateľov do roku 2000. Odvtedy zodpovední nechali biely kaštieľ zarastať machom a cena za jeho obnovenie stúpala.

Po viac ako desaťročí trvajúcich sporoch sa v októbri 2012 vlastníkom kaštieľa definitívne stala Slovenská republika - úrad vlády a Slovenský ľudový umelecký kolektív.

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Letný festival v Danville, PA

42. Letný festival, ktorý usporiadajú Sestry Sv. Cyrila a Metoda, bude v nedeľu 11. júla vo Villa Sacred Heart v Danville, PA. Začiatok bude o 10.30 hodine a trvať bude do 5.00 hodiny, kedy bude v Bazilike svätá omša.

Počas dňa bude Flea Market, na predaj budú knihy, ručné práce, domáce slovenské a americké jedlá a koláče. Pre deti budú pripravené rôzne hry.

Blížšie informácie: Sestra Barbara Sable, tel. č. 570-275-3581. ext. 302.

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Zaujímavé historické pamiatky na Slovensku

OPONICE sú nevelkou obcou medzi Topoľčanmi a Nitrou. Od roku 1392 ju spravoval šľachtický rod Apponyovcov, ktorého potomkovia tu zotrvali až do roku 1940. Boli to skvelí diplomati Rakúsko-Uhorskej monarchie a zakladatelia v tom čase jednej z najväčších knižníc v strednej európe Bibliotheca Apponiana.

Atrakciou Oponic je pôvodne renesančný kaštieľ zo 16. storočia, ktorý prešiel stavebnými úpravami v 17. a 18. storočí. Roku 1844 ho prestavali a rozšírili na trojtraktovú budovu. Majiteľ kaštieľa Anton Appony chcel do Oponic previezť svoju známu knižnicu z Bratislavy, ktorá mala asi 25 000 zväzkov, a v kaštieli nebolo pre ňu dosť vhodných miestností. Preto dal urobiť k severnému traktu kaštieľa prístavok, do ktorého previezli knižné fondy.

Dnes je kaštieľ zrekonštruovaný, je v ňom moderný hotel a park je upravený a prístupný

verejnosti.

Unikátnym dielom a súčasťou hotelového komplexu je historická knižnica Apponyovského rodu. Návštevníkom prináša poznanie histórie v doposiaľ nepoznaných rozmeroch a vôňou zasýchajúcich stáročia doslova s každým listom vzácných spisov a kníh, ktoré vo svojich útrobach ukrýva.

Dominantou kraja je Oponický hrad - prvé sídlo rodu Apponyovcov.

Okrem neho sa tam nachádzajú aj ďalšie pamiatky, ako Marciániovský (Bartakovičovský) kaštieľ, kde je štýlové poľovnícke a etnografické múzeum. V jeho priestoroch sú umiestnené aj artefakty legendárnych amerických bombardérov nazývaných aj lietajúce pevnosti (flying fortress) B-17, ktoré tam na sklonku druhej svetovej vojny skončili svoje vojnové ťaženie. Okrem toho sa tu nachádza kostol sv. Petra a Pavla so sprístupnenou hrobkou rodu Appony.



Slovensko prechádza zmenami v oblasti reprodukčného správania

V období okolo roku 2035 majú na Slovensku dominovať jednodetné rodiny.

Ako v rámci prezentácie nazvanej Veda a výskum pre spoločenskú integráciu v praxi: Slovensko 20/35 povedal prognostik z Výskumného demografického ústavu Branislav Šprocha, v tomto období bude tiež približne každá piata žena v plodnom veku bezdetná.

Prezentáciu o budúcich demografických trendoch na Slovensku zorganizovalo Prognostické centrum pre sociálnu integráciu.

„Posledných 25 rokov prechádza Slovensko dramatickými zmenami v oblasti reprodukčného správania,“ povedal Šprocha s tým, že jedným zo znakov toho je aj pokles intenzity plodnosti a s ním spojený pokles počtu narodených detí.

Početná generácia žien narodená v 70-tych rokoch podľa Šprocha starne a s ňou ustupuje aj doteraz dominantný model dvojdetných rodín. Pokiaľ 45 percent žien narodených v 70-tych rokoch malo dve deti, u žien narodených v 80-tych rokoch bude mať podľa neho viac ako jedna tretina len jedno dieťa.

Tento fenomén sa podľa Šprocha má týkať celého Slovenska aj pri zohľadnení regionálnych rozdielov. Počet detí vo veku tri až päť rokov, ktorých je v súčasnosti približne 175-tisíc má do roku 2035 klesnúť na približne 130-tisíc. Počet detí vo veku šesť až 14 rokov klesne za rovnaké obdobie zo 489-tisíc na 442-tisíc.

Naopak, postupne má na Slovensku pribúdať seniorov, teda ľudí vo veku 65 rokov a starších. Podľa výskumníka Výskumného demografického centra Borisa Vaňa sa v období okolo roku 2035 dostane do postprodukčného obdobia početná gene-

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Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Dynamika slovenského priemyslu v treťom mesiaci tohto roka výrazne zrýchlila. Priemyselná produkcia v marci po očistení o vplyv počtu pracovných dní v medziročnom porovnaní stúpla až o 10,4 percenta, oproti 3,2-percentnému rastu z februára. Marcový vývoj ovplyvnil predovšetkým 10,9-percentný nárast produkcie v samotnej priemyselnej výrobe. Produkcia však stúpla aj v ťažbe a dobývaní o 8,6 percenta a v dodávke elektriny, plynu, pary a studeného vzduchu o 6,4 percenta.

□ V rámci samotnej priemyselnej výroby rástla najmä produkcia vo výrobe dopravných prostriedkov o 9,2 percenta, výrobe elektrických zariadení o 29,2 percenta, výrobe kovov a kovových konštrukcií okrem strojov a zariadení o 11,4 percenta, výrobe potravín, nápojov a tabakových výrobkov o 32,2 percenta a v ostatnej výrobe, oprave a inštalácii strojov a zariadení o 18,4 percenta. Výroba na medziročnej báze neklesla v žiadnom zo sledovaných odvetví priemyslu.

□ Prietrž so silným krupobitím, ktorá sa 6. mája v podvečer prehnala východným Slovenskom, po sebe zanechala stopy. Veľmi zlá situácia bola v obci Vlčkovce (okres Kežmarok), kde museli zasahovať aj hasiči. Prírodný živý tam poškodil aj niekoľko rodinných domov.

□ Silná prietrž s krupobitím a v priebehu pätnástich minút zničila niekoľko stiech na rodinných domoch. Voda upchala obečnú kanalizáciu a napáchala aj ďalšie škody. Zaliate boli aj



Ľadovec bol veľkosti pingpongových loptičiek.

viaceré garáže, autá mali po silnom krupobití porozbierané sklá a pokrivené plechy. Pod vodou boli aj pivnice viacerých rodinných domov.

□ Trojročný chlapec z Oravy podľahol vážnym zraneniam, ktoré utrpel v nákupnom centre v Žiline. Nešťastie sa stalo keď sa z regálu uvoľnil drevený hranol a spadol na chlapca. Napriek snahe záchranou oživiť chlapca, ktorý po ich príchode nedýchal, dieťa vážnym zraneniam podľahlo.

□ Rast výroby a tržieb v tomto roku očakáva 61 percent dodávateľov automobilového priemyslu na Slovensku. Nárast zamestnanosti očakáva 43 percent dodávateľov, 45 percent predpokladá nezmenený stav a zvyšných 12 percent predpokladá pokles pracovnej sily. Vyplýva to z prieskumu poradenskej spoločnosti PwC v spolupráci so Zväzom automobilového priemyslu SR.

□ Slovensko bude musieť prijať do konca roku 319 utečencov, ktorých tam pošlú z iných európskych krajín. Táto povinnosť vyplýva pre Slovensko z migračného programu, ktorý 13. mája napriek odporu viacerých štátov schválila Európska komisia.

□ Cieľom prijatej stratégie je riešenie prívalu nelegálnych imigrantov, ktorí do Európskej únie v poslednom čase prúdia predovšetkým z Afriky a krajín Blízkeho východu. Tisíce z nich sa do Únie dostávajú po mori a zaťažujú štáty, do ktorých prichádzajú.

□ Kongres Medzinárodnej hokejovej federácie (IIHF) 15. mája v dejisku Majstrovstiev sveta v hokeji v Prahe oficiálne poveril Slovensko usporiadaním svetového šampionátu v roku 2019. Po oficiálnom odstúpení Švajčiarska to bola v podstate formalita s jedným kandidátom. Švajčiari budú hositeľom podujatia o rok neskôr.