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John J. Stofko Memorial Sports Spirit Award goes to Baystaters of Group 3, East Douglas, Mass.

Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pa. Captures Championship Flag; Track & Field, Drilling titles won by Group 3 and Gymnastics title goes to Group 14 at our 47th International Slet Held in Slippery Rock, Pa.

Athletes from nine participating Groups compete at biennial Meet at Slippery Rock University, July 14-18



The 47th International Slet was held at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania the week of July 11 2016.

The week started on Monday for the Physical Fitness Board. The afternoon was spent checking all dormitory rooms before participants started arriving the next morning. The rest of the day included meeting with the director of camps at

**Story by
Kathleen S. Watkins
Supreme Physical Directress**

Slippery rock, making signs, going over the weeks activities and finishing all the last minute details to make the week flow as smoothly as possible. As requested by several groups, the Supreme Physical Fitness board changed the Slet schedule around from previous Slets so that we could do track at night and drills in the afternoon to avoid the heat of the day. These schedule changes proved to be a benefit for

everyone and we received positive feedback.

The Slet began bright and early Tuesday morning with the arrival of nine participating groups:

Group 1- Passaic, N.J
Group 3 - East Douglas, Massachusetts
Group 4 - Chicago, Illinois
Group 5 - Cleveland, Ohio
Group 7 - Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Group 11 - Superior, Minnesota
Group 14 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Group 17 - Youngstown, Ohio
Group 19- Toronto, Canada

There were a total of 231 participants that attended our International Slet. Helping to chaperone the week's activities along with the group's chaperones, sports directors, physical directors and directresses and their assistants were Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic and Rob Palchanis. Both did a wonderful job in keeping the participants safe and on time to their events.

Beginning at 10:00am and con-

tinuing throughout the day was the individual drill competition. At 2:00PM a meeting was held with the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, Group Physical Directors/Directresses and assistants, sports Directors and Chaperones to go over the Slet schedule, general rules and regulations and any changes that would be occurring.

The opening ceremonies began with the grand march of all the groups. Following the grand march was a mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic. Following the opening mass was a speech from the Supreme President, Larry Glugosh. One of the highlights of opening ceremonies was at the lighting of the torch to signify the opening of the 47th International Slet. Each participating group chose 2 participants, one male and one female, to represent their group in caring the torch. The 18 participants were lined up around the track. The torches were lit and slowly the participants headed around the track handing off their torches to the next group waiting. Following our beautiful opening ceremony, the volleyball competition ended with Group 3 and Group 5 advancing to the final competition on Thursday afternoon. While the volleyball competition was oc-

curing, the participants 12 and under were participating in volleyball and soccer challenges in the Grass Tek area of the gym.

Wednesday morning began with the track competition. The weather was perfect and the talent of the athletes was apparent. Some of the events included the distance runs and field events.

The afternoon began with the junior individual drill finals and continued with the senior drill competition in the Morrow Field House. The senior women performed to two songs: "Horehronie" by Kristina Pelakova and "Roar" by Katy Perry. The senior men performed to "Fazula" music orchestrated by Samo Smetana and performed by his band Banda and to the music from the movie "Batman Begins (2010)." The judges relayed to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board that the competition was close and the preparation and dedication to drills was obvious. Everyone attending the competition was impressed with the performances. The senior women drill winner was Group 19 and the senior men drill winner was Group 5.

The gymnastics competition was held Wednesday evening at Butler gymnastics. There were 24 male gymnasts and 48 female gymnasts. The facility was very accommo-

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Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. standing far right, is shown with newly elected Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board following their election at the 32nd national convention are shown above, including the Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary who are ex-officio members. Their term of office begins on January 1, 2016. Seated from the left are, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon, Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation and Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. Standing, l-r, are Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics Frank P. Laury, III, Members of the Physical Fitness Board Julie Laury, Philip J. Walsh, and Nancy Kropolinsky; Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift, and Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Martin Degnan.



New Honorary Supreme Officers elected by the delegates of the 32nd National Convention pose for a photo and include, seated, l-r, Larry M. Glugosh, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and Julie Ann Dobbs. Standing from the left are, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Susan L. B. Blosser and Daniel F. Tanzono.

Sokol Calendar

AUG.28-30

■ Annual Slovak Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 41233 Ryan Road (north of 18 Mile Road), Sterling Heights, Mich., daily entertainment, games, Slovak culinary specialties; Saturday vigil Mass at 4 p.m., Sunday Mass in Slovak at 11:30 a.m.; for information call (586)726-6911.

SUN.AUG.30

■ Annual Slovak Day Picnic hosted by the Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport at the Germania Schwaaben Club Beer Garden, 416 Horace St., Bridgeport, Conn., music by the Joseph Jurasi Band, Slovak culinary specialties, free admission.

SEPT.5-6

■ 81st annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, hosted by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great at Moug Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

SUN. SEPT.6

■ Annual Slovak Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club at St. Anthony of Padua Social Hall, 6750 State Road, Parma, Oh. beginning at 1 p.m., cultural program begins at 3 p.m., music for dancing and listening pleasure by the Culkar Band and the Frank Moravcik Band, Slovak culinary specialties, admission \$5.00 per person, children ages 12 and younger are welcome free of charge.

MON. SEPT.7

■ 100th annual Labor Day Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God hosted by the Milwaukee area Slovak community at the Holy Hill Monastery of Discalced Carmelites, 1525 Carmel Rd., Hubertus, Wis. beginning with outdoor Stations of the Cross and procession at 8:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the

basilica's upper church with Brunch to follow at the Holy Hill Cafe, reservations necessary; for additional information or Brunch reservations call Betty Valent at (414)425-6137.

■ Wreath 111 "welcome back" meeting and patronal feast day observance honoring the birthday of Our Blessed Virgin Mary at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SEPT.10-11

■ Meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation at the Comfort Inn & Suites Near the University of Maryland, 9020 Baltimore Ave., College Park, Md. opening with dinner on Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 11 begins with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast and meeting; for information call the secretary-treasurer Dolores M. Evanko at (570)454-5547.

SEPT.10-12

■ 129th annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, JW Marriott

32nd Convention outreach effort - Wounded Warrior Project Donors

A total of \$3,400 was raised from Sokol lodges, individual members as well as other societies and presented to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) during the 32nd national convention. Daniel Borecki, the representative of the Wounded Warrior Project in accepting the donation, expressed thanks and gratitude to the Slovak Catholic Sokol for its support of their efforts to honor and empower wounded warriors. The organization's 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. In addition to physical wounds, it is estimated that 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. In his address to the convention delegates, Mr. Borecki, who is of Slovak ancestry, commended the Slovak Catholic Sokol for its interest and support of the Wounded Warrior Project in the best traditions of fraternal outreach and caring. We are pleased to present the list of Sokol lodges and individuals who contributed to this fine convention caring and sharing effort.

Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.	Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.
Assembly 57, Allentown, Pa.	Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Assembly 72, Catasauqua, Pa.	Assembly 78, Bethlehem, Pa.
Assembly 79, Lilly, Pa.	Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.
Assembly 167, Barberton, Oh.	Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.
Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.	Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.
Wreath 103, Barberton, Oh.	Wreath 147, Larksville, Pa.
Group 2, "Rev. Stephen Panik," Bridgeport, Conn.	
Group 4, "Bishop Stefan Moyzes," Chicago, Ill.	
Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas," Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	
Group 9, "SS. Cyril & Methodius," Johnstown, Pa.	
Group 14, "St. Francis of Assisi," Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Group 16, "Rev. Ferdin Juriga," Detroit, Mich.	

Slovak Catholic Sokol, Board of Directors
Slovak Catholic Federation
The Greek Catholic Union

In addition, a number of delegates to the convention presented individual donations. Our sincere thanks gratitude to all who supported this fine philanthropic endeavor which raised \$3,400 for this outreach project. Thank you and Zdar Boh!

Kathleen S. Watkins

*Supreme Physical Directress
project director*



Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins is shown above presenting a check for \$3,400 to Daniel Borecki, who accepted it on behalf of The Wounded Warrior Project. The money was donated by lodges, delegates as well as the Board of Directors. Looking during the presentation were, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh.

Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

SAT. SEPT.12

■ Pilgrimage of the Slovak Catholic Federation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th St. & Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C., beginning with the arrival of pilgrims at 11:30 a.m. and religious program; Pontifical Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception at the Embassy of Slovakia beginning at 5 p.m.

SUN. SEPT.13

■ 80th Annual Sokol Day picnic hosted by Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" at the Plains Pavilion, Clarke Lane, Plains, Pa. from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

MON. SEPT.14

■ Wreath 22 meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

SAT. SEPT.19

■ Annual Golf Outing hosted by Group 6, Periyopolis, Pa., Scramble at the Linden Hall Resort, Dawson, Pa.

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Members of the Board of Directors elected at the 32nd National Convention who will guide the life of our organization for the coming four years are shown above. They include, seated, l-r, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins of Bridgeville, Pa.; Supreme President Michael J. Horvath of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic of Sayre, Pa.; Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. of Clifton, N.J.; and Supreme Vice President Edward D. Moeller of Pittsburgh, Pa. Standing, from the left, Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation of Bay Village, Oh; Supreme Treasurer Dennis J. Zifcak of Uxbridge, Mass.; Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon of Whippany, N.J.; General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. of Clifton, N.J. and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek of Boardman, Oh.



Supreme President-elect Michael J. Horvath and Supreme Secretary-elect Scott T. Pogorelec are shown standing with the newly elected Supreme Auditors who will serve our organization in the coming four years. These include, seated from the left, James F. Knis of Canton, Oh.; Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek of Boardman, Oh. and Brian Suchy of Pittsburgh, Pa.

From the Desk of the Supreme President

Thoughts on Fraternalism

by Larry M. Glugosh

It is hard to believe that August is almost over. The summer is flying by but not without a great deal of Slovak Catholic Sokol activity and events. I hope many of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members and officers are enjoying their local fraternal activities including group and church picnics, golf outings, community trips and family events.



Along with the many local events our society continues to support our national programs. Recently, we hosted our 2015 International Golf Tournament in Hazleton PA at the beautiful Mountain Valley Golf Resort. It is our second appearance at this facility in the past few years and 84 golfers attended the event. The weather was very hot and humid but the golfers still enjoyed the weekend and cooled down with some well-deserved beverages at the end of each round. My thanks to our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Edward D. Moeller and his staff for their hard work and preparation. Finally I would like to congratulate our 2015 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient Robert S. Harak. Brother Bob has been coming to our golf events with his wife for many years and has been a dedicated member. He is very deserving of this year's special honor.

In addition to the summer golf tournament we hosted our 47th International Slet at Slippery Rock University located near Grove City, PA. For many of our family members they combined the International Slet with their family vacation, as a special way to spend quality time with their children and grandchildren. It was evident throughout the week's activities that many of our members took advantage of this unique opportunity to share in their children's development, as they participated in the various aspects of our program.

This program helps enable the development and growth of our youth. It is a unique opportunity to grow physically, spiritually and emotionally, as they compete and socialize throughout the week. Our athletic program has always been viewed as one of our strengths as a fraternal benefit society, however when you spend a week watching the children perform and interact with other groups, you realize that a great deal more is accomplished. Our youth gain a great deal of compassion, self-worth, confidence and trust in each other and themselves. In many ways, our Slet is a physical version of social networking, which is so prevalent in our children's lives today. It is a remarkable experience and creates some great value for our youth. I hope that you all have an opportunity to participate or witness our wonderful program in the future.

At this year's event, the SPFB changed the schedule and conducted most of the track and field portion of the program in the evening. It was to help protect the athletes, so they would not have to run during the day when the heat was the worst. Instead, they conducted the team drill competition in the afternoon. Now the weather was not as bad this summer as two years ago, however the changes were well received from most of the coaches and athletes.

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Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic is shown above at the podium administering the oath of office to the newly elected and reelected members of the Supreme Assembly at the closing session of the 32nd National Convention on August 4. Their terms of office begin on January 1, 2016.

CORRECTION

In the issue of August 12, the newly elected members of the Supreme Assembly were listed. Unfortunately, the name of Susan L. Blosser, elected as an Honorary Supreme Officer, was omitted. Our apologies.

Editor

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 9TH

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, September 9th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, September 3rd. View *e-Falcon* on our website: www.slovakcatholicokol.org. Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh!

Daniel F. Tanzone
Editor



REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

38th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival set for September 27

All is in readiness for this year's exciting 38th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J. Serving as Festival chairpersons are well-known Slovak cultural activists and our Sokol members, Nina Holy and John G. Duch. This year's festival celebrates the strong ties between the Slovak community in the United States and their brethren in their homeland. In particular we celebrate the centennial of the signing of the Cleveland Agreement, the first attempt by the American Slovak and Czech communities in the effort at liberating their brethren in their ancestral homeland. The Cleveland Agreement was an important document in the creation of the first Czechoslovak Republic in 1918 and the eventual independence of Slovakia and the Czech Republic on January 1, 1993.



Bishop John Pazak

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with an array of colorful and interesting exhibits celebrating Slovak culture and heritage in the Garden State. At 11 a.m. a Pontifical concelebrated Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite will be offered by the Most Rev. John Pazak, C.Ss.R., Eparch of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite in Canada. Bishop Pazak a well-known Slovak spiritual leader was celebrant of the liturgy at the 35th Slovak Festival in 2013. This year's Byzantine Liturgy celebrates the rich Greek Catholic traditions of Slovakia. In addition, it recognizes the many Americans of Slovak ancestry who are Byzantine Catholic. The homilist in Slovak at the liturgy will be the Rev. Martin Vavrak, pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Perth Amboy, N.J. Following the liturgy, an array of Slovak culinary specialties, including pirohy, bryndzove halusky, holupky, langose (deep fried dough with garlic and cheese, klobasy and kapusta, gulas, roast pig, palacinky, as well as traditional American favorites will be available throughout the day.

The popular cultural program begins at 2 p.m. with the Parade of Slovak Fashions and Folklore under the directions of our Sokolky, Renata Vasilova and Jane Konzelman. Participants, women, men and children display the traditional Slovak dress or Kroj of their ancestral villages and regions of Slovakia, making for a colorful and interesting display. Some participants don the kroj of their ancestors which they brought with them when they emigrated to the United States more than a century ago. Presentations by various area Slovak folk ensembles will display the rich music and dance traditions of Slovakia. There will be a traditional Slovak sing-along and presenters will perform on native Slovak instruments. Music and dancing pleasure will continue until 6 p.m. with the artistry of the Joseph Jurasi Band.

The traditional Slovak Festival Soccer Match will pit various soccer clubs from the New Jersey and New York metropolitan area. In addition, there will be an array of rides and games for the children throughout the afternoon. There's something for every member of the family at this year's festival. Combined with free admission and plenty of free parking, the festival is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of Slovak pride and heritage. The PNC Bank Arts Center is conveniently located off Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel, N.J.

Sokols and Sokolky have been a part of the New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival from its earliest years. The first festival was held in May 1976 as part of the celebration of the American Bicentennial with the late Albin J. Stolarik of Passaic serving as the first chairman. Beginning in 1977, the late Joseph J. Talafous of Jersey City became festival chairman and continued in this capacity for more than 20 years. Since 2000, festival chairpersons have been Nina Holy and John G. Duch. Over the years, many prominent Slovak personalities have participated in these festivals including Slovakia's President Ivan Gasparovic who visited on three occasions.

30th Annual Midwest Pastoral Seminar on September 20

The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, hosted by the Slovak Catholic Federation is scheduled for Sunday, September 20. This year's seminar will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The seminar will be held at the Garden Chalet Banquets located at 11000 South Ridgeland Avenue in Worth, Ill. Registration begins at 12 noon. The program begins at 12:45 p.m. with a welcome by the seminar directors Geri Hletko and John Jurcenko. Monsignor Joseph P. Semancik, Ph.D. of the Diocese of Gary, Ind. will then introduce the guest speaker. This year's seminar presenter will be the Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, Oh. Abbot Gary will speak about the evangelization efforts of the Slovak Benedictines who had their roots in St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Ill. and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in the back-of-the-yards neighborhood of Chicago. The first Slovak Benedictine in America, the Rev. Gregory Vaniscak was a monk of St. Procopius Abbey which had been established to serve the Czech community. Father Gregory, considered the founder of the Cleveland Slovak Benedictine Abbey, served for many years at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Chicago's first Slovak parish. In 1922, several Slovak Benedictines left St. Procopius to begin their missionary efforts among the Cleveland area Slovaks. In 1934, the Slovak Benedictine community in Cleveland was elevated to the status of an Abbey. Since then, the Slovak Benedictines have enjoyed an important role in the life of the American Slovak community. Abbot Gary is the seventh Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey.

Following the presentation, a delicious family-style luncheon and program will be enjoyed. Cost of the seminar and luncheon is \$25.00 per person. Advance reservations only. Reservations made after September 10 are \$30.00 per person. No reservations at the door. In order to make the necessary preparations, those planning to attend may make their reservations by calling either Geri Hletko at (708)387-7812 or John Jurcenko at (773)763-0810. Reservations by mail may be made by making checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to: John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631. An enjoyable afternoon celebrating our Slovak fellowship and heritage is assured. For the past three decades, the Chicago Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation has hosted these interesting and informative seminars. They have been wonderful opportunities for the area's Slovak Catholic community to meet and socialize.

The Chicago-land Slovak community has enjoyed a rich history reflecting our Cyrilo-Methodian faith traditions as brought to the area by the various generations of Slovak immigrants over the years. Our Sokol, Robert Tapak Magruder, a member of the seminar committee hopes to see many Group 4 Sokols and Sokolky at this year's gathering.



The Word
of God...

Gospel for the 22nd Sunday of the Year - August 30th

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed hands. -For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully, washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. - So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel for the 23rd Sunday of the Year - September 6th

Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He i put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" -that is, "Be opened!" -And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Sister Grace Ann Kalafut, S.S.C., Chicago Sokolka, notes 60 years of religious life

During this Year of Consecrated Life as proclaimed by Pope Francis, we are pleased to congratulate our own Sokolka, Sister Grace Ann Kalafut, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir of Chicago, on the occasion of her 60th anniversary of religious profession. Sister Grace Ann was honored on the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15 with a Mass and jubilee celebration at the Motherhouse located on Chicago's South Side. The Most Rev. John R. Manz, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, was principal celebrant of the liturgy at which the jubilarians renewed their religious vows. Following the Mass a dinner honored the jubilarians, their family and friends.



A native of Chicago, Grace A. Kalafut was the oldest of four children of the late George Kalafut and the former Estelle Rusin. She was raised in St. Simon the Apostle Slovak parish and attended its parochial school as well as that of St. Rita parish. She was graduated from the former St. Casimir Academy. During her senior year, she entered the Sisters of St. Casimir as a postulant and graduated from the newly opened Maria High School in its first class of 1953. In 1955, she professed first vows receiving the religious name Sister Patrick. In the 1960s, she returned to her baptismal name and was known as Sister Grace Ann. She received a Master's in Education at Loyola University in Chicago. Over the years, Sister Grace Ann has taught elementary and high school and was a principal, general treasurer and served as a congregational leader.

She served on the faculty of her alma mater, Maria High School and served in ministry in New Mexico, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. She currently does vocation ministry and ministry of accompaniment at Franciscan Village in Lemont, Ill.

Sister Grace Ann hails from a well-known, active Sokol family. She was enrolled as our Sokolka in our former Junior Wreath 42 as a child. At age 16, she became a member of Wreath 9. At present, she enjoys membership in Assembly 11, our organization's oldest lodge in the midwest. She participated in numerous Sokol activities over the years. Her late aunt, Veronica Kalafut served as a Supreme Auditor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for many years. Sister Grace Ann is also active in the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation and serves on the Board of the annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Sister Grace Ann as she celebrates this milestone in her very fruitful ministry among us. She continues to beautifully mirror our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. We pray that God will continue to bless her with good health and happiness in the years ahead. Happy anniversary and Zdar Boh!

Slovak radio program benefit set for Oct. 11

The 33rd annual benefit dinner and dance hosted by The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Program is set for Sunday, October 11th at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, Pa. This annual celebration of Slovak music and dance brings together very special friends and is the major fund-raising effort in support of the Slovak Radio Hour hosted by our well-known Slovak cultural activists and our Sokol members, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco. The Slovak Radio Hour is heard every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m. on AM 73 WPIT.

The evening's festivities begin at 4 p.m. as our friends and patrons gather for a cash bar and social. A plentiful buffet dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m. Following dinner, a wonderful program celebrating the music and dance traditions of Slovakia as well as popular dance favorites will be provided by the ever-popular Joseph Jurasi Band from New Jersey. A Slovak auction will also be held. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Advance dinner reservations only. Tickets are \$40.00 purchased before the deadline date of September 25 and \$45.00 after the deadline. For dinner reservations call Rudy or Sue Ondrejco at tel. at (412)421-1204. Those who would like to make reservations by mail or make a donation, may do so by writing: Slovak Radio Program, 234 Iliion St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207, make checks payable to: Western Pa. Slovak Radio Program. We encourage our Sokol members and lodges in western Pennsylvania to get out and support the work of the Slovak Radio Hour by attending this year's dinner and dance or by making a donation in support of its work. We commend our wonderful fraternalists, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco for their many efforts in helping to preserve our heritage and traditions.

September - Back to School

School days mean *be careful days* for all motorists. Help make them safe for all the youngsters in your area:

* Drive at posted speed limit in school zones; be prepared to stop.

* Watch for and obey crossing guards or patrols.

* Approach and pass school buses with care.

* Watch for kids walking or biking on or alongside roads and streets near school.

* At high schools, look for heavy auto, cycle, and bike traffic at noon, just before and after school, athletic events, etc.



PASSING THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP - At the 32nd National Convention, Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. retired after serving as our organization's chief executive officer for the past 24 years. He was pleased to see the delegates elect his son, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. as his successor. Scott has served as our underwriter at the home office for the past 15 years. Shown on the photo, l-r, are Brother Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., his lovely wife, Annie; his son our Supreme Secretary-elect Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and his fiance, Maggie Thornton.

Group Annual Meetings Set

Group 1, "Msgr. Stephen Krasula" - Assembly 1 and Wreath 2 will host this year's annual meeting set for Sunday, November 8th, 2015 at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Passaic, N.J.

Group 11, "St. John Nepomucene" - This year's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015 in Minneapolis, Minn. Hosts for this meeting will be Assembly 34 and Wreath 47. Our meeting will open with Mass celebrated at 9 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church located at 13th Avenue and 2nd Street, N.E. This Mass will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 11. Our meeting will be at 10 a.m. in the Father George Dargay Memorial Hall of the parish Coffee and rolls will be available before the opening of the business meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting a luncheon will be served. Reports of the officers will be presented and election of officers will be held. Reports on our Group's participation at this summer's 47th International Slet held at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pa. July as well as our 32nd National Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pa. in August will be presented. All delegates and guests from Minneapolis, Duluth, Minn.,

Superior, Wis. as well as Ironwood, Mich. are requested to register with the Group Secretary at tel. (763-789-9196 by October 4. Looking forward to a successful and enjoyable fraternal gathering, we remain

Zdar Boh! **David J. Genosky, president; James T. Genosky, secretary.**

Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga" - Assembly 36 of Detroit, Mich. will be hosting this year's annual meeting set for Saturday, September 26 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 41233 Ryan Road, North of 18 Mile Road in Sterling Heights, Mich. where the pastor is the Rev. Benjamin Kosnac who also serves as chaplain of Group 16. Father Kosnac will celebrate the 4 p.m. Mass for the living and deceased members of Group 16. Following the liturgy, we will gather in the Heritage Room of the parish where our annual meeting will be called to order. We have enjoyed a busy fraternal year and we look forward to continued activity. We hope to see all our officers in attendance. We likewise extend a cordial invitation to all our members to attend.

Zdar Boh! **Andrea Ames Pappun, president; Madeline Stanek, secretary.**

LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, September 7. The Home Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 8. Regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Best wishes to all our members and friends for an enjoyable, relaxing Labor Day observance.



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Scenes of the Trinity Sunday Dinner Celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the founding of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Yonkers, N.Y., May 31

A capacity crowd of 275 present and former parishioners of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Yonkers, N.Y. gathered for a dinner on the parish's patronal feast, Trinity Sunday, May 31 in the Father John J. Kubasek Memorial Hall beginning at 5 p.m. The dinner followed the Mass of thanksgiving celebrated in church with the Rev. Emil R. Tomaskovic, S.A., former Minister General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement of Graymoor, a parish son. The observance celebrated the 120th anniversary of the founding of the parish and its last gathering before the August 1st closing of the parish as part of the re-organization of the Archdiocese of New York.

Editor Daniel F. Tanzone served as the toastmaster at the dinner. The invocation was given by the Rev. Anthony J. Pleho, a former pastor. A warm welcome was offered by Raymond Barone, chairperson of the parish council. A toast and remarks were offered by Stephen J. Kubasek, Jr.

a former member of the Yonkers City Council. Greetings were extended by Paul J. Fialkovic, president of the Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41 of the Jednota, which founded the parish in 1895. Offering fond reminiscences was a daughter of the parish, Sister Madonna Figura, SS.C.M. Other speakers included Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, a former parish administrator and author of "Slovaks on the Hudson, A history of Most Holy Trinity Parish;" Rev. Gerald Sudick, retired pastor of neighboring Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church; Marilyn F. Montemurro, who spoke on behalf of the women of the parish; and Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Danville, Pa.

Following the address by Sister Michael Ann, presentations of donations followed from the various parish societies to the Sisters who ministered in the parish for 61 years beginning in 1924 until the closing of the parish

school in 1986. Presentations were made by Victoria A. Kurak on behalf of Assembly 219 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol; Clifford Ainsworth, St. Mary's Society, Branch 2, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; Paul J. Fialkovic, Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41 of the First Catholic Slovak Union; June Byrnes on behalf of the parish chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation; Marilyn Montemurro on behalf of the Sodality of Our Lady and James Holodak on behalf of La Rabida Council #162, Knights of Columbus. At the conclusion of the program, the administrator of the parish, the Rev. Susai Antony Devasagayam offered the response. The closing benediction was offered by the Rev. George Oonnoony, a former pastor.

Many Sokol members served on the committee for the Trinity Sunday Observance and were in attendance at the dinner. Assembly 219, founded in the parish in 1925 has been active until its closing.



Photos by Eric Hwise

Thoughts on Fraternalism

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Tired bodies, fatigue and a degree of sadness took over many of our participants as the International Slet concluded on Saturday morning. However our youth took home some great memories, lifelong experiences and hopefully new friendships which will live with them until the next event. I would like to sincerely thank all of the participants, coaches and local Group leaders for making the sacrifice and commitment at this summer's event. You are a competitive group of athletes and yet you demonstrated great sportsmanship, compassion and were very respectful of your fellow participants throughout the week. You represented yourselves, your family, your Groups and our society extremely well and we are very proud of you. My special congratulations to the athletes, coaches and local leaders from Group 14 Pittsburgh PA for capturing the 2015 International Flag at this summer's meet.

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

thank the parents and grandparents who spent hours preparing the participants for this year's event. If you had the opportunity to witness the closing ceremonies, then you would know your sacrifices were well worth your efforts. I encourage you to consider making the next International Slet a part of your summer vacation plans with your family and friends.

In conclusion, I would like to recognize and congratulate the recently elected Supreme Officers at this year's 32nd National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA especially our newly elected Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath and Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec FIC. The delegates made some good decisions throughout the Convention for the good and betterment of our beloved society and I wish the new leadership the very best in the future. May you continue the journey that began a few years ago to build our organization with positive membership growth, create sound financial solvency for our members and develop new growth in our fraternal programs.

A special congratulations to our retiring Supreme Officers especially our Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec FIC, our General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec ESQ and our Supreme Vice President, Julie Ann Dobbs for their years of sacrifice, dedication, leadership, professionalism and friendship. Together you represent over 100 years of service to the Slovak Catholic Sokol. May you enjoy your time of retirement in the comfort of your loving families and friends.

May God bless all of you!

Sokol Calendar

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SUN. SEPT. 20

■ 30th annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar hosted by the Slovak Catholic Federation at Garden Charet Banquets, 11000 South Ridgeland Ave., Worth, Ill., beginning with registration at 12 noon, lecture and luncheon to follow, \$25.00 per person, for reservations call Geri Hletko at (708)387-7812.

SAT. SEPT. 26

■ Quarterly meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors via Conference Call beginning at 10 a.m.

■ Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga" annual meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Ryan Road & 18 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, Mich. beginning with Mass at 4 p.m. followed by the meeting in the Heritage Room of the parish.

■ Septemberfest at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, Pa., Slovak woodcarving exhibit, entertainment, arts and crafts demonstrations, food and vendors, free admission and free parking, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUN. SEPT. 27

■ Assembly 180 meeting at St.

Mary's Catholic Church, 1602 Market Ave. S., Canton, Oh. beginning at 10:30 a.m.; members asked to bring school supplies to be distributed to the needy in the community

■ 38th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival at the PNC Bank Arts Center off Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel, N.J.; exhibits open at 10 a.m., con-celebrated Mass at 11 a.m.; cultural program begins at 2 p.m., soccer match throughout the afternoon, Slovak culinary specialties and imported Slovak arts, crafts and crystal; free admission and free parking.

OCT. 1-2

■ Annual Fall Conference of the Michigan Fraternal Alliance at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Mich. for details www.michiganfraternalliance.org.

SUN. OCT. 11

■ Group 11, "St. John Nepomucene" annual meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 13th Ave. and 2nd St. N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. beginning with 9 a.m. Mass in church followed by the meeting and luncheon in the Father George Dargay Memorial Hall, for information call James T. Genosky(763)789-9196.

Sokol Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 1

Stephen Bakita, Barberton, Oh., a member of Assembly 167, Barberton, Oh.

Edward Mangan, Plymouth, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Diane Patter, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Luke V. Spisak, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 2

Matthew A. Belfance, Saugerties, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Kenneth Cyburt, Chesapeake, Va., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Kevin Cyburt, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Paula J. Kaminski, Germantown Minn., a member of Assembly 136, Naticoke, Pa.

Robert P. Kantor Jr., Port St. Lucie, a member of Assembly 313, Winter Park, Fla.

Mary Ann Naple, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 3

Msgr. John J. Demkovich, retired pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Passaic, N.J. and chaplain of Assembly 1 and Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

Sandra Sarosy Duve, Colorado Springs, Co., a member of Assembly 312, Passaic, N.J.

Janet Gibbons, Central City, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Patrick Tech, Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

Joy E. Kovalytsik, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

SEPTEMBER 4

Sharon Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Dolores Kramer, Merrifield, MN., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Il
Kathleen A. Rushin, Johns-town, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Most. Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh Pa. and a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 6

John Kubacka, Jr., Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 7

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

Peter E. Ognibene, Emmaus, Pa. a member of Assembly 78, Bethlehem, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 9

Michael J. Kurak, South Orange, N.J., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Charles J. Richnavsky, West Milford, N.J., a member of Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.

Annette Telgarsky, West Chester, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 10

Maria Belokostolsky, Jackson Heights, N.Y., a member of Wreath 168, New York, N.Y.

Christopher William Chiaro, Chesapeake, VA, a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

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



Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh, right is shown presenting the Slovak Catholic Sokol presidential gavel to newly elected Supreme President Michael J. Horvath at the closing session of the 32nd National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. Brother Horvath, who serves as president of Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., previously served as a Supreme Auditor, Supreme Second Vice President and most recently, Chairperson of Supreme Auditors. Looking on is our Supreme Chaplain and Honorary Chaplain of Group 7, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.

New Members Submitted JULY 1 - 31, 2015

RECOMMENDER	CITY/STATE	FACE AMOUNT	NEW MEMBERS
Robert E. Leso	Philadelphia, PA	\$20,000	2
Mary M. Stanek	Detroit, MI	10,000	1
Kathleen Hiestler	Reading, PA	5,000	1
Kathleen M. Smolkowicz	Reading, PA	5,000	1
Life Insurance Totals		\$40,000	5



Officers and members of Assembly 86 of Port Griffith, Pa. participated in the history-making dedication of the Rev. Jozef Murgas Room at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on June 4. The room, dedicated to the life and legacy of the "radio priest" and founding pastor of the former Sacred Heart Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre, is located in the beautiful new facility "King's on the Square" in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Some of the officers of Assembly 86 who participated are shown above and include, l-r, Bernard Novabilski, president; Ann Yencha, recording secretary and Stephen Vitek, financial secretary and treasurer.

47th International Slet Held in Slippery Rock, Pa.

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dating and made for a very nice competition for all. The spectators enjoyed the vast array of talent showcased by all of our gymnasts. While our gymnastics competition was occurring, all non-gymnasts remained at Slippery Rock University and participated in Whacky Olympics. The participants enjoyed the fun games and fraternalism.

Thursday morning began at the track with our shorter races, field events, the 7 and under race and finished up with the relays. Once again, the races and field events showcased the talent of our athletes. During the morning track events, the medals and ribbons were awarded for completed events.

Thursday afternoon began with the senior individual drill competition and continued with the junior team drill competition in Morrow Field House. The junior girls performed to "Jablacko" by Kristina Pelakova and "Let It Go" by Idina Menzel. The junior boys performed to "Kamarati" by Samo Smetana and performed by his band Banda and to "Eye of the Tiger" from the movie Turbo by DreamWorks and is a Sher Gunn remix. Once again, the drill teams impressed everyone with their precision and upbeat dance moves. The junior girls' winner was Group 3 and the junior boys' winner was also from Group 3.

Thursday afternoon commenced with the finals of the Volleyball competition. After three grueling games, Group 5 came out on top with a score of 15-13 in the final game.

Thursday evening it was back to the track for our first ever night time track competition. Competing under the lights was the highlight of our track competition for many competitors. In addition to the various individual track and field events, the evening ended with some very close relays.

Friday, the final day of competition, began with track finals and the presentation of the medals and ribbons for the track winners. When track concluded, there was no time to rest because closing ceremony practice began for all participants. The mass drill was practice prior to breaking for lunch. After lunch, closing ceremony practiced continued for all participants.

The Friday night exhibition began with the grand march. Leading the march were the Board of Directors, and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board. Continuing with the grand march were all the groups in order of number and displaying a banner with their group number and representing their city and state. The reigning champions of the 46th International Slet, Group 5 - Cleveland, Ohio, anchored the grand march. They not only carried their group banner but also proudly carried the championship flag. Following the grand march, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic celebrated mass for all participants

and spectators. Following mass, a gymnastics exhibition was performed by some of our gymnastics winners. At the conclusion of the gymnastic exhibition closing remarks were conveyed by Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec.

Continuing with our festivities was the lighting of the torch by our senior all-around gymnastics winners Dalton Pribila and Skylar Manyak and the all-around track and field winners Alec Goldenberg and Allie Benedict. After the lighting of the torch, the drill performances began. After the lighting of the torch, the drill performances began. This year the junior boys performed two drills. The first drill was performed to the Slovak song "Kamarati" by Samo Smetana and performed by his band Banda. This drill showed our love for our Slovak heritage. The second drill performed was to the song "Eye of the Tiger" from the movie Turbo by DreamWorks and is a Sher Gunn remix. This drill showed strength and courage for all young boys. The exhibition continued with the junior girls. The first drill the girls performed was "Jablacko" by Kristina Pelakova. This was the first time the junior girls performed your traditional Slovak drill to more modern Slovak music. This song instills the ideas and importance of traditional heritage while combining modern day songs. The second drill "Let It Go" by Idina Menzel is from the very popular Disney movie Frozen. The girls showcased their talents with a combination of fast and slow moves proving their skill and precision. The song along with the movie sends a message of how important the love and support of family can be. This connects with the idea of how important our fraternal family is as well. Following the junior girls were the senior men. The men's first drill was to the Slovak song "Fazula" music orchestrated by Samo Smetana and performed by his band Banda. This drill had some traditional Slovak movements and is a reminder for all young men of how important it is not to forget our Slovak heritage. The second drill was performed to the music from the movie "Batman Begins (2010)." The music was composed by James Newton Howard and Hans Zimmer. In this drill, the men showed off their strength, precision and balance. Next up were the senior women. The first drill performed breaks from the traditional Slovak music we all know. "Horehronie" by Kristina Pelakova was performed as part of the Eurovision 2010. The women showed off their talent and coordination while performing to this modern upbeat Slovak song. "Roar" by Katy Perry is the second drill that the senior women performed. As the women showed dramatic, skilled and quick moves to the fast pop song, everyone got a pick yourself up and dust your-

self feeling. These songs sent a message of self-confidence and being proud. The final drill performed was the mass drill. This year's Mass Drill was to a mix from the movie Avengers. The mass drill is always the highlight of our drill performance as both the male and female participants perform together.

The culmination of our Slet was the announcement of the all-around winners in track and field, gymnastics and drills, as well as the winner of the International Slet. The overall track and field winner and drill winner was Group 3 - East Douglas, Massachusetts. The overall gymnastics winner was Group 14 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. One of the most prestigious awards given at the Slet in the John J. Stofko Spirit Award because it is voted on by the participants. This year, the Slet participant chose Group 3 - Douglas, Massachusetts. The final award was the announcement of the 47th International Slet winner. The beautiful championship flag was presented to Group 14 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Following the closing ceremonies, all participant met at Morrow Field House for a picnic dinner and dance. Watching participants of all ages gather together to dance and socialize is what our organization is all about. This was a time to say goodbye to friends of old and new friends acquired throughout the week.

Saturday was departure of all groups. Now is the time to begin preparing for the 48th International Slet to be held again in 2 years. Site to be determined!

A very special thank you to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, group directors, directresses, assistants, and sports directors, as well as the participants for all the hard work and effort that went into preparing for the Slet. Additionally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support throughout the year with all of your youth programs. Zdar Boh!



Report of the Supreme Secretary for the Month of June 2015

ASSETS	YEAR TO DATE	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Cash - Senior Account	\$ 530,208.24	\$ 4,727.92	\$ 43,927.45
Cash - Bank of Montreal	7,754.32	0.00	5,037.50
Cash - Payroll Account	40,000.00	247.89	1,077.93
Petty Cash	177.00	0.00	54,187.93
Investments - Bonds & Bills	58,627,132.26	311.52	1,869.12
Investments - Stocks	8,455,738.64	1,250.00	6,250.00
Capital Reserve	846,672.45	563.14	3,378.84
Stock Adj. to Book Value	1,967,548.91	40,303.30	250,152.20
First Mortgage Loans	789,456.49	6,144.00	39,756.00
Loans on Certificates	117,960.03	2,878.53	20,290.19
Accrued Interest Receivable	713,385.58	8,477.86	48,696.20
Prepaid Expenses	23,686.31	1,727.88	4,547.03
Sokol Building	2,707,974.61	13,989.95	100,631.57
Land	204,108.00	1,434.85	8,575.72
Furniture & Fixtures	159,182.34	525.00	525.00
Computer	123,637.86	1,860.00	14,918.89
Sokol Baby Spoons	10,075.00	707.00	2,000.70
Due From Groups	766.44	0.00	5,880.60
Accounts Receivable	18,333.03	24,747.00	33,548.00
Non-Admitted Assets	<u>-166,073.00</u>	2,922.47	22,062.47
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 75,177,724.51</u>	5,939.00	11,200.07
		340.02	2,492.36
		136.80	769.93
		3,100.00	16,925.00
		6,610.00	15,060.00
		1,625.00	2,364.04
		43.52	3,412.99
		-31,886.40	-0.00
		20,187.00	328,279.00
		17,208.23	160,155.42
		403,054.27	1,224,829.90
		0.00	9,400.00
		1,088,059.00	3,265,000.00
		250.00	4,459.00
		11,176.62	67,298.15
		93.00	2,233.85
		710.00	3,365.06
		35,139.03	35,684.78
		978.40	6,280.95
		26.35	2,970.54
		39,149.24	71,218.16
		12,349.80	24,534.19
		38,631.80	251,860.29
		14,770.55	93,553.79
		374.21	3,310.43
		583.13	2,124.62
		3,151.11	22,028.07
		450.00	16,449.92
		0.00	12,812.58
		704.65	1,154.65
		9,387.50	18,775.00
		0.00	1,424.00
		1,049.39	2,369.79
		80.83	2,068.08
		<u>1,001.33</u>	<u>7,174.41</u>
		<u>\$ 1,797,291.69</u>	<u>\$ 6,360,352.36</u>
		<u>\$ -837,013.26</u>	<u>\$ -83,268.87</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	YEAR TO DATE	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Life Reserves	\$ 54,865,876.00		
Reserve Dep. Furn. & Fixtures	150,508.34		
Reserve Dep. Sokol Building	2,631,820.56		
Asset Valuation Reserve	1,119,394.00		
Interest Maintenance Reserve	168,516.00		
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	1,778,907.59		
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,809,025.00		
Reserve for Convention	324,947.00		
Matured Endowments	82,426.24		
Claims Payable	212,938.00		
IBNR Payable	30,000.00		
Conversion - Canadian Currency	680.00		
Accounts Payable	52,987.20		
Sokol Secure Fund	475,507.14		
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund	85,000.00		
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000.00		
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund	20,000.00		
Krista L Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Fund	24,000.00		
Dividend Accum. At Interest	327,464.12		
Dividend Payable	47,569.98		
Advance Premiums	29,539.00		
Premium Load	<u>2,900.00</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 67,340,006.17</u>		
Undistributed Funds - Sokol	<u>7,837,718.34</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	<u>\$ 75,177,724.51</u>		

INCOME	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Interest on Bonds and Bills	\$ 234,412.58	\$ 1,408,748.36
Interest Income Accrued	-12,065.00	24,296.00
Accrued Interest Paid	-2,901.04	-31,359.53
Amortization of IMR	7,250.00	13,998.00
Deferred Gain IMR	-993.00	-32,981.00
Other Investment Income	0.00	4,803.09
Dividends on Stocks	40,188.20	143,890.42
Interest on Mortgages	22,279.80	42,886.64
Sale of Cookbooks	15.50	430.65
Rent Received - Sokol Building	3,020.00	15,610.00
Premium Income	138,863.12	889,452.54
Annuities	548,702.34	3,645,194.27
Miscellaneous Income	-52,341.25	17,913.99
Sale of Securities/Amortization	<u>33,847.18</u>	<u>134,200.06</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 960,278.43</u>	<u>\$ 6,277,083.49</u>

ZDAR BOH!
Steven M. Pogorelec, FIC
 Supreme Secretary
 Slovak Catholic Sokol

Bus from New York to Washington pilgrimage

St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City will sponsor a bus to the Pilgrimage of the Slovak Catholic Federation scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Slovak Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows, a gift of the First Catholic Slovak Union, which was dedicated on September 5, 1965.

For additional information and reservations, call Henrieta Dait at tel. (201)641-8922. The bus will depart from the church located at the corner of East 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan at 6 a.m. The group will participate in religious events at the shrine as well as the official pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl at 3 p.m. The pilgrims will then participate in the reception at the Slovak Embassy.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

U.S. Military Convoy to move via Slovakia in September

A convoy of American military vehicles set to travel from Germany to a military exercise in Hungary in September is to pass through Slovakia, Defense Ministry spokesperson Martina Ballekova informed TASR on August 7.

She added that the ministry and the Americans are currently discussing details of the movement - including the number of vehicles and the specific date.

"It will be standard movement of equipment to an Alliance(NATO) exercise in Hungary," said Bellekova, adding that the ministry will inform the public about conclusions of the discussions.

The convoy will likely feature 'Stryker' armored fighting vehicles. It's the same armored vehicle used in the Operation Dragoon Ride in March, which involved an almost 1,500 mile journey from Estonia to a military base near Vilseck in Germany.

According to Ballekova, U.S. military vehicles will also take part in the military exercise Slovak Shield, which is planned for September 8 to October 2 in the Lest training area(Banska Bystrica region). The exercise this year will focus on NATO member countries territorial integrity protection. Aside from Slovaks and Americans, the exercise will also be attended by Czech, Hungarian and Polish troops.

According to the ministry, foreign troops' movement via Slovakia is an ordinary activity stemming from Slovakia's membership in NATO. "Slovak Armed Forces troops and equipment travel through NATO member states area in the same way," said Ballekova.

Analyst Robert Ondrejcsak, director of the Center for European and North Atlantic Affairs(CENAA), agrees with Ballekova and points out that in recent years not only American but also other EU and NATO member states' troops have moved through Slovakia.

Ondrejcsak expects that joint exercise with the allies will intensify in the future given the conflict in Ukraine as well as the end of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force(ISAF) security mission in Afghanistan that ended last year. As Ondrejcsak pointed out, interoperability is of key importance for the allies and it can only be maintained by joint exercise. "For this reason, allied troops will appear here in the future - even in greater numbers, I assume," he added.

Kazimir: boost of Slovakia's ratings by S&P is reward for healthy finances

The improvement of Slovakia's ratings by Standard & Poor's(S&P) from A to A+ on August 1 is a welcome reward for Slovakia having put its public finances in order in a sustainable manner, Finance Minister Peter Kazimir stated on August 2.

S&P on August 1 increased Slovakia's rating to A+ with a stable outlook. The return of Slovakia's rating to the pre-crisis level is a clear expression of trust in the Slovak Government's economic and budgetary policies, said Kazimir.

Meanwhile, S&P expects that Slovakia's economy will grow by slightly more than 3 percent in the period 2015-18, a development that will contribute towards reduction of both public deficit and debt. Slovakia's economic growth rate should be twice that of the eurozone level in 2015 and 2016. This may help to reduce unemployment, which is the biggest challenge for the government after it has introduced measures to consolidate the state budget, according to S&P.

The rating agency believes that the government's ambition to have a balanced budget in 2017 is realistic. If this indeed takes place, S&P stated that it may even further improve Slovakia's rating.

Kazimir noted that Slovakia has now the ninth best rating from among 19 eurozone members.

International stars featured at organ festival at Bratislava cathedral

Historic St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava hosted an international Cathedral Organ Festival which featured concerts every Thursday and Sunday which began on July 30. These concerts will continue thru September 30.

Renowned musicians from Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Italy and Germany perform at the festival, which was opened on July 30 by Slovak organist Stanislav Surin accompanied by soprano Jana Pastorkova and Polish violinist Mariusz Monczak. Their program included works by Slovak and Polish composers, Henryk Gorecki, Mikulas Schneider-Tmavsky and Vladimir Godar.

"For the first time the festival will feature the excellent Swede Hans Fagius, who became famous, among other things, for a complete recording of Johann Sebastian Bach's organ opus," TASR was told by Surin, who is active in a civil association called Tribus Musicae.

Slovak Monika Melcove, who has an excellent reputation among organists abroad will appear at the festival with Spanish countertenor Carlos Mena. "This unique artist has sung on the most renowned stages worldwide and is among the best countertenors of his generation," said Surin.

The festival will be concluded on September 10 by a recital by German artist Stefan Kagl, who is widely considered to be an expert on Bach and Cesar Franck.

The Cathedral Organ Festival is part of the city's cultural summer program and the Bratislava Castle Festival. It is being organized by Tribus Musicae in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Bratislava, the Bratislava regional authority, and the Bratislava Cultural and Information Center. A detailed program can be found on www.tribusmusicae.sk.

The organ at St. Martin's Cathedral ranks among the largest an most innovative organs in central Europe. It was installed in 2004.

Alternative currency to buoy local businesses launches in Kosice

A project that seeks to buoy local primary producers and traders and involves the use of an alternative currency known as 'ducat' has been launched in Kosice, TASR learned on August 10.

The project is an initiative of a civil association called 'Kosice Ducat to Exchange Goods and Services,' which also provides its members with the alternative coins.

"The point is to bring together people from the Kosice region, but not only them; it can be used by people from all over Slovakia who are ready to exchange goods or services for Kosice ducates," said the association's head Vladimir Gurtler.

A total of 5,000 coins worth one ducat - once a major currency throughout much of Central Europe - have to date been minted with each of them equalling one euro. The coin has been designed by medalist Branislav Ronai and its front face features a detailed coat of arms of Kosice and the nominal value, and the back face has Kosice's St. Elizabeth Cathedral and a detailed view of its gothic-era window.

A possible further round of minting will hinge on how the project catches on. "There's a bit of a risk in that the coin is so beautiful that people may not even exchange it for products or services," said Gurtler.

A wine shop, a cabinet maker, an electrician and an English teacher, for example, have signed up to the project so far.

Bratislava and Zvolen have had their local currency - called 'zivec' in both cases - since April 2014, with up to 40 businesses accepting the currency in the capital alone.

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Many museums may be found in the various regions of Slovakia. Some date back centuries reflecting the rich history and culture of their respective areas. The Museum of the Liptov, located in central Slovakia in the village of Pribylina is a treasure-house of locally created arts and crafts reflecting the rich history and traditions of the Liptov area. Completed in 1991, following the fall of communism, it is Slovakia's youngest museums. Located in the center of the village is the Church dedicated to the Mother of God. The neo-gothic church was built over an early structure dating from late 11th century. The first written record of the church dates to the year 1288. The present church was completed in the early nineteenth century and contains frescoes dating from the late Middle Ages. In recent years, the Liptov museum has become a popular tourist attraction offering lectures and seasonal exhibits year round.

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BOYS 13-14-15 TRACK

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Alec Goldenburg	12.80
2	19	Toronto	Michael Wasilewski	13.80
3	3	East Douglas	Brendan Mazzuchelli	14.10
4	3	East Douglas	Alex Benedict	14.13
5	3	East Douglas	Patrick Peloquin	14.44

200 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Alec Goldenburg	26.35
2	19	Toronto	Michael Wasilewski	28.20
3	3	East Douglas	Alex Benedict	28.60
4	3	East Douglas	Patrick Peloquin	29.00
5	3	East Douglas	Brendan Mazzuchelli	29.70

400 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Alec Goldenburg	54.5
2	3	East Douglas	Patrick Peloquin	1:02.00
3	3	East Douglas	Alex Benedict	1:03.30
4	3	East Douglas	Brendan Mazzuchelli	1:04.80
5	3	East Douglas	Grant Slowik	1:10.20

SOFTBALL THROW

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	3	East Douglas	Neal Nasuti	210'6"
2	3	East Douglas	Patrick Peloquin	206'6"
3	3	East Douglas	Alex Benedict	197'3"
4	3	East Douglas	Brendan Mazzuchelli	188'9"
5	19	Toronto	Michael Wasilewski	185'0"

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	3	East Douglas	Alec Goldenburg	15'7"
2	19	Toronto	Michael Wasilewski	14'10"
3	3	East Douglas	Drew Manyak	13'10"
4	14	Pittsburgh	Pierce Kandcer	13'10"
5	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	12'3"

12LB. SHOT PUT

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	3	East Douglas	Neal Nasuti	31'2"
2	3	East Douglas	Drew Manyak	27'7"
3	17	Youngstown	Stephen Bartos	22'2.5"
4	3	East Douglas	Jack Nasuti	21'6"
5	5	Cleveland	Ian Lattea	20'6"

* Denotes New Record

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ALEC GOLDENBURG

GIRLS 10-11-12 TRACK

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	19	Toronto	Elisa Glugosh	8.10
2	14	Pittsburgh	Brooke Martin	8.40
3	3	East Douglas	Reece Slowik	8.60
4	4	Chicago	Aleshia Fluker	8.80
5	14	Pittsburgh	Catherine Perekiszka	9.40

100 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	19	Toronto	Elisa Glugosh	16.40
2	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Meder	16.80
3	3	East Douglas	Reece Slowik	17.00
4	14	Pittsburgh	Kayla Bryant	17.30
5	11	Superior	Laura Matlon	17.40

200 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	19	Toronto	Elisa Glugosh	33.40
2	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Meder	34.90
3	14	Pittsburgh	Brooke Martin	35.00
4	3	East Douglas	Reece Slowik	35.10
5	4	Chicago	Amaya Fluker	37.20

400 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Reece Slowik	1:18.40
2	3	East Douglas	Kathryn Peloquin	1:24.50
3	14	Pittsburgh	Taylor Weiss	1:29.40
4	19	Toronto	Isabella Baron	1:31.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Hailey Piotrowski	1:33.90

BASEBALL THROW

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	14	Pittsburgh	Brooke Martin	125'2"
2	14	Pittsburgh	Kayla Bryant	119'0"
3	14	Pittsburgh	Catherine Perekiszka	105'8"
4	4	Chicago	Aleshia Fluker	105'7"
5	4	Chicago	Amaya Fluker	99'0"

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	19	Toronto	Elisa Glugosh	10'11"
2	14	Pittsburgh	Kayla Bryant	10'10"
3	19	Toronto	Isabella Baron	10'9"
4	11	Superior	Laura Matlon	9'11"
5	4	Chicago	Amaya Fluker	9'7"

STANDING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	14	Pittsburgh	Brooke Martin	6'2"
2	11	Superior	Laura Matlon	5'11"
3	3	East Douglas	Kathryn Peloquin	5'9.75"
4	14	Pittsburgh	Kayla Bryant	5'9.25"
4	19	Toronto	Isabella Baron	5'6.5"

* Denotes New Record

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ELISA GLUGOSH

BOYS 10-11-12 TRACK

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Raymond Johnson	8.50
2	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	8.60
3	19	Toronto	Mark Popik	8.70
4	14	Pittsburgh	Gavin Watkins	9.00
5	19	Toronto	Ben Verf	9.20

100 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	16.20
2	3	East Douglas	Raymond Johnson	16.30
3	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	16.70
4	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	16.83
5	19	Toronto	Mark Popik	16.86

200 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	34.29
2	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	34.30
3	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	34.40
4	3	East Douglas	Raymond Johnson	36.30
5	14	Pittsburgh	Gavin Watkins	37.20

400 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	1:17.20
2	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	1:18.50
3	3	East Douglas	Raymond Johnson	1:21.80
4	3	East Douglas	Peyton Manyak	1:24.70
5	14	Pittsburgh	Logan Kandcer	1:34.9

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	10'1"
2	5	Cleveland	Trent Zollinger	10'0"
3	19	Toronto	Zachary Baron	8'11"
4	17	Youngstown	Stephen Franke	7'7"
5	5	Cleveland	Joshua Underation	7'3"

STANDING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	5'9.25"
2	5	Cleveland	Trent Zollinger	5'7.25"
3	19	Toronto	Mark Popik	5'6.25"
4	4	Chicago	Mitchell Rakow	5'0.25"
5	3	East Douglas	Peyton Manyak	4'10.5"

BASEBALL THROW

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	14	Pittsburgh	Gavin Watkins	162'8"
2	3	East Douglas	Peyton Manyak	133'9"
3	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	124'0"
4	19	Toronto	Mark Popik	122'8"
5	19	Toronto	Adam Dorich	119'10"

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ALL-AROUND WINNER - NOAH ROMINE

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GIRLS 8-9 TRACK

50 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	5	Cleveland	Izzy Lattea	9.28
2	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	9.30
3	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9.40
4	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Salman	9.51
5	4	Chicago	Annika Romine	9.52

75 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	13.71
2	5	Cleveland	Izzy Lattea	13.75
3	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Salman	14.14
4	3	East Douglas	Ava Haire	14.16
5	4	Chicago	Amber Radtke	15.10

200 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	39.70
2	4	Chicago	Annika Romine	41.30
3	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	41.70
4	19	Toronto	Isabella Baron	42.30
5	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Salman	44.00

BASEBALL THROW

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	19	Toronto	Joanna Glugosh	63'6"
2	5	Cleveland	Izzy Lattea	62'11"
3	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	59'11"
4	14	Pittsburgh	Delainey Dusch	54'5"
5	3	East Douglas	Eva Haire	47'7"

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9'7"
2	4	Chicago	Annika Romine	8'11"
3	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	8'9"
4	4	Chicago	Amber Radtke	8'6"
5	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	8'1"

STANDING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	5'5.25"
2	4	Chicago	Aniika Romine	4'10"
3	3	East Douglas	Shannon Malley	4'5"
3	3	East Douglas	Ava Haire	4'4"
5	14	Pittsburgh	MaKenzie Gasiorowski	4'2"

* Denotes New Record

ALL-AROUND WINNER - RILEY BUSH

BOYS 8-9 TRACK

50 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	19	Toronto	Anthony Glugosh	8.92
2	3	East Douglas	Stone Slowik	8.94
3	19	Toronto	William Tubaro	9.10
4	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	9.40
5	3	East Douglas	Nicholas St. George	9.73

75 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	19	Toronto	Anthony Glugosh	12.90
2	3	East Douglas	Stone Slowik	13.20
3	19	Toronto	William Tubaro	13.30
4	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	13.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	14.00

200 METER RUN

Place	Group	City	Name	Time
1	3	East Douglas	Stone Slowik	37.60
2	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	41.00
3	3	East Douglas	Nicholas St. George	41.70
4	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	42.00
5	4	Chicago	Terrance Biddle	48.80

RUNNING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	10'4"
2	19	Toronto	Anthony Glugosh	9'1"
3	4	Chicago	Andrew Peterson	9'0"
4	14	Pittsburgh	Joseph Novotak	7'9"
5	19	Toronto	William Tubaro	7'4"

STANDING LONG JUMP

Place	Group	City	Name	Distance
1	4	Chicago	Andrew Peterson	5'1.5"
2	3	East Douglas	Stone Slowik	5'1"

3	19	Toronto	Nicholas Dorich	4'10.5"
4	3	East Douglas	Nicholas St. George	4'7"
5	19	Toronto	Anthony Glugosh	4'6.5"

* Denotes New Record

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ANTHONY GLUGOSH & SLOAN SLOWIK

BOYS 8-9 GYMNASTICS

PARALLEL BARS

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	4	Chicago	Terrance Biddle	9.40
2	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	9.30
3	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	9.20
4	14	Pittsburgh	Joseph Novolnak	9.15
5	14	Pittsburgh	Charles Piotrowski	9.10

VAULT

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	9.80
2	4	Chicago	Terrance Biddle	9.60
3	4	Chicago	Andrew Peterson	9.50
4	14	Pittsburgh	Joseph Novolnak	9.45
5	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	9.40

FLOOR EXERCISE

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	8.45
2	14	Pittsburgh	Charles Piotrowski	8.40
3	14	Pittsburgh	Joseph Novolnak	8.20
4	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	8.10
5	4	Chicago	Andrew Peterson	8.00

POMMEL HORSE

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Ethan Kandcer	9.30
2	4	Chicago	Terrance Biddle	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	Travis Watkins	8.90
4	4	Chicago	Andrew Peterson	8.80
5	14	Pittsburgh	Charles Piotrowski	8.70

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ETHAN KANDCER

GIRLS 8-9 GYMNASTICS

BALANCE BEAM

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	9.15
2	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9.10
3	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	9.05
4	4	Chicago	Amber Radtke	9.00
5	14	Pittsburgh	MaKenzie Gasiorowski	8.90

UNEVEN BARS

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	9.20
2	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	MaKenzie Gasiorowski	8.50
4	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	8.00
4	4	Chicago	Amber Radtke	7.60

VAULT

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	9.50
2	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	8.55
4	4	Chicago	Annika Romine	8.50
5	14	Pittsburgh	Isabella Salmon	8.45

FLOOR EXERCISE

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	19	Toronto	Rozie Popik	9.80
2	14	Pittsburgh	Riley Bush	9.40
3	4	Chicago	Amber Radtke	9.00
4	4	Chicago	Annika Romine	8.80
5	14	Pittsburgh	Nicolette Lutheran	8.50

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ROZIE POPIK

BOYS 10-11-12 GYMNASTICS

PARALLEL BARS

Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	9.75
2	4	Chicago	Mitchell Rakow	9.70
3	5	Cleveland	Nathan Underation	9.10
4	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	9.00
5	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	8.90

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Carter Betz	9.70
2	14	Pittsburgh	Gavin Watkins	9.60
3	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	9.55
4	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Perekiszka	9.50
5	4	Chicago	Mitchell Rakow	9.45

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	4	Chicago	Ian Lattea	9.30
2	4	Cleveland	Gavin Watkins	9.10
3	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	9.00
4	5	Cleveland	Jared Gable	8.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Luke Underation	8.85

POMMELL HORSE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Trent Zollinger	9.30
2	4	Chicago	Mitchell Rakow	9.10
3	4	Chicago	Noah Romine	9.00
4	5	Cleveland	Nathan Underation	8.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Gavin Watkins	8.70

ALL-AROUND WINNER - MITCHELL RAKOW

GIRLS 10-11-12 GYMNASTICS				
BALANCE BEAM				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Catherine Perekiszka	9.30
2	14	Pittsburgh	Hailey Piotrowski	9.15
3	14	Pittsburgh	Gabby Hast	9.10
4	14	Pittsburgh	Mia Carr	9.00
5	4	Chicago	Amaya Fluker	8.80

UNEVEN BARS				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Catherine Perekiszka	9.10
2	14	Pittsburgh	Gabby Hast	8.90
3	14	Pittsburgh	Hailey Piotrowski	8.60
4	14	Pittsburgh	Grace Lemin	8.40
5	14	Pittsburgh	Bella Meder	8.00

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Taylor Weiss	9.30
2	7	Wilkes-Barre	Rita Palchanis	9.25
3	14	Pittsburgh	Grace Lemin	9.20
4	14	Pittsburgh	Gabby Hast	9.10
5	14	Pittsburgh	Bella Meder	8.95

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Bella Meder	9.20
2	14	Pittsburgh	Catherine Perekiszka	9.00
3	7	Wilkes-Barre	Rita Palchanis	8.80
4	14	Pittsburgh	Ela Sokulska	8.60
5	14	Pittsburgh	Taylor Weiss	8.50

ALL-AROUND WINNER - CATHERINE PEREKISZKA

BOYS 13-14-15 GYMNASTICS				
PARALLEL BARS				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Jared Gable	9.00
2	5	Cleveland	Ian Lattea	8.55
3	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Piotrowski	8.50
4	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	8.30

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Luke Underation	9.65
2	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	9.35
3	5	Cleveland	Ian Lattea	8.90
4	14	Pittsburgh	Jared Gable	8.55

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Ian Lattea	8.90
2	14	Pittsburgh	Jared Gable	8.65
3	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	8.60
4	14	Pittsburgh	Stephen Piotrowski	8.40
5	5	Cleveland	Luke Underation	8.30

POMMELL HORSE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Luke Underation	9.40
2	5	Cleveland	Daniel Underation	9.10
3	14	Pittsburgh	Jared Gable	9.00
4	5	Cleveland	Ian Lattea	8.80

ALL-AROUND WINNER - DANIEL UNDERATION

GIRLS 13-14-15 GYMNASTICS				
BALANCE BEAM				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	3	East Douglas	Skylar Manyak	9.40
2	14	Pittsburgh	Alex Maxwell	9.05
3	14	Pittsburgh	Ashtyn Grille	9.00
4	14	Pittsburgh	Francesca O'Donnell	8.05
5	14	Pittsburgh	Lexi Lubawski	8.00

UNEVEN BARS				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	3	East Douglas	Skylar Manyak	9.60
2	14	Pittsburgh	Ashtyn Grille	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	Lexi Lubawski	8.80
4	14	Pittsburgh	Alex Maxwell	8.60
5	14	Pittsburgh	Francesca O'Donnell	8.40

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	3	East Douglas	Skylar Manyak	9.50
2	14	Pittsburgh	Christina Sobeck	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	Alex Maxwell	8.95
4	14	Pittsburgh	Ashtyn Grille	8.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Francesca O'Donnell	8.85

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	3	East Douglas	Skylar Manyak	9.70
2	14	Pittsburgh	Kara Devers	9.50
3	14	Pittsburgh	Ashtyn Grille	8.80
4	14	Pittsburgh	Alex Maxwell	8.60
5	14	Pittsburgh	Christina Sobeck	8.30

ALL-AROUND WINNER - SKYLAR MANYAK

MENS GYMNASTICS				
PARALLEL BARS				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Andy Underation	9.20
2	14	Pittsburgh	Dalton Pribila	9.05
3	5	Cleveland	Nicholas Underation	9.00
4	5	Cleveland	David Underation	8.90
5	14	Pittsburgh	Jonathan Gable	8.80

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Andy Underation	9.35
2	5	Cleveland	Nicholas Underation	9.30
3	14	Pittsburgh	Jonathan Gable	9.00
4	14	Pittsburgh	Dalton Pribila	8.95
5	5	Cleveland	David Underation	8.85

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Dalton Pribila	9.30
2	14	Pittsburgh	Jonathan Gable	8.90
3	5	Cleveland	David Underation	8.80

POMMELL HORSE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	5	Cleveland	Andy Underation	9.10
2	14	Pittsburgh	Dalton Pribila	9.00
3	5	Cleveland	Nicholas Underation	8.85
4	5	Cleveland	David Underation	8.80
5	14	Pittsburgh	Jonathan Gable	8.60

ALL-AROUND WINNER - DALTON PRIBILA

WOMENS GYMNASTICS				
BALANCE BEAM				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Erica Pribilla	9.70
2	4	Chicago	Lexi Stecker	9.40
3	14	Pittsburgh	Traci Walkowiak	9.30
4	14	Pittsburgh	Brittany Hast	9.20
4	14	Pittsburgh	Madison Hanley	8.60

UNEVEN BARS				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Traci Walkowiak	9.30
2	4	Chicago	Lexi Stecker	9.00
3	14	Pittsburgh	Erica Pribilla	8.60
4	14	Pittsburgh	Laura Mihalcin	8.50
5	14	Pittsburgh	Brittany Hast	8.40

VAULT				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Erica Pribilla	9.30
2	14	Pittsburgh	Traci Walkowiak	9.10
3	4	Chicago	Lexi Stecker	8.90
4	14	Pittsburgh	Brittany Hast	8.70
5	4	Chicago	Cassi Stecker	8.60

FLOOR EXERCISE				
Place	Group	City	Name	Score
1	14	Pittsburgh	Erica Pribilla	9.70
2	14	Pittsburgh	Traci Walkowiak	9.30
3	4	Chicago	Lexi Stecker	9.00
4	14	Pittsburgh	Brittany Hast	8.50
5	4	Chicago	Cassi Stecker	8.30

ALL-AROUND WINNER - ERICA PRIBILLA



Obituaries...

Our former Supreme Ladies Vice President **Anne Z. Sarosy, dedicated Slovak cultural, fraternal activist, laid to rest**

Anne Dolores Zvara Sarosy, a long-time resident of Campbell, Oh. and resident of Colorado Springs, Colo. for the last nine



years, passed away peacefully on August 4. She was 92. Anne served as Supreme Ladies Vice Presi-

dent of the Slovak Catholic Sokol from 1980 to 1988.

A native of Campbell, Oh., Anne was born there July 14, 1923, daughter of Slovak immigrant parents, Joseph Zvara and the former Dorothy Sarvas. She was educated locally and was a graduate of Campbell Memorial High School. She was awarded her undergraduate degree in Education, cum laude, from Youngstown State University and was awarded a M.A. in Education/Counseling at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. She received certification as a school counselor in the state of Ohio. In addition, she pursued Slovak language studies at the University of Akron, the University of Pittsburgh and the Slovak Jesuit Institute in Toronto, Canada.

Anne was an accomplished accordionist, having her own orchestra heard weekly on WKBN Radio in the late 1930s and early 1940s. It was here she met her future husband, John Sarosy, the vocalist. They were married on May 10, 1941 and spent the summer in New York City, where John studied voice at the Metropolitan Opera. World War II changed the direction of their lives. While John was serving his country with the famed Jolly Rogers-Army Air Corps in the South Pacific, Anne worked as an apprentice draftsman for Republic Steel in Youngstown, Oh., and studied Machine Drawing/Engineering at Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland.

Enriching young minds was always in the forefront for Anne. She was a dedicated teacher who set high goals and expectations for each of her many students during her 32 years with the parochial and public schools in Campbell, Oh. She was instrumental in early childhood development programs in the area, having worked with Head Start.

Anne was extremely proud of her Slovak heritage and became an active Sokolka in her youth. She served as an officer and as president of our former Assembly 26 in Campbell. In 1978, Anne was the first female elected as president of Group 17, "Rev. Francis Skutil" serving in this position for a number of years. The 23rd national convention elected Anne as Supreme Ladies Vice President

in 1979. She was reelected to this position at the 24th convention in 1983 serving in this position for a total of eight years. She served on the committee for our organization's 75th anniversary in 1980 and created and hand-stitched the beautiful Diamond Jubilee Quilt which incorporated individual colorful patches submitted by the organization's Assemblies and Wreaths. This creative "labor of love" as she noted at its unveiling, continues to grace our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum at the home office in Passaic. During her years as Supreme Ladies Vice President, Anne penned the popular column "Stir Craft'n Stitch in the Slovak Catholic Falcon. In 1995, in recognition of her years of dedicated fraternal service and leadership, Anne was named the Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year.

She and her husband, John Sarosy, who served as a Supreme Auditor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, were active in St. John the Baptist Slovak Parish in Campbell, Oh. In addition to our organization, Anne was a founding director of the Mahoning Valley Slovak Cultural Society. During the American Bicentennial in 1976, she help organize one of the largest Slovak American celebrations. Anne was also active in the work of the Slovak League of America. She served as a national vice president and was director of its scholarship awards program for many years. She was among the early supporters of the work of the Slovak World Congress which was established in 1970. She served as chairperson of its women's committee. She participated as a delegate to the Conference on Freedom and Peace hosted by the Slovak World Congress in November 1983 in Munich, then still part of West Germany. She also participated in the Youth Festivals of the Slovak World Congress in Austria and the United States. In 1995, Anne edited the Cookbook "A Culinary Collection of our Slovak Heritage published by the Slovak World Congress. In addition, she co-authored with her daughter, Sandra Sarosy Duve, the Slovak cookbook, Treasured Tastes and Traditions.

Anne visited Slovakia on two occasions. In addition, Anne was active in the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation and was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Duve (James) of Colorado Springs, Co. and Martha Vercellone (Joseph) of Dothan, Ala; granddaughter Julianne Gnandt (Dr. Ryan); grandsons, Christopher Duve (Laura) and Jonathan Zetts; and great-grandchildren, Madeline and James Duve and Matthew, Andrew, Nicholas and Jonathan

Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 11	Thomas E. Sojak, Chicago, IL	63	May 22, 2015
Assembly 11	Julia T. Rokosz, Chicago, IL	93	June 8, 2015
Assembly 25	James Anthony Berna, Perryopolis, PA	64	May 30, 2015
Assembly 25	John E. Bedner, Perryopolis, PA	90	May 9, 2015
Assembly 36	Veronica M. Olsowy, Detroit, MI	81	June 11, 2015
Assembly 36	Patricia Brubaker, Detroit, MI	81	June 9, 2015
Assembly 36	Bennett A. Jakubcanin, Detroit, MI	84	May 17, 2015
Assembly 59	Florence Ockovic, Wilkes-Barre, PA	88	March 8, 2015
Assembly 59	Cecilia A. Koneski, Wilkes-Barre, PA	87	May 31, 2015
Assembly 78	John G. Mingora, Lilly, PA	91	June 16, 2015
Assembly 78	Helen Sabolcik, Lilly, PA	91	May 27, 2015
Assembly 108	Robert J. O'Malley, Youngstown, OH	68	May 17, 2015
Assembly 108	Paul T. Gonda, Youngstown, PA	79	May 19, 2015
Assembly 108	Margaret Nolfi, Youngstown, PA	84	June 21, 2015
Assembly 108	Joseph J. Bartos, Youngstown, PA	83	January 25, 2015
Assembly 162	John W. Moss, Clifton, NJ	65	May 23, 2015
Assembly 180	Helen Dobransky, Canton, OH	97	November 12, 2014
Assembly 185	Rose Sawicki, Binghamton, NY	91	June 15, 2015
Assembly 312	Robert M. Tych, Passaic, NJ	72	June 3, 2015
Assembly 312	Thomas K. Burdenski, Passaic, NJ	84	May 12, 2015
Assembly 312	John Yanick, Passaic, NJ	93	May 8, 2015
Assembly 312	Rev. Stephen J. Krisanda Jr., Passaic, NJ	82	June 22, 2015
Wreath 1	Helen Galya, Bridgeport, CT	92	May 22, 2015
Wreath 1	Cynthia M. Vasil, Bridgeport, CT	57	June 8, 2015
Wreath 11	Michael M. Macica, Johnstown, NY	92	June 5, 2015
Wreath 11	Andrew Macica, Johnstown, NY	92	May 16, 2015
Wreath 14	Mary Moll, Johnstown, PA	92	April 15, 2015
Wreath 29	Marilyn Slattery, Farrell, PA	76	June 1, 2015
Wreath 85	Aniela Ros, Mc kees Rocks, PA	91	May 11, 2015
Wreath 103	Mildred R. Heislman, Barberton, OH	89	May 25, 2015
Wreath 107	Emily Kotch, Youngstown, OH	87	June 17, 2015
Wreath 153	Francis Fallet, Parma, OH	93	May 2, 2015
Wreath 153	Michael Dobaj Jr., Parma, OH	97	November 19, 2015
Wreath 168	Nancy Haffner, New York, NY	76	June 20, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

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

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Gnandt, plus "baby sister," who is due in October.

Anne was preceded in death by her husband, John in August 1981; her parents; sister, Estjer DeSanto; and a brother, Bill Zvara.

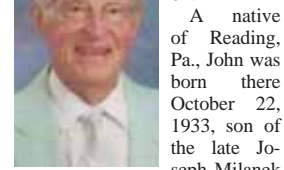
A Mass of Christian burial in celebration of her life was held on August 13 at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Woodmen Valley, Colo. Interment with a private committal service will be held at a later date at St. John the Baptist Slovak Cemetery in Lowellville, Oh.

Anne was a deeply prayerful woman and found great joy in her family, Slovak heritage and lifelong learning. The 103rd Psalm was her daily prayer; "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, Bless His Holy Name." Funeral arrangements in Ohio were handled by the Wasko Funeral Home in Campbell.

Sister Sarosy was a gifted, talented and dedicated Sokolka all her life. In every position she held, full commitment and dedication was always in great evidence. There was hardly a Slovak or Catholic activity in Ohio, or nationally as well, that did not have her cooperation and full support. She was elegant, sincere and creative in all that she accomplished. She was a patriotic American and proud daughter of Slovakia. She will be sorely missed. Anne certainly left an indelible mark on the life of our organization. She was a credit to our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. May she rest in peace. Zdar Boh!

John A. Milanek, former Supreme Auditor, laid to rest at age 81 in Reading, Pa.

John A. "Jano" Milanek of Whitfield, Pa. passed away peacefully on July 28 in Reading Hospital after a brief illness. He was 81.



A native of Reading, Pa., John was born there October 22, 1933, son of the late Joseph Milanek and the former Catherine Pavlik. He was raised in SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish there. He was enrolled as a Sokol as a child in our former Junior Assembly 333. He competed at our Group and national Slets. He served as the sports director of Assembly 261 for many years and actively promoted various area Sokol sporting events including the Eastern District Basketball and Volleyball and Bowling competitions. He represented his Assembly at our national conventions. In 1970, following the death of the Supreme Secretary Joseph Prusa he was named a Supreme Auditor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Over the years, Brother Milanek was among our organization's top recommenders of new membership.

A 1951 graduate of Reading

Catholic High School, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army. On September 19, 1953, he married the former Rose M. Accordinio who survived. Brother John worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for many years, then completed his career at GPU, retiring in 1994.

Brother Milanek was an active member of St. Ignatius Loola Parish in Whitefield, Pa. His Catholic faith was the center of his life; one of his greatest joys was serving the 6:30 a.m. Mass five days a week for the past 18 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his special nephew, Robert Kostival, who donated a kidney to John in 2004; and his loving and dedicated niece, Kathleen Swope, who tried to donate a kidney to John, as well. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Frank and George.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on August 3rd at St. Ignatius Church. Interment followed at Gethsemane Cemetery. May our Brother John, a Catholic gentleman, patriotic American and devoted fraternalist now rest in peace. He beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith throughout his life. Our sympathy goes out to the Milanek family.

38. slovenský festival v PNC Bank Arts Center bude 27. septembra

Organizačný výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey pripravuje aj na tohoročný 38. festival bohatý program. Festival sa bude konať v nedeľu 27. septembra v PNC Bank Arts Center v Holmdel, NJ. Program začne o 10.00hodine ráno a skončí večer po 6. 00hodine.

Tohto roku sa tradičné bohoslužby budú konať v grécko-katolíckom obrade a začnú o 11.00 hodine predpoludním. Bohoslužby sa budú konať v grécko-katolíckom obrade. Hlavným celebrantom bude grécko-katolícky biskup Ján Pazak, C.Ss.R. z Toronta.

V kultúrnom programe vystúpí známy ľudový súbor z Pitts-

burghu PAS a tiež viaceré detské súbory z New Yorku a New Jersey. Predstaví sa aj operný spevák Jozef Ivaška ml.

Program festivalu doplnia aj ďalšie aktivity, ako hry pre deti, futbalový turnaj a tanečná hudba. Ako po iné roky, na festivale budú predajné a výstavné stánky s knihami, keramikou, pamiatkovými predmetmi a rôznymi výrobkami slovenského ľudového umenia a stánky so slovenskými špecialitami. Festival prídu pozdraviť aj slovenskí diplomati v USA a očakáva sa aj účasť vysokých činiteľov Slovenskej republiky.

Vstup do parku a parkovanie sú bezplatné.

Do Afganistanu prišlo ďalších dvanásť slovenských vojakov

Počet slovenských vojakov v Afganistane v rámci misie Resolute Support sa zvýšil o ďalších 12. Budú plniť úlohy v oblasti komunikačných a informačných systémov NATO, ktoré zabezpečujú činnosť jednotlivých veliteľstiev.

Slovenskí vojaci pôsobia konkrétne ako systémoví administrátori siete, komunikační administrátori siete LAN a WAN a budú zastávať aj pozície v oblasti kybernetickej bezpečnosti.

Po desiatich rokoch sa minulý rok skončila v Afganistane bojová operácia ISAF a jej prirodzeným pokračovaním sa od januára stala nebojová misia Resolute Support.

Jej primárnym cieľom je podpora, ale aj poradenstvo a výcvik afganských bezpečnostných síl. V Afganistane má Slovensko v súčasnosti nasadených 51 vojakov.

Ich jadro tvoria členovia 5. pluku špeciálneho určenia - út-

varu síl pre špeciálne operácie. Okrem vojakov školiacich afganských kolegov pôsobia priamo v Kábule slovenskí vojaci v najvyššom veliteľstve Resolute Support a dvaja zdravotníci v polných nemocniciach.

V štruktúre najvyššieho veliteľstva špeciálnych síl v Afganistane NSOCC-A reprezentuje Slovenskú republiku jeden člen 5. pluku špeciálneho určenia..

Slovenskí vojaci by mali v Afganistane v budúcnosti školiť aj letecký a technický personál Afganskej národnej armády. Na základe požiadaviek partnerov Slovensko už pripravuje takýchto odborníkov.

Vládou a parlamentom odsúhlasený počet vojakov pôsobiacich v tejto krajine sa tým nezvyšší, potrebné bude odobriť doplnenie úloh. V Afganistane môže pôsobiť podľa schváleného mandátu do 66 slovenských vojakov. - *sita*

Jaguar Land Rover vytvorí na Slovensku 8-tisíc pracovných miest

(Pokračovanie zo str. 20)

zostavanú továrňu v Brazílii.

Rozšírenie automobilového priemyslu na Slovensku by malo pozitívne ovplyvniť okrem znižovania nezamestnanosti, ktorá by tak podľa odhadov mohla klesnúť až pod desať percent, aj rast ekonomiky. Investícia v hodnote 1,4 mld. eur predstavuje podľa analytiky Slovenskej sporiteľne Kataríny Muchovej pritom dve percentá hrubého domáceho produktu.

„Výroba dopravných prostriedkov spolu so subdávateľmi patria k hlavným ťahúňom slovenského priemyslu a predstavujú približne tretinu celkovej priemyselnej výroby. Vývoz dopravných prostriedkov je výz-namnou časťou celkového vývozu Slovenska. Automobilová výroba predstavuje zhruba 35 % celkového priemyselného vývozu krajiny. Po spustení produkcie Jaguaru Land Rover by sa tento pomer mal ešte zvýšiť,“ povedala Muchová.

Vlani sa na Slovensku vyrobilo viac ako 970-tisíc nových automobilov. Po prepočte na tisíc obyvateľov sa v krajine pod Tatrami vyrobí najviac automobilov na svete, konkrétne 179. Automobilová výroba predstavuje zhruba 35 % celkového priemyselného vývozu krajiny.

Automobilky s dodávateľmi dávajú prácu pre vyše 70-tisíc Slovákov. Nepriamo aj s nadviazanými odvetvami služieb a priemyslu výroba áut zamestnáva až 200-tisíc Slovákov.

Naposledy v roku 2006 začali na Slovensku výrobu trnavská automobilka PSA Peugeot Citroën a žilinská Kia. Jaguar Land Rover je tak investíciou desaťročia. Predtým, ešte v roku 1991, prišiel do Bratislavy nemecký Volkswagen.

O postavenie závodu Jaguaru sa rozhodovalo medzi Českom, Slovenskom a Poľskom.

Ach, tá naša slovenčina!

Lídri budú rokovať o ďalších základniach NATO na východe Európy. - *pravda.sk*

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Bojnický zámok patrí medzi najkrajšie zámky v strednej Európe



Bojnický zámok patrí medzi najkrajšie a najnavštevovanejšie zámky nielen na Slovensku, ale aj v strednej Európe. Romantickú stavbu prestavali v rokoch 1889 - 1910 podľa projektu architekta Jozefa Huberta na spôsob francúzskych gotických hradov, s čiastočným ponechaním pôvodného stavu niekdajšieho stredovekého hradu.

Príkaz na prestavbu mu dal gróf Ján František Pálffy, posledný šľachtický majiteľ zámku. Očaril ho vzhľad zámkov pri rieke Loire v strednom Francúzsku, preto sa rozhodol dať zámku novú neogotickú tvár s výraznými str-

mými strechami paláca, kaplnky a veží.

Práve Ján Pálffy vo svojom testamente vyslovil želanie, aby umelecké diela zostali na svojich miestach a prehliadku priestorov zámku umožnili všetkým záujemcom. Časť cenných predmetov síce rozpredali, no múzeum pod správou Slovenského národného múzea sa môže pýšiť niekoľkými historickými skvostmi. K najväčším unikátom a najcennejším dielam patrí neskorogotický súbor obrazov - tzv. Bojnický oltár di florentského majstra Noldo di Cione Ortagna z polovice 14. storočia.

O kolko zarábajú na Slovensku ženy menej ako muži

Na Slovensku zarábajú ženy v priemere o 22 percent menej ako muži. Najväčší rozdiel medzi platmi mužov a žien je v Košickom kraji, kde ženy zarobia až o 24 percent menej. Ich mesačná mzda je až o 240 eur nižšia ako u mužov. Muži v Bratislavskom kraji zarábajú v priemere 1 413 eur mesačne v hrubom. Ženy zarobia o 21 percent menej, teda 1 119 eur. Vyplýva to z prieskumu platov portálu platy.sk.

Najmenší rozdiel medzi platmi žien a mužov je v Prešovskom kraji, kde priemerná hrubá mesačná mzda muža tvorí 877

eur, pričom u žien je to 712 eur. Rozdiel medzi nimi tak celkovo tvorí 165 eur mesačne.

Mesačné platy od roku 2014 sa zvýšili o 4 percentá. Kým minulý rok zarobili Slováci v priemere 890 eur v hrubom za mesiac, tento rok tvorí hrubý mesačný plat 924 eur. A to aj vrátane odmien zamestnancov.

Najvyšší plat dostávajú ľudia pracujúci v Bratislavskom kraji, kde v priemere zarobia 1 280 eur mesačne. Košický kraj tvorí oproti Bratislavskému regiónu najmenší rozdiel 28 percent spomedzi ostatných krajov.



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V nedeľu 2. augusta sa v Katedrále sv. Pavla v Pittsburghu, PA konala koncelebrovaná svätá omša pri príležitosti začiatku 32. konvencie Slovenského katolíckeho sokola. Hlavným celebrantom bol biskup z Pittsburghu Most Rev. David A. Zubik, D.D. - Foto: John F. Richmawsky

Svetová výstava Titanic v Bratislave

V stredu 12. augusta v Bratislave slávnostne otvorii výstavu pod názvom Titanic. Vďaka dokonalej rekonštrukcii kajút na lodi, strojovne alebo jedálne návštevníkom vzniká naozajstná atmosféra prepychu aj biedy na začiatku 20. storočia. Návštevníci zažijú nádheru dobových interiérov, ale aj hluk strojovni a následnú úzkosť pred naozajstným a reálnym nešťastím.

Expozícia je rozšírená o tzv. Slovenskú stopu na Titanicu. Organizátori sa pre ňu rozhodli po zistení, že medzi pasažiermi legendárnej lode bol aj Slováčok. Výstavu doplnili o ilustračné zábery a udalosti zo Slovenska v čase potopenia slávnej lode z archívu Slovenského národného múzea.

Výstava prezentuje stovky originálnych artefaktov, ktoré boli zachránené zo slávneho vraku Titanic. Medzi exponátmi sú časti vybavenia lode, rôzne kusy nábytku, porcelán a osobné predmety cestujúcich (šperky, kabelky, či časti oblečenia).

Krátke správy zo Slovenska



☐ Takmer tretinu evidovaných nezamestnaných na konci júna tohto roku tvorili na Slovensku mladí ľudia do 29 rokov. Išlo celkovo takmer o 105,8 tisíce osôb z celkového počtu 353,8 tisíc nezamestnaných. Do 20 rokov malo ku koncu prvého polroka tohto roku 8,9 tisíc ľudí bez práce, vo veku od 20 do 24 rokov bolo 51,2 tisíc nezamestnaných a vyše 45,7 tisíc uchádzačov o zamestnanie malo 24 až 29 rokov. Ďalších 40,1 tisíc nezamestnaných bolo ku koncu júna vo veku od 30 do 34 rokov. Vyplýva to z údajov, ktoré zverejnilo Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR.

☐ V pásme od 35 do 39 rokov úradu práce vyzkázali ku koncu prvého polroka 42,6 tisíce uchádzačov o zamestnanie, vo veku od 40 do 44 rokov bolo 39,3 tisíce nezamestnaných, vo veku od 45 do 49 rokov bolo na úradoch práce 36,6 tisíce uchádzačov o zamestnanie. Vek od 50 do 54 rokov malo 39,9 tisíc nezamestnaných, v kategórii od 55 do 59 rokov bolo ku koncu

júna 42,1 tisíc nezamestnaných. Takmer 7,4 tisíc nezamestnaných bolo vo veku nad 60 rokov.

☐ Po vlne tropických horúčav, ktoré na niektorých miestach dosahovali skoro 40 stupňov Celzia, sa Slovensko ochladilo silnými búrkami. V niektorých regiónoch napáchali veľké škody. Voda zaliala ulice, stromy padali na autá a elektrické vedenia.

☐ Až 25-tisíc eur (približne 27-tisíc USD) ročne zarobí zamestnanec v automobilke Volkswagen, ktorá je na vrchole rebríčka najlepšie platiacich firiem na Slovensku.

☐ Americký vojenský konvoj, ktorý sa bude presúvať z Nemecka na aliančné cvičenie do Maďarska, by malo tvoriť približne 100 až 150 kusov techniky a 500 ľudí. Konvoj by mal cez Slovensko prejsť v polovici septembra. Rezort obrany Slovenskej republiky tvrdí, že pokiaľ dôjde k dohodám, bude mať verejnosť možnosť obzrieť si vojenskú techniku a stretnúť sa s americkými vojakmi.

Jaguar Land Rover vytvorí na Slovensku 8-tisíc nových pracovných miest

Slovensko získalo štvrtú automobilku. Jaguar Land Rover vytvorí 8-tisíc nových pracovných miest, z toho polovicu priamo v závode pri Nitre a druhú polovicu v sieti subdodávateľov. Výroba luxusných terénnych áut by sa mala začať v roku 2018.

Závod by mal ročne vyrobiť 300-tisíc áut, čím sa stane jednou z najväčších fabriek spoločnosti. Slovenská lokalita by mala byť zároveň prvou na území Európskej únie mimo Veľkej Británie.

Napriek podpisu memoranda s vládou SR definitívne rozhodnutie automobilky ešte nepadlo. To by malo byť známe až po výsledkoch štúdie uskutočniteľnosti neskôr v tom-

to roku. Poliari nedávno informovali, že Jaguar príde k nim a v utorok v krajine zavládlo rozčarovanie. Predstavitelia poľskej vlády tvrdia, že rozhodli stimuly, ale samotná automobilka hovorí niečo iné.

„Rozhodli sme sa vstúpiť do štúdie uskutočniteľnosti so Slovenskom, pretože je sídlom automobilového priemyslu, má prístup k silným dodávateľským reťazcom a k dobrej logistickej infraštruktúre,“ reagovala pre denník Pravda Lisa Palmerová, hovorkyňa automobilky Jaguar Land Rover. Nová továreň tak má doplniť existujúce fabriky vo Veľkej Británii, v Číne, Indii a ro-

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Záverečný ceremoniál, ktorý sa konal 18. júla pri príležitosti ukončenia 47. Zletu Slovenského katolíckeho sokola. Zlet sa konal od 14. do 18. júla v Slippery Rock University v Pensylvánii. Zúčastnili sa ho atléti z deviatich žúp. Zástavu víťazov si odniesli športovci zo 14. župy.