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## Make plans now to participate

### All is in readiness for this year's exciting 30th annual International Softball Tournament at Kirby Park Fields in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

by James C. Matlon  
Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics

Spring is in the air and it is time to go outside and play some softball! Our 30th annual International Softball Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of June 23rd through the 25th. The site for the event will be Kirby Park Fields located at 280 Market Street, Kingston, Pa and the tournament headquarters will be at the Best Western Genetti Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., located just minutes from the fields.

The new, co-ed format was very successful last year and hopefully we will add additional teams for the 2017 softball tournament. The co-ed rules are very simple: a minimum of three females must play on each co-ed team.

Competition will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 24th and will continue throughout the day.



We will utilize up to three fields for play during the day with the semi-final and final games scheduled for Saturday afternoon, or if necessary, in the early evening. Depending on the number of teams we will guarantee three games in a round robin or double elimination format.

Rooms have been reserved at the Best Western Genetti Hotel; however, you must contact me at (973) 647-8551 to secure your team's lodging before June 2nd. The hotel is located at 77 Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. The telephone number at the hotel is (570) 825-6477.

Our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC will celebrate Mass on Saturday afternoon at Pavilion #3 at Kirby Park. After Mass, a picnic style buffet dinner will be served to participants and

guests at Kirby Park.

More information can be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website. All tournament entry forms must be mailed to me with the entry fee per team, no later than June 2nd. Please make your checks payable to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol  
- Sports Account  
6 Academy Drive East  
Whippany, NJ 07981

This year the cost of each team's entry is \$400.00 before the deadline date, and \$450.00 per team after the June 2nd date. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call or text me at (973) 647-8551.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Wilkes-Barre!

Zdar Boh!

## Slovak Catholic Federation hosts Spring Board Meeting in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The National Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation held its Spring 2017 meeting on Tuesday, April 4 in Wilkes Barre, PA. A group of early arrivals gathered at the Bear Creek Inn the evening before for dinner, hosted by Theresa Kluchinski and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. The session began at 9:00 AM with a call to order by National President, Rev. Andrew HvozdoVIC.

As is customary and highlighting the Catholic nature of the group, morning prayer was led by Rev. Msgr. Thomas Derzack, SCF National Chaplain. Beginning with the devotion from the Liturgy of the Hours for Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent, Msgr. Derzack then offered a reflection, Ten Ways to Mediate on Christ's Passion. This included suggestions to read the Biblical account of the

Passion of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, silent reflection and contemplation before the Crucifix, pious practice of The Way of the Cross, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, making a good confession, reflecting on the Seven Last Words of Christ, watching the classic film, "The Passion of the Christ", offering Penance, participating in the Good Friday Liturgy and finally, seek grace from Our Lady of Sorrows, the "Stabat Mater", who stood valiantly at the foot of the cross.

In his opening remarks, Rev. Andrew HvozdoVIC noted his visit on Monday to the room dedicated to Father Jozef (Joseph) Murgas, the founder of the Slovak Catholic Federation at King's College in Wilkes Barre with Father Thomas Nasta, First National Vice President. Father HvozdoVIC reiterated

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## 2017 Law Day Message from our General Counsel

By John D. Pgoelec, Jr., Esq.

On May 1, 2017, America commemorated Law Day, a National day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. It is an appropriate occasion for us to pause and consider the role of law in our society and the responsibilities of every citizen with respect to law. We should dedicate this day and emphasize the great heritage of American law which protects our rights and freedoms. This year's theme is "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" honoring the 150th anniversary of this amendment which has served as a source of inspiration for all those who advocate equal justice under the law. This theme emphasizes the critical role this constitutional amendment has played in securing and protecting so many of the rights we enjoy today. Over the course of our nation's history, we are reminded that liberty, equality, and justice are our most precious possessions. Law Day provides us with an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice under the law. Freedom, liberty, and law require eternal vigilance. It has been said that those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.



The purpose of Law Day is to call attention of every citizen to the practice and principles of law and justice. During the month of May, each of us should reflect on our legal heritage, the role of law in our society, and the rights we enjoy under the 14th Amendment. The overall objective in celebrating Law Day is to bring to as many individuals as possible a keener awareness of their reliance upon law in their daily lives and of this indispensable role of law in our natural life. On this day, each of us should reflect on our legal heritage and the rights we enjoy under the 14th Amendment. We should celebrate our freedom by taking pride in the benefits of our system of law and justice.



The 14th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1868, and granted citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States," which included former slaves recently freed. In addition, it forbids states from denying any person "life, liberty or property, without due process of law" or to "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." By directly mentioning the role of the states, the 14th Amendment greatly expanded the protection of civil rights to all Americans and ironically, is cited in more litigation than any other amendment.

The 2017 theme provides the opportunity to explore the many ways that the 14th Amendment has reshaped American law and society. Through its citizenship, due process, and equal protection clauses, this transformative amendment has advanced the rights of all Americans in several significant ways:

-- It provided the legal mechanism for the key guarantees of the Bill of Rights, including free speech, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures, and the right to trial by jury, to become enforceable against the states, not just against the federal government;

-- Its due process clause provided the authority for court recognition of certain fundamental rights not specifically enumerated in the Constitution, such as the right to privacy; and

-- Its equal protection clause established the framework for challenging laws and state sanctioned practices that create or perpetrate inequality.

Six decades have passed since the first celebration of Law Day. Throughout this time period, the 14th Amendment has continued to

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## Message from our Supreme President

by Michael J. Horvath

Is it true, April showers bring May flowers? Maybe, it is true since there are some important events in May.

First, the whole month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Every day in May is set aside to honor, petition, and pray to the Blessed Mother. This allows us to become closer to her in the many names we invoke her for our causes. Visiting a church named in her honor can be a way to do our own little pilgrimage to express our devotion to her. To see the days in May named for the Blessed Mother go to the Catholic News Agency website, <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/prayers/devotions/to-the-blessed-virgin-mary/month-of-mary-may-devotions/> for the list.

Then on the second Sunday in May, we honor our earthly mothers on their special day, Mother's Day. For over 100 years our country proclaims a national holiday to express our love and reverence for our Mothers. There have been many poems, sayings and quotes that were written over the century to help us find the words and thoughts of what our Mothers mean to us. Even though the day has been commercialized just visiting our mothers and wishing her a Happy Mother's Day says it the best.

I extend my best wish to all of our members who are Mothers, in any degree, "Happy Mother's Day". Let us also remember all Mothers who are deceased, since they are still and will always be with us.

Another day we celebrate in

May is our national holiday, Memorial Day. Even though this day was created for remembering those who died while serving in the country's armed services, it also allows us to remember our deceased loved ones and friends. Take time on this unofficial beginning of summer and visit the cemeteries to remember our family and friends who are forever in our hearts and those who served our country.

May is definitely the month of flowers, for the Blessed Mother and May Crowning, the many bouquets and flowers given to mothers for Mother's Day and the flowers we plant to decorate the many graves for Memorial Day surely let us believe, the April showers brought the May flowers.

How many times do you hear there is no good news, only bad news? This might be true for the commercial news media but for our bi-monthly publication the "Falcon" there is only good news. The purpose of the "Falcon" is to let members know what the Slovak Catholic Sokol is doing on a national, Group and local level.

Our editor, Daniel F. Tanzone, has told me not much news is coming in from our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. Good news from our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths inform others on what you did your successes and accomplishments, and the fraternal life that lives in the many corners of the organization. Good news also educated and stimulates others to get involved and try something. Best practices are always copied by others and new ideas should be shared so others can see the light.

This is a request to help our publication, "the Falcon", be the source of information and pride. No matter what the story is about, if it involves a Sokol member,

Group, Assembly or Wreath activity, success or accomplishment send in an article to the editor for publication. I know, there are some who will say I am not a bragger, I am timid, or my writing is not good; do not worry, our editor will help you tell your story. Then who read your story can decide to be either proud or jealous, or both. As it is said, success breeds success. Send in your articles and see it in the Falcon.

This coming Saturday, May 6, 2017 is the fraternal society annual "Join Hands Day", a day of service. I hope all Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths have something planned for the day so the Slovak Catholic Sokol will have many stories to tell. No matter how small of a group of members involved, no matter what the activity, share your story and let others know what you did. Send in the pictures with the story so it can publicize it in the Falcon and be put on our website for the world to see. This is a way others can see the light of successful Slovak Catholic Sokol activities and fraternalism.

As we begin to surface from the doldrums of winter it is a good time to start looking to our Slovak Catholic Sokol activities. Our first activity, the 71st International Bowling Tournament is in two weeks, May 19-20, 2017 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. I am looking forward to see all members of

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### Quotations for Mother's Day

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

~Tenneva Jordan

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love.

~Mildred B. Vermont

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~Author Unknown

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

~Sophia Loren, *Women and Beauty*

Mother — that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. ~T. DeWitt Talmage

A mother understands what a child does not say. ~Author Unknown

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.

~Washington Irving

### Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain

## Labor for the food which endures to eternal life

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdevic

What do you most hunger for - wealth, peace, health, love, the good life? Jesus addressed this issue with those who sought him after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Were they simply hungry for things which satisfy the body or for that which satisfies the heart and soul? Jesus echoes the question posed by the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two kinds of hunger - physical and spiritual. Only God can satisfy the hunger in our heart and soul - the hunger for truth, for life, and for love.

Jesus also spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God' Son whom he has sent into the world. Jesus offers a new relationship with God which issues in a new kind of life: A life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness; a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life?

Lord Jesus, you alone can satisfy the deepest longing and hunger in our hearts. May I always hunger for the imperishable bread, that I may be satisfied in you alone as the True Bread of Heaven. Nourish and strengthen me that I may serve you with great joy, generosity, and zeal all the days of my life.



### Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum Donations: January - April 2017

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations received during January through April 2017 in support of our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, N.J. The monies received from these donations fund our annual \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships, which assist our young people in their educational pursuits and endeavors. The number of these scholarship grants is dependent on the amount of donations received.

#### DONATIONS RECEIVED

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Total donations: \$235.00 - Thank you for your generosity!  
Zdar Boh!

Dennis J. Zifcak, *Supreme Treasurer*

### OUR NEXT ISSUE IS MAY 17TH

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, May 17th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, May 11th. View *e-Falcon* on our website: [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org). Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh! - Daniel F. Tanzone, *Editor*



The Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey in Cleveland, Oh. and our Slovak Catholic Sokol Protector, is shown above greeting Pope Francis during his recent visit at the Vatican. Abbot Gary was in Rome to participate in the Congress of Abbots of the Benedictine order from around the world. This year marks the 95th anniversary of the beginnings of the Benedictine Order of Cleveland. It was in February 1922 that the first Slovak Benedictines from St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Ill. came to Cleveland to begin the foundation of what has become St. Andrew Svorad Abbey.



## Caring and Sharing Project of Our 48th International Slet

In just a few months, we will gather together to enjoy our organization's 48th International Slet at SUNY Brockport, N.Y. In the best traditions of fraternal outreach, the Supreme Physical Fitness Board decided to participate in a philanthropic project or a 'good deed.' We would like the youngsters who will compete at the Slet to participate. Sometimes it is difficult to get them involved by bringing canned goods for a local food pantry. Because canned goods can be difficult to pack, we have decided to pursue a different route. This year, we have decided to participate in an organization known as the Crayon Initiative. This an organization that takes used, unused, broken and old crayons and melts them down to become new crayons. They are then donated to children's hospitals.

We encourage all our Slet participants to bring along all the crayons they have laying around the house. This is an opportunity to put those old crayons to new use. Complete details of this project may be found on this page. We thank our Slet participants in advance as we promote fraternal outreach.

Zdar Boh!

**Katie Swift**

*Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*

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## Sokol Calendar

### SAT.MAY 13

Mothers and Fathers Day luncheon hosted by The Slovak Garden featuring Slovak culinary specialties in the cultural center, 3110 Howell Branch Rd. #100, Winter Park, Fla., 1 to 4 p.m., for reservations call 407 677-6894.

### SAT.MAY 20

Group 14, "St. Francis of Assisi" meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 10 a.m.  
4th annual Eastern European Food Festival at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall, 411 Crestmont St., Reading, Pa. 19611 from 12 noon to 5 p.m., eat in or take out available, for information call Kathi Smolkowicz at 610 507-3748.

### SUN.MAY 21

4th annual Slovak Children's Folk Fest hosted by the Slovak American Cultural Center of New York in the

St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 406 East 67th St., New York, N.Y. beginning at 1 p.m., refreshments will be available.

### JUNE 2-4

Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend at Rocky Gap Casino and Resort, Flintstone, Md. open to all members; for information email Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift at [Katie70@aol.com](mailto:Katie70@aol.com).

### MON.JUNE 5

Lecture "Eastern Slovak Village Culture and Traditions" by Emma Moser at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m., free of charge.

### SUN.JUNE 11

Semi-annual meeting of Group 6, "Msgr. Andrew Hlinka" at Hoss's Sea and Steak House, Finley Road, Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012 beginning at 1:15 p.m., for reservations call Group 6 President Anna Mae Warnick at 724 736-4032; deadline for reservations is

June 4.

Annual picnic hosted by the Slovak American Society of Washington at Fort Hunt Park, off the George Washington Memorial Highway, Alexandria, Va. from 12 noon to 5 p.m., \$15 for individuals, \$20 for a family; contact Raymond Luca 703 475-8356.

### SAT.JUNE 17

6th annual Simply Slavic Fest, celebrating the heritage, culture and cuisine, of the family of Slavic nations, in downtown Youngstown, Oh. from 12 noon to 6 p.m., for information call Loretta Ekoniak at 330 549-3760.

### JUNE 22-25

24th Slet and Festival hosted by The American Sokol, Iowa Sports Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for information tel. 708 255-5397, [www.american-sokol.org](http://www.american-sokol.org).

### JUNE 23-25

30th S.C.S. International Softball Tournament at Kirby Park Fields, with participants housed at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for information, call James C. Matlon at 973 647-8551.

### SUN.JUNE 25

Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands meeting in the social hall of Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Johnstown, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m.

Assembly 163 semi-annual meeting at Dorothy's Place in Donora, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m., light refreshments will be served during the meeting; for information call Financial Secretary Theresa Gardner at 724 263-7289.

### JULY 12-16

48th International Slet at the State University of New York at Brockport, N.Y.

### THURS.JULY 20

94th annual American Slovak Day of Western Pennsylvania at Kenneywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. beginning at 12:30 p.m. with children's games and treats; Mass at 4 p.m.; Slovak folk entertainment at 5 p.m.; for information contact Sue Ondrejco at [sue.ndrejco@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ndrejco@gmail.com) or tel. 412 421-1204.

### AUG.25-27

27th annual Slovak Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish, 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, Mich. 48314, Friday: 6-11 p.m., Saturday: 12 noon - 11 p.m., Sunday: 12 noon - 9 p.m. for additional information call 586 726-6911 or [www.adoremylord.com](http://www.adoremylord.com).

## Summer language camp set for Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will host its 2nd annual Summer Slovak Language Camp for children. The classes are free of charge, however a slight charge is due for materials. The camp meets Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. beginning on Saturday, May 6 through Saturday, June 24. The camp is held at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library located at 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard in Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228. The instructor will be Bozena Hilko. To be considered for the camp, the child must be able to read. For reservations contact Bozena at [bozi@comcast.net](mailto:bozi@comcast.net). This year's camp is in response to the popularity of last summer's program.

## 4th Annual Slovak Children's Folklore festival in New York on May 21

The Slovak American Cultural Center will host its 4th annual Afternoon of Slovak Folklore, Music and Dance on Sunday, May 21 in New York City. The annual celebration of Slovak music, song and dance will be held in St. John Nepomucene Social Hall located at 406 East 67th Street in Manhattan beginning at 1 p.m. The program actually begins with Mass celebrated in Slovak in St. John Nepomucene Church at 10:30 a.m. where the pastor is the Rev. Richard D. Baker. Father Baker serves as chaplain of our Sokol Group 1. Following the liturgy a coffee social hour will be enjoyed and a luncheon featuring Slovak culinary specialties will be available.



The colorful and entertaining program begins at 1 p.m. featuring the artistry of Slovak children's folk ensembles from the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. Folk ensembles with youngsters age 8 and older which are expected to participate include the following groups: Domovinka from SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Clifton, N.J.; the Lipka Ensemble from Holy Family Parish, Linden, N.J., the ensemble from the Slovak School at St. John Nepomucene Parish, New York City; The Slovak Children's Folk Ensemble from St. Michael's Parish in Trenton, N.J.; Limboracik from the Czech and Slovak Cultural Center in Astoria, N.Y.; the Limborra Slovak Folk Ensemble, the Pajtasi Folk Orchestra of New York and the Hlas chorus and dancers of the Pajtasi Ensemble.

Featured soloists at this year's folk festival will include our well-known Assembly 182 Sokol, Andrew Pulver, who has sung at the Metropolitan Opera who will offer a medley of Slovak folk songs; and the young violinist Isabella Valcuha.

Last year's afternoon of Slovak folklore featured the talent and expertise of more than 200 youngsters from the metropolitan area. This year's program is expected to attract an even larger number of youngsters, attired in their colorful kroj, performing the high-stepping, traditional dances and music from the various regions of Slovakia. An enjoyable afternoon, celebrating the rich folk traditions of Slovakia by talented youngsters, is assured. Admission is just \$5.00 for adults. Children of all ages are welcome free of charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Refreshments will be available.

Founded in New York City in 1967, this year, the Slovak American Cultural Center celebrates its 50th anniversary. Over the past half century, SAKS, as the organization is known from its Slovak title, has hosted numerous Slovak cultural and educational activities. Sokol members have been active in the organization from its earliest years. The May 21st folklore afternoon will be yet another outstanding opportunity to celebrate Slovak culture and heritage at its best.

## Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend!!

*Let's celebrate friendship and our Sokol family by getting together for a fun filled weekend.*

**When: June 2-4, 2017**  
**Where: Rocky Gap Casino and Resort**  
**Flintstone, MD**

We will start the weekend off with a pool side social on Friday evening at 8:00.

Saturday can be filled with as much or as little activity as you prefer. The resort offers rentals of Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddle Boards. They also have a Spa and a beach area.

A special Golf Rate has been reserved at the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course for \$65 (includes cart) Saturday evening we will be having a social cocktail hour with Hors d'oeuvres. Come enjoy your time together. It is for sure guaranteed to be a blast!

Double Occupancy Rooms are reserved at a group rate of \$129/night

Call 1800-724-0828

Rates are good until April 30, 2017

Be sure to ask for the Slovak Catholic Sokol rate

When finished reserving your room, please email Katie Swift at [Katie70@aol.com](mailto:Katie70@aol.com)



## REFLECTOR ...

### Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

#### Rev. Benjamin Kosnac honored at farewell festivities at Sterling Heights, Mich. parish

The family of faith at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights, Mich. bid a fond farewell to their beloved pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Kosnac the weekend of April 21-23. Father Ben, as he is affection-



ately known, has been called by his religious order to return to Slovakia to continue his priestly ministry in his native country. Father Ben has served at the parish since 1999. Our Sokol of Assembly 36, he has been currently serving as chaplain of Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga."

A farewell Appreciation Day was held in the parish hall on the evening of Friday, April 21 and his final Masses at the parish were celebrated on April 23. Hundreds of parishioners and well-wishers turned out for the tribute to a wonderful pastor. Group 16 President Andrea Ames Papcun headed the delegation of Sokol members who turned out for the tribute to Father Ben. The parish set up a Farewell Slideshow & Scrapbook at [www.adoremylord.com](http://www.adoremylord.com). The sight is available for all to view. Father Ben's future assignment in Slovakia as well as his successor as pastor of the parish will be posted on the site.

The words of Sister Andrea Ames Papcun sum up the sentiments of our Group 16 Sokols and Sokolky: "Father Ben was our friend, our brother, our pastor. It is with a heavy heart that we wish him a fond farewell. We do so with our prayers and hope that Father will be back to visit someday soon. And we do so because we also believe... "Thy Will Be Done."

A native of Slovakia, Father Ben was born there November 21, 1969. Following studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Bratislava, he was ordained a priest on September 29, 1993 by the Most Rev. Jan Sokol, then Archbishop of Trnava. Following the request of the late Rev. Elimir Mikus, the pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak parish, which had its beginnings on Detroit's west side and which had been re-located to Sterling Heights, Father Ben came to the Archdiocese of Detroit and was assigned to the parish. He was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Detroit and was initially appointed as administrator and then as pastor beginning on January 28, 1999 when Father Mikus retired and returned to Slovakia.

Over the past 18 years, Father Ben has been a diligent pastor and spiritual head. When he arrived at SS. Cyril and Methodius, there were about 250 registered families. Today, there are a total of approximately 1200

families. Previously, there was one daily Mass and three weekend liturgies. Today, there are between three and four daily liturgies and five on the weekends, including a daily Mass in Slovak as well as on Sundays. Father Ben has been a mover and shaker in the local community. In addition to the Slovak Catholic Sokol, he has been active in the First Catholic Slovak Union as well as the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation. His many friends and admirers bid him a fond farewell and pray that his dynamic priestly ministry might continue to flower in Slovakia. Ad multos annos and Zdar Boh!

#### 4th annual Eastern European Food fest in Reading, Pa.

Assembly 261 and Wreath 155 will host this year's 4th annual Eastern European Food Festival on Saturday, May 20 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located at 411 Crestmont Street in Reading, Pa.

This year's food-fest will feature the culinary specialties of Slovakia, Poland and Ukraine. A smorgasbord of tastings of food, imported beer, wines and other delights await the participants. An array of homemade pastries and baked goods will be available. Eat in or take out will be available. Those planning take out are asked to bring along their own container. The scenic outdoor beer garden of the club makes for the perfect atmosphere to enjoy a spring afternoon of homemade Slavic delights. An enjoyable time is assured.

Our Reading Sokols and Sokolky extend a cordial invitation to area members to turnout for this annual spring event. For additional information call Kathi Smolkowicz at tel. 610 507-3748, [kathi@readingsokol.org](mailto:kathi@readingsokol.org).

#### 12th Annual Consular Tour to Slovakia set for July 29-Aug. 11

Slovak Honorary Consul and our Sokol of Assembly 16, Joseph T. Senko and his Slovak born wife, Albina, have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia, July 29 - August 11. The tour includes history-rich cities including the nation's capital, Bratislava, the Marian Shrine at Sastin, Skalica, Trencin, Bojnica, Rajecke Teplice, Cicmany, the High Tatras, the Marian Shrine at Levoca, Kezmarok, Zdiar, Stara Lubovna, Kosice, Badejov, Jedlinka and Presov. As you travel through the various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives of family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some of the highlights of the tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting on the Dunajec river, which forms the northern boundary between Slovakia and Poland, as well as a welcome reception with the mayor of Presov. Presov is the Sister City of Pittsburgh.

At no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included a tour of the imperial capital of Vienna and Poland. While in Poland we will visit the famous Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Zakopane and Krakow, including tour of Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The total price for this complete tour is just \$3,798 per person based on double occupancy. The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, air conditioned bus with English speaking professional guides and more. For a copy of a detailed itinerary, contact Joseph Senko at [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com) or tel. 412 956-6000. Make one of your new year's resolutions plans to visit the historic and scenic land of your ancestors. Today Slovakia, located in the very heart of Europe, offers so much history, art, culture and scenic beauty. Join veteran travelers and Slovak fraternal activists, Joe and Albina Senko for this once in a lifetime tour.



## The Word of God...

### Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7th

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 14th

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time

and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,

or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,

and will do greater ones than these,

because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### YOUR BENEFICIARIES

When was the last time you looked at your designated beneficiaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy? How important is it? Just think about how much your life has changed. Have you married, divorced, had children, maybe you lost a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.

**2017 International Slet Schedule**  
Subject to Change

**MONDAY – July 10<sup>th</sup>** Board Arrival – -- mid-late afternoon  
**TUESDAY – July 11<sup>th</sup>** Meeting and preparations for the Slet begin (assigned daily responsibilities)  
**WEDNESDAY – July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Event	Place
9:00– 11:45AM	Registration Track clinic ***	Lobby of Bramley and Briggs Stadium/Track
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Harrison Dining Hall
1:00 – 1:15	Fire drill practice	Bramley and Briggs Residence Halls
1:30 – 3:00	Mass/Opening Ceremony/ Group pics	Stadium/Track
3:15 – 3:30	Drill judges meeting	4 Classrooms in Tuttle North <b>TBD</b>
3:30 – 5:00	Individual drills for Director/Directress and all gymnasts	4 Classrooms in Tuttle North <b>TBD</b>
4:15 – 5:00	Director/Directress Meeting	Bramley and Briggs Residence Halls
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Harrison Dining Hall
6:45 – 10:30	Senior Drills	Tuttle South Gym

**THURSDAY – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Harrison Dining Hall
8:45 – 11:45	Track and Field (field events, longer runs, relays)	Stadium/Track
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Harrison Dining Hall
1:15 – 1:30	Gymnastics warm-ups	Tuttle North Gymnastics Facility
1:30 – 4:45	Gymnastics / Gymnastics awards (if time permits)	Tuttle North Gymnastics Facility
	Individual Drills for non-gymnasts Announcement of individual drill finalists	4 Classrooms in Tuttle North <b>TBD</b>
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Harrison Dining Hall
6:30 – 7:00	Individual drill finals (finalists only to perform for judges)	2 Classrooms in Tuttle North <b>TBD</b>
7:15 – 10:30	Junior Team Drilling Individual Drill finalists perform and winners announced	Jim and John Vlogianitis Tuttle North Gyms

**FRIDAY - July 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Harrison Dining Hall
8:45 – 11:45	Track and Field	Stadium/Track
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Harrison Dining Hall
1:45 – 4:45	Track and Field	Stadium/Track
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Harrison Dining Hall
6:30 – 6:45	Volleyball warm-ups	Jim and John Vlogianitis Tuttle North Gyms
6:45 – 10:30	Volleyball competition Volleyball finals Movie night for juniors	Jim and John Vlogianitis Tuttle North Gyms Lobby of Bramley and Briggs

**SATURDAY - July 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Harrison Dining Hall
8:45 – 11:45	Track and Field finals Exhibition practice (mass drill practice)	Stadium/Track
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Harrison Dining Hall
1:15 – 3:00	Exhibition practice	Stadium/Track
4:30 – 7:00	Mass / closing ceremony/ awards	Stadium/Track
7:30 – 11:30	Picnic dinner / dance	Seymour College Union Ballroom

**SUNDAY - July 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast  
8:30 onward Dismissal

\*\*\* Track clinic – members of the SPFB will be at the track to give pointers / help participants practice each track event

## Our 2017 Fraternalist of the Year Program Celebrates Volunteerism and Outreach

Life insurance protection can be purchased from either a commercial insurance company or a fraternal benefit society. Both provide financial security for individuals and their families. Rates may vary and plans may differ. However, the two institutions are worlds apart in reality. Founded after the American Civil War, fraternalists offer an important extra not found in commercial suppliers – a vision and history of service and outreach to the community. It's what being a member of a fraternal is all about. In communities all across the country in organizations, in churches and educational institutions, the presence of fraternalists makes the world of difference. Fraternalists are movers and shakers in their communities, they champion the cause of those in need and provide solutions to many of the challenges of contemporary society. They are committed to ideals and pleased to serve others with a spirit of giving and sharing. Such individuals often do so quietly without much acclaim.

We are blessed that many such individuals are members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Each year we take the opportunity to single out a member of our organization and honor that individual as our Fraternalist of the Year. We have been doing so since 1985. There are numerous Sokols and Sokolky who are worthy of such recognition. Well, now is the time to look among our ranks and find an individual to be honored as our 2017 Fraternalist of the Year.

Fraternalism is unique and has played an important role in American life. The first fraternalists were organized just prior to the Civil War. With the arrival of various immigrant groups in the latter decades of the nineteenth century, new organizations reflected this diversity in American society. Slovak fraternalists were among them. Our own organization was founded in 1905. All of these fraternalists had the important component of charitable outreach as their mainstay. For the

past 112 years, members of our organization have mirrored such a philosophy.

Each year at this time, we ask the membership to take the time to nominate an individual member who in their estimation serves as a role model and mentor for others and is worthy of recognition. There are many such individuals out there and they should be recognized. So at your next lodge or Group meeting, discussion of the Fraternalist of the Year project should be on the meeting agenda and an individual should be nominated.

This year's honoree will be presented with an appropriate plaque along with a gift of \$200.00 as a small token of our gratitude for his or her efforts in promoting volunteerism and outreach. In addition, the presentation of the Fraternalist of the Year plaque will be presented at a dinner hosted by our organization for the honoree's family and friends. In addition, our honoree will then be submitted to the American Fraternal Alliance for consideration in its 2017 Fraternalist of the Year program.

Our organization contains 19 Groups. This year's effort is to have at least one nominee for Fraternalist of the Year from each Group. There certainly are individuals in each of them deserving of fraternal recognition.

Last year's nominee was Mary Ann Naple of Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pa., a well-known and respected life-long Sokol activist. Any individual member, local Assembly, Wreath or Group may nominate an individual for consideration. A special nomination form is available from the home office. Contact Editor Daniel F. Tanzone, who coordinates the program at the home office at tel. 800 886-7656. A recent photo of the nominee should also be included along with the completed nomination form. Deadline for receipt of the completed nomination form is Friday, July 7, 2017.

### United Slovak Societies offer scholarship grants in Lorain, Oh.

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Oh. will again make available non-renewable scholarship awards to eligible high school seniors who will graduate in June 2017. Applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better and enjoy membership of at least five years in any of the local Slovak fraternal lodges in Lorain. Any high school senior who is a member of Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol may apply for these awards. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2017.

To obtain rules and an application,

### Summer Slovak Language and Culture program in Bratislava

"Connecting the world by the Slovak language" is the theme of this year's Slovak Language and Culture course hosted by Comenius University in Slovakia's capital city of Bratislava, July 2 - 21, 2017. During the three-week course of the Slovak language and culture, students will have the opportunity to gain or improve communication skills in the Slovak language and to broaden their knowledge in the area of Slovak linguistics, literature, history and culture. As in the past, interesting seminars for all language levels will be offered along with specialized seminars and expert lectures. A rich program of extra-curricular activities has been planned including a three-day trip to various Slovak regions and meetings with Slovak writers, artists and other significant personalities of Slovak science and culture. Lessons are taught

please visit [www.americanslovakclub.com](http://www.americanslovakclub.com) or contact Michele Mager, secretary of the United Slovak Societies at tel. 440 984-3353. The United Slovak Societies was founded in 1935 by our former Supreme President Dominic Sloboda and incorporates the cultural and fraternal efforts of the local lodges of the following Slovak fraternal societies, including the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and the National Slovak Society.

by qualified and experienced teachers of Slovak. These teachers are active creators of their own textbooks which can be purchased directly at the venue of Summer University of the Slovak Language.

Application deadline for the program is May 31, 2017 and the number of participants is limited. After receipt of the application form, applicants will be contacted. An early payment discount of 10 percent will be available by April 30. Scholarships are available. For additional information about the program see the web page: <http://cdv.uniba.sk/summer-university>. The program is sponsored by the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies Center for Continuing Education of Comenius University in Bratislava for high school graduates. Contact Tatiana Illavska at her email: [tatiana.illavska@cdv.uniba.sk](mailto:tatiana.illavska@cdv.uniba.sk)

## Scenes of the Annual Slovak Mass & Easter Customs Breakfast Prince of Peace Parish + South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. + April 8



Paul and Connie Zatek who have organized the annual Slovak Easter Mass and breakfast for more than 20 years were recognized for their efforts and dedication in the preservation of our Slovak Easter customs and traditions.



Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, a regular contributor to our Kids Corner, second from the left, in front of the figure of Morena, with, l-r, Rebecca Kopanic, Patty Kocurek, Milenka Feighner and Erika Kopanic.



Dr. Michael J. Kopanic enjoying the breakfast with members of his family.



Connie Zatek, attired in her ancestral kroj, is shown leading the procession at the Slovak Mass which was celebrated in the Church of St. Adalbert on Pittsburgh's South Side.



Four lovely Slovak women who enjoyed the annual breakfast included, l-r, Rebecca Kopanic, Patty Kocurek, Milenka Feighner and Erika Kopanic.

### IMPORTANT 2017 INTERNATIONAL SLET INFORMATION

Slet information is now accessible on our website at [www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org) under Sports Programs

You can access general rules and regulations, qualification times and distances for track, track records, volleyball information, gymnastics qualifiers, hotel info, pin trading information and much more!

You can also access videos of the drills at [scsdrills@gmail.com](mailto:scsdrills@gmail.com) password: sokoldrills



### EASTERN EUROPEAN FOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday May 20th, 2017  
12 noon— 5 pm

Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall  
411 Crestmont Street - Reading, Pa.



*Dobru Chut!*

*A smorgasbord of tastings food, beer, wines and other delights*

Relish in the tastes of traditional Slovak, Ukrainian, and Polish foods. Treat your sweet tooth to homemade pastries and baked goods. Enjoy a variety of ethnic beers in our beer garden. Eat in or take out (bring your own container).



## Slovak Catholic Federation hosts Spring Board Meeting in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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the mission of the SCF, defined by Fr. Murgas at the organization's founding, to "federate Catholics who are Slovak." It is a clear and direct statement of the purpose of the Slovak Catholic Federation which continues to the present day. While welcoming Father Robert L. Seeman, pastor of Saint Peter, Slippery Rock and Saint Anthony, Forestville, Pa, in the Pittsburgh Diocese, as the newest member of the board, he shared the resignation of long-time board member Sister Catherine Laboure, SSCM. Concluding his remarks, Father Hvozdovic also mentioned that Pope Francis spoke at length about Saints Cyril and Methodius bringing the Catholic faith to the Slovak people during their February 14th feast day Mass.

In routine procedures, the minutes of the prior meeting and the financial report of the federation were accepted with minor changes. Rev. Thomas Nasta, the 1st National Vice President, presented a summary of the 2016 Annual Appeal. With a revised approach, including a direct mailing, donations increased by 44.2% from 2015, totaling more than \$51,000. It was also noted that 2018 will be the 40th anniversary of the appeal which primarily supports the endeavors of the Conference of Slovak Clergy and the Conference of Slovak Religious. Several issues were discussed related to the disbursement of funds and various pending concerns with the board achieving a resolution of them. A primary goal is to revive the Conference of Slovak Religious, which has recently been inactive, or perhaps incorporate it into another entity so its vital work can continue.

The required reports of the various SCF Chapters were reviewed. The courtesy report from the Conference of Slovak Clergy was also presented, although the conference president, Rev. Msgr. Robert Sif-

frin, was unable to attend the meeting due to his diocesan responsibilities. Again, keeping with ongoing custom, Mass was celebrated at the end of the morning session, followed by lunch.

The standing committees met to formulate goals for the upcoming year and to gauge progress toward previous objectives. The major focus is preparation for the quadrennial convention to be held this fall in Youngstown, Ohio. The gathering will begin on Sunday, September 17, with the 4:00 PM Mass at Saint Columba Cathedral and a banquet at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall, both in the downtown area of the city. The convention will take place on Monday and Tuesday, September 18 and 19, at the Holiday Inn in Boardman, Ohio, an adjacent suburb community, which is a short drive from the Cathedral and social hall. Various committee assignments were presented and reviewed, in anticipation of an ac-

tive dialogue during the convention sessions. Requirements for being a delegate to the convention were also outlined.

Prior to closing prayer, Rev. Gerard Gonda suggested the SCF endeavor to create a "Slovak Catholic Directory" to delineate the various groups that share our faith and heritage, as well as serve to identify legitimate Slovak Catholic entities that may seek funding. Msgr. Derzack led the closing prayer. The Daily Number tickets for the August 2017 fundraising effort were distributed with a reminder to sell and return the stubs in a timely manner. This program, which occurs twice per year, is a vital source of funding for the operation of the national office of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Prepared and submitted by: **T. L. Wagner**, Communications and Membership Committee Chairman



The Slovak Catholic Federation(SCF) hosted its spring board meeting, April 3-4 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The SCF, founded in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. by the Rev. Joseph Murgas in 1911, is the representative body of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry. The organization promotes and coordinates religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and religious communities to address themselves to the pastoral needs of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry. Our own Supreme Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic serves as national president of the SCF. Father Andrew is shown above as principal celebrant of the opening Mass on April 4 along with concelebrants, from the left, the Rev. Robert Seeman, chaplain of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union; the Rev. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B., St. Andrew Svorad Abbey; Msgr. Thomas A. Derzack, SCF national chaplain and Rev. Thomas Nasta, chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and SCF national first vice president.



Members of SCF board are shown above and include, standing, l-r, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, who represented our organization at the meeting; the Rev. Robert Seeman, Rev. Thomas Nasta, National President and our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Msgr. Thomas Derzack, Rev. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B., Marie Golias and Theresa A. Kluchinski. Seated, l-r, Norbert Wagner, Timothy L. Wagner, Sister Thomas More Dzurnak, SS.C.M., Brother Gabriel Balazovic, O.S.B., Dolores M. Evanko, Robert Magruder, Magdalen I. Iskra, Martha Iskra and Ann Doughter. - Photos by Tim Wagner



The Rev. Robert Seeman, center, was welcomed to his first Board Meeting of the Slovak Catholic Federation(SCF) in his capacity as the new national chaplain of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. Shown with him on the photo are, l-r SCF vice president, Marie Golias, our Supreme Chaplain and SCF national president, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic; Theresa A. Kluchinski, national president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and SCF national secretary-treasurer, Dolores M. Evanko. Father Seeman is a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and serves as a pastor in Slippery Rock and Forestville, Pa.

## Sokol Birthdays

### MAY 6

**Alois A. Chmela**, Larchmont, N.Y., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

**Claudia A. Gasparik-Marsik**, Esq., Old Bridge, N.J., a member of Wreath 168, New York, N.Y.

**Denice Michele Marks**, Brooklyn, N.Y., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### MAY 7

**Margaret Iurato**, Totowa, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### MAY 8

**Emily Maslar**, Davidsville, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

### MAY 9

**Michele Sipos**, Estero, Fla. N.J., a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

**Thomas Polchowski**, Newtown, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

### MAY 10

**Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic**, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Sayre, Pa. and our esteemed Supreme Chaplain.

**Eleanor A. Kava**, Elmwood Park, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Dolores J. Sonoga**, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

**Frank Zalesny, Jr.**, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

### MAY 13

**Michael Malshefski**, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

**Emma Primini**, Woodbury, Conn., a member of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

### MAY 14

**Megan E. Maslar**, Douglassville, Pa., a member of Wreath 155, Reading, Pa.

**David Smeriglio**, Wayne, N.J., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

### MAY 15

**Dolores Ganobcsik**, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

**Michael R. Kava**, Wallington, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Parker Pyo**, Lilly, Pa., a member of Assembly 79, Lilly, Pa.

**Jennifer Zemanek**, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

### MAY 16

**Adolf Benca, Jr.**, Newburyport MA, a member of Assembly 314 in Boston, Mass.

**Robert Latshaw**, Reading, Pa., a member of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

### MAY 17

**Joann Keenan**, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**Jennifer Blucas**, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**Brian M. Suchy**, our Supreme Auditor and member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### MAY 18

**George A. Blanda**, Uniontown, Pa. a member of Assembly 69, Smock, Pa.

**Carol C. Neslusan**, Portsmouth, N.H., a member of Assembly 28, East Douglas, Mass.

**Matthew Parodi**, Maywood, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Peter E. Pietras**, North Las Vegas, Nev., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Angelo A. Ricci, III**, Ashley, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**Carmella Marie Marzec**, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Mark N. Spisak**, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

### MAY 19

**James H. Buck**, Canfield, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

**Albert J. Gutasy, III**, Greenwich, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Robert Kudlacik**, Parsippany, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### MAY 20

**Daniel Palkovic**, Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 64 Erie, Pa.

**Nicholas J. Royle**, Lemoyne, Pa., a member of Assembly 261, Reading, Pa.

# INSURING OUR SOKOL LEGACY

## SOKOL LEGACY CAMPAIGN - ANNOUNCEMENT

The Slovak Catholic Sokol has a tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members for over 111 years. Throughout the existence of the SOKOLS membership has passed this legacy from generations to generations. It is a tradition that continues to perpetuate. The reasons are multiple; excellent financial products that protects their families, unparalleled service and great fraternal programs that promotes lifetime friendships.

In an effort to help perpetuate and share this valued legacy the Slovak Catholic Sokol is excited to announce the LEGACY LIFE INSURANCE CAMPAIGN. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase additional insurance regardless of your health, reduced premiums and the possibility to introduce the SOKOL LEGACY to other family members!

This offering will be available from **April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017**. This is a benefit offered exclusively for our existing members and families of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, who currently have a life insurance policy or annuity certificate in force. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is making this commitment to extend to our member's immediate family an opportunity to not only gain membership in the Society, but also to recognize the need to provide your family the important financial benefit of permanent life insurance coverage.

To accomplish these goals, the society will not only provide a **GUARANTEED ISSUE** permanent life insurance certificate to your loved ones, in addition the society will provide a **"FRATERNAL BENEFIT"** that provides a partial payment that reduces the first year premium\*. We have structured our "SOKOL LEGACY" program to be as flexible

as possible for our existing membership. As a valued member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, you can take advantage of this "limited time offer" to either increase your current permanent insurance coverage, or extend the same opportunity to an immediate family member.

### SOKOL LEGACY - GUIDELINES:

#### Qualifications to participate in the "SOKOL LEGACY" Fraternal Benefit -

An existing member in good standing of the Slovak Catholic Sokol with a current Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance or an Annuity Certificate, and their Immediate Family Members.

#### The Definition of Immediate Family -

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

#### Qualifying Permanent Life Insurance Plans by Age Groups - For Guarantee Issue

Ages	Max Face Amount	Legacy Single Premium	Legacy 3	Legacy 20	Legacy Life
0 - 80	\$10,000	X	X	X	X

#### Fraternal Benefit Reduced Premiums - Legacy 20 and Legacy Life

When purchased and qualified as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the society will issue a 50% Fraternal Benefit, that will be applied to reduce the first year premium, all succeeding premium payments will be at the regular pre-

mium rates.

#### Legacy Single Premium and Legacy 3

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

#### Taking Advantage of "SOKOL LEGACY" -

Contact the Home Office (800) 886-7656, the Sales & Marketing Office (874) 874-9179 or contact your local Group or Assembly Officer and request a Life Insurance Application.

### GROWING OUR SOKOL LEGACY

#### - RECOMMENDER ENHANCEMENTS:

\$ 5.00 for each Certificate with a Face Amount between \$5,000 to \$9,999

\$10.00 for each Certificate with a Face Amount of \$10,000

Recommend (5) five or more certificates that are approved/issued and you will receive a chance for each certificate sold to win a \$250 in a drawing.

#### Adequate Amount of Insurance Protection

According to LIMRA International, over 68 million adult Americans have no life insurance at all and those with coverage have far less than most experts recommend for a secure financial future for their families. Do you or do you know someone that fits this criteria? Following are a number of excellent reasons to consider this outstanding Fraternal Benefit:

1. Sufficient Coverage - Do you, a friend or family member have adequate insurance coverage? There are a number of factors that require consideration from a financial perspective. The cost of final expense to settle financial responsibilities take this opportune time to make that all important decision.

2. 100% Sokol Family - Many of our members take great pride of their Slovak Catholic Sokol Legacy. Many have and still enjoy their fraternal experiences attending Slets, basketball/volleyball tournaments, and bowling, golf or softball tournaments. Whether it was on the national or local level. They in return have either purchased life insurance coverage for them or have sold them on the idea of joining our closed-knit family.

3. Uninsurable - Some individuals feel as though their current health status may not be in a good of enough condition to be accepted as being insurable, or just uncomfortable about answering health questions or the fear of completing a health test/screening examination.

4. Cost of Insurance & the Ease of Issue - Included with the guaranteed issue of permanent life insurance is a reduction of premium cost. The reduction of life insurance premiums is considered as a Fraternal Benefit as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The SOKOL LEGACY LIFE CAMPAIGN begins April 1, 2017 and will end December 31, 2017. Do not hesitate and lose out on this wonderful opportunity that benefits you and the ones you care about most. Contact our Home Office 800-886-7656, our Sales & Marketing Office 855-874-9179 or your SOKOL Life insurance agent for assistance and direction. If you truly love your family, take the time to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, they are worth it.

### SOKOL LEGACY- Application Instructions:

1. Complete the "SOKOL LEGACY" Application Form below:
2. Complete form LA-10 Application for Life Insurance.
3. Mail the "SOKOL LEGACY" Application Form and LA-10 Application for Life Insurance to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol  
PO Box 899  
Passaic, NJ 07055

# SOKOL LEGACY

## Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Benefit Offer

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

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

Existing Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant Qualifying ages are 0 - 80)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual picnic set for June 11 in Alexandria, Va.

The Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C.(SASW) will host its annual Slovak Day Picnic on Sunday, June 11 at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Va. Fort Hunt is a national park located just off the George Washington Memorial Highway. This Slovak-style picnic with food and drinks(beer, wine and soft drinks) begins at 12 noon and will continue until 5 p.m. Members and guests are welcome to attend. To celebrate a very successful 2016, the SASW has reduced the cost of attendance.

Cost for members is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family, non-members pay \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Reservations are required by June 5 by sending a check to: SAWS, P.O. Box 2502, Springfield, VA 22152-2502.

Directions from Alexandria, take the GW Memorial Parkway for about 12 miles, turn right onto Fort Hunt Park and continue to the park. The picnic pavilion is C-002. Area Sokol members are cordially invited to spend an enjoyable afternoon of Slovak fellowship at this year's picnic.





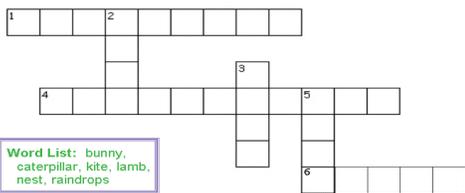
God bless  
  
 our men and  
 women in service

# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

Happy  
 Mother's  
 Day

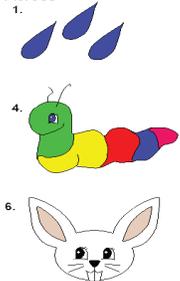
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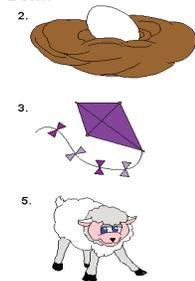


Word List: bunny, caterpillar, kite, lamb, nest, raindrops

Across



Down



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

Benjamin Roman 5/3  
 Xaviar Yuhas 5/13  
 Octavia Dixon 5/20  
 Nathan DiMartino 5/20  
 Lucia Yuhas 5/21  
 Jude Maryak 5/27  
 Vayda Korenoski 5/28



Happy Mother's Day

## Slovak Words=Slovenské slová

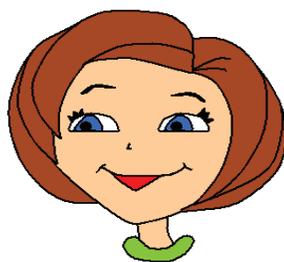
By Dr. Michael Kopanic

- May = *máj* [ my ] (Latin origins)
- mother = matka [maah - kah]
- Mother's Day - Deň matiek [ Den maw-tyek ] (soft „n“)
- Happy Mother's Day ! = Šťastný Deň matiek! [Shtyawst-nee den maw-tyek ] (soft „n“)
- spring = jar [yaar]
- flower = kvet [kvet]
- tree = strom [strome]
- blossoms = kvety na strome [kvetee nah strome]
- to blossom = kvitnúť [kveet-noot]
- The trees are blossoming. = Stromy kvitnú.

## Mother's Day Word Search

G L L O F B E F H C Z R Z L P  
 W N P J R P S X E A E E U U R  
 G M I U E T A L O C O H C F E  
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 A C I D U B E M O W Q O P E E  
 H L N V R T O L O N A M G D N  
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 C I T L E L T U H Y W P G O L  
 Z E V W B G T E N O S V X W P  
 A B A F L O W E R S E S S I K

AWESOME  
 BRUNCH  
 CANDY  
 CELEBRATE  
 CHOCOLATE  
 FLOWERS  
 HUGS



JEWELRY  
 KISSES  
 LOVING  
 MOTHER  
 NURTURING  
 PRESENT  
 WONDERFUL

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**RED, WHITE, & BLUE WREATH**

**Materials:**  
 Paper plate, white tissue paper, red tissue paper, blue tissue paper, silver streamers or ribbon, silver or white pipe cleaner, glue, stapler

**Directions:**

1. Start by cutting out the center of a paper plate - discard the center.
2. Cut tissue into 6"x6" squares. Scrunch a piece of tissue up and dab it into the glue and place on the plate.
3. Continue doing this and alternating colors until the plate rim is filled all the way up.
4. Add a little sparkle by adding some silver streamers or ribbon here and there.
5. Staple a pipe cleaner to the back of the wreath to make a hanger.

## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### Korcok: our priority is to minimize harm to Slovaks living in the UK

Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Ministry State Secretary Ivan Korcok met the EU's chief negotiator for Brexit Michel Barnier in Brussels on April 10 to discuss the United Kingdom's departure from the EU and the status of Slovaks living there after Brexit.

Korcok expressed Slovakia's interest in preserving the best possible relations with the UK post-Brexit.

"We highlighted two important issues on April 10. What we care about the most is to minimize the negative consequences for our citizens who currently live in the UK and wish to stay in the UK after it leaves the EU," said Korcok.

That said, Slovaks who wish to relocate to the UK after Brexit need to be aware of conditions being somewhat more difficult than what is currently the case, he asserted.

"The other thing that is important not only for us, but also for the other countries, is first to agree on the exit's conditions. It's equivalent to a divorce, we need to inspect our accounts and joint obligations. This is an area we need to be very clear on, as it's being watched by citizens and the business sector. Slovakia aims for the best possible relations with the UK even after it leaves the EU, partly because it's an important investor in Slovakia," said Korcok.

Meanwhile, he re-affirmed Slovakia's interest in becoming the home of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) once the EU agency relocates from its current headquarters in London. "We'll pressure for this decision to be made as soon as possible, and we'll also make it clear that priority should be given to countries in which no EU agency is based at the moment, and this includes Slovakia," said Korcok.

Having said that, he added that Slovakia is facing the task of coming up with a competitive proposal.

The race to become the EMA's new host is rather crowded, as another 20 EU-member states have lined up to give a post-Brexit home to what is, for the time being, the biggest EU agency based in the UK. The decision on a new home for the agency with 900 employees and a budget of \$350 million lies with the EU heads of state or government.

### Stats office: core inflation in Slovakia at 1.7 percent in March

Year-on-Year inflation amounted to 1 percent in March, with core inflation standing at 1.7 percent and net inflation at 1.5 percent, the Slovak Statistics Office reported on April 13.

In March 2017, month-on-month cumulative inflation was negatively influenced by core inflation by 0.11 percentage points (p.p.), while regulated prices had a negative impact of 0.05 p.p., and indirect taxes influenced cumulative inflation by 0.04 p.p.

Food prices had a negative effect of 0.10 percentage points on core inflation and net inflation influenced core inflation negatively by 0.01 percentage points.

### Stats Office: employment in industry up 2.5%, y-o-y, in February 2017

Employment rose year-on-year in several sectors in February 2017, including in accommodations (by 9.2 percent) and in restaurants and pubs (8.2 percent), the Slovak Statistics Office reported on April 12.

Annual increases were also reported in the following sectors in February: in the sale and repair of motor vehicles - by 6.8 percent; in selected market services - 5.4 percent; in transport and warehousing - 4.4 percent; in retail - 3.9 percent; in industry - 2.5 percent; in information and communications activities - 2.3 percent; and in wholesale - 2.2 percent.

Conversely, the number of employed people dropped only in construction - by 0.5 percent.

Meanwhile, average employment rates for the first two

months of 2017 increased y-o-y in the following categories: in accommodations - by 8.3 percent; in restaurants and pubs - 7.7 percent; in the sale and repair of motor vehicles - 7.4 percent; in selected market services - 7.1 percent; in transport and warehousing - 5.7 percent; in information and communications activities - 4.1 percent; in retail - 4 percent; in industry - 2.7 percent; and in wholesale - 2.1 percent.

Conversely, employment between January-February declined in construction (by 0.2 percent).

### Parliament: 45 delegates from EU countries to attend Bratislava Summit

The founding of the Europol Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group by a common decision of European parliamentary chambers was high on the agenda at the summit of the heads of EU countries' parliaments took place in Bratislava from April 23-24, according to TASR.

The approval of a way for nominating members from individual parliaments and the joint parliamentary scrutiny group's method of functioning was part of the decision.

Almost 300 delegates from all the EU countries attended the Bratislava summit. Forty-five foreign delegations participated in the event, including 29 parliamentary chairmen, 11 vice-chairs and five delegations represented at the lower level.

An initial part of the conference's working program aimed at evaluating the results of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU in the second half of 2016 and its parliamentary dimension. The current Maltese presidency was also discussed at the Bratislava summit.

European Parliament President Antonio Tajani and European Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Jyrki Katainen delivered addresses at the conference.

### USA military convoy to drive through Slovakia in the summer

American military equipment will be passing through Slovakia in June and August, as American military personnel will be heading to one of this year's largest NATO exercises, Saber Guardian 2017, which is due to take place in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria between July 8-22, TASR learned on April 21.

The US convoy will consist of several hundred vehicles and soldiers. "Several hundred pieces of fighting equipment of different types will be driving through the territory of the Slovak Republic, including members of the United States Army," said Defense Minister Peter Gajdos (a Slovak National Party/SNS nominee), specifying that tanks, armoured personnel carriers and other wheeled machines will form part of the convoy. The Americans will be moving from Germany and will pass through the Czech Republic and Slovakia to reach Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

Gajdos went on to say that the convoy will be divided into several smaller units, consisting of between 20-40 vehicles. The exact routes and dates of transfer will be specified by the Defense Ministry later.

"The transfers will be organized by the military police in cooperation with Slovak Police Corps and, of course, all necessary organizational measures will be taken so that the transfers are smooth," said the defense minister, adding that Slovakia is ready to provide the Americans with logistical support, including refuelling, accommodations and catering.

A US military convoy last passed through Slovakia in September 2015 en route to attend the 'Brave Warrior' military exercise in Hungary.

*Selected stories are provided by TASR-Slovakia, the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.*

### Kotleba's Party commemorates anniversary of Tiso execution

Msgr. Jozef Tiso, president of the wartime Slovak Republic (1939-45), was a martyr for the Slovak nation, as he became the victim of a judicial murder exactly 70 years ago, said far-right People's Party Our Slovakia (LSNS) MP Natalia Grausova at a commemorative gathering at Tiso's grave at the Martinsky Cemetery in Bratislava on April 18.

Grausova repeated this claim later in the day in a park behind the Justice Palace, where about 30 sympathizers erected an improvised memorial to Tiso.

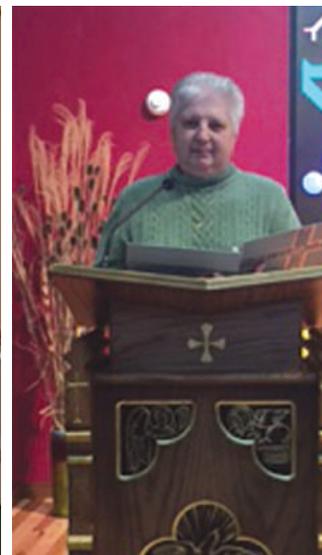
Grausova in her speech described erstwhile Czechoslovak president Eduard Benes as the chief instigator of Tiso's judicial murder. "If anyone deserved to be tried and hanged, it was Benes. He sold us out to Stalin and the Bolsheviks," she stated.

Commenting on a students march against corruption due to take place in Bratislava later in the day, Grausova said that the participants should come to pay tribute to Tiso, who, according to her, never took a bribe and distributed his salary among the poor instead. After being convicted of treason in 1947, Tiso was hanged on April 18, 1947.



Zvolen is city located in central Slovakia with a population of 43,000. The city, whose name in Slovak translates as "the chosen one, splendid, excellent," is situated on the confluence of the Hron and Slatina rivers, not far from Banská Bystrica, the Zvolen District seat. Earliest mention of the city dates to 1135. In the 11th and 12th centuries, one of the largest medieval castles in Europe, Pusty hrad, was constructed. The town, originally built under the castle lay on an important trade route (Via Magna) from Buda to Krakow. The noted Ludovít Stur, first codifier of the Slovak language, was a member of the Hungarian parliament 1848-49 with Zvolen as part of his constituency. Following the construction of two new railways 1871-1872, Zvolen became an important railroad hub and industrial center. It played an important role during the Slovak National Uprising. It is home to a technical university. The main square was modernized in 2002 and local businesses are popular with tourists. An airport in near Sliac offers direct flights to Prague.

**Scenes of the Annual Lenten Mass and Communion Breakfast hosted by Assembly 25 & Wreath 15  
St. John the Baptist Church + Slovak Catholic Sokol Club + Perryopolis, Pa. + March 12**



**Message from our Supreme President**

(Continued from page 2)  
the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Greek Catholic Union who will come to Wilkes-Barre, PA to compete and enjoy the fraternalism of the tournament.

A month later, Sokol members will gather again in Wilkes-Barre, PA on June 23-25 for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 30th International Softball Tournament. 30 years for any tournament is a testament to a tradition of enjoyment, fun and successful competition. If you participated in any of the past 29 tournaments, I hope you will come to the 30th to relive the glory days and see the tenured professionals and rookie softball players play the game.

In the last two issues of the Falcon, our Director of Sales and

Marketing, Albert J. Suess, F.I.C., announced our "Insuring Our Sokol Legacy" membership campaign. This campaign's purpose is for member to review their insurance needs and update their coverage at very affordable rates. The campaign also gives members the opportunity to ask the question to family members about their insurance needs. If there is a need to increase their insurance benefits the campaign is a way their needs can be met.

If you have any questions regarding the "Insuring Our Sokol Legacy" campaign call our Director of Sales and Marketing or the Home Office for help.

Zdar Boh!  
With God's blessings to all!

**How to measure a friend?**

"True friends," observed the ancient Greek philosopher Theophrastus, "visit us in prosperity only when invited." However, he continues, "...in adversity they come without invitation."

Such is genuine friendship. Fair weather friends are only that. It's the stormy weather of adversity that determines which friend is true.

**Learn Vicariously**

Said the ancient philosopher Socrates: "Use your time to improve yourself by reading what others have learned. Then will it be easier for you to know what others have worked to find out."

In other words why not let those who lived in the past help solve some of the problems of the present? After all, that puts you so much further ahead.

**Group 14 Meeting set for May 20 at the Sokol Club in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Group 14, "St. Francis of Assisi" will host its meeting on Saturday, May 20 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, located at 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 10 a.m. All Group 14 members are invited to attend. We hope to have every lodge belonging to the Group represented. Not sure which lodge you belong to, well you are welcome to attend if you belong to any of the following lodges: Assembly 16, Assembly 104 or Wreath 22, Pittsburgh; Assembly 54, Lyndora; Assembly 85, East Vandergrift; Assembly 176, New Brighton; Assembly 179, North Braddock; Assembly 295, Duquesne or Wreath 85, McKees Rocks.

We have a busy upcoming spring and summer season ahead. We will be discussing the upcoming 48th In-

ternational Slet, the Sokol Reunion at Rocky Mountain, Flintstone, Md. as well as the upcoming international softball and golf tournaments and various fundraising efforts. We urge all Group 14 members to attend to assist with these activities.

Honestly, attendance at our Group 14 meetings have recently been poor. We need to make an effort to increase the number attending these meetings. We need new ideas and assistance from the younger generation so that our activities will enjoy greater success. We can do this if every Group 14 lodge is represented at our upcoming meeting. So let us each contribute our input so that the Sokol spirit may be revived in our area.

Zdar Boh!  
**Carmella(Suess) Marzec**  
President



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## Reports of the Supreme Officers for 2016 Presented at the First Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors Held at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J., March 24-25, 2017

### REPORT OF THE SUPREME PHYSICAL DIRECTRESS

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I hereby submit my annual report for 2016.

As the Supreme Physical Directress of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I have the opportunity to be a part of the Board of Directors. As a member of this esteemed group, I am able to be a part of decision making, which ultimately has an effect on the future of the organization. Throughout the year, I was in contact with Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, Supreme President Michael Horvath and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board regarding the upcoming International Clinic and other activities within the organization. In addition, I communicated via e-mail and phone with my two assigned groups, Group 11 and Group 17, to keep them abreast of future events and tournaments and answer any questions they had regarding the events.

#### January – March

In preparation for the upcoming Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting, I sent out activity report spreadsheets for the group leaders to complete, e-mailed the SPFB regarding their responsibilities, and prepared the necessary paperwork for the meeting. Once the activities reports were returned to me, I compiled a complete list of all local and group activities to report on at the meeting. In addition, I gathered all of the suggestions and recommendations from each group so that they could be discussed at the meeting.

I corresponded with the female members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board regarding music choices for the drills for the upcoming International Clinic.

I attended the SPFB meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Following the meeting, the SPFB stayed an extra day to work on the choreography for the drills for the upcoming clinic in the summer of 2016. Following the meeting, I responded to all of the group leaders who sent recommendations on ways to improve our events.

I e-mailed the clinic registration forms to the group leaders.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting at The Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, N.J.

#### April - June

I e-mailed the SPFB members regarding their individual responsibilities for the International clinic.

I took part in the Supreme Physical Fitness Board conference call.

I received the drill DVDs from Supreme Director John Underation, and I mailed them to all of the physical directors and directresses so that they could begin preparing for the Supreme Clinic.

I was in contact with SUNY Brockport to discuss the schedule, rooming assignments, etc.

I met with Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift to review the drills.

After receiving the Supreme Clinic registration forms, I sent the final list to Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec for verification.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

I attended the Softball tournament in Wilkes-Barre, PA and had the privilege of playing on one of the co-ed teams.

#### July – September

I finalized all paperwork that was required by SUNY Brockport.

I attended the International Clinic at SUNY Brockport. I worked collaboratively with the SPFB members and group leaders, as well as the staff at the college to ensure that everything was being run efficiently. Additionally, the SPFB taught the new drills, held seminars, videotaped the drills, and participated in team building activities with the Supreme Physical Directors, Directresses and their assistants.

I wrote an article for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Falcon detailing the events that took place at the International Clinic.

I was part of the Board of Directors meeting via conference call.

I received the completed drill DVDs from Supreme Director John Underation, and I mailed them to all the group leaders.

#### October – December

I was in contact with John Underation regarding new drill uniforms for all participants and directors and directresses.

I met with the uniform distributor to discuss options and prices for directors uniforms, as well as the junior girls and senior women drill uniforms.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

As a representative of the SPFB, I attended the Group 14 Annual Children's Christmas party.

In preparation for the upcoming SPFB meeting in January, I sent out activity report spreadsheets for the group leaders to complete.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve another term as the Supreme Physical Directress for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It has been an honor and a privilege to work so closely with such a respected group of people within the organization. I am looking forward to the growth of our organization and its programs and all that it will entail.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Kathleen S. Watkins**  
*Supreme Physical Directress*

### REPORT OF THE SUPREME ASSISTANT PHYSICAL DIRECTRESS

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board has been very hard at work to make the 2016 another success. As a board, we have taken advantage of each other's strengths and made a few large strides in continuing to keep the Slovak Catholic Sokol the greatest fraternal organization. My annual report is as follows:

#### January-April

As the new year began, I started to collect all the year-end Walking Program totals. I sent reminders out to all the walkers with address changes. I also worked on my year end 2015 report.

I attended me supreme Physical ramen. Board meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our annual meeting always supplies a plethora of new and great ideas.

I worked with Supreme Directress Kathleen Watkins and Fitness Board members Nancy Kropolinsky and Julie Laury to decide on which new music we will use to choreograph the new calisthenics.

After the conclusion of the Supreme Physical Fitness board meeting, the SPFB members stayed an extra day to choreograph two new Slovak calisthenics and two new modern calisthenics.

During the month of February, I finished gathering the Walking Program results, buying and sending the prizes. The Walking Program continues to be a success.

I finished a Walking Program results article as well as researched fun events to do with the Clinic Participants for the upcoming International Clinic.

As one of our new ideas submitted to the board, I also reached out to the membership to start a reading group. My hopes were to gather enough members to read a book each month and have a small online discussion. Unfortunately, there was a lack of interest.

#### May-August

I worked closely with other members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board to organize the summer events.

I worked closely with Supreme Directress Kathleen Watkins to ensure the video drills all went to the Group Directresses and Directors. I also made sure we had all the paperwork prepared for the International Clinic. A few changes were made to the gymnastics section, so I needed to make sure everyone was aware of the changes. I also worked with Supreme Director John Underation in assuring that the University will be able to accommodate our organization for the gymnastics portion of our competition.

As the International Clinic approached, I worked closely with Supreme Directress Watkins on choreographing the new drill for Senior women. I was also in charge of an evening activity. I was responsible for an escape room adventure where I needed to design the game, riddles, supplies, and props.

At the end of July, I attended the International Clinic held outside of Rochester, New York at SUNY Brockport University. The SPFB had an intensive several days with all the Group Directors and Directresses. We held workshops on rules, regulations, and insurance. We also worked hard on teaching all the new drills. We had three different evening activities including an Escape Room, Murder Mystery and a "Gift Exchange."

#### August-December

I worked with the SPFB members to pass the notes around of all the suggestions from the participants from the International Clinic. We all discussed how we can make some of these ideas possible.

I worked with Supreme Director on confirming the gymnastics facility as the University was unsure they could host our completion. Luckily, the University will be able to accommodate our organization.

I made sure to continue to encourage the walkers who are involved in the Walking Program to keep their motivation going.

I wrote an article to submit in the Falcon about the importance of being flexible with new changes. As our organization grows and technology grows, we may have adaptations we all need to embrace for the betterment of the organization.

Lastly, I have been in contact with the Supreme Physical Fitness Board members in preparing for our annual meeting January 2017.

As a board we have already discussed about many ideas that we would like to pass. I am looking forward to help lead our organization to a very success 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Zdar Boh!**  
**Katie Swift**  
*Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD

In accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I submit my Annual Report as a Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.

#### **January to March 2016**

As a representative of SPFB, helped to coordinated and attended the Appreciation Night for Michael Horvath.

Attended the Annual Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting held in Pittsburgh, PA.

Submitted an article for publication in the Falcon.

#### **April to June 2016**

Along with 'Brother Phil Walsh, hosted Brother John Underation for Drill Composition and Review.

As a representative of the SPFB, participated in the cleaning of Fr. Murgas grave at the Sacred Heart Slovak Cemetery in Dallas, PA.

Reached out and introduced myself by phone and email as the SPFB liaison for Groups 5 and 10.

Emailed information about the upcoming International Bowling Tournament to Group 5

Emailed information about the upcoming International Soft Ball Tournament to Group 5

Emailed information about the upcoming International Clinic to Group 5

Participated in the International Bowling Tournament held in Buffalo, NY.

#### **July to September 2016**

Participated and helped to coordinate the International Softball Tournament held at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Attended and helped to coordinate the International Clinic held at SUNY Brockport NY.

As a representative of the SPFB, attended and helped to coordinate the Group 7 Annual Sokol Day held at the Plain Pavilion in Plains, PA.

#### **October to December 2016**

As a representative of the SPFB, attended the Group 7 Annual meeting held at St. John the

Evangelist in Pittston, PA and was re-elected Vice President.

Emailed Group 5 to remind them of the deadline for submitting a Group Activity Report.

Spoke with Group 10 President on the phone about submitting a Group Activity Report.

Submitted an article for publication in the Falcon.

In my capacity as Member of the Fitness Board, I acted as a liaison between the Board and the Group 7 Fitness Board to relay information and provide support. The liaison program worked well when I connected with the Group 5 representatives, however Group 10 was reluctant to provide information for a contact person.

ZdarBoh!

**Martin Degnan**

*Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board*

In accordance with the by-laws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I hereby submit my annual report for 2016. As a Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, I have had the opportunity to attend many activities and events throughout the year. In efforts to strengthen group involvement, I relayed all national communiqué to Groups 6 and Group 12 and offered assistance in generating participation in international sports activities. I submitted comments and reminders of upcoming events to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Facebook page. Throughout the year, I maintained financial record of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Sunshine Fund and sent cards and gifts to designated members during special occasions.

#### January-March 2016

I attended the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and served on the Sport Programs and Rules and Regulations Communication Committees. I assisted the Supreme Physical Fitness Female Board with choreography of the junior girls' and senior women's drills for the 2017 International Slet.

#### April - June 2016

I assisted James Matlon, Director of Sports and Athletics during the International Bowling Tournament. I took photographs of all team and individual bowlers and submitted the tournament article with photos to the Falcon.

#### July - September 2016

I attended the International Clinic at Suny, Brockport, New York and worked collaboratively with the Supreme Physical Fitness Board throughout the Clinic to ensure a productive and successful clinic. During the Clinic, I assisted in teaching the junior girls and senior women's drills. I organized and collaborated with Marty Degnan, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member to create a Murder Mystery night for Clinic. I submitted an article to the Falcon highlighting lessons in life learned through baseball. I participated in the International Golf Tournament held in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

#### October - December 2016

As a representative of the SPFB, I attended the Group 17 Children's Christmas Party.

It has been a pleasure serving the Slovak Catholic Sokol as a Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member during this eventful year. I look ahead to new assignments and duties with excitement as plans for the continued growth of the Physical Fitness Program are developed.

Zdar Boh!

**Nancy Kropolinsky**

*Member of the Physical Fitness Board*

The following activity report for 2016 is submitted to the Board of Directors.

The following is a list of activities and events I have attended, worked and/or competed in throughout 2016.

#### January-March:

\* I attended the Supreme Annual Meeting at the Homewood Suites Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. on the 15th of January. At this meeting I assisted with minutes and led roll call. During this meeting plans were made for the off Slet year sporting and Clinic activities. There was much discussion on establishing Group communications with Group Presidents Sport Directors, Directors and Directresses, utilizing the website/ Facebook to improve communications, review 2015 Group Slet communications, discussed the new Clinic/ Slet facility, 2015 sporting

events and establish dates for 2016 sporting events with emphasis on the volleyball /basketball tournament, using conference calling to improve communications, and research ski resorts for a possible winter activity.

\* After the meeting, I stayed an extra day with the female board to choreograph the new female drills. We were successful in completing three drills during our stay.

\* Submitted my article to the Falcon.

#### April - June

\* Established communication with my assigned groups-Group 2 and 7. Exchanged phone numbers and email addresses. Discussed up and coming international sporting events, group activities, new members and policies, lack of youth leadership.

\* I represented the Supreme Physical Fitness Board at Group 5's semi-annual meeting at the Barberton Sokol Club in Barberton, OH.

\* I represented the Supreme Physical Fitness Board by competing in the International Co-Ed Softball Tournament in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

#### July-September

\* I attended and worked the 2016 Clinic in Suny Brockport University in NY. I assisted with choreographing and teaching the 2016/2017 female drills. I helped with the implementation of our nightly meetings and social activities for the participants.

\* I contacted Groups 2 and 7 to share sporting information.

\* I worked the International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Golf Course in Dubois, PA.

\* October - December

\* I represented the Supreme Physical Fitness Board at Group 5 Annual Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Canton, OH.

\* I contacted hotels and reserved 20 rooms at the Hampton Inn Brockport for family members of the Slet participants. Two other hotels: Dollinger's Inn & Suites and the Econo Lodge Brockport are also in close proximity to the university that are available for booking as well.

\* Researched pins in order to share information with Groups about our pin trading activities at the 2017 Slet.

Fraternally Yours and God Bless,

**Julie Laury**

*Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Member*

Brothers and Sisters

It is my great pleasure to be submitting the annual report of 2016, my first year as a member of this Supreme Physical Fitness Board. It is with pride I present this compiling of the details of this past year, not for its content, but for reverence for this position.

#### January-March

Attended the Supreme Physical Fitness Board 2016 annual meeting held in Pittsburgh PA, collaborating with my fellow Supreme Physical Fitness Board in the arrangement of the new drills for the 2017 Slet as well as offer ideas or potential new fraternal programs.

Hosted Brother John in February in Wilkes-Barre. During that time He, Marty Degnan filmed the Men's Drill DVD.

#### April-June

In April I established contact and offered myself as the designated Supreme Physical Fitness Board liaison to Haley Hast and Dalton Pribila of Group 14 and Stephen Papcun of Group 16.

#### July-September

During the Clinic at SUNY Brockport I instructed group directors and assistant directors in the drills for the Slet 2017.

I made our forms, drills and other media available online via our google Drive for all group to access anytime.

As a representative of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board I attended the Group 7 annual Sokol day.

Thank You

**Philip J. Walsh**

*Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Member*

## 2017 Law Day Message from our General Counsel

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play a crucial role in our daily lives by securing and protecting so many of the rights we enjoy today. The relevance and importance of the 14th Amendment is that it enables us to better understand and appreciate the blessings of liberty. It exemplifies the values that are the foundations of our freedom: the sovereignty of the people, the strength of diversity, the virtues of a civil society, the power of free expression, and of independent speaking. A look back shows that America has endured many significant events. Some have been proud moments, others have not. Each one has taught the Nation the message of Law Day: The law ultimately prevails. The true measure of determining whether the law has succeeded is that the quality of all of our lives has been enhanced as a result of these laws.

As a society, we have been committed to the principles of justice and equality.

Hence, our great nation has undergone many challenges over the years. Nevertheless, we have surmounted them, and have grown and prospered, because our system of liberty under law, and our reverence for the rule of law, has enabled us to mobilize the best energies of all Americans in a common cause. If government by law is to survive, the great majority of the people must accept the rules and live under that law. This can be accomplished by the following: (1) understanding fully our form of government; (2) developing positive attitudes toward our fellow citizens; and (3) translating that understanding and those attitudes into constructive action.

Today, the 14th Amendment still stands as one of the most histori-

cally important building blocks to our country's democracy. It further speaks to volumes to how our legal heritage is priceless and should be continuously safeguarded. The significance of the 14th Amendment defined in the U.S. Constitution continues to be an influence on the history and growth of our great nation. Clearly, there is no system in the world that affords scope of freedom and justice as that enjoyed by American citizens.

In conclusion, I join all our Sokols and Sokolky in celebrating Law Day, and I urge you to celebrate the spirit of Law Day every day in your lives. Only through an understanding and appreciation of our rights can we and our fellow citizens maintain the rule of law – the glue that binds our great nation together.

ZDAR BOH!

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### Remember the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

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

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## Scenes of the Dinner Honoring Nicholas Benyo, Jr., president of Assembly 63 on the occasion of his 90th birthday at the Dunwoodie Golf Center in Yonkers, N.Y. on April 9

Nicholas Benyo, Jr., a well-known civic and business leader and Slovak fraternal and cultural activist, was honored at a reception and dinner on the occasion of his 90th birthday on Sunday, April 9 at the Dunwoodie Golf Course Club House in Yonkers, N.Y. More than 150 family, friends and fellow fraternalists turned out for this tribute to Brother Benyo who serves as president of our Slovak Catholic Sokol, Assembly 63 in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. In addition he has been active in the work of the Slovak League of America, the former Slovak World Congress, the Slovak Catholic Federation and the United Slavonian American League of Westchester.

Serving as the toastmaster during the event was Brother Benyo's son, Michael Benyo. The invocation and prayer before the dinner was offered by the Very Rev. Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh, pastor of St. Mary's Carpatho Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in Yon-

kers. Offering a tribute to Brother Benyo was the Hon. Michael Spano, mayor of Yonkers. Mayor Spano recalled Brother Benyo's years of dedicated civic service to the city, serving for many years as a member of City Council as well as other professional boards and commissions. Brother Benyo's son, Michael offered a stirring tribute to his dad, who emigrated to the United States in 1946 from Litmanova in eastern Slovakia where he was born on April 6, 1927.

Among the other speakers was Editor Daniel F. Tanzone who had high praise for the dedicated efforts of Brother Benyo as an active Sokol for many years. As proprietor of the former Benyo World Wide Travel, he organized and led numerous Sokol tours to Slovakia over the years. A Certificate of Award was presented to Brother Benyo in recognition of his years of dedicated fraternal service on behalf of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. In addition, Brother Tanzone

in his position as president, presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Slovak League of America recognizing Brother Benyo's years of activity in the American Slovak community.

In his response, Brother Benyo expressed thanks and appreciation to all for this tribute. He noted how privileged he was to become an American citizen and enjoying the American dream. Through his civic and cultural efforts, he also never forgot his native Slovakia and dedicated himself to the preservation and appreciation of our Slovak cultural past.

Throughout his long life, Brother Benyo has served as a bridge builder uniting the best of the United States with his native Slovakia. Ever the optimist, he concluded his remarks thanking all and noting that his was working on his upcoming 100th birthday! May God continue bless Brother Benyo with good health and happiness. Na mnohaja a blahaja lieta and Zdar Boh!



Yonkers, N.Y. Mayor Michael Spano is shown above congratulating Brother Nicholas Benyo, Jr. and recalling his many years of dedicated civic involvement.



The Hon. Michael Spano, mayor of Yonkers and fellow Sokols and Sokolky are shown with Brother Nicholas Benyo, Jr. along with the Very Rev. Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh, far right, at the dinner honoring his 90th birthday.



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You can follow us for daily updates on upcoming activities and events, as well as pictures of your favorite Sokols. Feel free to forward pictures of your group activities to: [kathyw323@gmail.com](mailto:kathyw323@gmail.com) so that we can tweet them!

We are looking forward to gaining MANY new followers!

If you are new to Twitter and Instagram, here are some basics on how to sign up:

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- \* Click "Sign up for Twitter?"
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Zdar Boh!  
The Supreme Physical Fitness Board

## Pisztoryho palác v Bratislave je novým kultúrnym centrom



Pisztoryho palác na Štefánikovej ulici v bratislavskom Starom Meste už slúži verejnosti ako nové kultúrne centrum.

Staré Mesto už v paláci začalo organizovať kultúrne podujatia, výstavy a prednášky a jeho priestory bude využívať aj na reprezentatívne účely. Do siete staromestských kultúrnych centier palác oficiálne zaradili v decembri 2016. V súčasnosti prechádza táto národná kultúrna pamiatka komplexnou obnovou. Ukončenie rekonštrukcie je naplánované na jar tohto roku.

Pisztoryho palác si dal postaviť lekárnik Felix Pisztorý v 90. rokoch 19. storočia. V tom čase bola ulica ešte len vznikajúca mestská trieda smerom k Uhorskej kráľovskej železnici a pozemky pre svoje paláce a vily si tu skupovali bohatí obyvatelia Prešporku. Pisztorý mal za palácom záhradu, siahajúcu až k dnešnému Slavínu, a v nej si pestoval liečivé byliny. Počas socializmu slúžil ako Múzeum Vladimíra Iljiča Lenina, neskôr ako Dom zahraničných

Slovákov. V roku 2013 tu obnovili kinosálu a začali v Kine Film Europe premiatť výlučne európske filmy.

Palác vynikal vkusom a luxosom. Väčšina pôvodného vybavenia sa zachovala a možno ju tu vidieť dodnes - kovaná brána, umelecké zábradlie, balustráda, krištáľové lustre, mozaiková podlaha v schodiskovej hale a bohatá štuková výzdoba či dokonca pozlátené fresky na stropoch. Alegorickú malbu, ktorá je apoteózou hudby, vytvoril Gastach v roku 1895.

Fresky boli veľkým prekvapením. Sčasti ich odkryli až pamiatkari pred približne siedmimi rokmi, keď tu robil výskum Mestský ústav ochrany pamiatok. Inventarizáciu robil Alexander Németh z Pamiatkového úradu. Od roku 1954 totiž Leninovo múzeum niektoré honosné stropy zakrylo sadrokartónovými platňami a umelo ich tak znižilo. Propagandistická výzdoba, vitríny a portréty tu boli až dovtedy a netušilo sa, v akom stave stropy budú.

## Kapusta je všeliak

Lieči žalúdok, posilňuje imunitu, chráni pred rakovinou. Kapusta je doslova všeliak. Zlepšuje imunitu a odolnosť proti infekciám, čistí tráviacu sústavu a udržiava v črevách zdravú mikróflóru, zmiernuje napätie, nervozitu a stres, upravuje činnosť štítnej žľazy. Výskumy odhalili silný protirakovinový potenciál tejto zeleniny.



Dve až tri porcie týždenne sú dobrou prevenciou rakoviny žalúdka, hrubého čreva, pľúc a kože. Kapusta chráni aj pred sivým zákalom a chorobami srdca. Štáva zo surovej kapusty lieči žalúdočné vredy. Pre nízku energetickú hodnotu sa kapusta odporúča pri redukčnej diéte a očistných kúrach. Červená má dvakrát viac železa ako biela a aj vyšší obsah fytochemikálií.

Červené pigmenty antokyaníny patria medzi silné antioxidanty. Chránia mozgové bunky, preto sa skúma ich účinnosť pri prevencii a liečbe Alzheimerovej choroby. Červená kapusta pri duseaní stratí peknú farbu a zmatnie. Nič z toho nehrozí, keď do nej hneď na začiatku dusenia pridáte lyžicu octu alebo citrónovej šťavy.

Kapusta je výborný zdroj vitamínov C, E a K. Bohatá na vitamín B6, kyselinu listovú, vlákninu, síru, mangán a draslík. Obsahuje organickú zlúčeninu sulforafán a antioxidant flavonoidy antokyaníny.

## ACH, TÁ NAŠA SLOVENČINA!

Na konferencii European Compliance Forum 2017 sa predstaví špička **spikrov...** - *webnoviny*. Potrebujeme nové modely komunikácie a **líderstva?**

- podnikam.sk

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## Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave pozýva mládež na vzdelávací program

Vážení krajanovia,

Radi by sme Vás pozvali na vzdelávací program organizovaný Útvorom Jazykovej a odbornej prípravy cudzincov a krajanov Centra ďalšieho vzdelávania Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave „Mobilná učebňa slovenského jazyka pre krajanov“, ktorý sa uskutoční v študijnom a kongresovom stredisku v Modre-Harmónii a vo vybraných častiach Slovenska, v termíne 18. júna do 23. júna 2017.

Vzdelávací program je určený krajanom vo veku 15 – 18 rokov, žijúcim v zahraničí, ktorí majú záujem spoznávať národné kultúrne a prírodné pamiatky Slovenska a zdokonaľovať sa v slovenskom jazyku.

Viac informácií na našej web-

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Príhlášky akceptujeme len elektronicky cez portál [edu-abroad.sk](http://edu-abroad.sk).

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Tešíme sa na Vašu účasť.

**Mgr. Tatiana Ilavská, PhD.**  
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## Počet ľudí na Slovensku ohrozených chudobou stúpol

Rizikom chudoby bolo v minulom roku ohrozených 12,7 percenta obyvateľov Slovenska, teda 670 tisíc osôb. V porovnaní s predchádzajúcim rokom ide o nárast o 0,4 percentuálneho bodu, resp. o 30 tisíc ľudí.

Hranicu rizika chudoby jednočlennej domácnosti predstavuje 4 171 eur ročne, mesačne tak ide o sumu takmer 348 eur. V roku 2015 bola táto hranica na úrovni 4 158 eur za rok. Vyplýva to z dvanásteho zisťovania EU SILC 2016, ktorého výsledky vo štvrtok prezentoval Štatistický úrad SR (ŠÚ).

## Koncert slovenského tenora Maroša Bango

Slovenský spevák Maroš Bango bude mať koncert v hale kostola Sv. Jána Nepomuckého v nedeľu 7. mája. Vstupné je \$20.00 pre dospelých, pre deti do 12 rokov je vstup zdarma. Vo vstupnom je započítaný aj obed, ktorý bude o 12.00 hodine po slovenskej svätej omši. Po obede bude nasledovať koncert. Vstupenky a bližšie informácie: Mária Božeková (347) 612-1934, Lisa Calabrese (212) 734-4613, alebo email: [parish@eastrivercatholics.org](mailto:parish@eastrivercatholics.org)

"Slovenský Bocelli" a jeho taktiež nevidiaca manželka Alexandra búrajú predsudky o uplatnení handikapovaných umelcov. Napriek poľutnému osudu pomáhajú tým, ktorí pomoc potrebujú viac ako oni a sami si pomoc nemôžu.

"Bez snahy ničoho zmeniť ostáva tma ..."

"Slovak Bocelli"

# Maroš Bango

v koncerte

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### V Monaku predstavili slovenské lietajúce auto



Prestížna svetová výstava Top Marques v Monaku mala 20. apríla na programe aj predstavenie nového modelu takzvaného lietajúceho auta slovenskej firmy AeroMobil, ktoré by malo ísť už tento rok do predaja. Išlo by tak o prvé komerčne dostupné lietajúce auto na svete.

O pohon aeromobilu sa stará štvorvalcový letecký motor Rotax 912, dolet by mal mať 700 kilometrov. Z auta do leteckého módu a se dostane za zhruba 80 sekund.

Model lietajúceho auta slo-

venskej firmy Aeromobil niektoré médiá prirovnávajú k filmovému lietajúcejemu vozidlu Fantomasa.

Prototyp sa takmer pred dvoma rokmi, v máji 2015, zrútil na letisku v Nitre na západe Slovenska. Stroj, ktorý sa dostal do vývrtky, pilotoval jeho vynálezca Štefan Klein, ktorý na myšlienke auta schopného vzlietnuť pracuje dlhšie ako štvrt storočia. Hoci spadol z výšky viac ako 200 metrov, pilot utrpel len ľahké zranenia, pretože sa mu ešte vo vzduchu podarilo aktivovať padák, a stlmil tak náraz na zem.

„Dnešný deň je pre budúcnosť cestovania významný. Predstavenie AeroMobilu znamená, že sme pripravení prijať prvé predobjednávky a efektívnejšia osobná doprava sa čoskoro stane skutočnosťou,“ povedal Juraj Vaculik, spoluzakladateľ a generálny riaditeľ AeroMobilu. „Za týmto momentom stojí skúsený tím expertov z oblasti automobilovej a leteckej dopravy, ktorí chceli predefinovať hranice toho, čo je v cestovaní možné. Je pre nás ctou, že jeho kráľovská výsosť, monacký princ, vo štvrtok odhalil AeroMobil na Top Marques Show,“ dodal.

Nový AeroMobil bude k dispozícii v limitovanej edícii 500 kusov a bude sa predávať za cenu medzi 1,2 až 1,5 milióna EUR v závislosti od požiadaviek a špecifikácií zákazníkov. Prvých 25 modelov bude súčasťou špeciálnej série Founders Edition, ktoré budú obsahovať určité produktové výhody. Ich detaily budú oznámené neskôr.

### Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti na Slovensku dosiahla ku koncu marca tohto roka 8,04%. Oproti februáru sa miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti znížila o 0,35 percentuálneho bodu. Medziročne bola miera nezamestnanosti v marci nižšia o 1,85 percenta.

□ Úrady práce evidovali na konci marca 219 149 disponibilných uchádzačov o zamestnanie. Oproti februáru ide o pokles o 9 516 ľudí. Medziročne počet uchádzačov, ktorí mohli okamžite nastúpiť do práce, klesol o 49 410 osôb.

□ Ku koncu marca tohto roka evidovali úrady 59 tisíc osôb, ktoré boli bez práce viac ako štyri roky. Medziročne ide o pokles o 12 tisíc osôb. Viac ako štyri roky je tak v súčasnosti bez práce 23 percent z celkového počtu nezamestnaných.

□ Najviac dlhodobo nezamestnaných, ktorí sú v evidencii úradov práce viac ako štyri roky, sa nachádza v Prešovskom kraji. Ku koncu marca tohto roka išlo o 17,1-tisíc nezamestnaných. Najviac k tomu prispeli okresy Prešov, Kežmarok a Vranov nad Topľou, v ktorých počet nezamestnaných nad štyri roky presiahol 2,4-tisíc.

□ Medzi Popradom a Spišským Štvrtkom sa stala 20. apríla reťazová dopravná nehoda. Na mieste sa zrazilo 50 vozidiel. Pre silný vietor a husté sneženie v okrese Poprad na cestách vyhlásený prvý kalamitný stupeň.

□ Celkovo bolo 24 zranených, z toho dvaja ťažko, šesť stredne a 16 ľahko. Na mieste podľa zasaňovalo sedem posádok Záchranej zdravotnej služby, ktoré transportovali pacientov do nemocníc v Poprade, Spišskej Novej Vsi, Levoči a Kežmarku.

□ Ku koncu marca tohto roka pracovalo na Slovensku 39,1 tisíc cudzincov. V porovnaní s koncom marca minulého roka ide o nárast o 11,8 tisíc osôb.

Najpočetnejšie zastúpenie na slovenskom pracovnom trhu majú občania Rumunska. Tých ku koncu marca na Slovensku pracovalo 7,8 tisíc, čo je medziročne viac o 1,3 tisíc osôb.

□ Na druhej priečke sú občania Srbska, ktorých prišlo za prácou na Slovensko 5,8 tisíc. Oproti koncu marca vlašajška tak počet občanov Srbska pracujúcich na Slovensku stúpol o 3,9 tisíc. Oproti februáru ide o pokles o 9 516 ľudí. Medziročne počet uchádzačov, ktorí mohli okamžite nastúpiť do práce, klesol o 49 410 osôb.

□ Každý tretí cudzinec na Slovensku pracoval ku koncu marca v Bratislave. V piatich okresoch hlavného mesta Slovenska bolo zamestnaných 11,4 tisíc cudzincov. Nasleduje okres Trnava, ktorý koncom minulého mesiaca zaevidoval vyše 7 tisíc zamestnaných cudzincov. Úrad práce v Čadci vykázal takmer 1,2 tisíc pracujúcich občanov pochádzajúcich z iných krajín. Naopak, len štyria cudzí štátni príslušníci pracovali v okrese Gelnica.

□ Jaguar prilákal do Nitry ďalšieho investora. Do Nitry ďalší investor z automobilového priemyslu, ktorý vytvorí 500 pracovných miest a preinvestuje 17 miliónov eur. V katastrálnom území Dražoviec a Mlynárec budú v novom závode vyrábať plastové súčiastky pre automobily, ako sú dverové panely, čelné časti áut, kryty kolies, či interiérové plasty. Plánovaný termín ukončenia výstavby je december 2017.

□ V areáli výstavniska Incheba sa 28. apríla začala medzinárodná prehliadka automobilov a príslušenstva - bratislavský Autosalon. Na ploche 40-tisíc štvorcových metrov sa prezentuje 46 značiek automobilov, prakticky všetkých významných svetových a najmä slovenských automobiliek.



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