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John J. Stofko Memorial Sports Spirit Award goes to Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bay Staters of Group 3, East Douglas, Mass. triumph at 48th International Slet Capturing the Championship Flag, Team Drilling and Track & Field titles

Group 14 takes Gymnastics title; athletes from nine participating Groups compete at SUNY - Brockport, N.Y.



Members of the victorious team representing Group 3, East Douglas, Mass., which took home the Championship Flag at our 48th International Slet held at the State University of New York at Brockton, N.Y., July 12-16 are shown in the above photo. The Slet win was the first for the Bay Staters who have enjoyed an active and spirited Sokol sporting and fraternal tradition since the founding of the first Massachusetts lodges in 1910. In addition to the Championship Flag, Group 3 also took home the Track & Field and Drilling titles at the Slet.



Jocelyn Polney Graduates Navy Boot Camp



Jocelyn Polney our Sokolka of Wreath 147 in Larksville, Pa. recently completed boot camp and graduation as a member of the United States Navy at ceremonies held in Great Lakes, Ill. Jocelyn is shown in the top photo in her Navy uniform with family, including her dad, Edward Polney, her sister Rose Marie and mom, Margaret Polney. Jocelyn is also shown at her sister, Rose Marie's graduation from Wilkes University recently flanked by their parents. Finally, the lower photos include sisters, Jocelyn and Rose Marie, and Jocelyn is shown in her Navy dress whites with diploma and badge as she served at Arms graduation in Texas. Jocelyn and Rose Marie have been active Sokol members since their childhood. Rose Marie has been the recipient of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants. They hail from a well-known Group 7 Sokol family and are the daughters of Edward and Margaret Kaschak Polney of Swoyersville, Pa. Our congratulations to both and Zdar Boh!

SEZ YOU...
Letters to the Editor

Dear Brother Scott Pogorelec,
I just want to thank you for honoring me at the recent 71st international Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling tournament held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. with the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. For so many years, I watched as other members received this award at our bowling tournaments, never thinking that one day I would be the recipient.

I am still having a hard time finding the words to express how much this award means to me. I am so pleased to be a part of our wonderful organization. With heartfelt thanks, may I remain

Zdar Boh!
Christine M. Sofranko
Moon Township, Pa.
Member, Wreath 85

Introducing our newest members



Reid Thomas Pogorelec, born May 17, 2017 is the son of Supreme Secretary Scott T. and Margaret(Maggie) Thornton Pogorelec of Wayne, N.J. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 162 in Clifton, N.J.



Landon Najdlik, born February 28, 2017 is the son of Corey Kowalewski and Sarah Najdlik of Milwaukee, Wis. He was enrolled as a member of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, Wis.

To deserving students in Lorain, Oh. United Slovak Societies Award Grants



2017 recipients of scholarship grants from the United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Oh. are shown above during a barbeque hosted by the group on July 11. Making the presentations on the photo, from the left, Len Zilko, president of the United Slovak Societies, scholarship recipient Emily Gorenshek; Michele Mager, secretary of the United Slovak Societies and scholarship recipient and our Sokol, Andrew Naelitz.

Continuing in long-standing tradition, The United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Oh. presented scholarship grants to three deserving students who graduated high school this past June and will enter college in the fall semester. The presentation of the scholarship grants took place during a summer barbeque held on July 11 at the American Slovak Club. The presentations were made by United Slovak Societies President Len Zilko and Secretary Michele Mager. Members of the local Slovak fraternal lodges affiliated with the United Slovak Societies are selected for these grants.

Awarded grants this year were Meghan Novotny and Emily Gorenshek, both members of St. Ann's Society, Branch 114 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and Andrew Naelitz, a member of Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Miss Novotny is a graduate of Freedom High School in South Riding, Virginia. She plans to attend James Madison University to study elementary education in September. Miss Novotny is the granddaughter of Branch 114 president, Bernie Danovich.

Miss Gorenshek is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School in Amherst, Ohio. She plans to attend Lorain County Community College in September to major in paralegal studies. Miss Gorenshek is the

granddaughter of the late Bernie Robertson, a former president of Branch 114 of the Zenska Jednota.

Mr. Naelitz is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School in Amherst, Ohio. In September, he will enter Lorain County Community College where he hopes to study business administration. Andrew is the son of Andrew A. and Laura Naelitz of Amherst, Ohio. He is the grandson of Sue Naelitz who serves as vice president of Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The United Slovak Societies has been active in the Lorain area since its founding in 1935 promoting a variety of Slovak cultural and educational projects. Among the group's founders was the late Dominic Sloboda who served as a supreme president of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. The United Slovak Societies includes the local lodges of the following Slovak fraternal: 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.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Meghan Novotny, Emily Gorenshek and Andrew Naelitz as they begin their education pursuits.

Zdar Boh!
Michele Mager
Secretary,
United Slovak Societies



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Slovak Catholic Sokol



At scenic Treasure Lake Resort

All is in readiness for our 62nd International Golf Tournament the weekend of Aug.18-20 in DuBois, Pa.

by James C. Matlon
Supreme Director of Sports & Athletics

The longer days and warmer weather brings us closer to the golf season so we should begin to think about the upcoming 62nd International Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament. The long-awaited fraternal competition is scheduled for the weekend of August 18th to 20th at the popular Treasure Lake Golf Resort in DuBois, Pa. Our



golfers will compete on the scenic and manicured greens of Treasure Lake's Gold and Silver Golf Courses. Over the years, several of our golf tournaments have been held at this popular resort which is centrally located. Therefore, we once again return to Treasure Lake. We look forward to this year's competition which will be filled with traditional Sokol fellowship and good sportsmanship.

We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful weekend. Participants will have a choice of lodging accommodations either at the Fairfield Inn & Suites or the Hampton Inn located in DuBois, Pa., just a short drive to the Treasure Lake Resort.

The golf course facility is conveniently located just minutes off Exit 101 of Interstate I-80. The Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Hampton Inn are located on 255 South.

Over the years, this event has evolved to become much more than a golf outing but rather a true fraternal family affair. Many of our Sokol members now attend the tournament accompanied by their respective families, which has added to the richness of the event and an example of traditional Sokol camaraderie at its best.

The tournament is shaping up to have a tremendous turnout of golfers and guests. The actual tournament deadline was July 21, however there is still time to plan to participate. An application may be found in this issue. Return the application as soon as possible to my

home address: 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, N.J. 07981, or email jmatlon@slovakcatholicokol.org.

For the fourth straight year, the full golf package remains at \$285.00. The golf package includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, three full rounds of golf with carts, two nights lodging at the Fairfield Inn & Suites or the Hampton Inn (double occupancy), and breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. In addition, the golf package also includes the Friday hospitality night at the Lakeview Lodge and a buffet dinner and cocktails at Luigi's Villa in DuBois, Pa. The golf package includes all taxes and gratuities.

The non-golf weekend package rate is \$140.00 per person. This includes meals and lodging. Finally, for our members who may not require the entire hotel and meal package, there is a golf package for \$145.00, which includes entry and tournament expense fees.

We would like to accommodate our senior members by offering an additional choice. A Half Golf Package will be offered at the cost of \$215.00 that includes two rounds of 9 holes on Saturday and Sunday, along with lodging and meals. Additionally, a Half Golf Package will be available for \$75.00 which includes just the nine holes of golfing on Saturday and Sunday along with the entry fee and prize money.

Each golfer must make his or her own hotel arrangements by contacting either the Fairfield Inn & Suites at tel. 814 371-2260 or the Hampton Inn at 814 375-1000. Golf reservations for the practice round on Friday should be made with the course pro shop at tel. 814 913-1482 for the Gold Course and 814 913-1480 for the Silver Course.

The Friday, August 18 hospitality night will be held at the Lakeview Lodge at Treasure Lake and the Saturday, August 19 buffet dinner is scheduled at Luigi's Villa. There will be a charge of \$25.00 per person for those members who would like to purchase additional dinner tickets for their dinner guests. A Mass to satisfy the Sunday obligation

will be celebrated at a choice of three area churches in DuBois, Pa. A brief program will follow dinner which will include the announcement of our tournament leaders and a welcome from our keynote speaker, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. In keeping with our long-standing Sokol tradition, Brother Scott will present the 2017 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award to a deserving tournament competitor.

This year's competition looks to be a great fraternal event, so we hope to see many of our veteran Sokol golfers, along with many first timers in the beautiful, scenic community of Treasure Lake, Pennsylvania this August.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Website www.slovakcatholicokol.org under the Sports Program. See you at Treasure Lake Resort and Zdar Boh!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Every contestant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing at least one (1) year or three (3) months with Single Premium Life Insurance prior to the event with a minimum of \$3,000.00 coverage. All new members who are enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 will require a new minimum of \$5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage. No social members.

2. (A) The tournament will be held in six (6) flights as follows, prior to applying 75% to handicap:
 "A" Flight 0 to 12 Handicap
 "B" Flight 13 to 20 Handicap
 "C" Flight 21 and over Callaway System
 "D" Flight Senior, 62 years and over
 "S" Flight Women, Callaway System

(B) Maximum Handicap: Men - 40; Women - 50.

(C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol Handicap or GCU Handicap will be accepted for all flights.

3. The tournament shall be held with U.S.G.A. rules prevailing.

4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a Slovak Catholic Sokol Handicap (handicaps are determined after two years (four rounds) of Slovak Catholic Sokol play, Callaway Modified System with two blind holes both days will be applied.

5. (A) All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by "Handicap Committee". In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared trophy winner.

(B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.

6. All play will be 36 holes. 18 to be played when scheduled starting, Saturday August 19, 2017 and 18 on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

7. A 9 hole competition will be

Message from our Supreme President

by Michael J. Horvath

The campus of SUNY Brockport and the quaint Victorian town of Brockport, N.Y., located on the Erie Canal, came alive with the arrival of the more than 200 plus Sokols and Sokolkys who showed



up to compete in the Slovak Catholic Sokol 48th International Slet. As soon as the Slet participants arrived on the morning of Wednesday, July 12, they checked in and were ready to begin their competition. The Slet, as always, began with the celebration of the Mass by our Supreme Chaplain, the Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic. After Mass, the Slet participants did individual drills and in the evening they did Senior Drill Team competition.

On Thursday morning, all assembled at the SUNY Brockport stadium to begin the track and field competition. During the morning session, Mother Nature decided to slow down the pace of the competition with a heavy downpour. In the afternoon, the Slet gymnasts began their gymnastics competition. Then in the evening the individual drillers went into the final competition and the Junior Drillers performed their Team competition.

Friday morning the athletes went back to the SUNY Stadium to finish the track and field competition. With a little tweaking of the schedule, the Supreme Physical Fitness Board was able to make up the time lost and do the events that were to be completed on Thursday but were delayed because of the rain. After dinner the Senior participants competed in a Volleyball tournament while the Juniors were treated to some down time watching movies and relaxing with popcorn and soft drinks. With heavy eyes and tired bodies, some got to bed earlier than they did the previous two days.

Then on Saturday morning, again the athletes filed into the

SUNY stadium to compete in the track and field finals. Still with lots of energy, the track and field participants showed what Sokol spirit is all about. They ran and threw as if they just arrived and in doing so some of the old records were broken and new ones established. After lunch it was time to practice for the closing ceremonies.

Finally, the time came to start the closing ceremonies, this began with the closing Mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Then with a few words by myself and our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. the participants of the Slovak Catholic Sokol 48th International Slet performed their drills and Mass Drill in front of those attending the closing ceremony.

After the individual and team awards were given out and the overall winning Group was announced the Slovak Catholic Sokol 48th International Slet came to a close. Then with a sigh of relief and some heavy hearts the participants left the field and were treated to a Barbecue and night of dancing, fraternal camaraderie and forging of new friendships.

On Sunday morning, all were up early with sleepy energy to start their return trips back home.

I hope all who are reading this article feel the excitement as if you were at the Slet, the hectic pace of the Slet, the aches and tired feelings of the athletes, the thrill of winning and the joys of Sokol fraternalism. If you do, then the Slet participants did their job.

I want to thank all the Group Directors, Directresses, Sports Directors and their Assistants who prepared the Slet participants from their Groups to participate and compete in the 48th International Slet - you did an outstanding job!

I want to extend my appreciation to all parents who took time out of their days to get their children to drilling, track and gymnastic practices during the past several months; you are helping to keep the

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Treasure Lake Resort in DuBois, Pa.

offered. Those registered for this competition will play holes starting, Saturday August 19, 2017 and 9 on Sunday, August 20, 2017. (Based on number of requests)

8. Entry Fee is \$15.00. Tournament Expense is \$10.00. A Golf Banquet will be held on Saturday Evening.

9. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight. Other prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries received. All entry fees will be returned to contestants in the form of prizes, according to entries in each flight. (9 Hole prizes will be based on number of participants)

10. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, but those wishing for special starting times due to transportation issues should notify Tournament Director at time of entry.

11. Penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be according to U.S.G.A. rules with loss of position.

12. All tournament fees must accompany Entry Form.

13. Check made payable to:
Slovak Catholic Sokol
Sports Account
James Matlon
6 Academy Drive East
Whippany, NJ 07981-1801





REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

Archbishop Bernard Bober expected at Clifton, N.J. Mass on August 15th

The Most Rev. Bernard Bober, metropolitan Archbishop of Kosice in eastern Slovakia, will be principal celebrant of a Slovak Mass on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, 218 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, N.J. on Tuesday, August 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.



The liturgy will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the New York Congregation Oratory of St. Philip Neri founded by the Rev. George A. Torok, C.O. its first provost or superior. Today, the New York Oratory has grown to include eleven priests, six of whom are natives of Slovakia. The Oratory staffs four parishes in the Archdiocese of New York and offers Slovak ministry at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J., St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City and St. Michael's Parish in Trenton, N.J. Five of the Slovak born priests were ordained for the Archdiocese of Kosice and for this reason there has always been a close connection with its ordinary. It was on August 15, 2007 that the New York Oratory was inaugurated at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Tappan, N.Y. in the presence of the late Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Edward M. Egan and the Most Rev. Alojz Tkac, the then Archbishop of Kosice, who is now retired. The Oratorians were founded in Rome in 1575 by St. Philip Neri. The congregation includes a confederation of autonomous houses in various countries. There are currently six autonomous houses, including the New York Oratory, in the United States.

We congratulate the current provost, the Rev. Frantisek Conka, C.O. and the members of the New York Oratory on the occasion of this milestone in their ministry among us. They provide important priestly ministry within the New York-New Jersey area Slovak community. In particular, we salute the Oratory founder, Father George A. Torok for his many efforts, including his many years of fruitful work within the Catholic media. He is our Slovak Catholic Sokol member and is a former chaplain of Group 1. We pray that Almighty God will continue to bless the work of Father George and the New York Oratorians and send them many vocations in the years ahead. We hope that many area Sokol members will turn out for the August 15th liturgy at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church to welcome Archbishop Bernard Bober and the members of the New York Oratory.

Traditional Marian pilgrimage set for August 13 in Stony Point, N.Y.

The traditional Slovak Marian pilgrimage celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is set for Sunday, August 13 at the Salesian Shrine of Our Help of Christians located at Filors Lane in Stony Point-West Haverstraw, N.Y. The annual event spanning more than four decades has been a traditional summer faith gathering for the members of the New York-New Jersey area Slovak community. This year, St. Stephen's Society, Branch 716 of the First Catholic Slovak Union in cooperation with Branch 45 of the same organization and lodges of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association will host the popular event.

The program begins with the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in Slovak and English available at 10 a.m. A concelebrated Slovak Mass will be offered at the outdoor altar at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Richard D. Baker, pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John the Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in New York City as principal celebrant. Concelebrating will be members of the New York Oratory of St. Philip Neri from Tappan, N.Y. Following the

liturgy, a delicious luncheon featuring traditional Slovak culinary specialties will be enjoyed. Afternoon Marian devotions at the Rosary Walk beginning at 2:30 p.m. will conclude the pilgrimage followed by the final blessing.

A bus will depart from St. John Nepomucene Church, located at the corner of East 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan at 9 a.m. Cost of the bus along with the luncheon and bus snack is \$40.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. For bus reservations call Maria Bozekova at tel. 347 612-1934 or Lisa Calabrese at 212 734-4613.

12th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest set for August 13

All is in readiness for this year's exciting 12th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest set for Sunday, August 13 on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown, Oh. The event once again offers the opportunity to celebrate Slovak pride at its best.

The fest starts off with the celebration of a Slovak/English Mass by the pastor, the Rev. John J. Jerek at 11 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Avenue, across the lot from the festival and continues after the liturgy in the parking lot and school hall until 8 p.m. Outside there will be an array of traditional Slovak culinary specialties including halusky, made with real dumplings; holupky (stuffed cabbage), pirohy, klobasa, pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken and even popular American picnic favorites including, hot dogs, french fries and ice cream and of course imported Slovak beer will be available. These will be served outside. Inside the school hall, from noon until 3 p.m., we will be serving a "Taste of Slovakia" with breaded pork cutlet, klobasa, and kapusta, holubky and halusky. The platter menu may change slightly before August. In addition, there will be a great selection of homemade Slovak baked goods including nut and poppyseed kolace and kifles, and palacinky (crepes). An array of attractive imported crystal and folk art from Slovakia will be available for sale. In the heritage corner, colorful displays will feature authentic Slovak kroj (folk dress), maps, corn husk dolls, photos, books, embroidery and informational items. Also scheduled will be a basket auction and a cash card raffle with prizes from \$\$\$\$ to \$\$\$\$.

Live music for dancing and listening pleasure throughout the day will feature the artistry and talent of Jack Vasko and Company at noon and the Del Sinchak Band beginning at 4 p.m. The music starts after Mass outside and continues until about 8:30 p.m. and includes room to dance. There will also be a wonderful performance by Alexander's Harmonica Artistry (you have to see this!) inside after the dinners are finished at 3 p.m.

If you are only attending the polka bands, not the festival, there is a \$5.00 admission charge. For additional information feel free to contact Loretta Ekoniak at tel. 330 549-3760 or email at loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com.

We hope to see many Sokols and Sokolky from the area at this year's Slovak Fest as we celebrate our rich Slovak heritage and traditions in northeast Ohio's historic Mahoning Valley.

Slavic dinners in Hillsborough, N.J.

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, N.J. hosts monthly dinner featuring Slavic culinary specialties. These dinners are held every second Wednesday of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parish center located at 1900 Brooks Boulevard in Hillsborough. These all-you-can eat buffets include stuffed pirohy, holupky (stuffed cabbage), klobasa and sauerkraut, halusky (cabbage with noodles) mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, age 8 and younger. Take-out is available. For information call 908 725-0615. Upcoming dinners are Wednesday, August 9 and Wednesday, September 13.



The Word of God...

Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday of the Year - July 30th

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore

and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous

and throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household

who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6th

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them;

his face shone like the sun

and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold,

a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,

then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;

listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate

and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

"Rise, and do not be afraid."

And when the disciples raised their eyes,

they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain,

Jesus charged them,

"Do not tell the vision to anyone

until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS AUGUST 9TH

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

Sokol Calendar

JULY 28-30

■ Annual Pierogi-Pirohy Fest, hosted by the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce in downtown Whiting, Ind. featuring Polish and Slovak folk ensembles, culinary specialties, games and exhibits, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for additional information visit www.pierogifest.net or call toll free 800 659-0292.

JULY 29-30

■ 125th anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association on Saturday with Mass of Thanksgiving, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland at 4:30 p.m., dinner to follow at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center; Sunday open house and rededication of the statue of St. Ann and open house at the home office in Beachwood, Oh. 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

SUN.JULY 30

■ 87th annual Milwaukee Slovak American Day at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th St., Franklin, Wis. beginning with Mass at 12 noon; cultural program at 2:30 p.m. featuring our Group 4 Slovak Catholic Sokol drillers and the Tatra Slovak Dancers; traditional Slovak culinary favorites along with American picnic favorites; homemade bakery; for information call Betty Valent at 414 425-6137.

AUG.10,11,12

■ 18th annual bazaar hosted by the parish community of St. John the Evangelist on the parish grounds, Church & Broad St., Pittston, Pa., daily 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., ethnic culinary specialties along with picnic favorites, flea market, variety booths, bingo, children's games, baked goods, entertainment nightly featuring Thursday: "Hill-billy d'Lux"; Friday: "Emerald Isle Step Dancers"; Saturday: Pat Ward Magic Show and "Flaxy Morgan"; an opportunity to meet the new

pastor, the Rev. Joseph Elston. Monsignor John J. Bendik is pastor-emeritus.

AUG.11-12

■ Semi-annual audit of the Supreme Auditors at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J.

AUG.12-13

■ Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage hosted by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate at their monastery in Sloatsburg, N.Y.

SUN.AUG.13

■ Annual Marian Slovak Day Pilgrimage hosted by New York-New Jersey area Slovak societies at the Salesian Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Filors Lane, West Haverstraw, N.Y., confessions at 10 a.m., concelebrated Slovak liturgy at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon and Marian devotions beginning at 2:30 p.m.

■ 12th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on the grounds of St. Matthias Church grounds, 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Oh., 12 noon to 8 p.m.; for information contact Loretta Ekoniak at tel. 330 549-3760 or loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com.

TUES.AUG.15

■ 10th anniversary Mass of the New York Congregation Oratory of St. Philip Neri at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the Archbishop of Kosice presiding, reception to follow in the church hall.

AUG.18-20

■ 62nd Slovak Catholic Sokol International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, DuBois, Pa., full golf package \$285.00 includes entry fee, two nights lodging at the Fairfield Inn or the Hampton Inn, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday; hospitality night on Friday at the Lakeview Lodge and Saturday evening dinner at

Luigi's Villa; for reservations contact Supreme Sports Director James C. Matlon at email at jmatlon@slovak-catholicssokol.org or call or text him at cell phone: 973-647-8551.

SUN.AUG.20

■ Annual Sokol Family Day Picnic hosted by Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 on the grounds of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 1315 2nd Street, N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 1 to 4 p.m.; games for children, food and refreshments for members.

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.adoremlyord.com.

SUN.AUG.27

■ Summer Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish on the parish grounds, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J., 1-7 p.m.

AUG.30-SEPT.2

■ Conference hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies with the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. for details contact societyshowcase@fgs.org.

SEPT.2-3

■ 83rd annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great at their Motherhouse, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

SEPT.7-9

■ 131st annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, the trade association of fraternal benefit societies in the U.S. and Canada, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, Ariz.

SAT. SEPT.9

■ 42nd annual Sokol Golf Open benefit hosted by Assembly 28 at Blissful Meadows Golf Club, 801 Chockalag Road, Uxbridge, Mass., registration at 7 a.m., tee-off at 8 a.m.; for information call Roger J. Manyak at 508 476-2668, email manyak1@Charter.net.

SEPT.15-17

■ Meeting of the Group Presidents at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, Cleveland, Oh.

SAT. SEPT.16

■ 40th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds, 655 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, N.J. beginning at 10 a.m. with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite at 11 a.m. with Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. of the Eparchy of Parma, Oh. as principal celebrant; cultural program and Parade of Slovak Fashions at 2 p.m.; music for dancing and listening pleasure until 7 p.m.; Slovak culinary specialties throughout the day; for information, call Nina Holy at 973 825-3633 or Susan Krcmar 973 357-1209.

SEPT.17-19

■ 59th national convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation in Youngstown, Oh. beginning with a concelebrated Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Columba at 3 p.m. followed by the convention banquet at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 24, 2017

S.K.S. 2020 Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 0935 by chairperson Julie Ann Dobbs. Sister Dobbs opened with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supreme President Michael Horvath. All committee members were found to be in attendance with the exception of Sister Kathy Figard who was excused due to a last minute work commitment.

Opening comments and welcome were offered by Sister Dobbs, Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec and Supreme President Michael Horvath with a focus on appreciation of the group's willingness to share their talents and insights to manage the work of this committee as set forth by the 32nd convention. The standard of transparency in our findings was laid as a foundation for moving forward. The goal being thoughtful and deliberate review of our current governance structure with the potential for recommendations to be reported back to the 33rd Convention in 2019.

Sister Dobbs asked each of the committee members to share a bit about themselves- Sokol involvement, family and professional background. She reflected on the design/makeup of the committee and how the dictates from the convention may have impacted the actual number of members. Sister Dobbs noted that while we were not able to obtain 9 members as hoped, that the 7 on the committee really represent the intent of the convention. Instead of the recommended 3 group presidents and 3 members at large- we were able to secure 2 of each, with a committee which represents 7 different groups and regions.

Sister Dobbs led an open and lengthy discussion by asking what the committee members felt was our team's purpose. Comments included: review bylaws/governance/job descriptions/Board of Director roles/makeup/decision making process/research other fraternal and compare/examine ourselves/look at succession planning. The open forum led to discussion that may have gone beyond the boundaries of this committee work i.e., how to gain more members/how to engage our current members/what fraternal activities are important/avenues of marketing and communication/branding- but all agreed that these issues could impact the current or proposed governance structure.

Sister Dobbs then read from the 32nd National Convention minutes the purpose of the SKS2020 Committee as proposed by the New Motions Committee and accepted by the attendees.

*"The purpose of the committee would be to make a recommendation to the 2019 Convention regarding how the Slovak Catholic Sokol should be organized in the year 2020. This would include what officers should be in place (*we agree that this means role/position), their job description, and their salaries. They will recommend how these positions shall be transitioned into at the 2019 Convention (*we agree that this means- will the role be elected, hired or appointed)".*

Sister Dobbs then shared the SKS 2020 Committee New Motions recommendation as it was shared in written format to the 32nd Convention for approval. This document aligns exactly with the minutes, but adds detail/suggestion as to how to conduct committee business. A copy of this will be shared with the committee members.

Sister Dobbs led a discussion related to timeline. The expectation is that a final proposal will be presented at the December 2018 Board of Directors meeting. This deadline allows for final tweaks to the proposal based on their recommendations, as well as opportunities to communicate to our members through various avenues prior to our 33rd National Convention in the summer of 2019. Meetings will be scheduled as able prior to Board of Director meetings in order to report the most up to date progress. A draft meeting plan was created with the intent of using conference call/email to manage much of the work but not committing as yet to how each of the meetings will be conducted:

September, 2017 Conference Call

January/February, 2018

July, 2018


Fall, 2018- in person meeting

December, 2018- present final report to Board of Directors meeting

An open forum discussion ensued related to how we were going to approach this work. All agreed to begin by comparing ourselves and our structure to other fraternal- both like sized, larger and smaller. We also agreed that we wanted to compare our governance structure to what was required by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the America Fraternal Alliance recommendations. Brother Scott will forward the most current rating/rankings as provided by several different financial/fraternal life insurance resources. Committee members will review and will determine the organizations we compare ourselves to. The committee agreed that we should intentionally investigate those fraternal with which we are consistently finding ourselves being compared. Topics of comparison were discussed and the following identified with clear need to add as we progress in our investigation:

- o Size/ # of members
- o net income x 3-5 years (growth or loss)
- o rating/solvency/overall
- o # of full time officers and BOD structure
 - How are various officers/BOD placed?- Elected/hired/appointed
 - Are all voting members?

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S.K.S. 2020 Committee Meeting

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- What role is the chairperson of the BOD?
- Officer salaries
- Job descriptions
- o Is there a separate structure for fraternal activities/business?
- o Governance approach/related bylaws related

In terms of communication, Sister Dobbs reiterated the need to be transparent in our deliberations. She indicated that her primary goal related to any potential recommendation brought forward by this committee is that it would not come as a surprise to our convention attendees. This would require ongoing sharing of progress with our Wreaths/Assemblies/Groups and members at large. Sister Dobbs asked that each committee member, representing 7 active Groups, ensure that they represent this work in their local regions. Brother Dave Matlon discussed the need to be connected via our Facebook page and "other" social media approaches as well. Sister Cindy Walkowiak indicated that there were not only opportunities with our SCS Facebook Page, but that some groups like Group 14 have their own Facebook and website. Brother Scott offered to investigate an SCS email that could be assigned to our committee, such that we can tagline our articles or Facebook postings to allow an avenue for feedback and input. Final thoughts were shared by all committee members, summing up not only the expectations, but as Brother Dave indicated- the need to manage those expectations. We agreed that we hoped that we would be seen as an unbiased and transparent team who has thoughtfully and with due diligence reviewed our current structure and governance.

Sister Dobbs thanked everyone for their time this weekend. She noted that while the plan was to link this first meeting to a fraternal event that had to be cancelled, she hoped that the members still found value in this in-person meeting. Brother Michael and Brother Scott also offered comments of appreciation and safe travels.

Brother Michael offered a closing prayer. The meeting was concluded at 3p.m.

If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas for the 2020 Committee, email us at: sks2020@slovakcatholicsoko.org

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Youngsters in the Pittsburgh area are invited to consider joining the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks, a well-known folk ensemble. We'd like you to become a part of our performing ensemble!

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We are now accepting new members and would like to invite you to come and find out what we are all about. For more information, call Sue Ondrejco at tel. 412 421-1204 or email: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com





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Slovak Mass at 11:30am on Sunday

Mass Schedule below




MASS SCHEDULE Saturday: 4:00pm / Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (in Slovak), 1:30pm & 8:30pm

Summer Fun Facts:

In the United States, over 650 million long-distance summer trips are made.

The top five most popular summer vacation activities in the United States are 1) shopping(54%), 2) visiting historical sites(49%), 3) swimming/water sports, 4) going to a park or national park(46%), and 5) Sightseeing tours(46%).

A ubiquitous summer treat is watermelon. Watermelon

is part of the cucumber, pumpkin and squash family and consists of 92% water. On average, Americans consume 15 pounds of watermelon annually.

Popsicles, a popular summer treat, was accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905. He left a glass of soda sitting outside and by the next morning the soda had frozen. He began selling them at an amusement park in New Jersey. In the U.S., cherry is the number one flavor.



63rd Vychodna Folk Festival held in Slovakia



One of Slovakia's largest and most popular celebrations of Slovak music, song and dance is the annual Vychodna Folk Festival in the village of Vychodna located near the high Tatras in eastern Slovakia. This year's 63rd annual festival was held June 29 to July 2. More than 1,400 performers from all across Slovakia as well as from several other countries were a part of this year's festival. In addition to dance and choral ensembles, craftsmen and artists are also an integral part of the festival held on the grounds outside the large open-air theater. In recent years, interactive programs such as dance, music, singing and craft workshops have been added for children. The festival's purpose is to showcase the rich Slovak cultural treasures of music, dance and folk crafts. Over the years, a number of Slovak folk ensembles from the United States and Canada have performed at the Vychodna Festival. Our own Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich serves on the Vychodna Festival committee and has actively promoted the participation of Canadian Slovak folk ensembles at the festival over the years. Scenes of this year's festival are shown above.

Sokol Birthdays

AUGUST 1

Bernard Novobilski, Old Forge, Pa., recording secretary of Assembly 86, Port Griffith, Pa.

AUGUST 2

John Yonkoski, Jr., Dunlo, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

AUGUST 3

David G. Blazek, McMurray, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ruth Ann Cannell, Canfield, Oh., a member of Wreath 107, Youngstown, Oh.

Rev. Anthony J. Pleho, Bronx, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

AUGUST 4

Victoria A. Kurak, Peekskill, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Paul M. Papcun, Clinton Township, Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Joseph A. Smak, High Point, N.C., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

AUGUST 5

Dr. Lindy A. Kona, Ottawa Hills, Oh., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST 6

Ryan W. Beil, Boardman, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Evan R. Beil, Boardman, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Ralph E. Crosby, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Anthony D. Dulla, Derby, Conn., a member of Assembly 33, Ansonia, Conn.

Kathleen Durham, Burton, Oh., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Rudy J. Krack, Chesterfield, VA., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

AUGUST 8

Brian Durovic, Mauldin, S.C.,

a member of Assembly 313, Winter Park, Fla.

AUGUST 9

Michael Chuba, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

AUGUST 10

Andrea Ames Papcun, Rochester Hills, Mich., president of Group 16 and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

John W. Veternik, Fox Lake, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST 11

LaVerne Eland, Clinton Township, Mich., treasurer of Group 16 and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Erica Mondik, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

AUGUST 12

Jason E. Banaszek, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Clare S. Puskar, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Robert T. Sabol, McKinney, Tx., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

AUGUST 13

Most. Rev. Joseph V. Adamiec, Bishop emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown, Pa., and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Lois Babik, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Mildred Bilski, Altoona, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Brian Iwanonkiw, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mary Beth Kolodziej, Crown Point, In., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Ann Koval, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Follow Us On Twitter and Instagram

Many of you are already following Slovak Catholic Sokol on Facebook, but did you know we are now on Twitter and Instagram?

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 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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- * Upload the Twitter app on your phone or go to www.twitter.com
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- * Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- * Choose your username. ...
- * Click "Create my account."
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Zdar Boh!

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius host Jubilee Day festivities in Danville, Pa.

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members at their Motherhouse, Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, Pa. The festivities began with a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius. Principal celebrant of the liturgy was the Rev. Martin Moran, Dean of the Northumberland deanery of the Diocese of Harrisburg and pastor of Divine Redeemer Parish in Mount Carmel, Pa. Concelebrants included the Rev. Gerard Heintzelman, rector of the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius and chaplain at Maria Hall; the Rev. John Cyriac, chaplain at Maria Joseph Manor and the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.; the Rev. Ignatius Madurmere, O.P., parochial vicar at St. Joseph



Parish Danville and chaplain at Danville State Hospital; and the Rev. Patrick Devine from the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa. Assisting at the liturgy was Deacon Thomas Baranoski of Charleston, S.C. During the liturgy, the jubilarians renewed their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in communal life.

Following the impressive liturgy, a dinner was held to which the friends, family and Community members of the Sister celebrants were invited.

This year's jubilarians included: Sister Rita Polchin, Sister Maria Goretti Hudak and Sister Mary Kurator, 65 years; Sister Elizabeth Ann Matonak, 60 years; Sister Anne Renee Pennino, 50 years; Sister Seton Marie Connolly and Sister Barbara Sable, 45 years; and Sister Deborah Marie Borneman and Sister

Maria Jana Polakova, 20 years.

This year, the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius celebrate the 108th anniversary of their establishment. The community was founded by the Rev. Matthew Jankola, a pioneer religious leader within the American Slovak immigrant community in the final years of the nineteenth and the early years of the twentieth centuries. Father Jankola served as the second supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol (1908-1912). The congregation received official papal approbation in 1909. The Sisters continue to promote their ministry of evangelization, education, eldercare and ecumenism in various parts of the country.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all the jubilarians as well as all the Cyrillos who so beautifully mirror our rich Cyrillo Methodian heritage of faith.



Beginning the Eucharistic procession are from the left, Sister Carol Ann Terlicher, Sister Donna Marie Ivanko and Sister Margaret Dubas.

Message from our Supreme President

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SLET tradition alive.

Thank you to all parents who came to the Slet to support your Group and all of the participants, a big thank you to you, for your Sokol dedication.

To the all the volunteers, you truly are special members, your willingness to help, shows everyone Sokol fraternalism is alive and well.

Finally, to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, I extend to you my utmost appreciation to all of you; for the fantastic work you all did to organize an exceptional Slet that has to go down as one of the best ever. You are one terrific team of Supreme officers, Sokol members and gifted individuals. Without your expertise and professionalism, there might not be a Slet. Thank you and keep up the outstanding work you do for the Slovak Catholic Sokol to make it stand above the rest.

Switching topics a little, the 2020 Committee held its initial meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Honorary Supreme Officer and former Supreme Vice President Julie A. Dobbs serves as the Chairperson of the Committee and chaired this meeting. Sister Dobbs reviewed the 2015 Convention's 2020 Committee directive, the Slovak Catholic Sokol By-Laws, set the Committee's work plan, scheduled the dates

of up-coming meetings and report timelines. All Committee members are eager to start the work needed to accomplish its tasks and to be prepared to submit its report at the 2019 Convention.

Here is some great news since it has just been announced. I am pleased to inform all of our members that the Slovak Catholic Sokol, 2017 Fraternalist of the Year (FOFY) is our Editor, Brother Daniel F. Tanzone. Congratulations to Brother Tanzone for being selected and added to the Slovak Catholic Sokol list of Fraternalists of the Year.

With the excitement of the Slet, our FOFY selection and the Golf Tournament in August this can be the time to spread the news about the Slovak Catholic Sokol to family and friends. The time is right since the "Insuring Our Sokol Legacy" campaign is taking place until the end of the year. If any member needs information on the campaign or help with signing up family members or friends, call the Home Office or our Director of Sales and Marketing for assistance.

I close by asking all to keep the Sokol spirit alive and continue to be active until we assemble again in 2019 for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 49th International Slet.

Zdar Boh!

With God's blessings to all!



Cyrlites who observed their jubilees at this year's celebration are shown above and include: row 1, l-r, Sister Elizabeth Ann Matonak and Sister Mary Paul Kurator; row 2, l-r, Sister Maria Jana Polakova, Sister Barbara Sable, Sister Seton Marie Connolly, Sister Anne Renee Pennino, Sister Deborah Marie Borneman and Sister Rita Polchin. Absent from the photo, Sister Maria Goretti Hudak.



Concelebrants of the liturgy shown above include, from the left, Rev. John Cyriac, Rev. Ignatius Madurmere, O.P., Deacon Thomas Baranoski, Rev. Martin Moran, V.F., Rev. Gerard Heintzelman and the Rev. Patrick Devine.

S.C.S Museum Donations for May -- June 2017

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations received during May through June 2017 earmarked for our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, NJ. The monies received from these donations fund our annual \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships, which assist our young people in their educational endeavors. The number of these scholarship grants is dependent upon the amount of donations received.

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Bay Staters of Group 3, East Douglas, Mass. triumph at 48th International Slet Capturing the Championship Flag, Team Drilling and Track & Field titles SUNY - Brockport, N.Y. – July 12 -16



Supreme Officers pose for a group photo at the Slet and include, l-r, Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek, Honorary Supreme Officer Roger J. Manyak, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Physical Directress Kathy Watkins, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Julie M. Laury and her husband Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics Frank P. Laury, III.



What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

Nesrovnal: 230,000 non-residents living in Bratislava

Around 230,000 more people are in fact living in Bratislava than the official population figure of 426,000, thus creating economic problems for the city authority, Bratislava mayor Ivo Nesrovnal has told TABLET.TV.

The number of people who aren't officially registered as residents of Bratislava was revealed by research based on data from mobile phone operators.

According to Nesrovnal, a new parking policy currently being discussed at City Hall should prompt these people to register as permanent residents, meaning that Bratislava would acquire an extra \$41 million per year.

"This amount could rectify the huge investment debt of the city from the past and also make it possible to carry out most and perhaps even all of the councillors' priorities," said Nesrovnal, complaining that individual councillors have been blocking the approval of the new parking policy.

Meanwhile, he reported that Bratislava wants to introduce bikesharing as of the spring of 2018, with 750 bicycles to be available at 75 locations in the first phase.

Military equipment to be transported through Slovakia

Military equipment of the Slovak Armed Forces and allied military units was transported via Slovak roads and railways from July 10-16, the Defense Ministry announced.

"This concerned 14 road transfers of foreign armed forces, two road transfers of the Slovak Armed Forces and one rail transport from Hungary to the Czech Republic in order to take part in an upcoming exercise called TOBRUQ LEGACY 2017," said Defense Ministry spokesperson Dana Capakova.

Transfers of United States military equipment for the SABER GUARDIAN 2017 multi-national military exercise, taking place in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania during the same period and will continue an additional week as well.

Military, police and firefighters simulated war in eastern Slovakia

Military personnel, police officers, firefighters and other units tested their ability to cooperate in a simulated state of war at Velke Ozorovce military exercise facility (Kosice region) from July 10-13, TASR reported on July 16.

As part of the New Horizon 2017 exercise, the security and rescue forces had to manage a controlled evacuation of people from village to another. Apart from that, they trained in protecting a state border and tackled the aftermath of a battle.

The exercise took place under the auspices of the Slovak Armed Forces's Second Mechanized Brigade, involved more than 200 military personnel and 100 members of other bodies, along with 50 vehicles and other equipment.

IVO: 74% of Slovaks approve of EU membership, 58% of NATO

A total of 74 percent of adult Slovaks approve of Slovakia's EU membership, while 58 percent approve of NATO membership, according to a recent survey conducted by the public Affairs Institute(IVO), TASR learned from Olga Gyarfasova of IVO on June 30.

The survey was carried out by the Focus agency on a sample of 1,012 respondents between May 31 - June 4.

Majority approval of membership of both organizations was displayed by potential voters of all main political parties excluding those of the far-right People's Party Our Slovakia (LSNS). "Among sympathizers of this party, which has rejection of Slovakia's membership in the EU and NATO anchored in its program, the ratio between approving and disap-

proving views is reversed - EU membership is supported by 46 percent, while 53 percent reject it. In the case of NATO, only 30 percent approve, and up to 66 percent disapprove of membership," said Gyarfasova.

The highest share of EU-membership supporters was recorded among voters of Richard Sulik's Freedom and Solidarity(SaS) - 95 percent, followed by the Christian Democratic Movement(KDH) - 85 percent) and the Slovak National Party(SNS) - 82 percent. "It turns out that SaS's electorate doesn't mimic the EU-critical stance of the party's leader. On the contrary, it could be said that a preponderance supports EU membership," said Gyarfasova. She also pointed out as noteworthy the pro-EU stance of SNS voters, especially in light of the fact that under former chair Jan Slota the party voiced significant objections towards integration.

Gyarfasova perceives SNS voters as "the integration mainstream" - like the electorate of the co-governing Smer-SD. She believes that a shift in Prime Minister and Smer-SD chair Robert Fico's public stance from criticism of Brussels regarding the migration crisis towards articulating Slovak ambitions to be inducted into an 'A-league' or the EU core has worked to stabilize or even bolster pro-European sentiment among Smer-SD sympathizers and the Slovak public. "Strong support for EU membership, however, could also be a reaction from the Slovak public to turbulent developments in Great Britain and Brexit, to the increased presence of an European agenda in Slovak public debate on possible future scenarios or a clear rejection of the EU-disapproving stance of the far Right," she claimed.

The IVO survey also recorded majority support for NATO(58 percent). "NATO membership has always been a more delicate issue for the Slovak public," noted Gyarfasova. The survey results suggest, however, that there's no need to maintain a lowprofile, PR-wise, on the issue of Slovakia's NATO commitments(the recent stationing of Slovak troops in the Baltic region and the creation of a NATO liaison command in Slovakia) with an eye towards not stirring up expected anti-NATO public sentiment. "On the contrary, open and confident communications by politicians can contribute towards a positive embracing of NATO," she stated.

Bratislava Airport saw a 9-year record in passenger numbers in June

The M.R. Stefanik Bratislava Airport processed a total of 187,363 passengers in June, the highest figure since 2008 and one that represents a year-on-year growth of 12 percent, TASR learned on July 10.

The spike in passengers can be partly attributed to a more favorably developing holiday season than last year's, said airport spokesperson Veronika Sevcikova.

"We expect that this summer season will be better in terms of processed passengers than last year's, which was affected by geopolitical developments in the world. This has now been corroborated by excellent June operational results, with the number of passengers rising by 12 percent to more than 187,000. We expect the airport to process more than 500,000 passengers during the summer season, which would represent y-o-y growth of 30 percent," said airport general director and board of directors chair Jozef Pojedinec.

Travel agencies plan an expanded range of holiday trips, booking approximately 2,000 summer charter flights to destinations such as Antalya in Turkey, Hurgada in Egypt and Cape Verde.

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

"During the first half of 2017, the number of passengers at Bratislava Airport rose by 3 percent, year-on-year. The airport processed a total of 735,795 passengers in the first six months of 2017, with the most popular flights being from Bratislava to London, Dublin, Moscow, Milan and Brussels and back," said Pojedinec.

Year-on-year growth was also recorded for the volume of transported air cargo in the first half of 2017 - by 7 percent to 11,718 tons.

Women occupy one-third of top managerial posts in Slovak firms

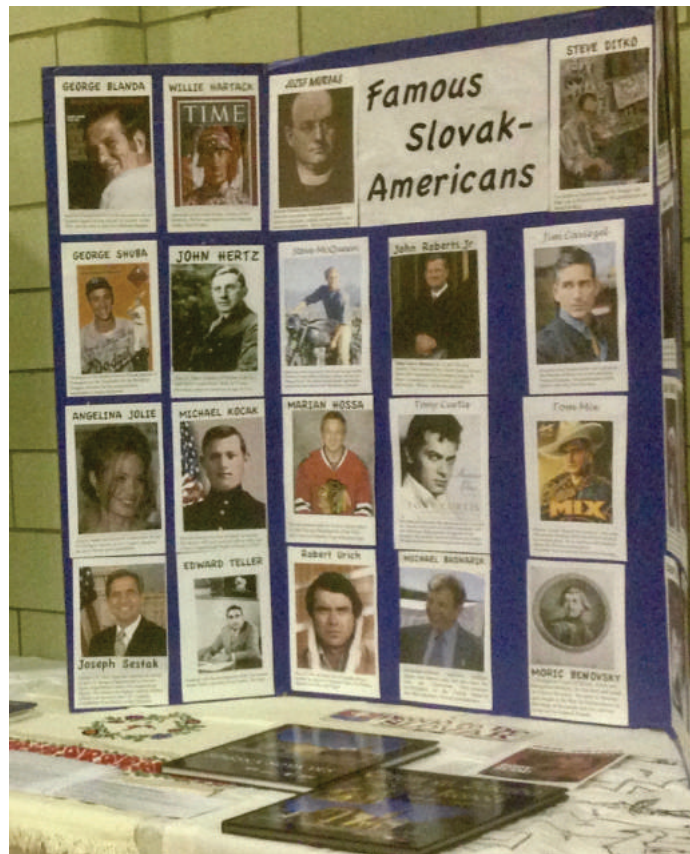
Women have a one-third representation in the top managerial posts in the biggest Slovak firms, according to data provided to TASR by the consultancy Bisnode Slovensko on July 10.

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A number of castles built over the centuries dot the landscape of Slovakia. Many are of a variety of architectural styles. Among them is the Castle in Budmerice, located in western Slovakia near Pezinok. It is also known as Palfyovský kastiel, named for the noble Palfy family who resided in the castle for several generations. The castle, an example of classic renaissance style, was completed in 1889. A traditional English park surrounding the structure was added in subsequent years. It was inspired by many similar castles found in the Loir valley in France. The Lord, Jan Palfy resided at the castle until his death in 1934. He had a great shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes erected near the castle in its traditional English park. The last Lord of the Palfy family, Paul resided in the castle until 1945 when it was confiscated by the Czechoslovak government. During the communist period the structure was greatly neglected and fell into near ruin. In recent years, both the castle and park have been restored to their former glory and a museum opened which has become a popular tourist attraction. The current Slovak government has hosted a number of receptions and dinners for foreign guests at this castle.

Scenes of the 2016 Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest Held in Youngstown, Oh. Plan to participate in this year's Slovak Fest scheduled for Sunday, August 13



Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest



Share the Pride

News and Views from Slovakia...

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39th Annual SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal of the Slovak Catholic Federation

For the past 39 years, the Slovak Catholic Federation has hosted its SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal in support of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome and religious communities of men and women in Slovakia. The appeal is an opportunity to repay in a special way the gift of faith which we have received through our Slovak ancestors. The Slovak college in Rome, built by the American and Canadian Slovak community, was dedicated in 1963 and serves as a graduate house for Slovak priests pursuing graduate degrees as the various Pontifical Roman universities. We are pleased that our own Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozic serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation(SCF). The SCF serves as the representative body of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry. Since assuming the office of national president three years ago, individual members and local lodges of our organization have given generous support to the work of the SCF in general and have been generous to the annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. As fraternalists, let us continue our charitable endeavors and include the SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal in our donations. In 2016, our Sokol lodges alone contributed a total of \$2,575.00 to this appeal. Let us strive to increase the number of lodges contributing this year in honor of Father Hvozdozic and the outstanding priestly ministry he shares with us. Individuals may also make their individual contributions and perhaps honor the memory of a deceased family member. However large or small, know that a donation to the SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. Thank you and Pan Boh Zaplat - My God repay your generosity.

As of this writing, a total of \$15,249 has been raised for this year's appeal. Donations may be made at any time during the calendar year of 2017. This year's appeal coordinator is the Rev. Thomas Nasta, SCF National First Vice President and the national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and pastor of the Parish of the Sacred Heart in Swedesburg, Pa. Again, we thank you for your goodness and generosity to this appeal. Make checks payable to Slovak Catholic Federation.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by the Rev. Joseph Murgas in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to coordinate the pastoral efforts of Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, parishes, religious communities of men and women and individuals and to give witness to our heritage of faith as handed down to our ancestors who first were evangelized by the great Apostles of the Slavs, SS. Cyril and Methodius.



39th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

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The Mixing Bowl

The ancient Chinese were well aware of the magic of summer. Each year, they marked the advent of this special time with the Festival of Light. This celebration meant a renewal of their closeness to nature and included a hearty feast.

In America, the arrival of summer means moving outdoor to enjoy nature, and that means a barbecue. Actually, the barbecue itself can be traced back to ancient China. Hungry hunters returned from the fields with a day's kill, placed their metal shields over an open fire to make a "grill," and barbecued the fresh meat.

Try this barbecued chicken recipe on your outdoor patio grill or at your local picnic grounds:

SWEET & SOUR BARBECUED CHICKEN

- 1 10 oz. jar sweet & sour sauce
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 1/2 pounds chicken pieces

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except chicken. In glass baking dish, place chicken and pour marinade over. Marinate 4 hours or overnight in refrigerator. Grill 6 to 8 inches from heat source for 20 to 30 minutes per side. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

Let There Be Light

When you flip the light switch on the wall, you start up one of the most completely automated processes in the world.

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Munch a Mouthful

You want to munch some something, but you're counting calories. So what's to eat?

For almost no calories per serving, you can snack on celery sticks, lettuce, cucumbers, green pepper, mushrooms, cauliflower, or broccoli.

For 25-30 calories chose 1 small tangerine, 1/2 cup watermelon, 1/4 cantaloupe, 1 small tomato, 1 medium carrot, 1 cup plain popcorn, or 12 pretzel sticks.

For 35-40 calories, eat 1 medium peach, 1 medium nectarine, 1/2 grapefruit, 1/2 cup skim milk, 1/4 cup plain yogurt, 3 saltine crackers, or 1/2 small banana.

And for 50-60 calories, you can munch 1 small apple, 1 small orange, 15 grapes, 12 cherries, 1 cup strawberries, 1/4 cup cottage cheese, or 4 small shrimp.

Women slightly improved their position from last year when the survey among female managers in Slovakia was carried out for the first time, with their number in top managerial positions going up 1 percent.

Bisnode director Jiri Skopovy said that women in managerial posts in Slovak firms in 2016 were chiefly involved in the field of human resources(as much as 82.51 percent) to be followed by the financial sector(56.17 percent) and marketing (50.72 percent).

Meanwhile, IT sector and general director posts still remain the men's domain. A mere 6.67 percent of women work in top positions in the IT sector, while less than 9 percent of general director posts in Slovak firms are occupied by women.

"Women's representation in managerial posts in Slovakia has been gradually growing; however, it still fails to achieve the EU average even though several studies show that having women in management contributes to the stability and profitability of companies," said Bisnode analyst Petra Stepanova.

When the results of the analysis in Slovakia are compared to those in the Czech Republic, Slovak women prove more successful in this sense. Female representation in top management in Czech companies showed the worst results for the past five years. Women's share in managerial positions in the Czech Republic was a mere 26.71 percent. These were mostly involved in the field of human resources(77 percent) and finance (47 percent).

Lajcak: Slovakia supports efforts aimed at combating terrorism

Slovakia supports every effort aimed at curbing terrorism and halting the funding of terrorist activities, stated Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak at a press conference after meeting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Bratislava on July 12.

It was the first official visit of a foreign affairs minister of the United Arab Emirates to Slovakia.

The talks mainly focused on the Qatar diplomatic crisis that began when several countries including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt cut off diplomatic relations with the country in June. They cited Qatar's support for terrorism as the main reason for their actions.

"I'm very glad that after the re-opening of our Embassy in Abu Dhabi in December 2013, our mutual relations have gained tremendous dynamics," said Lajcak, adding that the two countries have since then signed important documents including an agreement to prevent double taxation and an agreement for investment support. He went on to say that the two countries also created a joint economic committee and inked an agreement on air services.

The two ministers at the meeting earlier in the day also signed a memorandum of consultations between the two foreign affairs ministries. "It's really hard to name any other country with which we have done so much in such a short period of time,"said Lajcak, adding that there is an interest in cooperating also in the sectors of tourism, education, health care and the economy.

Regarding the Qatar crisis, the Sheikh Abdullah said that the country's credibility has been distorted and it has to do a lot to restore it.

"We've decided not to be merciful to certain fundamentalist and terrorist groups and to groups calling for hared. Our area has suffered a lot,"said Abdullah, noting that Qatar is welcomed if it wants to form part of the group combating terrorism. However, the country has to adopt plenty of measures in order to persuade the other Arab countries of its intentions, added Abdullah.

Asked by a journalist about the other Arab countries that have supported terrorism financially, the Sheikh refused to comment on any specific country in this regard just like the US and Europe.

The Sheikh further stressed that the Arab countries are currently participating in the fight against terrorism. "What we ask from Qatar, we ask from ourselves as well. The issue of terrorism is long-term and requires efforts from all states," he said.

Stats Office: employment in industry up 2.2 percent, year-on-year in May

Employment rose year-on-year in several sectors in May 2017, including in accommodations(by 11.5 percent) and in restaurants and pubs(8.2 percent), the Slovak Statistics Office reported on July 13.

Annual increases were also recorded in the following sectors in May: in the sale and repair of motor vehicles - by 8.1 percent; in information and communications activities - 5 percent; in transport and warehousing - 4.3 percent; in retail and in wholesale - both 3.8 percent; in construction - 3.2 percent; in industry -2.2 percent; and in selected market services - 1.4 percent.

Meanwhile, average employment rates for the first five months of 2017 increased, year-on-year in the following categories: in accommodations - 9.1 percent; in restaurants and pubs - 8.5 percent; in the sale and repair of motor vehicles - 7.9 percent; in information and communications activities - 4.6 percent; in transport and warehousing - 4.5 percent; in selected market services - 4.2 percent; in retail - 3.8 percent; in wholesale - 2.7 percent; in industry - 2.5 percent; and in construction - 0.7 percent.

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Golfer Signature

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	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 145.00	Bal. Due: \$105.00
_____ Non Golf Package	Package Fee:	<u>\$ 140.00</u>	
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 140.00	Total Amount Enclosed:
_____ Banquet Only	Package Fee:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	\$ _____
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 25.00	
_____ Half Golf Package (9 holes 2 days)	Package Fee:	\$ 190.00	
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 215.00	Bal. Due: \$175.00
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	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
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September 17-19

59th Slovak Catholic Federation convention set for Youngstown, Oh.

All is in readiness for the upcoming 59th national quadrennial convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) scheduled for Sunday, September 17 thru Tuesday, September 19 in Youngstown, Oh. The opening convention liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Oh. where the rector is the Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando. Principal celebrant of the liturgy will be the Rt. Rev.



Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey in Cleveland and Protector of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The homily will be given by our Supreme Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F. of Sayre, Pa. who serves as the national president of the SCF. Priests from across the country will celebrate. Following the festive liturgy, the traditional convention reception and banquet will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Youngstown. Banquet tickets are \$40.00 per person. Make check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to the secretary-treasurer, Dolores M. Evanko, 173 Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201. The convention working sessions will take place at the Holiday Inn Boardman, 7410 South Ave., Boardman, Oh. and will continue on Monday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 19 until all business has been completed. Guest rooms at the hotel are available at \$114.99 plus tax per room per night. For reservations call The Holiday Inn Boardman at tel. 330 726-1611 with the group name: Slovak Catholic Federation.

The SCF, the representative body of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry, was founded at the former Sacred Heart Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1911 by the Rev. Joseph Murgas.

In conjunction with the 59th national convention, a souvenir journal - pamatnica will be published. This attractive book always proves to be interesting and a wonderful keep-

sake of the convention and the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation. We can assist the Slovak Catholic Federation whose mandate is to promote and coordinate religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and religious communities

in their effort to address themselves to the pastoral needs of Slovak Catholics in the United States and Canada. In addition, the SCF strives to assist the Church in Slovakia through its support of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome and religious communities of men and women in Slovakia through its annual SS. Cyril and Methodius appeal.

Let us add our support by becoming a patron of the souvenir book. A patron listing can include the name of the individual or couple along with their city and state, such as: John and Mary Smith, Anytown, State; or given in memory of an individual or family such as: In memory of Anna and John Doe by son, John, wife Mary and children, along with the city and state; or given in memory of the deceased members of the John Doe family, given by the individual. Local Sokol Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups should also consider purchasing a patron ad. Patrons are as follows: Platinum - \$100; Diamond - \$75.00; Gold - \$50; Silver - \$25; and Bronze - \$10. Make patron ads payable to: Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to: Theresa Kluchinski, national president; Ladies Pa. Slovak Catholic Union, 71 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Deadline for patron reservation is August 1, 2017.

We are honored that our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation. He devotes much time, effort and enthusiasm to his role as president which is in addition to his parochial duties. Let us support Father Andrew and assist him and the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation as best we can.

Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. expected at 40th New Jersey Slovak Festival

The new administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Parma, Oh., the Most Rev. Milan Lach, S.J. will be the guest of honor at this year's 40th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 16. Bishop Milan will be principal celebrant and homilist at a Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated in the Byzantine Rite at 11 a.m. at the festival's new location, Middlesex County Fair Grounds at 655 Cranbury Road in East Brunswick, N.J. Bishop Milan was recently welcomed in Parma at the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on July 21. Most recently, Since 2013, Bishop Milan has been serving as Auxiliary Bishop of the

Byzantine Catholic Archdiocese of Presov in Slovakia. Pope Francis appointed him to Parma on June 24. At age 43, he is the youngest Bishop in the Church.

The festival opens with cultural exhibits at 10 a.m. The traditional Parade of Slovak Fashion and cultural program begins at 2 p.m. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will continue until 7 p.m. A variety of Slovak culinary specialties and baked goods will be available all day. Imported Slovak folk art and crystal will be available for sale throughout the day. For additional information contact festival co-chairperson, Nina Holy at tel. 973 825-3633 or Susan Kremer at 973 357-1209.

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Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v New York City usporiada slovenskú púť v nedeľu 13. augusta do Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York. Spoved' bude pred slovenskou svätou omšou, ktorá bude o 11.00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed bude o 12.30 hodine. Ružencová procesia začne o 2.30 hodine. Bližšie informácie: Mária Božeková, tel. č.: 347-612-1934, Lisa Calabrese, tel. č.: 212-734-46123. Kto má záujem cestovať autobusom, ktorý bude odchádzať o 9.00 hodine ráno od kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku, má sa prihlásiť na horeduvých telefónnych číslach. Autobus bude k dispozícii ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov. Poplatok za autobus a obed je \$40.00 za dospelých a \$15.00 za deti.

Arcibiskup Bober bude slúžiť svätú omšu v Cliftone, NJ

Košický arcibiskup Bernard Bober bude v utorok 15. augusta o 7.30 hodine večer, na sviatok Nanebovzatia Panny Márie, slúžiť svätú omšu v Kostole. sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Ave., v Cliftone, NJ. Sv. omša bude slúžená pri príležitosti 10. výročia založenia Oratória St. Philip Neri v Tappan, NY. Po svätej omši bude v kostolnej hale recepcia.

Dnes má oratórium, ktoré bolo založené 1. augusta 2007, jedenásť kňazov, šiesti z nich sú zo Slovenska a pôsobia aj v slovenských farnostiach Sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku, Sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ a Sv. Michala v Trentone, NJ.

Zaujímavosti o slovenských jaskyniach

Na slovenských krasových planinách a pod nimi je v súčasnosti objavených a evidovaných vyše 7100 jaskýň. Takáto hustota jaskýň sa v miernom klimatickom pásme nevyskytuje pravdepodobne nikde na svete. Najviac registrovaných jaskýň sa nachádza v Slovenskom krase, Nízkych Tatrách a Spišskogemerskom krase (Slovenský raj, Muránska planina), Veľkej Fatre, Západných Tatrách, Vysokých Tatrách a Belianskych Tatrách.

Takáto hustota jaskýň sa v miernom klimatickom pásme nevyskytuje pravdepodobne nikde na svete. Zaujímavá je aj ich genetická a morfológická pestrosť, keď na malom území sa vedľa seba vyskytujú rôzne typy jaskýň – od koróznych priepastí, cez riečne jaskyne, až po ponorné jaskyne.

Najväčším a najdlhším jaskynným systémom je Demänovský jaskynný systém, dosahujúci v rámci deviatich prepojených jaskýň dĺžku 35,291 kilometra.

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sú v Červených vrchoch v Západných Tatrách. V nadmorskej výške 2077 – 2080 metrov sa nachádza priepať Vyšná Kresanica a ďalšie tri menšie jaskyne.

Najväčšou jaskyniou s vchodom vo výške nad 2000 metrov nad morom je Nová Kresanica, dlhá približne 820 metrov a hlboká 183 metrov.

Jedinou slovenskou sprístupnenou jaskyniou s podzemnou plavbou pre návštevníkov je jaskyňa Domica, ktorú v minulosti postihli viaceré katastrofálne záplavy.

Prvou v roku 1882 Bunsenovými horákmi osvetlenou jaskyniou na Slovensku a jednou z prvých na svete je Dobšinská ľadová jaskyňa. Od roku 1887 v nej bolo zavedené riadne elektrické osvetlenie.

Najväčší objem ľadu v slovenských jaskyniach je v Dobšinskej ľadovej jaskyni (vyše 110.100 kubických metrov).

Najteplejšou jaskyniou je Plavecká jaskyňa s priemernou ročnou teplotou 12 stupňov Celzia, nachádzajúca sa v Plaveckom krase v Malých Karpatoch.

Jedinou vysokohorskou sprístupnenou slovenskou jaskyniou je Jaskyňa mŕtvych netopierov, situovaná na južnej strane masívu Ďumbiera, približne 800 metrov západne od Štefanikovej chaty pod Ďumbierom, v nadmorskej výške 1520 metrov nad morom, hlboká 320 metrov a dlhá až 19 kilometrov.

V Jasovskej jaskyni neďaleko Košíc, sa nachádza najstarší jaskynný nápis, pochádzajúci z roku 1452, ktorý uvádza, že vojsko husitského vojvodu Jána Jiskru z Brandýsa porazilo Jána Huňadyho v bitke pri Lučenci.

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Liptovská kúpeľná dedinka Lúčky, ktorá je známa liečivými kúpeľmi, oslavuje 730 rokov od prvej písomnej zmienky. Kúpele Lúčky sa nachádzajú v krásnom horskom prostredí Liptova. Pacienti sa tam radi vracajú kvôli liečivej minerálnej vode a tiež čistému vzduchu prešýtenému vôňou ihličnatých lesov. Liečivá voda, ktorá už mnohým pacientom prinavrátila zdravie, pochádza z dvoch vrtov a používa sa v bazénoch aj v separátnych kúpeľoch. Liečia sa tu onkologické choroby, choroby tráviaceho ústrojenstva, choroby z poruchy látkovej výmeny a žliaz s vnútornou sekréciou, netuberkulózne choroby dýchacích ciest, nervové ochorenia, choroby pohybového ústrojenstva, ženské choroby, choroby z povolania, osteoporóza.



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Slovensko si pripomenulo 25. výročie prijatia Deklarácie o zvrchovanosti



Na snímke deklarácia Slovenskej národnej ray o zvrchovanosti Slovenskej republiky, Ústava Slovenskej republiky a štátny znak Slovenskej republiky. - zdroj: TASR

Slovensko si 17. júla pripomenulo 25. výročie prijatia Deklarácie o zvrchovanosti Slovenskej republiky. Slovenská národná rada (SNR) ju schválila v roku 1992 v rámci bývalej Českej a Slovenskej Federatívnej Republiky (ČSFR) a vyhlásila ňou zvrchovanosť Slovenskej republiky.

Deklaráciou o zvrchovanosti prejavil slovenský národ prvýkrát záujem žiť v samostatnej krajine, čo sa pretavilo do ústavy prijatej 1. septembra 1992 a do vzniku samostatného štátu 1. januára 1993.

Pri príležitosti XV. ročníka Osláv zvrchovanosti Slovenska, ktorý sa konal v kysuckej obci Stará Bystrica predsa vlády SR Robert Fico (Smer-SD) povedal: "Považujem oslavy zvrchovanosti za mimoriadne dôležitý sviatok a chcem všetkým ukázať, že toto sú veci, na ktoré nesmieme zabúdať. Uvedomme si, že deklarácia v roku 1992 bola nástupom k vzniku samostatného štátu."

Na oslavách sa zúčastnil aj bývalý prezident Slovenskej republiky Ivan Gašparovič, podľa ktorého pri vyhlásení zvrchovanosti Slovensku veľa ľudí neverilo. "Hovorili, že Slovensko nemôže byť samo, nemôže byť

zvrchované, že samo nevydrží. Nestalo sa to. Slováci dokázali, že si vedú riadiť štát sami. Dokázali, že vedú dôjsť do Európy, o ktorej sa nám predtým nesnívalo," skonštatoval.

Vatru zvrchovanosti zapálili v sobotu 15. júna večer aj v Medzibrode v okrese Banská Bystrica. Minister obrany Peter Gajdoš pri tejto príležitosti uviedol, že pred 25 rokmi začala nová etapa, ktorá predznamenalala ďalšie následné udalosti - prijatie ústavy a vznik Slovenskej republiky. "Pokiaľ nebudeme hrdí sami na seba, na to, čo sme za 25 rokov spravili, tak potom si nectíme prácu občanov SR," zdôraznil minister.

Deň prijatia Deklarácie o zvrchovanosti SR si pripomíname už po 25. raz. Slovenská národná rada (SNR) ju schválila v roku 1992 v rámci bývalej Českej a Slovenskej Federatívnej Republiky (ČSFR) a vyhlásila ňou zvrchovanosť SR. Deň prijatia Deklarácie o zvrchovanosti SR - 17. júl je na základe zákona NR SR z 20. októbra 1993 pamätným dňom Slovenskej republiky. Na oslavu prijatia Deklarácie o zvrchovanosti SR sa každoročne stretávajú viacerí občania pri vatrách, ktoré dostali názov Vatry zvrchovanosti.

Firmy na Slovensku by prijali aj 100-tisíc cudzincov

Slovenský trh práce je pre cudzincov stále obmedzený a vláda sa snaží zmobilizovať asi 200-tisíc nezamestnaných. Firmy však tvrdia, že iné riešenie ako zamestnať cudzincov nevidia. Na Slovensku aktuálne pracuje približne 40-tisíc cudzincov a v prípade otvorenia pracovného trhu vedia personálne agentúry zvýšiť toto číslo až na 140-tisíc.

Obsadzovanie voľných pracovných pozícií domácimi pracovníkmi je podľa firiem čoraz ťažšie. Dlhodobou nezamestnanosťou majú po nástupe do práce vraj problém s disciplínou či pracovným tempom.

Automobilka Kia začala testovať robotníkov z Bulharska. Žilinská fabrika pritom ako jedna z mála dlhodobo odolávala dovozu pracovnej sily a zamestnávala len ľudí z regiónu.

Automobilka však aj naďalej pokračuje v snahe o zamestnanie Slovákov. Pripravuje úradom práce v Žiline program REPAS, kde chceme počas jedného mesiaca intenzívnejšie zaškoľovať a trénovať ľudí nakoľko potrebuje v horizonte jedného roka prijať 500 nových ľudí. V druhej polovici budúceho roka začne Kia Motors Slovakia výrobu nového automobilu. Z tohto dôvodu najbližšieho pol roka odíde zo Slovenska do Kórey na školenia každý druhý týždeň 30 robotníkov.

Problémy s nedostatkom pracovnej sily hlási takmer každá domáca fabrika. „Na Slovensko naďalej prichádzajú veľkí zahraniční investori, ktorí však nie sú schopní obsadiť všetky voľné pracovné miesta z lokálnych zdrojov. Často preto musia robiť nábohy i vo vzdialenejších regiónoch a niekedy dokonca aj v zahraničí

Problém nedostatku pracovnej sily sa týka aj vysoko špecializovaných pozícií v IT sektore, automobilovom, strojnícťom či elektrotechnickom priemysle.

Oltár Majstra Pavla v Bazilike sv. Jakuba v Levoči slávi 500. výročie

Oltár Majstra Pavla, ktorý je umiestnený v Bazilike sv. Jakuba v Levoči, v tomto roku oslavuje 500. výročie svojej inštalácie.

V Bazilike sv. Jakuba sa nachádza viacero oltárov, z ktorých najcennejší je práve hlavný oltár z dielne levočského rezbára. "Oltár vysoký 18,62 metra je najvyšším neskorogotickým oltárom na svete. Zhotovený je z lipového dreva v dielni Majstra Pavla z Levoče, ktorý sa považuje za najväčšieho stredovekého umelca Slovenska," uviedla pre TASR Zuzana Beregházyová z Mestského úradu v Levoči. Široký je 6,72 metra a vznikol v rokoch 1507-1517.

V oltárnej skrini sa nachádzajú tri hlavné sochy a predstavujú Madonu s dieťaťom, sv. Jána a sv. Jakuba. V jeho dolnej časti je situované zobrazenie poslednej večere. Oltár, hoci je zasvätený

patróni mesta a kostola sv. Jakubovi Apoštolovi, je v podstate oltárom apoštolov.

V povojnových rokoch bol reštaurovaný, nakoľko hrozilo jeho zruštenie. V rokoch 1952-1954 ho bratia Kotrbovci zreštaurovali, pričom od svojej inštalácie bol po prvý raz rozobratý. Posledný veľký zásah na megalitickom oltárom sa začal v roku 2012. Trvalo takmer tri roky, kým pamiatka dostala pôvodný vzhľad. Na reštaurátorské práce bolo použitých takmer 300.000 eur, z ktorých zhruba 220.000 eur zaplatila nemecká nadácia Messerschmitt Stiftung a zvyšok financoval Rímskokatolícky farský úrad v Levoči.

Chrám sv. Jakuba bol v roku 2009 zapísaný do Zoznamu Svetového dedičstva UNESCO ako súčasť súboru Levoča, Spišský hrad a pamiatky okolia. - TASR



40. FESTIVAL SLOVENSKEHO DEDIČSTVA V NEW JERSEY BUDE 16. SEPTEMBRA

Festival slovenského dedičstva, ktorý sa každý rok koná v New Jersey, bude v sobotu 16. septembra v Middlesex County Fairgrounds, 655 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, NJ. Blížšie informácie: Nina Holý, tel. č. 973-825-3723, Zuzana Krčmár, tel.č. 973-357-1209.