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## Scenes of the 48th International Slet held at SUNY - Brockport, N.Y., July 12-16

Group 3 Captures Championship Flag, Team Drilling and Track & Field Titles

Group 14 takes Gymnastic Title + John J. Stofko Memorial Sports Award goes to Group 14

Athletes from the following Groups participated: Group 1, Passaic, N.J.; Group 3, East Douglas, Mass.; Group 4, Chicago, Ill.; Group 5, Cleveland, Oh.; Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Group 11, Minneapolis, Minn.; Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Group 17, Youngstown, Oh.; Group 19, Toronto, Ont. Canada





## The 48th International Slet

### Held at the State University of New York at Brockport + July 12-16

**Kathleen S. Watkins**

*Supreme Physical Directress*

The beautiful campus of SUNY Brockport was host to our 48th International Slet from July 12-16, 2017. Although the participants did not arrive until the 12th, the Supreme Physical Fitness Board arrived the evening of July 10th to begin preparations for the upcoming week. Monday evening and all day Tuesday included things such as: meeting with SUNY Brockport staff, reviewing the schedule, verifying and approving the facilities, shopping for necessary supplies, finishing up any last minute paperwork, testing out the computer scoring programs, making signs, putting together information packets for the group leaders, answering last minute e-mails from group leaders, and checking the dorm rooms.



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH**  
**Arrival, opening ceremony, individual drill competition senior drills**

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

Group 1, Passaic, New Jersey, Eric Topczij, director, Janice Matlon, directress;

Group 3, East Douglas, Massachusetts, Gary Manyak, director, Judy Manyak, directress, Zach Manyak, Joshua Cyr, Jaque Manyak, Mackenzie Cyr, assistants;

Group 4, Chicago, Illinois, Tricia Radtke, directress, Brad Hoeck, director, Noah Romine, Lisa Hoeck, assistants;

Group 5, Cleveland, Ohio, Steve Underation, director, Chelsea Laury, directress, Andy Lipovsky, Abby Underation, assistants;

Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Matthew Milanovich, director, Kelly Palchanis, directress;

Group 11, Superior, Wisconsin, Chaz Matlon, director, Rebecca Matlon, directress, Luke Matlon, Laura Matlon, assistants;

Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

nia, Dalton Pribila, director, Haley Hast, directress, Pierce Kandcer, Kara Devers, Brittany Hast, assistants;

Group 17, Youngstown, Ohio, Candayce Kraykovich, directress;

Group 19, Toronto, Ontario, Steven Popik, director, Kristen Popik, directress, Michael Wasilewski, Anne Marie Wasilewski, assistants.

Registration is always a bit chaotic with all groups unloading and trying to get situated in the dorms, but the best part is watching the excitement on the faces of the participants as they see friends they haven't seen in two years. Many hugs, smiles and laughs were exchanged among the groups. Check in was followed by lunch in the cafeteria. While registration was occurring, some of the SPFB members were holding a track clinic for anyone who wished to attend.

Following lunch, the SPFB held a practice fire drill which was required as a safety procedure for SUNY Brockport.

Dressed in the multi-colored opening ceremony shirts, the participants immediately began walking to Eunice Kennedy Shriver Stadium for Mass and the opening ceremony. After gathering at the back of the stadium for group pictures, the music began and each group marched in and was announced. Sitting on the field, the participants enjoyed a beautiful Mass celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdivic.

After the conclusion of the mass, the program continued with the following:

- Comments given by our Supreme President Michael Horvath and Supreme Physical Director John Underation

- The ceremonial torch parade where the physical director and directress from each group walk around the track passing the torch on to another group

- The ceremonial lighting of the torch by the previous Slet winners – Group 14: Physical Director – Dalton Pribila, Physical Directress – Haley Hast, Assistant Physical Di-

rector – Pierce Kandcer, Assistant Physical Directress – Kara Devers, Brittany Hast

Following the opening ceremony, the groups returned to the dorms to unpack, tour the campus, and get in some last minute practice. This year, the individual drill competition was held in two sessions. The gymnasts drilled on Wednesday afternoon and the non-gymnasts drilled on Thursday afternoon during the gymnastics competition. Late afternoon, a meeting was held for the group leaders to discuss the general rules, go over the schedule, choose team drill positions, and answer any questions that the group leaders had.

The evening event was the senior drill competition in which 4 men's teams and 5 women's teams competed. The women performed two drills, Te Na by Kristina Pelakova and Fight Song by Rachel Platten. The men also performed two drills, The James Bond Theme and Janko Pri Potoky by Nebeska Muzica. After what came to be some very tough competition, the winners were announced . . . Men – Group 3 from East Douglas, Massachusetts and Women – Group 4 – Chicago, Illinois.

The evening commenced with groups gathering outside the dorms to socialize, order pizza, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

**THURSDAY, JULY 13TH**  
**Track and field, gymnastics, individual drill competition, junior drills**

The groups gathered bright and early in the cafeteria for breakfast and then met at the track to begin warming up for competition. As the events began, the SPFB prayed that the inclement weather would hold off for the morning. Several events were completed, but mid-morning a storm came through and everyone had to move inside the building to wait for it to pass. Unfortunately, it did not pass quickly, so the remainder of the scheduled track and field events had to be rescheduled for the

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Senior men finalists with their judge, well-known Group 17 Sokol activist, Edie Babik of Group 17, Youngstown, Oh.



## From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

### The Millennial Market

by Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

*"Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do. Don't let anything worry you or cause you pain. You aren't going to be young very long."*

- Ecclesiastes 11:9-10

Millennials. It is an identity given to a broadly defined group born somewhere between 1981-2004. It is a connotation that has become somewhat negative in our society. There are 1.8 billion millennials worldwide and their purchasing behavior has redefined how businesses position themselves. As many insurance companies can attest to, it is THE group where most of the marketing efforts are being driven to. But it is no easy feat, because the demographic and climate is constantly changing along with their desire to be communicated with faster and better through digital avenues. One of the greatest hurdles for insurance companies is adapting to the constant technological trends. Life insurance sales for this subset has been decreasing because many companies just do not know how to reach them. Some argue who qualifies as a millennial. For the purpose of this article, I will identify myself as being a millennial, even though Maggie would disagree and say I am too old!

My wife and I were just blessed with a beautiful baby boy. And surrounding all the love and support we have received, my job has forced me to ask myself the question, do I have enough life insurance? It is such a difficult item to think about, especially at a young age, but asking yourself these questions and acting on them could go a long way in your loved one's lives.

Why would a millennial need life insurance? The standard answer is that it is a form of protection for your family. But relaying that message to someone who believes they are invincible is not always easy and it is not a pleasant subject to think about. But what is truly unpleasant is thinking about the idea that we could die and someone we love might suffer financially as a result. Life insurance can provide your spouse or children with a financial buffer that can help in their time of need.

Another reason to think about is that your college debt does not just go away when you die. Though outstanding federal student loans are discharged when you die, this is not the case with private bank loans. If a borrower of a private loan dies, the co-signer can be on the hook for the subsequent payments. It means your parents, or others who signed the paperwork, would be responsible for the full balance. Even if your spouse is not the co-signer, he or she can still be held liable if you borrow while married and reside in a community property state. Having the proper amount of life insurance can alleviate these concerns and not burden your loved ones with the bill.

I believe the simplest reason to get life insurance now as opposed to later in life is you will never be younger than you are now. The younger you are, the healthier you are, and the less costly the premiums will be. The fact of the matter is everyone NEEDS life insurance, so why not buy at a time when you can get the most coverage for the least amount of money. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your life insurance needs, please contact me at the Home Office at (800) 886-7656 or contact our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C., at (412) 381-5431, and we would be glad to assist you.

Speaking of millennials, I was honored to be in attendance at our 48th International Slet held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY. I was so proud of all the participants, Physical Fitness Board members, volunteers, and helpers. You truly put on a great event and should all be commended. I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents, and guests who attended and cheered on all our athletes. All of your support for our Organization did not go unnoticed. Congratulations to our brothers and sisters from Group 3 for winning the Championship Flag. It was great to see the Bay Staters get the win! Before you know it, we will be preparing for the 49th!

Congratulations to our 2017 Fraternalist of the Year, our very own Editor, Daniel F. Tanzzone. I have had the pleasure of working with Danny over the past 15 years and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this special award. His hard work and dedication to this organization is unparalleled and I am pleased that we will be able to recognize him for all that he has done and continues to do. Congratulations Danny!

I hope to see many of our members at the 62nd International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Resort in Dubois, PA on August 18-20. Even if you are not a big golfer, you will enjoy this tournament as it brings out the best of fraternalism. Until next time, please continue to enjoy this beautiful summer weather and God bless everyone!

Zdar Boh!



### 27th Slovak Festival set in Sterling Heights, Mich.

The Rev. Libor Marek, the newly appointed pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights, Mich. extends a cordial invitation to area Sokol members and friends to participate in this summer's 27th annual Slovak Festival of the parish scheduled for the weekend of August 25-27. The festival is held on the parish grounds and parish plant located at 41233 Ryan Road, north of 18 Mile Road, in Sterling Heights, a Detroit suburb. Father Marek was recently appointed pastor succeeding the Rev. Benjamin Kosnac who returned to Slovakia. The weekend is filled with an array of activities for every member of the family. Participating in the festival is a wonderful way of celebrating Slovak pride and heritage.

The festivities begin on Friday, August 25 at 6 p.m. featuring a parish talent show competition, live dance music and games of chance. Festivities continue until 11 p.m. The Saturday, August 26 program begins at 2 p.m. Traditional Slovak culinary specialties along with American picnic favorites will be available all day, including a bake sale featuring homemade Slovak pastries and breads. Imported Slovak beer and liquor will be available. A children's area features a game tent, face painting, sand boxes, inflatables, a rock climbing wall and bungee jumping. There will be great live entertainment all afternoon and evening featuring the artistry of Slovak folk ensembles, including the Sarisan

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### Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain

## Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, August 15th

*"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozic

How strong is your hope in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among the first-fruits of all those who belong to Jesus, and who share in his triumph. There is a venerable tradition dating back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (called the Feast of Dormition in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3).

What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence

of the Anointed King in the womb of Mary.

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry.

The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me joy in seeking you more closely. Increase my faith in all your promises, my hope in the joys of heaven, and my love for You as my All.



### Assembly 167 to note Centennial on September 9 in Barberton, Oh.

One of our most active Sokol lodges, Assembly 167 in Barberton, Oh. will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a festive fraternal program on Saturday, September 9.

The celebration begins with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5 p.m. at Prince of Peace Church, located at 1263 Shannon Avenue in Barberton. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Assembly 167. A reception and dinner will follow in the social hall of the parish. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be enjoyed throughout the evening. Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes dinner, a favor and three drink tickets. For reservations make checks payable to SCS Assembly 167 and send same to John S. Hornacek, 609 Sonora Drive, Barberton, Oh. 44203. An enjoyable evening has been planned.

A group of eight young Slovaks met at the former SS. Cyril and Methodius Church on September 9, 1917 with the intention of establishing a new lodge of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. The group chose St. Michael the Archangel as patron of the new lodge which was designated as Assembly 167 by the home office in Passaic, N.J. The founders included the following: Stefan

Bohunicky, Jozef Bohunicky, Rudolph Magdalik, Stefan Strazan, Jan Mestyanek, Adam Zak, Andrej Dutka and Jan Dutka.

The first meeting of the new Assembly took place on October 14, 1917. The following were elected to serve as the first officers: Stefan Bohunicky, president; Jozef Bohunicky, vice president; Rudolph Magdalik, financial secretary; Stefan Strazan, treasurer; Jan Mestyanek, recording secretary; and Andrej Dutka, Jan Dutka and Adam Zak, auditors. In 1918, a Junior Assembly was established for junior members with Jozef Sastinsky serving as elder. In recent years, the junior assemblies were merged with the senior assembly. In 1919, the assembly assisted in establishing Wreath 103 for Sokolky. Over the years, Assembly 167 was active in many fraternal and social activities in support of the former Slovak parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius which was closed in 2002.

Great emphasis was placed on Sokol sporting and gymnastic activities, including bowling, basketball and softball. Local physical fitness leaders of the Assembly participated in the various activities of Group 5 and participated in the national Slets as well. In 1928, the Physical Director Arpad Toth and his assistant William Pier were

selected by the home office to represent the Slovak Catholic Sokol at the international Orol Slet held in Prague, Czechoslovakia that summer. Over the years, members of Assembly 167 have been active in various Group 5 and international Slovak Catholic Sokol Slets and bowling, softball and golf tournaments. Many local fraternal activities have been held over the years at the Barberton Slovak Catholic Sokol Center which was established more than a half century ago. Today, a century after its founding, Assembly 167 continues to be a beehive of sporting and fraternal activities. Over the years, a number of Assembly 167 members have served as officers of Group 5 as well as within the Supreme Assembly. Today, two of its members currently serve within the Supreme Physical Fitness board, namely Frank P. Laury, III who serves as Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics and his spouse, Julia A. Laury serves as a member.

Assembly 167 has enjoyed a proud past century of sporting and fraternal activities in support of our Sokol way of life. We pray that as it begins its second century of activity, the same spirit and enthusiasm might be fostered celebrating the high ideals of Slovak Catholic Sokol fraternalism.



## REFLECTOR ...

### Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

#### Pilgrimage of faith set for Oct. 14 at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pa.

The recently organized Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation will host a fall Pilgrimage of Faith to the sacred Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius located on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart 580 Railroad Street in Danville, Pa.

The pilgrimage begins with the arrival of pilgrims at 11 a.m. The program will include tours of the Basilica, the only one dedicated to the Apostles of the Slavs in the world; as well as that of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum. Jankola Library, established in 1968, contains the largest collection of Slovakianna in the United States and is home to a unique and extensive collection of Slovak fine art and folk art. A luncheon will be served. At 4 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius. This liturgy satisfies the Sunday obligation.

Cost of the pilgrimage is \$15.00 per person and includes lunch. RSVP by October 2nd to Theresa Kluchinski, national president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, call or text her at 570 817-4657 or mail: Theresa Kluchinski, 446 Mountain Oaks Drive, Laurel Run, PA 18706. Area Slovak fraternalists are invited to come and experience the quiet, peace and joy of this journey of faith, a treasured Slovak faith tradition which has been cultivated over the centuries by our Slovak immigrant ancestors. An enjoyable experience is assured.

#### Extensive exhibit celebrates the Sokol movement in America

"Twists and Turns: The Story of Sokol" is a colorful and unique exhibit at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The exhibit honors the lives of the men and women in America who have championed the Sokol movement. In particular, the exhibit honors the 24th Slet & Festival of American Sokol held in Cedar Rapids, June 22-25 as well as the 48th International Slet of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, held in Brockport, N.Y., July 12-16. The exhibit presents a nimble and invigorating journey into the story of the Sokol movement, founded in Prague in 1862 and first brought to our American shores just three years later in 1865.

Sokol, named for the falcon, was founded in 1862 in Prague, then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, by Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fugner. They believed that a nation must be physically fit, moral and intelligent to secure its independence and retain it. The movement became a pan-Slavic reality as each of the Slavic nations championed the Sokol philosophy.

The exhibit features memorabilia, artifacts, photos and colorful displays recalling the Sokol movement's development in the United States. The Czechs founded the first Sokol in America in St. Louis in 1865. Additional Czech Sokol organizations followed in subsequent years in various parts of the United States. The first Slovak Sokol organization was founded in Chicago in 1896. That same year, the Polish Falcons of America was established in Pittsburgh. In 1905, our own Slovak Catholic Sokol was founded in Passaic, N.J. In addition, Sokol groups were also founded among the American Slovenians, Croatians, Serbs and Ukrainians. The highlight of the Sokol movement is always what is referred to as a Slet, literally meaning a gathering and competition of falcons.

The exhibit pays homage to the amazing men and women who made Sokol a part of their lives in the United States. The exhibit also recounts the perilous times throughout Czech and Slovak history when Sokol was banned by various oppressive governments, and how a nation of immigrants across the ocean used Sokol to build strong communities in America. The exhibit will continue through December 31 in the Smith Gallery at the National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library located at 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, tel.319 362-8500, or check out their website [www.NCSML.org](http://www.NCSML.org). Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### 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.

#### 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 6 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 Krcmar at 973 357-1209.



## The Word of God...

### Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday of the Year - August 13th

Mt 15:21-28

*At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" My daughter is tormented by a demon.' But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday of the Year - August 20th

Mt 16:13-20

*Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Group Presidents to Meet

All is in readiness as we anticipate the biennial meeting of our Group Presidents. The Group Presidents meeting is scheduled for Cleveland, Oh. at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel on Saturday, September 16. The presidents and the members of the board of directors will arrive on Friday evening, September 15.

Each of our organization's 19 Groups has been invited to attend. Group Presidents or their designated representative are invited to participate. The meeting will offer the opportunity to address issues related to the continued success of our fraternal and sporting activities. Input from the Groups will insure their success. Group Presidents have been meeting regularly since the 1980s.

We hope to see representatives of all our organization's 19 Groups at this year's meeting. Zdar Boh!

Fraternally Yours,

Michael J. Horvath  
Supreme President

Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.  
Supreme Secretary



## Sokol Calendar

### 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@slovakcatholicsokol.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.

■ Annual Family Summer Picnic hosted by Assembly 25 and Wreath 15 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club pavilion, Perryopolis, Pa. 2-6 p.m., games for the children, food, refreshments and music for dancing and listening pleasure; for additional information call Michael T. Matras at 412-691-1306.

### 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).

### 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.

### SUN. SEPT.3

■ Annual Slovak Day Festival hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 6750 State Road, Parma, Oh. 12 noon to 8 p.m.; cultural program begins at 3 p.m. admission \$5.00 for adults, children age 12 and younger, free of charge; for additional information call 440 885-1994.

### 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

■ 100th anniversary celebration of Assembly 167 of Barberton, Oh. beginning with Mass at Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton, Oh. at 5 p.m. followed by dinner in the church hall at 6:30 p.m., \$25.00 per person.

■ 42nd annual Sokol Golf Open benefit hosted by Assembly 28 at

Blissful Meadows Golf Club, 801 Chockalog 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](mailto: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.

### SUN. SEPT.17

■ Slovak Mass celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the dedication of the Jednota Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. at 11 a.m. in the crypt church; for additional information call Stephen Matula at 703 671-3013.

### 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 4 p.m. followed by the convention banquet at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

### SAT. OCT.14

■ Pilgrimage of Faith hosted by the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation at Villa Sacred Heart, 580 Railroad St., Danville, Pa. beginning at 11 a.m., luncheon, tours concluding with 4 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius, \$15.00 per person, for reservations call or text Theresa Kluchinski at 570 817-4657; deadline for reservations is October 2.

### SUN. OCT.29

■ Group 1 annual meeting hosted by Assembly 24 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by meeting and luncheon in the church hall.

### OUR NEXT ISSUE IS AUGUST 23RD

In keeping with our bi-weekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, August 23rd. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, August 17th. 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. Tanzzone, Editor

## Special Thank You to my Sokol Family

Now that I have recovered from the Slet, I want to thank so many people. It takes a village to pull off a successful Slet, and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is so lucky to have so many amazing people in our village. We appreciate you more than you will ever know!

First, my husband Gary for always supporting everything I do with the Sokols, dealing with my hours of preparation at home, listening to me when I needed to vent, putting up with my obsessive compulsive need to be organized with Slet stuff, and jumping in to help at the Slet. I could not have done any of it without your love and support.

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The Supreme Physical Fitness Board for all the hours of preparations, endless emails and phone calls, putting up with my obsessive need to remind everyone about everything and verify that it is done, late nights at the Slet, daily laughs and great memories that will last a lifetime.

Supreme President Michael Horvath for being there from beginning to end, handing out medals and ribbons, helping out with field events, and for being flexible and willing to help anywhere you were needed.

Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec and the Board of Directors for your support at the Slet and during all of the preparations.

Father Andrew and Jim Jerek for chaperoning and helping with track and everything else all week.

Denise DiMartino and Roger Manyak for helping the SPFB with everything from track to drills to gymnastics to running to Walmart for last minute stuff.

Ed Moeller for helping with everything from putting in scores to track and field to refereeing volleyball to picking up the movie popcorn to just being there to answer questions and support us.

The group leaders for your endless hours spent preparing the participants and organizing everything for your group.

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Rob Palchanis for referring volleyball and helping at the track.

Amy Blasco for running to the store when we needed supplies.

John Manyak and Joe Uderation for helping out at the track.

All participants who stepped out to help out where needed during the week.

All of the parents and participants because without you the Slet would not be possible.

I am sure I am forgetting someone, and if that person is you, I sincerely apologize. My mind is still recovering from the Slet!

It is all of you who make the Slovak Catholic Sokol such a great organization.

Zdar Boh!

**Kathleen S. Watkins**

*Supreme Physical Directress*

## 2017 Sokol Scholarship Recipient Expresses Thanks

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

I am writing this letter as a means of thanking you and the committee of people in charge of this year's selection, when considering the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants.


Finding a way to word my response for the application was difficult, however remembering all the fun memories from the years I have spent being a part of the Slovak Catholic Sokol was much easier and enjoyable. The questions relating to my past experiences with the Slovak Catholic Sokol were a good source of nostalgia and for that, I thank you as well, since it rekindled many good times with the organization.

Hearing about these grants from my father brought back very fond

memories, especially since the committee selected someone for my mother's grant. I am very happy for the man who was awarded her memorial grant this year and I hope the funds will help him achieve his educational goals like me. Again, thank you for your consideration. I appreciate the funds and they will come in great use going towards payments for my upcoming second year of University.

On behalf of myself and a few other friends and family members who received the grants, I would like to thank you and all of those who worked with you in choosing us as the 2017 recipients! Zdar Boh!

Best regards,  
**Jennifer Lynn Glugosh**  
Assembly 224, Group 19  
Toronto, Canada



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## *Our sister Slovak fraternal*

### **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association celebrates its 125th anniversary in Cleveland**

On Saturday, July 29, in the city of its birth, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association celebrated its 125th anniversary with a gala religious and fraternal program. The celebration began with a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Principal celebrant and homilist was the Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., retired Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland and former Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey. Among the concelebrants were the Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Abbey, our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, who also serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation; the Rev. Michael Brunovsky, O.S.B. and the Rev. Gerald J. Sabo, S.J. Master of ceremonies was the Rev. Msgr. Peter A. Polando, rector of the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown, Oh. and national chaplain of the Zenska Jednota.

Following the impressive liturgy, more than 300 members, friends and fellow Slovak fraternalists enjoyed a reception and dinner at the Cleveland

Marriott Downtown at Key Center celebrating this historic milestone in the life of the Zenska Jednota. Serving as the very capable mistress of ceremonies was Sue Ann M. Seich, a national director of the society and our former supreme president. Attorney Cynthia M. Maleski, national president extended a warm welcome to the assembled fraternalists. Several presentations were made as well as the presentation of an interesting and historic film recalling the 125-year history of the Zenska Jednota.

Our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath presented a plaque honoring the Zenska Jednota to National president Cynthia M. Maleski in the name of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Over the years, we have enjoyed a close fraternal collaboration with the Zenska Jednota. We have worked together on a number of projects, including support for the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation and the Slovak League of America as well as the American Bicentennial celebration in 1976. Our two organizations often collaborate on various ethnic, fraternal and religious activities including the annual March for

Life in Washington, D.C. For twenty years, the official publication of the society was printed in our former Sokol printery.

On Sunday, July 29, on the grounds of the organization's home office in Beachwood, Oh. the statue of St. Ann, patroness of the organization, which had been restored for the jubilee was rededicated. An open house followed at the home office.

Members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol extend prayerful best wishes to the Zenska Jednota on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and pray that both our organizations in the years ahead might continue to promote the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system in general and of Slovak fraternalism in particular.

In January 1892, eight Slovak immigrant women under the leadership of Anna Hurban founded the society at the former St. Ladislaus Church. The Rev. Stephen Furdek gave full support to the establishment of this fraternal for Slovak Catholic women. A home office was subsequently established in Cleveland. Currently, the home office is located in Beachwood, Oh.



**Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic present the Sokol plaque to President Cynthia M. Maleski, who also happens to be our Sokol member.**



**Enjoying the Zenska Jednota banquet are, l-r, Supreme Auditor F. James, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic. Brother Knis' sister is Sue Ann Seich who served as the mistress of ceremonies at the banquet.**



**Principals on the photo include, l-r, Bishop Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Msgr. Peter A. Polando, Attorney Cynthia M. Maleski, Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, Abbot Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B. and Editor Daniel F. Tanzone.**



**Shown from the left, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, President Cynthia M. Maleski, national director Sue Ann M. Seich, and Abbot Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B.**

### **ATTENTION SOKOL GOLFERS!!!**

The Slovak Catholic Sokol as a Fraternal Society, participates in various charitable acts. For this reason I ask all of our golfers who are attending the 62nd International Golf Tournament in Dubois this year to help us continue these efforts.

We would like to encourage our golfers to bring any old golf shirts that you may no longer need to donate to the Haven House in Dubois. The Haven House Shelter is a short term homeless shelter for residents of Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson Counties serving the homeless for 11 years. During that time over 800 persons have regained their independence and self-respect in an average of 39 days. The shelter is limited to 8 beds and the building is secured and staffed 24 hrs.--365 days a year. Haven house is a 501 c nonprofit so donations are tax deductible.

This is a great way to help the homeless along with clearing out your closets of golf shirts you no longer need! I will have a collection box at both the Treasure Lake Golf Course along with the Fairfield Inn & Suites.

I look forward to seeing many of our golfers knowing that you will show your true Sokol fraternalism by helping in this worthy cause.

Zdar Boh!!  
**Edward D. Moeller**  
Vice President  
Slovak Catholic Sokol



## The 48th International Slet

### Held at the State University of New York at Brockport + July 12-16

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following day.

After lunch, the individual drill competition continued and the gymnastics competition began in the Tuttle North Gymnastics facility. Gymnasts competed in vault, floor exercise, balance beam, uneven bars, parallel bars, and pommel horse. These talented gymnasts performed beautifully and made the judging very difficult. At the end of competition, the winners were announced and presented with their medals and ribbons. The all-around winners were: Girls 8-9, Amber Radtke, Group 4; Girls 10-12, Rozie Popik, Group 19; Girls 13-15, Skylar Manyak; Group 3; Girls 16 and over, Lexie Stecker; Group 4, Boys 8-9, Bryce Watkins; Group 14; Boys 10-12, Carter Betz; Group 14; Boys 13-15, Daniel Underation; Group 5; Boys 16 and over, Dalton Pribila, Group 14.

The evening began with the individual drill finalists performing for the judges to determine placement. This is a private drill session where the judges watch the participants perform and determine their placement. While this was occurring, spectators and junior drill teams were assembling in the gymnasium in anticipation of the junior drill competition.

The main evening event was the junior drill competition in which five boys' teams and 5 girls' teams competed. The women performed two drills, Prva Laska by the Tweens and Shake It off by Taylor Swift. The boys also performed two drills, Skydive from the movie Kingsmen – Secret Service and Isi Mladency Do Poca by Nebeska Muzica. The boys and girls were clearly well-prepared as they showed off their drilling skills. The team drill winners were: Boys – Group 3 from East Douglas, Massachusetts; Girls – Group 4 – Chicago, Illinois.

The individual drill finalists also performed and the winners were announced: Girls 8-9, Amber Radtke, Group 4; Girls 10-12, Rozie Popik, Group 19; Girls 13-15, Skylar Manyak, Group 3; Girls 16 and over, Lexie Stecker, Group 4; Directress, Kara Devers, Group 14; Boys 8-9, Bryce Watkins, Group 14; Boys 10-12, Ethan Kandcer, Group 14; Boys 13-15, Raymond Johnson, Group 3; Boys 16 and over, Patrick Peloquin, Group 3; Director, Dalton Pribila, Group 14.

Once again, the evening ended with groups gathering outside the dorms and in the commons areas to socialize, play ping pong, eat pizza and make memories!

#### FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

#### Track and Field, Volleyball, Movie Night

After having breakfast in the cafeteria, the athletes showed up early at the track to warm-up and get ready for the day's track and field events. With the unexpected inclement weather on Thursday, some events had to be rescheduled to Friday. To accommodate for the additions to the schedule, the SPFB determined that utilizing an open pit format for the standing and running long jump

would help with getting through events in a timely manner. This proved to be very successful, so we are planning on trying to do this again for the next Slet. As part of the morning events, the ever-popular 7 and under race was held and all participants received ribbons.

Fortunately for us, the weather held off and we were able to get through all the morning track and field events that were scheduled.

Following lunch in the cafeteria, the track and field competition continued with many competitive races including some of the relay races. As events were completed, the winners were announced and presented with their medals and ribbons.

The evening events brought about tough competition for the seniors and a bit of relaxation for the juniors. After dropping off the juniors at movie night, the volleyball teams reported at the gymnasium to begin the volleyball tournament. Teams spiked, set, and passed the ball throughout the night until only two teams were left: Group 3 and Group 4. After several tough games, Group 3 triumphed.

While volleyball was going on in the gym, the juniors were enjoying the Lego Batman movie back at the dorm. Popcorn, juice boxes, and Batman masks were a hit with this young group. As we found out, it was a much needed break for the little ones as many of them fell asleep on the floor with their blankets and pillows.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

#### Track finals, exhibition practice, closing ceremony, dance

Once again, it was an early morning with breakfast at the cafeteria and on to the track for the conclusion of the track competition. Our athletes proved that talent, hard work and determination pay off in the end as they raced their final races of the 48th international Slet. The remainder of the relay races were also completed. All winners were presented with medals and ribbons, including the 7 and under participants who raced for a second time this Slet.

After our lunch break, the teams assembled on the field for exhibition practice. We began with the mass drill and then broke up into male and female groups to practice the other drills.

After practice, the participants were dismissed to the dorms to get ready for the closing ceremony.

Dressed in their drill uniforms, the participants assembled at the stadium. As a montage of former drill songs was played, the Board of Directors and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Members were announced as well as each group and its leaders as everyone marched to the front and the stadium and into the stands to begin the closing Mass. A beautiful Mass was celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdo. After the conclusion of the Mass, the program continued with the following:

- Comments given by our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec
- Drill performances by the junior boys, junior girls, senior men

and senior women

- Mass drill performance by all of the athletes

- The ceremonial lighting of the torch by the all-around high scorers in track and field and gymnastics:

All-around Track – Lucas Underation, Mackenzie Cyr

All-around gymnastics – Daniel Underation, Brittany Hast

NOTE: The torch bearers are the male and female all-around winners for track and gymnastics. They must be seniors and may not have carried it at a prior Slet. If that is the case, the next all-around winner carries the torch.

As the music played and the participants watched, the above-mentioned athletes walked around the track carrying the torches and then lit the torch to signify the closing of our athletic competitions.

The lighting of the torch led up to the most exciting time of the week, the announcement of the overall winners.

Gymnastics winners are mentioned above.

#### Track and Field Winners

Boys 8-9, Andrew Peterson, Group 4; Boys 10-12, Carter Betz, Group 14; Boys 13-15, Daniel Underation, Group 5; Men, Alec Goldenberg, Group 3; Girls 8-9, Amber Radtke, Group 4; Girls 10-12, Amaya Fluker, Group 4; Girls 13-15, Jennifer Walkerr, Group 3; Women, Mackenzie Cyr, Group 3.

#### John J. Stofko Spirit Award Winner – Group 14

#### Overall Team Drill Winner – Group 3

#### Overall Track and Field Winner – Group 3

#### Overall Gymnastics Winner – Group 14

The most exciting moment of the night was when the international flag was presented, for the first time ever, to GROUP 3! Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

#### \*\*\*International Flag Winner – Group 3\*\*\*

#### East Douglas, Massachusetts

After many tears and hugs, the participants returned to the dorms to change and make their way to the dance. A picnic-style dinner was set-up, as well as a D.J. and a photo booth. When I arrived at the dance, I could not believe my eyes. Almost every participant was on the dance floor, boys, girls, men, women, and SPFB members. Some kids who I know NEVER dance. It was an amazing site and of course, it brought tears to my eyes! If you have been on Facebook, you have seen the pictures. Additionally, the photo booth was a huge hit. There were funny hats and signs that provided many laughs. We even got Father Andrew in the booth for some funny pictures!

As I reflect back on this International Slet and all of the previous Slets I have attended, I cannot help but smile as I think about all of the amazing friends I have made who are now family and the memories I have made that will last a lifetime. I know you are all smiling right now as you think of the same thing.

Zdar Boh!



Supreme Sports Director, James C. Matlon is shown with his daughter, Janice who serves as Physical Directress of Group 1, Passaic, N.J. Janice has competed at a number of our international Slets over the years.



Veteran Slet activists - Honorary Supreme Officer and former Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Roger J. Manyak is shown with our current Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich.



All smiles from Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift and Supreme Physical Directress Kathy Watkins, who were kept busy from morning to night at the Slet.

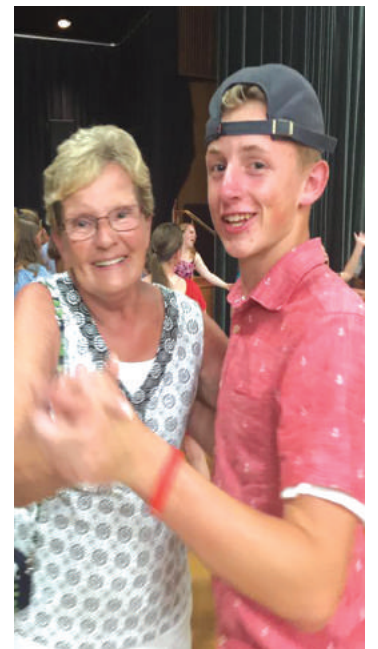


Enjoying the Slet experience are veteran Sokol activists, Supreme Physical Directress Kathy Watkins and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek.



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## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### Lucnica Doyen Stefan Nosal passes away at age 90

Stefan Nosal, who devoted his whole professional life to the Lucnica folk ensemble as its choreographer and artistic director, died at the age of 90 in Bratislava on July 22, TASR learned from Lucnica's representatives on July 23.

Born in Hrinova (Banská Bystrica region) on January 20, 1927, Nosal received a degree in civil engineering in Bratislava in 1953 before going on to study dance choreography.



A Lucnica dancer since 1949, he was appointed as the ensemble's artistic director and choreographer just two years later. He created over 100 dancing compositions and a number of feature, thematic compositions during his prolific career. He also had a long career as a professor at the Academy of Performing Arts (SVMU) in Bratislava.

The nearly 70 years that Nosal led Lucnica artistically is viewed as a unique feat worldwide. Lucnica started off as a troupe of young enthusiasts from the Ziverna Society in 1948.

Over the years, Nosal received a number of accolades, including the Ludovít Štúr Order Second Class from the state in 1997. Ten years later, he was recognized with the Pribina Cross First Class medal.

Top Slovak officials noted the immense contributions of Nosal. President Andrej Kiska said that thanks to Nosal's work, Slovak folklore became the country's "brand" that rightly receives admiration abroad. He added that Nosal's name will forever be linked with Lucnica. Prime Minister Robert Fico. He noted "original contributions to our cultural heritage that match Lucnica are scarce, and only a few people were as dedicated to their mission as Lucnica's head Stefan Nosal. And finally, the Culture Minister Marek Madaric said that Nosal's personality was characterized by exceptional talent, as well as diligence, humility and wisdom.

Under Nosal's direction, Lucnica made several visits to the United States and Canada over the years.

### Richter: 56,000 new jobs added in first half of year

New jobs continue to be created in Slovakia, as the economy added 17,000 jobs in June, bringing the number of new jobs in the first half of the year to 56,000, said Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Minister Jan Richter (Smer-SD) on July 20.

Since the term of the incumbent Government began in March 2016, a total of 85,000 new jobs have been added.

Long-term unemployment has also benefited from the positive trend, as the number of the long-term unemployed fell by more than 10,000 last month. The number of people who have been jobless for 12+ months has fallen to a record low of just over 105,000 of which 51,000 have been out of work for four or more years.

The steady downward trajectory of the long-term joblessness can be chalked up to education and re-training programs, having also been aided by activation policies that the minister said had taught the people to work and build positive work habits.

The Government isn't oblivious to disadvantaged areas, of which there are 12 in Slovakia. Most recently, the unemployment rate of 20 percent or more was only recorded in the district of Rimavska Sobota (Banská Bystrica region), said Richter, and vowed to do his utmost to reduce the figure below 20 percent there, too.

### Unemployment rate down to 6.9 percent in June

The unemployment rate in Slovakia stood at 6.9 percent in June, down by 0.45 percentage points (p.p.) month-on-month and by 2.55 p.p., year-on-year, Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Center (UPSVar) general director Marian Valentovic announced at a press conference in Bratislava on July 20 with Prime Minister Robert Fico (Smer-SD) and Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Minister Jan Richter (Smer-SD) in attendance.

"The results are even better than we had expected a few months ago. All our promises and statements have been met to the fullest. We've eventually reached the magical number six in terms of unemployment rate," said Fico.

The number of jobseekers immediately able to take a job was 187,997 in June, a decrease of 12,394 individuals m-o-m and of 68,618 (26.74 percent) y-o-y.

Furthermore, the unemployment rate calculated from the total number of jobseekers reached 8.14 percent in June, down by 0.55 p.p. m-o-m and by 2.88 p.p. y-o-y. "Never ever in the history of Slovakia has the country reached such a low unemployment rate. No one can question anything. These are absolute figures," said the premier.

In addition, the total number of jobseekers stood at 221,933 in June, falling by 15,001 individuals m-o-m and by 77,494 individuals y-o-y.

As for the individual regions, all eight regions in Slovakia recorded a decrease in the unemployment rate in June, with the Banská Bystrica region seeing the most significant drop.

On the district level, the unemployment rate was down in 73 districts in Slovakia in June, while an increase was recorded in five districts. Labor offices reported 61,995 job vacancies in late June. "I'm pleased that unemployment in the Poltar district has fallen by as many as 8.41 p.p. over the last two years. There's still work to do, however. We have districts, such as Rimavska Sobota, where the unemployment rate exceeds 20 percent," said the prime minister, adding that the Government is preparing measures in this regard.

The Government wants to introduce the promised bonuses for night work or work during weekends. "The minister (Richter) is searching for possibilities to support labor mobility as well. Moreover, we also expect employers to do something in this regard," added Fico.

### Slovakia found to lack competitive tourism

Neither Slovakia nor the Czech Republic are countries in which tourism could be viewed as the bedrock of their economies, TASR learned from an analysis by UniCredit Bank on July 19.

"With tourism accounting for just over 6 percent of Slovakia's GDP, the figure is the eighth lowest in the EU in this respect," said the bank's analyst Lubomir Korsnak. The EU average is 10 percent, according to figures by the World Travel & Tourism Council.

"The low contribution of tourism to the GDP in Slovakia and the Czech Republic boils down to their low competitiveness in the sector," said the analyst.

The World Economic Forum has also placed the two countries in the bottom half when it comes to how competitive their tourism industries are. In fact, among EU countries, only Romania did worse than Slovakia in this particular ranking. The Czech Republic took the 19th spot.

Four components make up the competitiveness index

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- a country's (un)favorable business and other conditions, policies, infrastructure and natural and cultural resources.

"While countries hold some sway over the first three areas, natural and cultural resources are more or less given and determine the natural potential of a country in tourism," said Korsnak.

Interestingly, Slovakia was ranked as 12th best in the EU in terms of natural potential. By contrast, it took a lowly 115th place among all 136 countries under review in the business environment in tourism.

The areas in which Slovakia was found lacking primarily have to do with how effective the country's legal framework is in resolving disputes, the length of procedures regarding construction (Continued on page 12)



Kezmarok is unique and colorful city located in the heart of the scenic Spis region of eastern Slovakia not far from the majestic High Tatra mountains. The city, with a population of about 18,000, is located on the Poprad River. The settlement dates back to the Upper Stone Age. By the 13th century, the region contained a community of Saxons, a Slovak fishing village, a Hungarian border post and a Carpathian German settlement. Its Latin name was first mentioned in 1251 as Villa Sancte Elisabeth. In 1269, Kezmarok received its town charter. It also had the right to organize a cheese market (hence the German name Kesmark - cheese market). In 1433, the town was severely damaged by a Hussite raid. After 1440, the count of Spis had a seat in Kezmarok. In the 15th century and again in 1655, Kezmarok became a free royal town. The town became a stronghold of the noble Thokoly family. The Hungarian magnate and warrior, Imre Thokoly was born here in 1657. He died in exile in Turkey in 1705 but in the 20th century his body was returned to Kezmarok and is buried in a noble mausoleum in the local Lutheran church. The city's other monuments include a castle, many Renaissance merchant houses and a museum of ancient books. A prominent structure is the Protestant church completed in 1688 entirely of wood. The church also contains an organ dating to 1719 with wooden pipes. The church has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2008. Before World War II, the city contained a large German minority. Today more than 95 percent of the inhabitants are Slovaks of whom 80 percent are Catholics of the Roman or Byzantine rite with about 5 percent Lutherans. About 11 percent of the inhabitants list themselves with no religious affiliation.



## 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@slovakcatholic-sokol.org](mailto:jmatlon@slovakcatholic-sokol.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.slovakcatholic-sokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholic-sokol.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  
 "D" Flight Callaway System  
 "S" Flight Senior, 62 years and over  
 "W" 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

**100<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1917 2017

Assembly 167 Barberton, OH  
Saturday, September 9, 2017

Prince of Peace Church Hall  
1263 Shannon Ave. • Barberton, Ohio 44203

*The Celebration begins with:*  
 5:00 pm Mass at Prince of Peace Church  
 Doors open at 6:00 pm following Mass  
 with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm

Tickets are to be purchased ahead of time and given  
 at the door the night of the celebration.  
 Tickets include: dinner, favor, 3 drink tickets, music  
 and dancing.

**Tickets: \$25 per person**

Send ticket orders and money to:  
 John S. Hornacek  
 609 Sonora Dr. • Barberton, Ohio 44203  
 All reservations and money need to be sent to  
 John S. Hornacek by August 20th.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by check or cash  
 Make checks out to: SCS Assembly 167



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





## 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. Hvozdic 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 Hvozdic 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation  
and mail to: Dolores Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer  
Slovak Catholic Federation  
173 Berner Avenue  
Hazleton, PA 18201

### 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.

## 27th Slovak Festival set in Sterling Heights, Mich.

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Slovak Folk Ensembles of Detroit, the Východná Slovak Dancers of Toronto and the Slovak Domovina Dancers of Windsor, Canada. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will feature the band Planet of Fun along with Patrick J and Phase Two. Raffles and games of chance will also be featured.

The Sunday, August 27th program begins at 11:30 a.m. with the celebration of Mass in Slovak in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church. The indoor and outdoor activities continue throughout the day concluding at 9 p.m. There is free admission and plenty of free parking available all weekend long. We hope to see many Group 16 Sokols and Sokolky at this year's festival as we welcome Father Marek among us.

### Mail Off to Good Start

The U.S. Continental Congress approved the creation of a postal system for the United Colonies on July 26, 1775 and appointed Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General. Franklin was the logical choice for the job since he had served as Postmaster General under the King from 1753 to 1774.

Today, historians credit Franklin with establishing much of the foundation for the development of our present U.S. Postal Service.



### Cocktails Anyone?

Various derivations have been propounded for the word cocktail. One was that the lead horse used for drawing a stagecoach was called a cocktail because his tail was cut short and stuck up like a rooster's tail. These horses were never thoroughbreds, but a mixture - just like a cocktail.

Most people however, would probably go along with the story of a colonial tavern owner named Betsy Flanagan. Her secret recipes made her tavern a popular spot among the French and Americans prior to the Revolutionary War. Next door to her tavern was a British chicken farmer, and Betsy often boasted to her customers that they would someday enjoy his chickens for dinner. And one night they did. To celebrate her escapade, she brewed a new drink - a mixed drink - and served it with the tail feathers of the chickens.

### Lincoln vs. Douglas

Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas faced each other in debate for the first time August 21, 1858. The place was Ottawa, Illinois, and at stake was a seat in the U.S. Senate. Douglas won that election, but Lincoln gained notoriety and began his political ascent.

## Sokol Birthdays

### AUGUST 14

**Rev. Michael Brunovsky, O.S.B.**, Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh.

**Joanne Sidlovsky**, Farmington, Conn., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

### AUGUST 15

**John M. Benek**, Tamaqua, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

**MaryAnn Dorr**, Stratford, Conn., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

**Barbara A. Felak**, Monessen, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

**George M. Galik**, Diamond Bar, Ca., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Marthanne Petrus**, Harrisburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### AUGUST 16

**Mary E. Jones**, Ancaster, Ont., Can., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

**Brianna Lee Skladany**, North Braddock, Pa., a member of Assembly 179, North Braddock, Pa.

### AUGUST 17

**Paula Rakocy**, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

**Joseph Toskovich**, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.

### AUGUST 18

**Joseph Kerestes**, North Huntingdon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

**Susan Soppi**, Uniontown, Oh., a member of Wreath 103, Barberton, Oh.

### AUGUST 19

**Susan Dikos**, New Lenox, Ill., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

**Mary Ann (Kluka) Gold**, Simi Valley, Ca., a member of Wreath 103, Barberton, Oh. happy 80th birthday!

**Edward A. Puskar**, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

**Lillian Zemcik**, Hamilton Square, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### AUGUST 21

**John Anderek**, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Cheryl Jones**, Mechanicsville, Va., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### AUGUST 22

**Christiana Elaine Mosorjak**, Windber, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

**Mary E. Puskar**, Howell, N.J., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

**Christopher J. Vavrica**, Fishkill, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

### AUGUST 24

**Frank C. Iurato, III**, Totowa, N.J., a member of Assembly 162 in Clifton, N.J.

**Michael Wayne Macurak**, Dallas, Ga., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Nicholas Mikula**, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

### AUGUST 25

**Matthew Bakita**, Norton, Oh., a member of Assembly 167, Barberton, Oh.

### AUGUST 26

**Denise A. Beil**, Boardman, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

**Julie Ann Dobbs**, Racine, Wis., a member of Wreath 93, Milwaukee, Wis.

**John Goberish**, Aliquippa, Pa., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

**Sophia Rayne Mosorjak**, Windber, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

**Ann Soltis**, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### AUGUST 27

**Madison Macurak**, Kennesaw, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### AUGUST 28

**Michael J. Culen**, Naperville, Ill., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Rev. Mark Hudak, O.F.M.**, Uniontown, Pa., a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

**James C. Matlon**, Whippany, N.J., Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics and a member of Assembly 24, Boonton, N.J.

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

## News and Views from Slovakia...

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struction permits and the effect of taxation on motivation to work.

In addition, deficiencies were also detected in the importance, or lack of importance, that government policies attribute to tourism, including as regards public expenditures, how effectively the country is promoted, the development of air transport, the availability of a qualified labor force, and the flexibility of labor law.

### Slovakia's GDP to increase by 3.2 percent in 2017

Slovakia's economy should post a 3.2 percent annual increase in its GDP at the end of 2017, Slovak commercial bank analysts told the central bank (NBS) in a survey whose results were released on July 28.

The assessment was down by 0.1 percentage points month-on-month. Conversely, analysts have increased their expectations for 2018 from growth of 3.8 percent to 3.9 percent.

When asked about inflation, the analysts on average predicted that inflation will reach 1.2 percent at the end of 2017, while their estimate from June was 1.4 percent. Meanwhile, inflation should reach 1.9 percent in 2018.

The interest rate for key refunding operations of the European Central Bank should remain at zero in 2017, while it should stand at 0.13 percent next year.



## Slovak Catholic Federation Seeks Contributors for the 2017 Good Shepherd/Dobry Pastier Annual

**Dobry Pastier** (*The Good Shepherd*), published annually by the Slovak Catholic Federation, is a compilation of articles which are of interest to Slovak-American Catholics. The Federation is seeking material for inclusion in the 2017 edition. While the scope of the annual is broad, encompassing the areas of heritage, history, religion, traditions, travel and personal experience, items of a solely political nature cannot be accepted. The deadline for all articles is **October 1, 2017. Due to the publication schedule, items received after the deadline cannot be considered for this year's edition.** The annual will be available for distribution in the latter part of 2017 or early 2018.

To facilitate the editing and printing of the Dobry Pastier/The Good Shepherd, the following guidelines are established for authors who would like their work to be considered for inclusion in the annual. Submissions and any questions can be sent to the editor, T. L. Wagner, at [dobrypasterscf@gmail.com](mailto:dobrypasterscf@gmail.com).

### General Information:

- All articles must be type-written, double-spaced, preferably in Microsoft WORD format in 12 point, Times New Roman font, or a similarly easy to read type. For the sake of ease in editing, please avoid capitalizing words or entire sentences needlessly, the excessive use of exclamation points, unnecessary quotation marks, etc. The article layout should be similar to that of pieces printed in daily newspapers and magazines.

- It is strongly preferred that **English** articles be e-mailed to T. L. Wagner, Editor, at [dobrypasterscf@gmail.com](mailto:dobrypasterscf@gmail.com). With current technology, it is faster and more cost effective to work from a digitally submitted text than having to re-type an entire hard copy.

- DO NOT SUBMIT SCANNED COPIES.** It is virtually impossible for the editor or publisher to effectively modify scanned material to conform to the annual's printed format.

- If it is not possible for an article to be e-mailed, an original "hard copy" can be mailed to T. L. Wagner, 2215 Coronado Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44504-1308. The "hard copy" should either be typed or legibly handwritten by the author. Please do NOT send photo copies or any photographs. If photos are essential to the story and cannot be sent digitally, the editor will determine the most effective manner to obtain them and assure their proper handling.

- To be accepted for publication, articles should be between three and ten typewritten pages. Articles with less than three pages or more than ten pages will not be accepted.

### Use of Photographs:

- If using photographs within the article, **they must be included at the same time the article is e-mailed to the Editor.** When sending images digitally, same them as separate JPGs to accompany the article. Please indicate where the photos are to be placed within the body of the article. It is absolutely essential that all persons, places and/or situations depicted in the photograph be clearly identified. It is helpful to provide more information than may seem necessary although captions may be edited down.

- In the event that an article is e-mailed, but the photos are not included as attachments, please make the editor aware of the situation. The editor will contact the sender to determine the most effective manner to handle the photos. Again, it is necessary that the photos are properly identified and where they are to be placed within the article. Photos should always accompany the article for which they are intended if at all possible.

- Captions must be included with the photographs. Additional explanatory information may also be submitted. This allows the editor and subsequently the reader to better understand the relationship of the photo to the content of the article.

### Articles in Slovak:

- Slovak articles can be e-mailed to T. L. Wagner, but a hard copy, which includes all accents and appropriate punctuation, **MUST** also be mailed to editor's address. (Please indicate that the article was both mailed and e-mailed.) Frequently, accent marks, diacritical characters, and other special characters do not come through properly when e-mailed, including the punctuation format common to the Slovak language. Having a hard copy of the article, with the proper marks, will save valuable time and minimize errors.

As Editor, T. L. Wagner retains the right to correct grammatical errors, delete repetitious text, rearrange material for the sake of clarity, etc. The Editor also retains the right to determine the appropriateness of articles for the publication. Be assured that the Editor will NOT substantially change the author's idea and concept without first consulting the author.

The Communications/Membership Committee on behalf of the entire Slovak Catholic Federation National Board expresses our sincere thanks to all of the faithful contributors to *The Good Shepherd*. These contributions, year after year, ensure that the Slovak Catholic Federation is able to provide a quality annual that celebrates and preserves our Catholic faith, Slovak heritage, and sense of community. It allows our readers to stay in touch with what is happening within the Catholic Church, Slovakia and the Slovak-American community. Thank you.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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



MAY 2017

Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 1	Carl Shortman, Passaic, NJ	84	May 2, 2017
Assembly 11	Sharon A. Button, Chicago, IL	72	May 11, 2017
Assembly 24	Irene Molitoris, Boonton, NJ	96	May 11, 2017
Assembly 24	Helen Molitoris, Boonton, NJ	100	May 9, 2017
Assembly 25	Edward J. Lyons Sr., Perryopolis, PA	82	May 16, 2017
Assembly 28	Joseph J. Kleja Jr., East Douglas, MA	87	April 9, 2017
Assembly 59	Bernardine Stahura, Wilkes-Barre, PA	84	May 8, 2017
Assembly 64	Christine Theresa Berdis, Erie, PA	58	April 17, 2017
Assembly 64	Susan M. Ditrich, Erie, PA	78	May 1, 2017
Assembly 78	Agnes D. Ruyak, Bethlehem, PA	94	March 29, 2017
Assembly 78	Emil Denise, Bethlehem, PA	89	May 5, 2017
Assembly 104	Mary Moffitt, Pittsburgh, PA	95	February 13, 2017
Assembly 108	Steve Smith, Youngstown, OH	78	May 27, 2017
Assembly 162	Elizabeth Arvay, Clifton, NJ	96	October 11, 2016
Assembly 162	Frances D. Prelich, Clifton, NJ	83	April 28, 2017
Assembly 179	Helen K. Ruglovsky, North Braddock, PA	90	March 28, 2017
Assembly 180	David M. Lehotay, Canton, OH	69	April 3, 2017
Assembly 186	John Calise, Drexel Hill, PA	89	May 17, 2017
Assembly 188	Theresa Burits, Lansford, PA	77	April 24, 2017
Assembly 219	John Fialkovich, Yonkers, NY	90	April 13, 2017
Assembly 261	Joseph B. Le Page, Reading, PA	94	April 13, 2017
Assembly 305	Joseph Bodek, Los Angeles, CA	92	April 6, 2017
Assembly 312	Nicholas Krut, Passaic, NJ	91	May 9, 2017
Assembly 312	Rita A. Kopatich, Passaic, NJ	84	April 20, 2017
Wreath 1	Irene Sinanis, Bridgeport, CT	89	May 17, 2017
Wreath 2	Frances Szczygiel, Passaic, NJ	89	March 8, 2017
Wreath 2	Mary Barcelowsky, Passaic, NJ	99	May 2, 2017
Wreath 15	Thomas E. Gashie, Perryopolis, PA	52	March 29, 2017
Wreath 15	Dorothy Fawn, Perryopolis, PA	88	May 14, 2017
Wreath 21	Anne Marie Visina, Superior, WI	62	January 31, 2017
Wreath 34	Albert G. Tipul, Cleveland, OH	87	April 26, 2017
Wreath 47	Erdie A. Stopka, Minneapolis, MN	86	September 8, 2011
Wreath 81	Margaret J. Pilarcik, Whiting, IN	88	February 21, 2017
Wreath 81	Helen Marshall, Whiting, IN	92	March 25, 2017
Wreath 81	Cathryn Kometz, Whiting, IN	95	April 19, 2017
Wreath 85	Albert Hanobik, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	76	April 27, 2017
Wreath 93	Michael Kou Yang, Milwaukee, WI	44	May 11, 2017
Wreath 93	Yang Vang, Milwaukee, WI	72	April 10, 2017
Wreath 93	Charles E. Carlson, Milwaukee, WI	83	April 13, 2017
Wreath 155	Theresa Roeder, Reading, PA	74	May 2, 2017
Wreath 155	Susan M. Harcar, Reading, PA	65	May 21, 2017

### 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, September 13.

### Slovak U.S.A.

As a project for the Slovak Catholic Federation, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, of Saint Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School in Cleveland is trying to assemble an on-line guide of *Places of Slovak Interest* around the United States. Please send him information about anything connected to Slovak history or culture in your city or state (excluding Cleveland, OH) at [gerard@cbhs.edu](mailto:gerard@cbhs.edu)



In Memory of...

## Announcing 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 newly developed Memorial Scholarship fund? Your donation will assure that an annual scholarship be given out to a college age student who best exemplifies the meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism. Here's how it works:

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

<http://slovakcatholicssokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm> or simply send your donation to:

Dennis J. Zifcak  
SCS Museum Treasurer  
33 Pinecrest Rd.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

- Your bequest will be recognized in the *Falcon* as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.
- Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two \$1,000 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earmarking donations to this fund in their memory. Keep the spirit of your fellow Sokol alive by investing in a way that their fraternal dedication will not be forgotten.



### 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:

#### TWITTER

- \* Upload the Twitter app on your phone or go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)
- \* Click "Sign up for Twitter."
- \* Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- \* Choose your username. ...
- \* Click "Create my account."
- \* Search physicalfitnessboard and click follow



#### INSTAGRAM

- \* Upload the Instagram app on your phone or go to [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)
- \* Click "Sign up" and enter your e-mail
- \* Create a username and password
- \* Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- \* Click "Create my account."
- \* Search physicalfitnessboard and click follow



Zdar Boh!  
The Supreme Physical Fitness Board

### Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks

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!

\* Learn to sing, dance and or play the violin.

\* No experience necessary, we'll show you.

\* Meet new friends and learn more about your Slovak heritage.

\* Perform at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, the Slovak Day observance, the Slovak heritage festival at the University of Pittsburgh as well as other fun events.

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

### Afraid of Lightning?

If lightning gives you the shivers, just clip this note and carry it with you to read by the light of the next flashes that come your way: "Only three persons in every million are struck by lightning each year."

Now...doesn't that make you feel safe?

### Keep Feet Neat in Heat

Summer...and the living is pleasant. BUT too many people associate warm weather with walking as nature intended, if indeed, nature did so intend. Specifically, they walk barefoot.

Yes, it may feel good all under to walk in the park sans shoes and socks, but consider these hazards: increased possibilities for virus and fungus infections as well as cuts, bruises, and toe loss.

To save your feet, therefore, use your head. Wear well-fitting socks and shoes, particularly when the weather spells hot. Or to put it another way, who needs foot problems....

### Yeast Doubled It

Bread was accidentally born thousands of years ago. As legend has it, in 1500 B.C., an absent-minded Egyptian baker left some dough standing out overnight. By the next morning, the dough had curiously doubled in size. He baked the mysterious



dough and to his surprise the first yeast bread in history was born.

From that day on, what came to be known as bread was highly acclaimed. Skillful bakers artistically kneaded their breads in a variety of shapes - round, conical, braided. The more enterprising among them carefully carved bread into fish, bird and pyramid forms. In fact, bread was so prized by Egyptians that pharaohs used the decorative loaves as barter.

### Family Day, August 13

On Sunday, August 13, families will celebrate Family Day.

But it is not a day for parades or mass gatherings.

It is a time to call your own family together around the dinner table or the picnic table.

It is a time to worship as a family.

It is an occasion to telephone family members in other areas of

the country.

It is an opportunity to renew families and to review family history.

Families, historically, have been the basic unit of society. It is the family which sets standards for youngsters - ideas such as honesty, integrity, self-reliance and religious faith are first learned in the family circle.

It follows that strong families are the keystone of a healthy nation. They determine the moral level for the conduct of life for both private and public action. Strong families hold the key for reduced crime, lower divorce rates, control of drug abuse and violence, and many of our other serious social ills.

Reaffirm your faith in the strength of the family on this unique holiday.



### Did you know that...

The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx.

...on August 1, 1876, Colorado, also known as the Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.



...on August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.

...on August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage across the Atlantic.

...on August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle successfully swam the English Channel.

...on August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima, Japan.

...on August 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.

...on August 12, 1877, the phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.

...on August 12, 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.

### It's Arfing Hot!

We are presently in what are known as Dog Days. Until mid August, we experience the hottest days of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. So how did these lazy crazy days of summer get their canine moniker?

In ancient times, it was thought Sirius, the dog star, was responsible for the hot, often humid weather. To appease Sirius' rage, a brown dog was sacrificed at the beginning of Dog Days.



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## Počet cudzincov pracujúcich na Slovensku pribúda

Ku koncu júna tohto roka pracovalo na Slovensku 42,4 tisíc cudzincov. V porovnaní s koncom júna minulého roka ide o nárast o 12,2 tisíc osôb.

Najpočetnejšie zastúpenie na slovenskom pracovnom trhu majú občania Rumunska. Tých ku koncu šiesteho mesiaca tohto roka na Slovensku pracovalo 8,3 tisíc, čo je medziročne viac o 1,3 tisíc osôb. Vyplyva to z údajov, ktoré zverejnilo Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR.

Na druhej priečke sú občania Srbska, ktorých prišlo za prácou na Slovensko 7,1 tisíc. Medziročne tak počet občanov Srbska pracujúcich na Slovensku stúpol o 4,3 tisíc. Nasleduje

Česká republika, ktorá zaznamenala na konci júna 4,5 tisíc svojich občanov pracujúcich na Slovensku, čo je medziročne viac o 788 ľudí.

Takmer každý tretí cudzinec na Slovensku pracoval ku koncu júna v Bratislave. V piatich okresoch hlavného mesta Slovenska bolo totiž zamestnaných 13,4 tisíc cudzincov. Nasleduje okres Trnava, ktorý koncom júna zaevidoval 8,5 tisíc zamestnaných cudzincov. Úrad práce v Malackách vykázal 1,6 tisíc pracujúcich občanov pochádzajúcich z iných krajín. Naopak, len štyria cudzí štátni príslušníci pracovali v okrese Gelnica. - SITA

## Zaujímavé fakty o cukete

Cuketa patrí medzi veľmi zdravé a ľahké plodiny leta. Hoci sa spája najmä so stredomorskou kuchyňou, jej domovom je Mexiko a India.

Hoci cuketa tvarom pripomína uhorku, botanicky je zaradená medzi tekvice.

Cuketa sa hojne spája najmä so stredomorskou kuchyňou, ale jej pôvodným domovom je Mexiko a India. Ale na cukete si pochutnate kdekoľvek na svete. Obzvlášť populárna je cuketa aj v USA. V štáte Ohio má dokonca v auguste svoj festival.

Okrem zelenej, existuje aj žltá cuketa, biela a dokonca páskavá. Chutovo sú takmer identické, len žltá cuketa má jemne sladkastý podtón.

Ak ide o chuť cukiet, lahodnejšie sú menšie, práve tie odborníci odporúčajú pri varení uprednostňovať. Ideálna veľkosť cukety je okolo 15 centimetrov, vtedy je najchutnejšia.

Chcete chudnúť? Potom zaradte cuketu do vášho



jedálňička. S menej ako 20 kalóriami na 100 gramov je pre vás ako stvorená. Nastrúhajte cukety na rezance a za stáleho miešania ich zohrejte na pretlačenom cesnaku a olivovom oleji. Nevarte dlho, cuketa má byť chrumkavá.

Dobrá je aj grilovaná cuketa. Nakrájame ju na kolieska, vložíme do väčšej misky, zalejeme olejom a prispeme koreniny podľa chuti. Všetko poriadne premiešame. Necháme odstáť aspoň hodinku a ugrilujeme.

## V Hurbanove padol 112-ročný teplotný rekord

V piatok 5. augusta padali na Slovensku teplotné rekordy. Najteplejšie bolo na stanici v Hurbanove, kde sa podarilo prekonať rekord spred 112 rokov, keď tam teplota dosiahla 38,6 stupňa Celzia.

Teplota vzduchu vystúpila nad 38 stupňov aj v Rimavskej Sobote a v Mužli, kde namerali 38,4 stupňa. Veľmi teplo bolo aj v Popradskej kotlině. Dva dni za sebou prekonal teploty v Poprade rekord, keď ortuť v teplomere vystúpila na 32,2 stupňa.

Na letisku v Košiciach zaznamenali tiež nový rekord 35,6 stupňa Celzia.

Extrémne teplá a tropická bola aj noc na sobotu 6. augusta. Najteplejšie bolo v Bratislave na letisku, kde meteorológovia zaznamenali 25,2 stupňa Celzia, čo bola najteplejšia noc v histórii pozorovaní (od roku 1951).

## ACH, TÁ NAŠA SLOVENČINA!

... je výborným **antiaging** prostriedkom - pravda.sk

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## Minister obrany odovzdal v Prešove nové americké vrtulníky

Nové vrtulníky Sikorski UH-60M Black Hawk odovzdal 3. augusta Vzdušným silám Ozbrojených síl SR minister obrany Peter Gajdoš v priestoroch Vrtulníkového krídla generálplukovníka Jána Ambruša v Prešove. Nové americké stroje nahradia súčasné ruské Mi-17, ktorým sa postupne končí technická životnosť. Ich životnosť je zatiaľ do roku 2019.

Ministerstvo obrany SR nakúpi celkovo deväť vrtulníkov v celkovom objeme 261 miliónov amerických dolárov. Splácať by sme ich mali do roku 2024. Ďalšie dva vrtulníky prídu na Slovensko na budúci rok a päť vrtulníkov z tohto kontraktu, ktorý uzavrelo ministerstvo v roku 2015, bude dodaných v roku 2019.

Prví slovenskí piloti boli vyškolení v USA. Postupne je plánované preškolenie, ktoré prebieha aj teraz, 24-členného personálu.

"Je dosť veľký rozdiel v technike pilotovania. Ten prechod je jednoduchší, pretože systémy vrtulníka umožňujú



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jednoduchšie pilotovanie. Komplexnosť systémov, ktoré sú elektrické, ako napríklad navigačný systém, dáva väčší dôraz na to, aby bol človek pripravený ich ovládať. Podľa toho, čo si tam nastavíte, tam potom ten vrtulník dokáže zaletieť aj sám," priblížil náčelník letovej operačnej skupiny štábu Vrtulníkového krídla generálplukovníka Jána Ambruša v Prešove Vladimír Jakubík, ktorý absolvoval školenie v USA.

V súčasnosti majú Ozbrojené sily SR k dispozícii štyri vycvičené posádky, pričom ďalší výcvik pokračuje.

Do konca roka budú mať ozbrojené sily SR celkovo šesť kompletných posádok pripravených pilotovať nové vrtulníky.



Chopok (2 023,6 m n. m.) je tretí najvyšší vrch Nízkych Tatier. Leží v ich hlavnom hrebeni, v geomorfologickom podcelku Dumbierske Tatry medzi vrchmi Dereše (2 003,5 m n. m.) a Ďumbier (2 045,9 m n. m.). Ide o turisticky vyhľadávaný vrchol s rozsiahlym kruhovým výhľadom. Blízko vrcholu sa nachádza horská chata - Kamenná chata pod Chopkom (na hornej snímke), konečná stanica lanovky i meteorologická stanica. Chopok patrí medzi najveternejšie miesta na Slovensku. Svahy Chopka sú vyhľadávaným miestom zimnej i letnej turistiky: stredisko Jasná leží na severnej Liptovskej a stredisko Kosodrevina na južnej Horehronskej strane. V blízkosti stanice lanovky sa nachádza meteorologická stanica (na dolnej snímke), ktorej merania začali 1. decembra 1954.

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### Slovensko sa rozlúčilo s dlhoročným choreografom folklórneho súboru Lúčnica Štefanom Nosálom

V budove Slovenského národného divadla v Bratislave bola v piatok 28. júla posledná rozlúčka s profesorom Štefanom Nosálom, umeleckým vedúcim a choreografom Lúčnice. Okrem rodinných príslušníkov, spolupracovníkov a predstaviteľov politického a kultúrneho života zišla aj široká verejnosť.

V priebehu samotnej poslednej rozlúčky, na ktorej sa zúčastnil i prezident SR Andrej Kiska, vystúpili s príhovorom generálny riaditeľ umeleckého súboru Lúčnica Marián Turner a taktiež člen lúčniarskej rodiny, scenárista, scenograf a režisér Viliam J. Gruska.

Turner poukázal na široký záber aktivít, ktorým sa Štefan Nosál v umeleckej i pedagogickej činnosti venoval. Pripomenul jeho profesionálne i osobné prepojenie so súborom Lúčnica a zvýraznil hodnotu, ktorú svojím vkladom prostredníctvom Lúčnice, doma i vo svete, vytváral. "Na všetkých obývaných kontinentoch tejto planéty svo-

jím umením predstavil Slovensko a jeho originálnu kultúru tak, ako to nedokázal žiadny iný umelec pred ním," povedal Turner.

Viliam J. Gruska vyzdvihol umeleckú hodnotu Nosálovho diela pre minulosť i budúcnosť slovenského ľudového umenia. Nosálovu choreografiu v tejto súvislosti označil za vlnkovú loď i usmerňujúci fenomén v slovenskom folklóre. "Bolo toho veľa, čo sa vďaka vám a vašej tvorbe stalo ikonické, verím, že toho bude ešte mnoho, čo sa v interpretácii ďalších generácií lúčniarov bude z vašich diel šíriť a mnoho, čo vznikne ako nové v intenciách vašej tvorby a jej vplyvu," uviedol. Nosálove dielo označil za neoddeliteľnú súčasť kultúrneho dedičstva Slovenska. Rovnako vníma i spojenie Nosálovej osobnosti a Lúčnice. "Ostávate s nami a v nás," povedal za všetky generácie lúčniarov.

Na poslednej rozlúčke odzneli i piesne z Podpolania – rodného kraja Štefana Nosála. Folklórna únia na Slovensku vyhlásila deň

poslednej rozlúčky za Národný deň smútku slovenského folklóru.

Profesor Štefan Nosál zomrel 22. júla v Bratislave vo veku 90 rokov. Jeho život je spätý prakticky s celou históriou umeleckého súboru Lúčnica. Od roku 1949 v Lúčnici pôsobil ako tanečník, v roku 1951 sa stal umeleckým vedúcim a hlavným choreografom súboru Lúčnica. Vytvoril viac ako 100 choreografií a celovečerných programov. Jeho takmer 70-ročné kontinuálne umelecké vedenie Lúčnice, ktorá sa ako reprezentačné teleso interpretujúce originálnu národnú kultúru zaraďuje medzi najlepšie svetové súbory vo svojom odbore, je odborníkmi i širokou verejnosťou považované za svetový unikát. Okrem Lúčnice pôsobil Nosál desiatky rokov aj na pôde Vysoké školy múzických umení (VŠMU) v Bratislave. Ako jej absolvent začal v roku 1963 na VŠMU aj svoju pedagogickú kariéru, od roku 1982 s akademickým titulom profesor

### Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Ovzdušie na Slovensku je z pohľadu Európskej únie nadpriemerne znečistené, problémom sú najmä jemné prachové častice. Znečistené ovzdušie sa na Slovensku podľa Európskej environmentálnej agentúry podpisuje pod vyše 5600 predčasných úmrtí ročne. Najčastejšími príčinami predčasných úmrtí sú kardiovaskulárne choroby, mŕtvica, pľúcne a respiračné problémy.

□ Odborníci pripúšťajú, že získaná cukrovka sa stáva prirodzenou súčasťou nášho života podobne ako starecké slabnutie zraku. Príčinou úmrtí pacientov s cukrovkou je predovšetkým zlá životospráva. S pribúdajúcim vekom narastá počet ľudí s týmto chronickým ochorením. Diabetom 2. typu dnes trpí asi 400-tisíc Slovákov. Počet pacientov narástol od roku 2010 do roku 2015 o 20 %. Nábeh na ňu má až o 36 % ľudí viac. Vyplyva to z aktuálnej odbornej štúdie poisťovne Dôvera, ktorá skúmala údaje 1,4 milióna ľudí.

□ Relatívne dobrou správou je, že priemerný vek pacientov sa zvýšil zo 62,7 na 64,2 roka, a priemerný vek novodiagnostikovaných pacientov narástol z 55,5 na 58, 5 roka. Úmrtnosť cukrovkárov však bola v roku 2010 3,5 x vyššia ako u ľudí bez diabetu 2. typu. O päť rokov sa mierne znížila, ale aj tak je v porovnaní s bežnou po-

puláciou vyššia.

□ Slovenský trh práce aktuálne zažíva rekordne rýchly pokles počtu ľudí bez práce. Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti za prvých šesť mesiacov tohto roka klesla z 8,64 na 6,9 percenta. Súčasný razantný pokles nezamestnanosti už o pár mesiacov narazí na problém dlhodobu nezamestnaných. Viac ako štyri roky bez práce je na Slovensku vyše 51-tisíc ľudí. Viac ako rok bez práce je takmer 106-tisíc nezamestnaných.

□ „Miera nezamestnanosti na Slovensku prelomuje momentálne historické minimá. Zároveň prudko rastie počet voľných pracovných miest, ktoré majú firmy problém obsadiť. S tým sa logicky zhoršuje aj štruktúra nezamestnaných, ktorí sú stále evidovaní na úradoch práce. Väčšina tých, čo chcú a môžu pracovať, už totiž pracuje," uviedol L. Sirota, podpredseda predstavenstva personálnej agentúry McROY Group.

□ Vojskí policajti odišli na námornú operáciu do Stredomoria. Cieľom operácie EUNAVFOR MED Sophia je rozloženie prevádzkových sietí. Ide o historické prvé zapojenie vojakov Ozbrojených síl SR do námornej operácie. Hlavným cieľom je rozloženie prevádzkových sietí, a to predovšetkým systematickou identifikáciou, zaistením a likvidáciou plavidiel.

### 40. Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey bude 16. septembra

40. 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. Park bude otvorený od 10.00 hodiny, bohoslužby budú o 11.00 hodine a kultúrno-zábavný program začne o 2.00 hodine. V zábavnom programe

vystúpi ľudový súbor Limbora z New Yorku, viaceré detské súbory z New Yorku a New Jersey a aj populárne speváčky zo Slovenska Beata Dubasová a Nika Karch. Vstupné je \$10.00, deti do 15 rokov majú vstup bezplatný. Parkovanie je bezplatné. Blížišie informácie: Nina Holy, tel. č. 973-825-3723, Zuzana Krčmár, tel.č. 973-357-1209.



Posledná rozlúčka s profesorom Štefanom Nosálom. - Foto: TASR