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*For God and Nation*

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## Scenes of the Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by Assembly 59

Hollenback Golf Course + North End Slovak Citizens Club + Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + Sunday, July 9



First Place Winners are shown above and include, l-r, Joe Irwin, Steve Hvozdovic, Rick Chmielewski and Steve Hvozdovic, Jr.

### Assembly 59 Golf Tournament

1st Place Winners: Joe Irwin, Steve Hvozdovic, Rick Chmielewski and Steve Hvozdovic, Jr.

2nd Place Winners: Joe Hvozdovic, Jr., Robert Washney, Chas Tokach and Mike Coury

3rd Place Winners: Bob Bachman, Andrew J. “Butch” Hvozdovic, Bill Barber and Paul Pasonick

Close to the Pin Winners: Joe Owenc and Bob Bachman

A total of 40 participants enjoyed this annual fraternal competition. Following the action on the greens, an enjoyable victory reception and dinner was enjoyed at the North End Slovak Citizens Club. Thanks and gratitude go out to all who had a hand in the tournament’s success. An enjoyable time was had by all in the best traditions of Sokol fellowship and fraternalism.

Zdar Boh!  
Renee Pizzella  
Assembly 59 Secretary



Second Place Winners are shown above and include, l-r, Joe Hvozdovic, Jr., Robert Washney, Chas Tokach and Mike Coury.



Supreme President Michael J. Horvath is shown above center, flanked by Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J. “Butch” Hvozdovic and Tony Rasimas.



Third Place Winners are shown above and include, l-r, Paul Pasonick, Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J. “Butch” Hvozdovic, Bill Barber and Bob Blackman.

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## 48th Slet Participants collect 468 pounds of Crayons to be donated to The Crayon Initiative

by Katie Swift  
Supreme Assistant Physical Directress

Caring and sharing is an apt description of the ideal fraternalist. The Slovak Catholic Sokol encourages our members of every age to learn about the joy of assisting others. At our Interna-

tional Slets, we encourage our young people to concentrate on a particular project. At our recent 48th International Slet held at SUNY- Brockport, N.Y., July 12-16 our participants were asked

to support what is known as The Crayon Initiative. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board decided to work with this organization that takes used, unused, broken and old crayons and melts them down to become new crayons. These "new" crayons are then donated to various children's hospitals. The Crayon Initiative is an organization started by a gentleman named Bryan Ware. I thought this would be a project that would interest our young Slet participants since it is more of a kids helping kids project.

We were very pleased with the response of our 48th Slet participants to this philanthropic 'good deed' project. Each Group was asked to bring their old, broken, and used crayons to donate to this project. WOW! The results were overwhelming. As the Groups arrived, there was a small box with The Crayon Initiative label on it for the children to place their crayons. That little box was put to shame as the Groups arrived. Group 3 of East Douglas, Mass. arrived first with four large printer paper boxes filled with crayons. Group 7 of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. brought a massive box! Group 4 of Chicago, Ill. brought several boxes and bags as Riana Hoeck took on this project personally for her Group and collected for weeks before the Slet. Each Group donated several bags of crayons and the project was a HUGE success. Luckily, during this time the AC Moore craft store is offering a deal to ship all the crayons to its headquarters in California as well as donate one dollar per pound of crayons collected. When Supreme Assistant Sports Director Frank P. Laury dropped off the crayons on the way home from the Slet, he reported that a total of 468 pounds of crayons had been collected, which means that the AC Moore Craft Store donated \$468.00 as well! What a wonderful outreach project!

Thanks and gratitude go out to all Slet participants who participated in this fun way to help others. Doing good deeds is what fraternalists in general are all about and the Slovak Catholic Sokol is in particular. Zdar Boh!

### OUR NEXT ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 6TH

In keeping with our bi-weekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, September 6th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, August 31st. View *e-Falcon* on our website: [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org). Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh!

- Daniel F. Tanzone, Editor

## Message from our Supreme President

by Michael J. Horvath

Even though the signs are everywhere, it is hard to believe the summer of 2017 is coming a close. Some of these signs are, it is the middle of August, the sun is rising later and setting earlier, the local produce is in abundance and the ads are increasing with back to school sales.



Even with its pensive mood, August still has a lot of summer fun in it.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and fun summer no matter what you did or where you went. Your Society had a great summer with a very successful 48th International Slet and last weekend a great 62nd International Golf Tournament.

I wish I could have been at the Golf Tournament but I had to build sand castles everyday at the shore for the grandchildren.

On July 29th myself and our Supreme Chaplain, Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic had the privilege of representing our Society at the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association's 125th Anniversary at the Marriott Downtown Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a wonderful religious and fraternal celebration that brought together members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and other fraternal societies leaders to witness this historic milestone. Father Hvozdic and I had the honor of presenting a Slovak Catholic Sokol plaque to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies

Association's President, Cynthia M. Maleski, which recognized 125 years of fraternal service and wishes for future success. We also want to thank President Maleski for her kind invitation asking us to join them at their celebration.

On September 16, our Society is holding the Group Presidents meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Besides the Slovak Catholic Sokol Convention, the Group Presidents meeting is its second most important meeting. The Group Presidents meeting allows all of our 19 Group Presidents to gather and discuss issues that relate to the Society's current condition and future direction. I am looking forward to the meeting as is our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, to meet our 19 Group Presidents and hear from them on what the Society can do to help solve common issues, increase their membership and their member's participation in our fraternal activities.

Since this is the time of the year where everything is changing, preparing for the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year, now, is a good time to look at our own and our family's insurance coverage. If you find yourself not having enough insurance and wanting to increase what you already have or purchase new insurance contact our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec or our Director of Marketing and Sales, Albert J. Sues for information and take advantage of the Society's "Insuring Our Sokol Legacy" campaign.

Zdar Boh!

With God's Blessing to all!

## Sokol Calendar

### 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](mailto: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. Manyakl at 508 476-2668, email [manyakl1@Charter.net](mailto:manyakl1@Charter.net).

■ 12th New York Slovak Fashion

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### HOME OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Home Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th. The Home Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 5th. Regular Home Office business hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A restful and enjoyable Labor Day to all. Zdar Boh!





# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## August, 2017

### ANNOUNCING THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

Just a reminder.....I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than September 15th. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper. Don't forget to highlight your favorite books on the list!!! and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Edward D. Moeller-  
2821 Waterman Ave,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15227



If you prefer to do it online you can e-mail it to me:

vp@slovakCatholicSokol.org

### MAKE NAPKIN RINGS USING TP CARDBOARD AND YARN

*These are not just for Holidays~but nice any time of the year in any color!*

All that is needed is yarn, Cardboard toilet paper tubes, and a bit of strong glue.

1. Cut about 1 1/2 inches of cardboard circles off of the TP tubes. (Or to the width you would like your finished rings to be.
  2. Tie a knot before beginning to wrap and glue this to the inside of the tube.
  3. Wrap the tube -through the hole-around and around until it is completely covered with the yarn.
  4. Make another knot and glue it in the tube to ensure that the yarn does not unravel.
- Optional: Tie a piece of thin ribbon around the tube to complete the look.

### Slovak Words=Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

**to read** = čítať [ chee - taat' ] With a soft "t," it is soft like the "t" in the word "question."

**I love to read.** = Rád čítam. [ Raad - chee - tom ] The „a“ is a long á, and sounded longer.

**book** = kniha [ knee - hah ] - Note, that the "k" is pronounced, as in Knute Rockne, the famous Norwegian-American football coach at Notre Dame in the 1920s and 1930s.

**books** = knihy [knee - hee ]  
I love to read books. = Rád čítam knihy. [ Raad - chee - tom knee - hee ]

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Addison DiMartino 8/2
- Michael Fesko 8/6
- Ian Dobbins 8/9
- Lauren Marie Bond 8/14
- Bryce Watkins 8/19
- Juliana Hoeck 8/20
- Christiana Mosorjak 8/22
- Sophia Mosotjak 8/26
- Amber Radtke 8/29



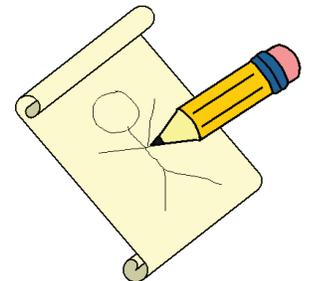
### BACK TO SCHOOL BUCKET LIST

1. Make homemade ice cream
2. Volunteer at a charity of choice
3. Read a new book
4. Go to a Drive-In Movie
5. Watch a sunset
6. Have a picnic
7. Have a water balloon fight
8. Learn to cook a new meal
9. Have a scavenger hunt
10. Donate old clothes to homeless

### School Word Search

C	F	G	U	K	B	G	D	D	H
R	E	P	A	P	R	O	H	E	Y
T	E	A	C	H	E	R	O	S	M
L	I	C	N	E	P	M	F	K	K
O	D	Y	R	E	C	E	S	S	S

books  
desks  
paper  
pencil  
recess  
teacher





## 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.

#### 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.

#### New mosaics completed at former Canadian cathedral

When the project started by the late Canadian Slovak industrialist, Stephen B. Roman, the Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration located in the northern Toronto suburb of Markham, it was envisioned as a fitting monument to the faith of Slovak Greek Catholics in Canada. The structure was a replica of Stephen Roman's native village church of Velky Ruskov in eastern Slovakia. Begun in the spring of 1984 on a donated portion of his Romandale estate, the project enjoyed a storied beginning. Pope Saint John Paul II blessed the cornerstone of the new cathedral during his visit to Canada in September 1984. The original budget was \$13 million, however the eventual cost exceeded \$30 million. Unfortunately, Roman never lived to see the cathedral completed. He died of a heart attack in 1988. His funeral liturgy was celebrated in the partially com-

pleted structure with 1600 people in attendance. Stephen B. Roman was also the founder and president of the Slovak World Congress.

The cathedral was to serve as the seat of the Eparchy(diocese) of SS. Cyril and Methodius for Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite in Canada. By 2006, the building was still incomplete, with estimates that completion would take another 10 years. Unfortunately the structure was never officially turned over to the Eparchy of SS. Cyril and Methodius and remained the property of the Slovak Greek Catholic Church Foundation. With the arrival of Bishop John S. Pzak, C.Ss.R., the second head of the diocese, difficulties developed. In 2006, he removed the Blessed Sacrament and the altar stone from the structure. The bishop also suspended permission for his priests to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the former cathedral and asked priests of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto not to celebrate Mass there as well. The decision to close the cathedral was due to a lack of a working relationship with the Slovak Greek Catholic Church Foundation, headed by Stephen Roman's daughter, Helen Roman Barber.

Over the years, the cathedral has been used as a backdrop in a number of films. However, no religious services were held in the structure until November 2016. When the Melkite Greek Catholic Church of Christ the King burned down in nearby Richmond Hill, the Slovak Greek Catholic Church Foundation gave permission for the group to celebrate their liturgies in the former Slovak cathedral. Since then, Sunday liturgy is celebrated there. Since early 2017, the Melkite congregation has based itself in the cathedral. At present, the cathedral with its large cultural center is also available for public events such as concerts. In recent weeks, newly completed mosaics in the interior of the cathedral have been blessed and dedicated.

While we lament the unfortunate circumstances resulting in the closing of the former Slovak Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration, we are nevertheless pleased to see that the great dream of Stephen B. Roman's tribute to his great faith, continues as a house of worship.

#### 16th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society conference in Pittsburgh

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International(CGSI) will host its 16th Cultural Conference in Pittsburgh October 17-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Pittsburgh International Airport. The theme of this year's conference is "Industry and Our Immigrant Ancestors." Presenters will include international, national and local experts. The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society is the largest organization dedicated to the ancestry of those of Czech, Slovak and Rusyn backgrounds.

Activities of the conference will include interesting presentations on the genealogy, history and ethnic heritage of our Slovak, Czech and Rusyn ancestors in the Pittsburgh areas. Lively cultural programs will include presentations by folk ensembles celebrating the music and dance traditions of Slovakia as well as an exhibit of traditional dress(kroj) of our ancestors. Guided tours will visit historic Pittsburgh Slovak and Rusyn neighborhoods and various institutions and churches. There will be on-site access to genealogical resources from the CGSI Traveling Library. Regional round-table networking sessions will afford the opportunity to meet with fellow researchers, experts and enthusiasts from across the country. CGSI is an all-volunteer, not for profit genealogical society and publishes a quarterly magazine. For additional details regarding this exciting conference or the work of CGSI, contact PaulMCzech@comcast.net.

The Pittsburgh area is home to the largest concentration of residents of Slovak and Rusyn ancestry in the country and this conference will celebrate that legacy.



## The Word of God...

### Gospel for the Twenty-first Sunday of the Year - August 27th

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.

### Gospel for the Twenty-second Sunday of the Year - September 3rd

Mt 16:21-27

*Jesus began to show his disciples*

*that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly*

*from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,*

*and be killed and on the third day be raised.*

*Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,*

*"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."*

*He turned and said to Peter,*

*"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.*

*You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples,*

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,*

*take up his cross, and follow me.*

*For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,*

*but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

*What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world*

*and forfeit his life?*

*Or what can one give in exchange for his life?*

*For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,*

*and then he will repay all according to his conduct."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Group 16 Annual Meeting set for September 30

The annual meeting of Group 16, "Rev. Ferdus Juriga" is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 in Sterling Heights, Mich. Our gathering will be held in the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius, located at 41233 Ryan Road, north of 18 Mile Road. Our program begins with attendance at the 4 p.m. Mass celebrated in church. This liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 16. Following the liturgy, the annual meeting will be called to order in the social hall of the parish. Reports of the officers will be presented and plans for our upcoming sporting and fraternal activities in the new year will be finalized.

This year's annual meeting will enable us to meet the recently appointed pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, the Rev. Libor Marek. We hope to have Father Marek serve as the chaplain of Group 16. We hope to have all lodges in both Detroit and Rossford, Oh. represented at this year's annual meeting.

Zdar Boh!

Andrea Ames Papcun

Group 16 president

*Held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 23, 2017*

## Minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

### FIRST SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017 in the Keystone Room at the Courtyard Marriott in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and extended a warm welcome to all of the Board of Directors.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic was called upon to lead the Directors in the **Opening Prayer** which was the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was called upon to read the **Roll Call**:

Supreme Chaplain.....	Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, V.F.
Supreme President.....	Michael J. Horvath
Supreme Vice-President.....	Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Secretary.....	Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer.....	Dennis J. Zifcak
General Counsel.....	John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors.....	James G. Jerek
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics.....	James C. Matlon
Supreme Physical Directress.....	Kathleen S. Watkins

Brother Secretary reported that the record will show that nine members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present and our Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, is excused.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held March 24-25, 2017 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Office in Passaic, NJ, and published in the April 19, 2017 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek moved for the **Acceptance of the Minutes**, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. **Approved.**

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon was then called upon to present the **Supreme Physical Fitness Board Report**.

Brother Matlon gave the Board a recap of the 71st Annual Bowling Tournament held in conjunction with the Greek Catholic Union on May 19-20 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. A wonderful time was had by all and the spirit of fraternalism shone brightly at the lanes. The bowling pictures and results are posted on our website and the prize winners will be published in the Falcon. Christine M. Sofranko of V-085 was announced as the 2017 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award Recipient at the banquet. The Board of Directors congratulates Sister Sofranko on this well-deserved award.

Sister Watkins gave an update on the upcoming 48th International Slet, which will be held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY from July 12-16, 2017. Nine Groups will be represented and all arrangements have been made. The Board thanked our Physical Fitness Board for all their hard work and look forward to this successful event.

Brother Matlon reported that the 62nd International Golf Tournament will be held at Treasure Lake Resort in Dubois, PA from August 18-20, 2017. All arrangements have been made and expectations are that we should have over 120 golfers in attendance.

Sites that have been confirmed for our 2018 Sports Program:

May 21-23	Bowling	Las Vegas, NV
August 10-12	Golf	Tam-O-Shanter & Oaktree, Western PA

President Horvath thanked Brother Jim and Sister Kathy for their reports and called for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, and seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. **Approved.**

President Horvath called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the **Legal Department Report**.

Brother Counsel reported on the rental of the downstairs office at the Home Office building. All approvals have been met and construction is underway. Brother Secretary offered additional comments and stated the start date for the lease will be August 15, 2017.

Brother Counsel also commented on the Ambridge, PA property. The property is currently being listed and Brother Counsel, Brother President, and Brother Secretary are in communication with the Broker.

President Horvath called for a motion to accept the report of our General Counsel, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. **Approved.**

President Horvath thanked Brother John for his report and called upon Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, for the **Scholarship Committee Report**.

Brother Moeller reported that the committee met on Saturday, May 13, 2017, via a Conference Call, and made their selections.

The winner's photos appeared in the May 31, 2017 issue of the Falcon publication. Checks will be mailed out from the Home Office in July to the applicants who were selected for a grant. Brother Moeller, reported that 31 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grants were awarded, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grants, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant, 1 Krista Glugosh Memorial and 3 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition, 12 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants and 29 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected.

Thank you letters acknowledging individual selections have been received at the Home Office and Brother Moeller, as in the past, has forwarded the "essay quotes" received from the winners to be included in the Falcon publication.

Brother Moeller also commented on the new Yench Memorial Scholarship that will be offered starting in 2018. Questions were answered by Brother Edward and a write-up will appear in the Falcon explaining the scholarship.

President Horvath called for a motion to accept the report submitted by Brother Moeller, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek. **Approved.**

President Horvath thanked Brother Moeller for his report and the fine work performed by the selection committee.

President Horvath then called upon the Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. to present the **Membership Report**. The Board members were informed that as of **May 31, 2017** the Organization has 31,658 certificates in force being held by 28,190 members. For the first five months of the year there was a decrease of 82 certificates. Brother Suess further reported that 295 new members have been enrolled for the year. Also reviewed and discussed were the numbers of deaths, surrenders, and lapses. The amount of premium income received for the first five months was **\$3,198,549.00**. Life insurance premiums totaled **\$792,854.00** and the annuity income received total **\$2,405,695.00**.

Brother Suess reported that we are ahead in all categories when compared to his 2017 projections. After a slow start to the year, we have rebounded nicely in the 2nd Quarter, especially in SPL sales.

Brother Albert reported that 7 new agents have joined our sales force and are authorized to sell SOKOL life and annuity products. This brings our total to 233 Authorized Agents. He also reported on the various State Insurance Department laws regarding who may sell life or annuity products. In many domiciles, only agents that are licensed and appointed can sell and collect compensation. He will be working with our General Counsel to ensure that all regulations are being met.

Brother Suess also reported on our SOKOL LEGACY Campaign. Promotion of the campaign as appeared in the Falcon, our website, and our Facebook page. He has also prepared mailings that will be sent out to Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths to generate interest. The Board asked Brother Albert various questions regarding our sales and marketing efforts. Everyone agrees that we need to have a bigger presence on social media in an effort to reach the millennial market. Brother Albert answered all inquiries to the Board's satisfaction.

Brother Horvath thanked Brother Suess for his report and called for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek. **Approved.**

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath and the Board members then welcomed Mr. Thomas Calimano, Portfolio Manager, from PNC Advisors who reported on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Investment Portfolio.

Mr. Calimano reviewed the investment account and reported that as of May 31, 2017, total assets in the Slovak Catholic Sokol investment account were \$81,269,164. Bonds represented 81.6% of the account; Stocks, 14.6%; and Cash Equivalents 3.8% of the portfolio.

For the five months ended May 31, 2017, the portfolio's total return was 5.14% versus 3.86% for the Policy Benchmark.

Mr. Calimano reviewed PNC's outlook for the financial market and the economy with the Board. Additionally, he reviewed additional investment strategies for implementation in the portfolio. He also discussed the portfolio's current asset allocation and the year to date cash flows.

After addressing some questions, President Horvath called for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon. **Approved.**

Having completed all the business on the morning agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath called for a motion to **Adjourn** the morning session, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. **Approved.**

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic closed the morning session with a **Prayer and Grace before lunch**.

The First Session was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

### SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 23, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath **Called** the Second Session of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting to **Order** at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic offered the **Afternoon Prayer** with a special prayer for all the deceased members of our organization.

**Roll Call** was taken and the record will show that nine members of the Supreme Board of Directors are present and one excused.

Brother President called upon Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek to report on the **Independent Auditor's Report**.

Brother Jerek informed the Board members that they were all sent a copy of the **CPA Audit Report** for the years ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 as prepared by our Certified Public Accountants, Vision Financial Group, CPA's, LLP.

Vision Financial Group through a written communication along with the report informed the Board that they have audited the financial statements of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the years ending 12-31-16 and 12-31-15 and issued their report thereon received at the Home Office on May 26, 2017. The 19-page report was discussed at length and it is intended for the information of the management of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the State of New Jersey, and other state audit agencies.

Brother Jerek further informed the Board members that the Supreme Auditors will conduct the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2017 Semi-Annual Audit at the Home Office on August 11-12, 2017.

There being no questions, Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, moved to have the minutes reflect that the Board members reviewed the report and accept it as presented, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic. **Approved.**

Supreme President thanked Brother Jim and called upon Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., to present the Mortgage Department Report.

Brother Secretary reported that as of May 31, 2017, the Organization has 3 existing mortgages totaling \$715,427.10. Principal payments received for the first 5 months of 2017 total \$18,148.09 and interest payments total \$20,480.42.

The Supreme Secretary also reported that no new mortgage applications have been received for presentation.

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**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 Mestyaneck, 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 Mestyaneck, recording secretary; and Andrej Dutka, Jan Dutka and Adam Zak, auditors. In 1918, a Junior Assembly was established for

junior members with Jozef Sas-tinsky 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 2007.

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, Czecho-Slovakia that summer. Over the years, members of Assembly 167 have been active in various Group 5 and international Slovak Catholic Sokol Slets as

well as 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.



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**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  
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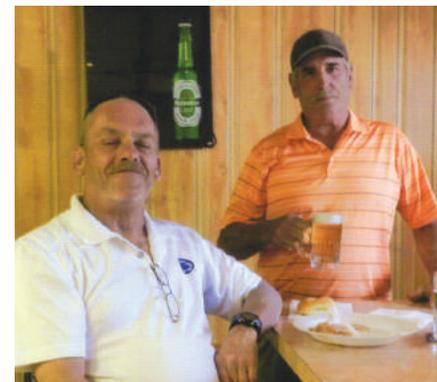
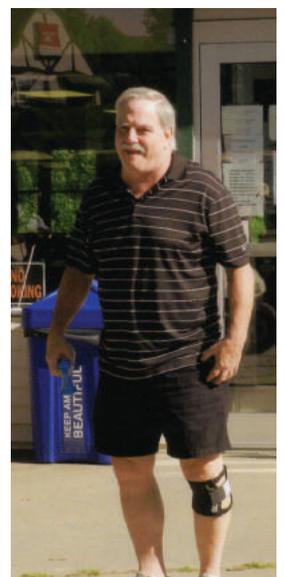
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# Scenes of the Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by Assembly 59

Hollenback Golf Course + North End Slovak Citizens Club + Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + Sunday, July 9



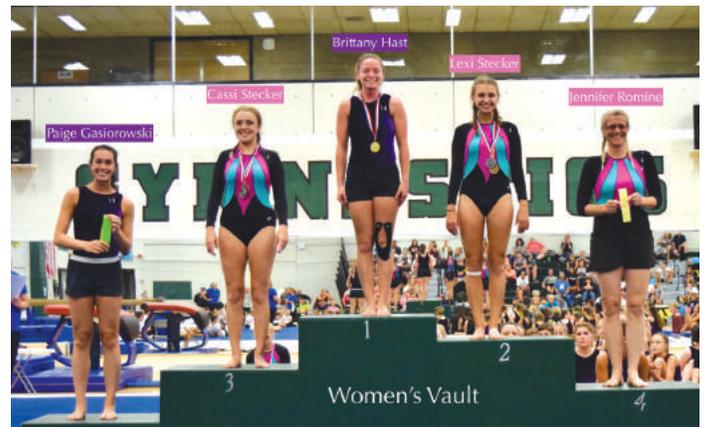
Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, right, is shown with Wilkes-Barre Sokol activists, Tony Rasimas and Kelly Palchanis.



# Highlights of the 48th International Slet

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





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## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### Lucnica folklore ensemble performs beneath the majestic High Tatras



Photo: SITA/Radoslav Mat'áš

On July 31, the Lucnica folklore ensemble departed on a fast train from Bratislava's main railway station to the majestic High Tatra mountains in a program performing beneath the ski jumps at Strbske Pleso (Poprad region) as part of an event titled 'Lucnica v Tatrach' (Lucnica in the Tatras), TASR reported.

The event took place in Strbske Pleso from Monday to Friday, July 31 to August 4. The ensemble choir also performed at the railway station before the train departed on July 31. Lucnica climbed the Krivan peak on August 1 and sang around the Strbske Pleso mountain lake along with local children's folklore groups on August 2. On August 3, the Lucnica dancers, musicians and singers performed the main concert dedicated to the memory of Lucnica's founder, choreographer and artistic director, Stefan Nosal who passed away at the age of 90 in Bratislava on July 22. Lucnica's current director Marian Turner told a press conference that the event in the Tatras was a fitting way to remember Nosal, who labored to promote the area as a tourist attraction. Lucnica has labored to make the area more vivid not only in terms of celebrating the beautiful countryside but also in terms of presenting the beauty of Slovak culture. All Slovak regions were included in the main concert and featured the best choreographies created by Nosal. The main concert featured the 50-member dance group, a choir and a large orchestra, a fitting tribute to the talent, dedication and greatness of Stefan Nosal.

### New Information Center opens in the center of Bratislava's Old Town

Domestic as well as foreign tourists will find it easier to get around the Slovak capital of Bratislava thanks to a newly opened information booth on Hviezdoslav Square in the Old Town center, TASR learned from the city's tourist organization the Bratislava Tourist Board (BTB) on July 31.

BTB has provided the booth in cooperation with Bratislava's Old Town borough.

The new information booth, which is open daily between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., provides tourists with information about the capital in nine languages. While an employee in the booth is able to communicate with tourists in the Slovak, English and German languages, leaflets, maps and various brochures are available also in French, Hungarian, Russian, Italian, Spanish and Chinese. "We're responding to demand, as most visitors come from the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, the United States, England, Italy, Spain and Russia. Also from Hungary, which is our neighboring country, and increasing numbers of tourists are coming from China as well," said BTB spokesman Maros Plitko.

Furthermore, as part of the Smart & Green solutions, the new information booth also features tablets with internet

connections. "Its task is to show visitors how to download the free offline Bratislava City app. Thanks to this, tourists have all the information, tips for trips and a map with them without needing an internet connection," added Plitko.

More than 1.2 million tourists visited Bratislava in 2016, representing a 15-percent increase when compared to 2015. In the first quarter of 2017, the city recorded another hike of 5 percent. Partly due to such increases, the capital decided to open a new information center on Hviezdoslav Square, the eighth such center in Bratislava.

### Slovak MFA confirms death of Slovak woman missing in New Jersey

The Slovak Foreign and European Affairs Ministry confirmed on August 1 the death of a 24-year-old Slovak woman who went missing in the Atlantic ocean off the Point Pleasant Beach summer resort on the New Jersey shore, on July 30, TASR learned from the ministry's spokesman Peter Susko on the same day.

"According to the information that is available to us, a body washed up on the ocean shore that was identified as the person who was declared by the coast as missing," said Susko.

Local internet server Lavallette-Seaside Shorebeat wrote that a Slovak went swimming along with a Slovak man, aged 23 early morning on July 30, at about 2:30 a.m.

The pair were overwhelmed by "high surf conditions," accompanied by a strong wind flowing from the northeast. The man made it back to shore, but the woman did not, prompting the massive search, which included rescue ships and helicopters.

Rescuers announced that they suspended the search on July 30 after 10:30 p.m.

### Great War legiontrain begins two month journey across Slovakia

The so-called Legiontrain, a faithful replica of a train that was used to transport the Czechoslovak Legionnaires across Russia via the Trans-Siberian Railway during the First World War, began a two-month journey across Slovakia in Zilina on August 1, TASR learned on the same day.

"I'm convinced that the history of our own nation should be respected. Partly in this way we want to raise awareness among citizens of the Slovak Republic about the history of the First World War," said Defense Minister Peter Gajdos (a Slovak National Party/SNS nominee) when presenting the Legiontrain in Zilina.

"Next year, we'll celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the independent Czechoslovak Republic, a state of Czechs and Slovaks. And at this point I'd also like to highlight the role of Milan Rastislav Stefanik, which is indelible, and connected with the history of the Czechoslovak state and the Legiontrain," added Gajdos.

The train is a project of an association called Ceskoslovenska obec legionarska (the Czechoslovak Legionnaires Alliance). According to its chairman Pavel Budinsky, the association is a connection between the past, present and future. "And it wants to be a bearer of (Czechoslovakia's first president Tomas Garrigue) Masaryk's and Stefanik's ideas about democracy and the freedom of one nation, then the Czechoslovak nation, and now the two fraternal nations of Czechs and Slovaks," said Budinsky.

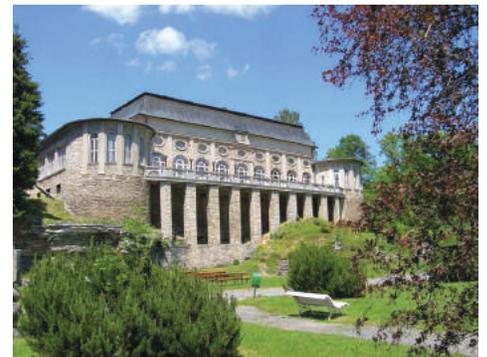
Legiontrain forms part of the Legion 100 project, which in 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Czechoslovak Legion's struggle for an indepen-

dent state.

The train, which has 13 carriages, remained in Zilina until August 6 when it moved to Dolny Kubin and then on to Poprad, Medzilaborce, Humenne, Kosice, Zvolen, Nitra and finally will end up in Bratislava on September 19.

The Czechoslovak Legion, which numbered nearly 100,000 men, was made up of Slovak and Czech volunteers. 40,000 of them were residents of the United States. Since they were immigrants, they could not serve in the US armed forces, nevertheless, they wanted to assist the Allies. They fought in

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Spas have been popular throughout central and eastern Europe for centuries. The spas of Slovakia are among the finest and most popular. One of these, the Spis Spa of Vysne Ruzbachy which is located in eastern Slovakia on the boundary between two national parks - the High Tatras National Park and the Pieniny National Park, has become well-known mainly thanks to its excellent mineral waters. The spa is located in the village of Vysne Ruzbachy, 2000 feet above sea level, in the heart of the Spis region. The therapeutic effects of the mineral water springs were well known in the Middle Ages when the first spa was founded here. The oldest written reference to the spa dates from the captain of the Spis Castle in 1549. The Polish and Hungarian nobility liked to visit this spa. In 1882, it was bought and restored by Polish Count Smoyski. Therapeutic and preventive effects of the spa are based on the local natural healingwaters - hydro-carbonic, calciferous-magnesium and hypotonic springs with low mineralization and temperatures of up to 80 degreesF. The healing properties of these natural carbonic springs are ensured through the absorption of carbon dioxide into human skin during bathing, which leads to the dilatation of skin capillaries and better skin blood flow. The most productive spring Iza-bela feeds the outdoor swimming pool. At the center of the swimming pool is a small round island with greenery. The spa offers therapeutic pools with mineral waters, tube baths, a sauna, a gymnasium and massage rooms. The spa is part of the Grand Hotel Strand complex which dates back to the 19th century and is one of Slovakia's top hotels.

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

## Youngstown, Ohio Sister Cities Hosts Slovak Mayor

by Bernie Demechko

The Youngstown, Ohio - Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities (YSC) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The YSC Board wanted to present Spisska(Sp) Nova Ves in Slovakia with a special gift. They voted to sponsor a seven-day visit of Sp Nova Ves Mayor, Dr. Jan Volny, to Youngstown(YSC). President Jim Bench, (who also is a guide for YSC Slovak Heritage Tours) extended the invitation to Mayor Volny personally on last year's tour. When he accepted, the YSC Board met to plan his itinerary, June 15-20, 2017.

YSC Vice President Ken Shirilla offered to act as chauffeur for the mayor and his interpreter, Addy Akram. Ken spends 6-8 weeks every summer traveling across Europe and neighboring countries. Annually, he stops at City Hall in Slovakia to meet with Mayor Volny and knows him well. So that was a "perfect fit." The eight Board members were waiting at the motel when Ken brought the mayor from the airport. After a brief welcome, we departed as the next day was to be a busy one.

An important reason for the mayor's visit was for him to present to Youngstown Mayor John McNally, two wood carvings of the crest of Spisska Nova Ves and the seal of Youngstown, Oh. They are now both hanging on the wall of the entry way of Youngstown City Hall. Beneath the plaques, stamped in metal, is an explanation of the origin of Sister Cities, its accomplishments, and names of the current Board of Directors.

Director John Slanina commissioned the plaques to be carved by an artisan in Slovakia two years ago. He went to Slovakia and hand-carried the plaques back to Youngstown. This guaranteed protection from damage if shipped otherwise.

John was responsible for the media coverage at City Hall. The plaques were on tri-pods in the Council Chambers, a room large enough to hold the press and guests who attended. He gave an excel-

lent presentation of the history of the YSC. Although the two mayors had met in private session, they now exchanged gifts. Mayor McNally gave Mayor Volny a key to the city and a t-shirt that says "The City of Youngstown." Mayor McNally received a bottle of Slivovica(plum brandy) and a palm-sized heart carved from Travertine marble - the same material used in the construction of Spis Castle and the parliament building in Bratislava.

After a photo-opt, the group dispersed. Many of the Board members were volunteers of Simply Slavic Fest and went to the opposite end of Main Street, downtown, to set up for the next day's festival celebrating the Slavic presence in Youngstown.

The mayor had been invited to relax at the home of Director Gigi Bacon, where Jim and Kay Bench stay when in town(they live in Derry, Pa.). I had been asked to join them so the mayor could get the history of YSC. Ray Novotny, current director, was a Board member in 1991. At that time, I was working and although I attended early meetings regarding the founding of YSC, I did not run for the Board. After the first Board meeting, my brother, Steve Bacon, asked me to serve as secretary until they could find another person.(No person was found, apparently, for I still hold that position...and public relations...and fund-raising).

My husband Ed accompanied me to Gigi's home which has a large painting of the Spis Castle and area given to Steve by the YSC Board on his 90th birthday.

Two hours of history-telling took place with Addy getting a "rest" as translator as I spoke in Spisski-Slovak(kitchen Slovak that I learned before I learned English as a preschooler). The mayor complimented my on my Slovak and understood everything I said.

I explained that in 1991, after several organizational meetings, Steve carried the Articles of Incorporation to Sp Nova Ves to be signed

by then Mayor Rastislav Jacak in August 1991. He asked the mayor how we could best serve Slovakia, just emerging from communism to a democratic state. He said "Teachers of English...our students must be able to communicate in college and the international business world."

I submitted articles to the five Slovak fraternal publications and we soon had five teachers to send to Slovakia. They would stay at homes of local Slovaks and receive \$100 a month salary. The program lasted from 1992-1997 when Slovak students were proficient enough in English to take over the program. But then we made our first mistake. We had received a donation of 1,000 textbooks and workbooks from the Duquesne Alumni Association and sent them to Hamburg, Germany, via military transport(Denton Amendment allowing Air Force cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to military bases overseas).

Communication was difficult and the textbooks stayed in an unheated warehouse for months until we tracked them down. Many were mildewed and ruined. We learned a valuable lesson: We must have a "real" person(liasion) on the other end to sign for and distribute items. To this day, we have such people who are responsible for all shipments of sporting goods, equipment and other items sent to Sp Nova Ves.

My typing started with meeting minutes and expanded to typing of documents for the teacher program...high school exchange program...tours to Slovakia...shipment of medical equipment, etc.

As we talked, Gigi and Kay prepared a large pot of mushroom soup which we all enjoyed, along with salad, bread and pastry. That evening the Board and spouses were invited to a "Welcome to Youngstown" dinner at a local restaurant.

On Saturday, the mayor arrived before noon as he and Mayor McNally were to cut the ribbon which opened the Simply Slavic Fest. The flags of 12 Slavic groups who



The wooden plaques, handcarved in Slovakia, which were presented at City Hall in Youngstown, Oh., are shown above, including the seal of Youngstown and right, the crest of Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia. The two crests flank the plaque commemorating the 25 years existence of the Youngstown, Ohio - Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities program. The three may be found on the wall of the entry way of Youngstown City Hall.



The Mayor of Spisska Nova Ves in Slovakia, Jan Volny, shown left with Youngstown, Ohio Mayor John McNally are shown above participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening this year's 6th annual Simply Slavic Fest in downtown Youngstown on June 17. The event celebrates the city's rich traditions of the family of Slavic nations. Looking on is Ken Shirilla, vice president of the Youngstown-Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities.

were participating in the Fest were carried by representatives in their kroj(ethnic dress). The Rev. Joseph Radjak offered the opening prayer and asked the people to recite The Our Father in their respective Slavic language. It truly sounded like the "Tower of Babel" of the Old Testament.

Mayor Volny had a table with his name on it set at the opening of the entertainment tent where singers, dancers and musicians performed from noon to 8 p.m. He was able to visit with many Slovak Americans, including those who had been on a YSC tour to Slovakia. When I wrote to recent tourists asking for donations to help us financially with the mayor's trip, I included a special invitation to them to visit the mayor again. At every tour, a special reception is held in Spisska Nova Ves where we are welcomed by the mayor, enjoy chamber music, sign the official guest book in formal surroundings and are hosted with delicious dinner with champagne.

Although I was working at the gift basket booth, during my break, I would go sit at the mayor's table. A big surprise was a visit by Sam Krempasky who came from Massillon, Oh. and was one of our first teachers of English in Slovakia in 1992. He has kept in touch with YSC.

When John Slanina commissioned to have the plaques made in

Slovakia, he asked the wood carver to make a set for him personally for his home. They are one fourth the size of the real plaques and were displayed at the heritage tent so people could see them there if they could not see them at City Hall.

Mayor Volny stayed at the Fest until closing and the large vatra(bonfire) was lit. Musicians played music and the younger crowd sang and danced until midnight.

On Sunday, the Board and mayor had been invited to attend Eddie Yasechko's fly-in outdoor buffet at Yasechko Airfield. Eddie hosts this event in August for his friends, family and members of the Classic Plane Club to which he belongs. Normally held in August, he changed the date to accommodate the mayor's visit. The buffet tent had two chefs who prepared steak and omelets to your taste. There were dozens of tables of fruit, pastry, and breakfast foods to accommodate the 200+ people who attended. Two other tents were filled with chairs and cloth-covered tables where guests could eat and watch the two-seater planes fly in and land on the grassy runway. Once the planes landed, the young people were permitted to sit in the cockpit and have photos taken.

A loudspeaker announced that the YSC Board and mayor were to meet in Eddie's guest house. I had often told the Board of Eddie's help

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During the historic unveiling ceremony at City Hall in Youngstown, Oh. members of the Youngstown-Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities are shown with Youngstown Mayor John McNally and Spisska Nova Ves Mayor Jan Volny. Shown above are seated, l-r, YSC Directors, Loretta Ekoniak, Ron Garchar and Ray Novotny. Standing, l-r, are YSC Vice President Ken Shirilla, Slovak Mayor Jan Volny, YSC Secretary Bernie Demechko, Youngstown Mayor John McNally, YSC Director Gigi Bacon, YCS President Jim Bench and YSC Director John Slanina. This year the YSC is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

# Minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

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After a brief discussion, Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, moved to accept the Mortgage Department report, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved.

The Supreme Secretary then presented the **Donation Requests** received at the Home Office to be addressed at this meeting.

Brother Pogorelec presented each member with a copy of the donation requests.

**1. Johnstown Slavic Festival**

Request from Brian Subich, Chairperson, for a sponsorship of the Festival.

**The Board recommends** a donation of \$200.00 in support of the Festival. Suhlas.

**2. Slovak Catholic Federation**

Request in support of the 59th Quadrennial Convention to be held in Youngstown, OH.

**The Board recommends** a donation of \$300.00 in support of the Convention. Suhlas.

**Unfinished Business** included the Board members discussing the recent Sokol Reunion held at Rocky Gap Resort in Flintstone, MD. Sister Watkins reported that 40 people attended the reunion and a wonderful time was had by all. Plans have begun for next year's reunion, as well as a possible winter event. Acknowledged.

Brother Horvath also reported on the developments of the 2020 Committee. Brother President indicated that the committee will have their first meeting on June 24, 2017 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The Board had an open and lively discussion under **New Business** regarding our publication, as well as our entire marketing efforts. The Board decided that we should investigate bringing in a marketing consultant to examine these areas of our organization. Acknowledged.

The Board also reviewed the annuity interest rate. The Board mutually agreed to keep the rates at their current level for the 3rd Quarter. Acknowledged.

The Supreme President then informed the Board members that the **next meeting** of the Supreme Board of Directors will be on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. via a telephone Conference Call. Acknowledged.

Having completed all the business items on the afternoon agenda, the Supreme President inquired if there is any other business to be presented before the Board, there being none, Brother Horvath entertained a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic closed the meeting with a **Prayer**, thanking the Good Lord for all of the many blessings we have received, which we are very thankful for.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**  
*Supreme Secretary*

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## Sokol Birthdays

**AUGUST 28**

**Stephen J. Sroba, Jr.**, Newtown, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Edward M. Zelenak, Esq.**, Lincoln Park, Mich., Honorary Slovak Consul in Detroit, a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

**AUGUST 29**

**Paula A. Papcun**, Clinton Twp., Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

**AUGUST 30**

**Raymond J. Iwanonkiw, Jr.**, Canonsburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**AUGUST 31**

**Barbara Bakita**, Norton, Oh., a member of Wreath 103, Barberton, Oh.

**Jennifer N. Hill**, Watertown, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Ryan J. Kolodziej**, Lansing, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

**SEPTEMBER 1**

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

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

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a member of Wreath 13, Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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**SEPTEMBER 8**

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**SEPTEMBER 9**

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## Sokol Calendar

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Night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Times Square, New York, N.Y. beginning at 8 p.m. sponsored by the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York.

### MON. SEPT. 11

Wreath 111 first meeting of the new fall season celebrating the feast of the patroness of the lodge, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m. refreshments will be served.

### 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 Kremer 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. SEPT. 23

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, via telephone conference call.

Tamburitzans concert featuring the music, songs, dances and costumes of Eastern Europe sponsored by Holy Apostles Orthodox Church at Clifton High School Auditorium, 333 Colfax Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 4 p.m. advance tickets \$35.00 at the door \$40.00; tickets may be purchased online at [www.talentshadows.com/events/category/Tamburitzans](http://www.talentshadows.com/events/category/Tamburitzans) or call Daria Miskiv at 973 460-



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Andrew Sakach, Passaic, NJ  
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Bernadette Pitek, Pittsburgh, PA  
Marilyn S. Shovlin, Youngstown, OH  
Lenora M. Bruski,

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### SUN. SEPT. 24

Chicken Paprikas Dinner hosted by the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. 1-4 p.m.; advance tickets \$12.00, cash bar; contact Len Zilko 440 988-3236.

### SAT. SEPT. 30

Group 16 "Rev. Ferdis Juriga" annual meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 41233 Ryan Road, north of 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Mich. beginning with Mass in church at 4 p.m., meeting to follow in the social hall.

## Lodge Jottings

### LORAIN, OH. Wreath 111

Welcome back to all our Wreath members from your summer break. We would like to extend an invitation to our members to join us for our upcoming fall fraternal season. Our lodge meetings are scheduled every second Monday of the month at the American Slovak Home located at 2915 Broadway Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each meeting has a particular theme and concludes with refreshments. An enjoyable evening is always assured.

The first meeting of our lodge in the new fall season is scheduled for Monday, September 11. At this meeting we observe the feast of the patroness of our Wreath, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following the meeting, pizza and soft drinks will be enjoyed. In 1922, our founders chose the birthday of Our Lady as patroness of the Wreath. This year then celebrates the 95th anniversary of the founding of Wreath 111. It was in the spring of 1922 that our Wreath was founded at the former Holy Trinity Slovak Parish. We have enjoyed a proud past and we look forward to

an active future.

Looking ahead, we ask our members to mark their calendars and plan to join us for future meetings. Our Monday, October 9th will be devoted to the Columbus Day observance. On Monday, November 13 we will observe Veterans day. At this meeting we will host the annual meeting which includes the election of officers to serve our Wreath. The highlight of the year comes on Monday, December 11 when we observe the birth of the Baby Jesus. This is our traditional Christmas gathering. As is our tradition, this evening begins earlier than usual at 6 p.m. and will include a delicious dinner featuring our beloved Slovak Christmas culinary specialties. At this meeting we will draw the winners of our annual raffle, our Wreath's principal fund-raising effort.

We hope to see many new faces at our upcoming events. Let us continue to promote our activities in the best traditions of Lorain Sokol fraternalism and fellowship. Have a pleasant fall season.

Zdar Boh!  
Helen M. Zemanek  
President

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## Youngstown, Ohio Sister Cities Hosts Slovak Mayor

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in the 1990s. He provided sleeping accommodations at his Truckworld Motel for six Slovak dance groups that YSC brought to the area to perform. These included Sluk, Raslavican and Cecinka which each had 40 performers and chaperones. Eddie provided the groups with meals, baseball caps, t-shirts and a \$25 gift card each to be used in the Truckworld Shop. He is now retired and had given up flying last year at age 91.

But as we reminisced, he brought up his current project "A New Central Capital City for Slovakia." A large map showed that Bratislava(1918), the current capital, is located in the lower southwest part of Slovakia. A new Capital city built in the north central part of Slovakia would not only be the center of Slovakia but the very center of Europe, becoming the site for all of Europe for trade, politics, education and business. They pointed out that Brazil already did this when they moved its capital from Rio de Janeiro to the new capital city of Brasilia. Eddie's idea was given some serious thought and a prepared flyer was distributed.

At 11 a.m. the buffet shut down and people started leaving. We sat on a picnic bench as Ed and I waited for the traffic to thin out. The mayor came to sit with us and we talked about this "project." He did not foresee the Slovak people accepting Eddie's project.

On Sunday afternoon, Director Ray Novotny, Mill Creek Park Naturalist for 30 years, took the mayor, Addy and Jim on a car tour of the 4400 acre park in the city of Youngstown. The park contains 20 miles of roads and 15 miles of foot and bike trails along water falls and manmade lakes. They stopped at the important sites like Lanterman Falls where a huge grindstone, at one time, ground wheat and oats into flour for our early settlers, and the Ford Nature Museum with exhibits of stuffed animals indigenous to the park etc.

The mayor expressed a desire to see Niagara Falls, so Ken drove him, Addy and Jim to New York. It was a scenic road trip through Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York with Lake Erie on the left and vineyards on the right. They went to the Canadian side of the falls where there is a more spectacular view of the falls. They rode on "The Maid of the Mist" boat which took them behind the falls.

On Tuesday, the trip to the Slovak Department at the University of Pittsburgh was cancelled be-

cause of the summer recess. Ken did take them to Phipps Conservatory as well as the home office of the National Slovak Society(NSS). Since the five Slovak fraternal provide 90 percent of the funding for YSC, we felt it important that the mayor visit with some of them in our area. At the NSS, Sue Ondrejco gave them a tour of the headquarters where they saw the carved wooden Bethlehem, similar to the one in Banska Bystrica.

I had arranged an appointment at the home office of the First Catholic Slovak Union in Independence, Oh. The executive secretary, Ken Arendt welcomed us and provided a tour of the facility. The mayor was impressed with the halls lined with mannequins in various Okres' kroj and the showcases of Modra pottery, crystal, comhusk dolls and Slovak memorabilia.

Pastry and beverages were served while we spent several hours visiting. It made it easier for Addy for several of the staff members speak Slovak and conversed with the mayor directly.

We then went to the home office of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association in Beachwood, Oh. just in time for a light lunch. President Cynthia Maleski and several officers hosted us to another enjoyable visit. Cynthia showed the mayor the 642-page hard cover book of the history of Sp Nova Ves(1268-2010). A note on the title page stated that YSC had donated \$3,000 towards the publication of the book with money it had received at the 2011 FCSLA convention. The mayor then autographed the book.

Our Cleveland area trip included a visit to Calvary Cemetery. The mayor had a newspaper clipping from 1960 which listed his uncle's death. Our Director Ron Garchar(who served as our official photographer) went on-line to prepare information for us that gave us the number of the section of the cemetery, and actually highlighted the grave site. A moment of prayer and silence was held at the grave site. The mayor had brought some dirt from his garden in Slovakia and sprinkled it on the grave. He also buried a small marble heart in the soil to honor the memory of his uncle.

The mayor's visit finally came to a close with a Board meeting in the private room of a local restaurant. At the conclusion of the meal, Jim made the announcement that Ken had accepted the position of vice president of YSC and Robert

Wasko of Wasko Funeral Home had agreed to serve as a Director on the Board.

A special guest, Peter Sedlacko from Sp Nova Ves was then introduced. At Youngstown State University and with Youngstown Incubator of Entrepreneurs, the young man is studying bio-engineering and additive manufacturing to make 3D implants.

Director Gigi Bacon presented the mayor a check for Sp Nova Ves to be applied to a historical plaque to be erected in Sp Nova Ves commemorating the electrification of Sp Nova Ves in 1894(all buildings in Sp Nova Ves had electricity before Bratislava) and the 750th anniversary of the first written mention in 1258 of Sp Nova Ves in an official document.

Jim then announced that plans are being made for the 20th annual Slovak Heritage Tour in 2018.

The meal concluded with dessert of hot apple strudel, ice cream and Slivovica enjoyed at the home of Director, Loretta Ekoniak.

YSC would like to thank the Slovak Catholic Sokol for its recent donation toward the funding of the mayor's trip. And a special "thank you" goes out to past tourists and Slovak friends who have helped financially by offering their hospitality, time and efforts in making Mayor Volny's visit a truly memorable one. Zdar Boh!

(Bernie Demechko is a veteran Slovak cultural and fraternal activist in the Mahoning Valley. She is our Sokolka of Wreath 54 in Youngstown)

### 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.

### Sunglasses: 1400 Years Old

Wearing sunglasses may be considered very "in" today, but according to the American Optometric Association, the Chinese wore tinted lenses 14 centuries ago to protect their eyes from the bright sun.

Today, optometrists recommend either neutral gray or green tints for sunglasses.

## News and Views from Slovakia...

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France, Italy and Russia during World War I in a bid to gain independence for the Czechs and Slovaks from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The soldiers on the Eastern Front became stranded following the outbreak of the Russian Revolution and were forced to head west to Vladivostok in order to leave the country. - ed. note)

### SNS: we won't support Turkey's EU accession

By its constant attacks on journalists and their prosecution by the courts, Turkey proves that it doesn't belong in the European Union(EU), the coalition Slovak National Party(SNS) told TASR on July 25, adding that it won't support Turkey's bid in joining the EU.

"If the EU was able to punish Russia, it should, first of all, now be punishing Turkey," said SNS head and Parliamentary chairman Andrej Danko.

According to him, the constant violation of human rights in Turkey is being ignored. "It's terribly false and inappropriate on the part of the European Union which advocates the protection of human rights," said Danko, adding that even important EU politicians are pointing out that Turkey currently doesn't meet the conditions for joining the European Union.

According to SNS, by persecuting its people, Turkey is at odds with the standard democratic principles and values praised in the EU and this is having a negative impact on mutual relations. "Relations have worsened. Freedom of speech in countries not far from here is a luxury for which a high price is being paid..." he said.

Earlier this month MEPs expressed their concerns over the situation in Turkey which is getting worse in terms of the principles of a legal state, freedom of media, protecting human rights and fighting corruption. MEPs also condemned Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's repeated support for reintroducing the death penalty. The reintroduction of capital punishment would put into question Turkey's membership in the Council of Europe and would lead to an immediate end of the EU accession talks, stated Members of Slovakia's Parliament.

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Na skalnatom kopci nad Dražovcami, mestskou časťou Nitry, sa nachádza malebný Kostol svätého Michala archanjela. Kostol stojí na starom románskom hradisku a bol postavený začiatkom 12. storočia. Pôvodne patrilo toto územie k zoborskému klášturu. Samostatnou farnosťou sa kostol stal od r.1787. Zisťovacím výskumom Slovenského múzea v r. 1947 – 1948 bolo odkrytých 55 hrobov v okolí kostola, z nich niektoré boli prikruté kameňmi. Inventár hrobov tvorili mince, ozdoby, súčasť odevu. Cintorín predstavuje pochovávanie v čase 11. – 17. stor. Kostolík je vynikajúcou pamiatkou ranného stredoveku a najstaršou románskou lokalitou v okrese Nitra.

### Doprajte si červený melón

Radi si pochutnávať na červenom melóne? Robíte dobre, pretože táto dobrota obsahuje viac ako 90 % vody a je nabitá prospešnými živinami. Obsahuje



veľké množstvo lykopénu, betakaroténu i vitamínu C. Navyše 100-gramová porcia obsahuje

iba okolo 30 kalórií. Je v ňom viac lykopénu ako v surových paradajkách, lebo ak sú spracované, množstvo lykopénu sa v nich zvyšuje. Červený melón teda obsahuje 1,5-krát viac lykopénu ako čerstvé paradajky a je považovaný za jeden z jeho najbohatších zdrojov vôbec. Lykopén je červený pigment, ktorý dáva ovociu a zelenine typickú farbu. Na čo je potrebný tento karotenoid? Podľa National Watermelon Promotion Board zvýšenie hladiny lykopénu v tele pomáha znížiť úroveň LDL cholesterolu a triglyceridov v krvi, teda je prevenciou kardiovaskulárnych ochorení. Takisto sa spája

s prevenciou rakoviny prostaty a podporou zdravia kostí. Okrem toho má silné protizápalové vlastnosti a podporuje imunitu.

Najväčšie množstvo lykopénu je v dozretom melóne. Lykopén je antioxidant, ktorý je rozpustný v tukoch. Jeho vstrebávanie teda môžeme podporiť pridaním kvalitných tukov. Výbornou voľbou je pridať k melónu avokádo.

Podľa informácií v International Journal of Nutrition and Food Sciences sú úžasne výživné aj melónové semiačka, najmä ak sú naklíčené. Majú vysoký obsah bielkovín, zdravých tukov, vitamínov skupiny B a horčíka. Na skúmanie fytozínov a antioxidantnej aktivity sa zamerali aj vedci z Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology v Kumasi. Zistili, že melónové semiačka sú bohatým zdrojom vlákniny a minerálov. Vyzdvihli hlavne semená z melóna Crimson sweet, a to kvôli bohatšiemu obsahu fenolov a najvyššej antioxidantnej aktivite spomedzi skúmaných druhov melóna.

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### VIETE, ŽE...

... pred 120 rokmi vynášiel nemecký chemik Felix Hoffmann najpoužívanejší liek - aspirín.

... jedna väčšia čerstvá paradajka, ktorú zjete, pokryje dávku vitamínu C potrebnú na celý deň? Ešte zdravšie sú však uvarené paradajky. Čím dlhšie ich tepelne spracúvate, tým lepšie. Zvyšujete tak obsah lykopénu, látky so silnými antioxidantnými a protirakovinovými účinkami.

### 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 súboriky 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. Blížšie informácie: Nina Holy, tel. č. 973-825-3723, Zuzana Krčmar, tel.č. 973-357-1209.



### Film o Alexandrovi Dubčekovi príde do kín budúci rok

Približne 25 rokov po smrti Alexandra Dubčeka sa začal nakrúcať film o príbehu politika, ktorý sa snažil v tom čase o nemožné - presadzovať socializmus s ľudskou tvárou. Film pod názvom Krátka jar, dlhá zima bý sa mal dostať do slovenských kín na budúci rok. Je to príbeh o politickej ikone tzv. Pražskej jari v roku 1968.

Dubček v roku 1968 zastával funkciu prvého tajomníka Ústredného výboru Komunistickej strany Československa. Neskôr ho komunisti odstavili a po ná-

tlaku Moskvy bol nútený z politiky úplne odísť.

Do politiky sa vrátil až po tzv. Nežnej revolúcii v roku 1989. Krátko zastával post predsedu Federálneho zhromaždenia ČSR a predsedu Slovenskej sociálno-demokratickej strany (SDSS).

Alexander Dubček počas jazdy služobným vozidlom 1. septembra 1992 pri českom Humpolci utrpel vážne zranenia spôsobené dopravnou nehodou, ktorým 7. novembra v pražskej nemocnici podľahol.

### KÉTIK HUMORU

„Už ste niekedy skúšali s vaším manželom ísť na dovolenku oddelené?“  
„Áno, pred dvoma rokmi - a doteraz sa nevrátil.“

- Aká je mužská predstava romantiky?  
- Hokejový štadión osvetlený sviečkami.

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- Budete fúkať!  
- Rád. Kde vás boli?

- Aký šport pestujú slovenskí dôchodcovia?  
- Orientačný beh z lekárne do lekárne.



Pieniny sú krajinný celok oblasti Východné Beskydy. Územie sa nachádza v severnej časti Spiša, nazývaného tiež Zamagurie. Pieniny tvorí horský masív bradlového pásma a najvyšším vrchom sú Vysoké skalky, dosahujúce 1 050 m n. m. Na území Slovenska sú výškovo a turisticky zaujímavé vrcholy Vysoká (1 013 m n. m.), Vrchriečky (966 m n. m.), Kýčera (954 m n. m.), Fakľovka (934 m n. m.), Šlachovka (899 m n. m.), Plašná (889 m n. m.), Rabštin (842 m n. m.) a Holica (828 m n. m.) a na poľskej strane sú najatraktívnejšie Sokolica (747 m n. m.) a Tri Koruny (poľsky: Trzy korony (982 m n. m.)). Turisticky atraktívne sú aj plte, ktoré prevádzajú turistov po rieke Dunajec.

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Vysoké Tatry boli počas prvého augustového týždňa rozziarené folklórnym súborom Lúčnica. Po 30 rokoch sa slovenská a svetová legenda vrátila do slovenských veľhôr, kde predviedli lúčničtári obyvateľom i návštevníkom Tatier krásne slovenské ľudové tance a spev. Lúčnica bola založená pred sedemdesiatimi rokmi a je známa takmer v celom svete. Zarád'uje sa medzi najlepšie svetové folklórne súbory. - Foto: Pavol Harum

### V Čachticiach pred 170 rokmi padlo rozhodnutie o spisovnej slovenčine

V Čachticiach prijali slovenskí národovci 10. augusta 1847 rozhodnutie o spisovnom jazyku Slovákov.

Viac ako 60 vzdelaných mužov Slovenska sa na pozvanie rímskokatolíckeho kňaza Jozefa Urbanovského zišlo na jeho fare v Čachticiach na zhromaždení kultúrno-vzdelávacieho spolku Tatrin, aby si ujasnili postup, ako šíriť medzi slovenským ľudom osvetu a kultúru a ako postupovať ďalej pri uplatňovaní kodifikovanej slovenčiny vo všetkých krajoch Slovenska. Na zasadnutí bol prítomný aj Ludovít Štúr.

Tatrin, hoci existoval iba niekoľko rokov (1844-1847), zohral významnú úlohu v slovenskej kultúrnej histórii. Bol to prvý spolok, ktorému sa podarilo prekonať cirkevné spory a rozdiely Slovákov. Sústredil sa predovšetkým na literárnu a vydavateľskú činnosť. Zakrátko si získal veľkú autoritu medzi slovenskými vzdelancami a z tejto pozície podporoval uznanie novej spisovnej slovenčiny. Prijal ju za úradnú reč, čím napomohol jej prenikaniu do spoločenského

života. Tatrin mal ústredie v Lip-tovskom Mikuláši a jeho dušou bol Michal Miloslav Hodža.

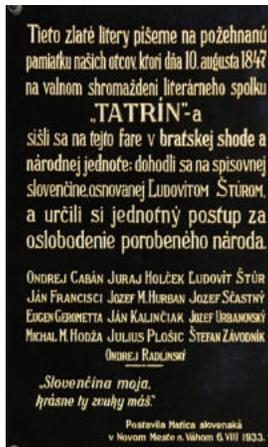
Ludovít Štúr začal vyvíjať snahu o prijatie nového spisovného jazyka už v roku 1843. V júli toho istého roku sa v Hlbokom na fare dohodol s Jozefom Miloslavom Hurbanom a Michalom Miloslavom Hodžom na kodifikácii spisovnej slovenčiny. Za jej základ vybrali stredoslovenské nárečie, ktoré považovali za najrozšírenejšie medzi slovenským obyvateľstvom. Katolíckeho kňaza a básnika Jána Holého, ktorého mali vo veľkej úcte, navštívili na Dobrej Vode s touto požiadavkou 17. júla 1843 a získali jeho požehnanie.

K rozhodnutiu o spoločnom spisovnom jazyku Slovákov došlo s konečnou platnosťou práve 10. augusta 1847 na fare v Čachticiach. Popredné osobnosti vtedajšieho národného hnutia, napríklad Michal Miloslav Hodža, Ludovít Štúr, Jozef Miloslav Hurban, Ján Kalinčiak, Janko Francisci-Rimavský, Andrej Caban, Eugen Gerometta, Jozef Ščasny, Ctibor Zoch, Samo

Bohdan Hroboň, Martin Hattala a iní prijali zásady jej písomnej podoby.

Proces uzákonenia spisovného jazyka dovŕšila v októbri 1851 hodžovsko-hatalovská reforma slovenčiny, ktorá dala základ jej dnešnému pravopisu.

Budova rímskokatolíckej fary v Čachticiach je dodnes svedkom posledného zasadnutia spolku Tatrin. Udalosť pripomína pamätná tabuľa (na snímke).



### Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Kanadan Craig Ramsay sa stal novým trénerom slovenskej hokejovej reprezentácie. Generálny manažér Miroslav Šatan to oznámil 9. augusta. Šesťdesiatšestročný Ramsay hral v NHL v rokoch 1971 až 1985 za Buffalo Sabres. Potom sa vydal na trénerskú dráhu, pracoval vo viacerých kluboch zámorskej súťaže, naposledy ako konzultant v Montreale Canadiens.

□ Noc z 9. na 10. augusta bola na Slovensku mimoriadne teplá. Na území Trenčianskeho, Trnavského, Nitrianskeho a Bratislavského kraja zaznamenali tropickú noc. Najteplejšie bolo v Kamanovej v závetrí Tribeča, kde bolo 26,3 stupňa Celzia. To je len o jeden stupeň menej ako absolútny slovenský rekord z 29. júla 2013 z Piešťan.

□ Západným Slovenskom sa 10. augusta v noci po veľkých horúčavách prehrali silné búrky. Veterná smršť spôsobila veľké škody, problémy s elektrickým vedením a polámané stromy skončili aj na autách. Bez elektriny zostalo 160-tisíc domácností. Hasiči zaznamenali takmer 200 výjazdov, najviac ich bolo v Bratislavskom kraji, kde hasiči zasahovali pri 105 udalostiach. Kritická situácia bola tiež v Trnavskom a Trenčianskom kraji, kde hasiči pomáhali pri popadaných stromoch, strhnutých strechách a padnutých elektrických stĺpoch.

□ Podľa Slovenského hydrometeorologického ústavu dosiahli nárazy vetra v nižších polohách okolo 100 km/h. Najvyššia namieraná rýchlosť vetra bola počas veternej smršti zaznamenaná na vrchu Malý Javorník, kde SHMÚ zaznamenal rýchlosť 130 km/h.

□ Vo veku 70 rokov zomrel v stredu 9. augusta Marián Varga - skladateľ, hudobník - jedna z najväčších osobností slovenského kultúrneho života. Podľahol

ťažkej chorobe. 13. augusta mala rodina, priatelia a verejnosť možnosť dať posledné zbohom významnej osobnosti slovenského kultúrneho života. Posledná rozlúčka s umelcom sa konala v kostole Cirkvi bratskej v Bratislave.

□ V Banskobystrickom samosprávnom kraji (BBSK) žilo ku koncu vlaňajšieho roka 651.509 obyvateľov, z toho 316.032 mužov a 335.477 žien. Priemerný vek obyvateľa BBSK bol 41,2 roka. Staršie boli ženy, u ktorých priemerný vek predstavoval 42,8 roka, u mužov 39,4 roka. Sto a viac rokov sa dožilo 109 ľudí, z toho 70 žien. Vyplýva to z údajov Štatistického úradu (ŠÚ) SR, ktoré TASR poskytla Eva Hajová z odboru informatiky, registrov, informačných služieb ŠÚ SR v Banskej Bystrici.

□ Spotrebiteľské ceny sa v júli 2017 v porovnaní s júlom 2016 úhrne zvýšili o 1,4 %. Vzrástli ceny v odboroch potravinárstva a nealkoholické nápoje o 4,2 %, doprava o 3 %, zdravotníctvo o 2,7 %, reštaurácie a hotely o 2,3 %, rozličné tovary a služby o 2,2 %, alkoholické nápoje a tabak o 2,1 %, rekreácia a kultúra o 1,6 %, vzdelávanie o 1,4 %, pošty a spoje o 0,4 %. Klesli ceny za bývanie, vodu, elektrinu, plyn a ostatné palivá o 1,1 %, za nábytok, bytové zariadenie a bežnú údržbu domácnosti o 0,3 %. Nezmenili sa ceny odevov a obuvi. Informoval o tom dnes Štatistický úrad (ŠÚ) SR.

□ Silná spotreba domácností, ako aj oživenie európskych ekonomík by mali v najbližších mesiacoch podporiť rast slovenskej ekonomiky. Očakávajú to analytici po tom, čo Štatistický úrad SR zverejnil najnovšie údaje rastu hrubého domáceho produktu za 2. štvrťrok. Rast totiž analytíkov prekvapil, keď medziročne zrýchľil z 3,1 percent na 3,3 percent.