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Scenes of the Gala 100th Anniversary Celebration of Assembly 167

Prince of Peace Parish + Barberton, Ohio + September 9th

Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek congratulates the lodge in the name of the Board of Directors
Barberton, Mayor William Judge commends the Sokols on a century of outstanding fraternal presence



Officers of Barberton, Oh., Assembly 167 are shown with Members of the Supreme Assembly who participated in the lodge's centennial celebration are shown on the above photo, and include, l-r: Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation, Treasurer, Jay Macko; Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Julie M. Laury, financial secretary, John Hornacek; Supreme Auditor, James F. Knis; president, Stephen Macko; Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank P. Laury, III; recording secretary, Chris Macko; Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, who represented the Board of Directors at the celebration; auditor, Don Macko; and vice president, Steven Underation.



Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek presents a commemorative plaque to Assembly 167 President Stephen Macko.



Assembly 167 President, Stephen Macko with his lovely wife, Kara.



Barberton Mayor William Judge presents the city proclamation to Assembly 167 President Stephen Macko.

Message from our Supreme President

by Michael J. Horvath

In the last month we witnessed historic natural disasters in Texas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, in other



states and, in paradise, the Caribbean islands because of hurricanes Harvey and Irma and other storms and fires. It was difficult to watch the lives of our fellow Americans and the citizens in the Caribbean change before our eyes and wonder, how will they survive and how long will it take to get their lives back together, and if their lives can be put back together again.

We offer our prayers and thoughts to all who have been affected by the disasters since all of us have family and friends who live in these states and many of us have had the privilege and pleasure of visiting and treated to the hospitality of the Caribbean islands. We also want to give thanks to all the volunteers who have responded to help those devastated by the storms and fires. These volunteers truly show the best of mankind, caring for their fellow citizen and what the world of fraternalism is all about.

After a disaster and evaluating the loss individuals think what could have they done to prepare better for the disaster, why did they stay and not heed the warnings to leave and what do they do first to start to rebuild? For some, they did plan a head, they listened to the warnings and got out of harm's way and now are returning to start cleaning up because they had insurance policies, home, renters, flood, etc. to cover them. This made their loss a little more bearable. But even they need the extra help.

Therefore, I ask all members to help in any way they can and give to a disaster relief agency any amount you can afford to help our brothers and sisters and their families.

Here is a quote from the Muhammad Ali and I think it says it the best, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth". I hope we all can live by this saying and do something to help our family and friends and others in need.

I wish I could have been at our 62nd International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lakes in DuBois, PA by what I heard and read it was a great tournament and everyone had the best rounds of golf they ever played. Sorry to hear there were no hole-in-ones but congratulations to all the

Flight winners. I ask all those who played in the tournament this year to spread the word about our great Golf Tournament to other members and friends and bring someone new to next year's event.

Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr. Esq., Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C. and I just returned from the American Fraternal Alliance's (AFA) annual conference which was held this year in Phoenix, Arizona. I was very glad to have the Slovak Catholic Sokol team at the conference since this was my first AFA conference. I heard in the past how the AFA is helping fraternalism large and small overcome the issues that affect our societies in general and those issues that can affect fraternal societies in the future, mainly government regulations and taxes.

I learned there are states where it is easier for societies to do business in and then there are states where it is more difficult and this is because of the leadership in the insurance departments in these states. I also learned all fraternalism have the same inherited problems but in different degrees since all are providing insurance coverage to their members, have sales issues, declining youth involvement, fewer assemblies and wreaths and an environment that makes it difficult to get a good return on our investments. Even though there are these issues, the fraternal world has a strong and long future.

Last weekend, September 15 – 17, 2017 in Cleveland, Ohio, we held our Slovak Catholic Sokol Group Presidents meeting. Since the last Group Presidents meeting that was in 2013 our society has changed and it was interesting to hear from the Presidents their views on these changes, their problems and especially their suggestions on the help they need to help their Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths grow.

It is never too late to plan for the future to ensure your peace of mind and safety which will minimize your risk and help avoid disasters. If you have the proper insurance coverage in place you can do this, so take a moment to review your life insurance coverage and if you see you are under insured call the Home Office or our Director of Sales and Marketing for information on how to increase your coverage. Also, ask your family members and friends about their coverage and introduce them to our great society, The Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Zdar Boh!
With God's Blessings to All!

Group 7 to Host 82nd Annual Sokol Day in Plains, Pa.



Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" will host its 82nd annual Sokol Day Picnic on Sunday, October 8 at the Plains Lion Pavilion located on Clark Lane in Plains, Pa. beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 6 p.m. A wonderful program celebrating Slovak heritage and Sokol fraternalism has been planned and area Sokol members and their friends are invited to participate. Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, third from the right, joins officers of Group 7 on the above photo at the Veterans Monument at the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Officers shown with him include, from the left, Amy Degnan Blasco, president; Audrey Graham, Kim Graham, secretary; Irene M. Kascak, Dawn Palchanis, sports director; Heather Horvath, assistant sports director; Kelly Palchanis, physical directress; Tony Rasimus, auditor; Brother Horvath, Marty Degnan, vice president and Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board; and Stephen Vitek, auditor.

82nd Annual Sokol Day of Group 7

All is in readiness as Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. is set to host its 82nd annual Sokol Day Picnic on Sunday, October 8 at the Plains Lion Pavilion located at Clark Lane in Plains, Pa. Festivities begin at 12 noon and will continue until 6 p.m.

There will be traditional Slovak culinary specialties as well as American picnic favorites available. Homemade baked goods will be available for sale. Games for old and young alike will be enjoyed. Continuing in its long-standing tradition, the Group will sponsor an Arts and Crafts table where Sokol members, adults or children alike may bring along and display their works of art on the day of the event for all to admire. If any member would like to make a donation for the baked goods, kids table or baskets, it would be greatly appreciated. Our young people who recently competed at the 48th International Slet in Brockport, N.Y. will participate.

Our Sokol Day Picnic ranks among the oldest such observances of any of our organization's Groups. Sokol Day traditions span more than eight decades and reflect the rich history and traditions of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in northeastern Pennsylvania. Sokol Day is open to the public. Come out and spend an enjoyable day with Group 7 as we celebrate Sokol fraternalism and Slovak culture. - Amy Degnan Blasco, Group 7 president

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Slovak Catholic Sokol



Sokol Calendar

SAT. SEPT. 23

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

■ Meeting of the officers of Group 1 at Slovak Catholic Sokol headquarters, 205 Madison St., Passaic, N.J. beginning at 12 noon.

■ 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.events/category/Tamburitzans or call Daria Miskiv at 973 460-0243.

SEPT. 23-24

■ 78th annual Moravian Festival hosted by the United Moravian Society at the Lithuanian World Center, 14911 E. 127th St., Lemont, Ill., Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m., entertainment featuring the 13-member Brass Band Skalican from Slovakia; refreshments; celebrating the Moravian, Czech and Slovak traditions and culture.

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.

■ Annual meeting of Group 2 "Rev. Stephen Panik" at the Blue Goose Restaurant, Stratford, Conn. beginning at 12 noon; a luncheon will be served.

■ Annual Slavic Festival hosted by St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of Passaic at the Cathedral chapel, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, N.J. 12 noon to 6 p.m.; traditional Slavic culinary specialties along with American pic-

nic favorites, live music, vendors and children's activities, free admission, free parking, tel 973 777-2553.

■ Annual benefit for St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey at the American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lake Shore Blvd., Eastlake, Oh. beginning with Mass at 2 p.m. followed by family style dinner, with music and Slovak folk dance entertainment, contact Debbie at first@cbhs.edu or tel 216 721-5300, ext. 156.

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.

SUN. OCT. 1

■ Annual meeting of Group 9, "SS. Cyril and Methodius" at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, Railroad St., Lilly, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m., make reservations with Alice Podrebarac 814 487-7433.

MON. OCT. 2

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

SUN. OCT. 8

■ 35th annual Dinner-Dance benefit hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Program at the Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, Pa. beginning with reception at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5 p.m.; music by the Joseph Jurasi Band; tickets \$40.00; for reservations call 412 421-1204.

■ 82nd annual Sokol Day Picnic hosted by Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" at the Plains Lion Pavilion, Clark Lane, Plains, Pa. from 12 noon to 6 p.m.; traditional Slovak culinary specialties and baked goods, games for all ages.

OCT. 11-13

■ 84th annual convention of the New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance at the Tropicana Casino & Resort, 2831 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J.

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.

■ 2017 Slovakfest hosted by The Slovak Garden, A Home for American Slovaks, 3110 Howell Branch Rd. #100, Winter Park, Fla. in the small social hall beginning at 2 p.m., traditional Slovak culinary specialties, imported Slovak beer and pastries; music for dancing and listening pleasure; \$20.00 per person, for reservations call 407 677-6894 or visit slovakgarden@centurylinbk.net.

OCT. 17-21

■ 16th genealogical conference hosted by the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Pittsburgh's International Airport; cultural exhibits, lectures and programs, visits to noted local Slovak, Rusyn and Czech landmarks; for details contact PaulMCzech@comcast.net.

SAT. OCT. 21

■ Annual Benefit Spaghetti Luncheon hosted by Wreath 22 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., doors open at 12 noon; \$10 adults, \$5 children age 12 and younger; bake sale and Chinese Auction; for tickets call Mary Ann Naple at 412 886-1818.

SUN. OCT. 22

■ Annual Octoberfest celebration hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini beginning with Mass at 10:15 a.m. in church followed by luncheon in St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 406 East 67th St., New York, N.Y. for information call 212 734-4613.

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.

■ Children's Halloween Bowling Party hosted by the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 1:30 p.m., call 440 244-1293.

SUN. NOV. 5

■ 27th annual Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning, Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pa. 12 noon to 5 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 3

■ Traditional Stedry Vecer - Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner hosted by the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh., cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., entertainment by Ed Klimczak, \$20.00 per person, advance reservations only, call Len Zilko 440 988-3236.

Enjoying the 62nd Golf Tournament held at Treasure Lake in DuBois, Pa.



Enjoying this year's competition are, from the left, Thomas Hoenninger, Matthew Hoenninger, David Pcsolar and Stephen Pcsolar.



All smiles from veteran golf enthusiasts, l-r, Steve Koval, John Onderko, Francis Waksmunski and Keith Shedlock.



Group 9 golfers enjoying this year's tournament included, from the left Robert Shedlock, Corey Shedlock, Tom Muldoon, Jr. and Tom Muldoon, III.

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

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

We are looking forward to gaining MANY new followers!

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

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REFLECTOR...

Notings from Sokol and Slovak life

Oktoberfest set for Oct. 22 at New York Slovak Parish

The United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John the Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - East River Catholics will host a traditional Oktoberfest in the Slovak harvest tradition of "Dozinky" on Sunday, October 22 in the social hall of St. John Nepomucene located at 406 East 67th Street in Manhattan. The program begins with Mass celebrated in church at 10:15 a.m. Festivities in the hall begin at 12:15 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. There will be live music for dancing and listening pleasure as well as a raffle.

The feasting will include a menu beginning with appetizers of Russian eggs, klobasi and various coldcuts and cheeses. Coleslaw, caesar salad and pickles follow. A traditional Oktoberfest soup made with lentils and wieners will then be enjoyed. The entrees include roast loin of pork with kapusta and bread dumplings; a sausage plate consisting of bratwurst, knockwurst, weisswurst with potato salad and sauerkraut; breaded chicken schnitzel and mixed vegetables as well as mac and cheese. At 4 p.m., Bavarian pork goulash with spatzle will be served. Dessert will include apple strudel with whipped cream, coffee and tea. Draft Oktoberfest beer, wine and soda will be enjoyed. Live music for dancing and listening pleasure will be enjoyed throughout the afternoon. Needless to say, an enjoyable and satisfying afternoon celebrating the harvest season is assured. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Children age 18 and younger are welcome at \$5.00. The ticket includes the meal, beer, wine and soft drinks. For advance reservations only, call Lisa at the rectory at 212 734-4613, or email: parishfin@eastrivercatholics.org.

Father Richard D. Baker, pastor of the parish who serves as chaplain of Group 1, extends a cordial invitation to New York area Sokols and Sokolky to turn out for the traditional Oktoberfest festivities of the parish.

7th Slovak-Toberfest set for October 7 in Pittsburgh

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) will host its 7th annual Slovak-Toberfest on Saturday, October 7 from 1-4 p.m. at LeLyonais Restaurant (formerly the Sonoma Grille) located at 947 Penn Avenue in the Cultural District of downtown Pittsburgh, Pa.

This event has become one of the most popular events hosted by WPSCA and this year's looks to be no different! This year's event will once again feature samples of some of Europe's greatest beers as well as great food and pleasant company. Live Slovak music will enhance the annual gathering celebrating traditional harvest-feasting. Since attendance is limited, early reservations are recommended. The price for the afternoon is \$30.00 per person for WPSCA members until September 30 and \$35.00 after and \$40.00 for guests. For reservations, contact Marianne at tel. 412 831-2441 or email mari411@gmail.com. An enjoyable fall afternoon is assured.

Slovak heritage programs begin in Pittsburgh

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) in its quest to provide interesting and informative lectures on Slovak culture announces its program for the fall and winter of 2017. These lectures are held every first Monday evening of each month starting at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, located at 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard in Pittsburgh, Pa. These lectures are free and open to the public.

The first lecture of the new fall season is set for Monday, October 2 and is titled "Oplatky - Christmas Wafers. Larry Kozlowski will explain the history and

Slovak custom of sharing the sacred wafer at the Christmas Eve supper. He will also demonstrate the making of Oplatky. Participants will be able to take home samples.

On Monday, November 6, the evening's presentation is titled "Slovak Immigrants to America. WPSCA Board member, Joseph Bielecki, a frequent presenter, will give an overview of Slovak immigration to the United States, 1870-1920.

The final lecture of the year is scheduled for Monday, December 4 and is titled "Show-N-Tell." Due to its popularity of this program in prior years, participants are invited to bring along their memorabilia from Slovakia - photos, books, souvenirs, etc. This is a unique opportunity for everyone to participate.

Founded more than 30 years ago, the WPSCA is one of the country's largest area organizations dedicated to the preservation and better understanding of our rich Slovak culture and heritage. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is among the sponsors of the group. Representing our organization on the board of directors is Supreme Vice President Edward D. Moeller. Our Sokol of Assembly 16, Joseph T. Senko, the Honorary Slovak Consul in Pittsburgh, serves as the organization's executive director. Check out the organization's informative activities at: www.facebook.com/westempaslovaks or visit www.wpsca.org.

35th Western Pa. Slovak Radio Hour benefit dinner on October 8

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour will host its 35th annual benefit dinner-dance on Sunday, October 8 at the Westwood Golf Club, located near Kennywood Park at 825 Commonwealth Avenue in West Mifflin, Pa. The annual celebration is the major fundraising event for the Slovak Radio Hour in West Mifflin, Pa. The evening begins with a cash bar social at 4:30 p.m. followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 5 p.m. The dinner supports the Slovak Radio Hour, hosted by our well-known fraternalists, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, heard every Sunday from 3-4 p.m. on AM 73 WPIT, 96.5 FM and worldwide via wptam.com by clicking on "Listen Live" at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Westwood Golf Club is the perfect setting for the annual event with plenty of free parking. The facility is also handicap accessible. Tickets for the dinner are \$40.00, each if purchased by September 22 and \$45.00 each thereafter. Advance reservations only. All seats are reserved. The popular Joseph Juras band "Kontakty" from New Jersey will provide musical entertainment for dancing and listening pleasure thanks to the generosity of the National Slovak Society. An enjoyable evening is assured in support of the Slovak Radio Hour. For reservations, call Sue Ondrejco at tel 412 421-1204 or email: wpslovakradio@gmail.com. Make checks payable to W.P.A. Slovak Radio Hour, 234 Ilion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Become a patron in the traditional souvenir book for \$10.00. Area Sokol members are encouraged to turnout for this wonderful opportunity to support our Slovak heritage in western Pennsylvania.

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

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The Word of God...

Gospel for the Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year - September 24th

Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.'

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'

He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour,

and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

He said to one of them in reply,

'My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year - October 1st

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not, '

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order:

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?'

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Group Annual Meetings set

Group 1, "Msgr. Stephen J. Krasula" - This year's meeting is set for Sunday, October 29th at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 235 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, N.J. The meeting begins with attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Church. Delegates will assemble in the church vestibule at 10:20 a.m. so as to march in a body to the liturgy which will be celebrated for our living and deceased members by our Chaplain, Rev. Richard D./ Baker. Following the liturgy, the annual meeting will be called to order in the church hall. A luncheon will be served. Plans for our sporting and fraternal activities in the new year will be finalized. Hosting this year's annual meeting will be Assembly 24 of Boonton, N.J. Reservations for the luncheon need to be made by the deadline date of October 23 with the secretary at tel. 800 886-7656 or 973 777-4010. We hope to see every lodge represented at this year's annual meeting.

Zdar Boh!

John D. Pogorelec, Jr.

President

Daniel F. Tanzone

Secretary

Group 5, "Jan Holly" - This year's meeting is set for Sunday, October 8th at St. Mary's Parish, 1602 Market Ave. South in Canton, Oh. Our program begins registration at 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts/pastries will be available. We will then attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass in church. Following the liturgy, the meeting will be called to order in the social hall. Hosting this year's annual meeting will be Assembly 180 of Canton. We hope to have all Assemblies and Wreath belonging to Group 5 represented at this important meeting where we will finalize our sporting and fraternal activities in the new year. Participant are reminded to bring along items for our traditional Arts and Crafts display as well as contributions of non-perishable products which will distributed to the local's charity. Deadline for reservations is October 3rd. Call the secretary at tel. 330 877-9136 or 234 262-6276. Looking forward to a successful annual meeting in the best traditions of Group 5 fraternalism, may we remain

Zdar Boh!

Kathryn Figard

President

Karen Hutnick

Secretary

Group 9, "SS. Cyril and Methodius" - The year's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, Railroad Street in Lilly, Pa. Hosting this year's annual meeting will be Assembly 79 of Lilly. Our meeting will be called to order at 2 p.m. A luncheon will be served. In order to make the necessary preparations, lodge secretaries should make reservations with the secretary at tel 814 487-733. Plans for our future activities will be finalized. An enjoyable afternoon of Sokol fellowship and fraternalism is assured.

Zdar Boh!

Joanne E. Spisak

President

Alice Podrebarac

Secretary

Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga" - The annual meeting 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

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS OCTOBER 4TH

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, OCTOBER 4th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, September 28th. View *e-Falcon* on our website: www.slovakcatholicssokol.org. Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh!

- **Daniel F. Tanzone, Editor**

Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU 2017 - 62nd International Golf Tournament Treasure Lake Resort - DuBois, Pennsylvania									
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
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"A" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Karaffa	Joe	82	11	71	88	11	77	170	148
Baytosh, DDS	Joseph	84	8	76	81	8	73	165	149
Vladika	Gregory	81	7	74	84	7	77	165	151
Iskra, Sr.	Dave	84	6	78	83	6	77	167	155
Watkins	Gary	82	6	76	87	6	81	169	157
								"A" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 575.00
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL
"B" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Burfield	Joe	86	14	72	88	14	74	174	146
Rasimas	Tony	83	15	68	93	15	78	176	146
Oravetz	Zach	83	13	70	92	13	79	175	149
Burfield	Matt	92	18	74	94	18	76	186	150
Karaffa	Michael	89	13	76	90	13	77	179	153
Bajus	Eddie	92	13	79	91	13	78	183	157
Hoeningner	Thomas	88	13	75	96	13	83	184	158
								"B" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 705.00
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL
"C" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Iskra, Jr.	Dave	86	21	65	89	21	68	175	133
Jacob	Jeff	106	34	72	105	34	71	211	143
Fareri	Jason	103	25	78	97	25	72	200	150
Loehle	Derek	97	25	72	103	25	78	200	150
Macko	Donald	97	21	76	95	21	74	192	150
Macko	Jay	99	23	76	98	23	75	197	151
Muldoon III	Tom	102	27	75	104	27	77	206	152
Mallon	Kevin	105	29	76	106	29	77	211	153
Shedlock	Corey	100	23	77	102	23	79	202	156
Kreminsky	Thomas	104	25	79	104	25	79	208	158
Coley	Kenny	105	31	74	116	31	85	221	159
								"C" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 850.00
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL
"CALLAWAY" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Knoblauch	Jay	85	13	72	83	11	72	168	144
Tirpak	Nick	97	26	71	107	33	74	204	145
Moeller, Jr.	Cliff	96	21	75	97	21	76	193	151
Dorich	Dusan	86	12	74	91	13	78	177	152
Macko	Paul	101	25	76	109	33	76	210	152
Brennan	Shawn	102	27	75	114	36	78	216	153
Toth	Joseph	108	29	79	107	33	74	215	153
Cunningham	Kenny	96	20	76	103	25	78	199	154
								"CALLAWAY" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 755.00
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL
"SENIOR" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Bart	James	92	25	67	100	25	75	192	142
Hritz	Robert	86	12	74	87	12	75	173	149
Burfield	Bob	94	21	73	98	21	77	192	150
Shedlock	Keith	85	18	67	102	18	84	187	151
Trbovich	Theodore	104	25	79	99	25	74	203	153
Savikas	Edward	93	15	78	93	15	78	186	156
Blazosky	Michael	99	20	79	98	20	78	197	157
Suess	Albert	86	11	75	94	11	83	180	158
Koval	Steve	97	23	74	109	23	86	206	160
Yourich	Andy	102	16	86	91	16	75	193	161
Petrus	Michael	106	20	86	100	20	80	206	166
Waksmunski	Francis	112	33	79	120	33	87	232	166
								"SENIOR" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 875.00
PARTICIPANT		Silver Course			Gold Course			SCRATCH	HCAP
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL
"WOMEN" FLIGHT WINNERS									
Etter	Gail	104	28	76	118	44	74	222	150
Grega	Susan	125	49	76	113	38	75	238	151
Macko	Carol	108	32	76	112	37	75	220	151
Fenati	Marilyn	122	44	78	114	40	74	236	152
Skorupka	Stephanie	111	34	77	105	30	75	216	152
Starr	Mary Margaret	98	23	75	99	22	77	197	152
Goss	Mary Jo	96	19	77	97	21	76	193	153
Smith	Loretta	119	42	77	126	50	76	245	153
								"WOMEN" FLIGHT TOTAL	\$ 755.00
								TOTAL PRIZE PAYOUT	\$ 4,515.00

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

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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 Slovakia 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: The-

resa 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.



KIDS' CORNER- "Detský kútik "

September, 2017



Autumn Word Search



See how many of these autumn related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindfield
Grand Parks Herald 2013

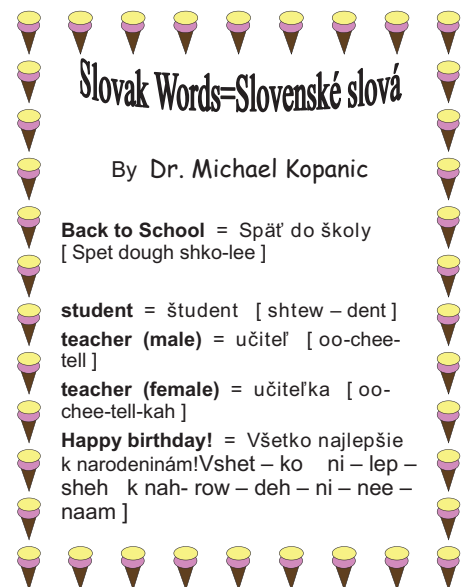
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|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. Autumn | 5. Raking | 9. Gourds | 13. Corn |
| 2. Fall | 6. Harvest | 10. Football | 14. Maize |
| 3. Leaves | 7. Pumpkins | 11. Season | 15. Yellow |
| 4. Colors | 8. Apples | 12. Scarecrow | 16. Orange |

APPLE TREE HANDPRINT PAINTING



Construction paper
Poster paint in green, red and brown

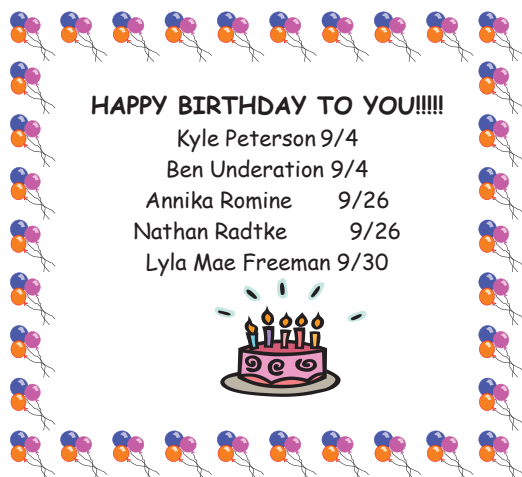
Use lots of green handprints to make a roughly round shape for the top of the tree. Underneath use the side of the hand to create a brown line for the trunk. When the tree is dry add red finger-prints for the apples.



National Apple Month



September 26th
Johnny Appleseed's Birthday



Highlights of the 48th International Slet

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



Scenes of the 62nd International Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament

Treasure Lake Resort + DuBois, Pa. + August 18-20



Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., far left, is shown with Brother John S. Hornacek, center this year's Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient with past recipients. Shown with Brother Pogorelec, l-r, Peter Underation, 2014; Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew "Butch" Hvozdozic, 2001; Robert S. Harak, 2015; Brother Hornacek; Loretta G. Smith, 2011; Edith Babik, 2004; Thomas P. Muldoon, 2008; and Joseph L. Genet, 2000.



Three generations of Sokol golf enthusiasts are shown above. Joseph L. Genet of Barberton, Oh., a recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award in 2000, is flanked by Jean Cunningham and Kenny Cunningham.



Members of the Macko clan of Barberton, Oh. who enjoyed this year's competition included, shown from the left, Paul Macko, Donald Macko, Jay Macko and Dan Dawson.



Our marketing and sales director, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. is shown above flanked by Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek and Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation.



Past Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient, Joseph Genet, second from the left, is shown with from the left, Jean Karaffa, Jean Cunningham and Kenny Cunningham.



Group 16 of Detroit, Mich. was ably represented by the well-known Papcun brothers, including shown from the left, Steve Papcun, Donald Papcun and Mark Papcun.



Officers of the Greek Catholic Union enjoying this year's competition included, l-r, national directors, Gregory Vladika, Michael Karaffa and national president George Juba.



Members of the well-known Pittsburgh Sokol Macurak clan who enjoyed this year's tournament included, from the left Adam, Donald, Robert and Nick Macurak.



Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., second from the left is shown with, l-r, Eddie Bajus, brother, Steve Pogorelec, Jr. and Mike Kapitan. Brothers Bajus and Kapitan hail from Toronto.



Members of the well-known Barberton, Oh. Underation family who enjoyed this year's tournament are shown above and include, l-r, Richard, Peter, M. Peter and Martin Underation. Brother Peter Underation is a past recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award in golf and Brother Richard Underation is a past Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient in bowling. All of the above enjoy membership in Assembly 167.



Honorary Supreme Officer Larry M. Glugosh, far right, is shown with well-known fellow Canadian golfers, l-r, Joseph Takerer, Chet Dziuba, Group 19 president; and Derek Loehle.



Pittsburgh golfers enjoying this year's competition included, from the left, Benjamin Moeller, Joseph Toth, Shawn Brennan and Zach Oravetz.



Golfers from Group 17, Youngstown, Oh. included from, l-r, Dr. Joseph Baytosh, DDS, Ken Hlebovy, Robert Hritz and Glen Kramer.



Clarence "Buffalo" Checton, far left is shown with, l-r, Michael Petrus, Jake Pontoriero and Thomas Petrus.



Well-known Pittsburgh golfers enjoying the competition included, from the left, Clifford Moeller, Robert Macurak, Thomas Kreminsky and Donald Macurak.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

VW looking for 1,000 new people for Bratislava plant

Volkswagen Slovakia wants to fill 1,000 vacant jobs at its plant in Bratislava by the end of this year, with the company planning to look for staff mainly in Slovakia, albeit the situation on the labor market in the country is pretty complicated, VW SK managing board chairman Ralf Sacht said at a press conference on August 22.

VW SK hired 400 new people in the first half of 2017, with the overall staff in Bratislava thus reaching a record 12,700.

"We're happy that we've managed to do this in the difficult situation on the Slovak labor market. Apart from that, we're looking for another 1,000 colleagues by the end of this year, which is a very demanding task," said Sacht, adding that the creation of the 1,000 jobs is related to the introduction of new products.

The carmaker is looking for a total of 800 people for its body shop, painting shop and assembly hall, while the remaining 200 people should take highly skilled jobs.

VW SK noted that it offers the highest average salaries in the Slovak industry, apart from providing a generous social program. The gross monthly beginning salary reaches between \$1,150-\$1,450, depending on qualification, apart from a one-shot bonus for newcomers, holiday and Christmas bonuses and other bonuses related to the plant's economic results.

The staff at VW SK will see two salary increases next year - by 4.7 percent as of January, and by 4.1 percent as of November.

Meanwhile, the carmaker is educating its future workforce at a dual academy, which should have five sections as of September. A new feature is a pilot project for dual bachelor study organized by the Slovak Technical University's Faculty of Engineering, beginning also in September.

"We still believe that with our package (of salary and perks) and the jobs we offer, we'll manage to get workers from the Slovak market. Nevertheless, we aren't turning a blind eye to the situation on the labor market, mainly in western Slovakia. We're also preparing for the possibility of not being successful (in finding enough staff from Slovakia)" said Eric Reuting, VW SK managing board member for human resources. He added that the company is talking with the Labor, Social Affairs and the Family Ministry on possibly importing workers from abroad, while it expects from the government support for the mobility of the labor force, such as by engaging in the construction of rental apartments.

Fico: had the Prague Spring not been halted, Slovakia would have progressed

It's a tremendous pity that the reformist Czechoslovak movement in 1968 known as the Prague Spring and Bratislava Spring were halted, because Slovakia would have been much further along now, stated Prime Minister Robert Fico (Smer-SD) before the tomb of the leading figure of the Prague Spring Alexander Dubcek in Bratislava on August 21.

By laying a wreath on Dubcek's grave, Fico marked the 49th anniversary of the invasion of the former Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact forces on August 21, 1968.

The premier stated that the so-called normalization period in the 1970s, which followed the invasion, cost both Slovakia and the Czech Republic a great deal. However Fico is glad that in November 1989 "we set off for the road and nowadays Slovakia is viewed as a democratic, free and safe country."

Fico went on to say that Slovakia is considered to be a free country and the premier doesn't want to threaten this status. "I'll do my best, unlike other countries, to cherish the fundamental values - freedom and democracy - that we have. There is no tendency that would suppress what we have achieved in recent years," he said, adding that he visits Dubcek's tomb every year. "I have a tradition that every year, when we're commemorating the events of August 1968, I come here to the grave of a man

who played a very important role at the time and I lay a wreath for Alexander Dubcek. I consider it to be the most appropriate way to commemorate what happened on August 1, 1968," he said.

Fico also said that it was an immense pity that Dubcek and his colleagues did not have the opportunity to continue in their visions of an alternative perspective for the then Czechoslovakia.

On the night of 20-21 August 1968, troops from the five Warsaw Pact nations (the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Polish People's Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Bulgaria) invaded the former Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. The invasion stopped the so-called Prague Spring liberalization reforms and boosted powers of the authoritarian wing within the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

United States congratulates Slovakia on Constitution Day

United States Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson congratulated Slovakia on the occasion of its Constitution Day on September 1, TASR learned from a statement released on the State Department's website.

"On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, congratulations to the people of Slovakia on your Constitution Day, September 1st," reads Tillerson's statement.

"As you celebrate this special day, I extend our best wishes to the people of the Slovak Republic for the upcoming year," wrote Tillerson.

He went on to recognize "a strong bilateral relationship since the founding of Slovakia," before adding that "our friendship is a strong one, based on close ties between our people, a shared commitment to human rights, and the pursuit of economic prosperity in both of our countries."

"As a close NATO ally, we are proud to cooperate with Slovakia to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens, and to pursue our mutual commitment to Euro-Atlantic integration and the promotion of democratic values," reads the statement.

Kiska rejects attempts at rewriting history in celebrations honoring the Constitution

Celebrations of constitutionality should be free from attempts to rewrite history with purpose-built nationalist myths, said President Andrej Kiska in his address in the Parliament on September 1.

"We should stop dividing society based on how people thought or acted back then, also because those who disagreed with the political establishment from more than 25 years ago went on to build and serve Slovakia and led it to form a firm partnership with the democratic European community," said Kiska, who spoke on the 25th anniversary since the Slovak Constitution was adopted.

He noted that it took almost two decades for the Slovak legislature to abolish the so-called Meciar amnesties and went on to call the infamous amnesties "a symbol of authoritative and anti-constitutional exercising of public authority that would stop at nothing."

Kiska believes that we should rise above disputes while politicians holding executive and lawmaking powers should approach September 1 with particularly great respect.

"The reason for our celebrating Constitution Day today is that the Constitution's adoption laid the groundwork for a free and democratic Slovakia. We live in a country in which daily life is governed

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



Spania Dolina is a small picturesque village located in central Slovakia near the city of Banská Bystrica. While its permanent population includes just 200 residents, because of its tourist popularity, its population swells throughout the year. It lies about 2,400 feet above sea level and is surrounded by the Stare Hory and Velká Fatra mountains. In recent years, it has become a popular tourist recreation center. The ancient Latin name of the village is Valis Dominorum, meaning "The Lord's Valley." The first part of its Slovak name "Spania" is derived from another Latin word for "lord," Spanatus. The second part "Dolina" means valley. Prehistoric mining tools excavated in the territory date as early as 2000-1700 B.C. Cooper from Spania Dolina has also been identified in bronze artifacts from the Balkans and the Middle East. It indicates that the local mines were part of an extensive network of trade routes during the Bronze Age. The first written reference to the village appeared in 1254. Abundant deposits of copper and silver were exploited first by miners from Banská Bystrica and after 1494 by one of the first multinational corporations, founded by the noble Fugger and Thurzo families. The rich region attracted many foreign visitors. The prominent French thinker Montesquieu visited and described the copper mines in Spania Dolina upon the encouragement of Isaac Newton. The ancient tradition of making bobbin lace led to the establishment of a bobbin lace school in 1883. The copper mines closed in 1888 and today the economy of the village is based primarily on tourism. The so-called "Knocker" from the 16th century served as a special bell tower for calling the miners to work in the morning. Ancient shafts and other technical monuments are scattered in the nearby forests. It is also a hub of hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing trails.

Sokol Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 23

Jessica Byrnes, Eastchester, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Stephen Dempsey, Rockville, Md., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Salvatore F. Fata, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Michael S. Ferenci, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Kevin A. Graham, Belvidere, N.J., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Marilyn Haggerty, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Nathan Kubej, Bellevue, Wash., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Dr. Thomas F. Kravets, Winter Springs, Fla., a member of Assembly 313, Winter Park, Fla.

Stefan Vranka, Oakland, Ca., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 24

Carol Axmacher, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Carol A. Brincka, Hawthorne, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Florence Barbara Gillich, Milford, Conn., a member of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

Alyson Rager, Edgewater, Fla., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 25

Christopher R. Andriso, Vista, Ca., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

Brother Gabriel Balazovic, O.S.B., Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh.

Christopher J. Becker, Acworth, Ga., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Kristen Rose Harney, Mahopac, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Deanna Kowatch, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Emilie Elizabeth Macurak, Acworth, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Angelina Marie White, Hunlock Creek, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 26

Nina Hichak, Campbell Hall, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Karen Zagrocki, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 27

John R. Aleski, Pittston, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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

Jacqueline Sinder, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 28

Rev. Matthew S. Ernest, Ph.D., St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie,

Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Katie Beth Topolewski, Rosemont, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Julie Korenoski, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Matthew Kubacka, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Michael J. Krajsa, Coopersburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER 29

Lawrence McDermott, Hollywood, Fla., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Mary Popot, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Joanne E. Spisak, Johnstown, Pa., financial secretary of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

SEPTEMBER 30

Elizabeth Bischof, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Melissa Ann Byrnes, East Chester, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Anna Mesaros, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

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

OCTOBER 1

Karen Kirchmayer, Pompton Lakes, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

OCTOBER 2

Jerome Hvozdozovic, Killdevil Hill, NC, a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

OCTOBER 3

Edward Brizek, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thomas J. Shopa, Wilmington, Del., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

Theresa Zgebura Wiessner, Northampton, Pa., a member of Assembly 255, Whitehall, Pa.

OCTOBER 5

Deborah D. Lubatti, North Braddock, Pa., a member of Assembly 179, Braddock, Pa.

OCTOBER 6

Patricia L. Bitz, Streamwood, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

Maria Jurasi, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 182, New York, N.Y.

Dolores A. Yonkoski, Dunlo, Pa., president of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

OCTOBER 7

Matthew D. Duska, Villanova, Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

Emily Nicole Goberish, Ambridge, Pa., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Linda M. Simko, Barberton, Oh., a member of Wreath 43, Akron, Oh.

Michael G. Spisak, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

OCTOBER 8

Caden Patrick Buck, Poland, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

September is national Mushroom Month

Mushrooms - a National Pick. Picking mushrooms, the seemingly aimless sauntering through woods with eyes riveted to the



ground, is a phenomenon peculiar to Central Europe. Fried mushroom mash, mushroom soup, mushroom sauce or pickled mushrooms are common in the local cuisines. The Slovaks, Czechs, Poles and Ukrainians are able to distinguish dozens of kinds of mushrooms and make delicious dishes out of them.

Fresh Mushroom Soup - Clean and slice several fresh mushrooms, stew them in a little butter, adding salt, caraway seed and minced parsley. When they have become partially dry, add as much water as you wish to have soup. This water must be boiling and must have been thickened with flour and butter browned together. Boil a little while longer, then pour over croutons. - *Posel*

Math Holds Success' Key

Students who progress through mathematics courses enjoy greater success in school than those who drop mathematics study. A recent study released by the College Board indicates that math is the key to success in college. Mathematics is also a great equalizer. The gap in attendance and persistence in college between disadvantaged and high-income students virtually disappears when low-income and minority students master algebra and geometry in high school.



Begin To Do Again

September is a month of beginnings:

Students, eager or weary, begin school again with its usual pressures of classes and studies; fathers and mothers, back from vacation, begin the daily routine again with its usual pressures; and autumn, after a long hot summer, begins a new season with its pressures of harvest and the preparation for winter.

All make a new beginning. Begin, then, boldly, courageously. Begin with the joy of doing.



To Avoid or Not to Avoid Sugars

Do sugars make you gain weight?

Not in themselves they don't. You gain weight or add excess body fat when you eat more calories than you need. These extra calories can come from any caloric nutrient: proteins, fats, alcohol, carbohydrates.

Remember: A lack of physical activity also plays a major role in excess weight gain.



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by and set in the framework of the Slovak Constitution," said the head of state.

He noted that Constitution Day should be entrenched in the hearts of the people and should "be a source and symbol of honest patriotism and pride."

"But there's more to it than just celebrating the Constitution. It requires bearing in mind not only the Constitution as such, but also constitutionality and respect for democratic rules," he added.

"Educating towards patriotism doesn't only involve our beautiful language, culture, traditions and history. It also entails respect for the law, justice, solidarity, tolerance, and for values that underpin the Constitution of Slovakia as a sovereign and democratic country with a rule of law," said Kiska.

Almost 20,000 people visited

Parliament on Open Day

Nearly 20,000 people visited Parliament on its Open House Day on September 1, organized on the occasion of Constitution Day, TASR learned from the head of the House's communications department Zuzana Cizmarikova on September 2.

Constitution Day annually recalls the adoption of the Slovak Constitution on September 1, 1992.

The visitors on September 1 represented all age groups, ranging from three months to 90 years, added Cizmarikova.

The celebrations of the anniversary also involved a ceremonial House session that - in addition to incumbent ministers, MPs and President Andrej Kiska - was also attended by former presidents Rudolf Schuster and Ivan Gasparovic and most erstwhile parliamentary chairs since 1989, including Jozef Migas, Pavol Hrusovsky, Pavol Paska and Peter Pellegrini.

Current Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko in his speech stressed the need to learn from history. "The noble Slovak heart was seen in the Slovak National Uprising (SNP). The SNP is a historic event that liberated us and put us permanently among the world's democratic nations," said Danko, referring to the anti-fascist resistance in World War II.

Danko went on to praise the Constitution as a modern legal document, adding that he's pleased that Slovak land and forests were given constitutional safeguards via a constitutional amendment approved in May of this year.

Danko urged politicians to engage in a "fair, factual and honest political struggle" and called for politicians to stop criminalizing each other. "Only a positive and responsible attitude can ensure progress for Slovakia," he said.

The public was free to visit Parliament as well as normally inaccessible areas of Bratislava Castle on September 1. In addition to cultural performances, the varied program included military and police parades and public displays of historical weapons, uniforms and police vehicles. The celebrations ended with an 'Earth Sings at the Castle' gala and a fireworks display.

Bank analysts expect 3.3 percent GDP growth this year

Slovakia's GDP growth should amount to 3.3 percent at the end of this year, according to a latest survey carried out by Slovak central bank (NBS) among analysts of commercial banks.

This is an improvement of this year's GDP growth estimate by 0.1 percentage points (p.p.) compared to the previous month.

The GDP growth estimate for next year has not changed from July. Bank analysts expect it to achieve 3.9 percent.

Analysts also provided their estimate of the inflation development in Slovakia. In their opinion, inflation should amount to 1.2 percent this year and they predict it to be at 1.8 percent at the end of next year.

Analysts expect the European Central Bank's key refinancing interest rate to remain at zero, while it should go up to 0.10 percent in 2018.

Revamped Slovak Government fleet is now complete

An Airbus A319 landed at Bratislava Airport on September 2, becoming the fourth and final new addition to the Slovak Government Flying Service, TASR learned on the same day.

The revamped government fleet now comprises two Airbus A319 aircraft and two smaller Fokker 100 planes.

The Airbus A-319 was dispatched from Ostrava in the Czech Republic, where it was painted in the Slovak Government's livery.

"As of today, it's entering the service of the Slovak Government as a replacement for the last TU-154 aircraft, which will make several more flights before the end of September," said Interior Minister Robert Kalinak abroad the Airbus.

The aircraft was previously used by former French president, Jacques Chirac. It set Slovakia back \$37 million, with the price including maintenance, pilot training and the setting up of a maintenance center, which will also be used by a third party.

The second Airbus is older but larger than the first Airbus bought recently, as it can carry up to 100 passengers. Kalinak also said that the second Airbus allows for more variability in its interior and has a greater capacity for transporting injured passengers.

"It has six medical berths for patients with mild to serious injuries and may serve as a flying hospital, said Kalinak, pointing to the plane's possible use for evacuations.

He went on to call the entire fleet renewal cost-effective, partly because Slovakia has purchased used aircraft. "For the sake of comparison - Germany recently bought a slightly bigger Airbus A320 with the same engines



Obituaries...

Kevin P. Bachner, 34 Pittsburgh, Pa. member

Kevin Patrick Bachner of Bon Air, Pa. passed away suddenly in a work-related accident on August 30 at the age of 34.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Kevin was born there November 21, 1982, son of Robert A. Bachner and the former Patricia Donnelly. He was educated locally. He was a member of Boilermakers Local #154. He was an active member of Slovak Catholic Sokol, Assembly 16 on Pittsburgh's South Side. Over the years, he actively participated in Group 14 and national Sokol sporting and fraternal events. Most recently, he competed at our 62nd international golf tournament, August 18-20.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their final respects to Brother Bachner at the John F. Slater Funeral Home in Brentwood, Pa. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of St. Sylvester in Brentwood on September 5. Interment followed locally.

Brother Kevin is survived by his loving wife, Kerry Ann (Malanowski); sons, Killian and Kaycen Bachner, his parents, Robert A. and Patricia Bachner; twin brother, Matthew James (Jennifer) Bachner and brother, Robert A. (Jackie) Bachner; mother and father-in-law, Charles and Debbie Malanowski; grandmother, Shirley Donnelly; and nieces and nephews, Mariah, Auria, Jameson, Madison, Haleigh, Jack and Chloe.

May our Brother Kevin, who so beautifully mirrored our Sokol way of life, now rest in peace. May God bless and sustain his family.

Joseph S. Glodava, 89 Clifton, N.J. member

Joseph S. Glodava passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 27 at his home in Saddle Brook, N.J. He was 89.

A native of the village of Nizne Lapse, Poland, he was born there August 14, 1928, son of the late Jozef Glodava, Sr. and the former Johanna Bigoss. The Slovak village of Nizne Lapse was historically located in the Spis region of what today is Slovakia. Following the establishment of Czecho-Slovakia in 1918, it was ceded to Poland. He came to the United States as a child in 1932 with his parents settling in Clifton, N.J. where he was educated. Sixty years ago, he moved to Saddle Brook, N.J. He retired as a Chemical Operator with the Givaudan Company of Clifton.

Joseph was a veteran of the United States Army, stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was a long-time member of Assembly 162 in Clifton where he was active in our Sokol sporting and fraternal

activities as a youth. He was a long-time parishioner of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton.

Brother Joseph is survived by his wife of 66 years, the former Brenda Guarino; his sister, Sister M. Maria Glodava, O.S.F., a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis of Reading, Pa., his brother Anthony Glodava of Clifton as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary T. Pituch- Marcin and three brothers, John, Steven and Daniel Glodava.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their final respects to Brother Joseph at the Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton on August 31. Interment followed at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Lodi, N.J.

May our Brother Joseph, who so beautifully mirrored our Sokol way of life, now rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to the Glodava family.

Remember the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

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

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

YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

2017 Scholarship Recipients express thanks and gratitude

Dear Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee:

It is with great pride and humility that I accept the Slovak Catholic Sokol College Scholarship Grant this year and despite my best efforts, the magnitude of my thanks cannot be expressed in one simple letter alone. Today it seems to me that more and more we have come to expect less and less from each other and that has to change. It has to change today and it has to start with our youth. Scholarships such as this from the Slovak Catholic Sokol community - an esteemed community built on morality and fraternity - make that change possible. I will happily accept this scholarship to aid me in the education at Virginia Tech and, in doing so, continue the Sokol tradition of sparking change in today's youth to make the world a better place. Thank you.

Zdar Boh!
Marc Farrell
Parsippany, N.J.

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Directors,

I am writing to express thanks and gratitude for the \$1,000 check which I have recently received. I am also writing to personally thank you, along with the entire Scholarship Selection Committee for awarding me this generous gift. I am truly honored to be selected as one of the 2017 college scholarship recipients and to be a part of such a wonderful organization. This money will definitely help towards my tuition at Duquesne University. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Abigail Harvey
Lilly, Pa.

Dear S.C.S. Scholarship selection committee,

Thank you for selecting me to receive a 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant. This generous scholarship will help me to continue my studies at Albright College. I am thoroughly enjoying my classes in the field of economics, accounting and finance. Thank you for the financial assistance you have given me for this academic year.

Sincerely,
William Griffith
Reading, Pa.

Dear Brother Pogorelec,

On behalf of my daughter, I just wanted to say thank you for awarding her a S.C.S. Catholic Grade School Grant. We truly appreciate the support.

Brian J. Blasko

Hi,

Thank you sooo..much for the scholarship grant. It will support my Catholic education at St. Charles School. I really appreciate it.

Zdar Boh!
Angelee Blasko

Youngstown, Oh.

Dear S.C.S. Scholarship Selection Committee:

I very much appreciate the 2017 S.C.S. college scholarship grant awarded to me. I have received the check and am again

grateful. Please know that this scholarship will help ease my financial responsibility toward my tuition at DeSales University. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Rowan Haldeman
Perkasie, Pa.

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. Hvozdivic 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 Hvozdivic 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

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Summary of Sports and Athletic Expenses

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 15,612.32
2. BUILDING RENTALS	
A. First floor office space is leased by the Slovak League of America.	\$ 2,800.00
B. Tri County Plumbing rents supply storage space.	\$ 4,350.00
C. Little Achievers Academic Child Care (New Child Care lease starting in May 2017 @ \$6,000/mo)	\$ 12,000.00
D. Parking leases on a month to month basis.	\$ 2,670.00
Total Rental income January 1 to June 30, 2017	Total \$ 21,820.00
3. FRATERNAL CONGRESS EXPENSES	\$ 1,363.52
4. 33rd QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION ACCRUAL 2019 dates and location to be determined	\$ 80,000.00
5. OTHER PRINTING	\$ 0.00
6. OUTSTANDING SLET BALANCES - As of June 30, 2017	\$ 0.00
7. PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD EXPENSES *Policies/Procedures regarding travel expenses need to be reviewed and implemented more stringently and consistently	\$ 11,599.38
8. PUBLICATION EXPENSES	
A. Slovak Catholic Falcon Printing	\$ 18,775.00
Postage	\$ 23,000.00
B. Miscellaneous Printing	\$ 627.06
Total	\$ 42,402.06
9. REVIEW OF EXISTING MORTGAGES	
A. Outstanding Mortgage Balances: 3 mortgage payments are being received	\$ 713,872.31
B. Interest income on mortgages	\$ 22,293.94
10. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	
Scholarships*	\$ (1,250.00)
Expenses	\$ 511.10
*Scholarships reflect voided checks from 2016 scholarships issued	Total \$ (738.90)
11. SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EXPENSES	
A. District Tournaments None Held	\$ 0.00
B. 71st International Bowling Tournament May 19-20, 2017 Wilkes-Barre, PA	
Home Office Allotment	\$ 3,000.00
Supreme Officers Expenses	\$ 2,115.14
Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit	Total \$ 5,115.14
C. 62nd International Golf Tournament To be held August 18-20, 2017 Dubois, PA	\$ 244.70
D. 48th International SLET July 12-16, 2017 State University of New York at The College at Brockport Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit	\$ 46,624.58
E. Other Sports Expenses Walking Program	\$ 2,016.00
Insurance	\$ 2,018.75
Total	\$ 4,034.75

A. District Tournaments	\$ 0.00
B. 71st International Bowling Tournament	\$ 5,115.14
C. 62nd International Golf Tournament	\$ 244.70
D. 48th International SLET	\$ 46,624.58
E. Other Sports Expenses	\$ 4,034.75
Total	\$ 56,019.17

12. OTHER ACCOUNTS REVIEWED

Accountant Expenses	\$ 17,702.67
Actuarial Expense	\$ 18,235.00
Advertising / Promotional	\$ 4,338.64
Agency Expenses	\$ 18,202.81
Annuity Commissions	\$ 40,865.01
Annuity Surrenders/Withdrawal	\$ 1,734,940.23
Bank Charges - Bond Department	\$ 78,308.14
Building Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 2,935.24
Death Benefit Claims Paid / Paid Up Additions	\$ 676,575.00
Donations and Contributions	\$ 2,600.09
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,557.00
Group Assessments	\$ 24,319.13
Hospitalization/Employee Benefits	\$ 58,045.13
Interest Expense	\$ 6,895.65
Marketing Expenses	\$ 1,512.86
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ (26,413.27)
Miscellaneous Income	\$ (2,517.59)
Office Expenses	\$ 7,473.80
Operating Expense-Sokol Building	\$ 29,162.12
Other Legal Expenses	\$ 300.00
Pension Plans Office/Officers Payments	\$ 135,552.79
Pension Plans-Print Shop Payments	\$ 3,378.84
Postage Office	\$ 3,889.91
Property Taxes-Sokol Building	\$ 39,759.24
Rental Area Expenses	\$ 802.08
Reserve Annuity Supplemental Contracts	\$ 1,660,860.55
Salaries-Editorial	\$ 42,767.50
Salaries-Office	\$ 217,357.76
Salaries-Supreme Officers	\$ 21,070.00
Sale of Cookbooks	\$ 252.70
SKS 2020 Committee	\$ 1,114.40
State Insurance Licenses & Fees	\$ 6,683.25
Supreme Auditors	\$ 2,297.96
Supreme Officers Employee Bonding	\$ 2,051.00
Supreme Officers Travel	\$ 3,068.73
Supreme Officers Uniform Allowance	\$ 0.00
Telephone-Editorial	\$ 474.82
Telephone-Office	\$ 2,510.00
Workman's Compensation	\$ 4,161.52

2017 Audit Recommendations

- Documentation should be provided for all reimbursements of lodging and all expenditures above \$50.00.
- When traveling all Members should use the most cost effective means, whether by air or by auto. This is not a question when there is a minute difference, but there are times when the cost difference is substantial.
 - Examples:
 - PRO - Individuals were denied reimbursement for personal vehicles as bus transportation was available per Group.
 - PRO - Multiple individuals traveling together were reimbursed for only one vehicle used.
 - CON - Individual was reimbursed a substantial amount for flight, mileage to the airport, and parking when it would have cost half as much to drive.
 - While we understand some may have a preference for one over the other, reimbursement should only be at the lower rate. Of course exceptions would need to be made in the case of medical necessity.

Additional Comments

- As with all companies it is paramount that policies and procedures be constantly reviewed and updated. The Supreme Auditors are pleased to see this has continued to happen in 2017 as it has enhanced our ability to perform and complete our audit tasks and benefits the organization as a whole. Furthermore, we would like to recognize the progressive transparency we have witnessed and encountered over our past four audits.

We, the Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol would like to thank the members for allowing us the honor and privilege to serve as your Auditors.

We, the Supreme Auditors, conducted our Audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and practices. In reviewing the accounts of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, we found the accounts to be in order and in agreement with the financial report of the Supreme Secretary.

We, the undersigned Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, gratefully acknowledge the kindness and cooperation of the following during the audit: Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Office Consultant, Peter Dobko, Bookkeeper, Melanie

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Žatva and Dožinky – The Slovak Harvest and Harvest Festivals



The harvest or Žatva was one of the most important events in the traditional life of Slovak peasants and farmers. Historically, Slovakia was mainly an agricultural area, so for most people, a good harvest could mean the difference between a bountiful or poverty-stricken year. Slovaks had to work hard and fast, and protect the fruit of their labor. Bringing in a successful harvest was a cause for great rejoicing.

The Dožinky or Harvest Festivals marked the final step in celebrating the conclusion of the growing season of agricultural work in Slovakia. They are the equivalent of the American and Canadian feasts of Thanksgiving, which express gratefulness to God for a bountiful harvest. Both the Žatva and Dožinky played a significant role in enabling many Slovaks to survive and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

By Dawn's Early Light...

Francis Scott Key wrote the words to *The Star-Spangled Banner* on September 14, 1814. On that day, he had journeyed to the embattled Baltimore Harbor seeking the release of a friend being held prisoner there. Key himself was detained for 25 hours on the British warship *Supreme* while the fleet shelled nearby Fort M'Henry.

At dawn, relieved to see the American flag still flying over the fort, he was inspired to write the words to the poem that later became the National Anthem.

Fitness Makes Sense

More than 1,000 companies in the nation have established physical fitness programs for their employees. Many studies show that physically fit employees take fewer sick days, are more productive and have a better attitude about their work than their sedentary co-workers. Start an exercise program at your company. Organize a lunch-time walking club or have an instructor come to your office and lead an exercise class. Fitness makes good business sense.



Fico: Bratislava to host Consumer Summit in mid-October

A consumer summit that will mainly focus on double quality standards of food and unfair trading practices should take place in Bratislava in mid-October, stated Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico (Smer-SD) at a press conference on September 4.

Fico was speaking after a joint session of the Slovak and Czech Cabinets at Lednice Castle in the Czech Republic, with Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka also in attendance.

"A very important message is that Slovakia and the Czech Republic want to continue their intensive combat against dual quality food within the European area. Sometimes there's a need to take more serious action than just visiting the Brussels headquarters and meeting the European Commission president (Jean Clude Juncker). We've agreed on jointly initiating a consumer summit in Bratislava in mid-October," said Fico, adding that the two countries want to invite relevant 'European commissioners, representatives of relevant committees from national parliaments and the European Parliament as well as important European and national consumer institutions.

"We want to make it clear that these days it's not only a matter of

foodstuffs; it's also about construction materials and drug products. For us dual quality isn't a legal problem; for us it's a serious political problem - a problem of a double approach towards EU citizens. We refuse to eat, drink and use second-class products. We want the same quality of products as any other country in the EU," he said.

According to Sobotka, the issue of double quality standards for foodstuffs has become part of the European agenda. "I'm convinced that the summit in Slovakia, if organized rapidly, will help us to keep pace with finding a solution to the issue. It will be a good place where the EC will be able to present its specific plans, a place where representatives of the EP and invidious member states will be able to comment on them," said Sobotka, adding that the summit might help to find specific solutions to the issue.

Meanwhile, the two prime ministers also agreed on joint support in terms of hosting the headquarters of prestigious European agencies due to be moved out of London after Brexit. Slovakia is aiming for the European Medicines Agency (EMA), while the Czech Republic is seeking to host the seat of the European Banking Authority (EBA).

Communication - A must

Did you know that you have three vocabularies - one for reading, one for speaking, and one for writing? They are never the same and the one that lags the farthest behind is your writing vocabulary.

Recognizing words when you read them is one thing. Saying them is another. And writing them is something else because, for one reason, writing involves a knowledge of spelling.

He Passed Port

On July 8, 1796, the first passport was issued by the Passport Division of the United States State Department. It went to Francis Barre as a "citizen having occasion to pass into

foreign countries about his lawful affairs."

Have Some Storm Sense

If you're caught outdoors during an electrical storm, don't let the tallest thing around be you!

Stay inside the car with windows closed. Or get inside a large building. Or lie down in a ditch or other low place. Or go deep into the woods - but never stand under an isolated tree.

OF...TO...WITH

Think kindly of your friend... Speak kindly to your friend... Act kindly with your friend.

For if you cannot do these three simple things, you will not have a friend.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

A tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members

ANNUITY RATES

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2017

	CURRENT	MINIMUM GUARANTEE
VANTAGE 1	1.35%	1.00%
VANTAGE 2	1.50%	1.00%
VANTAGE 3	2.15%	1.00%
VANTAGE 5	3.00%	2.00%
VANTAGE 7	3.25%	2.00%

SINGLE PREMIUM IMMEDIATE ANNUITY – SPIA

5 THROUGH 9 YEARS	2.75%
10 YEARS OR MORE	3.50%

NO LONGER OFFERED EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 31, 2011

	CURRENT	MINIMUM GUARANTEE
FLEXIBLE	3.00%	3.00%
SINGLE PREMIUM	3.00%	3.00%

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Sasiela, and the Home Office Staff of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

We, the undersigned Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol hereby acknowledge that on August 11, 2017, we reviewed the policy of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in accordance with PA Act 154 regarding the marketing practices and found that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is in compliance with PA Act 154.

We, your Supreme Auditors would like to assure the membership of the Slovak Catholic Sokol that we are active Slovak Catholic Sokols and participate in our Organization's activities on all levels in addition to our regular Supreme Auditor reporting responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Jerek

James G. Jerek
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors

Brian M. Suchy
Brian M. Suchy
Supreme Auditor

James F. Knis
James F. Knis
Supreme Auditor

Uchovajte si bylinky na zimu

Radi ochucujete jedlá rôznymi bylinkami? Existuje zopár skvelých tipov ako si bylinky uchováte a môžete ich používať po celý rok.

Sušenie bylín - je najčastejší spôsob uchovávania bylín. Bylinky odstrihnete, najlepšie ráno, keď už opadne rosa. Stonky zviažete a bylinky zaveste hlavou dolu na miesto, kde cirkuluje teplý vzduch. Vyhnite sa priamemu slnečnému žiareniu a miestnosti, ktorá je prasná alebo inak znečistená. Bylinky sa dajú sušiť aj v rúre pri teplote 50°C, stačí ich sem tam premiešať a rúru mať pri sušení trochu pootvorenú. Správne vysušené bylinky pri dotyku šustia a sú ešte stále zelené. Usušené listy rozmrvte v rukách, bylinky uzavrite do pohárov a uložte ďalej od priameho slnečného žiarenia.

Mrazenie bylín - Bylinky si zachovávajú väčšinu cenných látok a hlavne zelenú farbu. Bylinky umyte, osušte, nasekajte do vhodných nádob a vložte do mrazničky.

Ďalšou možnosťou je ich voľné uloženie do plastových vrieciek, ktoré sú vhodné na zmrazovanie ovocia a zeleniny. Keď bylinky postupne mrznú, musíte ich asi každé 3 hodiny trochu pomrviť rukami, aby sa všetky nezlepili do jednej kopy, pretože potom by ste ich asi ťažko vytahovali po jednom kúsku.

Bylinková soľ - Pri tomto spôsobe si bylinky zachovávajú krásnu vôňu, farbu a vydržia naozaj veľmi dlho. Bylinky treba umyť a osušiť a nasekať. Ideálny pomer bylín k soli je 4:1. Ak použijete mixér pridajte doň len polovicu soli a zvyšnú primiešajte až po sekaní. Soľ pomáha sušeniu,

vyťahuje vodu z bylín a celý proces urýchľuje, takže bylinky si zachovávajú krásnu zelenú farbu a aj vôňu. Bylinkovú soľ rozložte na plech vystlaný papierom na pečenie a nechajte 1-2 dni preschnúť pri izbovej teplote. Vysušená bylinková zmes bude mať asi len 1/4 objemu, takže je veľmi sprátna a jej využitie je naozaj neobmedzené. Môžete použiť aj rôzne zmesi bylín ako je oregano, tymian, bazalka alebo šalvia s rozmarínom.

Bylinkový olej - **ocot** - Pri nakladaní bylín do oleja si pamätajte, že nemá úplne ideálne konzervačné schopnosti, pretože keď mu bylinky predajú svoju vôňu začnú hnednúť a pokiaľ sa dostanú do styku so vzduchom môžu sa začať kaziť. Preto nádoby, v ktorých máte olej pripravený poriadne zatvárajte, majte ich uložené na tmavom mieste a nedopustite, aby bylinky trčali nad hladinou, radšej ich opäť zalejte olejom. Po 14 dňoch lúhovania bylín olej sceďte a uchovajte si ho čistý. Ak predsa len potrebujete bylinku pre krásu, použite radšej sušenie.

Bylinkové maslo - Maslo nechajte trochu zmäknúť pri izbovej teplote, potom doň vmiešate bylinky a trochu soli. Z masla vytvarujete valček, zabalte ho do potravinovej fólie a uložte do chladničky. Ak chcete, aby Vám vydržalo dlhšie, stačí ak maslo úplne rozpustíte, zmiešate ho s bylinkami a touto zmesou naplníte formičky na ľad. Maslo nechajte zamrznúť, potom kocky vyberte z formy a uložte v miske do mrazničky. Takéto bylinkové maslo môžete vyberať z chladničky celý rok. Takto isto to funguje aj s olejom, aj olejové bylinkové kocky sa dajú zamraziť.

Dožinková zábava v New Yorku

V nedeľu 22. októbra bude v hale Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 406 East 67th Str. v Manhattan, NYC Dožinková zábava. Slovenská sv. omša bude o 10.15 hod. a o 12.15 začne zábava, ktorá bude trvať do 6. hodiny. Do tanca bude hrať hudba. Počas popoludnia budú podávané špeciality slovenskej kuchyne.

Vstupné je \$40.00 pre dospelých a pre deti do 18 rokov \$5.00. Vo vstupnom je započítané jedlo, pivo, víno a nealkoholické nápoje.

Rezervácie vstupeniek: Lisa, na tel. č. 212-734-4613, alebo email: parishfin@eastrivercatholics.org

ACH, TÁ NAŠA SLOVENČINA!

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KÚTIK HUMORU

Spýtal sa ma, prečo nie je upratané keď som celý deň doma, ja som sa ho spýtala, prečo neni milionár, keď je celý deň v práci.

Čašník sa pýta hosta:
„Máte prázdný pohárík, mám vám priniesť ďalší?“
„A čo budem robiť s dvoma prázdnymi pohármi?“

- Moja svokra je ako denná tlač!
Má o všetkom prehľad a chodí k nám denne!

Psychiater hovorí kolegovi:
„Mám výborného pacienta. Trpí rozvojením osobnosti a platia obaja.“

Slovenskí vojaci sa pripravujú na misiu v Iraku

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sa pripravuje na vyslanie do Ira-ku, bude zabezpečiť minovú bezpečnosť všetkých príslušníkov jednotky a aj miestneho obyvateľstva, uvádza sa v tlačovej správe zverejnenej na internete.

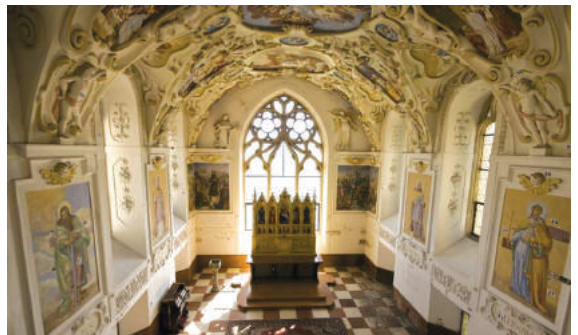
Na Slovensku sa vojaci pripravovali teoreticky aj prakticky na pôsobenie v takmer neznámom prostredí novodobého Iraku, ešte ich čaká výcvik v priestoroch Centra výcviku Lešť a záverečné sústredenie v priestoroch ženijného práporu Sereď.

V máji pred bruselským summitom vláda schválila materiál, ktorý obsahoval aj túto ponuku SR. Hovorilo sa v ňom o vyslaní do 47 vojakov, odporúčaný termín vyslania bol november tohto roka.

Volkswagen začal produkovať autá Porsche kompletne vyrobené na Slovensku

Z výroby linky bratislavského závodu Volkswagen Slovakia (VW SK) začali v polovici septembra schádzať prvé sériové vozidlá Porsche Cayenne na kolesách. Do sériovej výroby prichádza ako prvé spomedzi troch ohlásených SUV modelov, ktorými sú, okrem Porsche Cayenne, Volkswagen Touareg a Audi Q8. Zároveň ide o prvý model značky Porsche kompletne vyrábaný na Slovensku.

V súčasnosti bratislavský závod VW SK produkuje 6 modelov 5 značiek pod jednou strechou. Sú to Volkswagen Touareg, Audi Q7, Porsche Cayenne, Volkswagen up!, Seat Mii a Škoda Citigo. Zároveň sa intenzívne pripravuje na výrobu tretej generácie Volkswagen Touareg a úplne nového modelu Audi Q8.



V Trenčianskom kraji zaznamenali tento rok rekordnú návštevnosť. Turisti čoraz viac vyhľadávajú pamiatky, najmä hrady a kúpele. Za prvý polrok tohto roka navštívilo kraj 172 660 turistov, čo je 19-percentný nárast oproti rovnakému obdobiu minulého roka. Turistov v Trenčianskom kraji lákajú najmä kúpele, ktorých je v kraji niekoľko. Nachádzajú sa v Trenčianskych Tepliciach, Bojniciach a pri obci Nimnica neďaleko Púchova. Druhým veľkým lákadlom sú hrady a hradné zrúcaniny. Na hornej snímke je Bojnický zámok a na dolnej snímke je jeho atrakcia Bojnický oltár.

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Miroslav Lajčák zložil slávnostný sľub predsedu 72. Valného zhromaždenia OSN



Predsa 71. Valného zhromaždenia OSN Peter Thomson (na snímke vľavo) v prítomnosti generálneho tajomníka OSN Antónia Guterres (v strede) odovzdal oficiálne predsednícke kladivko Miroslavovi Lajčákovi. - Foto: TASR

Minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslav Lajčák zložil v pondelok 11. septembra v New Yorku slávnostný sľub predsedu 72. Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN.

Zložením sľubu sa zároveň prihlásil k tomu, že si bude plniť povinnosti a vykonávať funkcie zverené ako predsedovi VZ OSN v súlade s Chartou OSN "bez toho, aby som požadoval alebo prijímal akékoľvek inštrukcie vo vzťahu k výkonu svojej funkcie od niektoej vlády alebo subjektu mimo OSN".

Minister Lajčák sa stal druhým predsedom VZ, ktorý zložil pri prevzatí funkcie sľub ustanovený rezolúciou VZ OSN dňa 13. septembra 2016. Rezolúcia nazvaná "Revitalizácia práce Valného zhromaždenia" tiež stanovila etický kódex predsedu.

Tohtoročné zasadnutie Valného zhromaždenia OSN sa začalo 12. septembra a potrvá do 17. septembra 2018. Zaoberať sa bude okrem iného posilnením globálneho prístupu k riadeniu migrácie, tvorbou komplexných prístupov na udržanie mieru a prevenciu konfliktov a reformou bezpečnostného a rozvojového piliera OSN a manažmentu

organizácie. Tradične posúdi široké spektrum politických, hospodárskych, sociálnych a environmentálnych otázok.

Šéfa slovenskej diplomacie do funkcie predsedu zvolili predstavitelia členských štátov OSN 31. mája 2017. Zástupca SR získal takúto vysokú pozíciu v systéme OSN vôbec po prvý raz. Zasadnutie VZ OSN sa koná v sídle OSN v americkom New Yorku raz ročne. V pléne tohtoročného VZ OSN vystúpi i prezident Andrej Kiska, ktorý povedie slovenskú delegáciu.

"Predsa VZ je človek, ktorý stojí rok na čele tohto orgánu, je to protokolárne najvyššia funkcia v systéme OSN. V prvom rade stanovuje tému VZ, to znamená to "moje" VZ je 72. v poradí a téma, ktorú som stanovil, je Ľudia na prvom mieste – mier a dôstojný život pre všetkých na udržateľnej planéte," uviedol minister pre TASR.

Predsa okrem toho otvára zasadnutie VZ a vedie schôdzu. Počas roka sa prijme približne 170 dokumentov, o ktorých je potrebné rokovať. Minister považuje VZ OSN za najreprezentatívnejší orgán na planéte, keďže ako jediný združuje 193 členských štátov s

rovnakou váhou hlasu.

"OSN funguje už dnes kontinuálne. Zdedil som viac než 100 podujatí. Budem sa snažiť do toho vniesť nejaké svoje akcenty a svoje priority, ale, samozrejme, mojou úlohou je posunúť prácu ďalej," zdôraznil.

Predsa VZ OSN ďalej zastupuje členské štáty v pravidelnej komunikácii s generálnym tajomníkom OSN, s predsedami ekonomickej a sociálnej rady, zastupuje ich aj VZ navonok - zúčastňuje sa medzinárodných podujatí.

"Tých úloh je naozaj veľa a skočím do toho rovnými nohami. Presne o týždeň, 19. septembra, začína ten najviditeľnejší vrchol, všeobecná rozprava na najvyššej úrovni, ktorej sa zúčastňuje do 100 hláv štátov, taktiež predsedovia vlád, ministri zahraničných vecí. Rozprava trvá týždeň. Počas nej má predsa VZ aj 80 podujatí denne a to, samozrejme, istým spôsobom stanoví dynamiku práce ďalej," dodal. - TASR

Slovenskí vojaci sa pripravujú na misiu v Iraku

Slovenskí vojaci sa už pripravujú na vyslanie do Iraku. Slovensko ponúkol vyslanie vojakov, ktorí by mohli v tejto krajine pomáhať s výcvikom odminovačov ako aj špecialistov na opravy ruských tankov, do tejto krajiny na májovom summite NATO v Bruseli.

Vojaci na svojej internetovej stránke zverejnili informáciu, že 28 vojakov už trénuje na vyslanie do novovzniknutej misie Nato Training and Capability Building - Iraq (NTCB-I). Samotný návrh na vyslanie vojakov ešte neprešiel rokovanim vlády.

Hlavnou úlohou a poslaním slovenských zástupcov mnohonárodnej jednotky, ktorá

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Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Nových prípadov HIV infekcie na Slovensku pribúda. Posledné tri roky lekári zaznamenali historicky najvyšší výskyt nových prípadov HIV infekcie v jednom kalendárnom roku (80 až 90 ľudí ročne).

□ Najviac infikovaných žije vo veľkých mestách, najvyšší výskyt je v Bratislavskom kraji. Slovensko však naďalej patrí k členským štátom Európskej únie (EÚ) s najnižším počtom prípadov HIV infekcie.

□ Výskyt HIV/AIDS začali úrady na Slovensku sledovať od roku 1985. Do konca júna tohto roku ich celkovo zaznamenali u 934 ľudí, z toho Slovákov bolo 792 a zvyšok cudzinci. Asi u 100 osôb prešla HIV infekcia do štádia AIDS, zomrelo 64 HIV infikovaných ľudí, z toho 49 v štádiu AIDS.

□ Záujem ľudí o vstup do armády klesá. Zároveň sa zvyšuje počet vojakov odchádzajúcich do zálohy. Výsledkom toho je, že sa znižuje počet vojakov. Vyplýva to z Informácie o aktuálnom vývoji v oblasti dopĺňovania vojskejškeho personálu Ozbrojených síl SR.

□ K 6. júlu bolo v armáde plánovaných 16 077 funkcií profesionálnych vojakov, ale ich skutočný

počet bol len 12 180, t. j. o 3897 menej, čo výrazne negatívnym spôsobom ovplyvňuje a naďalej ovplyvňuje systém manažmentu vojenského personálu a plnenie úloh Ozbrojených síl.

□ V roku 2012 sa do armády prihlásilo 2 417 záujemcov, z nich kritéria na vstup do armády splnilo 1 190, čo je 49 percent. V minulom roku sa hlásilo 1 637 záujemcov, znížené kritériá na vstup splnilo 511, čo je 31 percent.

□ Približne 250 nových pracovných miest plánuje vytvoriť v horizonte piatich rokov turecký investor Mata Automotive vo svojom novom závode v Novej Vsi pri Veľkom Krtíši. Spoločnosť je výrobcom interiérových dekoratívnych komponentov pre automobilové značky Aston Martin, Cadillac, Chrysler, Corvette, Dodge, GM, Jaguar Land Rover či Tesla.

□ Anna Šimková z Návajovic oslávila začiatkom septembra 106 rokov. Prežila dve svetové vojny a mala 9 detí, o ktoré sa starala sama. Na svoj život spomína ako na veľmi ťažký, no napriek tomu by na tomto svete ešte chcela pár rokov pobudnúť. Napriek svojmu veku netrpí žiadnou chorobou.

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