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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SUMMER SPORTING EVENTS

**SUPREME CLINIC - KURZ IN PREPARATION
FOR OUR 49TH INTERNATIONAL SLET**

July 26-29

SUNY - Brockport, New York

63RD INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 10-12

**Oak Tree Country Club
West Middlesex, Pennsylvania**

Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

I hope all of our members here in the United States and Canada had a great time celebrating the birthdays of our countries on July 4th and July 1st in grand style with family and friends. With July 4 being a Wednesday the celebration carried over to the weekend for many who were able to make a long weekend out of the holiday.



The Board of Directors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol held the 2nd Quarter meeting via a conference call on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Some of the highlights of the meeting are our Director of Marketing and Sales will be launching a new membership campaign, increase in the annuity rates, and Sokol ad wear can now be ordered on-line via our website www.slovakcatholic SokOL.org. The complete minutes of the meeting will be published in an upcoming issue of the Falcon.

On that note, this issue of the Falcon is the first edition of it being printed in a magazine format. I know you noticed the change from the newspaper format to this new, exciting and vibrant format. This is a keeper just like the comic books the first editions are worth a fortune so hang on to the first edition of the magazine issue of the Falcon. Let us hear from you on the new format and ideas on how we can improve it for communication purposes and your reading enjoyment.

We are already in the middle of the

summer of 2018 and once again we ask ourselves, where did the summer go? Hope you enjoyed it so far and will enjoy what is still to come. There are still Sokol activities on the horizon with the Clinic "Kruz" and the ever popular Golf Tournament.

The Clinic will be held from Thursday, July 26 to Sunday, July 29 at SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY. SUNY Brockport was the site of the Slovak Catholic Sokol's 48th International Slet in 2017. Our thanks go out to our Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation and Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins and the other members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for the work they have done in organizing this year's Clinic. A special "thank you" goes out to all the Group Physical Fitness Directors, Directresses and their assistants who are taking the time out of their summer to come to the Clinic to learn the drills for the 49th Slovak Catholic Sokol Slet. Every member appreciates your dedication and involvement since this is what makes our Slovak Catholic Sokol strong and one-of-a-kind.

The 63rd Slovak Catholic Sokol International Golf Tournament is set for Friday, August 10 – Sunday, August 12 at the Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex, PA. Our Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon has done another wonderful job of organizing the tournament for our members benefit. This tournament is one event members look forward to each year, the price is right, the fraternalism is without com-

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Ambassador Peter Kmec to depart the USA



Slovakia's Ambassador to the United States, Peter Kmec, second from the left, is shown with presidents of our Slovak Catholic fraternal during the 100th anniversary celebration of the Pittsburgh

Agreement on May 31. Ambassador Kmec has served as Slovakia's representative in Washington, D.C. since 2012. He completes his American assignment at the end of summer and is awaiting a new assignment. During his years in the United States, Ambassador Kmec has been most cooperative and has participated in many American Slovak cultural, fraternal and social activities. Shown with Ambassador Kmec on the photo are,

l-r, Andrew M. Rajec, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Union; Cynthia M. Maleski, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath.

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49th INTERNATIONAL CLINIC IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

In a few short days the 49th International Clinic will be upon us. This year's clinic will be held July 25-29/2018 at picturesque campus of Brockport University at Brockport N.Y. Brockport University is located 20 min. north-west from Rochester N.Y. All participants have received the drills DVD or have downloaded the drill from our google drive and learned the drills prior to the Clinic. With the drills being available on DVD prior to the Clinic, the format of this year's Clinic will be similar to that of the 2016 Clinic. With everyone having a working knowledge of the drills by the time they arrive in Brockport University for the Clinic, the time in gym classes will be spent only to polish off the drills. This will allow for more time to be spent for various seminars.

The seminar topics include: insurance, sports, forms, first aid, gymnastics, fraternal youth activities, membership and team building activities. These seminars will enable our clinic participants to return to their local Group with a better overall understanding of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. This will only serve to make them better leaders of the youth, who are the future of our organization.

At this year's Clinic both the Supreme Physical Fitness Board and the Clinic participants will be housed at Briggs Hall. The Physical Fitness Board will be arriving on Wednesday, July 25th by 11:00 am, with the participants arriving on Thursday July 26th. Registration for the Clinic participants will be held in the lobby of Briggs Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 am. only on Thursday, June 28th. The dorm is not air conditioned so you if you wish bring a fan.

Commanders and Commandresses are asked to bring their drill DVD with them to the Clinic. Participants are required to bring their drill uniforms for pictures and the exhibition program.

As at previous Clinics keep the following rules and regulations in mind:

1. The only advertisement on any clothing allowed is Slovak Catholic Sokol.
2. No alcohol whatsoever is allowed during the Clinic.
3. Anyone found in possession of alcohol will be sent home immediately at their Group's expense.
4. All participants must remain on campus for the duration of the Clinic.
5. No one is to leave the campus without the permission of the Supreme Physical Director or Directress.

In case of emergency the participants can be reached thru Kathy Watkins at 412 225 8233.

As with every Clinic there is a lot of hard

From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

SOKOL PROMOTION

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



"And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent." *Luke 4:43*

One of the most important factors in the growth of a fraternal benefit society is its Membership. Growing the membership is essential for the continued good and betterment of any organization. For 113 years, our organization has been about family. Many of us are second and third generation members. But, yet, we all still have family members that are not part of our society. Even worse, most of these family members do not even have life insurance coverage. With all the fraternal benefits offered by our organization, as well as the life insurance protection, you would think it would be an easy sell. But we all know it is not. So, what can we do?

Every member who values his or her affiliation with our organization has an obligation to do their part in insuring our future. With so much to offer, let us share the message of Sokol fraternalism like generations have done in the past. Promoting our fraternal benefits is the easy part. It is the life insurance part that seems to be the hold up for potential sales. When promoting our life insurance, always remember the benefits which only life insurance can provide. With funeral and burial costs totaling more than \$10,000, the death of a loved one can leave quite the financial burden. Life insurance can help subsidize these and other costs. Our policies also offer a tax-advantaged way to build cash value that may be used when in need of emergency funds. Loans are tax free as long as the policy stays in force. These are just a few reasons of the benefits of life insurance and the Slovak Catholic Sokol can help in filling these important needs for your family.

To assist our members in these efforts, you will notice in this issue of the Falcon the announcement of a special program. The Win-Win referral program is designed for our members who may know of a family member or friend who are in need of life insurance, but do not feel 100% comfortable talking about it

with them. We are fortunate to have qualified life insurance and annuity representatives that can assist in supplying the information necessary to secure the client's financial protection. Please take the time to review this program and help our Society prosper. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, at (412) 381-5431 or give us a call at the Home Office, (800) 886-7656 and someone will be glad to assist you.



I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July Holiday. It is a day to celebrate our freedom and extreme pride of being Americans. July 4th is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. In addition to our Sokol traditions of sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security to its members. This past 4th, our Society celebrated the 113th anniversary of our organization's founding. It is with great pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 113 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great Society and here we stand today financially sound and filled with pride. Happy Birthday to the Slovak Catholic Sokol!

We ask all our members to continue to support our fine organization. The efforts of our Sokols to sign up new people has always been a cornerstone of our organization. To bring back an old campaign slogan: "BE A MEMBER, GET A MEMBER!"

Until next time, continue enjoying this beautiful summer and may God bless you all! We hope you all enjoy the new look of the Falcon! Zdar Boh!

work to be done, but with everyone's participation this will prove to be both a memorable and successful Clinic. Anyone needing help with any Clinic matters can contact John at 330 607 2477 or Kathy at 412 225 8233 email kathyw626@yahoo.com.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is

looking forward to meeting all the Clinic participants and especially new leaders from the groups.

Wishing everyone a safe trip to Brockport University.

ZDAR BOH!

Dusan Dorich

Supreme Assistant Physical Director

Slovak Catholic Sokol – 72nd International Bowling Tournament **Greek Catholic Union – 82nd International Bowling Tournament**

Team 2KReading/Lucky Lane captures the Men's Team Bowling Title, while Lollie Pops takes home the Women's Team Title – Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award Presented to Chet Dziuba, president of Group 19, Toronto, Ontario Canada

The 72nd International Slovak Catholic Sokol and 82nd Greek Catholic Union held a combined bowling Tournament May 20-22 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Orleans Hotel and Casino was the host for the tournament. Many of the tournament participants arrived early to enjoy the sights and sounds of Las Vegas, however all had arrived by Tuesday the 20th, ready to pit their bowling skills against each other in one of the more enjoyable dual fraternal events.

The two fraternal organizations combined with 12 Men's Teams and 5 Women's Teams, for a total of 68 bowlers. With bowlers arriving at various days prior to the event to take in the sights and sounds of Las Vegas, all were set to begin the team event portion of the schedule at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21st with Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and President George Juba of the Greek Catholic Union rolling out the ceremonial first ball of the competition.

The annual sporting event began with Joseph Moeller singing the National Anthems of the United States and Canada. Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon along with the Supreme President of the Greek Catholic Union George Juba, welcomed all of the bowlers from both societies. James C. Matlon, Basil Wahal, Communications Director from the Greek Catholic Union coordinated the lane assignments for all 17 teams.

When the Team Bowling concluded on Monday evening, in the Men's Division, the 2KReading/Lucky Lane, a combined team from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin with captain William Kazmierczak, led all others bowling 2448 scratch combined with their handicap giving them a 3039 total pinfall. Second place went to the team of Run Rats from Reading, Pennsylvania, captain John Niskach, with a total pin count of 2847. Third place was garnered by the 4 To Go team, captain Tom Hoeninger, from Blue Bell Pennsylvania with a total count of 2803 pins.

The Women's Division, the Lollie Pops and team captain Helen Minarish, from Sterling Heights Michigan, walked away with the title, rolling a 2385 total with handicap. The team from Strongville Ohio, 2+2, finished in the second spot with a handicap total of 2378 led by captain Jean Karaffa. Rounding out the top three was the combined team from Ambridge, Pennsylvania/Milwaukee, Wisconsin and team captain Geri Pollock with a total of 2361.

Later Monday evening, the bowlers gathered in the Orleans banquet facilities to enjoy some traditional fraternalism and to socialize. A delicious buffet meal was served followed by a very short program. Brother Jim Matlon served as the emcee and asked for remarks from Supreme President of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Michael J. Horvath and National President of the Greek Catholic Union, George Juba. After introducing past and current Supreme Officers in attendance, Brother Jim revealed the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Award winner for the 2018 International Bowling Tournament. The winner, Chet Dziuba, president of Group 19, Toronto Canada was truly stunned. Asked to offer some remarks after being presented with the plaque, Brother Chet was truly speechless.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 22 all of the bowlers returned to the Orleans Lanes for the Doubles and Singles competition. In the Men's Division, the doubles team of Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Scott Pittman captured first place with a final score of 1535. Second place went to the Clifton, New Jersey team of Marc Kudlacik with a 1438. The third spot went to Christopher Mathew-



Opening this year's competition are Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Greek Catholic Union President George Juba.



A deserved tribute - Well-known Canadian Sokol activist, Chet Dziuba was presented with the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award at this year's international bowling tournament in Las Vegas, Nev. on May 22. Brother Dziuba, a veteran keglar, is active in Assembly 227 in Toronto and serves as president of Group 19. Flanking Brother Chet during the presentation are Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon and Supreme President Michael J. Horvath.

son and Gary Mozuras from Michigan with a tally of 1411.

In the Women's Division, the duo of Helen Minarish and Joanne Mozuras combined for a total of 1215 just barely besting the Pennsylvania/Wisconsin combination of Kami Simon and Caroline Gemol 1202. Not far behind the Ohio pair of Karen Bakita and Carol Macko claimed third with a 1199 total.

The Men's Singles Division saw bowlers staying hot from the doubles portion of the day with John Minarish from Michigan totaled 826 with handicap to take first honors. Two bowlers battled it out for the second and third place, with Marc Kudlacik from Clifton, New Jersey edging Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's Jason Ripple 782 to 780.

In the Women's Singles Division, things were very close with first and third place separated by only 22 pins. Capturing first was Phyllis Johnson from St. Clair Shores, Michigan

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Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic

There should be no vacation from God



While in the heat of summer, I'd like to offer a few thoughts about Mass attendance. When we were younger, you might remember your priest reminding you that "there's no vacation from God!" I know it sounds obvious, but it's also obvious that Mass attendance does dip a bit during the summer months.

Some of this is due to people going on vacation. I'm sure that many of them find places to attend Holy Mass while they are away. Indeed, it is pretty easy to Google Mass Times and find a place to attend Mass almost anywhere these days!

Wherever you go or whatever you do this summer – make sure you get to

Mass. God gives us so many blessings and graces – more than we can possibly count or imagine – every time we take part in Holy Mass. The greatest of these – sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ – is something our souls desperately need and cannot get anywhere else! Don't deprive yourself – let alone your family – of these wonderful graces.

From the earliest days of Christianity, from just after Christ ascended to Heaven, His people have gathered on Sunday to remember and celebrate His resurrection. Indeed, by rising from the dead on a Sunday, Jesus has made Sunday His Holy Day, and we honor it by gathering for Mass. Indeed, coming to Mass has always been the Catholic "bare minimum" for keeping the Lord's Day holy! It's also a great way to find some time for prayer and peace and to see the rest of your parish family.

Message from our Supreme President

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parison and the Flight competition is fierce. So if you have not registered, time is running out. Hope to see you at the tournament.

I ask all members, Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups to help our organization grow, ask someone to become a member. If it is a positive reply the Society grows, if it is a negative reply it is their loss. Ready to help you with either response is our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and the staff at the Home Office and our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C.

May everyone continue to have a safe and enjoyable summer!

With God's Blessings to All,
Zdar Boh!

Announcing New Sokol Apparel



HOODIES, T-SHIRTS AND GOLF SHIRTS are now available on line. Order yours today by simply going to our website slovakcatholicssokol.org and selecting the link "New Sokol Wear". Clothing items will be shipped directly to your door!

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS AUGUST 15

In keeping with our monthly publishing schedule of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, the next issue will be that of Wednesday, August 15. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Monday, August 6.

Republic hosted by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 1400 Inspiration Place, SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 6:30 - 10 p.m., tickets available at NCSML.org/brewnost.

SUN. SEPT. 16

■ 36th annual Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour benefit dinner-dance at the Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, Pa.; the radio program is heard Sundays at 3 p.m. Eastern Time over WPIT, 73 AM or 96.5 FM and worldwide over the internet at: www.wpitam.com, click on "Listen Live."

SOKOL CALENDAR



JULY 27, 28, 29

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

AUGUST 10-12

■ 63rd International Golf Tournament at Oak Tree Country Club, West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

SUN. AUG. 12

■ 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Ohio, 44502. Slovak/English Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Ave. For information contact Loretta Ekoniak at tel. 330-549-3760 or email at loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com

SUN. AUG. 19

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

AUG. 24-26

■ 28th annual Slovak Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish

"Celebrating a Century of Slovak Catholic Tradition in the Detroit Area" on the parish grounds 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Mich. 48314, Friday: 6-11 p.m., Saturday noon - 11 p.m., Sunday Slovak Mass at 11:30 a.m., festivities follow to 9 p.m., for information call tel 586-727-6911 or www.adoremymlord.com.

SUN. SEPT. 2

■ Annual Cleveland Slovak Festival at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 6750 State Rd., Parma, Oh. 12 noon to 8 p.m., homemade Slovak culinary specialties and pastries, cultural program featuring the Lucina Folklore Ensemble, music for dancing and listening pleasure, \$5.00 admission, children age 12 and under are welcomed free of charge; for more information call Donna Oros at 440-465-6412.

SEPT. 5-7

■ 132nd annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, the trade association of fraternal benefit societies in the U.S. and Canada at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, Minn.

MON. SEPT. 10

■ Wreath 111 patronal feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the American Slovak Home 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

FRI. SEPT. 14

■ 15th edition of BrewNost, the Midwest's premier international beer festival, featuring the brews of Slovakia and the Czech

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with a 635-handicap total. Not far behind, another pair of bowlers contested second and third spots, with Evie Catanzante from Freedom barely getting the better of Helen Minarish from Sterling Heights, MI, 615 to 613.

In the Men's Division for All-Events, John Minarish continued his excellent two days of bowling with a 2234 across the Team, Doubles and Singles events. William Gemoll from Montello, WI rode a hot streak from Monday into Tuesday to finish with 2209. And Marc Kudlacik stayed steady both days and capitalized on strong Doubles and Singles scores to reel in third place with a 2194.

In the Women's Division for All-Events, the Women's Doubles Champions added more hardware to their collection. Helen Minarish beat her partner Joanne Mozuras 1872 to 1824. Second place Singles finisher Evie Catanzante's 1814 gave her third place to cap her two days of bowling.

After two strong days of competition, many bowlers departed to return to their hometowns however many also remained to try their luck in the Vegas casinos and enjoy the entertainment. Zdar Boh!

- Marty Degnan, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member



First place men's team champions included bowlers from Wreath 93, Milwaukee, Wis. and Assembly 261, Reading, Pa. and included, l-r, Timothy Evica, William Gemoll, William Kazmierczak and George Kazmierczak.



Enjoying this year's tournament are Pennsylvania and Michigan keglers l-r, John Goberish, Mark Papcun, John Papcun and Doug Simon.



Enjoying the fraternal competition are, l-r, Claire Matlon, Patricia Osterbrink, Carol Barnett and Sharon Jozsa.

PRIZE LIST: 72ND INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT 82ND TOURNAMENT OF THE GREEK CATHOLIC UNION

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1.	<u>2K Reading/Wisconsin - SCS</u>	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Timothy Evica	150	179	210	180	719	\$400
	William Gemoll*	237	222	238	135	832	
	George Kazmierczak	197	235	215	141	788	
	William Kazmierczak	159	184	222	135	700	
	Totals	743	820	885	591	3,039	
2.	<u>1st Place Scratch Run Rats - GCU</u>	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	John Miller, Jr.	175	212	219	117	723	\$220
	Donald Ribarchak	181	226	172	204	783	
	Matt Niskach	170	193	205	84	652	
	John Niskach	168	227	234	60	689	
	Totals	694	858	830	465	2,847	

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize	
		Game	Game	Game	cap		Money	
3.	4 To Go - GCU							
	Jason	Rippel	147	165	152	270	734	\$210
	George	Lopata	168	138	140	267	713	
	Matt	Hoenninger	147	234	165	132	678	
	Tom	Hoenninger	180	204	207	87	678	
	Totals		642	741	664	756	2,803	
4.	Strikesters Detroit - GCU							
	Charles	Johnson	187	158	180	171	696	
	Paul	Shubeck	194	160	224	165	743	
	Gary	Mozuras	172	228	179	117	696	
	Frank	Johnson	201	191	155	99	646	
	Totals		754	737	738	552	2,781	
5.	The Presidents Men - GCU							
	George	Juba	132	125	151	237	645	
	Don	Barnett	215	189	168	168	740	
	Michael W	Karaffa	197	269	182	120	768	
	Rob	Haller	217	160	202	36	615	
	Totals		761	743	703	561	2,768	
6.	Toronto-Group 19 - SCS							
	Larry	Glugosh	141	186	143	267	737	
	Stan	Hugel	157	131	108	264	660	
	Joe	Takerer	98	140	104	228	570	
	Chet	Dziuba	172	162	158	228	720	
	Totals		568	619	513	987	2,687	

* High Game Team - \$40

MEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize	
		Game	Game	Game	cap		Money	
1.	Wilkes-Barre, PA/Clifton, NJ							
	Scott	Pitman*	226	224	234	150	834	\$240
	Mike	Horvath	156	181	211	153	701	
	Totals		382	405	445	303	1,535	
2.	Belleville, NJ/Paterson, NJ							
	Marc	Kudlacik	145	142	194	246	727	\$140
	Don	Salmanowitz	172	197	198	144	711	
	Totals		317	339	392	390	1,438	
3.	Chesterfield and Macomb, MI							
	Christopher D	Mathewson	184	194	239	105	722	\$120
	Gary S	Mozuras	194	170	208	117	689	
	Totals		378	364	447	222	1,411	
4.	Sterling Heights, MI							
	John L	Minarish	155	184	178	165	682	\$100
	John P	Minarish	186	194	186	153	719	
	Totals		341	378	364	318	1,401	
5.	Strongsville, OH/Clinton Twp., MI							
	Michael W	Karaffa	183	223	174	120	700	
	Paul	Shubeck	170	187	178	165	700	
	Totals		353	410	352	285	1,400	

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Senator John Heinz History Center hosts Centennial celebration of The Pittsburgh Agreement

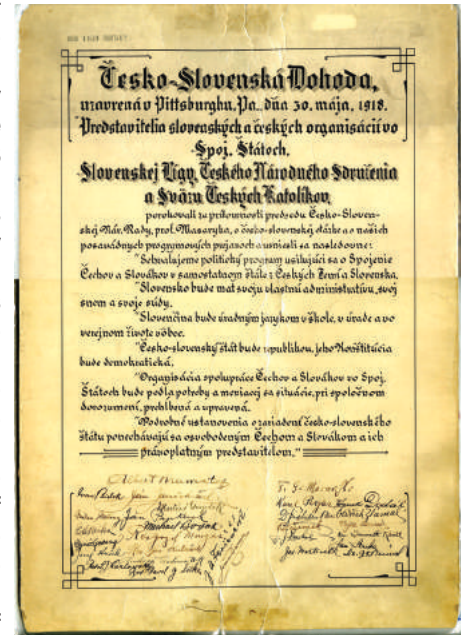
Nearly 300 guests participated in the centennial celebration of the signing of The Pittsburgh Agreement at the Senator John Heinz History Center on May 31. The gathering was held exactly 100 years to the day in which representatives of American Slovaks and Czechs met with Tomas Garrigue Masaryk in Pittsburgh. Masaryk was the leader of the Czech and Slovak independence movement, and would become the first President of Czecho-Slovakia.

Masaryk was welcomed to Pittsburgh on May 30, 1918, a holiday then known as Decoration Day. He participated in a parade that included more than 20,000 Slovak, Czech and other immigrant groups who paraded through the streets of downtown Pittsburgh leading to Exposition Hall. Inside the hall, Masaryk received official greetings from the mayor and the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh before giving a passionate address about the need for independence of the Czechs and Slovaks from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The next day, May 31, 1918 representatives of the Slovak League of America, the Czech National Federation and the National Alliance of Czech Catholics met with Masaryk at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge on Penn Avenue. A total of 29 leaders from the American Slovak and Czech communities signed the final document called The Pittsburgh Agreement. This document became a memorandum of understanding between members of the Czech and Slovak immigrant communities in the United States to create an independent Czecho-Slovak Republic. The agreement spelled out the position of the Slovaks in the

new state. Unfortunately the promise of autonomy in the document regarding the Slovaks was never fulfilled and the new state emerged with a strongly centralized form of government.

The independence of Czecho-Slovakia, then spelled with the hyphen to emphasize the duality of the new state (the hyphen disappeared in 1923), was officially proclaimed in Prague on October 28, 1918 and on November 14, 1918, Masaryk was elected president by the National Assembly. Masaryk remained as president until his retirement in 1935.

Among the speakers at the 100th anniversary celebration were the Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh who is of Slovak and Polish ancestry; Andrew E. Masich, president and CEO of the Senator John Heinz



History Center, Pennsylvania's largest museum; Rich Fitzgerald, chief executive of Allegheny County; Bill Peduto, mayor of Pittsburgh; Peter Kmec and Hynek Kmonicek, the Slovak and Czech ambassadors, respectively, to the United States and others. Popular Pittsburgh TV personality, Richard "Rick" Sebak, who is of Slovak ancestry, served as the capable emcee. Representatives from all walks of American Slovak life were in attendance, including our five Slovak fraternal groups, as well as Friends of Slovakia and the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association.

The original copy of The Pittsburgh Agreement was kept for many decades in the archives of the Slovak Catholic Sokol until September 2007 when it was given to the Senator Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

This highly successful celebration was under the very capable direction of our Sokol of Assembly 16, Joseph T. Senko, Slovak Honorary Consul and Carol Hochman, Czech Honorary Consul. A reception followed. An extensive and historical exhibit titled: "Czechs and Slovaks on Their Difficult Road to Peace and Independence" was featured at the celebration. The original copy of The Pittsburgh Agreement will leave the United States during the summer and will be on exhibit at various centennial celebrations of the founding of Czechoslovakia scheduled for the fall in Prague, Bratislava as well as at other sites in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. This year, both Slovakia and the Czech Republic are celebrating their 25th anniversary of independence. Our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath headed the delegation of Slovak Catholic Sokol members present at the Pittsburgh festivities.



Some of the principals who participated in the 100th anniversary celebration of the signing of The Pittsburgh Agreement at the Heinz History Center on May 31 are shown above and include, l-r, Michael Krohmaly, board member of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association; Peter Kmec, Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States; Joseph T. Senko, Slovak Honorary Consul; Lukas Parizek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia and Kenneth Bombara, Vice Chairman of the Friends of Slovakia and Vice President of the Slovak League of America for Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Reunion at former Slovak Parish in Yonkers, N.Y.



On Sunday, May 20, members of the Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41 of the First Catholic Slovak Union hosted a Mass and brunch to celebrate its 127th anniversary. Founded in 1891, the society was the founder of Most Holy Trinity Slovak Parish in 1894. The parish was closed in August 2015. The former Slovak church is now St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Rite Catholic Church. A concelebrated Mass in the former Slovak church was followed by a brunch at the Castle Royale banquet facility with more than 150 in attendance. Shown on the photo before the painting of the Holy Trinity, a gift of Branch 41, which graced the main altar of the church from 1910 until 1960 and has been in the church ever since. Former Yonkers Councilman and our Sokol, Stephen J. Kubasek, Jr., brunch president, second from the left, is shown presenting a check to the current pastor of the Syro-Malankara Church, Father Jerry Matthew for the parish's building fund. Looking on during the presentation are, from the left, Editor Daniel F. Tanzone, Father George Onnoony, pastor of the Parish of St. Christopher, Buchanan-St. Patrick, Verplanck, N.Y., and Father Anthony J. Pleho of Holy Rosary Parish in the Bronx, N.Y., both of whom are former pastors; James G. Holodak and Marilyn F. Montemurro, officers of the Holy Trinity Society who also enjoy membership in Assembly 219 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Many Sokol members were in attendance at the reunion. Holy Trinity Society is the oldest Slovak society in the state of New York. - *Photo by Paul Romagnoli*

54th Summer School of Slovak Language

The 54th Summer School of Slovak Language and Culture Studia Academica Slovaca(SAS) will be held under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts at Comenius in Slovakia's capital of Bratislava is scheduled from August 5 to August 25. The intensive program is offered especially geared to university or college professors, experienced teachers, postgraduates and advanced undergraduates of Slovak and Slavonic studies, to writers, translators and all others interested in Slovak language and culture. The aim of the course is to enable students to improve and extend their Slovak language competence, as well as increasing their level of expertise in Slovak literature and culture. Students of this course are at least 18 years of age.

For additional information on this year's course, contact Terezia Filipejova, Cultural and Public Diplomacy Counselor at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C., tel, 202 237-1054, ext.223.

Detroit Area Slovaks celebrate centennial

This year, SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Parish of Sterling Heights, Mich. celebrates its 100th anniversary. The annual parish festival is scheduled for the weekend of August 24, 25 and 26 on the parish grounds located at 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Mich. 48314. The theme of this year's festival, "A Century of Slovak Catholic Tradition in the Detroit Area." Festival hours include: Friday: 6-11 p.m., Saturday, noon - 11 p.m. and Sunday: 11: a.m. - 9 p.m. A festive Slovak liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

A festival program book will

be published. Artwork for the program book must be in Pdf format and received not later than July 31, 2018. To purchase an ad speak with Frances Schena, email:francescschena@att.net. Congratulatory banners are also available. Contact Frances Schena.

Group 16 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, as well as Assembly 36 have been a part of parish life over the past century. John Fournier, chairperson of the 100th anniversary committee is available for any questions on the centennial year program at j4nier58@gmail.com. Zdar Boh! - **Rev. Libor Marek**

Milwaukee Slovak Day

Continuing in a fine cultural tradition of the Milwaukee area Slovak community, this year's 88th annual Slovak American Day is scheduled for Sunday, July 29 at Croatian Park located at 9140 South 76th Street in Franklin, Wis. Festivities begin with Mass celebrated out of doors at 12 noon.

The cultural program in the scenic and spacious park begins at 2 p.m. and will feature among others the talent of our Group 4 Sokol drillers of Wreath 93 as well as the Tatra Slovak Dancers who will present the music and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. A new feature

this year will present the talent of the internationally renown Fuzara musician Bob Rychlik. Live music for dancing and listening pleasure will be enjoyed until 6 p.m. Children's games and activities will be available throughout the afternoon. Traditional Slovak culinary specialties along with popular American picnic favorites will be available throughout the day. Homemade Slovak pastries as well as imported beer from Slovakia will also be featured. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. For additional information on this year's Slovak Day observance call our Wreath 93 Sokolka, Betty Valent at tel. 414 425-6137.

Slovak Constitution Day observance in Chicago

Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County in Illinois, extends a cordial invitation to the Slovak community of Chicagoland to participate in a celebration in honor of Slovakia's Constitution Day on Tuesday, August 14 beginning at 1 p.m. The festivities will be held at her office located at 118 North Clark Street, Room 212 in downtown Chicago, Ill.

It was on July 17, 1992 that the Constitution of the Slovak Republic was adopted by the autonomous Slovak parliament in Bratislava. The adoption was in anticipation of the peaceful split of Czechoslovakia

scheduled for January 1, 1993. Czechs and Slovaks had agreed to peacefully split in July 1992. Slovakia joined the family of free and independent nations following the fall of Communism. On January 1, 1993 both the Slovak and Czech Republic declared their independence. Thus, this celebration also honors the 25th anniversary of both the Slovak and Czech Republics.

At the celebration, Maria Pappas, who is of Slovak ancestry, will discuss her new office programs. Those planning to attend need to confirm email at toptasak@cookcountytreasurer.com.

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Youngstown's 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest

CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE!

By Loretta Ekoniak

The 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest will be held on Sunday, August 12 on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Ohio.

As usual, the day starts off with a Slovak/English Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Church (915 Cornell Ave. across the lot from the festival) and continues after



Mass in the parking lot and school hall until 8:00 p.m.

There are a few changes this year in the way food will be available. We will no longer have a "dinner" served from 12-3. Instead all of the food will be available all day ala carte. Outside we will have "hand" food while inside we will have items you might rather sit down to eat. So outside we will have the klobasa and kraut sandwiches, the roast pork sandwiches, hot dogs, fries, ice cream and of course the Slovak (and domestic) beer! Inside, where the tables are, we will have food served in bowls...pirohy, halušky, klobasa and sauerkraut casserole and holubky (stuffed cabbage) along with the kolace, the bakesale and the palacinky.

There will be a great selection of Slovak baked goods including kolace and kiffles, palacinky (crepes) along with Slovak crystal and other Slovak items for sale. There will be also a great Slovak Heritage corner showing many beautiful items on display, such as authentic Slovak kroj (folk costumes), maps, corn husk dolls, photos, books, embroidery and informational items.

We will have another travelling exhibit on loan from the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This year's exhibit will be about the affect of the 1968 Spring Uprising. It will be displayed in the school hall.

Of course, outside there will be children's activities, card games, a huge basket auction and a cash card raffle with prizes from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 (tickets are already on sale for this raffle and you can call the number below if you would like raffle tickets).

We will have musical entertainment by Jack Vasko and Company, at noon, and the Del Sinchak Band, at 4 p.m. will be provided all day long. The music starts after Mass outside and continues until about 8:30 p.m. and includes room to dance. If you are only attending the polka bands, not the festival, there is a \$5.00 admission fee. But buy \$5.00 worth of food tickets and you will receive an arm band to admit you to the Band tent area.

So come have a wonderful time with great food, great music and great friends!

If you need more information just give me a call at 330-549-3760 or email me at loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com

John & Nina Holy celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary



Well-known Slovak cultural and fraternal activists, John and Nina Holy of Pompton Plains, N.J. celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by members of their family on June 13. John A. Holy and the former W.Nina Frissik exchanged their marriage vows on June 13, 1953 at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City officiated by the pastor, the late Monsignor Stephen J. Krasula, P.A. The couple has been active in the New York Slovak parish all their married life.

A native of New York City, Nina returned to Slovakia as a young girl and returned back to the city in the spring of 1948. John, a native of Nova Bana in Slovakia emigrated to the United States in August 1949. They met at St. John Nepomucene Parish. John was employed for many years at the Slovak Catholic Sokol home office. He has been active in the work of the Slovak League of America since arriving in the U.S. and currently serves as Honorary National Secretary-Treasurer. Nina has been active in many Slovak cultural groups. She has served as the Co-Chairperson of the annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival for many years and currently serves as the national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America. Both John and Nina are our Sokol members of Assembly 182 in New York City. Nina is also active in the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Over the years, there has hardly been a Slovak activity in the New York area which has not had the wholehearted support of John and Nina. They are the proud parents of two daughters, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to John and Nina as they celebrate this milestone in their very fruitful marriage. We pray that Almighty God will continue to bless them with good health and happiness in the years ahead. Happy anniversary and Zdar Boh!

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

PSA AGREES 8% WAGE HIKE WITH UNIONS IN SLOVAKIA

PSA Group has agreed with trade unions on a 7.7 percent wage hike this year at its Slovak unit, the automaker said. The raise follows an average 6.3 percent raise last year at the plant that produced more than 335,000 cars in 2017.

PSA, which makes Citroen C3 and Peugeot 208 cars at the plant, is one of the central European country's three automakers, along with Volkswagen and Kia. They together have a combined annual output of more than 1 million vehicles.

With unemployment in much of the central European region at or near record lows, Slovak wages have grown quickly and are expected to rise 3.3 percent this year in real terms after a 3.1 percent gain in 2017.

Slovakia's biggest automaker VW experienced a six-day strike last year that ended in a deal on a 4.7 percent wage rise from June 2017. Wages also rose another 4.7 percent in January 2018 and a further 4.1 percent in November 2018.

Jaguar Land Rover's Slovak plant is expected to come online this year, less than 60 kilometers (37.28 miles) from PSA's factory, adding to wage pressures in the tight labor market.

CZECHS AND SLOVAKS RATE KEY EVENTS IN DOMESTIC MODERN HISTORY

The Slovak National Uprising in 1944, the creation of a sovereign Slovak Republic in 1993 and the 1989 Velvet Revolution are the key events in Slovakia's modern history as chosen by the people of the country in a recent survey.

Only the Velvet Revolution was chosen by both Slovaks and Czechs, who also took part in the survey. The other two events mentioned by Czechs were the period of the first Czechoslovak Republic (1918-1938) and the creation of a sovereign Czech Republic in 1993.

To the question regarding the most influential events, regardless of their positive

or negative connotations, 49 percent of the Slovak respondents chose the Velvet Revolution as their answer, followed by the creation of an independent Slovak Republic. Third place went to Slovakia joining the EU in 2004, Zora Butorova from the Institute for Public Affairs told TASR.

Both the Slovak and the Czech public named the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia as the 'darkest' moment in their shared history. "August 1968 is a traumatic moment in both societies, but it's viewed in a slightly more negative way among the Czechs," said Paulina Tabery of the Centre for Public Opinion Research.

Other negative historical moments include the period when Vladimir Meciar was Slovak prime minister (1994-1998) and the installation of the communist regime in February 1948. For the Czechs, however, these events include the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in WWII and the signing of the Munich Agreement in 1938.

Another part of the survey touched upon the most significant people from Czechoslovak history. The names of Slovak politicians Milan Rastislav Stefanik (influential in the setting up of Czechoslovakia), Alexander Dubcek (leading figure in the Prague Spring of 1968) and the first Czechoslovak president Tomas Garrigue Masaryk were the most commonly mentioned in the Slovak half of the survey. Among the Czech respondents, Masaryk came first, with Jan Palach (who set himself on fire in Prague in protest against the 1968 invasion) and Vaclav Havel (a leading dissident under communism and Czechoslovak president after the Velvet Revolution) also featuring heavily.

Vladimir Meciar, Vasil Bilak (who signed the letter inviting the Warsaw Pact countries to invade Czechoslovakia in 1968) and leader of the wartime fascist Slovak republic Jozef Tiso are considered to be negative historical figures among the Slovak public. Bilak also made it into the first trio in the Czech part of the survey. The other two negative figures were

communist leaders Klement Gottwald and Gustav Husak.

The survey was conducted by the Slovak Academy of Sciences' Institute of Sociology in collaboration with the Institute for Public Affairs, the Centre for Public Opinion Research and the Czech Academy of Sciences' Institute of Sociology. The results were obtained from 1,012 Slovak respondents above the age of 18 and 1,061 respondents above the age of 15 in the Czech Republic.



LUCKY SPA belongs among the oldest spas in Slovakia, located next to ChoC Mountain on the border of Liptov and Orava in Northern Slovakia (near Ružomberok). It was first mentioned in 1712. Mineral water from the springs Valentina is being used in all pools and separate spas. It is also suitable for drinking and available not only for the accommodated guests, but also for the general public. In 2008 the Spa built new AQUA – VITAL PARK open all year round, the part of which is a sitting pool with healing thermal mineral water.

PRIZE LIST: 72ND INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT**82ND TOURNAMENT OF THE GREEK CATHOLIC UNION**

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			1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	
6.	Blue Bell, PA							
	Tom	Hoenninger	197	183	168	87	635	
	Matthew	Hoenninger	167	214	238	132	751	
	Totals		364	397	406	219	1,386	
7.	Barberton, OH/Beaver, PA							
	Pete	Underation	167	108	192	258	725	
	Rob	Haller	190	228	206	36	660	
	Totals		357	336	398	294	1,385	
8.	Barberton, OH/Tonrongo, CN							
	Robert	Macko	182	158	159	165	664	
	Chet	Dziuba	117	188	164	228	697	
	Totals		299	346	323	393	1,361	
9.	1st Place Scratch Pittsburgh & Coraopolis, PA							Prize Money
	John W	Niskach	206	257	223	60	746	\$180
	Matthew	Niskach	177	163	178	84	602	
	Totals		383	420	401	144	1,348	
10.	Perryopolis & Tionesta, PA							
	Bernie	Seruga	172	215	178	150	715	
	Clarence	Checkton	189	150	172	117	628	
	Totals		361	365	350	267	1,343	

* High Game - \$40

MEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

					1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
1.	John P.	Minarish**	GCU	Sterling Heights, MI	278	246	149	153	826	\$105.00
2.	Marc	Kudlacik	SCS	Belleville, NJ	204	184	148	246	782	\$80.00
3.	Jason	Rippel	GCU	Monongahela, PA	174	181	155	270	780	\$72.50
3.	George	Lopata	GCU	Pittsburgh, PA	161	192	160	267	780	\$72.50
5.	Christopher D.	Mathewson	GCU	Chesterfield, MI	257	199	196	105	757	\$60.00
6.	Matthew	Hoenninger	GCU	Blue Bell, PA	185	222	214	132	753	\$55.00
7.	Don	Barnett	GCU	Henderson, NV	191	212	168	168	739	\$50.00
8.	William	Gemoll	SCS	Montello, WI	183	235	179	135	732	\$45.00
9.	Doug	Simon	SCS	Ambridge, PA	205	223	228	72	728	
10.	Frank	Albano	GCU	Surprise, AZ	158	183	225	159	725	
11.	Tom	Hoenninger	GCU	Blue Bell, PA	171	211	246	87	715	
12.	John W.	Niskach	GCU	Pittsburgh, PA	236	201	217	60	714	
12.	Charles H.	Johnson	GCU	Sterling Hts, MI	171	212	160	171	714	
12.	Timothy	Evica	SCS	Milwaukee, WI	228	158	148	180	714	
15.	Scott	Pitman	SCS	Clifton, NJ	178	178	206	150	712	
	Doug	Simon*	SCS	Ambridge, PA	205	223	228		656	\$90.00

* 1st Place Scratch

** High Game Singles - \$20

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

					1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
1.	Lollie Pops - GCU									
	Joanne	Mozuras			144	129	134	204	611	\$200
	Annette	Mathewson			102	127	120	177	526	
	Rose	Shubeck			155	137	124	174	590	
	Helen	Minarish			172	142	161	183	658	
	Totals				573	535	539	738	2,385	

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S.K.S. 2020 Committee Meeting

June 7, 2018, Conference Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 EST by chairperson Julie Ann Dobbs. Sister Dobbs opened with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by committee member and Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec. All committee members were in attendance.

Sister Dobbs welcomed the group, recognizing all for their commitment to this work as represented by timely responses, data collection and meeting participation. The next agenda item was review and approval of the SKS 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes from March 7th, 2018. Sister Dobbs, Brother Pogorelec and Supreme President Michael Horvath provided an update regarding the reaction and input of the Board of Directors following their presentation at the March meeting.

In preparation for this meeting, Sister Dobbs shared the updated data template and a focused document specific to the Board of Director roles for each comparison organization. The expectation for the meeting was to come away with consensus regarding board positions that would be recommended moving forward as well as committee member assignments for full review and job requirement/description for each position.

Sister Dobbs led the committee in a discussion, role by role, of the current representation on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors. Post review and discussion regarding each role, a vote of the committee members was taken. In each case, there was 100% agreement. A summary of the discussion and voting is below:

President- all 8 comparison organizations have this board position. No further discussion. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

Chaplain- 6 of the 8 comparison organizations have this board position. The 2 that do not have no religious affiliation. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

Vice President- 7 of the 8 comparison organizations have at least one VP. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

Secretary- 7 of the 8 comparison organizations have this board position but 3 of the 7 have a combined secretary-treasurer. Discussion was related to the need, or not, for separate roles on the board. It was noted that for some organizations, the secretary is the CFO and the president is the CEO. For the SCS, the secretary is both CEO/CFO. The role

of Treasurer supports our organizational governance by providing another layer of checks and balances. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

Treasurer- 7 of the 8 comparison organizations have this board position but 3 of the 7 have a combined secretary-treasurer. In addition to the discussion above, there was question regarding the rationale for previous recommendations to eliminate this role. No one could recall, but Brother Pogorelec offered to investigate and get back to the group. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas- but will revisit post receipt of historical information.

General Counsel- 5 of the 8 comparison organizations have this board position. The additional 3 organizations have legal counsel on retainer. It was the opinion of the committee that immediate access to legal insight was important to the progress of topics at a board meeting. Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

Chairperson of the Auditors- 4 of the 8 comparison organizations have this board position. Discussion included the suggestion that other organizations have generic director roles on their board with specific committee assignments- i.e. committee chair for auditors. Maintaining a role that has financial insight on the board adds to our fiduciary responsibility to our members. Recommend SCS BOD position-suhlas

Sports Director/Physical Director/Physical Directress- 3 of 7 organizations have a role similar to these on their board, but none have 3. A lengthy and positive discussion regarding these positions ensued. It was noted that most of the comparison organizations have minimal to no fraternal activities beyond scholarship programs or membership drives. Comparison organization board of directors focus only on the financial end of the business, but the Slovak Catholic Sokol takes equal pride in our fraternal programs and demonstrates this with inclusion of our fitness board leaders on the board of directors. Does this inclusion compromise our governance or keep us grounded in our purpose? Recommend SCS BOD position- suhlas

As has been previously noted, the make-up of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors, generally speaking, is not too dissimilar to the comparison organizations. Committee members were then assigned a role or roles to review

and provide recommendation to the group regarding:

- Job pre-requisites/requirements
- Job description
- Voting or non-voting
- Elected or hired
- Term limits

The intent is that this proposal will be made available prior to our next meeting. The committee will review role by role the recommendations and tweak as needed. Sister Dobbs proposed that our next meeting be held via conference call on August 15, 2018. Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec reminded this group that we will be meeting in person in conjunction with the September BOD meeting (September 28-30) in order to pull together our final thoughts regarding recommendation. Our timeline continues to be on track for a final proposal to the BOD at their annual meeting in December of 2018.

Sister Dobbs thanked everyone for their participation and preparation. Brother Michael offered a closing prayer. The meeting was concluded at 7:10 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Dobbs
Chairperson-
SKS 2020 Committee

We invite you to send any questions or concerns to our committee at SKS2020@slovakcatholicssokol.org

Scholarships available for New England members

The New England Fraternal Alliance, which represents fraternalists in the six New England states, will again offer two \$1,000 scholarships to students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year in college or in graduate school. The first is named in memory of Pearl Plante, a loyal and tireless worker for the New England Fraternal Alliance. These awards are payable directly to the recipients.

Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol residing in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire or Maine may apply. The applicant must have a cumulative grade average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 system). Transcript of grades from the spring 2018 semester must be submitted with the application. Deadline for the completed application is September 1, 2018. Winners will be notified by October 15, 2018.

An application is available by calling Group 2 President Eileen S. Wilson at tel. 203 378-8837 or Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office at 800 886-7656.

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL INTERNATIONAL CLINIC – KURZ

July 25-29, 2018 – University of Brockport – Brockport, New York

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25th

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
11:00AM - 1:00PM	Arrival of Supreme Physical Fitness Board	Briggs Hall
1:00PM - 6:00PM	Work Detail	TBD
6:00PM	Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting	Common Room of Briggs Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 26th

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
8:00AM - 11:00AM	Registration	Briggs Hall
11:00AM - 11:45AM	Meeting with all Clinic Participants	Briggs Hall
12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Brockway Hall
1:30PM - 4:45PM	** Opening meeting ** Assigning teams and team building activity ** Drill practice	Tuttle South
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Dinner	Brockway Hall
6:30PM - 10:00PM	** Group Photo ** Seminars: (gymnastics, Slet, medical forms, insurance) ** Team building activity	Common Room of Briggs Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 27th

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Brockway Hall
9:00AM - 11:45AM	Drill practice	Tuttle South
12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Brockway Hall
1:30PM - 4:45PM	Drill practice	Tuttle South
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Dinner	Brockway Hall
6:30PM - 10:00PM	** Drill practice (if needed) ** Team building activity	Tuttle South Common Room of Briggs Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 28th

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Brockway Hall
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Clinic participants - drills	Tuttle South
12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Brockway Hall
1:30PM - 3:00PM	Clinic participants - exhibition practice	Tuttle South
4:30 PM - 5:30PM	Mass	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
5:45PM - 6:45PM	Dinner	Comon Area of Briggs Hall
7:15PM - 8:15PM	Group photo Exhibition of Drills	
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Nightly activity	TDB

SUNDAY, JULY 29th

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Brockway Hall
9:00AM - 10:00AM	Check out	McLean Hall

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of Group 6 “Msgr. Andrew Hlinka”

The semi-annual meeting of Group 6 under the patronage of the Slovak patriot Msgr. Andrew Hlinka, was held on Sunday, May 29 at the Clubhouse Grill in Belle Vernon, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the President Anna Mae Warnick who offered the grace before the meal. An enjoyable luncheon was then had by all.

Following the meal, Sister Anna Mae Warnick opened the meeting. Officers in attendance each presented their respective reports. Terri Gardner and Dorothy Rudinec were excused from the meeting. Plans for Group 6's participation in upcoming Sokol activities was discussed. The group discussed future meetings and it was decided that the Group host meetings in April and October of each year. The next Group 6 meeting was set for Sunday, October 14 again at the Clubhouse Grille. It was also agreed that if a member makes a reservation to attend the meeting in the future and has to cancel, they must contact the President so their dinner reservation might be canceled.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting then concluded with the recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be to the Father led by the president. Wishing all a pleasant and enjoyable summer, may I remain

Zdar Boh!

Terri Gardner
Secretary

Intermediate and Advanced Slovak classes in Pittsburgh

Slovak language classes for intermediate and advanced students will again be offered this fall in Pittsburgh. Classes are held every Tuesday evening beginning September 11th thru October 30th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Classes are held at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, located at 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard in Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228. The instructor will be Bozena Hilko. Tuition is free and textbooks are available at a minimal charge. For reservations email Bozena at Bozi@comcast.net.

Naučme sa po slovensky
Let's learn Slovak

S.C.S. 2018 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Oak Tree Country Club and Tam-O-Shanter Golf Course West Middlesex, PA – August 10th – 12th

The longer days and warmer weather brings us closer to the golf season and to our Slovak Catholic Sokol's 63rd International Golf Tournament which will be held August 10th-12th at Oak Tree Country Club and Tam-O-Shanter Golf Courses, West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful weekend of fraternalism and sportsmanship. The participants and guests for the 63rd International Golf Tournament will stay at the Park Inn by Radisson. This lodging facility is located just minutes off of Interstate I-80 Exit 4B and PA Route 760 near the Ohio state line.

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

We are hoping to have a tremendous turnout of golfers and guests for this annual event. Please return your application and fee as soon as possible to my home address: 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981. If you have any questions pertaining to the event, please contact me directly on my cell number (973) 647-8551, or email jmatlon@slovakcatholic Sokol.org. Application and fee deadline for the tournament is July 20th (postmarked).

The full golf package remains at \$285.00 for the fifth straight year. The golf package includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, three full rounds of golf with carts, two nights lodging at the Park Inn by Radisson (double occupancy), including breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The golf package also includes Friday night hospitality and a buffet dinner at the Park Inn. (All taxes and gratuities are included).

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

We would like to accommodate our senior members by offering an additional choice. A Half Golf Package will be offered at the cost of \$215.00 that includes two rounds of 9 holes on Saturday and Sun-

day, along with lodging and meals. Additionally, a Half Golf Only Package will be available for \$75 which includes just the nine holes of golfing on Saturday and Sunday along with the entry fee and prize money.

Each golfer must make his or her own hotel arrangements by contacting the Park Inn at Radisson at 724-528-2501 or 724-906-6150.

Golf reservations for the practice round on Friday should be made with the course pro shop, Oak Tree Country Club (724) 528-9985 and Tam-O-Shanter, (724) 981-3552.

The Friday Hospitality and the Saturday night buffet dinner will be held at the Park Inn. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for those members that would like to purchase additional dinner tickets. Holy Mass obligation can be fulfilled at a choice of three local churches. Mass locations and times will be available at the hotel when you check-in. A brief program will follow dinner which will include the announcement of our tournament leaders and a welcome from our keynote speaker, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec. In keeping with our Sokol tradition, Scott will present the 2018 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award.

This will be a great fraternal golf event, so we hope to see all of you in the beautiful, scenic community in Western Pennsylvania this August.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Website www.slovakcatholic Sokol.org under the Sports Program.

Zdar Boh!

James C. Matlon

*Supreme Director of Sports
and Athletics*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

2. (A) The tournament will consist of six

(6) flights as listed below before applying 75% to handicap:

"A" Flight – 0 to 12 Handicap

"B" Flight – 13 to 20 Handicap

"C" Flight – 21 and over

"D" Flight – Callaway System

"S" Flight – Senior, 62 years and over

Women, Callaway System "W" Flight

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

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

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

4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a handicap (handicaps are determined after two years, four rounds) of Slovak Catholic Sokol Tournament play. The Callaway Modified System will be used with two blind holes each round to calculate the daily handicap.

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

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

6. All play will be 36 holes: 18 to be played on Saturday August 11th and 18 on Sunday, August 12th.

7. A 9 hole competition will also be offered. The registered golfers for this competition will play 9 holes starting, Saturday August 11th and 9 on Sunday, August 12th. (Based on number of requests)

8. Entry Fee is \$15.00 and Tournament Expense is \$10.00. A Golf Banquet will be held on Saturday evening at The Park Inn.

9. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the prize money will be awarded according to the number of entries received for each flight.

10. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Participants wishing for special foursomes, please indicate your golf partners on your golf tournament application.

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

12. **Entries will close with a Postmark Date of July 20th, 2018.** All tournament fees must accompany Golf Entry Form.

13. Make checks payable to: **Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account**

14. Mailing address:

James Matlon

6 Academy Drive East

Whippany, NJ 07981-1801

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 63RD INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

August 10th – 12th 2018 – Oak Tree Country Club & Tam-O-Shanter Golf Course

Golf Practice Reservations: Oak Tree - (724) 528-9985 & Tam-O-Shanter (724) 981-3552

U.S.G.A. 36 Holes

Men-5 Flig

Women-1 Flight

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 20th 2018

Every golfer must fill out a form and all fees must accompany this form. Make checks or money orders payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account and mail to 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981-1801

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Certificate: _____ Assembly / Wreath: _____

Golfer Signature

I hereby certify that the name on this application is a bona-fide member of this Assembly/Wreath and has been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year or three (3) months Single Premium Life with a minimum of \$3,000.00 coverage or as a new member enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 with a minimum of \$5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage.

Assembly/Wreath President or Secretary

_____ I have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

_____ I have not participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

_____ Men: I am 62 years or older and wish to enter the Senior Flight and have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments.

Tournament Start Times: 8:30 AM Saturday & 8:30 AM Sunday

Preferred Doubles Partner: _____

_____ Full Golf Package	Package Fee:	\$ 260.00
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 285.00
_____ Golf Only Package (3 rounds with cart)	Package Fee:	\$ 120.00
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 145.00
_____ Non Golf Package	Package Fee:	\$ 140.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 140.00
_____ Banquet Only	Package Fee:	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 25.00
_____ Half Golf Package (9 holes 2 days)	Package Fee:	\$ 190.00
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 215.00
_____ Half Golf Only Package (2 rounds with cart 9 holes)	Package Fee:	\$ 50.00
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:	\$ 25.00
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ 75.00

All hotel reservations to be made directly through the Park Inn by Radisson 724-528-2501 or 724-906-6150

PRIZE LIST: 72ND INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
82ND TOURNAMENT OF THE GREEK CATHOLIC UNION

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2.	1st Place Scratch 2 + 2 - SCS/GCU		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Karen	Bakita	145	189	151	78	563	\$100
	Carol	Macko	158	150	164	102	574	
	Diana	Simpson	195	166	161	123	645	
	Jean	Karaffa	189	178	175	54	596	
	Totals		687	683	651	357	2,378	

3.	Ambridge/Milwaukee - SCS		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Kami	Simon	133	152	183	135	603	\$80
	Geri	Pollock	147	119	134	171	571	
	Evie	Catanzante	156	125	164	162	607	
	Caroline	Gemoll	138	159	169	114	580	
	Totals		574	555	650	582	2,361	

WOMEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS

1.	Sterling Heights/Macomb, Michigan		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Helen	Minarish*	109	171	138	183	601	\$140
	Joanne	Mozuras	107	149	154	204	614	
	Totals		216	320	292	387	1,215	

2.	Ambridge, PA & Montello, WI		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Kami	Simon	139	146	143	135	563	\$70
	Caroline	Gemoll	155	191	179	114	639	
	Totals		294	337	322	249	1,202	

3.	1st Place Scratch Doylestown & Barberton, OH		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Karen	Bakita	192	189	194	78	653	\$90
	Carol	Macko	123	166	155	102	546	
	Totals		315	355	349	180	1,199	

4.	St. Claire Shores, MI/ Henderson, NV		1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
	Phyllis	Johnson	156	155	158	156	625	
	Carole	Barnett	147	142	155	129	573	
	Totals		303	297	313	285	1,198	

* High Game Doubles - \$40.00

WOMEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

					1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Handi- cap	Total	Prize Money
1.	Phyllis	Johnson	GCU	St. Claire Shores, MI	132	181	166	156	635	\$90
2.	Evie	Catanzante	SCS	Freedom, PA	154	150	149	162	615	\$50
3.	Helen	Minarish	GCU	Sterling Heights, MI	159	154	117	183	613	\$40
4.	Diana	Simpson	GCU	Strongsville, OH	191	148	138	123	600	
5.	Joanne	Mozuras	GCU	Macomb, MI	131	126	138	204	599	
6.	Victoria	Lopata	GCU	Plum, PA	121	139	103	219	582	
6.	Caroline	Gemoll	SCS	Montello, WI	166	146	156	114	582	
8.	Carol	Macko	GCU	Barberton, OH	149	152	174	102	577	
9.	Carole	Barnett	SCS	Henderson, NV	145	148	155	129	577	
10	Pamela M	Kapaldo	GCU	Aliquippa, PA	125	106	115	219	565	
11	Kami	Simon	SCS	Ambridge, PA	159	130	132	135	556	
12	Jean	Karaffa*	GCU	Strongsville, OH	190	173	133	54	550	\$60
	Phyllis	Johnson**	GCU	St. Claire Shores, MI		181				\$20

* High Scratch Series

** High Singles Game

Announcing the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the newly developed Memorial Scholarship fund? Your donation will assure that an annual scholarship be given out to a college age student who best exemplifies the meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism. Here's how it works:

Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund clearly indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at <http://slovak-catholicokol.org/members/memorialfrm-frame.htm> or simply send your donation to:

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

Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship. Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.

Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two \$1,000 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

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

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.

In Memoriam



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

MAY 2018

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 9	Thomas Sollock , Bridgeport, CT	81	April 24, 2018
Assembly 9	Joseph Adam Jr., Bridgeport, CT	88	February 9, 2018
Assembly 11	Edward F. Soltis, Chicago, IL	76	March 30, 2018
Assembly 16	Anthony Chojnicki , Jr., Pittsburgh, PA	91	April 30, 2018
Assembly 16	Michael A. Verdile, Pittsburgh, PA	82	October 8, 2017
Assembly 32	Stanley J. Mesaros, Palmerton, PA	82	March 29, 2018
Assembly 32	Michael Mesaros, Palmerton, PA	51	March 22, 2018
Assembly 36	Yankee Toucha Kue, Detroit, MI	69	May 17, 2018
Assembly 36	James Newman, Detroit, MI	66	April 17, 2018
Assembly 57	Margaret Galus, Allentown, PA	73	April 24, 2018
Assembly 59	Kathleen Hall , Wilkes-Barre, PA	69	March 28, 2018
Assembly 59	Josephine Fedock, Wilkes- Barre, PA	94	January 5, 2016
Assembly 59	Myron Yench, Wilkes- Barre, PA	82	May 12, 2018
Assembly 64	Edward Przepierski, Erie, PA	70	May 1, 2018
Assembly 86	Michael J. Farris, Port Griffith, PA	86	January 11, 2018
Assembly 104	William Karlik, Pittsburgh, PA	92	April 23, 2018
Assembly 108	Edward G. Garasic, Youngstown, OH	84	April 30, 2018
Assembly 127	Clare S. Puskar, Monessen, PA	90	March 25, 2018
Assembly 162	Josephine Zika, Clifton, NJ	95	April 6, 2018
Assembly 163	Mary Ann Calzacorto, Donora, PA	88	April 15, 2018
Assembly 182	Roosevelt Hopkins, Canton, OH	81	May 20, 2018
Assembly 214	Francis Anthony Sopko, New York, NY	85	May 6, 2018
Assembly 219	Veronica Yurus, Yonkers, NY	86	May 20, 2018
Assembly 312	Dorothy Kauczka, Passaic, NJ	90	May 22, 2018
Assembly 312	George D. Tkach, Passaic, NJ	89	April 18, 2018
Wreath 2	Mary Varchola, Passaic, NJ	97	November 12, 2017
Wreath 11	John E. Sakowski, Johnstown, NY	79	April 24, 2018
Wreath 11	Mary Ann Kralovic, Johnstown, NY	92	February 18, 2018
Wreath 14	Matthew John Kubacka, Johnstown, PA	40	April 3, 2018
Wreath 15	Margaret Kalis, Perryopolis, PA	87	August 29, 2016
Wreath 22	Joanne Farrell, Pittsburgh, PA	72	May 9, 2018
Wreath 22	Irene Pavlik , Pittsburgh, PA	92	May 2, 2018
Wreath 22	Viola G. Grabski, Pittsburgh, PA	100	May 13, 2018
Wreath 39	Dorothy Samsel, Bridgeport, CT	90	May 25, 2018
Wreath 39	Bertha J. Valko, Bridgeport, CT	94	April 22, 2018
Wreath 47	Bernice K. Gacek, Minneapolis, MN	81	May 26, 2018
Wreath 85	Agnes Zane, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	92	April 30, 2018
Wreath 93	Judith Nowak, Milwaukee, WI	71	May 3, 2018
Wreath 93	Rose Marie Trokan, Milwaukee, WI	90	May 7, 2018
Wreath 93	Carol Mayer, Milwaukee, WI	67	April 28, 2018
Wreath 93	Marlene M. Shebu, Milwaukee, WI	81	April 15, 2018
Wreath 155	Helen M. Lauriha, Reading , PA	86	April 7, 2018

**40th SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal
of the Slovak Catholic Federat**

For the past four decades, the Slovak Catholic Federation has hosted its SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal . Funds from this appeal support the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome as well as 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 was built by the American and Canadian Slovak communities and dedicated in 1963. It serves as a graduate house for Slovak priests pursuing degrees at the various Pontifical Roman universities who return to Slovakia and serve there as seminary teachers, tribunal officials and in other ministries. In addition, financial support is given to religious communities in Slovakia, including the Benedictines, the Friars Minor Franciscans as well as women's communities including the School Sisters of St. Francis, the Daughters of St. Francis, the Vincentian Sisters of Charity and the Byzantine Sisters of St. Basil the Great.



We are pleased that our own Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic of Sayre, Pa. serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation. He is a worthy successor of the SCF's founder, Rev. Joseph Murgas. From its inception, the appeal has had the wholehearted support of the members, local Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. In 2017, a total of 14 of our Sokol lodges or Groups contributed to the appeal in addition to that of the Board of Directors. We hope that these and many more will consider making a donation this year. Donations received on and after December 1, 2018 will be credited toward the 2019 appeal. Donations may be given in memory of a departed family member.

A total of \$36,553.39 was raised during the 39th annual appeal in 2017. Our 2018 appeal has raised about \$16,000 to date. Donations, which are tax-exempted, in any amount are deeply appreciated. The Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, national first vice president of the Slovak Catholic Federation and national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union serves as coordinator of this year's appeal.

Founded in 1911 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. by the Rev. Joseph Murgas, the Slovak Catholic Federation promotes and coordinates religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal, religious communities and individuals to address themselves to the pastoral needs of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry.



40TH ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS APPEAL

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

In Memory of _____

Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:
Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, Sacred Heart Church, 120 Jefferson St.,
Swedesburg, PA 19405

**NEW JERSEY-NEW YORK
FRATERNAL ALLIANCE
2018 YOUTH VOLUNTEER
AWARD APPLICATION**

Please print or type

Name: _____

Telephone: () _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Your Fraternal Benefit Society: _____

Civic (non-school) Activities*: _____

Fraternal Benefit Society Activities*: _____

* Information can be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.

RULES/REGULATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

1. Be a resident of NJ or NY who is a member of a Society within the NJ-NY Fraternal Alliance
2. Be between the age of 16 and 22 at the time of application
3. Obtain a recommendation letter from your Fraternal Benefit Society
4. Sign the Statement of Application below
5. Additional documentation may be submitted
6. Return the completed application and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than 9/3/18 to:

Richard Cecchi
NJNYFA

Youth Volunteer Award Committee
Workmen's Benefit Fund of the USA
399 Conklin Street – Suite 310
Farmingdale, NY 11735-2614

- \$500 award to the recipient
- \$500 given to the Recipient's Charity of choice, compliments of the Recreation Farm Society
- Judging will be done by the Youth Volunteer Award Committee of the NJNYFA
- Awards will be announced at the NJNYFA Annual Meeting, October 11, 2018.

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION

I understand that my selection for this award is based upon my answers to these questions; and further that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and that the decision of the NJNYFA is final. This application is completed with my knowledge and consent, and false information will void the award. The information that is provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant _____



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

July, 2018

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



If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 13th-August 26th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but Challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than **September 15th**. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

Notice that I have divided the groups based on reading ability....I did this as I anticipate the non-readers to achieve higher book totals as they may have books read to them on a more regular basis. The following is the breakdown of award levels.....Keep in mind that those that reach higher levels will receive better prizes.

Do me a favor and highlight your favorite books on the list!!! I love to share the titles with other children....Good luck and have fun reading!!!!

On-Readers

- Level 1 16 books
- Level 2 24 books
- Level 3 32 or more books

Early Readers (sounding out most words)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books

Intermediate Readers (40+ pages each)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 12 books
- Level 3 16 or more books

Advanced Readers (100+ pages each)

- Level 1 4 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books

Please send your Completed reading lists to:

Edward Moeller- 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org

I SPY NATURE!

Take photos of the following items with a camera or cell phone. See if you can find them all!

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something fuzzy | <input type="checkbox"/> Something tall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Something little |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something soft | <input type="checkbox"/> Something rough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something hairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Something smooth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something alive | <input type="checkbox"/> A feather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A chewed-on leaf | <input type="checkbox"/> A pinecone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two different types of leaves | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that makes noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something thin | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that has a smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something round | <input type="checkbox"/> Something bright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something long | <input type="checkbox"/> Something dark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A colorful rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Something beautiful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something green | <input type="checkbox"/> Something ugly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something yellow | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that you think is a treasure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two kinds of seeds | |

Did you find them all? What was your favorite picture that you took?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Karleigh Richnavsky 7/5
- Andrew John Michel 7/8
- Michael Phillips III 7/12
- Travis Watkins 7/18
- Edey Spangler 7/20
- Ruby Korenoski 7/22
- Andrew Peterson 7/28



Slovak Words-Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

summer = leto [le-toe]

holidays, vacation = prázdniny [praahz-nee-nee]

to go = ísť [east]

I am going on vacation. =

Idem na prázdniny. [Ee-dyem nah praahz-nee-nee]



Predstavenie knihy "Slovensko: Legenda lipy" v Linden, NJ



V nedeľu 10. júna Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko predstavilo slovenskej komunite v Linden, NJ knihu *Slovensko: Legenda lipy*. Predsedníčka Slovensko-amerického kultúrneho strediska Sabina Sabados privítala prítomných a predstavila Dr. Zuzanu Palovicovú a Dr. Gabrielu Bereghazyovú, autorky knihy zo Slovenska.

Prezentácia knihy *Slovensko: Legenda lipy* bola oslavou koreňov slovenskej kultúry a civilizácie. Niekoľkoročný výskum priviedol autorky knihy k odhaleniu nečakaných súvislostí. Starodávne mýty a historické fakty spriadli do unikátneho a precíteného príbehu lipy a Slovenska.

Kedysi dávno bola lipa posvätným totemom starobyľých Slovanov. Po príchode na Veľkú Moravu na túto tradíciu nadviazali Cyril a Metod, ktorí dnešnému Slovensku dali do daru miesto v kresťanskej Európe, ale i prvú slovanskú abecedu a možnosť zapísať sa do histórie svojou vlastnou rečou. Ako poznamenal kňaz Jozef Krajňak, bolo to práve pod lipami, kde Cyril a Metod obrátili na kresťanstvo mnohých Veľkomoravanov, aspoň podľa nejednej malby a reliéfu.

Autorky knihy potvrdili, že nové svätostánky skutočne vyrástli v najprv v posvätných

lipových hájoch Slovanov. Pri ďalších vysadili lipy, aby otvorili Veľkomoravanom srdcia a mysle dokorán. Dodnes mohutné lipy chránia kostoly a kaplnky po celej krajine. Každá jedna je spomienkou na dedičstvo sv. Cyrila a Metoda.

Posolstvo lipy však siaha ešte o čosi hlbšie. Lipa už od čias veľkomoravského úsvitu symbolizovala nežnosť, lásku, mier a starostlivosť, teda vlastnosti, ktorých nositeľkami sú ženy. V pohanskom svete Slovanov bola ich stelesnením lipa, v kresťanskom kráľovstve túto úlohu prebrala Panna Mária. Nie je náhodou, že práve na Slovensku má jej kult najviac uctievatelov.

Rovnako ako nie je náhoda, že mierumilovný slovenský národ si za svoj symbol zvolil srdcovitý lipový list stromu pokoja.

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko vďačne sponzorovalo návštevu autoriek knihy Zuzany a Gabriely v rámci svojej misie zblížiť slovenský a americkú komunitu. Na podujatí boli prítomní a pracovníci z Televízie Lux z New Yorku.

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KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Japonská spoločnosť MinebeaMitsumi, dodávateľ pre automobilky, otvorila svoj najväčší a najmodernejší európsky závod v Košiciach. Slovensko v roku 2016 dostalo prednosť pred európskymi konkurentmi, ale aj pred Áziou, kde pôvodne Minebea chcela podnik postaviť. Investor do dvoch rokov vytvorí najmenej 1 100 pracovných miest a keď bude spoločnosť úspešná, ich počet sa môže zvýšiť až na dvetisíc. Nepôjde len o montáž výrobkov, ale spoločnosť rozbehne na Slovensku aj výskum a vývoj. Pre región východného Slovenska je to jedna z najväčších investícií, ktorá prináša nielen jednoduchú prácu, ale aj priestor pre vysoko odborné profesie.

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Slovenská republika bola v roku 2017 najmenej žiadanou členskou krajinou EÚ podľa počtu záujemcov o udelenie azylu. Vyplýva z výročnej správy Európskeho podporného úradu pre azyl (EASO). Vlni žiadalo o medzinárodnú ochranu v Európe (EÚ + Island, Lichtenštajnsko, Nórsko a Švajčiarsko) celkovo 728 470 osôb. Slovensko v tabuľke EASO sa s počtom 160 žiadostí o azyl nachádza na poslednom mieste z členských krajín EÚ, čo azylový úrad v celoeurópskom meradle eviduje ako 0,0-percentnú účasť. Ide však desaťpercentný nárast žiadostí oproti roku 2016, keď SR zaznamenala len 145 žiadostí. Najviac žiadostí slovenským úradom predložili vlni občania Afganistanu a v prípade maloletých osôb bez sprievodu dospelých išlo hlavne o mladistvých z Vietnamu.

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SR môže získať od USA finančnú podporu na modernizáciu leteckých základní Sliach a Kuchyňa vo výške 46 miliónov USD. Cieľom European Deterrence Initiative (EDI) je podpora rozvoja obranných spôsobilostí predovšetkým v krajinách tzv. východného krídla Aliancie. Pomoc by mala byť zameraná konkrétne na úpravu letiskových plôch a zvýšenie kapacity skladov pohonných látok. Na to, aby Slovensko pomoc zo strany USA prijalo, je potrebné, aby plne korešpondovala s operačnými požiadavkami OS a vychádzala z konkrétnej zmluvy.

POZNAČTE SI DO KALENDÁRA

Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 23. septembra v Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, Windsor, NJ.

V Starej Ľubovni slávnostne otvorili Vojenskú expozíciu Michala Strenka

V piatok 1. júna otvorili pod hradom Ľubovňa Vojenskú expozíciu Michala Strenka, ktorú vybuďovala Nezisková organizácia Michala Strenka svojpomocne. Hrdina rusínskej národnosti bol jedným zo šiestich vojakov špecializovaného prepadového komanda, ktorí vztýčili americkú zástavu na japonskom ostrove Iwo Jima počas bojov druhej svetovej vojny. Svetoznáma snímka tejto udalosti z fotoaparátu Joea Rosenthala si vyslúžila aj Pulitzerovu cenu. Okrem toho poslúžila Felixovi de Weldonovi ako predloha pre súsošie Pamätníka americkej národnej pechoty známeho aj ako Pamätník Iwo Jima. Nájdeme na ňom aj meno Michael Strank. Tak rodáka z Jarabiny poznajú v Spojených štátoch.



Myšlienka vytvoriť Vojenskú expozíciu Michala Strenka zrela štyri roky. V dobe totality sa meno Michala Strenka nemohlo veľmi spomínať. „My sme sa o ňom dozvedeli až po roku 1990. Až keď sa otvorili hranice a naši ľudia cestovali do zahraničia, boli oboznámení s tým, že vo Washingtone je súsošie s Michalom Strenkom a že je veľkým hrdinom pre celé Spojené štáty. U nás potom bolo doplnené jeho meno na pamätníku v Parku mieru, ktorý je venovaný padlým hrdinom 2. svetovej vojny,“ povedala starostka Jarabiny Lívia Kovalčíková.

V roku 2007 bola na Strenkovom rodnom dome odhalená pamätná tabuľa a v kultúrnom dome obec vystavuje obrazy Michala Strenka aj potvrdenie o jeho čestnom občianstve USA.

Michal Strenk sa narodil 10. novembra 1919 v rusínskej rodine v Jarabine. V časoch vysťahovalectva z obce odišla aj rodina Strenkovcov so šesťročným Michalom. Usadili sa v Johnstown, PA. Mi-



Socha Michala Strenka v nadživotnej veľkosti vo Vojenskej expozícii Michala Strenka.

chal po skončení školy, ktorú absolvoval už pod americkým menom Michael Strank, začal pracovať ako robotník na stavbe ciest.

Po vypuknutí 2. svetovej vojny vstúpil 6. októbra 1939 dobrovoľne k americkej námornej pechote. V roku 1943 mu za účasť v bojoch udelili vyznamenanie Purpurové srdce (Purple Heart). V hodnosti seržanta bol v roku 1944 nasadený do bojov o ostrov Iwo Jima. 23. februára 1945 bol jedným z vojakov, ktorí vztýčili víťaznú zástavu na vrchole vyhasnutej sopky Mount Suribachi.

Žiaľ, jediný z piatich vojakov vztýčujúcich zástavu sa definitívneho dobytia ostrova Iwo Jima nedožil. Seržant Michal Strenk padol 1. marca 1945 vo veku 26 rokov, keď si do piesku zaznamenával náčrt ďalšej pripravovanej bojovej akcie. Pochovali ho priamo na ostrove. Začiatkom roka 1949 jeho telesné pozostatky spolu s ostatnými padlými vojakmi previezli a s vojenskými poctami uložili na Arlingtónskom národnom cintoríne vo Washingtone.

Slovenská ekonomika v tomto roku vzrastie o 4,1 percenta

Slovenská ekonomika v tomto roku vzrastie o 4,1 percenta. Nominálne mzdy budú rásť najrýchlejšie od krízy a potiahnu infláciu. Na trhu práce pribudne 40-tisíc pracovných miest. Vo svojej aktuálnej makroekonomickej prognóze to predpokladá Inštitút finančnej politiky (IFP) Ministerstva financií (MF).

K spotrebe domácnosti sa podľa ministerských analytikov tento rok ako zdroj rastu pridajú export a najmä investície.

Vývoz bude v priebehu roka ťažiť z produkcie nových SUV modelov vo Volkswagene (VW), nábeh výroby v Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) ku koncu roka ovplyvní zatiaľ tohtoročné čísla iba minimálne.

„Budúci rok dosiahne výkon ekonomiky 4,5 percenta. Spotreba domácností si udrží dynamiku nad 3 percentá. Export ovplyvní nábeh produkcie v JLR, ale aj pokračujúci nárast výroby vo VW,“ avizuje IFP.

Tvorba investícií mierne spomalí z dôvodu dokončenia nových kapacít v automobilkách, najväčším prispievateľom k rastu hrubého domáceho produktu (HDP) tak bude čistý export.

V rokoch 2020 a 2021 následne rast slovenskej ekonomiky zvoľní na 3,9 percenta a 3,3 percenta, očakáva inštitút.

V roku 2018 pribudne v ekonomike SR podľa prognózy vyše 40.000 pracovných miest, čo zvýši zamestnanosť o 1,7 percenta.

Rast potiahnu služby a priemysel, kde vznikne spolu takmer 30.000 nových pracovných miest. Oživenie sa očakáva aj v stavebníctve.

Miera nezamestnanosti by sa mala v tomto roku znížiť na 6,9 %, na konci prognózovaného horizontu na úroveň 5,6 percenta.

Rast priemernej nominálnej mzdy na Slovensku v tomto roku zrýchli až na 5,8 percenta. Zrýchlenie má byť výrazné vo všetkých sektoroch, najviac však v priemysle a verejnej správe.

V prognóze tiež predpokladá, že ceny na Slovensku v tomto roku stúpnu o 2,5 percenta. „K zrýchleniu dopytovej inflácie ťahanej rastom miezd sa pridá aj vyšší rast cien potravín, ktorý by mal pretrvávajúť aj vo zvyšku tohto roka,“ vysvetlili analytici.

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