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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

The Board of Directors held their 3rd Quarter meeting September 28 -29, 2018 at the Airport Marriott in Cleveland, Ohio, the site of the Slovak Catholic Sokol 33rd Convention. The normal agenda of business was conducted; review of the financial position of the Organization, hear from our investment and financial advisor, PNC Bank, go over the sales and marketing report, briefed on the semi-annual audit review, updated on legal and mortgages issues, hear from the Physical Fitness Board and discuss unfinished business and new business.



The Board of Directors had meaningful discussion on all of the agenda items and reports with no issues or major concerns. The only item that we all have to try and correct is the decline in membership. This is something that has to be watched over the next several months since we are losing more members from deaths and surrenders, something that we cannot control, than from new issues. Even with the decline in membership the sales goals on premium income and face values are on target for 2018.

On Saturday, September 29, 2018 the 2020 Committee held its meeting at the Airport Marriott to continue the work it is doing on the governance and Board structure of the Society. In the first session the Committee reviewed the work it has compiled over the last six (6) months. Each Committee member went over the Slovak Catholic Sokol office they were assigned to review and give their analysis on how it compares with the same office of the other fraternal.

In the second session the 2020 Committee met with each Board of Director individually to obtain from them what they thought of the position, its importance, duties known and unknown, what hampers the office and what will improve the function of the office. After all the Board of Directors were interviewed a joint session was held with the members of the 2020 Committee and the Board of Directors to go over the finding to make sure all was correct and to see if any changes needed to be made. The 2020 Committee's final report will be presented at the 4th Quarterly Board of Di-

rectors meeting in December 2018.

On September 5-6, 2018, Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I attended the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. This was the AFA's last Annual meeting since it is changing its operations and meeting style. They will now have a presence in Washington, D.C. which will be more in tuned with legislative issues that affect the existence of fraternal societies. At a session on Board diversity, I heard presenters say Boards should be diverse and made up with many different members. This I agree with, a Board should represent a Society's membership, from gender, geographical footprint, to Board qualifications and experiences. The one important issue that also presented itself is one diversification plan does not fit all societies. Each Society is different and needs a plan of diversity that works for them.

The other message that came from the meeting is, Fraternal where created to do activities to help its members and communities. This is how fraternal societies are measured and is what separates us from the commercial insurance companies. Slovak Catholic Sokol Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups need to tell their stories to the Home Office on what activities they are doing so they can publish them in the Falcon and documented. These activities then can be reported in the annual reports to the various state insurance departments which then will show the number of activities, members involved, the hours volunteered, and charitable organizations served in our communities. Help us show how great the Slovak Catholic Sokol is and uncover our shining fraternal light.

With the upcoming Halloween events and parties being sponsored by Assembly, Wreaths and Groups, I ask all to send in pictures of our ghoulish members and an article about the scary night.

As you have read in the Falcon we have a new membership initiative, the WIN-WIN Lead Campaign. I hope all members will get involved in this Campaign which will help the Society reverse its declining membership problem. If you have any questions regarding the Campaign, contact our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. or Director of Sales and Marketing Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C.

With God's Blessings to All! Zdar Boh!

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***AWARENESS IS KEY**by **Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the Fall season. We have been experiencing some warmer than usual temperatures here in New Jersey, which is nothing to complain about!



But I do look forward to the changing colors and the slightly cooler weather. This past month of September was of course Life Insurance Awareness Month which gave people the opportunity

to examine their current and future insurance needs. As we move into October, the month brings awareness to another important condition that effects so many people and many of our very own members.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early enough. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of detecting breast cancer early.

There are many walks, runs, and activities around the country during this month to promote the awareness of this disease. There are also many charities associated with breast cancer that are looking for a donation of your time or financial assistance. I would like to urge all our members to get involved as we all know someone either in our family or circle of friends that has been affected by this disease. As a strong fraternal that has a membership that dedicates our time to helping others, I know the Slovak Catholic Sokol is up for the task!

I recently had the pleasure of joining my fellow Board members at our 3rd

Quarter Board of Directors' Meeting on September 28th in Cleveland, OH at the Cleveland Airport Marriott, the very site of our 33rd Quadrennial Convention. As usual, the Board was updated on our progress to date and many ideas were shared throughout this engaging meeting. You will be able to read the minutes of the meeting in a future edition of the Falcon. We were also fortunate to meet with the 2020 Committee on Saturday, September 29th to discuss the progress and direction of the Committee as we approach the 2019 Convention. The Committee has done a wonderful job over the past three years in compiling data that will assist in their final recommendations. I would like to thank all who attended as we strive to make the Slovak Catholic Sokol the best it possibly can be!

Finally, I would like to ask all of our members to examine how much life insurance you currently have. If you do not know, please contact the Home Office and we will be glad to help you. Unfortunately, a large portion of our membership are under insured, leaving them one accident or terminal illness away from a financial catastrophe for their loved ones. What if you were suddenly gone? Would your family have enough financial stability to survive? If you believe that answer to be no or are unsure, please contact our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr, F.I.C. at (412) 381-5431 or call the Home Office at 800-886-7656, and we would be glad to answer your questions. If you believe that your insurance needs are covered, but you know a family member or friend that may need assistance, please go to our website and fill out a referral card. In doing so, this will not only help you and the client, but also your local Assembly or Wreath. For more information on our WIN WIN Program, please visit www.slovakcatholicolsokol.org. Always remember, life insurance is for the living.

Until next time, have a great October and enjoy the Fall season! Zdar Boh!

Lodge Jottings**WHITEHALL, PA
Assembly 255**

The annual meeting of our lodge under the spiritual guidance of St. Michael the Archangel is set for Sunday, Nov. 11 in the social hall of Holy Trinity Church, located at 4456 Main Street in Whitehall/Egypt, Pa. Our meeting begins at 1 p.m. and all members are invited to join us. Reports of the officers will be presented and plans for our various fraternal activities in the new year will be discussed. Election of officers for the new year will take place. We look forward to seeing many new faces at our meeting. Following our business meeting, as has been our long-standing tradition, we will join the members of Branch 796 of the Jednota for a traditional luncheon featuring Slovak culinary specialties. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. We pray that Jesus and Our Lady will continue to keep our organization in their hands.

Wishing all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday along with warm fraternal wishes to our Brother and Sister Sokols and Sokolky throughout the country, may I remain
Zdar Boh!

Gerald Fabian, President

**Ivan Korcok is new Slovak
Ambassador to the U.S.**

Effective September 1, 2018, Ivan Korcok has been appointed Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States. He replaces



Peter Kmec whose term has expired. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Korcok served as the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. He served as Slovak Ambassador to Germany (

2005-2009) and also held several positions representing the Slovak Republic at the European Union and NATO. Ambassador Korcok is a native of Banska Bystrica in central Slovakia. He is married and has two sons.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 14

In keeping with our monthly publishing schedule of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, the next issue will be that of Wednesday, November 14. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Monday, November 5.

SOKOL CALENDAR



SUN.OCT.21

■ Group 9, "SS. Cyril and Methodius" annual meeting at the Homestead Inn, Elton, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m.

NOV.2-3

■ 94th annual meeting of the New England Fraternal Alliance at the Luso-American Financial East Coast Office, 128 Union St., New Bedford, Mass.

SAT.NOV.3

■ Annual benefit Spaghetti Luncheon 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.

SUN.NOV.4

■ 28th annual Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh, hosted by Slovak Studies Program and the Pitt Students Slovak Club, in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pa. 1 to 5 p.m., displays, lectures, entertainment and traditional Slovak cuisine; free admission and free parking.

■ David Podles, concert violinist will perform a "Musical Journal Through Eastern Europe" at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 16 East Somerset St., Raritan, N.J. beginning at 1 p.m., free admission however advance registration needed by e-mailing iamitrani@verizon.net or call Irene at 908 526-3514.

MON.NOV.5

■ Assembly 16 General Meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 7 p.m. Please attend for an important discussion regarding the future of our building.

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

MON.NOV.12

■ Wreath 111 meeting and social "Let's Give Thanks" at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

FRI.NOV.16

■ Annual Czech & Slovak Freedom Lec-

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Group Annual Meetings

GROUP 1

"MSGR. STEPHEN J. KRASULA"

Our annual meeting is set for Sunday, November 18 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 218 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, N.J. Our program begins with attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Slovak Mass which will be celebrated by our chaplain, the Rev. Richard D. Baker. Following the liturgy, the annual meeting will be called to order in the church hall. Hosting this year's meeting will be Assembly 1 and Wreath 2 of Passaic. We hope to have all Group 1 lodges represented at this important meeting. Reservations should be made with the secretary at tel. 1 800 886-7656. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 12. Plans for our activities for the new year will be finalized. Zdar Boh!

John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., *President*
Daniel F. Tanzone, *Secretary*

GROUP 7

"REV. JOSEPH MURGAS"

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Friday evening, November 2 at the North End Slovak Citizens Club, 635 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. beginning at 6:30 p.m. All Group 7 officers as well as representatives of local Assemblies and Wreaths are encouraged to attend. Dinner and refreshments will be served following the business meeting. In order to make the necessary preparations, those planning to attend are asked to call Amy Blasco at tel. 570 574-0136. Zdar Boh!

Amy Blasco, *President*

GROUP 10

"REV. FRANCIS SASINEK"

The annual meeting is set for Sunday, November 18 in the social hall of St. John Fisher Church, located at 1229 3rd Street in Catasauqua, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to have all lodges in Group 10 represented at this important meeting. Zdar Boh!

Susan Knoblauch, *Secretary*

GROUP 17

"REV. FRANCIS SKUTIL"

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 4. We begin our program by attending the 11 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Matthias Church located at 915 Cornell St., South Side, Youngstown, Oh. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 17

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET IN CLEVELAND



Members of the Board of Directors met for their third-quarter 2018 meeting at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, September 28-29. Directors are shown above, and include front row, from the left: Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins, General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation and Supreme President Michael J. Horvath. Rear from the left, Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon, Supreme Treasurer Dennis J. Zifcak, Supreme Vice President Edward D. Moeller, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F.

Group 17 Golf Outing at Bedford Trails Coitsville, OH – September 30th



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

OCTOBER, RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Catholic Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong. In April 2018 Pope Francis wrote: “Our defense of the innocent unborn-needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.”



The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false “either/or” mentality, pitting mother against child. For example, a baby conceived in rape is not an aggressor deserving death by abortion. She is innocent, like her mother. They both deserve compassionate care and support, not more violence. Abortion doesn’t bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby.

Today, many babies diagnosed are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, “many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing.”

Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother’s life at risk—for example, because of a tubal pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer. It is morally licit to remove the threat to the mother’s life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery. But abortion—a direct and intentional taking of a child’s life—is never morally permissible.

Pray daily for the end of abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

S.C.S MUSEUM DONATIONS FOR JULY -- SEPTEMBER 2018

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations received during July through September 2018 earmarked for our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, NJ. The monies received from these donations fund our annual \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships, which assist our young people in their educational endeavors. The number of these scholarship grants is dependent upon the amount of donations received.

DONATION RECEIVED

In Memory of
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Total donations: \$50

Thank you for your generosity,
Dennis J Zifcak, Supreme Treasurer

Our General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr. Honored by the Diocese of Paterson with the Vivere Christus Est Award

Our General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr. was honored by the Diocese of Paterson with the Vivere Christus Est Award at ceremonies held on Sunday, September 9 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, N.J. The Vivere Christus Est Medal, a name taken from the Latin phrase "To live is Christ," as found in St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians(1:21). This special award acknowledges on the diocesan level the value and importance of the laity and to express gratitude and appreciation of those who unselfishly give of themselves for the building of God's king-

dom. The Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, D.D., SS.L. presided at the awards ceremony in which individuals from each of the parishes of the diocese were honored. Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr. received the award on behalf of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J. Bishop Serratelli presented each of the recipients with the medal. He noted that the honorees were called "manifestations of God's compassion and love to their communities and the world." The cathedral was filled to capacity with family, friends, priests and well-wishers.

In his opening remarks, Bishop Ser-



Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr. is shown with the Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson who presented him with the 2018 Vivere Christus Est Medal.



Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr. is shown on the above photo with from the left, his mom, Phyllis, the Rev. John T. Connolly, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J. and his dad, our Honorary Supreme Officer, Attorney John D. Pogorelec.



Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr., above fourth from the right, is shown with his pastor, Father John T. Connolly as well as members of his family, including l-r, his sister, Pamela Hess, his mom, Phyllis, his dad, Attorney John D. Pogorelec, and nieces, Ashley, Rebecca and Brooke Hess at the awards presentation in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on September 9.

ratelli said... "Coming from all three counties of our Diocese, we gather in our Mother Church today as the Church of Paterson. We come to thank almighty God for the many gifts that he has poured out on us through the faithful of our Diocese - to all of you, who work so hard to build up the kingdom of God. Our hearts are filled with joy and we come to thank God for blessing us in so many ways through your lives."

Members of the Pogorelec family, along with friends and fellow Sokols and parishioners of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish were present at the impressive rites. Attorney Pogorelec was born and raised in the Clifton Slovak parish and has been active in its ministry all his life. The Pogorelec family has been active in the Clifton parish for generations. His dad, Attorney John D. Pogorelec served as our organization's General Counsel for 35 years and is currently our Honorary Supreme Officer. His uncle, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. served as our Supreme Secretary and CEO of our organization for many years as well and is also an Honorary Supreme Officer.

Attorney Pogorelec was elected as our organization's General Counsel at the 32nd Quadrennial Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 2015. In addition to serving as our organization's General Counsel, Attorney Pogorelec serves as president of Group 1 as well as Assembly 162 which has been

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Be a Part of the Fraternal Season Ahead

The changing of the seasons is upon us once again. Who doesn't like to go out for a walk on a crisp fall day and see that the leaves are showing their autumn colors? The smell of wood stoves and fire pits burning? And although I know that raking those leaves is one of the worst jobs for a lot of us, who hasn't wanted to jump into that huge pile like they did when they were young? But as the season changes, we should remember that this is a reminder of things to do and things to be done.

I hope that everyone has been noticing, like I have, that the Group Annual Meeting notices have begun to pop up in the calendar of events. Now is a great time to contact your group president to see if you're on the list marking you as a delegate for your meeting. If you're not, inquire about how to become one. Many of the groups are in dire need of members that are willing to attend these meetings and take part in the leadership of their groups. Even if you think you're not ready to assume the challenge of a group office, just by being present and having a voice in the deliberations of your group is a huge responsibility. And if you're one of the lucky ones that does decide that a group office is your calling, please be ready to take on one of the important aspects of Sokol life. For myself, holding a group office was extremely rewarding and has led to being a more involved member of the Sokol family.

Looking back, fall was the beginning of registrations for everything Sokol related in my group. You started attending drill classes and preparing for the Slet. I'd like to address the past Clinic participants here, the Directors, Directresses and their Assistants and offer a few tips that you might find helpful. Make your classes FUN. While the majority of your time should be devoted to teaching the drills, incorporate some other activities to keep your kids interested. Break out the basketball and play a few games. Toss a football around between sessions. Kick a soccer ball around. Watch the videos from past Slets or the Clinic so your newest members get an idea of what really goes on. Whether you hold once a week practices or once a month mini-clinics, give the kids time to be kids. The hardest part of keeping and retaining interest is not making this all about the drills but making friends and having FUN. The most important time is now to lay the foundation for friendships between the kids and you. Talk to them, get to know them and get a feeling of their interests. This will not only help you get a sense of your group, but now you'll know what they might need to become a better team. Of course, as we draw nearer to the actual Slet, the times spent with your team should and will become more drill intensive. Here is where the groundwork you did in the fall becomes key. And I'd also like to remind you that the parents of your children are a huge part of everything. Coordinating practice times, holding fund raisers and alleviating a parents' concern will be another area that you need to become accustomed to. For the Slet veterans out there, this is something that I know you've become used to. But for the newer Directors and Directresses, you can easily remedy this with an open line of communication between the parents and yourselves. Make time each practice to talk to any parents who has a question; maybe even holding a parents-only meeting to address them as a group and talk about what it takes to prepare a team for competition. With your children having so many other commitments to other sports and activities, the parents will be a resource that you can rely on to help set scheduling and make sure that attendance is at its best.

Coming up with ideas for articles like this is not something easy for me to do. I know I can rely on my past experiences and write about them but I've come to the realization that I can always ask for help from the rest of the Fitness Board. One suggestion comes

Fraternal Leaders Gather in Minneapolis



Representatives of fraternal benefit societies in the United States and Canada gathered in Minneapolis, Minn. to participate in the 132nd Annual Meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA), formerly known as the National Fraternal Congress of America, Sept. 5-7. The AFA is an association of fraternal benefit societies organized to promote the general welfare of the fraternal benefit system. Our Sokol representatives are shown above with fellow-fraternal leaders including, l-r, Mary Joe Savidge and Theresa A. Kluchinski, secretary-treasurer and president respectively of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, John C. Andrzejewski, III, CFO/secretary of the Polish National Union of America and our organization's representatives, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and Supreme President Michael J. Horvath.

from Kathy Watkins. She asked me to make sure that if you need access to the drilling videos, to contact her and she'll provide a link to the videos. Also, she asked that if you're a member of an inactive group and if you're interested in attending the Slet to contact her. Her email address is kathyw323@gmail.com. Another suggestion comes from Julie Laurie. She'll be contacting local hotels soon around the Brockport area to begin booking blocks of rooms for the Slet. She'll have more news on that and will be posting the information in future Sokol newspapers. And just a reminder that the Slet is scheduled for July 17-21 of 2019 at SUNY Brockport in New York.

And last, a small update to my previous article which mentioned doing acts of random kindness. I didn't get many responses but I'd like to acknowledge the two that I did. Lisa Hoeck told me about Rina who is a great help at home with her little sister, at school with her classmates and quite the scarf knitter; Julianna, who likes to brighten other's days with special notes, does chores for her neighbors and helps make breakfast; and Carissa who is a big help at school with classmates, cheers up sick relatives with coloring pictures for them takes the time to phone her grandparents to talk. All three of these young ladies should be proud of themselves. Finally, a last tip of my hat to Suzie Zeman who always finds time to leave notes or cards for loved ones to brighten their day or as she says, "the little things" to remind them she's thinking of them.

That's all from me for now. I hope that you enjoy your fall and the upcoming holiday season with your loved ones. And don't forget to keep doing those random acts of kindness. You never know how you can affect someone's day or life.

Zdar Boh!

Marty Degnan

Member of Supreme Physical Fitness Board

My Mom: Martha Parry

By Richard Parry

On July 28, 2018, my mom, Martha Sipka Parry turned 100 years old. She was the former president of St. Mary's Branch 2 of the F.C.S.L.A. and a longtime Sokol member of Assembly 219 in Yonkers, NY. Other members of the branch are grandsons Clifford and Matthew Ainsworth, niece Sue Gagner, and me, her son Richard Parry.

The 100th birthday celebration was well attended by friends and family from all over the US as well as maternal and paternal family members from Bratislava and Veselé Slovakia.

Mom's mother, Suzanna Nemeč, came to America in 1912 from Šaštín, Slovakia. Mom was delivered at home by a midwife in Newark, NJ. She was a first generation born American, the oldest of three children.

Suzanna was unable to support three children, so my mother entered a foster home at the age of 5. It was not uncommon for my mother to be treated badly including corporal punishment which was a prevalent practice in foster homes at the time.

Mom was raised in a Slovak neighborhood in Newark, NJ and spoke only Slovak. It wasn't until she was in a foster home that she was exposed to English.

My mother married in 1941. Dad joined the Navy during WWII and mom worked in a factory riveting military planes, she was "Rosie the Riveter".

My sisters and I lived in the Bronx and attended Catholic schools. We all made it through school and have mom to thank.

Mom worked for NYC in various administrative positions. She would routinely take civil service exams to advance in her career.

It was not until my sisters and I left



home that my mother was able to pursue her dream of a college degree. For 5 years she worked during the day and attended school at night. At the age of 60 she received a BS degree from SUNY.

In 1984 mom retired. She travelled several times to Slovakia to bond the family and keep the family relationship alive. She also entered several Senior Olympic events and has medals to prove it.

Mom lost her husband in 1991, her daughter Lonnie in 2002 and her other daughter Joanne in 2013.

In 2013 mom moved to San Diego where we both live today. She has lived through the Great Depression, the loss of a mother, a father, a husband, two sisters, two daughters, and yet she overcame these tragedies. She is a friend to all that meet her. She smiles and laughs and few would believe the many bumps in the road she travelled; I'm proud to call her my mom.

multiple meetings was to gain consensus regarding:

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

The committee members each led discussion regarding their assigned role proposal. There was specific intent to strengthen job requirements in order to add a layer of governance protection. General discussion regarding job descriptions resulted in a proposal to ask the Board of Directors to review their own role job description for recommendation to our committee at the September Quarter 3 BOD meeting. 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 will be shared with the Board of Directors for their feedback as was part of the new motion recommendation and expectation of our committee.

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. At this meeting, the SKS2020 committee will have opportunity to individually interview current board members seeking their input. Our timeline continues to be on track for a final proposal to the BOD at their annual meeting in December of 2018.

Supreme President Michael Horvath asked this committee to consider opportunity to strengthen our board through diversity. The committee was asked to bring thoughts to the Board of Directors meeting for further discussion.

Brother Michael also suggested that he would be interested in discussion regarding the development of a standing "governance" committee whose responsibility would be to assess, review and advise the board at some defined interval between conventions. More to come on this topic.

Sister Dobbs thanked everyone for their participation and preparation. Brother Michael offered a closing prayer as conclusion to the three meeting process.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dobbs

Chairperson - SKS 2020 Committee

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

SKS 2020 Committee Meeting

August 15/23 and September 19, 2018 – Conference Call(s)

The SKS2020 Committee met on several occasions via conference call in preparation for presenting our draft proposals to the Board of Directors at their September meeting. On each occasion, the meeting began with an opening prayer led by Sister Dobbs, following the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were in attendance for each of the calls.

An open discussion was led by Sister Dobbs concerning feedback or communication regarding the work of our committee. General comments were shared.

It was decided to create a set of talking points to share with our Group Presidents for their upcoming Group meetings. Sister Dobbs will draft this document and share with the committee for input.

The next agenda item was review and approval of the SKS 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2018. Suhas.

In preparation for this meeting, Sister Dobbs shared the committee member recommendations for each proposed Board of Director role. The expectation for the

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

"A" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Watkins	Gary	76	8	68	80	8	72	140	156
Baytosh, DDS	Joseph	79	7	72	80	7	73	145	159
Pogorelec	Scott	80	8	72	82	8	74	146	162
Iskra, Sr.	Dave	77	5	72	79	5	74	146	156
Macurak	Adam	81	9	72	86	9	77	149	167
Vladika	Gregory	86	9	77	81	9	72	149	167
Hornacek	Scott	89	12	77	87	12	75	152	176
Underation	John	81	9	72	91	9	82	154	172
Goss	Wane	89	10	79	87	10	77	156	176
Iskra, Sr	Tom	84	8	76	91	8	83	159	175
10 Golfers									

"B" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Petrus	Thomas	93	20	73	78	20	58	131	171
Burfield	Joe	81	14	67	84	14	70	137	165
Dorich	Dusan	91	16	75	83	16	67	142	174
Iskra, Jr.	Dave	85	15	70	87	15	72	142	172
Macurak	Nick	85	17	68	91	17	74	142	176
Rasimas	Tony	93	15	78	82	15	67	145	175
Burfield	Ryan	94	15	79	83	15	68	147	177
Karaffa	Michael	88	13	75	85	13	72	147	173
Bajus	Eddie	84	13	71	90	13	77	148	174
Oravetz	Zach	85	13	72	89	13	76	148	174
Macko	Robert	90	14	76	89	14	75	151	179
Hlebobvy	Ken	89	14	75	91	14	77	152	180
Simon	Kenny	97	19	78	94	19	75	153	191
Kramer	Glenn	91	19	72	102	19	83	155	193
Macko	Donald	97	20	77	98	20	78	155	195
Juba	George	93	15	78	95	15	80	158	188
Underation	Marty	93	17	76	105	17	88	164	198
Burfield	Matt	109	17	92	90	17	73	165	199
Papcun	Paul	96	14	82	97	14	83	165	193
Dziuba	Chet	98	17	81	103	17	86	167	201
Niskach	John	101	15	86	109	15	94	180	210
21 Golfers									

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Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Members,

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is busy preparing for the upcoming International Slet at SUNY Brockport in July 2019. We would like to encourage our non-active Slet groups to become active again at the Slet. If you are part of a group that has not attended a Slet in the past several years and would like more information on how you, your children, or grandchildren can be a part of this amazing experience, please contact Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen Watkins at kathyw323@gmail.com or at 412-225-8233 for more information.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Zdar Boh!

**The Supreme Physical
Fitness Board**

**John D. Pogorelec, Jr. Honored
by the Diocese of Paterson**

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active in the Clifton Slovak parish for more than a century.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to our General Counsel on this well-deserved honor. He is an outstanding Catholic gentleman who beautifully mirrors our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Congratulations Brother John and Zdar Boh!



Our honoree is shown with the Rev. Richard D. Bay, pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Green Pond, N.J. and chaplain of Assembly 162 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

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"C" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Pontoriero	Jake	96	26	70	96	26	70	140	192
Shedlock	Corey	89	22	67	95	22	73	140	184
Moeller	Benjamin	96	22	74	92	22	70	144	188
Recker	Jeff	98	26	72	98	26	72	144	196
Macko	Jay	100	23	77	92	23	69	146	192
Macurak	Robert	94	21	73	94	21	73	146	188
Matlon	Kevin	106	29	77	100	29	71	148	206
Kapitan	Mike	99	23	76	96	23	73	149	195
Fareri	Jason	99	23	76	99	23	76	152	198
Papcun	Donald	104	22	82	93	22	71	153	197
Coley	Kenny	100	30	70	114	30	84	154	214
Pogorelec	Steven	93	21	72	103	21	82	154	196
Dawson	Dan	102	24	78	102	24	78	156	204
Phillips	Brian	101	23	78	102	23	79	157	203
Loehle	Derek	109	25	84	100	25	75	159	209
Wakmumski	Kevin	97	21	76	104	21	83	159	201
Francis	Justin	103	23	80	103	23	80	160	206
Macurak	Donald	104	22	82	104	22	82	164	208
Sadowyj	Jesse	105	25	80	111	25	86	166	216
Papcun	Steve	113	22	91	101	22	79	170	214
Shedlock	Robert	106	21	85	107	21	86	171	213
Muldoon III	Tom	118	26	92	111	26	85	177	229
Tutko	John	117	33	84	126	33	93	177	243
23 Golfers									

"CALLAWAY" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Hornacek	Brian E	88	15	73	88	15	73	146	176
Iskra, Jr.	Tom	95	24	71	104	27	77	148	199
Weber	Joseph	88	15	73	89	14	75	148	177
Lipski	Frank	98	23	75	90	16	74	149	188
Moeller	Edward	114	40	74	108	32	76	150	222
Weber	Thomas	76	4	72	87	9	78	150	163
Gregg	Ryan	94	20	74	106	28	78	152	200
Oravetz	Rich	97	20	77	93	18	75	152	190
Selip	Devin	98	23	75	105	28	77	152	203
Cunningham	Kenny	94	18	76	91	14	77	153	185
Macko	Paul	101	25	76	108	31	77	153	209
Moeller, Jr.	Cliff	91	16	75	102	24	78	153	193
Terpak	Nick	101	23	78	103	28	75	153	204
Smith	John	104	25	79	94	19	75	154	198
Hornacek	James D.	96	18	78	101	24	77	155	197
Keagy	Nathan	117	38	79	123	40	83	162	240
Latshaw	Robert	117	36	81	121	40	81	162	238
Toth	Joseph	123	40	83	112	33	79	162	235
Francis	Jeremy	123	40	83	123	40	83	166	246
Francis	Cliff	127	40	87	123	40	83	170	250
Brennan	Shawn	114	36	78	108	14	94	172	222
Rold	Chris	125	40	85	0	0	0	DNF	DNF
22 Golfers									

Group Annual Meetings

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by the pastor, the Rev. John M. Jerek. Following the Mass, we will assemble in the church rectory, located next to the church where we will enjoy coffee and donuts. Our meeting will follow. All officers are reminded to submit their WRITTEN REPORT of their activities since our last annual meeting. We look forward to seeing all our Wreaths and Assemblies represented at this important meeting and hope to see some new faces. Reservations should be made with our Secretary Carol Gonda at tel. 330 783-0173 no later than November 1st. Zdar Boh!

James G. Jerek, President
Carol Gonda, Secretary

GROUP 18 "REV. JOSEPH MARTINEK"

This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 28 at the American Legion Hall located at 3 West Ridge Street in Lansford, Pa. beginning at 12 noon. Following our business meeting, a delicious luncheon will be enjoyed. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 14. The cost for non-members is \$12.00. For reservations call Len Benek at tel. 570 645-4013 or John Benek at 484 707-6676. We hope to have representation from all our lodges at this important meeting. Plans for the new year will be finalized. The Assembly 188 meeting will follow immediately.

Zdar Boh!
Len Benek, President

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!

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"WOMEN" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Etter	Gail	110	35	75	105	31	74	149	215
Savikas	Mary Ruth	122	48	74	123	47	76	150	245
Goss	Mary Jo	93	18	75	98	22	76	151	191
Palchanis	Terri	105	31	74	101	24	77	151	206
Crouthamel	Nancy	126	50	76	119	43	76	152	245
Gedman	Carla	115	39	76	109	33	76	152	224
Smith	Loretta	107	32	75	112	35	77	152	219
Karaffa	Jean	97	21	76	125	48	77	153	222
Macko	Carol	115	39	76	104	27	77	153	219
Palchanis	Kelly	123	48	75	125	47	78	153	248
Fenati	Marilyn	111	34	77	109	32	77	154	220
Skorupka	Stephanie	99	20	79	101	25	76	155	200
Starr	Mary Margaret	93	16	77	108	30	78	155	201
Babik	Judy	127	50	77	138	50	88	165	265
Harak	Kathleen	144	50	94	137	50	87	181	281
15 Golfers									
9 Holes	4 Golfers								
Underation	Kelly								
Watkins	Kathy								
Babik	Edith								
Kropolinsky	Nancy								

"SENIOR" FLIGHT SUMMARY

West Middlesex, PA		Oak Tree			Tam-0-Shanter			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Pogorelec, Sr.	Steven	76	14	62	83	14	69	131	159
Suess, Jr	Albert	79	12	67	80	12	68	135	159
Hritz	Robert	77	11	66	82	11	71	137	159
Bart	James	93	22	71	90	22	68	139	183
Skorupka	Stephen	95	25	70	95	25	70	140	190
Trbovich	Theodore	89	22	67	95	22	73	140	184
Koval	Steve	88	23	65	100	23	77	142	188
Petrus	Michael	91	21	70	98	21	77	147	189
Ribarchak	Donald	98	23	75	98	23	75	150	196
Baker	Ed	93	18	75	94	18	76	151	187
Koval	Donald	99	20	79	95	20	75	154	194
Pompiano	Frank	109	31	78	107	31	76	154	216
Palchanis	Bob	101	24	77	103	24	79	156	204
Muldoon, Jr.	Tom	92	16	76	97	16	81	157	189
Hudzik	James	106	30	76	112	30	82	158	218
Waksmunski	Francis	112	33	79	112	33	79	158	224
Checton	Clarence	105	28	77	110	28	82	159	215
Savikas	Edward	91	15	76	98	15	83	159	189
Shedlock	Keith	94	18	76	103	18	85	161	197
Hornacek	John S	95	16	79	100	16	84	163	195
Harak	Robert	109	26	83	109	26	83	166	218
Gmiter	Thomas	106	25	81	111	25	86	167	217
Onderko	John	108	31	77	126	31	95	172	234
Genet	Joseph								
24 Golfers									

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ture hosted by Friends of Slovakia featuring former Slovak Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. for details: www.friends-of-slovakia.org.

FRI.NOV.23

■ Group 7 3rd Annual Reunion at the North End Slovak Citizens Club, 635 N Main St. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. from 7-10 p.m.

SUN.DEC. 2

■ Traditional SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER "VILIIJA" at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Advance ticket sales only. Reservations: Pam, tel. 440 245-5146.

■ Semi-annual meeting of Assembly 163 and children's Christmas party at Dorothy's Place, Donora, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m.

■ Traditional St. Nicholas Day party - Mikulasova zabava at St. John Nepomucene Parish, corner 66th Street and First Avenue, New York, N.Y., Slovak Mass at 10:15 a.m. program and festivities to follow in the parish social hall.

■ Christmas Eve dinner - Vilija hosted by the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 5:30 p.m., \$22.00, advance ticket sales only, for reservations call Pam at tel. 440 245-5146.

MON.DEC. 3

■ Assembly 16 General Meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 7 p.m.

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

SAT. DEC.8

■ Annual Children's Christmas party hosted by Wreath 22 and Assembly 16 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., doors open at 12 noon, festivities begin at 1 p.m. is Nov. 15.

MON.DEC.10

■ Wreath 111 meeting and annual Christmas dinner at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6 p.m.

SUN.DEC.16

■ Traditional Vilija - Christmas Eve supper at St. John Nepomucene Parish, corner 66th Street and First Avenue, New York, N.J., Slovak Mass at 10:15 a.m., English Mass at 12 noon, program to follow in the parish social hall.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

SLOVAK PARLIAMENT COMMEMORATES 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF PREDECESSOR

The Slovak national anthem was played in Parliament (officially National Council of the Slovak Republic) on Wednesday to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the Slovak National Council, which was a political body set up during the 1848 Revolution and could be regarded as a predecessor of both the current Slovak Parliament and Government.

"The Slovak National Council existed for only a short time, but it represented with dignity the Slovak nation in its fight for self-determination, a self-reliant status, the codification of the state language, for spiritual and material renewal and in its efforts to achieve statehood," said Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko (Slovak National Party/SNS).

"The struggle for modern Slovak statehood began 170 years ago. The emancipation efforts of the Slovak nation culminated on January 1, 1993 with the setting up of an independent and democratic Slovak Republic," added Danko.

The Slovak National Council held its first session at an inn called 'U Sperlá' in Vienna on September 15-16, 1848. Headed by leading Slovak national revivalists Ludovít Štúr, Michal Miloslav Hodža and Jozef Miloslav Hurban, it became the first national political body of Slovaks and the headquarters of the armed Slovak uprising in 1848-49. When the revolution was suppressed, the Slovak National Council ceased to exist in the autumn of 1849.

The Slovak National Council is commemorated in Slovakia by a Day of Remembrance on September 19, the date when in 1848 the council organized the first national meeting of Slovaks in Myjava (Trenčín region) to launch a Slovak volunteer campaign for the uprising, while Štúr declared Slovakia's independence from the Kingdom of Hungary.

SLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO USA IVAN KORCOK RECEIVES TRANSATLANTIC AWARD

Ostrava, September 17 (TASR) – Slovak Ambassador to the USA Ivan Korcok received the Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Award on the sidelines of the NATO Days in Ostrava on Sunday (September 16), NGO GLOBSEC has announced on its website.

Ian Brzezinski, son of US foreign policy legend Zbigniew Brzezinski, handed over the award to the Slovak ambassador. Korcok was honored for his many years of efforts to support transatlantic relations.

In 2002, Korcok led the Slovak delegation during accession talks with NATO, whose member Slovakia became in 2004. Korcok's significant engagement in European politics over the past ten years, during which he served as ambassador to Germany and to the EU, was also noted at the award ceremony.

"The relationship between the EU and the USA is undergoing its toughest test in its history. The last thing we need is to send messages over the Atlantic Ocean via the media. We need to communicate the more that we have different opinions on several issues. However, this doesn't mean that we'll draw apart from each other. The USA and the EU can't afford to become rivals on the global chessboard," stated Korcok, who assumed the post of Slovak ambassador in Washington just a few days ago.

"For 26 years of Slovak diplomacy, Mr. Korcok excellently served his country, earning merit in terms of respect and appreciation from politicians on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. He contributed considerably to the development of the EU

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and NATO, as well as to the relationship between them," said Ian Brzezinski when handing over the award to the Slovak ambassador to the USA.

GAJDOS: SLOVAKIA HAS PLENTY TO OFFER ALLIES REGARDING BOMB DISPOSAL

Even 14 years since Slovakia became the leading country in the area of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) within the whole of NATO, the country still has something to offer its allies and partners in this regard, stated Defence Minister Peter Gajdos (SNS) in his speech to open the two-day NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2018 exhibition, which is taking place in Bratislava between September 19-20.

"Proof that we have an irreplaceable role in this area is our engagement in Ukraine, where we're the leading country of the NATO Trust Fund for explosive ordnance disposal and dealing with improvised explosive devices," said the minister. He further pinpointed the EOD Demonstrations and Trials exhibition, which is organised by the Trenčín-based NATO Explosive Ordnance Disposal Centre of Excellence (NATO EOD COE) every two years.

Gajdos pointed out that more than 360 exhibitors from 22 countries are participating in the exhibition this year. "This record number also confirms the importance, relevance and added value of this activity," he said, stressing the main theme of this year's exhibition – a Multidisciplinary Approach to EOD.

The fifth NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials exhibition is aimed at presenting the latest trends and technologies in the fields of explosive ordnance disposal and improvised explosive device disposal to experts of NATO-member and -partner countries as well as to the academic community and representatives of industry.

IFP: SLOVAKIA'S GDP TO GROW BY 4.1% THIS YEAR; UP TO 4.5% IN 2019

Slovakia's GDP growth will reach 4.1 percent this year and accelerate to 4.5 percent in 2019 thanks to automotive sector exports, before slowing down to 3.9 percent in 2020, according to the latest macroeconomic prognosis published by the Finance Ministry's Financial Policy Institute (IFP) and presented by Finance Minister Peter Kazimír (Smer-SD) on Thursday.

Household consumption, which was

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the main driving force in the past, will be replaced by revived exports as well as investments. Growth in exports has been accelerating thanks to the automotive industry, with the launch of new production at Volkswagen (VW) already reflected. "Rapid growth in investments was largely driven by Jaguar Land Rover's (JLR) investment as well as an acceleration in public investments, chiefly by local governments," stated IFP. Demand for labour should bring 47,000 new jobs and rapid growth in salaries, but also increased inflation.

In 2019, household consumption will maintain a growth pace similar to previous years thanks to increases in salaries. However, higher salaries will chiefly be reflected in price growth. "Exports will dominate again, speeding up thanks to the launch of production by JLR and thanks to the ongoing production expansion at VW," stated IFP. Conversely, growth in investments will slow down due to the completion of new capacities at automotive plants.

In 2020, the Finance Ministry expects GDP growth to slow down to below 4 percent due to the fading effect of automotive production launches. "In this period we can still expect an increase in production at JLR thanks to the launch of a second model. However, export growth will be hampered by a cyclic deceleration in the economies of our main trading partners," said IFP.

CZECH POLICE: SLOVAK ISLAMIST WAS PLANNING LONE WOLF ATTACK

The first Slovak Islamist radical identified for legal purposes only as Dominik K., arrested last year in the Czech Republic, was actually planning a terror attack, Czech police chief Tomas Tuhy told Czech Television on Sunday, September 23.

The radicalized Slovak, who frequented mosques in Prague and appeared under the adopted name of Abdul Rahman, wasn't a member of an organised group and should rather be considered a 'lone wolf', said Tuhy.

"This person really was planning a terror attack. Only excellent cooperation between the intelligence services and the Czech police prevented a possibly serious incident from taking place," said Tuhy.

The young man originating from Slovakia stated that his spiritual role model was a former Prague imam who was ear-

lier charged with supporting terrorism but managed to flee. He's wanted for supporting his brother and a sister-in-law who have joined jihadists in Syria.

The Muslim community in the Czech Republic didn't alert the authorities about the radicalization of the Slovak. According to the police chief, it seems that Dominik K. wasn't part of an organised group, however.

The Slovak living in the Czech Republic converted to Islam three years ago. It was found that he posted disturbing messages on a social network, including one with the slogan: "This country will be ours! And it won't be for everyone!"

After converting to Islam, he began wearing military garb and greeting others with a raised right forefinger, a salute used by the Islamic State terror group.

The man, who was found by the police to have suspicious chemicals and manuals for producing a bomb at his flat, claimed that he only intended to use the substances to make New Year's Eve fireworks, but the police found his explanation unconvincing.

"The chemicals were meant for producing weapons, not petards. As a Muslim, he shouldn't celebrate New Year's Eve," noted the Czech police's anti-terrorist department.

DANKO OPENS EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS ON DUBCEK IN GREEK PARLIAMENT

Visitors to the Greek Parliament in Athens will have the opportunity to see an exhibition of photographs dedicated to the memory of Slovak politician Alexander Dubcek (the leading figure in the Prague Spring of 1968), jointly opened by Slovak Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko (Slovak National Party/SNS) and his Greek counterpart Nikos Voutsis on Monday, September 24.

"As the top representative of the Greek Parliament, I'd like to express my thanks and admiration for the work done by this prominent politician. The year 1968 was significant not only for Czechoslovakia itself; the events of that year influenced developments in other countries as well," stated Voutsis after viewing the exhibition. At the same time, he presented a medal of the Greek Parliament to the Slovak parliamentary chairman.

The opening of the exhibition formed part of Danko's official visit to Greece. Be-

fore meeting Voutsis, the Slovak parliamentary chairman visited Greek President Prokopios Pavlopoulos.

Danko also met with Kyriakos Mitsotakis, leader of the Greek Opposition and of the New Democracy party. On Tuesday (September 25), Danko was received by the Archbishop of Athens and all Greece. This is the first visit paid by a Slovak parliamentary chairman to Greece since 2005.



Stara Lubovna is situated on the Poprad River east of the High Tatras. It is one of the oldest towns in Spis. From a hill over the city the castle of Lubovna dominates the city. From its already reconstructed tower there are good views over the surroundings. Next to the castle there is an open-air museum, Lubovniansky skanzen, with many houses and other buildings showing the folk architecture of the region. The most interesting exhibit is the wooden Greek-Catholic church built in 1833.



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

October, 2018

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

Nicole Abel Riana Hoeck Juliana Hoeck Carissa Hoeck
 Drew Nieporte Lauren Nieporte Chase Siefert

AND SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS.....BY AGE GROUP

6-7 (EARLY READERS)

Ultimate Sports- by Teresa Domnauer
 Fly Guy Presents Sharks- by Tedd Arnold
 Go Dogs Go by Dr Sues
 Chopsticks by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

8-10 (INTERMEDIATE READERS)

Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer- by John Grisham
 The BFG- by Roald Dahl
 Just go to Bed - by Mercer Mayer
 Mommy, Carry Me Please- by Jane Cabrera
 Because of Winn Dixie- by Kate Dicamillo

11+ (ADVANCED READERS)

Leap Day- by Wendy Mass
 The Forgetting Spell by Lauren Mygracie
 Three Days- by Donna Jo Napoli
 Horrible Harry & The Dungeon by Suzy Kline
 The Best Halloween Ever by Barbara Robinson

30 DAYS OF FALL ACTIVITIES

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Trace leaves on paper | 16 Visit a farm  |
| 2 Drink apple cider | 17 Have a family game night |
| 3 Read a fall book | 18 Do Christmas shopping |
| 4 Go on a hayride | 19 Watch a fall movie |
| 5 Bake sugar cookies | 20 Go on a nature hike |
| 6 Try leaf threading | 21 Make s'mores |
| 7 Eat corn on the cob | 22 Dance |
| 8 Visit an apple orchard | 23 DIY a scarf |
| 9 Jump in a pile of leaves | 24 Go to the pumpkin patch |
| 10 Make warm soup | 25 Analyze leaves |
| 11 Paint a pumpkin | 26 Play messy Twister |
| 12 Have a bonfire | 27 Visit a play |
| 13 Rake leaves for a friend | 28 Make a prayer list |
| 14 Bake apple pie | 29 Bake banana bread |
| 15 Have a fall photoshoot | 30 Have an outdoor picnic |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Maddy Lynn Phillips 10/12
 Patrick Phillips 10/22
 Grace Mangnan 10/31





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

October, 2018

Halloween Word Search

Q M T J V M P L P L S W R Y N Y
S B R L E F W H X B V C L P K W
P H P Q V F T O S H T F X H X H
O B F H D J I J N O T E L E K S
O R Q C A N D Y I F U Q I O O B
K G H O S T S L K J J E N D O S
Y M Z L G J F C P H E K Y J X Y
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V G A X B K L M U M M Y H A K S
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Minutes of Group 16 Annual Meeting

President Andrea Papcun called to order the annual meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 16 held September 8 at approximately 3:45 p.m. in a conference room at the Macomb-Clinton Township Library in Clinton Township Michigan.

President Andrea Papcun offered up an opening prayer and a moment of silence in memory of Group members who had passed away during the last year. In particular, it was with a heavy heart that she noted the passing of our Assembly 214 President John Pupik.

President Andrea Papcun welcomed the following attendees:

Vice President: John Papcun

Secretary: Mark Papcun

Treasurer: Laverne Eland

Sports Director: Stephen Papcun

Member at Large: Sharon Papcun and Donald Papcun

No Auditor was able to attend this year's Group meeting. At large member Donald Papcun was designated temporary auditor and reviewed the Treasurer's report and confirmed it's accuracy.

Secretary Mark Papcun presented Minutes from last year's 2017 meeting and confirmed that the Minutes from the prior year were presented to SCS Headquarters. A motion to accept the 2017 Minutes was made by Laverne Eland, seconded by Sharon Papcun and were accepted by unanimous vote.

President Papcun duly noted the installation of our new Chaplain, Father Libor Marek of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights. Father Marek was unable to attend the meeting but was welcomed into our Sokol family with an earlier presentation of his Sokol insurance certificate by our President.

Group 16 Officers each submitted their respective reports to the group which chronicled their activities and accomplishments during the past year. Duties of each office in accordance to the By Laws were fulfilled. After the entire slates of reports were presented and discussed, a motion to accept the entire lot of reports was made by Lavern Eland, seconded by Stephen Papcun, and passed unanimously.

Current Year's Business:

- Scholarships: None
- SS. Cyril & Methodius Annual Parish Festival

President Andrea took the initiative to prepare gift packages for the children's fun tent center at the festival. Funds were au-

thorized from the previous year. In addition, with additional funding from our respective Assembly and Wreath, a new banner was purchased from the Parish and proudly displayed at the Festival. Also, a donation was made for an advertisement in the Festival souvenir book.

- SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Heritage

President Andrea arranged for the inclusion of the Slovak Catholic Sokol under listings of Slovak Heritage Groups on the SS. Cyril & Methodius Web Site.

- Advertisement in SS. Cyril & Methodius weekly Parish Bulletin.

Discussion held and initiative approved.

- Donations

Discussion held relative to completion of donations in accordance with last year's minutes. Priest's Vestments Fund donation determined to be incomplete with follow up resolution.

New Business:

- Continuing celebration of SS. Cyril & Methodius centennial celebration.

Approval granted for membership attendance to November dinner dance. Treasurer Eland will pursue \$100 Headquarter reimbursement to Group 16.

- Slet Participation

At large member Don Papcun shared a conversation he engaged with Kathy Watkins at the Sokol Golf Tournament regarding greater participation in the Slet. Wreath Sports Director Stephen Papcun is to investigate gymnastic facility availability.

- Donations

Discussion held relative to this year's donations. Approvals:

\$100 Capuchins Detroit Father Solanis Center.

\$50 St. Cyril Slovak Dancers

\$100 SS. Cyril & Methodius Vestments

Motion to adjourn by Andrea Papcun, seconded by Laverne Eland, and approved by all.

These minutes dutifully submitted by:

Mark Papcun, Group 16 Secretary

Bratislava Silver Strings in Concert at New York Parish



The acclaimed Silver Strings Chamber Orchestra from Bratislava, Slovakia performed a concert on Saturday evening, September 8 at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City. The eight-member ensemble with guest soloist, Rev. Martin Safarik, performed an array of classical and contemporary favorites. The evening was part of the East River Concert series which presents a cross section of Classical and Popular sacred and secular works. The evening's concert celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Pittsburgh Agreement and the establishment of Czecho-Slovakia as well as the 25th anniversary of Slovakia's independence, hosted by New York's United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini whose pastor is our Group 1 chaplain, the Rev. Richard D. Baker. Members of the Silver Strings are shown on the above photo at the concert's conclusion flanked by Ladislava Begec, Slovak Consul General in New York and Mark Pacoe, Director of Music and Media Outreach at the New York parish. As part of the centennial year observance, on August 25, Maestro Pacoe presented a solo organ recital as part of the "Historic Organs of Slovakia Festival" at the Church of SS. Philip and James in Bratislava.

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Minutes of the semi-annual meeting of Group 3, "Rev. Edmund Mochak"

The semi-annual meeting of Group 3 was held on March 18 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall in Douglas, Mass. Coffee and Danish were enjoyed.

Group 3 President Kevin Conway called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and led the assemblage in prayer. Brother Joe Bolte then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The secretary, Christine Manyak took roll call. There were 13 members present representing Assembly 28 and Wreath 18.

The secretary reviewed the minutes of the annual meeting held November 12, 2017. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Gary Manyak, seconded by Larry Bombara.

Brother Kevin welcomed everyone and thanked all for their attendance. The treasurer, Ralph Quinn presented his report. The report was accepted on a motion by Honorary Supreme Officer Roger J. Manyak, seconded by Joe Bolte.

Since this was the semi-annual meeting, no official reports were due by the Physical Fitness board. The Physical Directress Judy Manyak did indicate that she would be attending the Supreme Clinic - Kurz along with two assistants, as well as the Physical Director Gary Manyak along with two assistants. Dates for the 2018 international sporting events were reviewed. These updates were accepted on a motion by Joe Bolte, seconded by Gary Manyak.

OLD BUSINESS

Past activities. Brother John Manyak has run both a Super Bowl and NCAA Basketball pool which serve as a principal fundraiser for our Group 3 scholarships. The Assembly oversees the scholarship process.

NEW BUSINESS

* Group 3 will host a Slovak-Polish buffet in April at the Sokol Hall.

* Locally, a Spring Golf Tournament fundraiser will be held on May 19.

* As noted above, the Supreme Clinic is scheduled for July 26-29 in Brockport, N.Y.

* The Octoberfest is scheduled for October 6. Chairman Brother John Manyak will be looking for a committee and donations.

* Hall renovations were discussed. Due to code updates, we need to install a fire alarm and sprinkler system. A great deal of discussion ensued. The Assembly has a committee working on this and meet every other Thursday to discuss same. Deadline for the plan is July 1, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Joe Bolte, seconded by Judy Manyak. Brother Keven concluded with meeting with a closing prayer. Suhlas!

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Manyak
Group 3 Secretary

U.S. Ambassador hosts American Slovaks in Bratislava



The United States Ambassador to Slovakia Adam Sterling hosted a reception for the participants of Joseph T. Senko's 14th annual Consular trip to Slovakia, August 13-26 during the group's stay in Slovakia's capital of Bratislava. The 38 participants hailed from 12 different states. Ambassador Sterling is shown with the group at the American Ambassador's residence which is affectionately known as "The White House." The tour visited many sites in Slovakia, as well as Poland, Austria and Hungary.



Participants of the 14th annual Consular Tour to Slovakia led by Honorary Slovak Consul Joseph T. Senko pose for a photo in the office of the mayor of Presov, Slovakia. The group was welcomed by the Mayor of Presov, the Hon. Andrea Turcanova during the group's visit to this center of Eastern Slovakia.

CHRISTMAS OPLATKY

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 14, 2018.

The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$7.50 and upward depending upon the number of packets ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before receiving an order.

For more information or to place an order contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 1002 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698

Tasty Fall Recipes

CURRY PUMPKIN SOUP

2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds (optional)
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 2 tablespoons curry powder
 4 cups vegetable broth

1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin
 1 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 365 Everyday Value® Organic Soy Ginger Sauce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Arrange pumpkin seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast in preheated oven for about 10 minutes, or until seeds begin to brown.

Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in flour and curry powder until smooth. Cook, stirring, until mixture begins to bubble. Gradually whisk in broth, and cook until thickened. Stir in pumpkin and half-and-half. Season with soy sauce, sugar, salt, and pepper.

Bring just to a boil, then remove from heat. Garnish with roasted pumpkin seeds.

PUMPKIN BREAD

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
 4 eggs
 1 cup vegetable oil
 2/3 cup water
 3 cups white sugar

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 Add all ingredients to list

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour three 7x3 inch loaf pans.

In a large bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, water and sugar until well blended. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. Stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture until just blended. Pour into the prepared pans.

Bake for about 50 minutes in the preheated oven. Loaves are done when toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

1 1/2 cups raw whole pumpkin seeds
 2 teaspoons butter, melted
 1 pinch salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

Toss seeds in a bowl with the melted butter and salt. Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stir occasionally.

PUMPKIN PICKING TIPS

Going out to a pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins, is a fun filled rite of the Fall season. Whether you go out to a field filled with pumpkins, or get them from a roadside stand, we want to be certain that you get the absolutely best pumpkin for carving, decorating and eating!

Select pumpkins that are completely orange. A partially green pumpkin might not ripen any further.

Size is an important factor. Medium pumpkins are best for carving into a Jack O Lantern. Small pumpkins are better for cooking and baking.

Never lift or carry a pumpkin by it's stem. The stem gives it character.

A ripe pumpkin has a hard shell, that does not dent or scratch easily when pressing on it with a thumbnail. Do this on the back or bottom of the fruit.....never on the face.

Examine the entire pumpkin carefully for soft spots. If you find even one soft spot, go on to the next pumpkin.

Check the pumpkin for cracks and splits. If you find one, examine it to be sure it is not turning into a soft spot or has mold inside of the crack.

Look for bugs and insects. Specifically, look for holes in the pumpkin, which are indicative of insect problems.

Cut the vine on either side of the stem. After you get it home, you can trim off the remaining pieces of vine, and cut the stem at the perfect spot.

Select a healthy pumpkin. When you're choosing a pumpkin, try to pick one that's free of nicks, bruises, and cuts. Look for a sturdy stem that doesn't feel too bendable, and for mostly consistent color all the way around. Knock or thump on the skin like you would a melon; if you hear a hollow sound, the pumpkin is ripe.

Look for a pumpkin with a flat base. This will make it easier to display the carved pumpkin on Halloween night.

It's not important if the pumpkin you like is clean or dirty. Remember you can always wash the pumpkin with an old cloth when you get home.

ROASTED FALL VEGETABLES

1 pounds butternut squash (peeled, seeded, and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces); 1 pounds red new potatoes (well scrubbed and quartered); 1/2 pound medium red onions (peeled and quartered); 1/2 pound carrots (halved lengthwise, if thick, and cut into 1 1/2-inch lengths); 3 garlic cloves (peeled and smashed); 2 tablespoons olive oil; coarse salt and ground pepper. Mix well. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Roast until vegetables are tender and beginning to brown, 30 to 40 minutes, tossing them and rotating sheets from top to bottom halfway through. Serve hot or at room temperature.

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

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 \$25,000 to date. Donations, which are tax-exempt, 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.

In Memoriam



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

AUGUST 2018

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 6	Lynn Ellen Hetzel, Benwood, WV	81	May 30, 2018
Assembly 9	William Walko, Bridgeport, CT	87	May 13, 2018
Assembly 9	John M. Yabrosky , Bridgeport, CT	97	June 30, 2018
Assembly 9	Joseph W. Slossar, Bridgeport, CT	79	July 26, 2018
Assembly 11	Cecilia Drozd, Chicago, IL	102	August 19, 2018
Assembly 11	Brittney Nicole Ellingham, Chicago, IL	26	March 17, 2018
Assembly 11	Eleanor Allen, Chicago, IL	74	June 19, 2017
Assembly 25	John G. Nalevanko, Perryopolis, PA	92	July 20, 2018
Assembly 54	Anna Slagle, Lyndora, PA	86	June 17, 2018
Assembly 57	John Stephen De Roner, Allentown, PA	55	June 11, 2016
Assembly 59	Thomas D. Check , Wilkes-Barre, PA	83	July 13, 2018
Assembly 71	Florence C. Kamilowicz, Edwardsville, PA	87	March 30, 2018
Assembly 71	Helen Tomasura, Edwardsville, PA	95	July 15, 2018
Assembly 78	Ann Cmorey, Bethlehem, PA	98	August 15, 2018
Assembly 86	David Yugas, Port Griffith, PA	61	July 28, 2018
Assembly 104	Martha Marie Scott , Pittsburgh, PA	90	August 5, 2018
Assembly 108	Andrew Polak, Youngstown, OH	86	August 11, 2018
Assembly 108	Ruth Kuszmaul, Youngstown, OH	86	July 19, 2018
Assembly 162	Mary Lojek, Clifton, NJ	89	July 9, 2018
Assembly 162	Lillian Zemick, Clifton, NJ	96	July 19, 2018
Assembly 162	Daniel Petrasek, Clifton, NJ	90	July 7, 2018
Assembly 179	William Benko, North Braddock, PA	86	August 5, 2018
Assembly 219	Nicholas J. Babiak, Yonkers, NY	70	August 2, 2018
Assembly 255	Daniel Michael Farkas, Egypt, PA	74	July 16, 2018
Assembly 261	Frank Macey, Reading, PA	85	August 6, 2018
Assembly 312	Martha Stano, Passaic, NJ	96	August 2, 2018
Wreath 1	Claire Walko, Bridgeport, CT	87	June 1, 2018
Wreath 8	Irene Jepson, Bellaire, OH	93	June 28, 2018
Wreath 13	Irene Leso, Philadelphia, PA	82	July 31, 2018
Wreath 15	Jennifer A. Morgan, Perryopolis, PA	58	July 12, 2018
Wreath 21	Agnes R. Zatko, Superior, WI	92	July 23, 2018
Wreath 29	Shirley Scragg, Farrell, PA	69	July 11, 2018
Wreath 54	Irene Jepson, Youngstown, OH	93	June 28, 2018
Wreath 54	Dolores M. Strurtz, Youngstown, OH	86	July 1, 2018
Wreath 54	Helen Zack, Youngstown, OH	96	August 19, 2018
Wreath 147	Irene B. Parsons, Larksville, PA	87	April 9, 2018

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Junior Christmas Parties Set

Pittsburgh, Pa. – This year's exciting Children's Christmas party for junior members of Assembly 16 and Wreath 22 is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located at 2912 East Carson Street on the city's South Side. Doors open at 12 noon and festivities begin at 1 p.m. Children 0-12 who have a Sokol insurance policy and who are registered are welcome to attend. Registration will be held every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Sokol Club.(no names will be taken after November 15). For alternative registration methods, contact Carmella(Suess)Marzec at Cell: 412 414-9249, email: suesscm@gmail.com or Facebook: Group 14 Pgh. Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols.

Refreshments and food will be served along with entertainment. A visit from Santa will complete the afternoon. Every year in the spirit of caring and sharing, we ask for donations, this year we will be collecting coats and warm clothes that you may have and would like to donate to a local homeless shelter.

Please join the Group 14 Pgh, Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols Facebook Page for updates of our activities. We look forward to another holiday season in the best traditions of Pittsburgh Sokol fellowship and fraternalism. Zdar Boh! – **Carmella(Suess)Marzec, Chairperson**

28TH SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

On Sunday, November 4, the Slovak Studies Program with the assistance of the Pitt Students Slovak Club will host the 28th annual Slovak Heritage Festival. The festival will be held in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Festivities which are free of charge run 1- 5 p.m.

The cultural program will feature the artistry of Jozef Ivaska, well-known singer from Slovakia. Also featured will be the Pittsburgh Slovaks, the PAS(Pittsburgh Area Slovaks), the Singing Revilak Family, the Slavjane Folk Ensemble, Ben Sorenson on the Fajara and others.

An array of colorful cultural displays and lectures as well as vendors featuring imported items from Slovakia and Eastern Europe. Traditional Slovak culinary specialties will also be available. Donations of cookies and pastries would be very much appreciated. Dr. Martin Votruba is head of the Slovak Studies Program and Christine Metil is festival director. For additional information call Chris Metil at 412 624-5906. Entertainment will be featured throughout the afternoon. An enjoyable afternoon celebrating Slovak pride is assured.


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41. FESTIVAL SLOVENSKEHO DEDIČSTVA V MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

V nedeľu 23. septembra sa v Middlesex County Fair Grounds v East Brunswick, N.J. konal 41. Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey. Medzi hosťami boli aj minister zahraničných vecí SR Miroslav Lajčák, veľvyslanec SR pri OSN Dr. Michal Mlynár a konzulka Generálneho konzulátu v New Yorku SR Ladislava Begec.

Program začal rímskokatolíckou sv. omšou, po ktorej nasledovali evenjelické bohoslužby. O 2.00 hodine začal kultúrno-zábavný program. Spolupredseda Festivalu slovenského dedičstva Marek Soltis privítal hostí a pozval na javisko ministra Lajčáka, ktorý vyslovil vďaka organizátorom festivalu a vyjadril sa, že Slovensko si cení prácu vynaloženú na udržanie slovenského života v Amerike. Pozdrav účastníkom festivalu poslal aj nový veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone Ivan Korčok. Prítomným ho tlmočila spolupredseda festivalu Jane Konzelmann. Potom pozvala na javisko Ninu Holú, ktorá bola členkou festivalového výboru štyridsať rokov a posledných 20 rokov bola spolupredsedačkou s nehoým Johnom Duchom. V mene nového výboru Jane Konzelmann vyslovila Nine Holej poďakovanie za dlhoročnú prácu a odovzdala jej kyticu kvetov. Potom pozvala na javisko Elizabeth Duch, manželku Johna Ducha, ktorý zomrel minulý rok týždeň pred festivalom. Jane Konzelmann niekoľkými slovami ocenila jeho prácu vo festivalovom výbore a odovzdala jej kyticu kvetov.

Nasledovalo vystúpenie detských folklórnych súborov Pramiенок zo slovenskej školy v Trenton, NJ, Limboráčik zo slovenskej školy v New Yorku a folklórnej skupiny Limbora z New Yorku. Na záver kultúrneho programu prítomných pobavila hudobná skupina Basta Fidli Band zo Slovenska.

Počas dňa prebiehal aj futbalový turnaj. Návštevníci festivalu mali možnosť počas dňa navštíviť predajné stánky zo slovenskými výrobkami a pochutnať si na slovenských špecialitách.



Na snímke sú (zľava): generálna konzulka SR Ladislava Begec, bývalá podpredsedníčka festivalu Nina Holá, manželka ministra Lajčáka Jarmila, Miroslav Lajčák, spolupredseda festivalu Jane Konzelmann a Marek Soltis.

(Foto: Generálny konzulát SR v New Yorku)

Trump prijal nového slovenského veľvyslanca v USA



Prezident Donald J. Trump prijal v pondelok 19. septembra v Bielom dome vo Washingtone, D.C. nového slovenského veľvyslanca v USA Ivana Korčoka, ktorý americkému prezidentovi odovzdal poverovacie listiny a stal sa tak siedmym mimoriadnym a splnomocneným veľvyslancom Slovenskej republiky v Spojených štátoch. Ivan Korčok pred odchodom do USA pôsobil vo funkcii štátneho tajomníka rezortu diplomacie a vo funkcii veľvyslanca v USA vystriedal Petra Kmeca, ktorý v tejto funkcii pôsobil od roku 2012. Na snímke zľava: Soňa Korčková, manželka nového veľvyslanca SR v USA, prezident Donald Trump a veľvyslanec Ivan Korčok. - Foto: I. Korčok, Facebook

Ceny leteniek z Viden do New Yorku na historickom minime

Pobyt v New Yorku už pre Slovákov nie je luxusom, vďaka dlhodobu priaznivým cenám leteniek si ho môže dovoliť čoraz viac ľudí. Slováci sa naučili rýchlo reagovať na aktuálne ponuky a letenky do New Yorku kupujú impulzívnejšie – často len na predĺžený víkend.

Ceny spiatocných leteniek do New Yorku sa dva roky výrazne nemenili. Dlhodobá priemerná cena bola približne päťsto eur. New York je najobľúbenejšia diaľková destinácia Slovákov, pričom sa predáva rovnako dobre počas celého roka. Výkyvy v predaji nastanú vtedy, keď cena výrazne klesne.

Slováci najviac rezervujú letenky do New Yorku, ak cena klesne pod psychologickú cenovú hranicu. Takými hranicami môžu byť ceny pod štyristo alebo tristo eur. Letenky do New Yorku ešte nikdy nestáli tak málo – vyplýva to zo štatistík Pelikan.sk, ktorý ročne pomôže s nákupom leteniek viac ako trisťtisíc cestujúcim. Minulý mesiac začal Pelikán predávať letenky z Viedne do New Yorku za dvestotridsať eur. Podľa predajcu ide o historicky najnižšiu cenu z blízkeho letiska a s krátkymi prestupmi. Cena letenky do New Yorku sa prvýkrát vyrovnala cene letenky do Európy. Predaje Pelikána do New Yorku rástli deväťnásobne.

Kým v roku 2016 takmer osemdesiat percent Slovákov letelo do New Yorku na viac ako desať dní, dnes im stačí aj víkend. Keď letenka do New Yorku stojí dvesto eur, Slováci sa veľmi často rozhodujú impulzívne na základe ceny a neplánujú komplikované niekoľkotýždňové cesty.

Prezident Kiska na pracovnej ceste v USA

Prezident Slovenskej republiky Andrej Kiska sa zúčastnil na zasadnutí 73. Valného zhromaždenia Organizácie spojených národov v New Yorku, kde mal 26. septembra prejav, po ktorom absolvoval stretnutie s generálnym sekretárom OSN Antoniom Guterresom. Sretol sa aj s gruzínskym prezidentom Giorgim Margvelašvilim a ukrajinským prezidentom Petrom Porošenkom.

Prezident rokoval aj s predstaviteľmi spoločnosti AT&T, ktorá na Slovensku zamestnáva 4300 ľudí. Súčasťou programu prezidenta bola aj konferencia spojená s galavečerom Forbes 100 + 100 Years of Innovation, ktorá mala za cieľ spájať slovenských, českých podnikateľov a amerických investorov. Prezident sa na galavečeri stretol aj so Stevom Forbesom.

26. septembra prezident Kiska odletel do Chicaga, Ill. Položením venca k pamätníku Tomáša Garrigua Masaryka v Chicagu si spolu so slovenským veľvyslancom v USA Ivanom Korčekom uctili jedného zo zakladateľov Československa. Urobili tak pri príležitosti stého výročia jeho vzniku.

Prezident okrem Masarykovho pamätníka navštívil aj Chicagskú univerzitu, kde študentom priblížil svoju cestu na prezidentský post, aj to, že kedysi v USA pracoval. Navštívil aj Benediktínsku univerzitu, kde sa stretol so Slováckmi žijúcimi v USA, a Slovak Academy of Chicago, kde sa desiatky detí každú sobotu učia slovenčinu.



Prezident Andrej Kiska a generálny sekretár OSN Antonio Guterres. (Zdroj: SITA/AP)

Miroslav Lajčák zavŕšil ročné pôsobenie v OSN



Celý rad konkrétnych výsledkov a úspechov dosiahlo Valné zhromaždenie Organizácie Spojených národov (VZ OSN) pod vedením ministra zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslava Lajčáka, ktorý ukončil v 1. októbri svoje ročné pôsobenie vo funkcii predsedu 72. zasadnutia tohto medzinárodného orgánu.

“Slovenská republika a slovenská diplomacia získali uznanie a posilnili si svoj kredit. Nová dynamika v práci OSN sa pretavila do schválenia troch kľúčových reformných iniciatív generálneho tajomníka OSN Antónia Guterresa (reštrukturalizácia piliera mieru a bezpečnosti, reforma rozvojového systému a reforma riadenia organizácie),” uviedol vo svojej správe tlačový odbor Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí (MZVaEZ) SR.

Lajčák sa podľa neho angažoval ako “pozitívna hnacia sila týchto a ďalších zmien”.

Rezort v tejto súvislosti poukázal na júlové schválenie návrhu prvej komplexnej medzivládnej dohody o bezpečnej, zákonnej a usporiadanej migrácii, ktorá má byť prijatá v decembri na medzivládnej konferencii v marockom Marrákeši.

Kľúčovou prioritou Lajčáka ako predsedu VZ OSN bolo “oživenie multilaterizmu a posilnenie globálneho poriadku založeného na pravidlách, aby OSN

preukázala svoj význam a pridanú hodnotu”. “Vo svojej práci aktívne podporoval dialóg a usiloval sa spájať členské štáty OSN s cieľom meniť životy ľudí k lepšiemu,” uviedlo MZVaEZ s tým, že zameranie na ľudí - úsilie o mier a dôstojný život pre všetkých na udržateľnej planéte - bolo oficiálnou témou celého 72. zasadnutia VZ OSN.

Lajčák sa prioritne orientoval na úzko prepojené a vzájomne sa ovplyvňujúce otázky zabezpečenia, budovania a udržania mieru a stability, na presadzovanie ľudských práv, financovania udržateľného ekonomického rozvoja, potláčanie hrozieb pre verejné zdravie, budovanie odolnosti voči zmene klímy a otázky vody a vodných zdrojov. V pozadí jeho iniciatív a úsilia bola vždy širšia vízia v oblasti prevencie konfliktov a podpory úlohy žien a mládeže v tomto kontexte.

Počas 12 mesiacov viedol Lajčák ako predseda VZ OSN viac ako 70 zasadnutí tohto orgánu a predniesol takmer 300 prejavov. Absolvoval viac než 440 stretnutí s predstaviteľmi členských štátov OSN (vrátane 26 prezidentov, 16 predsedov vlád, ôsmich podpredsedov vlád a viac ako 90 ministrov a štátnych tajomníkov) a viac ako 80 stretnutí s partnermi OSN, vrátane predstaviteľov iných medzinárodných a regionálnych organizácií a inštitúcií a občianskej spoločnosti. Zorganizoval desať podujatí VZ OSN na vysokej úrovni, poskytol viac ako 60 rozhovorov pre médiá a uskutočnil 20 pracovných ciest do 36 miest v 28 krajinách.

Valné zhromaždenie OSN so sídlom v New Yorku je najvyšším a najreprezentatívnejším orgánom OSN, ktorý združuje všetkých 193 členských štátov OSN, a funkcia jeho predsedu je politicky a protokolárne najvyšším postom v systéme OSN. Slovenskej republike a slovenskej diplomacii sa tejto cti dostalo po prvýkrát, pripomenulo MZVaEZ.

Funkcia predsedu VZ OSN rotuje každý rok medzi piatimi regionálnymi skupinami členských štátov OSN. Ďalej je na rade región Latinskej Ameriky a Karibiku. Post predsedníčky 73. zasadnutia VZ OSN bude počas nasledujúcich 12 mesiacov vykonávať bývalá ministerka zahraničných vecí Ekvádoru María Fernanda Espinosa-Garcésová. – sme.sk



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