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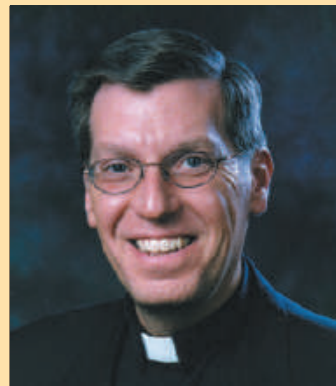
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113 Years of Fraternal Service

It was an exciting Fourth of July celebration for a group of young Slovak immigrant men who gathered in Passaic, NJ on July 4, 1905. On that day, the 46 founders decided to organize an athletic fraternity for Catholics of Slovak ancestry. On July Fourth 113 years ago, the Slovak Catholic Sokol was founded. Our organization continues to be headquartered in the city of Passaic, NJ. From the ideas and determination of those hearty young Slovaks, all of whom were from the region of Spis in Slovakia, our organization has grown and developed over the years to be known as ***"America's Greatest Slovak Gymnastic and Athletic Fraternity."***

As a fraternal benefit society, the Slovak Catholic Sokol provides a variety of insurance plans for every member of the family. Financial security coupled with an extensive gymnastic and athletic program for every member of the family, has seen the organization grow from the original 46 founders to a great family of more than 30,000 members in all parts of the United States and Canada. A total of 93 Assemblies and Wreaths may be found in many parts of the East and Midwest United States and in the Province of Ontario, Canada. The local lodges are part of the organization's 19 Groups or Districts.

The biennial International gymnastic, track and field meet or "Slet", as it is known in Slovak, is the culmination of hard work, skill and preparation on the part of the young people from ages 8 and up. The first Slet was held in Wilkes-Barre, PA in 1912. Since then, the Slets have attracted thousands of members of the organization who gather to compete in an array of track and field events. These Slets are held every two years in various American or Canadian cities.

In addition to our Slets, the Slovak Catholic Sokol hosts annual bowling, golf, basketball, volleyball and softball tournaments which attract thousands of members annually. Besides the international competitions, district-wide tournaments are also held to promote sportsmanship and camaraderie.

With a strong commitment to its youth, the organization encourages and promotes higher education among the members. Annually, 38 scholarship grants totalling \$43,500 are awarded to college-bound members. Annual \$500 scholarship grants are also given to qualified members who are attending a Catholic High

School as well as \$250 grants to those attending a Catholic grammar school. To date, a total of 2,309 members have received a total of over \$1,616,250 in scholarship grants.

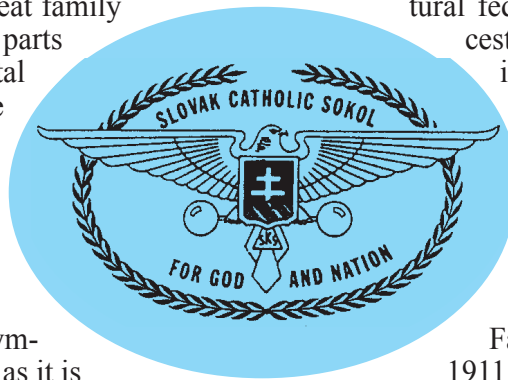
Furthermore, as a Catholic organization, support is given to various works of charity and benevolence. Active participation in parish life is encouraged and support for religious communities of men and women of Slovak heritage is given. Since the fall of communism in Slovakia, the land of our ancestors, financial support has been given to the Catholic bishops there. Support for the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation is encouraged among the members.

As an organization with pride in its Slovak roots, we encourage a love for and a greater appreciation of our Slovak history and traditions. Support for the work of the Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry, and other Slovak cultural groups is encouraged.

A review of the extensive athletic program, the promotion of our Catholic faith traditions and love for our Slovak heritage is reflected in the official publication of our organization, the Slovak Catholic Falcon, which has been published since 1911. The magazine offers the membership a review of the activities of the organization in both the English and Slovak languages.

As a fraternal, the organization lends its assistance to a host of other works of charity. Together with four Slovak fraternal, the Slovak Catholic Sokol established the Slovak Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh and has assisted such national causes as the Habitat for Humanity program and Jubilee Ministries.

With a total of \$250 million of insurance in force and with assets of more than \$85 million, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is among the leading fraternal benefit organizations in the United States. Committed to the democratic way of life, a quadrennial national convention is held in which the representatives of the local Sokol lodges elect the Board of Directors which governs the organization between conventions. In addition, other individuals are chosen to serve as members of the Supreme Assembly. The Board of Directors, Supreme Auditors and members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board form the Supreme Assembly.



A Message from the Supreme Chaplain



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Dear Sokols and Sokolky:

Pochválen bud' Pán Ježiš Kristus!

It is with great joy that I am afforded this opportunity to greet all our members and friends through this "2018 Annual Review Book". This 24th Annual Review Book highlights our organizations successful fraternal programs and involvement in the life of the Slovak American and Canadian communities, as well as our strong ties to the Republic of Slovakia. Looking through the book proves once again that the many fraternal activities hosted by our organization are enjoyed by a good number of our membership, truly makes the Slovak Catholic Sokol the envy of our brother and sister Slovak fraternal societies.

As you enjoy browsing through this year's book, might you consider sharing it with those who you know that are not current members of our wonderful society. The simple sharing of this book with others, might encourage them to consider membership with our organization.

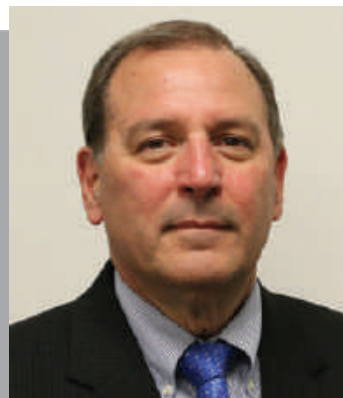
Throughout these many years, with much change around us, one thing remains the same, the fact that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is a Catholic Fraternal, which maintains a strong sense of loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church and to our Holy Father. This rich religious heritage is clearly reflected during all our fraternal gatherings.

I ask all to join with me and pray that as the Slovak Catholic Sokol enters its 114th year we all commit ourselves to do our part to live our organization's slogan, "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body", and we defend our organization's motto, "For God and Nation."

We can all be very proud of our impressive past; may we commit ourselves to assuring a promising tomorrow.

ZDAR BOH,

A Message from the Supreme President



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Dear Sokol members and friends,

As the Slovak Catholic Sokol, "America's Greatest Slovak Gymnastic and Athletic Fraternal Society", begins its new calendar year, this annual activities publication allows us all to look back at our 2018 successful activities.

These activities would not have been as successful if it were not for the Slovak Catholic Sokol members who participated in them. You the members of this great Society have shown you enjoy the tournaments, the activities and the fraternalism that they offer. The Supreme Assembly wants to express our heartfelt Thanks to all of you for your support. We look forward to seeing you and other members at the 2019 tournaments and activities.

It takes special talent to have successful tournaments and activities. There is a lot of planning and organizing that must be done two and three years prior to the event to make it run smoothly so that all who participate have a great time and memorable experience. This is accomplished by the leadership of our Supreme Physical Fitness Board. Leading the Board is Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, their assistants, Assistant Supreme Director of Sport and Athletics, Frank P. Laury, Assistant Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, Assistant Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift and the other members of the Physical Fitness Board. Thank you for all you do for the Slovak Catholic Sokol and its membership.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol has been awarding scholarships to its members every year. This member benefit is not an easy task to plan and organize. The planning for this annual activity starts in August and ends in July when the scholarships are sent out. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship program is headed up by our Supreme Vice President, Edward D. Moeller. Thank you Brother Moeller for the great work you do for the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the scholarship recipients.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is blessed with leadership and it starts with the leadership at the Home Office. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. continues to show his dedication to the Society by his interest in seeing that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is looked upon by governing bodies, associations and other fraternalists as a financially sound and active fraternal. This could not be accomplished without the help and assistance of a great staff working for him. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Assembly and its members thank you for the fantastic work you do for all of us.

2018 was a great year but we need your help to continue the success and make 2019 even greater. This can be accomplished if we all get involved. Let us make all the tournaments better than last year with more members participating in them to enjoy the experience. With the 49th International Slet set for July 2019 everyone is looking for an increase in participation to this exciting Slovak Catholic Sokol activity.

Lastly, let us make 2019 the year of growth and renewed involvement. Since the Slovak Catholic Sokol has so much to offer to its members we should not keep it a secret. Find ways to spread the word about our Society to other so they too can enjoy its benefits.

In closing I extend my family's best wishes to all our members and friends for a Blessed and Joyous Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With God's Blessings to All!
Zdar Boh!
Fraternally yours,

A Message from the Supreme Secretary



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Dear Sokol Members and Friends:

It is my pleasure to once again offer greetings on the occasion of the publication of our annual pictorial review of fraternal activities. As you will see, 2018 has been an active and rewarding year for our Society. The year was full of great sporting and fraternal activities which our organization is so proud to be able to offer.

I am delighted that so many of our members were able to participate in our various programs and events in 2018. I hope that you will be pleased to find your photo in this year's edition. For those who were unable to participate, please make your best effort to attend our wonderful events in 2019.

In addition to our sporting and fraternal activities depicted in this year's edition, you will be able to see all the smiling faces in the back of the Review Book that were the deserving recipients of our 2018 scholarships. To date, more than 2,000 members have received over \$1,600,000 in scholarship grants. We are proud to maintain this wonderful benefit and we continue to have the utmost confidence in our future leaders. We congratulate all our recipients and hope the generous grants encourage them to pursue their degrees and promote our slogan, "A Sound Mind In A Sound Body".

As we begin our 114th year of service, I ask that each of you commit yourself to promoting our organization. We want to see future generations enjoying the many benefits afforded by membership of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Enrolling a new member is the best gift you can present to not only that individual, but also to the organization that continues to promote and enhance their benefit programs. Together, we can do it!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our various events lined up for 2019. The highlight, of course, is our 49th International Slet to be held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY from July 17-21. The Slet is our organization's oldest activity and I hope that many of you are there to enjoy the "Slet Experience". 2019 will also be the year of our 33rd Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, OH. We look forward to seeing you there!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors and the Physical Fitness Board. It is through your tireless efforts that we are able to put on the wonderful events beautifully depicted in this pictorial. You are all true assets to the Organization and your work does not go unnoticed by our membership.

Finally, I extend my thanks and gratitude to Livia Karak, Daniel Tanzone and all who had a hand in the preparation of this wonderful Review Book. Job well done!

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our Son, Reid Thomas, and my entire Family, I extend warm wishes to all our members for a happy and prosperous new year! Zdar Boh!

Scott Pogorelec

A Message from the Supreme Sports Director

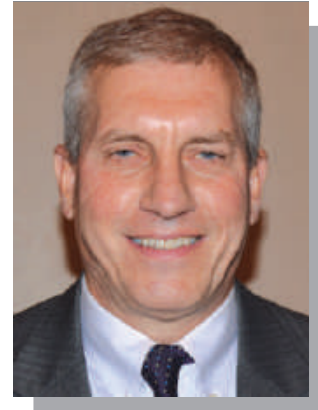


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Dear Sokols and Sokolky:

It is an honor and privilege to extend greetings to all of our members who are enjoying our 2018 Slovak Catholic Sokol annual review book. This publication provides an opportunity for our members to obtain a capsule view all of our sporting events and fraternal activities that took place in the last twelve months.

Our fraternal sporting year began with the 72nd Annual International Bowling Tournament held in Las Vegas, Nevada in May. Members from the GCU fraternal organization joined us on the lanes for the fourth consecutive year. Congratulations to Chet Dziuba from Toronto Canada, who was the recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award.

The International Clinic was held at the State University of New York Brockport in July. The Clinic included 32 participants from nine groups and 12 Fitness Board members who spent four days at SUNY Brockport learning the new drills for the 49th International Slet.

The final sporting event of the year, the 63rd International Golf Tournament, was held at Oak Tree Country Club and Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. Three days of near perfect golfing conditions helped make it a great success. Congratulations to Robert R. Palchanis, Jr. from Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania who was the recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award.

A special thanks to all group sports directors, group leaders and coaches who volunteer their time and energy to promote the fraternal activities of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. I would also like to thank Supreme Physical Director, John Underation, Supreme Physical Directress, Kathy Watkins, Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Laury and all of the members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for all the work they do to ensure success and smooth operation of our sporting events.

My hope is that those who are involved with our organization will promote the many benefits we experience and reach out to others and recommend new members to help the Slovak Catholic Sokol continue to grow in 2019. The dates of the 2019 Bowling Tournament, 49th International Slet and Golf Tournament are posted on our web site.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019 and I look forward to seeing you at future fraternal activities.

Zdar Boh!
Fraternally yours,

James C. Matlon

Highlights of the 72nd International Bowling Tournament Combined with the Greek Catholic Union's 82nd Bowling Tournament

Held at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 21 – 23
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



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.



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 kegger, 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.



A veteran kegger, Brother Chet Dziuba, far right, with fellow Canadian Sokols, from the left, Stan Hugel, Joe Takerer and Honorary Supreme Officer Larry M. Glugosh.



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.



Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, second from the right, is shown with fellow kegglers, l-r, John L. Minarish, John P. Minarish and Christopher Mathewson.



Joseph Moeller, our well-known Sokol entertainer from Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, Pa. led the bowlers in the singing of the national anthems of the United States and Canada.



Group 6 kegglers from Perryopolis, Pa. included, l-r, Clarence "Buffalo" Checton, Mike Matras, Bernie Seruga and Dave Matty.



Matt Niskach, John W. Niskach, Donald Ribarchak and John Miller, Jr. enjoy the competition.



Sokol kegglers included Brian Risko, Jeremy Glass, Joseph Moeller and Gary Risko.



Greek Catholic Union President, George Juba is shown with, l-r, Michael Karaffa, Rob Haller and Don Barnett.



Enjoying the tournament are, l-r, Frank Johnson, Charles Johnson, Gary Mazuras and Paul Shubeck.



All smiles from, l-r Dave Southerland, Clint Perry, George Gibala and Scott Irons.



All smiles from, l-r, Gary Pitoniak, Scott Pitman, Marc Kud-lacik and Don Salmonowitz.



Enjoying the competition are, l-r, Matt Hoenninger, Tom Hoenninger, Jason Rippel and George Lopata.



Group 5 Sokolky who enjoyed the tournament included, shown from the left, Diana Simpson, Jean Karaffa, Carol Macko and Karen Bakita.



All smiles from lovely keglers, including, l-r, Geri Pollock, Caroline Gemoll, Evie Catanzante, and Kami Simon.



Female tournament participants included, l-r, Annette Mathewson, Rose Shubeck, Joanne Mozuras and Helen Minarish.



Enjoying the competition are, from the left, Kathy Kapaldo, Pam Kapaldo, Vickie Lopata and Phyllis Johnson.



Highlights of the Supreme Clinic - Kurz in preparation for our 49th International Slet

Held July 26 – 29 – Brockport, N.Y.









Highlights of the 63rd International Golf Tournament

Held at Oak Tree and Tam-O-Shanter Golf Course, West Middlesex, PA - August 18-20



Robert Palchanis, Jr., the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient is shown above with his lovely wife, Theresa. Looking are his daughter, Kelly Palchanis and Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. Brother Palchanis hails from Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., second from the right, enjoyed the competition with Canadian golfers, l-r, Mike Kapitan and Eddie Bajus and his brother Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr.



Golfers l-r, Joe Burfield, Matt Burfield, and Ryan Burfield from Group 5 were joined by Donald Papcun of Group 16 at the competition.



Veteran Group 7 golfers who enjoyed the competition included, l-r, Tom Iskra, Sr., Tom Iskra, Jr., David Iskra, Sr. and Justin Francis.



Members of Group 5's Hornacek clan included, l-r, John S. Hornacek, Brian E. Hornacek, James D. Hornacek and Scott A. Hornacek.

OUR WINNERS INCLUDE

"A" FLIGHT, Gary Watkins

"B" FLIGHT, Tom Petrus

"C" FLIGHT (tie), Jake Pontoriero
and Corey Shedlock

"D" FLIGHT, Brian Hornacek

SENIOR MEN'S FLIGHT, Steven Pogorelec, Sr.

SENIOR WOMEN'S FLIGHT, Gail Etter-GCU

FRANK S. PETRUFF MEMORIAL
SPORTS AWARD

Robert Palchanis, Jr.
Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA



Golfers from Group 5 and Group 14 who enjoyed the competition included, I-r, Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation, Gary Watkins, Marty Underation and Edward Baker.



Well-known Sokolky who enjoyed the competition included, I-r, Kelly Underation of Group 5, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins, Edie Babik of Group 17 and her daughter, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Nancy Kropolinsky.



Group 9 golfers enjoying the tournament included, I-r, Corey J. Shedlock, Robert J. Shedlock, Francis Waksmunski and Keith Shedlock.



Group 17 golfers enjoying the competition included, I-r, Dr. Joseph Baytosh, DDS, Ken Hlebovy, Glen Kramer and Robert Hritz.



Lovely Group 17 golfers included, I-r, Judy Babik, Jean Karaffa, Loretta Smith, and Mary Starr.



Group 5 golfers enjoying the tournament included, I-r, Carol and Robert Macko and Mary Jo and Wane Goss.



Pittsburgh golfers included, l-r, Cliff Moeller, Robert Macurak, Ken Simon and Donald Macurak.



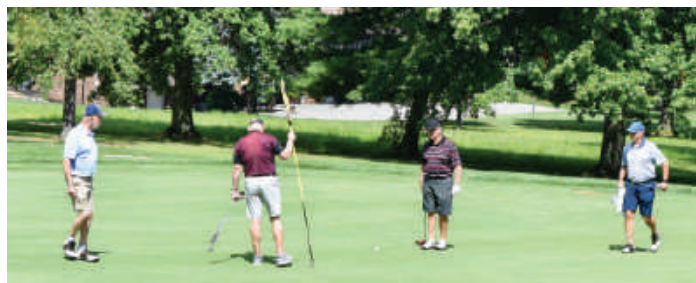
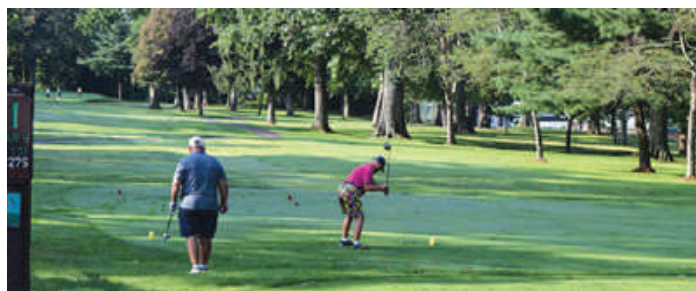
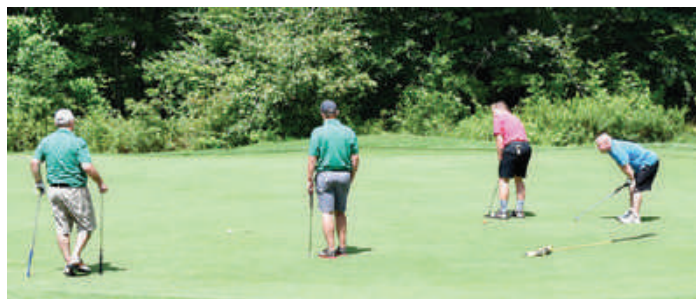
Pittsburgh golf participants included, l-r, Benjamin Moeller, Joseph Toth, Shawn Brennan and Jason Fareri.



Group 9 golfers from Assembly 79 in Lilly, Pa. enjoying the competition included, l-r, Kevin Waksmunski, Brian Phillips, James Bart and John Smith.



Golfers from Canada and Ohio who enjoyed the competition included, l-r, Kenny Cunningham, Joseph Genet, Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich, and John Tutko.





More Fraternal Activities...



***JANUARY 12-14** – Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board pose for a group photo at this year's annual meeting. Shown on the photo during their annual meeting held in Boardman, OH. Seated from the left are: Member, Julie A. Laury; Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins and Member, Nancy Kropolinsky. Standing, l-r, Member, Kevin Matlon, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon, Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics Frank P. Laury, III, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation, Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich, and Member, Martin Degan. The Supreme President and Supreme Secretary are ex-officio members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.*

***JANUARY 19** – Celebrating Slovakia's 25th Anniversary of Independence at a reception hosted by the Slovak Embassy at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Peter Kmec, center is shown welcoming invited guests including, l-r, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, Theresa A. Kluchinski, national president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Editor Daniel F. Tanzone.*



***JANUARY** – junior members of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, WI had spent their afternoon at San Camillas Nursing Home. They spoke to the crowd about Slovak Catholic Sokol, the benefits of becoming a member, their experiences in Sokol, and presented a history of Slovakia to the crowd. Then they performed drills, did gymnastics, made pyramids, showcased their medals and sang carols.*

More Fraternal Activities...



FEBRUARY 18 – Group 1 hosted its 13th Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Children's Bowlingfest in the Garden Palace Bowling Lanes in Clifton, N.J.



FEBRUARY 10 – 25th annual Slovak Ball hosted by the Slovak American Cultural Center attracted a capacity crowd of 350 participants at the Royal Manor in Garfield, NJ. Two individuals who are active in American Slovak life, Andrew M. Rajec, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Union and our Sokol of Wreath 93 and Daniel F. Tanzone, national president of the Slovak League of America and editor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol were honored.



Slovak American Cultural Center President Sabina Sabados is shown presenting awards to the guests of honor at the gala, Andrew M. Rajec, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Editor, Daniel F. Tanzone, national president of the Slovak League of America.

MARCH 18 – Assembly 182 in New York City hosted its annual patronal feast day observance honoring St. Joseph on Sunday, March 18 at St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City. Father Richard D. Baker, pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, is shown seated second from the left, flanked by l-r, W. Nina Holy, national Secretary-Treasurer of the Slovak League of America; Assembly 182 vice president Jozef Bodo, Editor Daniel F. Tanzone who was the speaker and Aneta Lisa who spoke on the work of Lux the Slovak Catholic Media Productions located at the New York parish. Assembly 182 President, Dr. Larry Korcek is shown standing, third from the left.



More Fraternal Activities...



APRIL 15 – Headtable guests at the dinner celebrating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Pittsburgh Agreement at St. John Nepomucene Social Hall in New York City are shown above and include, seated l-r, W. Nina Holy, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America; Cynthia M. Maleski, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association who was the principal speaker; Daniel F. Tanzone, national president of the Slovak League of America; and Ladislava Begec, Consul General of Slovakia in New York. Standing, l-r, Stephen J. Kubasek, Jr., nephew of the late Rev. John J. Kubasek, a signator of the Pittsburgh Agreement; Sa-



bina Sabados who represented the First Catholic Slovak Union; Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., supreme secretary of the Slovak Catholic Sokol; and Dr. Larry Korcek, president of Assembly 182 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol who offered greetings on behalf of Assembly 1 of the Slovak League of America. The Pittsburgh Agreement signed by Thomas G. Masaryk with representatives of the American Slovak and Czech communities on May 31, 1918 was a major document in the creation of the first republic of Czecho-Slovakia on October 28, 1918. The agreement defined the role of the Slovaks in the newly proposed state which had the blessing of President Woodrow Wilson.



MAY – Officers and Members of Group 7 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. recently gathered at Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre to honor Msgr. Francis J. Beeda for his 81st birthday. The Group also met in May for Join Hands Day and the Group officers met at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Dallas, Pa. to spruce up the monument of Rev. Joseph Murgas.



More Fraternal Activities...



MARCH 4 marked the day Wreath 93 celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The gathering took place at Knights of Columbus in South Milwaukee, WI. The hall was filled with memorabilia, banners and beautiful centerpieces created by Vice President, Nancy Hoeck, plus a "100" balloon. A slide show of the past 100 years was presented. The afternoon concluded with a presentation of the S.C.S. 50 and 75 year pins and more fraternalism. Shown on the photo are Wreath 93 officers, l-r, Brad Hoeck, Noah Romine, Suzie Zeman, Caroline Gemoll, Nancy Hoeck, Patty Osterbrink, Tricia Radke and Lisa Hoeck.

JUNE 1-3 – The Second Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion took place at the Rocky Gap Resort and Casino in Flintstone, Maryland. The many activities included hiking along one of the many scenic trails, relaxing by the water golfing and kayaking along the lake. The more spirited group ventured off sightseeing to the 1812 Brewery, the only farm brewery in Allegany County.



SEPTEMBER 9 – 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. 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 kingdom. 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. Attorney John D. Pogorelec, Jr. is shown on the 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.

More Fraternal Activities...



SEPTEMBER 23 – Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister and outgoing President of the 73rd General Assembly of the United Nations, Miroslav Lajcak, shown third from the right, was the guest of honor at this year's 41st New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival held at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds in East Brunswick, N.J. Shown on the photo with Minister Lajcak are, l-r Ladislava Begeg, Slovak Consul General in New York; W. Nina Holy, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America and past festival co-chairperson; Jarmila Lajcak, wife of the foreign minister; Jane Konzelman and Marek Soltis, festival vice president and president, respectively of this year's festival committee.

OCTOBER 21 – New York area Sokols and Sokolky enjoyed the traditional fall harvest festival in the Slovak tradition of "Zatva and Dozinky" hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Held in Manhattan's colorfully decorated St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, the participants enjoyed an endless array of Slovak culinary specialties under the direction of Slovak Master chef, Jan Skrkon. Music for dancing and listening pleasure was provided by Express, as well as a spirited performance by the Limbora Slovak Folk Ensemble kept everyone in a dancing and singing harvest mood. Father Richard D. Baker, pastor of the parish and chaplain of Group 1 is shown standing third from the right, with Honorary Supreme Officer Dr. Mary Z. Gasparik to his right, Father Martin Kertys, parochial vicar of the parish is shown standing far left, with Sokol festivalgoers.



NOVEMBER 2-3 – Delegates from nine fraternal benefit societies active in the New England States participated in the group's 94th annual meeting held November 2-3 at the Demello International Center in New Bedford, Mass. Officers and directors elected to serve in 2019 are shown on the photo left. Seated, l-r, Anthony L. Pio, Luso-American Financial, 2nd vice president; Irene Grabowy, Polish National Alliance, immediate past president; Albert Costa, Jr., Luso-American Financial, president; Daniel Michalak, Polish Falcons of America, 1st vice president; and Eileen S. Wilson, Slovak Catholic Sokol, director. Standing, l-r, Daniel F. Tanzone, chaplain and director; Peter Lenart, Polish Falcons of America, director; Janet King, Catholic Association of Foresters, director; John M. Kamenitsky, GBU Financial Life - Sokol U.S.A. district, secretary-treasurer; Joseph Goda, National Slovak Society, director; Marion Varga, CSA Fraternal Life, director; and Antonio Craviero, Luso-American Financial, director.

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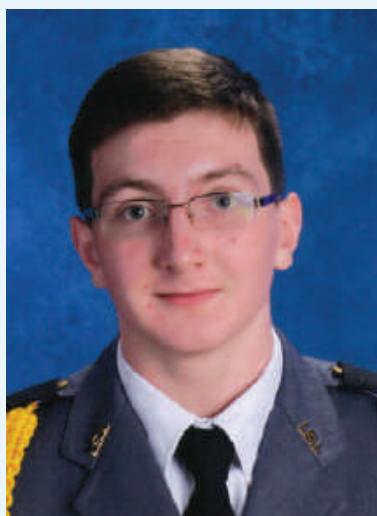


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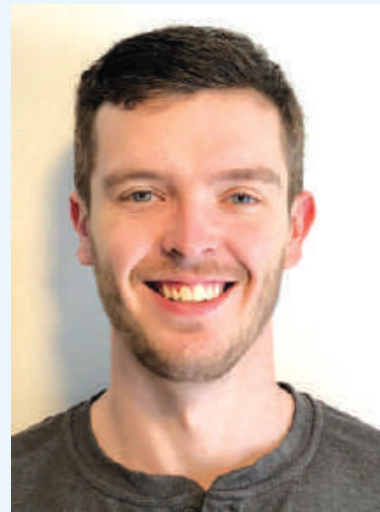
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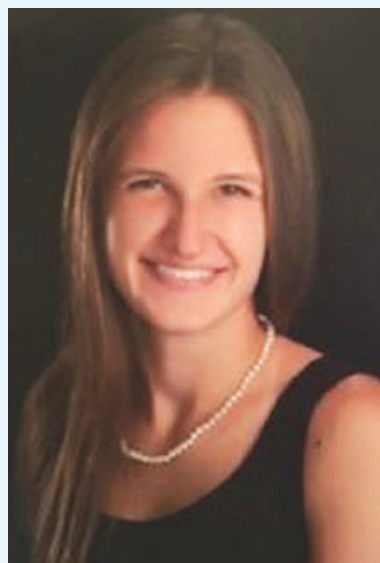
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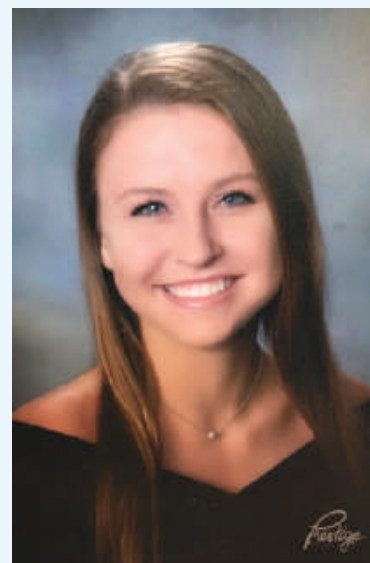
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Lilly, PA



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Minneapolis, MN



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Reading, PA



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Albright College
Group 12, Wreath 155
Reading, PA



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Slippery Rock University
Group 14, Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, PA



AMANDA MONDIK
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Palm Beach State College
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Pittsburgh, PA

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Ryerson University
Group 19, Assembly 227
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**THEODORE & MARY
JANE RICH MEMORIAL**
Scholarship Winner
Grant of \$2,500



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Port Griffith, PA

**EMIL SLAVIK
MEMORIAL**
Scholarship Winner
Grant of \$2,000



CODIE PIOTROWSKI
Pittsburgh, PA
Robert Morris University
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Pittsburgh, PA

**KRISTA GLUGOSH
MEMORIAL**
Scholarship Winner
Grant of \$1,000



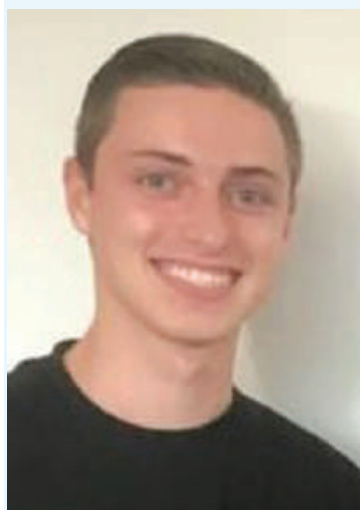
ALYSSA PERETIN
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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**
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Scholarship Winner
Grant of \$1,000



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Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffith, PA

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT**
Scholarship Winner Grant of \$1,000



MEGAN MCDONALD
South Milwaukee, WI
LaCrosse University
Group 4, Wreath 93
Milwaukee, WI



CHLOE SEILER
Finleyville, PA
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Pittsburgh, PA

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the first presentation of scholarship grants to our deserving young members in support of their quest for a good education. From our earliest years, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has promoted education among our youth. Since 1972, a total of \$1,616,250 in scholarship grants have been awarded to 2,309 of our members, certainly an enviable record. This year, we are pleased to introduce the recipients of our 2018 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all of them. Happy future and Zdar Boh!



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1. To promote gymnastics and other athletic programs, and to support recreational, social, cultural and patriotic programs for its members and for the general public.
2. To form subordinate Assemblies with a ritualistic and representative form of government under the authority and supervision of the Supreme Assembly.
3. To assist our brother and sister members who are ill or disabled; to ease the burden of widows and orphans of deceased members by comforting them in their bereavement, and to assist our needy aged members.
4. To foster education, brotherly love, and loyalty to one's country as a citizen of the United States or Canada.
5. To administer our organization as a nonprofit fraternal insurance organization, providing low cost insurance protection for our members.
6. To sustain the Catholic faith, both of the Latin and Byzantine rites.
7. To foster true democratic principles among our members.
8. To adhere strictly to the Fraternal Benefit Organization System and its rules and regulations.
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- Preserves the Slovak Heritage.
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- An applicant must apply for membership through a member in good standing or an appointed agent of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

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(4) APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

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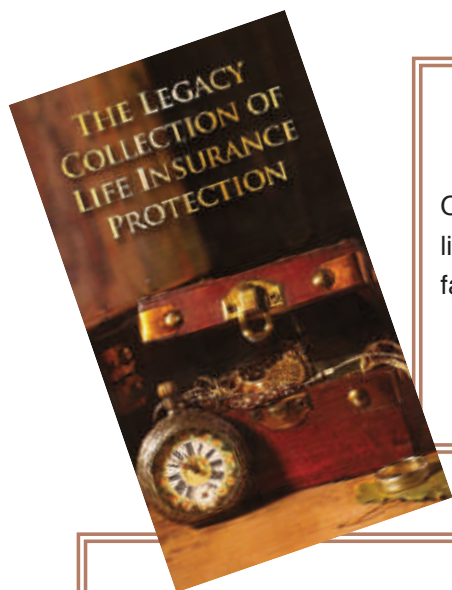
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