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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

The calendar is telling us that we have entered the last three months of 2019. It is autumn, the time of the year where the days are getting



shorter and the temperature is getting cooler, which means our lights are staying on longer and our heat has been turned on. This is the down side of October, November and December. Now for the upside, it is harvest time where the bounty of farmers and our own home gardens is realized from all the hard work that was done over the spring and summer months. Then Mother Nature rewards us with her spectacular display of every shade of red, orange, yellow, crimson, gold, green and brown that makes up her pallet of fall foliage.

Autumn also has the autumn sports we become interested in again, either because we like a certain sport or team or cheer on our children, grandchildren or friends who participate in an autumn sport. We soak up all that autumn has to offer since we know sometime in the near future, hopefully way into the future, the temperature will really drop and the beautiful white fluff will drop from the sky letting us know winter has arrived for those who like to ski, ice skate sleigh ride and put a log into the fire place. No matter how we look at it, there is a

lot to enjoy both in autumn and early winter, so sit back, enjoy and count our blessings.

I am pleased to read many Groups have announced the date, location and time of their annual meeting which is fulfilling the requirements of our By Laws under Section 6.0. I ask our Group Presidents to include time at the meeting to inform Assembly and Wreath delegates on what took place at the 33rd Quadrennial Convention. Everyone will be able to read the minutes of the Convention as they are published in the Falcon and available on the Society's website. It will be by learning what business took place at the Convention members will learn more about the Society, can become more involved and will want to be a delegate to our 34th Convention.

Halloween has become more interesting over the years. It no longer is that day at the end of October set aside for children to go trick or treating dressed up in their cute costumes to visit family, friends and neighbors to receive their treats. It also has become a time for adults to find a reason to get together to enjoy the mystic of Halloween. Submit the photos of your Group, Assembly or Wreath Halloween parties for us to publish in the Falcon so all members can see the scary and not-so-scary costumes that came to visit.

On November 1 we celebrate the holiday of All Saints Day then on No-

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GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS

GROUP 1 - Our meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at St. John Nepomucene Parish located at the corner of First Avenue and East 66th Street in Manhattan. Hosting this year's meeting will be Assembly 182 of New York City. Our program begins with attendance at the 10:15 a.m. Mass in church. Our meeting and luncheon will follow in the parish social hall located at 406 East 67th Street. Parking is available at the Garage Management Company Parking Garage located at 337 East 64th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 11 by call-

ing the secretary, Daniel F. Tanzone at tel. 800 886-7656. - **John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., President; Daniel F. Tanzone, Secretary.**

GROUP 2 - Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the Blue Goose Restaurant located at 326 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, CT at 12 noon. To assist in the preparation for the event, please call Secretary John Tkacik (203-336-9703) by Thursday October 24th with the names of those people who are planning to attend.

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From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

AWARENESS

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



"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the Fall Season. Things seem to get busy this time of year as the kids settle into their school routines and our schedules fill up rather quickly. Things are no different here at the Home Office as this time of year seems to be our busiest.



Two weeks ago, I was pleased to attend the 2019 American Fraternal Alliance Executive Summit in Washington D.C. along with our General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. The American Fraternal Alliance was established in 1886 and continues to be an organization that strengthens and supports its members in the fraternal benefit sector by its leadership in advocacy and education. The Executive Summit provides a forum for fraternal leaders to discuss topics of interest in the fraternal benefit system. The meeting also allows us the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and speak with our elected representatives about the importance of fraternal benefit societies. It is always important to bring awareness to those in Washington regarding all the good that we do!

Speaking of awareness, October happens to be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every October, all of the major breast cancer charities look to

increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. There are many walks, runs and activities around the country in support of this directive. I would like to urge all our members, Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups to get involved as we all know someone who has been affected by this disease. As the strong fraternal that dedicates our time to helping others, this is a cause that is right up our alley!

With that in mind, I know that there are many local Assembly/Wreath functions planned for the Fall Season. I urge all of our Officers to announce the events in our publication and to follow up after the event with brief articles and photos. As I always say, it is so important to let everyone know the good work and volunteerism that our local lodges do!

Finally, I would like to pose a question to our members. When is the last time you calculated how much life insurance you currently have, whether through the Sokol, work, etc.? I fear the answer for most may be not at all. Unfortunately, a large portion of our membership are severely underinsured, leaving them one accident or terminal illness away from a financial hardship for their families. If you would like help in answering this question, please feel to contact me at the Home Office at (800) 886-7656 or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., FIC at (412) 381-5431 and we would be happy to help!

Until next time, Happy Halloween to all our members and God Bless!

Zdar Boh!



On September 24 our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec (left) and General Counsel John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. visited during the American Fraternal Alliance Executive Summit in Washington D.C. Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON
PUBLICATION DATES**

<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>	<u>ARTICLE DEADLINE</u>
November 13, 2019	November 4, 2019
December 18, 2019	December 9, 2019

NEW PUBLISHING DATE

Beginning in the month of January, 2020 the publishing date for the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be the first of the month and the newsletter will be published on the 15th of the month. Deadline for information for the January 2020 issue will be Monday, December 23, 2019.

SOKOL CALENDAR



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

■ **GROUP 10 ANNUAL MEETING** at St John Fisher Church, 1239 Third St, Catsauqua, PA beginning at 1:30 p.m.

■ **GROUP 17 ANNUAL MEETING** at St. Matthias Church of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Youngstown, OH beginning with Mass at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

■ **GROUP 7 MONTHLY MEETING** at the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-

Barre, PA beginning at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

■ **GROUP 14 FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY** at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2414 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

■ **GROUP 2 ANNUAL MEETING** at the Blue Goose Restaurant located at 326 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, CT at 12 noon.

■ **GROUP 18 ANNUAL MEETING** at the

Train Station Restaurant in Tamaqua, PA beginning at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

■ **GROUP 3 ANNUAL MEETING** at the Sokol Hall on route 16 in Douglas, MA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

■ **WREATH 22 MEETING** at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, PA beginning at 7 p.m.

■ **ASSEMBLY 16 GENERAL MEETING** at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, PA at 7 p.m.

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GROUP 17 SOKOLS GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE MAHONING VALLEY SLOVAK FEST

by Loretta Ekoniak

This year's 14th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest was held on Sunday, August 11. Due to the sale of the former St. Matthias School building, the festival moved to The Byzantine Center at the Grove. The Grove is at the old Shady Run Picnic grounds just about a half mile down the road from St. Matthias School where the festival was held for the first 13 years.

We received many compliments regarding the new venue which included a Slovak/English Mass celebrated on site, attended by more than 250 people; new children's activities as well as an indoor basket raffle.

For the adults, a brand new Cafe Kosice Wine Bar and Bistro provided a place to enjoy a glass of wine, some good Slovak music, a much larger heritage display and a quieter place to sit with friends

and take a break from the festival activities. The Slovak Catholic Sokol home office, as always supported our festival with a full page ad in our program and many local Group 17 members enjoyed the festival. Group 17, "Rev. Francis Skutil" was a corporate sponsor and was present at the Slovak fraternal's table in the main hall. The festival was well attended by many people wanting to honor their heritage, learn more about the Slovak community, listen to the great Slovak music and polkas provided by Jack Vasko's and Del Sinchak's orchestras, and of course enjoy the great Slovak culinary specialities that many can't get at home!

We are happy to say that this year's festival was a resounding success and all are looking forward to its continued success at this new venue!



Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek and his dad, John Jerek in traditional Slovak kroj flank Sandy Andersen.



Mike Ekoniak, who was a first time delegate at this summer's quadrennial Sokol convention.

GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS

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- Eileen S. Wilson, *President*, John Tkacik, *Secretary*

GROUP 3 - Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3 at the Sokol Hall on route 16 in Douglas, MA. Coffee and danish will be available at 10 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:30 a.m.. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting where the election of officers will be held. We will review discussions and results from the 33rd Quadrennial convention which was held this past summer as well as discuss fundraising events and opportunities for new fraternal activities for Group 3. - **Christine Manyak**, *Group 3 Secretary*

Group 7 - Annual meeting will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at 143 Division Street in Wilkes-Barre, PA on Sunday, November 17, 2019. A mass for the living and deceased members of Group 7 will be held at 11 a.m. Fr. Richard Cirba, Group 7 Chaplain, will celebrate the mass for our members. A luncheon will be held after mass in the school cafeteria followed by our annual meeting. All Group 7 officers, assembly/wreath officers and all members are encouraged to attend. - **Amy Degnan Blasko**, *President*

GROUP 17 - This year's meeting is set for Sunday, October 20 at St. Matthias Church of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. We will attend the 11 a.m. Mass to be celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. John M. Jerek. Coffee and donuts will be served following the liturgy. All officers are expected to present written reports of their activities since the last annual meeting. Election of officers for the coming four year period will take place. All officers and lodge representatives need to make reservations with the Secretary, Carol Gonda at tel. 330 783-0173. Zdar Boh! - **James G. Jerek**, *President*, **Carol Gonda**, *Secretary*.

GROUP 18 - This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 27 at the Train Station Restaurant in Tamaqua, PA beginning at 1 p.m. Election of officers will take place. In order to make the necessary preparations, those planning to attend are asked to call President Len Benek at tel. 570 645-4013. - **Len Benek**, *President*

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

AUGUST 22-24, 2019

1.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 14,891.51	
			Home Office Allotment \$ 2,775.00
			Supreme Officers Expenses \$ 2,606.36
2.	BUILDING RENTALS		
	A. First floor office space is leased by the Slovak League of America	\$ 2,400.00	<i>Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit</i>
	B. Tri County Plumbing rents supply storage space	\$ 3,900.00	
	C. Little Achievers Academic Child Care	\$ 37,080.00	
	D. Parking leases on a month to month basis	\$ 2,040.00	
	Total Rental income January 1 to June 30, 2017		Total \$ 5,381.36
		Total \$ 45,420.00	
	Note: One long time renter in arrears by \$1,080, Supreme Secretary in constant contact and received \$540 in August.		
3.	FRATERNAL CONGRESS EXPENSES	\$ 5,752.46	
4.	33rd QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION	\$ 45,000.00	
	August 4-7, 2019 Cleveland, OH		
	Note: Total cost for the Convention will be reflected in the 2019 Annual Report		
5.	OUTSTANDING SLET BALANCES	\$ 0.00	
	Note: Balances for 2019 Slet have not yet been calculated		
6.	PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 11,535.39	
7.	PUBLICATION EXPENSES		
	A. Slovak Catholic Falcon		
	Printing	\$ 14,700.00	
	Postage	\$ 7,500.00	
	Total	\$ 22,200.00	
8.	REVIEW OF EXISTING MORTGAGES		
	A. Outstanding Mortgage Balances:	\$ 629,511.74	
	3 mortgage payments are being received		
	B. Interest income on mortgages	\$ 19,634.03	
9.	SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE		
	Scholarships	\$ 0.00	
	Expenses	\$ 623.85	
	Total	\$ 623.85	
10.	SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EXPENSES		
	A. District Tournaments		
	None Held	\$ 0.00	
	B. 73 rd International Bowling Tournament		
	May 17-18, 2019 Pittsburgh, PA		
	C. 64 th International Golf Tournament		
	August 16-18, 2019 Beaver Falls, PA	\$ 2,393.47	
	Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit		
	D. 49 th International SLET	\$ 9,037.34	
	July 17-21, 2019		
	State University of New York		
	at The College at Brockport		
	Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit		
	E. Other Sports Expenses		
	Walking Program	\$ 0.00	
	Insurance	\$ 336.00	
	Total	\$ 336.00	
	Summary of Sports and Athletic Expenses		
	A. District Tournaments	\$ 0.00	
	B. 73 rd International Bowling Tournament	\$ 5,381.36	
	C. 64 th International Golf Tournament	\$ 2,393.47	
	D. 49 th International SLET	\$ 9,037.34	
	E. Other Sports Expenses	\$ 336.00	
	Total	\$ 17,148.17	
11.	OTHER ACCOUNTS REVIEWED		
	Accountant Expenses	\$ 15,997.82	
	Actuarial Expense	\$ 35,701.04	
	Advertising / Promotional	\$ 2,861.39	
	Agency Expenses	\$ 10,701.51	
	Annuity Commissions	\$ 15,047.60	
	Annuity Surrenders/Withdrawal	\$ 706,943.89	
	Bank Charges - Bond Department	\$ 84,146.79	
	Building Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 15,490.86	
	Computer Expenses	\$ 28,149.15	
	Death Benefit Claims Paid / Paid Up Additions	\$1,280,094.92	
	Donations and Contributions	\$ 1,251.92	
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 2,977.00	
	Group Assessments	\$ 24,009.61	
	Hospitalization/Employee Benefits	\$ 58,091.12	
	Interest Expense	\$ 5,841.42	
	Marketing Expenses	\$ 2,445.97	
	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 6,887.59	
	Miscellaneous Publication Expense	\$ 26.61	
	Office Expenses	\$ 6,740.00	
	Operating Expense-Sokol Building	\$ 33,603.43	
	Other Legal Expenses	\$ 6,876.57	
	Pension Plans Office/Officers Payments	\$ 178,653.24	
	Pension Plans-Print Shop Payments	\$ 3,063.24	
	Postage Office	\$ 7,406.21	
	Property Taxes-Sokol Building	\$ 42,474.39	
	Rental Area Expenses	\$ 2,877.93	
	Reserve Annuity Supplemental Contracts	\$2,086,615.96	
	Salaries-Editorial	\$ 17,388.00	

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SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

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Salaries-Office	\$ 216,961.50
Salaries-Supreme Officers	\$ 0.00
Sale of Cookbooks	\$ 510.50
SKS 2020 Committee	\$ 80.70
State Insurance Licenses & Fees	\$ 5,326.00
Supreme Auditors	\$ 5,030.96
Supreme Officers Employee Bonding	\$ 2,051.00
Supreme Officers Travel	\$ 2,678.90
Supreme Officers Uniform Allowance	\$ 0.00
Telephone-Editorial	\$ 577.80
Telephone-Office	\$ 2,629.37
Workman's Compensation	\$ 4,694.40

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

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

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

We, the undersigned Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol hereby acknowledge that on August 23, 2019, we reviewed the policy of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in accordance with PA Act 154 regarding the marketing practices and found that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is in compliance with PA Act 154.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Jerek
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors

James F. Knis
Supreme Auditor

Brian M. Suchy
Supreme Auditor

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

LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

*I've been thinking, Lord,
of how you carry me,
of all the ways you carry me,
from day to day,
season to season,
year to year, or for that matter -
from hour to hour!*



*And how do you carry me, Lord?
Let me count the ways!*

*You carry, you sustain me with your grace,
that mysterious nectar of your Spirit
anointing my mind, my heart and my soul
with your counsel, wisdom and peace...*

*You lift me up, you bear me up
on the love, affection and faithful help
of my family, my friends, my colleagues
and all my sisters and brothers...*

*With mercy beyond my wildest dreams
you pardon and forgive me,
you mend and heal my heart,
you reconcile me with you,
with my neighbor and with myself...*

*Living within me, dwelling in depths
I've neither found nor dared to plumb,
you clarify my thoughts,
you empower my words and deeds,
you fill my empty places,
you give me trust and hope,
you carry and sustain me,
you lift me up on wings of prayer
from day to day, season to season,
year to year and when needed, Lord,
from hour to hour...
Amen.*

Message from our Supreme President

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November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day. Both of these days ask us to remember; saints because of the exceptional Christian lives they lived and the miracles they performed to those who pray to them and to remember all of our family and friends who have died in Christ remembering them in our prayers and the time we enjoyed with them when we were all together..

Autumn is time for us to do some harvesting and embracing change in our lives by thinking of the little ghosts, goblins and witches in our lives and asking ourselves are all of them members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. What a better time to give them a real treat and that is to give them a Sokol life in-

surance policy. Then for ourselves, when we remember family and friends on November 2 we can ask do we have enough life insurance to cover our final costs or leave something to our children or grandchildren, if we do not have sufficient life insurance then we need to act. To help you with getting an insurance policy or increasing the one you already have contact our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. for information and assistance.

With God's Blessings to All!
Zdar Boh!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES SET

LORAIN, OH, WREATH 111 – Our lodge will host its annual program, “Celebrating the Birth of Jesus” with dinner on Monday, December 9th at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue beginning at 6:15 p.m. During the dinner, we will observe the various Slovak Christmas Eve traditions. Reservations are required. For reservations call Marty Zemanek at tel. 440-225-8676. Zdar Boh!
– **Helen M. Zemanek, President**

PITTSBURGH, PA – This year's exciting Children's Christmas party for junior members of Assembly 16 and Wreath 22 is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th 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 ages 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. 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 will be served and entertainment will be provided. A visit from Santa will complete the fraternal afternoon. In the spirit of giving, donations of coats and warm clothing will be accepted to be given to a local homeless shelter. We look forward to another holiday season in the best traditions of Pittsburgh Sokol fellowship and fraternalism. Zdar Boh!
- **Carmella(Suess) Marzec, chairperson**

YOUNGSTOWN, OH – All is in readiness for this year's exciting Children's Christmas/Bowling party for all junior Sokol members of Group 17. This year's party is scheduled for Sunday, December 1st from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Camelot Bowling Lanes, 628 Boardman-Canfield Road in Boardman, OH. This annual holiday event is hosted by Wreath 54 and Assemblies 107 and 108. An afternoon of traditional fun and fraternalism has been planned. Junior members can enjoy two hours of bowling, pizza, pop and of course, a visit from Santa to complete the fun afternoon. Guests of Group 17 members are also invited to join in the festivities at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Those planning to attend should call or text Judy Babik at 330 360-5690 by November 25. Zdar Boh!
- **Judy Babik, chairperson**

Introducing our newest members



Cole William Pogorelec, born on June 25, 2019. Cole is the son of Supreme Secretary, **Scott T. Pogorelec**, and **Maggie Pogorelec** of Wayne, NJ. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 162 in Clifton, NJ.



Mallory Janice Freshner, born January 4, 2019, is the daughter of **Zach and Cyndi Knis Freshner** of Columbus, OH. She was enrolled as a member of Assembly 180 in Canton, OH.



Connor Thomas Kreminsky, born August 26, 2019, is the son of **Jason Thomas and Christy Fontana Kreminsky** of West Mifflin, PA. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, PA.

SOKOL CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

■ **LUCINA SLOVAK FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE'S ANNUAL FALL GALA** “An Evening in the Heart of Europe” at Holy Spirit Party Center, 5500 West 54th St., Parma, OH beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. with cultural program at 7:30 p.m., full course dinner, dessert, open bar, music for dancing and listening pleasure, \$50.00 per person, \$360.00 for table of 8; for reservations call Tom Ivanec, tel. 440 668-7797 or Miriam Visnovsky 440 638-9921; advance ticket sales only.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

■ **GROUP 1 ANNUAL MEETING** at St. John Nepomucene Parish located at the Corner of First Ave. and East 66th Str., Manhattan, NY. Mass at 10.15 a.m.

■ **GROUP 7 ANNUAL MEETING** at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at 143 Division Street in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

■ **GROUP 7 SOKOL REUNION** at the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-Barre, PA 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE 33RD QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

Held at the Cleveland Airport Marriott in Cleveland, OH
August 4 – August 7, 2019

OPENING SESSION – SUNDAY – AUGUST 4, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, the Convention Chairperson in accordance with Section 2.4 (a) of the Constitution and Bylaws called to order the 33rd Quadrennial Convention of the Slovak Catholic Sokol on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all the Clergy, Honorary Supreme Officers, Supreme Officers, delegates and guests.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, was called upon to offer the Opening Prayer. The delegates recited the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule together.

A Color Guard from the Bay Village Boy Scout Troop 159 from St. Raphael Parish conducted the Presentation of Colors. The American, Canadian, and Slovak anthems were sung by the delegates.

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, led the delegates in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, delivered his Opening Address to the Convention.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Slavna konvencia!
Pochvaleny bud pan Jezis Kristus!
Dobre rano!

Members of the Clergy, Religious, Honorary Supreme Offices, My fellow Supreme Officers, Sister and Brother Delegates, Guests and Friends.

On behalf of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Assembly, I extend our warmest welcome to all of you to the Slovak Catholic Sokol 33rd Quadrennial Convention here in Cleveland, Ohio.

I would like to acknowledge the support and help our Supreme Secretary, Brother Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I have received over the last two years from the members of Group 5 and the Board of Directors who have worked with us to make the 33rd Convention a memorable experience for all. I also thank Group 5 for the hospitality they provided us last evening. They surely gave us a traditional Slovak welcome.

I know all was done to make the 33rd Quadrennial Convention a success and the person I want to especially thank is our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. for all the work he and the home office has done for us to be here today. Thank you Brother Scott!

Over the next two days, you the delegates of the 33rd Quadrennial Convention, who are representing your Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths and the 28,000 members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have a great responsibility. You were elected to be a delegate to review the work the Society and its officers have done for the membership over the past four years. This review will include the Supreme Officers reports, Committee reports, and Professional Advisor Reports. It will be with this information that you will evaluate how the Society has met its obligation to its members and adhered to the statutory Rules and Regulation that govern the Organization by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Finally,

you will have the opportunity to elect the Board of Directors and the other Supreme Officers you wish to manage and guide the Society for the next four years.

Four years ago, the delegates of the Slovak Catholic Sokol 32nd Quadrennial Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA allowed me to become responsible for our 110 year old organization and to be the President of our great Society.

At the same time the torch was past on to a new Supreme Secretary to run the Society's the day-to-day operations. After 24 years of service to the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. decided to retire. The delegates decided that the new Supreme Secretary should be Brother Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

This new executive team along with the other Board of Director took up their responsibilities earnestly and began to set a course for the next four years. Throughout the three and one half years all problems and challenges Brother Scott and I faced were successfully dealt with in a positive manner and out come.

Our Supreme Secretary and the home office staff should be commended on their professionalism, the courteous service they provide and their ability to look out for the best interests of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and its assets. This past year the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance did their five year audit. The Society passed the audit without exception and is in good financial condition. Its management structure, operational processes and governances are all in order, in compliance and have the New Jersey Department Banking and Insurance's approval. All of the delegates and members should be please with the results of this audit and its report. Again, Thank you Brother Scott for a job well done!

One mandate the delegates of the 32nd Convention asked for, was to form a 2020 Committee to examine the Society's executive and operational structure and its governance. These issues were questions by a group that proposed an organizational change in executive structure saying do it now or be forced to do it later.

The delegates asked our Honorary Supreme Officer Julie Ann Dobbs to Chair the 2020 Committee and she accepted. Over the last two and one half years the 2020 Committee took the charge of their responsibilities and work together to come to the conclusions they will report to you.

I want to thank the Committee for their service and dedication to our Society. You will hear from Sister Dobbs and members of the Committee on the Committee's findings. We will learn what was actually needed.

We all know that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is a Fraternal Benefit Society that provides financial security to members via its life insurance and annuity products. The Boards of Directors have been looking at all investment options to generate additional revenue while taking minimal risks that possibly could reduce principle in this interesting and vacillating bond and stock market. At the same time, the Board looks to reduce expenses without affecting the fraternal benefits it gives to its members.

The Board of Directors at the same time is looking for additional ways to sell more life insurance and give the best interest it could

on the annuity products. We can be proud that the Slovak Catholic Sokol is generating more insurance sales than other fraternal and is keeping pace with its annuity sales where it competes with larger fraternal in this competitive market.

Most new sales come from the Society's authorized sales agents in a few markets. It is important that our Assemblies and Wreaths join in the success and become more involved with attracting new members to the Society, as was done in the past.

Our Society is special because of our uniqueness; we are a Slovak society that continues to recognize its historic roots, trying to maintain the traditions of our forefather and the customs from our motherland.

We are a Catholic Society helping to preserve our faith in our Risen Christ. I want to thank our Supreme Chaplain, Reverend, Andrew S. Hvozdic for showing us what Christian values are and how we should live our lives as followers of Christ.

I close by asking us to take a moment now to remember all the remarkable members of our Society its founders, the many leaders on a National, Group, Assembly and Wreath level who served the membership over the decades and least of all the members themselves who are no longer with us. May their legacies live on and may our thoughts and prayers give us and them peace.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen!

Zdar Boh!
Michael J. Horvath
President

Acknowledged

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., was introduced and followed with his Opening Address.

SUPREME SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Dobre Rano! Slavna Konvencia:
 Members of the Clergy, Honorary Supreme Officers, fellow Supreme Officers, Sister and Brother Delegates, Guests and Friends:

I would like to welcome each of you to this 33rd Quadrennial Convention here in beautiful Cleveland, OH.

A special welcome to all our first-time delegates. Would you kindly stand and be recognized? I will give you the advice that I was given at my first Convention 20 years ago in Buffalo, NY by former Honorary Supreme Officer and Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Macey, may he rest in peace. He said, "Scotty, don't make any motions, but you could second a couple. You don't want to make any waves, but it's nice to get your name in the minutes here and there." Then he giggled as many of you will remember that laugh.

I would also like to recognize our Sokol Veterans. Will all those who have served in the military please stand and be recognized? We thank you for your service.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our entire Organization, I thank all our delegates for your willingness to serve and to represent the 28,000 members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. I urge you not to take that responsibility lightly. The decisions we make this week will shape our organization for the next four years and well into the future. You as a delegate have the power to revise bylaws, elect officers, and act on all business brought before the assembly. You will hear from our Professional Consultants, notably our Accountants, Actuaries, and Portfolio Managers. They will tell where we have been, where we are today, and hopefully where we are going. Through the hard work and dedication of our Director of Sales and our Home Office Staff, we have seen our Assets, our

Insurance In Force, and our Life Premium Income increase every year and all stand at all-time highs for the Society. Let me assure you all that the organization remains financially secure and we have not sacrificed any benefits or services during this period. We have had challenges along the way, none more so than the low interest rate environment that we have endured and our currently enduring. Your Board of Directors and our Institutional Management Team have navigated as best we could during these difficult times.

During these past four years, your elected administration has done their very best to serve this Organization. The Board of Directors and Physical Fitness Board have worked together to accomplish successful activities and fulfill the purposes of our organization. We have made changes where necessary, while still keeping our Sokol ideals that have been instilled in each of us. I would like to recognize the Physical Fitness Board for their hard work in running our 49th International Slet two weeks ago in Brockport, NY.

One of the main goals of this Administration was an increase in Communication both among Officers and our entire Membership. We have increased the ways we communicate with our Members by the use of social media, email, and our Website and I hope you have seen these subtle changes.

We also are aware that we need to improve in many areas, both Boards and the Home Office Staff will continue to strive for that improvement.

While conducting business is of the utmost importance, this Convention also allows us the time to be together as Sokol Family. To reunite with old friends and make new friends. During this week, we will try to be as efficient as possible with our time so that you will be able to enjoy the city of Cleveland and enjoy our time with each other.

In closing, I remind everyone that this year marks the 114th Anniversary of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Since 1905, we have been blessed with many great leaders and members and the message of Sokol Fraternalism has been passed on to succeeding generations. Let us continue to promote the Slovak Catholic Sokol to our younger generations as we look to them to provide the leadership that we need both on the local level and the national level.

I wish all our delegates a most successful and enjoyable Convention. May the Good Lord guide our deliberations. God Bless you and the Slovak Catholic Sokol!

Zdar Boh!
Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

Acknowledged

The Convention Chairperson thanked Brother Scott for his opening address and asked the Supreme Secretary to give a report on behalf of the Verification and Eligibility Committee on qualified delegates and to read the roll call of delegates.

Brother Scott reported that the Verification and Eligibility Committee consisting of Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath and Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., as per the Bylaws, met on Monday, April 16, 2019 to review and verify 201 delegate and 7 alternate delegate forms. The Committee approved 201 delegate applications and 7 alternates, which included Supreme Officers, Honorary Supreme Officers, Group Officers and Assembly/Wreath delegates.

The Supreme Secretary then proceeded to read the roll call with the following results: 17 Supreme Officers, 8 Honorary Supreme Officers, 14 Group Presidents, 1 Group Chaplain, 2 Group

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Sports Directors, 7 Group Physical Directors, 5 Group Physical Directresses and 119 Assembly/Wreath delegates responding for a total of 173. Acknowledged

Brother Horvath thanked Brother Secretary and called upon the Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. to present the report of the Committee.

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
33rd QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION
RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Supreme President appointed the Members of the Supreme Board of Directors to serve as the Rules & Regulations Committee.

Chairperson, General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

- A. The Committee per Section 2.4 (e) and (f) of the Bylaws establishes the following per diem remuneration:

Assistant Convention Secretaries - \$100.00 each per day.
Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members-\$10.00 per hour.

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Only delegates approved by the Convention Verification Committee and bearing proper identification (**33rd Quadrennial Convention Badges**) will be allowed to attend the business sessions. The only exception is guests and alternates who are to be seated in the guest section.
2. Daily sessions of the Convention are scheduled as follows:

Morning Session	9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Afternoon Session	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Session	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.(If needed)
3. Meals will be served as follows:

Breakfast	- 7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Lunch	- 12:15 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Dinner	- 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
4. Daily Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. after the morning sessions in the **Grand Ballroom**.
5. In lieu of a daily roll call, Group Presidents or Group Representatives shall report attendance Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday per session to the Supreme Secretary. Report is to include number of Group delegates present and the names of those delegates not in attendance.
6. The Supreme Chaplain will offer a prayer to open and to close each session.
7. All morning sessions will include the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag following the opening prayer, to be led by a member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.
8. Delegates must attend all sessions unless excused by the Convention Chairperson or the Assistant Chairperson. Such

excuses will be recorded in the official minutes of each business session.

9. Any delegate absent from any session without just cause and without permission of the Convention Chairperson may result in assessment of one-half of their traveling expense back to the organization.
10. Guests wishing to address the Convention will be escorted to the podium by a **Reception Committee member**. Names and official titles of visitors wishing to address the Convention should be given to the Reception Committee who, in turn, will advise the Convention Chairperson.
11. Delegates addressing the Convention should use the traditional term "**Slavna Konvencia**", **state your name** and **give your delegate number** after being recognized by the Convention Chairperson.
12. All delegates will be limited to two minutes for comments or remarks on each subject discussed, and one additional minute for a rebuttal.
13. Delegates are to be referred to as **Brother** and **Sister**, and not as Mr., Madame, Sir, etc.
14. **Delegates will refrain from using** Laptops, Cell Phones, iPads or any such electronic devices unless you are asked to do so; except for Convention Secretaries, during the business sessions. Fine will be \$25.00 if you do, and removal of device.
15. No smoking will be allowed in the meeting room during any of the sessions. Smokers must go to the properly designated smoking area at the hotel.
16. All voting shall be by a show of hands or voice vote unless a secret ballot is requested or required by the Convention Chairperson or the delegates.
17. All Nomination Forms need to be in by Monday, August 5, 2019 at 5:00p.m. so the Verification and Eligibility Committee are able to review them.

General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee moved for the acceptance of the report, seconded by Brother Gregory McMahon.

No discussion followed and the motion was approved.

Convention Chairperson Horvath thanked Brother Counsel for the report and informed the delegates that as the Supreme President, he has appointed the Convention Committees, and they were previously listed in the Falcon. He asked if there were any questions regarding the committee appointments and schedules. There being none he introduced the Committee Members and asked each to stand.

**COMMITTEES FOR THE 33RD QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION
APPOINTED BY SUPREME PRESIDENT
MICHAEL J. HORVATH**

Rules and Regulations:

Board of Directors - John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. (Chair)

Nomination: (6)

Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. - Assembly 162 (Chair)
Michael J. Horvath - Assembly 59
Arlene Most - Wreath 22
Susan Moynihan - Wreath 153
Claire Matlon - Assembly 24
Joseph Harak - Assembly 261

Bylaws: (5)

Julie A. Dobbs - Wreath 93 (Chair)
David Matlon - Assembly 34
Kathryn Figard - Assembly 180
J. Kevin Conway - Assembly 28
Cynthia Walkowiak - Wreath 22

New Motions: (5)

Chet Dziuba - Assembly 227 (Chair)
Rev. Richard Bay - Assembly 162
Lisa Hoeck - Wreath 93
Damian Suess - Assembly 16
Judith A. Babik - Wreath 54

Resolution: (4)

Msgr. Thomas Derzack - Assembly 188 (Chair)
Daniel F. Tanzone - Assembly 219
Mark Papcun - Assembly 36
Rev. Anthony J. Pleho - Assembly 219

Publicity: (3)

Michael Kopanic - Wreath 14 (Chair)
Suzanne E. Zeman - Wreath 93
Susan M. Babik - Wreath 54

Surety, Bonds and Salaries: (4)

Gary Manyak - Assembly 28 (Chair)
Leonard Benek - Assembly 188
Bradley Hoeck - Wreath 93
Louis Smeriglio - Assembly 162

Balloting: (8)

Judith Manyak - Wreath 18 (Chair)
Lori Matlon - Wreath 47
Michael Ekoniak - Assembly 108
Jennifer Romine - Wreath 93
Carmella Marzec - Wreath 22
Carol J. Gonda - Wreath 54
Gregory McMahon - Assembly 28
Andrea Ames Papcun - Assembly 36

Reception: (5)

John M. Underation - Assembly 167 (Chair)
Edith Babik - Wreath 54
Michelle Knis - Assembly 180
Helen Zemanek - Wreath 111
John Erdely - Assembly 25

Sergeant at Arms: (14)

Glen Kramer - Assembly 108 (Chair)
Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr. - Assembly 162
Mary Ann Erdely - Wreath 15
Deborah Unger - Wreath 155
Albert Neudeck - Wreath 39
Janice Moeller - Wreath 22
Anna Mae Warnick - Wreath 15

Joseph G. Bolte - Assembly 28

Mary M. Olexa - Wreath 54

Helene R. Evica - Wreath 93

Nancy Jean Fesko - Wreath 14

James Zamaris - Assembly 16

Robert R. Palchanis, III - Assembly 59

Patricia Latshaw - Wreath 155

Convention Secretaries: (4)

Christine M. Manyak - Wreath 18 (Chair)

David A. Bulwin - Assembly 162

Jayne Blosser - Assembly 180

Thomas J. Krack - Assembly 162

**Pre-Convention Committees
appointed by the Supreme President**

MEMBERS OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Julie Ann Dobbs

Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI, Chairperson

David Matlon

Assembly 34, Minneapolis, MN

Kathryn Figard

Assembly 180, Canton, OH.

J. Kevin Conway

Assembly 28, East Douglas, MA

Cynthia Walkowiak

Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

MEMBERS OF THE NEW MOTIONS COMMITTEE

Chet Dziuba

Assembly 227, Toronto, CN Chairperson

Rev. Richard Bay

Assembly 162, Clifton, NJ

Lisa Hoeck

Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI

Damian Suess

Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA

Judith A Babik

Wreath 54, Youngstown, OH

Acknowledged

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Convention Chairperson called upon Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, to begin the reading of the Supreme Officer's Reports.

A motion was made by Honorary Supreme Officer, Steven M. Pogorelec, Sr., that since all the officer's reports have been published and emailed to the delegates over two months ago, we accept all reports as published unless there are any questions, seconded by Brother David Genosky.

A discussion ensued and Brother Joseph Harak opposed the motion and requested that the reports be accepted one at a time.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to

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accept all the Officers Reports as presented and corrected in the Booklet was approved.

Chairperson Horvath then called upon the Petition and Donations Committee for their report. Brother Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. presented the report of the Petitions and Donations Committee.

PETITIONS AND DONATIONS COMMITTEE REQUESTS

This is the report of the Petitions and Donations Committee which consists of the Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozovic, V.F., Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, and Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., who has been appointed the Chairperson of the Committee. A Conference Call was held on July 23, 2019 and all requests were reviewed.

As a fraternal organization, we are expected and obligated to support worthy causes of our members and other Slovak and Catholic charities. We received 17 different petitions for financial assistance.

The Committee members reviewed and discussed at length each request during the Conference Call and submit the following report of the donation amounts for your approval:

1. **St. Francis Center for Renewal**, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, request from Sister M. Virginelle Makos, OSF, Director, St. Francis Center for Renewal, request for their center to continue their work in providing retreats to provide spiritual formation in the Catholic tradition.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$500** in support of St. Francis Center for Renewal. Suhlas

2. **St. Mary/St. Benedict Parish**, Canton, Ohio, from Rev. Fr. Benson Okpara, PH.D., Pastor, St. Mary's, Agnes Evanko, and James Knis request \$5,000 to update the restrooms at the St. Mary's worship site to be handicap accessible.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of St. Mary/St. Benedict Parish. Suhlas

3. **Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius**, Danville, Pennsylvania, request from Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., General Superior, request help with the addition of a sun awning and outdoor patio furniture to the 4th floor deck of Maria Hall, where sick and retired Sisters of 5 Religious Communities reside. The 4th floor deck is accessible to both wheelchairs and walkers for those who can't maneuver outside otherwise.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Suhlas

4. **Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, request from Joseph Senko, Executive Director, WPSCA, request \$1,500 to cover the annual cost of the three free Slovak language classes offered each year.: one for children; one for beginners; and one for intermediate/advanced students. If possible, would appreciate if the Sokol would cover the costs until the next convention - \$6,000.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. Suhlas

5. **Pittsburgh Slovaks**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, request from Rudy & Sue Ondrejco, Directors, Pittsburgh Slovaks, request for \$2500 to help pay the loan for costumes made 2 years ago.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Suhlas

6. **Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, request from Rudy & Ondrejco, Program Hosts, WPSRH, request \$2,500 to help develop a safety net given the yearly cost of broadcasting the program rises and they currently do not have any savings.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour. Suhlas

7. **Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble**, Chargin Falls, Ohio, request from Thomas Ivanec, Director, Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble, request \$2,000 to be used towards the purchase of authentic Slovak costumes for our senior and junior dancers as well as the purchase of choreography and music for traditional Slovak dances from the various regions of Slovakia.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble. Suhlas

8. **SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church**, Sterling Heights, Michigan, request from Andrea Papcun, Group 6 President, request \$250 - \$500 to be used towards the purchase of Priests Vestments.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$500** in support of SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church. Suhlas

9. **SS Cyril & Methodius Church**, Clifton, New Jersey, request from David Bulwin, Assembly 162 Recording Secretary, request for aid with repairs needed by church including repairs to the roof, gutters, stained glass windows, front church steps and other renovations.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church. Suhlas

10. **Member of Assembly 59 Dave Check**, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, request from Amy Degnan Blasco, Group 7 President, to help during this difficult time as Brother Dave undergoes treatment for kidney failure.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,000** in support of Dave Check, member of Assembly 59. Suhlas

11. **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**, Youngstown, Ohio, request from Reverend John M. Jerek, Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, request \$10,000 for the building of a parish reception hall which will include seating for almost 300 people, a large kitchen, restrooms, storage room, a coat room and a small foyer.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Suhlas

12. **Junior Sarisan Slovak Dance Ensemble**, Rochester, Michigan, request from Daniela Grisak, Director, Junior Sarisan Slovak Dance Ensemble, request for help raising money needed to cover cost of a trip to Slovakia to perform at local festivals and visit landmarks to further educate the dancers and their families in Slovak history.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of the Junior Sarisan Slovak Dance Ensemble. Suhlas

13. **Most Holy Trinity**, South Fork, Pennsylvania, request from Dolores Yonkoski, Assembly 82 President, request help with replacing all of the carpet in the church which has is estimated to cost \$16,000.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of Most Holy Trinity. Suhlas

14. **St. John the Baptist RC Church**, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, request from Michael T. Matras, Assembly 25, request financial help for renovation project.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$1,500** in support of St. John the Baptist RC Church. Suhlas

15. **St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church**, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, request from Michael T. Matras, Assembly 25, request help for renovation project.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$300** in support of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church. Suhlas

16. **Youngstown Sister Cities Program, Inc.**, Poland, Ohio, request from Bernie Demechko, Secretary, Youngstown Sister Cities, requests \$2,500 for help with two upcoming projects that include sending four computers to Slovakia to be used by 510 students and shipping donated evening gowns to Slovakia to be auctioned to raise money for the Crisis Center.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$500** in support of Youngstown Sister Cities. Suhlas

17. **Saints Cyril & Methodius**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, request from David J. Genosky, Assembly 34 President & James T. Genosky, Assembly 34 Financial Secretary, request \$500, to be matched by Assembly 34, to help with repairs around the parish.

The Board recommends a donation of **\$500** in support of Saints Cyril & Methodius. Suhlas

Total Donations Requested: 17

The Committee also recommends that the Groups, Assemblies, or Wreaths who made the requests for the various donations should consider a similar matching amount.

Brother Michael Ekoniak, Jr. requested a reconsideration of the amount for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Brother Secretary

stated that the committee stands by their allocated amount.

Brother David Genosky inquired about the total amount of donations given. Brother Secretary informed the delegates that the total was \$14,000.

Chairperson Horvath thanked the committee for their report.

Several housekeeping announcements were made and the rest of the day's schedule was reviewed which included the Convention Mass and the Evening Banquet.

The Supreme President then called upon Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, to introduce the charity we will be sponsoring for the 33rd Quadrennial Convention. Brother Underation introduced Mike Bernot from the West Side Catholic Center. Mr. Bernot told the delegation a little about WCC and thanked the Slovak Catholic Sokol for their gracious support. Acknowledged

Chairperson Horvath thanked Mr. Bernot and asked our Slovak Catholic Sokol Director of Sales, Brother Albert J. Suess, Jr. to provide an update on our sales and membership programs.

Brother Albert discussed the progress to date over the past 4 years, he reviewed our goals going forward and ideas for future products. He answered questions regarding products, software capabilities, agents, and our continued growth. Brother Al complimented the home office staff on their hard work, and our webmaster for maintaining our website. Brother Suess also announced the winners of our WIN WIN Membership Campaign.

- Mid-Year: Tricia Radtke--Wreath 93
- Year End: Jacqueline Pribila--Wreath 22
- Assembly/Wreath Winner: Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated! Discussion ensued about contacting new members to encourage involvement in group and international activities. All questions were addressed and he thanked the delegates for their input. Acknowledged

Brother Chairman thanked our Director of Sales and called upon our Director of Sports and Athletics for a report on the 49th International Slet.

Brother Matlon reported that the Slet was held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY from July 17-21, 2019. There were over 170 group participants representing eight Groups, namely Groups 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, and 19. It was a highly successful event and all the participants enjoyed the competition and fraternalism throughout the week. For the first time, we were able to livestream our Slet and it proved to be highly successful. Brother James thanked the Chaperones, Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board and all the Group leaders for their hard work and thanked all the Slet participants. Brother Matlon announced the various winners and our overall Slet winner was Group 4 of Chicago, IL, who captured the Flag for the first time since 1950.

Brother James concluded his report by asking the delegates to go back to their groups and approach their youth about being more involved. We want the 50th International Slet to be a huge success and are looking forward to a large turnout. Acknowledged

Brother Chairman thanked our Director of Sports and Athletics for the report and called upon the Supreme Secretary for a review of the Nomination instructions.

The Supreme Secretary provided the delegates the nomination process and where they can access nomination forms. All forms should be filled out completely and returned to the Convention Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019.

Housekeeping announcements were made regarding bus departure times and Group photos.

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Having completed the First Session business agenda items and in order for several committees to meet, President Horvath entertained a motion to adjourn the First Session, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller and seconded by Brother Joseph Harak. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic led the delegates in the closing prayer. He also informed the delegates that the Opening Mass would be celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Cleveland.

The First Session was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

SECOND SESSION – MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

Convention Chairperson, Michael J. Horvath, called to order the Second Session of the 33rd Quadrennial Convention at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, offered the morning prayer and announced the names of several deceased members.

Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. took the roll call from the Group Presidents and reported a total of 172 delegates were present, one delegate from Group 7, Matthew Malenovitch, was excused. Acknowledged

The minutes of the First Session were distributed and reviewed by the delegates. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brother John S. Hornacek, seconded by Brother Thomas Shirilla. The minutes were accepted with a few minor corrections. Approved

The Chairperson then called upon the Reception Committee members to escort the Fraternal Guests wishing to extend greetings to the dais to extend their greetings and well wishes to the Convention.

GREETINGS

Representing their organizations and offering greetings were the following.

- * University Circle, Cleveland, OH
Chris Ronayne, President
- * Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association,
Pittsburgh, PA
Joseph Senko, Executive Director
- * First Catholic Slovak Union of the USA and Canada from
Independence, OH
Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain
- * Conference of Slovak Clergy from Youngstown, OH
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin, V.G.
- * First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the USA from
Beachwood, OH
Cynthia Maleski, National President
- * Slovak Catholic Federation
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, National President
- * Slovak League of America
Daniel F. Tanzzone, President
Nina Holy, Secretary/Treasurer
- * Chairperson of the Reception Committee, Brother
John M. Underation read written greetings received from:
Theresa Kluchinski, National President,
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Mary Jo Savidge, Secretary/Treasurer,

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
David Blazek, National President,
National Slovak Society
Ivan Korcok, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic
to the United States, Embassy of the Slovak Republic

Chairperson of the Reception Committee, Brother Underation introduced and thanked his Committee members, Edith Babik, Michelle Knis, Helen Zemanek, and John Erdely.

Acknowledged

Brother Horvath thanked the Committee for a job well done and thanked all the guests for their kind greetings and remarks which are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working together in many future endeavors.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Horvath called upon the Resolutions Committee for their report. Chairperson, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Derzack introduced his Committee namely Daniel F. Tanzzone, Mark Papcun, and Rev. Anthony J. Pleho.

The Chairperson presented the following resolutions:

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

As the 33rd Quadrennial Convention of the Slovak Catholic Sokol is called to order in Cleveland, OH from August 4, 2019 to August 7, 2019.

And as this Convention calls us the delegates to be forward looking and innovative, but also to recall the great gift of faith which the Slovak people received from God as a result of the missionary efforts of the renowned Apostles of the Slavs, Saints Cyril and Methodius, as well as relying upon the intercession of St. Martin.

And as we share in that same faith which enabled Slovaks to endure against great adversity throughout their history.

So, we the members of the Resolutions Committee with a forward-looking vision and a deepened awareness of the fraternal spirit, present the following resolutions.

Whereas, Bishop Roger W. Gries, OSB, retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, celebrated the Convention Mass and preached the homily at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral and later addressed the Convention assembly at the banquet encouraging all to live their faith fully and fiercely. AND

Whereas, the SCS joyfully anticipates the 50th International Slet In 2021, may all Sokols and Sokolky do all in their power to energetically promote and participate in this event, so as to make it a hallmark point in Sokol history. AND

Whereas, in an age when tragic violence is used to express internal conflict, the Slovak Catholic Sokol motto, "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body" will truly impress our Sokol youth, who in turn will affect the mindset, in general, of other youth in our nation to respond to situations with civility, restraint, and balance. AND

Whereas, Joseph Cardinal Tomko, former Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, 97 years old, will be in our prayers as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination as a bishop. May the Lord bless him with even more healthy, and happy years. AND

Whereas, through the efforts of the Saint Cyril and Methodius Annual Appeal, priests from Slovakia at the Pontifical College of Saint Cyril and Methodius, Rome, Italy are supported as they seek theological degrees, and then return to Slovakia to bolster the Church; the 33rd Quadrennial Convention wishes to extend a sincere 'thank you' to all parishes, societies, groups, lodges and individuals who support this appeal, and encourage ongoing support. AND

Whereas, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, retired bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, and former National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, friend and protector of Slovak culture and Slovak organizations, and who died suddenly March 20, 2019. May we keep his immortal soul in our prayers. May he know the joys of heaven forevermore. AND

Whereas, we observe the 114th Anniversary of the founding of our organization.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Slovak Catholic Sokol, America's greatest Slovak gymnastic and athletic fraternal benefit society which provides insurance and annuities with added programs and activities, maintain, develop and highlight its strengths, creatively advertise its benefits and vigorously foster the fraternal spirit in a way that attracts new and increased membership; AND

Finally, that the Slovak Catholic Sokol accept all the challenges presented at this 33rd Quadrennial Convention in the spirit in which they are offered--fraternally, enthusiastically, and always with only the best intentions for our beloved organization.

May God bless us and may God bless the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Zdar Boh !

A motion to accept the Resolutions Committee report was made by Honorary Supreme Officer, John D. Pogorelec, Sr., Esq. and seconded by Sister Irene Kaschak. Approved

Chairperson Horvath stated that we will now have the presentation and reading of the Actuaries, C.P.A. and Bankers reports. He introduced and welcomed Mr. Thomas Calimano, Senior Vice-President of PNC Institutional Asset Management, Ms. Cynthia Cole, Portfolio Manager, PNC Institutional Asset Management, Mr. Michael Wilson, Chief Operating Officer, PNC Institutional Asset Management, Mr. Michael Slotopolsky, CPA of Vision Financial Group CPA's, LLP, and Mr. Allan Ferrone, FSA, MAAA, the S.C.S. Actuary. The first to present was Mr. Michael Slotopolsky, CPA of Vision Financial Group.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The following is a brief report of the Society's financial results for the past four calendar years. The admitted assets continue to increase. Assets increased by \$1,000,000 in 2018. In the prior year, assets increased by \$5,300,000. The trend in assets since 2015 is as follows: 2015 - \$73,900,000 2016 - \$78,700,000 2017 - \$84,000,000 2018 - \$85,000,000 Assets increased over the last four years mostly due to 1) increasing sales of life insurance policies, 2) increase in capital gains. The Society's assets consist of primary bonds and common stocks. The investment totaled \$80,400,000 at 12/31/18 and represented 95% of the total assets. The Society's liabilities continue to increase as well. Liabilities increased by \$1,600,000 as of 12/31/18. At 12/31/17, liabilities increased by \$4,700,000.

The trend in liabilities since 2015 is as follows:

2015 - \$66,300,000
2016 - \$71,100,000
2017 - \$75,800,000
2018 - \$77,400,000

The 2018 increase is mostly attributable to increase in life reserves by approximately \$2,500,000, offset by decrease in asset valuation reserve by \$1,000,000, the amounts were actuarially calculated. The aggregate reserve for life certificates and contracts totaled ~\$67,200,000 and represented approximately 87% of the liabilities at 12/31/2018. In the prior year this reserve accounted to \$64,800,000 and represented 85% of total of liabilities as well.

Solvency ratio of the Society is 110.0% in 2018. This means that the Society has \$110 of assets for each \$100 of liabilities.

The Society's unassigned funds are \$7,800,000 as of December 31, 2018. After increase in the last three years, unassigned funds decreased in 2018 by approximately \$520,000. The trend in unassigned funds since 2015 is as follows:

2015 - \$7,580,000
2016 - \$7,600,000
2017 - \$8,270,000
2018 - \$7,750,000

In 2018, unassigned funds decreased due to: 1) losses on common stock ~ (\$1,300,000) and losses from operations of ~ (\$307,000). These losses were partially offset by a release of the Asset Valuation Reserve by ~\$1,000,000.

The bond and stock portfolio is the main essential integral part of your assets providing needed income for your operations and collateralizing the life reserves which is the liability to your members in the event of death. Net investment in 2018 was \$3,230,000 as compared to \$3,070,000 in 2017. The net investment income has been increasing due to increase in assets.

Premium and Annuities Consideration Income decreased from \$7,040,000 in 2017 to \$6,510,000 in 2018. This decrease in mostly due to a decrease in annuities considerations income from \$4,990,000 in 2017 to \$4,310,000 in 2018. However, the life insurance premiums income increased from \$2,040,000 in 2017 to \$2,200,000 in 2018. The current year's increase in life insurance premiums is due to the Society issued a significant number of premium-paying policies.

The general insurance and fraternal expenses for each of the last four years are as follow:

2015 - \$1,627,000
2016 - \$1,585,000
2017 - \$1,737,000
2018 - \$1,694,000

The Society continues to monitor its spending which lead to decrease in expenses. As per the above figures, 2017 expenses are slightly higher due to Society's biennial SLET.

In conclusion, the Society's overall financial position has been improved over the past four years. However, the membership continued to decline. To be sustainable in the future the Society has to continue to attract new members.

Allow me to offer a few anecdotes from longtime accountant, Alvin Eglow, may he rest in peace.

The next several years presents itself as a challenge to the fraternal world whereas you are financially sound to face and accept these challenges. Do so with faith and strength. Your history shows how much you have contributed to your local community, your religion, your families, and your country. This country needs the vitality and spirit of your fraternal. Keep the faith.

Doubt sees the obstacles

Faith sees the way

Doubt sees the darkest night

But Faith sees the day

Doubt dreads to take a step

But faith soars on high

Doubt questions, who believes

Faith answers

Motivate yourselves as you have an excellent organization with a long worthwhile history. Preserve it for the next generation, as of today's scenario they will need it. Infuse yourself with the

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enthusiasm of your forefathers and continue to communicate with and encourage one another.

I want to thank the officers and the board as well as the home office staff for their devotion, perseverance, attitude, their work ethic, their interest to this society and their cooperation that enables our firm to complete its work as demanded by the insurance department and NAIC. To all here in attendance, good health for you and your family, thank you for listening to me and congratulations to you all and we wish you much success in the next four years!!

Chairperson Horvath thanked Mr. Slotopolsky for his report and called on Mr. Allan Ferrone of CPS Actuaries for the Actuarial Report.

REPORT OF THE ACTUARY

Mr. Ferrone thanked President Horvath and started his report by briefly describing what the Actuary does. The Actuary is mostly involved with most of the society's insurance math calculations. This means he helps with preparing the annual statement. He determines the reserves that must be held, which are the largest liability.

This report will provide you with an overview of the Sokol's financial and membership results over the last five years. The graphs will illustrate the trends in the results for the important items from the annual statement.

Surplus

Surplus has hovered around the \$8 million level over the last 5 years. After increasing the last two years, surplus decreased in 2018 and now stands at \$7.75 million. In 2018, surplus decreased because of (a) losses on the common stocks (-\$1.3 million), and (b) losses from operations (-\$306,000). These losses were partially offset by a release of the Asset Valuation Reserve (+\$1.0 million).

Assets

Assets continue to increase. After increasing by \$5.3 million in 2017, assets increased by \$1.0 million in 2018. Assets now stand at \$85.1 million, which is an all-time high for the Sokol. Assets have increased over the last 5 years primarily because of (a) the collecting of more annuity premiums, which included \$4.3 million of annuity premiums in 2018, (b) increasing sales of life insurance, and (c) gains on the common stock portfolio. The Sokol's asset mix has remained about the same in recent years, with about 80% to 85% of invested assets in bonds and 10% to 15% in common stocks.

The quality of the Sokol's bond portfolio remained at a very high level in 2018. The average NAIC bond quality designation, weighted by amortized value, is 1.25 (where "1.0" is "highest quality" and "2.0" is "high quality"). Despite the loss on the common stock portfolio in 2018, the Sokol's common stocks have gained \$1.9 million since 2014. The loss on the common stocks in 2018 was only the 2nd time in the last 10 years where the Sokol had a loss.

Solvency Ratio

The solvency ratio decreased slightly in 2018. The 2018 solvency ratio of 110.0%, which means that the Sokol has \$110.00 of assets for each \$100 of liabilities. The solvency ratio will ordinarily decrease as the Sokol brings in more annuity premiums. As assets increase from new annuity premiums, the liabilities will increase by about the same amount, thus driving down the ratio.

Investment Income

Like many fraternal, the Sokol has been negatively impacted by the low interest rate environment that has existed for many years. These low market interest rates mean that the Sokol does not earn as much on its bond investments as you have in the

past. The rate earned on the bonds has gradually reduced from 5.40% to 4.33% over the past eight years as maturing bonds are reinvested in lower-yielding bonds. When you consider that the Sokol owns about \$70 million of bonds, a 100-basis point drop in the yield rate on the bonds means that you earn \$700,000 less in investment income. The Sokol has been looking at different ways to increase the yield rate on new investments. One way to do this is to purchase bonds that mature in 10 or more years from now (since these bonds have higher yield rates than bonds that are scheduled to mature in less than 10 years). The Sokol has been extending its maturity dates. Despite the extension, the overall bond yield rate is still decreasing.

Premium Income

Total premium income decreased slightly in 2018 due to a decrease in annuity premiums. However, this was the 8th year in a row that life insurance premiums increased. Back in 2009, the Sokol only had \$436,000 in life insurance premiums. In 2018, that amount has increased to almost \$2.2 million. A large portion of that increase is due to the fact that the Sokol has recently sold a large number of premium-paying policies and these members are paying more renewal premiums (as opposed to sales of single premium life policies).

Conclusions

The items highlighted in this report were the following:

1. Surplus now stands at \$7.75 million.
2. For only the 2nd time in the last 10 years, the Sokol had a loss on its common stocks. This loss, coupled with the losses from operations, were the reasons for the 2018 surplus loss.
3. Operational results showed a loss of \$308,000. The good news is that this was an improvement of \$565,000 over the loss from 2017.
4. The new bond purchases had a lower yield rate than the maturing assets for the 7th year in a row, and based on the current market yield rates for bonds it looks like this trend will continue.
5. New life and annuity sales decreased and therefore the number of policies in force declined for the 4th year in a row. However, new sales still far exceeded the number of policies issued in 2012 and prior.
6. Life insurance in force increased to more than \$234 million

Mr. Ferrone also went over the membership and certificate figures with the delegates and answered numerous questions to the satisfaction of the delegates.

Chairman Horvath thanked Mr. Ferrone and called upon the team from PNC Institutional Asset Management, led by Senior Vice-President, Thomas Calimano.

BANKER'S REPORT

Mr. Calimano discussed PNC's outlook for the financial markets and the economy with the delegates. Additionally, he reviewed the investment strategies implemented in both the equity and fixed income portfolios and future potential strategic changes in the portfolio. Additionally, the synchronized global expansion, moderate interest rates and rising trade deficits may also lead to an improved business investment. Corporate bonds spreads continue to remain tight to U.S. Treasury and any increase in yields should provide the portfolio with a buying opportunity. The risks of geopolitical unrest and global terrorist attacks will continue to sporadically impact the financial markets.

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole highlighted the growth of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Portfolio and indicated that we are positioned well to offset any global headwinds. Along with the Board of Directors, PNC is actively looking for ways to increase investment

income and will continue to maximize the portfolio's gains.

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole addressed various questions from the delegates concerning our performance outlook. Mr. Calimano indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment.

A motion was made by Brother Damian Suess to accept all the Professional Reports, seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, Julie Ann Dobbs. Approved

Chairperson Horvath expressed his thanks and appreciation to our presenters for their professionalism and their reports. He also expressed his thanks on behalf of the organization for their monetary financial sponsorship to help defray some of the expenses during our Convention.

Chairperson Horvath then called upon Brother Chet Dziuba, Chairperson of the New Motions Committee, to address the delegation. Brother Dziuba introduced his committee consisting of Rev. Richard Bay, Lisa Hoeck, Damian Suess, and Judith A. Babik. He thanked the delegation for being chosen to serve and informed the delegates that there were no new motions submitted, the committee was excused. Acknowledged

Housekeeping announcements included that our professionals are available during lunch if anyone has any questions. Brother John Underation asked if anyone is interested in attending tonight's baseball game, please let him know. Lastly, Brother Daniel Tanzone informed the Groups when their respective group photos will be taken.

Having completed the morning agenda items, Brother Horvath asked for a motion to adjourn the Second Session, so moved by Honorary Supreme Officer, J. Gregory Milanek, seconded by Brother John Hornacek. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic closed the morning session with a prayer.

The Second Session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THIRD SESSION – MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.

The Convention Chairperson, Michael J. Horvath called the Third Session to order at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019.

The Supreme Secretary took the Roll Call and indicated that there were 172 delegates in attendance and one delegate was excused. Acknowledged

Brother Horvath thanked Brother Scott and called upon Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic who conducted a beautiful **Memorial Service** for the deceased members of the organization. Rev. Hvozdovic also recognized the passing of Sister Michelle Mager, Wreath 111, who was registered to be a delegate at this very Convention. Acknowledged

The Convention Chairperson asked the delegates to review the minutes of the Second Session which were distributed. Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic made a motion to accept the minutes of the Second Session with a few minor corrections pointed out by the delegation, seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, Susan Blosser. Approved

Chairperson Horvath called upon Sister Julie A. Dobbs, Chairperson of the 2020 Committee, to give her report.

Sister Dobbs introduced her committee members consisting of Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, David Matlon, Kevin Conway, Kathryn Figard, and Cynthia Walkowiak.

Sister Dobbs gave the delegates an overview of the committee and why it was formed by the 2015 Convention. She presented on their work and recommendations received over the past four years. This information has been available in the Falcon, as well

as the website.

Various questions were answered to the satisfaction of the delegates. Sister Dobbs and her committee were given a round of applause for all their hard work and dedication to the organization.

A motion to approve the report was made by Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, seconded by Sister Patricia Latshaw. Approved

Brother Horvath then called for the Bylaws Committee to present their report.

Sister Julie A. Dobbs., Chairperson, introduced Sister Kathryn Figard, Sister Cynthia Walkowiak, Brother Kevin Conway, and Brother David Matlon, the Committee members.

She asked the delegates to refer to the Bylaw Recommendations handout which was sent to them.

The Committee moves to,

1. Change the dates and location on the Cover Page and the Supreme Officer's names who will be elected on page nine. Approved
2. Section 2.1(c): Regarding attendance at Assembly/Wreath meetings as a qualification to be a delegate. No change
3. Order of Business of the Convention Section 2.4: Decrease the number of Convention work days from four to three. Seconded by Brother Albert J. Suess. Approved
4. Section 6.1(c): Allowing the Assistant Physical Director or Directress to attend the Convention as Delegates in place of the Physical Director or Directress, provided they meet the conditions set forth in Section 2.1. Seconded by Brother Damien Suess. Approved
5. Section 6.3 Setting a two-term limit for Group Presidents. After discussion, no recommendation from committee. No Change
6. Section 2.1(d)/Section 3.0(c): Regarding delegates seeking Supreme Office and presenting their notice of candidacy. Changing the **should**, to **must** submit their petition and resume of their qualifications to the Verification and Eligibility Committee. Seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved
7. New 3.0(e) then change lettering: Following election to a Supreme Office, elected parties will be subject to a one-time background check. Seconded by Sister Jayme Blosser. Approved
8. Section 3.0(j): No Supreme Officer shall seek the third consecutive term in the same office, except the full-time officer Supreme Secretary, the General Counsel, **and the Supreme Chaplain**. Seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, Susan Blosser. Approved
9. New 3.2(j): Board of Directors shall complete six(6) continuing education hours annually with content to be determined, provided and mandated by the Supreme Secretary and Supreme President. Seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved
10. New 3.2(k): Board of Directors will abstain from voting on topics that are specific to their role/recommendation or counsel, which will be reflected in the minutes. Seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved
11. 4.0(a): The Supreme Chaplain shall be an ordained

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- Catholic cleric which includes Priest/Deacon. After clarification from Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic and Fr. Richard Bay, this recommendation was withdrawn.
No Change
12. New 4.0(g) then re-letter: He shall encourage and support the role of Group Chaplain by influencing and mentoring. Seconded by Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation. Approved
13. New 4.1 (a) then re-letter: Regarding qualifications for the Supreme President. Board of Director experience with SCS. Bachelor's Degree preferred with 8 years applicable work experience--example board governance; human resource management; leadership; finance/business. Discussion ensued regarding the use of "preferred" and it will be replaced with "encouraged" in this change and all those that apply.
Seconded by John S. Hornacek. Approved
14. New 4.1 (b) then re-letter: He/she shall provide a vision for both business expansion and development. Discussion ensued and the Committee amended the bylaw to read: "He/she shall provide a written vision statement or business plan for expansion and development."
Seconded by Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation. Approved
15. 4.1 (a) becomes 4.1 (c): He/she shall create opportunities to visit each Group within each 4-year term.
Seconded by Brother Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr. Approved
16. New 4.2(a) then re-letter: Regarding the qualification and experience of the Supreme Vice-President, along with amending the job description to align with the current climate and duties. A minimum of 4 years Supreme Officer experience with the SCS. Bachelor's Degree encouraged with 8 years applicable work experience.
Seconded by Supreme Auditor, James F. Knis. Approved
16. New 4.2(b-h): Regarding the amending of the job description of the Supreme Vice-President to align with the current climate and duties.
Motion passed with minor wording changes with the original motion for Section 4.2. Approved
17. New 4.3(a) then re-letter: Regarding the required qualifications and experience for Supreme Secretary. Experience within the fraternal sector. Bachelor's Degree encouraged with 8 years applicable work experience.
Seconded by Sister Jennifer Romine. Approved
18. New 4.4(a): Regarding the required qualifications and experience of the Supreme Treasurer. Encouraged Bachelor's Degree in financial related field with 8 years of work experience. Experience/background with the fraternal benefit system encouraged.
Seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved
19. New 4.4(b-h): Regarding the amending of the job description of the Supreme Treasurer to align with the current duties. Motion passed with minor wording changes with the original motion for Section 4.4. Approved
20. New 4.5(a) and re-letter: Regarding the required qualifications and experience of the Supreme Auditors. Bachelor's Degree encouraged with 3-5 years applicable work experience.
After minor wording changed, seconded by Brother Joseph A. Harak. Approved
21. Section 4.6(c) becomes (a), then re-letter: Regarding the addition of qualifications. Previous experience on either an Assembly, Group, or National Fitness Board. Experience with contract negotiation or financial management. Section 4.6(i and j): Removal of "written".
Seconded by Sister Jennifer Romine. Approved
22. New 4.8(a-h): Regarding the qualifications and duties of both Supreme Physical Director and Supreme Physical Directress. Combining 4.8 and 4.10 into new 4.8. Amending the job description to align with the current duties.
After a lively discussion, motion seconded by Sister Tricia Radtke. Approved
23. New 4.9(a-f): Regarding the qualifications and duties of both the Supreme Assistant Physical Director and Supreme Assistant Physical Directress. Combining 4.9 and 4.11 into new 4.9. Amending the job description to align with the current duties.
Seconded by Sister Tricia Radtke. Approved
24. New 4.10(a-e): Regarding the qualifications and duties of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board. Amending the job description to align with the current duties.
Seconded by Sister Agnes Evanko. Approved
25. New 4.11: Regarding the re-numbering of 4.13. New 4.11(a): He/she shall be a graduate of an accredited law school and licensed to practice law within the state of the Home Office domicile. New 4.11(d): He/she shall obtain and study new State and Federal legislation pertaining to fraternal organizations in those states in which the SCS is licensed, and shall advise the Supreme Secretary of any new changes in laws, in order that the organization can more fully comply with the requirements of those States. He/she shall be required to take 6 CLE credits annually in the area of fraternal law.
Seconded by Sister Joanne Antosy. Approved
26. With respect to the BOD positions and pre-qualifications, the Bylaw Committee recommends that they should go into effect immediately.
Seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, J. Gregory Milanek. Discussion ensued regarding the rules and regulations of Bylaw changes and the justification of the immediacy of such changes. The General Counsel provided clarification of the rules. The committee stood by their recommendation and the question was called.
Approved
- Chairman Horvath thanked the Bylaw Committee for all their hard work and called upon the Supreme Secretary to read the Preliminary Nomination Report. After reading the report, Brother Secretary reminded all delegates that all nomination forms needed to be in by 5:00 p.m.
Having completed the afternoon agenda, Brother President entertained a motion to adjourn, so moved by Brother Andrew Lipovsky, seconded by Sister Annie Pogorelec. Approved
Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic closed the afternoon session with a prayer.
The Third Session was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller called to order the Fourth Session of the 33rd Quadrennial Convention at 9:00

a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic was called upon for the opening prayer and remembered additional past deceased members of the organization.

Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, conducted the roll call: 171 delegates were present and two delegates were excused, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath and Group 7 Delegate, Suzanne Horvath. Acknowledged

Brother Moeller asked the delegates to review the minutes of the Third Session which was distributed. Brother John S. Hornacek made a motion to accept the minutes with minor corrections, seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, Susan Blosser.

Approved

Brother Moeller called for the members of the Compensation and Surety Bonds Committee to come forward to present their report.

COMPENSATION AND SURETY BONDS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Gary Manyak introduced his fellow committee members consisting of Leonard Benek, Bradley Hoeck, Louis Smeriglio and David Matlon.

In order to best determine the present salary recommendations, the committee spoke to past salary committee members, past salary chairs, and members of the 2020 Committee.

In regards to the Surety Bond, the Department of Insurance of New Jersey recently completed a five-year examination, and all limits and amounts are compliant. There is no change recommended.

Committee Chairperson Manyak presented the salaries that the committee is recommending.

Supreme Officer's Salaries 2020

Supreme Chaplain	\$	5,000.00
Supreme Presiden	\$	18,000.00
Supreme Vice President	\$	6,000.00
Supreme Secretary	\$	119,246.00*
Supreme Treasurer	\$	4,500.00
General Counsel	\$	12,000.00
Chairperson of Supreme Auditors	\$	4,500.00
Supreme Auditor (2)	\$	2,000.00
Supreme Sports Director	\$	10,000.00
Supreme Assistant Sports Director	\$	5,000.00
Supreme Physical Director	\$	8,100.00
Supreme Assistant Physical Director	\$	4,000.00
Supreme Physical Directress	\$	8,100.00
Supreme Assistant Physical Directress	\$	4,000.00
Members Supreme Physical Fitness Board (4)	\$	2,000.00

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the salaries and the Committee's reasoning behind the recommendations.

Sister Monica Fabian asked the committee to amend their recommendation for the Supreme President, Supreme Vice-President, General Counsel, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Treasurer to \$20,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$15,000.00, \$120,000.00, \$6,000.00 and \$5,000.00, respectively.

Honorary Supreme Officer, Larry M. Glugosh, asked the committee to include a variable bonus structure for the Supreme Secretary to be included in the recommendation.

Brother David Genosky asked the committee to amend their recommendation and keep the salaries for the Supreme Sports Director and Supreme Assistant Sports Director the same and not reduce them.

At this time, the Compensation and Surety Bonds Committee requested some time to speak about the recommendations on the floor and will come back with their final recommendation. Brother Moeller excused the committee.

Brother Moeller called for the Publicity Committee to come forward to present their report.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson, Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr. introduced his fellow committee members consisting of Susan Babik and Suzanne E. Zeman.

Slavna Konvencia, Pochvaleny bud Pan Jezis Kristus!

- Delegates Johanna and Rober Leso celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary June 18, 2019
- Nancy Hoeck's birthday August 4th
- Susanna Glugosh's birthday August 5th
- Joseph Moeller birthday August 6th
- Ed and Jan Moeller 35th wedding anniversary on August 11th
- Edie Babik, congratulations on being the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2018 Fraternalist of the Year
- Group 12 would like to congratulate Group 4 on being the 49th International Slet Champions
- Please keep Caroline Gemoll in your prayers as she recovers from surgery
- Lisa and Brad Hoeck celebrated their 21st "Slovak" wedding anniversary on August 4th as they were married in Slovakia in a mock wedding at a Slovak Catholic Sokol trip. They married later in Wisconsin on October 16, 2004.
- Condolences to Joanne Spisak on the passing of her husband, Paul, who was a longtime delegate
- Anna and Jozef Korcak celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently
- Nina and John Holy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently

The Committee announced various events throughout the country that some of our delegates have direct affiliation with and to speak to these individuals for any information.

Finally, let us pause and pay honor to those who currently serve in our armed forces in Canada and the USA, and for those veterans who have served their country,

Brother Moeller asked for a motion to accept the report.

A motion to accept the Publicity Committee report was made by Brother Joseph Gnida and seconded by Brother John S. Hornacek. Approved

Brother Moeller thanked the Publicity Committee and they were excused. Acknowledged

The Compensation and Surety Bonds Committee was welcomed back and their recommendations were as followed:

Supreme Officer's Salaries 2020

Supreme Chaplain	\$	6,000.00
Supreme President	\$	20,000.00

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Supreme Vice President	\$ 8,000.00
Supreme Secretary	\$ 120,000.00
Supreme Treasurer	\$ 5,000.00
General Counsel	\$ 15,000.00
Chairperson of Supreme Auditors	\$ 4,500.00
Supreme Auditor (2)	\$ 2,000.00
Supreme Sports Director	\$ 12,000.00
Supreme Assistant Sports Director	\$ 5,350.00
Supreme Physical Director	\$ 8,100.00
Supreme Assistant Physical Director	\$ 4,000.00
Supreme Physical Directress	\$ 8,100.00
Supreme Assistant Physical Directress	\$ 4,000.00
Members Supreme Physical Fitness Board (4)	\$ 2,000.00

The Committee also recommended that a variable bonus structure for the Supreme Secretary be put in place under the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Brother Joseph Seliga questioned the immediacy of the increase for the Supreme Secretary and asked the Board of Directors to consider as part of the compensation package to have that salary take effect this year. Brother Moeller indicated that the Board will be meeting two more times in 2019 and the consideration will be discussed.

After all questions were answered to the satisfaction of the delegates, Sister Monica Fabian seconded the recommendation of the committee. Approved

Brother David Genosky made a motion to accept the entire Compensation and Surety Bonds Committee's report, seconded by Honorary Supreme Officer, J. Gregory Milanek. Approved

Brother Moeller thanked the committee for their effort and they were excused.

Brother Moeller then called upon the Nomination Committee for their report.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec introduced his committee members. Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, Arlene Most, Susan Moynihan, Claire Matlon and Joseph Harak. He thanked them for all of their assistance and efforts.

Brother Pogorelec then announced that the slate of nominees is as follows:

Supreme Chaplain	Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic – Group 7
Supreme President	Michael J. Horvath – Group 7
Supreme Vice-President	Edward D. Moeller – Group 14
Supreme Secretary	Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. – Group 1
Supreme Treasurer	James F. Knis – Group 5
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors	James G. Jerek – Group 17 Dennis J. Zifcak – Group 3
Supreme Auditor	Edward P. Bajus – Group 19 Bradley P. Hoeck – Group 4 Arlene Most – Group 14

General Counsel	John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. – Group 1
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics	James C. Matlon – Group 1 Kathleen S. Watkins – Group 14
Supreme Asst. Director of Sports and Athletics	Frank Laury, III – Group 5
Supreme Physical Director	John M. Underation – Group 5
Supreme Asst. Physical Director	Martin Degnan – Group 7
Supreme Physical Directress	Katie Jozwiak Swift – Group 14 Julie M. Underation – Group 5
Supreme Asst. Physical Directress	Nancy Kropolinsky – Group 17
Supreme Physical Fitness Board Members Male	Dusan Dorich – Group 19 Robert R. Palchanis III – Group 7
Female	Janice C. Matlon – Group 1 Kristen A. Popik – Group 19

Chairperson Pogorelec confirmed that all candidates have accepted their nominations.

Brother Moeller thanked the Supreme Secretary and then called upon all the individuals who are aspiring for Supreme Office to come forward and address the delegates. Each candidate had 2 minutes to present their qualifications while the ballots were being prepared.

After the candidates concluded presenting their qualifications, Brother Moeller called upon the Chairperson of the Balloting Committee, Judith A. Manyak. Sister Manyak introduced her fellow committee members consisting of Lori Matlon, Michael Ekoniak, Jennifer Romine, Carmella Marzec, Carol J. Gonda, Gregory McMahon and Andrea Papcun. Sister Judy explained the voting process and announced that there will be 171 delegates voting.

As the voting continued, the delegates enjoyed a video montage of our recent 49th International Slet.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, announced the amount of the collection for the Slovak Catholic Federation was \$660. He thanked all delegates for their generous support.

Brother Moeller informed the delegates that the donation collected at the 49th International Slet for Hearts for the Homeless in Brockport, NY was \$650.

Brother James C. Matlon reminded everyone that if any Assembly, Wreath or Group are interested in sponsoring a hole at the Golf Tournament, please let him know. The cost is \$50 per hole.

Brother John M. Underation announced a donation of \$3,240 to the Westside Catholic Center. He called up Mike Burnot, who thanked the entire organization for this overwhelming donation.

Brother Moeller announced that the results of the election will be announced in the afternoon session and having completed the business for this session, he called for a motion to adjourn so moved by Brother John S. Hornacek and seconded by Brother Mark Papcun. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic was called upon for the closing prayer.

The Fourth Session was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

FIFTH SESSION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.

Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, called the afternoon session to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 6, 2019.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic offered the afternoon prayer.

Roll call was taken and 171 delegates were present, with two excused, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath and Suzanne Horvath.

Brother Moeller then called upon the Chairperson of the Balloting Committee, Judith Manyak, to present the results of the election. Sister Judy informed the delegates that the Supreme Secretary casted one vote for each of the unopposed Officers. She also thanked her fellow committee members for all their hard work and announced the results as followed:

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
33rd QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION
OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS**

Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors	James G. Jerek – 118 * Dennis J. Zifcak – 51
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics	James C. Matlon – 101 * Kathleen S. Watkins – 70
Supreme Physical Directress	Katie Jozwiak Swift – 89* Julie M. Laury – 80
Supreme Auditor	Bradley Hoeck – 123 * Edward Bajus – 100 * Arlene Most – 85

Brother Joseph Harak made a motion to accept the Balloting Committee's report, seconded by Brother Christopher Antosy, Sr. Approved

Brother Joseph A. Harak, Jr. also made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Sister Patricia Osterbrink. Approved

Brother Moeller asked the delegates to review the minutes of the Fourth Session which were distributed. Brother John S. Hornacek made a motion to accept the minutes with minor corrections, seconded by Sister Laura Harak. Approved

Brother Moeller inquired if there were any recommendations for the good and betterment of the Society, as well as possible sites for the 34th Quadrennial Convention.

Under good and betterment, Honorary Supreme Officer, Larry M. Glugosh, spoke regarding the cost associated with the Slet for the smaller, active Groups that bring a large amount of kids. With the next Slet being our 50th and in an effort to help increase participation, Brother Glugosh made a motion to increase the group allotment for 2020 and 2021 to \$1,500 for Groups with membership less than 1,000 members that bring at least 10 participants to the Slet, seconded by Brother J. Kevin Conway.

A lively discussion ensued with comments from Brother Steven Underation, Sister Clair Matlon, and Sister Andrea Papcun in regards to 10 members being too high of number for the

currently inactive groups. Brother Glugosh made an amendment to his motion to add that any inactive groups who bring at least 4 participants to the Slet, will receive that same allotment in an effort to rejuvenate that Group. The motion also includes the stipulation that if a group receives said allotment, but does not send at least 10 members (Active Groups) or 4 members (Inactive Groups), they will be required to reimburse the Home Office.

Brother Moeller called for the question. Approved

Brother Moeller indicated that the delegate count is now back to 173 delegates.

Brother Joseph Seliga asked our Supreme Secretary on some information regarding the Home Office building and the expenses associated with it. Brother Scott informed the delegates that preliminary discussions are being had internally and locally in Passaic, NJ regarding the options we may have in the future. We have been fortunate to offset expenses by finding renters for various parts of the property. But we are leaving all our options open, which does include the sale of the building. Acknowledged

In regards to the potential site for the 34th Quadrennial Convention, Valley Forge Casino in King of Prussia, PA was suggested by Brother Joseph A. Harak as a consideration, and the Pocono region was suggested by Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec. Acknowledged

Brother Glenn Kramer, Chairperson of the Sergeant of Arms Committee, asked his fellow committee members to stand and be recognized. Acknowledged

Brother Moeller then asked that all newly elected Supreme Officers to come forward to take their Oath of Office. Acknowledged

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, expressed his thanks and appreciation to his Administrative Assistant Clarissa Serrano and Gavin Watkins for all of their hard work assisting in the running of this convention and for tending to the office needs of the delegates. A round of applause was given to Clarissa and Gavin. Special thanks and love to my wife Maggie and my two sons Reid and Cole for all of their help as well. Acknowledged

OATH OF OFFICE

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic administered the Oath of Office to the elected Supreme Officers who will be serving for the next four years. Congratulations were extended to all with a round of applause.

SUPREME OFFICERS

- Supreme Chaplain** – Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic – Gr. 7
- Supreme President** – Michael J. Horvath – Gr. 7
- Supreme Vice-President** – Edward D. Moeller – Gr. 14
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Supreme Physical Fitness Board

- Members – Male -** Robert R. Palchanis, III – Gr. 7
 Dusan Dorich – Gr. 19
Female – Janice Matlon –Gr. 1
 Kristen Popik –Gr. 19

Having concluded all the Convention business, Brother Moeller asked for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Brother Steven P. Underation, seconded by Brother David M. Matlon.

Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic offered the closing prayer of the 33rd Quadrennial Convention. This was followed by the delegates singing Hej Slovaci and God Bless America.

The 33rd Quadrennial Convention of the Slovak Catholic Sokol was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine M. Manyak
 Jayme Blosser
 David A. Bulwin
 Thomas J. Krack
Convention Secretaries

Amended and corrected by
Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

**DANIEL G. BALAS OF ASSEMBLY 59
 IS OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT**



Daniel G. Balas, our Sokol of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, shown left, recently completed his Eagle Scout project in Troop #43 located at St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre. He presented his project to Camp Freedom, a disabled veterans' outdoor adventure camp located in Carbondale, Pa. Dan presented the camp with three shooting benches and wheelchair gun mounts that he and his fellow scouts built with money he raised over the summer. He is Troop 43's newest Eagle Scout. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Dan at this time. He is the son of Timothy and Deserie Balas of Sugar Notch, PA and the grandson of Assembly 59 secretary, Nancy Fedor.

**UNITED SLOVAK SOCIETIES
 ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENTS**

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, OH is pleased to extend a cordial invitation to area Sokol members to participate in its upcoming fall and winter social events. The United Slovak Societies includes the local fraternal lodges of five Slovak fraternals, including Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was founded in the 1930s under the leadership of our late Supreme President Dominic Sloboda. All events are held at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue in Lorain.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

The traditional Children's Halloween Costume Bowling party for youngsters ages 16 and younger is scheduled for 1 p.m. Reservations are needed.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

The traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner "Vilija" featuring all the culinary specialties enjoyed at a Slovak home begins at 5:30 p.m. A musical program will also be featured. Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Advance reservations only.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

The popular New Year's Eve Steak Fry will be enjoyed from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Advance reservations only.

Ticket sales and reservations close 10 days prior to the event. All tickets and reservations may be made by calling Pam at tel. 440 245-5146. Bowling at the club began in September. For additional details on bowling, call Joe at tel. 440 244-1293.

We hope to see many area Sokols and Sokolky at these enjoyable events. Zdar Boh!

– Helen M. Zemanek, *President, Wreath 111*

Family Halloween party on Oct. 25 in Pittsburgh, PA

Group 14 will host a Family Halloween Party on Friday, October 25 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2414 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes for best costume will be awarded in each age group in five categories. Games will be enjoyed and refreshments will be served. An enjoyable evening celebrating Halloween is assured.

Admission is \$7.00 for adults and those age 13 and older and \$5.00 for children ages 4-12. Those age 3 and younger are welcome free of charge. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are on sale at the Sokol Club.

NOTES OF SLOVAKIA - ONLINE RADIO SHOW

Preserving Slovak Heritage through music, language, and culture – *Notes of Slovakia.com* or *247polkaheaven.com* every Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 3:00 a.m., Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 a.m. – Slovak polka music, folklore music and pop music. Learn the Slovak language and about traveling in Slovakia and much more. Every show is in both English and Slovak. New show every two weeks – learn Slovak language, Slovak spotlight, musicians, Slovak immigrants, food, Slovakia: past and present, Slovak wedding traditions and much more.

 **OBITUARIES**

**MARY JEAN MATLON PASSES AWAY
PEACEFULLY ON SEPTEMBER 5**

Mary Jean Matlon passed away on September 5 in Minneapolis, MN at the age of 88. She was a long-time member of Wreath 47 in Minneapolis, MN and was the mother of Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon.



A native of Racine, WI, she was born there July 13, 1931, daughter of the late Charles and Mary Johnston. She was the second oldest of 10 siblings. Mary Jean attended St. Anne's Grade School, Pius XI High School and Alverno College, all in Milwaukee, WI. She moved to Minneapolis in 1953 to teach elementary school. She married Joseph Matlon on August 13, 1955 at St. Anne's Church in Milwaukee. Her first son, Thomas was born in Minneapolis in 1956, followed by James in 1957, Richard in 1959, David in 1961, Stephen in 1963 and Mary

Beth in 1965.

Mary Jean and Joseph moved to Columbia Heights, MI in 1957 and became active members of Immaculate Conception Parish, participating in numerous ministries over the years. She was a long-time member of Wreath 47 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their final respects to Sister Mary Jean during the funeral rites. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on September 14 at Immaculate Conception Church. Principal celebrant was her brother, the Rev. Richard Johnston, S.C.J. with the Rev. James Peterson concelebrating. Internment followed at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Survivors include her son Thomas(Patty)Andover, MN, James(Claire)Whippany, NJ, Richard(Marianne)Spring Lake Park, MN, David(Lori)Bloomington, MN, Stephen(Kristin)Inver Grove Heights, MN, and Mary Beth, Columbia Heights, MN; 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; 6 siblings, Rev. Richard Johnston, Ann Weber, Joan Jiardine, Brian(Joanna)Johnston, Judy Althoff, and Carol(Rick)Detjen.

May our Sister Mary Jean who so beautifully mirrored our faith traditions now rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to the Matlon family.

**SLOVAK FRATERNALISTS CELEBRATE
WITH CYRILITES IN DANVILLE, PA**



Representatives of three of our Slovak Catholic fraternalists joined the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius on Sunday, September 15 as they observed the 100th anniversary of the establishment of their motherhouse, Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA and the 110th anniversary of the community's founding. The program included a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius followed by a reception. Slovak fraternalists are shown above with Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., General Superior, fourth from the left. Shown with her are l-r, Marion Rubino and Martha Zavada, both of the First Catholic Slovak Union; Theresa M. Kluchinski, national president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Dolores M.Evanko, national trustee of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation; Editor Daniel F. Tanzone who presented a check for \$1,500 to the Sisters from our recent 33rd quadrennial convention; and Margaret Jallimore of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union with her grandson, Gaven.

In Memoriam

AUGUST 2019

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 11	Irene Ruscko, Chicago, IL	98	July 17, 2019
Assembly 25	Joseph P. Kostolansky Jr., Donora, PA	85	October 1, 2015
Assembly 48	Margaret Pinchock, Bridgeport, PA	98	April 18, 2019
Assembly 59	Theresa Yuhas Woznock, Mountain Top, PA	68	November 21, 2019
Assembly 59	Magdalen M. Benish, Plains, PA	84	July 12, 2019
Assembly 71	George John Kubasko, Pittston Twp., PA	81	July 25, 2019
Assembly 8	Joseph Milazzo, Pittston, PA	81	June 30, 2019
Assembly 113	Pauline J. Scuglik, Kenosha, WI	80	May 25, 2019
Assembly 124	Joseph Balusik, Jr., Ottawa Lake, MI		
Assembly 162	Andrew Sventy, Kinnelon, NJ	88	Febryary 14, 2019
Assembly 180	Mary L. Chekan, Louisville, OH	84	August 21, 2019
Assembly 185	Michael A. Barry, Dunkinville, TX		
Assembly 219	Robert M. Magruder, Louisville, KY		
Assembly 305	Arthur J. Klopack, Birmingham, AL	95	July 23, 2019
Assembly 312	David E. Kurt, Campbell, OH	61	July 17, 2019
Wreath 1	William Kullaf III, Wallington, NJ	62	June 5, 2019
Wreath 11	Rudolph Siska, Schenectady, NY	78	July 24, 2019
Wreath 117	Michele Mager, Elyria, OH		
Wreath 14	Paul J. Spisak Sr., Johnstown, PA	78	July 21, 2019
Wreath 14	James P. Spisak, Johnstown, PA	64	February 17, 2019
Wreath 15	Anna Oswald, Parma, OH	82	March 27, 2018
Wreath 15	Betty J. McGowan, Monessen, PA	77	June 20, 2019
Wreath 34	Paulette M. Zaryczyny, Cleveland, OH	72	June 13, 2019
Wreath 47	Anna C. Salmonson, Isle, MN	84	August 2, 2019
Wreath 47	Chia Vang, Minneapolis, MN	81	January 14, 2019
Wreath 81	Anthony Arvey, Portage, IN	80	April 12, 2019
Wreath 81	Mary Hric, Schererville, IN	96	June 19, 2019
Wreath 85	Helen Murawski, Cranberry Twp., PA	95	July 29, 2019
Wreath 93	Kristen L. Scholler, Cedar Grove, WI	29	July 28, 2019
Wreath 93	Margaret A. Stefaniak, Grafton, WI	93	February 20, 2019
Wreath 93	See Lee Xiong, Wausau, WI		
Wreath 157	Dolores Yacapsin, Nesquehoning, PA	82	August 6, 2019



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - September 2019

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

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

NON READERS

The Very Hungry Caterpillar- by Eric Carle	James Nowak	Level 3
Larry Gets Lost in LA- by John Skewes	Mackenzie Peterson	Level 3

6-7 (EARLY READERS)

The Magic School Bus— by Joanna Cole	Alyssa Peterson	Level 2
Farm Fly— by Teresa Bateman	Carissa Hoeck	Level 3
If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Joffe Numeroff	Nathan Radtke	Level 3
Science Fair Crisis by Derek Fridolfs	Chase Siefert	Level 3

8-10 (INTERMEDIATE READERS)

The Magic Treehouse Dolphins at Daybreak- by Mary Pope Osborne	Evan Radtke	Level 1
Beyond the Bright Sea- by Lauren Wolk	Riana Hoeck	Level 2
Ivy & Bean - by Annie Barrows	Julianna Hoeck	Level 3
A Cheese Colored Camper- by Geronimo Stilton	Kyle Peterson	Level 3

11+ (ADVANCED READERS)

The Body in the Woods- by April Henry	Nicole Abel	Level 1
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White	Amber Radtke	Level 2
Quicj Change- by Erin Falligan	Rebecca Sherman	Level 2
The Magician's Nephew- by C. S. Lewis	Andrew Peterson	Level 3



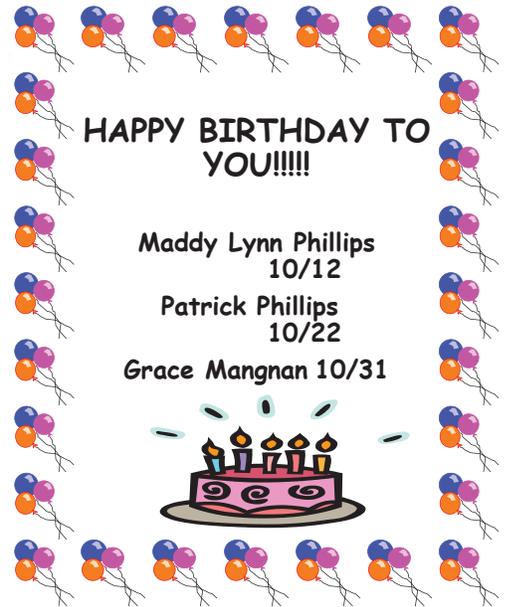
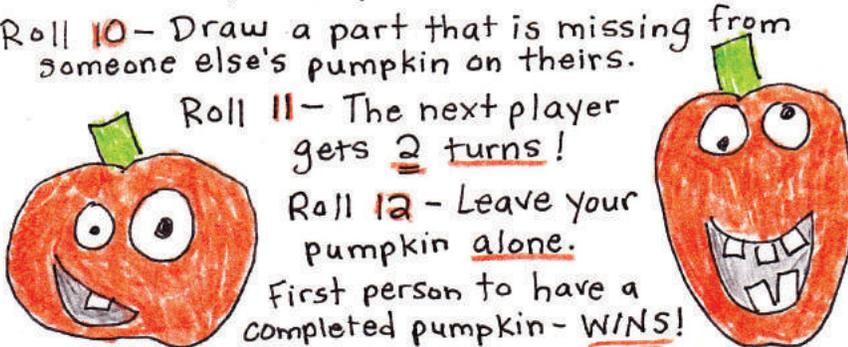


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For this fun game you will need a pair of dice and each player needs a piece of paper with a pumpkin shape on it (circle, oval - whatever!).

- Roll **2** - Draw 2 eyes on your pumpkin.
 - Roll **3** - Draw a nose on your pumpkin.
 - Roll **4** - Draw a mouth on your pumpkin.
 - Roll **5** - Draw a stem on your pumpkin.
 - Roll **6** - Draw teeth on your pumpkin.
 - Roll **7** - Draw a fun accessory on your pumpkin.
Maybe a hat, earrings, scarf, etc.
 - Roll **8** - ROLL AGAIN !!
 - Roll **9** - Write your pumpkin's name somewhere on your paper.
 - Roll **10** - Draw a part that is missing from someone else's pumpkin on theirs.
 - Roll **11** - The next player gets 2 turns!
 - Roll **12** - Leave your pumpkin alone.
- First person to have a completed pumpkin - WINS!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Maddy Lynn Phillips
10/12

Patrick Phillips
10/22

Grace Mangnan 10/31

Reading Program Participants: Watch for your award in the mail soon



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LODGE JOTTINGS

MILWAUKEE, WI, WREATH 93

We are pleased to announce our upcoming holiday activities. Our adult Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, November 16. We will enjoy lunch together at 12 noon at a place yet to be determined followed by a 3 p.m. Comedy Sportz Show downtown. Our members will be welcomed free of charge. Guests are also welcome at the cost of \$8.50 for the Comedy Sportz. Please RSVP to Lisa at Lhoeck16@gmail.com or tel. (262)746-9911 (no texts) by November 10 with names of those planning to attend.

Our traditional Children's Christmas party for junior members age 15 and younger is set for Saturday, December 7. We will start our fun festivities at the Milwaukee County Zoo - free day. We will meet outside at the Penguins by the main building at 12:30 p.m. Please remember to eat lunch before you come and pack yourself a snack and drink for the day. We will walk around until 3:30 p.m. when we will then head to St. Leonard Church, W173S7743 Westwood Dr., Muskego for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner with St. Nick and a Birthday Party for Jesus (and of course a gift for all the Sokol juniors. Church appropriate clothing for the rest of the evening. Members are welcome to join us for all or part of the day. RSVP with your name, children's age(s) and if guests will be coming along. Wreath 93 members will be paid for, guests need to cover the cost of dinner. RSVP by November 20 to Lhoeck16@gmail.com or tel (262) 746-9911 (no texts). The Milwaukee zoo address is 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226.

We are also pleased to announce that Group 4 now has a Facebook Page. See: SCS Group 4 and join the group. Zdar Boh! - Lisa Hoeck, Secretary

YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

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Prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová navštívila 42. ročník Festivalu slovenského dedičstva, ktorý sa konal 22. septembra v East Brunswick, NJ. Vo svojom príhovore sa poďakovala prítomným za to, že udržiavajú slovenské tradície, kultúru a jazyk stále živé. Na festivale sa tohto roku zišlo 3 500 hostí. Prítomní boli aj minister zahraničných vecí SR Miroslav Lajčák, veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtonu Ivan Korčok, stály predstaviteľ pri OSN Michal Mlynár, predseda Úradu Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Ján Varšo a generálna konzulka v New Yorku Ladislava Begeč.

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Slovensko má jeden z najväčších výskytov rakoviny pľúc spomedzi krajín Európskej únie a výnimočne vysokú úmrtnosť na túto chorobu. Za rok jej podľahne viac ako 2000 pacientov. V roku 2017 podľahlo na Slovensku karcinómu pľúc 2229 pacientov z celkového počtu viac ako 13.000. Z hľadiska úmrtnosti je toto ochorenie dlhodobo na prvej priečke spomedzi všetkých onkologických diagnóz. U mužov je najčastejším onkologickým ochorením v krajine a tvorí 21 percent zo všetkých onkologických diagnóz.

Za nového predsedu združenia elitných protiteroristických jednotiek Atlas bol 1. októbra v Helsinkách zvolený veliteľ útvaru osobitného určenia Prezídia Policajného zboru, ktoré je v zahraničí a na Slovensku známe aj ako Lynx Commando, Štefan Hamran. Predseda združenia je volený na obdobie štyroch rokov. Počas 18 rokov existencie Atlasu predsedali velitelia špeciálnych jednotiek z Belgicka, Holandska, Nemecka a Rakúska. Atlas združuje 38 špeciálnych protiteroristických jednotiek krajín Európskej únie, Švajčiarska, Nórska a Islandu," informovala polícia.

Začiatkom októbra bola na návšteve Slovenska americká astronautka Mary Ellen Weberová, ktorá absolvovala dva lety do vesmíru. Prvý osemdňový let absolvovala na palube raketoplánu Discovery v júli 1995, druhý raz letela do vesmíru v máji 2000 raketoplánom Atlantis. V rámci návštevy Slovenska zavítala aj do Košíc, kde mala prednášku pre vysokoškolských študentov. Mary Ellen Weberová má slovenských predkov.

Podľa aktuálnych štatistík OECD je Slovensko krajinou s druhým najvyšším podielom vysokoškolákov študujúcich v zahraničí. Zo 100 mladých Slovákov odchádza študovať za hranice 18. Poukázal na to Klub 500, ktorý tvrdí, že prehľbujúci sa masívny odlev študentov zo Slovenska je alarmujúci. Kým v roku 2010 študovalo v zahraničí 12,81 percenta študentov, v roku 2017 ich bolo 18,27 percent. Najvyšší počet Slovákov študuje v zahraničí na českých vysokých školách.



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