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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

On Friday, October 12, 2019, our Honorary Supreme Chaplain Francis J. Beeda, STL was called home to his Lord and Savior. His passing was a



great loss for many, including me and my family. I will never forget him and thank him for everything he helped me with during my life.

For all who knew him, he was a unique person with the ability to gather people around him and make them feel they just met a famous person; well he was! People wanted to be in his circle because he had this aura that attracted them to him, since they knew that was where the action and good time was taking place.

His attributes were many. He was not only a Catholic priest who taught what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ, Christian values found in the Gospels, but also, how to use them to live our lives to become a better Christian. He was our Spiritual advisor in addition to being fun loving, mysterious, caring, infectious, friendly, entertaining and a mentor to many. He enjoyed being Slovak and being involved with many Slovak Societies. He felt honored to be at Sacred Heart to be in the footsteps of Father Jozef Murgas to carry on his work and maybe being the last to know much of the early history of the Slovaks in northeastern Pennsylvania. How do we fill this important role now will be the question and challenge?

I first got to know Monsignor Beeda when he became Assistant Pastor at Sacred Heart Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA. From the beginning he showed his interest in getting the youth more involved with doing projects around the parish beginning with the weekly bingo. He gave me a summer job, life guard at the manmade lake at the parish park. He would lend me his car to visit my girlfriend, Suzanne, now my wife when the family car was not available.

He performed many of the sacraments for me and my family from

marriage(s), baptisms, first penance and communions, confirmations, anointing and funerals. He provided us strength and guidance in times of sickness and need which helped us deal with this issues at hand.

I enjoyed serving with him as an officer of the Slovak Catholic Sokol on the Assembly, Group and Supreme levels. He brought insight and levity to meetings that needed direction and uplifting. He was fun to travel with and was a source of information and adventure whether it was in Slovakia, Rome or any other location in the United States. He was known for giving individuals new identities. For me and my family he knighted us and gave us the name "The Griswolds" on our Sokol trip to Slovakia, because what could go wrong with us and what strange things that would happen on the trip, happened to us. In the end, he created and provided excitement, fun and laughter. His love for assuring that Christmas and Easter Masses where celebrated with the proper religious pomp and ceremony were attested to by all who came to see his magic and creativity. The flowers and other decorations were arranged to perfection under his guidance. At the proper moment in the celebration the curtain was dropped for all to see the magnificent and beauty of his art work.

All this changed when he had his stroke on December 27, 2006 while celebrating morning Mass at his parish of St. Joseph's in Hazleton, PA. After being stabilized and going through rehabilitation his condition was evident, he would be paralyzed on his left side for the rest of his life. For the past eleven years Monsignor was resident at Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre, PA, a Catholic skilled nursing care facility, where he was able to continue to concelebrate Mass daily. During these past eleven years he never complained about his condition but accepted it as what God had planned for him. He lived in his ten by ten foot room and somehow enjoyed it and his role as the go to person to helping other residents and organizing social activities for them.

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***BE THANKFUL**

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



"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:15

As the season of fall is in full swing, the month of November gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past year and to give thanks for all that we have. Fortunately, November has a couple days that we are able to do just that.



On Monday, November 11th, we had the opportunity to celebrate some very special people that have sacrificed

so much. Veterans Day is dedicated to all American veterans, both past and present, to thank them for their selfless service to our country. Historically, this day was known as "Armistice Day" and was first celebrated to mark the end of World War I in 1918, which officially ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. I have never forgotten my Father, a proud veteran himself, teaching me that at a very young age. It became a legal federal holiday in 1938 and in 1954; the name was changed to "Veterans Day" in honor of all soldiers who served. Veterans and soldiers not only fight for our country and strive to keep it safe, but they also protect the people of the countries where they are stationed. They make considerable sacrifices during their service and display great courage and valor. While an extra holiday is always welcomed, it should be spent recognizing those brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. There are many ways to show your gratitude towards America's service men and women, but here are few easy ones that would only take a moment of your day:

- 1 Volunteer at a VA Hospital
- 2 Proudly display your American Flag
- 3 Donate to the USO
- 4 Send a care package to our soldiers through an organization such as, Operation Gratitude
- 5 Teach your children about Veterans Day and how thankful they should be for the service from our men and women
- 6 Simply hug a veteran, tell him or her how much they mean to you
- 7 Support your local VFW
- 8 Most importantly, remember and celebrate our veterans ALL year long, not just on one day

Later this month on November 28th, we will have another opportunity to give thanks as we celebrate our American Holiday of Thanksgiving. Historically, Thanksgiving has been a celebration of our blessings throughout the year. As you are with your Family on this special day, take some time, sit back, reflect on the good in your life, and be thankful. On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, and my entire Family, I wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday. May God bless you!

On a sad note, I would like to recognize the passing of former Supreme Chaplain and Honorary Supreme Officer, Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L. Monsignor was a great man, Sokol, and friend who will be dearly missed. He would always put a smile on your face and tell you a joke if you needed a laugh. He loved the Slovak Catholic Sokol and we loved him. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Until next time, have a wonderful month of November and stay warm! Zdar Boh!

HOLIDAY HOME OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Home Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. The Home Office will reopen for business on Monday, December 2. Regular business hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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December 18, 2019	December 9, 2019
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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, 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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

■ **GROUP 5 FIRST ANNUAL "FRIENDS GIVING"** – a Thanksgiving party with the idea of spending the afternoon with our Sokol family, friends. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving covered dish or dessert to the Sokol Club at 888 W. Hopocan Ave., Barberton, OH. Doors open at 1 p.m.. Turkey and ham will be provided. RSVP by November 17 to jayme.blosser@yahoo.com or at 678-689-8780. The Browns game will be playing at the hall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

■ **TRADITIONAL ST. NICHOLAS DAY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** at St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 407 East 67th St., New York, NY beginning at 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 2-3

■ **QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE S.C.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS** in Deerfield Beach, FL.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

■ **WREATH 22 MEETING** at the Slovak

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MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 and greeted all the members of the Board.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdocic, V.F. offered the **Opening Prayer** leading the Directors in the reading of the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the **Roll Call** and the following members responded:

Supreme Chaplain.....Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdocic, V.F.
Supreme President.....Michael J. Horvath
Supreme Vice-President.....Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Secretary.....Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer.....Dennis J. Zifcak
General Counsel.....John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors.....James G. Jerek
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics.....James C. Matlon
Supreme Physical Directress.....Kathleen S. Watkins
Supreme Physical Director.....John M. Underation

The record will show that all ten members of the Board of Directors are present. Acknowledged

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on June 29, 2019 via conference call and published in the August 14, 2019 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved

President Horvath then asked our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. to give a brief overview of the **Membership/Sales and Marketing Report**.

Brother Suess gave the Board a brief overview of our life and annuity business to date, the 2017 CSO update, and the current agent sales campaigns. He also informed the Board of the various advertising efforts that have currently been in place and will be expanded upon in the new year. He is also working on a Membership Campaign centered around our 50th International Slet, which should be announced in the middle of 2020.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Horvath thanked Brother Albert for presenting the report. President Horvath then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdocic and seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. Approved

President Horvath thanked Brother Suess and called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano, Market Director/Senior Vice-President, PNC Institutional Asset Management.

Mr. Calimano discussed the portfolio's current asset allocation, reviewed the historic and the year to date cash flows, the long-term growth of the portfolio, the effects of the equity and fixed income market's performance, and provided an overall relationship review.

Mr. Calimano reviewed PNC's outlook for the financial markets and the economy with the Board. Additionally, he reviewed the investment strategies recently implemented in both the equity and fixed income portfolios.

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

I WONDER LORD



Some days, Lord, I wonder where you are.
Some days I just can't seem to find you.
Some days I wonder if you've forgotten
or abandoned me or if, in fact,
you were ever there to to begin with.

But you are there, Lord,
even when such thoughts cross my mind
or lodge in my heart,
even then, you're there...

When I'm too busy
to make time for you in my day,
you're there...

Though I may forget or ignore you
for days and weeks on end -
you're there, Lord...

Whether I'm being faithful to your word
or doing whatever I want,
you're there, Lord...

In good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
you're always there, Lord...

Whether I'm at peace with all around me
or consumed by pride and envy,
you're there, Lord...

Whether I see you in my neighbor
or miss you altogether,
you're there, Lord...

Whether I walk the path you chart for me
or strike out on my own,
you're there at every twist and turn,
you're there, Lord...

You're there, Lord, always there:
before me, behind me, beside me,
above me, below me, within me...
you never leave my side...

You're here, Lord, always here:
with me and for me
in every moment, in every hour
of every day of my life...

Attune me to your presence, Lord,
your faithful, loving, abiding presence
and let me not forget that you're here,
you're there
- you're everywhere!

Whether I invite or bar you,
welcome or reject you,
trust or doubt you,
see or ignore you,
embrace or run from you,
follow or leave you;
you are there, Lord,
you are here, Lord,
here you are...

Amen.

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AMERICAN FRATERNAL ALLIANCE

By John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

The 2019 Executive Summit of the American Fraternal Alliance, successor to the National Fraternal Congress of America, was held in Washington, D.C. from September 23rd to September 25th, 2019. (The Executive Summit was formerly known as the Annual Meeting). There were over 150 participants representing Fraternal Benefit Societies and State Fraternal Congresses. The Slovak Catholic Sokol was represented by Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and the undersigned. This report is submitted to the membership to advise of the various developments and experiences of the Fraternal Benefit Societies throughout the United States and Canada.



FUNCTION OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL ALLIANCE

The American Fraternal Alliance, formed in 1886, is a trade union that unites 73 not-for profit Fraternal Benefit Societies representing 10 million people in 37,000 local chapters throughout the United States and Canada. The main objective of the American Fraternal Alliance is to promote the Fraternal Benefit System and to give service to each of the member societies when the need arises. The Alliance is designed to keep members up to date on the public policy issues, trends, and legislative and regulatory enactments affecting Alliance member societies. Fraternal Benefit Societies provide their members with leadership, social, educational, spiritual, scholarships, financial and volunteer service opportunities. Hence, the American Fraternal Alliance serves as the voice of Fraternal Benefit Societies. Numerous programs have been initiated by the Alliance to assist member societies in making meaningful contributions to individuals, communities, and societies.

PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

The Executive Summit of the American Fraternal Alliance provides a networking forum for discussing strategies for adapting to the changing financial and regulatory landscape concerning the fraternal benefit system. It also offers the unique opportunity for fraternal leaders to learn from experts, and more importantly, from each other, about ways to make our organizations better and even more appealing to a new generation of members.

MEANINGFUL WORKSHOPS

The American Fraternal Alliance is well known for sponsoring and facilitating thought provoking workshop sessions that provide members with meaningful education, information, and knowledge sharing opportunities. At this year's Executive Summit, the American Fraternal Alliance highlighted the following subject matters and topics:

1. Cybersecurity and Compliance: What You Need to Know and How to Plan for This Major Business Risk.
 2. Nurturing a Culture of Innovation with Limited Resources.
 3. Making Competition Among Rating Agencies Work For You.
 4. Political Forecast: How the 2020 Elections May Impact The Financial Services Sector.
 5. Regulatory Update: What CEOs Need to Know About Compliance With Regulations from Annuity Suitability to Privacy.
- Needless to say, the workshops were outstanding. They

were successfully facilitated by quality speakers and included group interaction among the attendees. In addition, these informative sessions were specifically tailored and designed to anticipate the changing requirements in governance, advocacy, and marketing throughout the financial services sector of the economy.

FEDERAL TAX ISSUES AND THE FRATERNAL RESOLUTION

In one particular session, the delegates received a detailed briefing concerning the Alliance's latest critical advocacy initiative to help defend the fraternal model in Congress. As explained by President and CEO Joseph Annotti, the Alliance has been "laser focused" this year on the reintroduction of the "Promoting American Fraternalism Resolution" in Congress. The Alliance's goal has been to secure as many co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for these two (2) fraternal support resolutions. The 2019 versions of House Concurrent Resolution 27 (H.Con.Res. 27) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 (S.Con.Res. 9) "express the sense of Congress that tax exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States."

By way of background, Fraternal Benefit Societies were granted a 501(c)(8) exemption in 1909. Since that time, it has been the duty of trade associations like the American Fraternal Alliance to monitor all political threats to this exemption and take appropriate action to educate members of Congress on the ongoing value and validity of the exemption. As the Treasury Department concluded in a 1993 study, without the tax exemption, the many charitable and benevolent activities of Fraternal Benefit Societies would be severely curtailed, with little benefit to the government.

President Annotti assured the delegates that the Alliance is doing everything possible - through grass roots initiatives - to ensure that our federal lawmakers continue to be aware of the fraternal community and the tremendous value our tax-exempt status delivers to the American public and the economy. It is essential that this century-old provision remains in place so that fraternalists can continue to fulfill their unique financial and community service missions for decades to come.

A MEMORABLE VISIT TO CAPITOL HILL

This year, the Executive Summit featured an entire afternoon devoted to coordinated congressional visits between fraternal leaders and Members of Congress. The major objective was to promote--on a firsthand basis--the impact that our Fraternal Benefit Societies have on the respective communities our elected leaders serve. The Alliance had organized member delegations through a Capitol Hill Itinerary and scheduled meetings with lawmakers representing the fraternalists in their home districts. Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec and I were paired in a group along with Nick Benoit, Chief Operating Officer, Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum. We visited the Congressional Chambers of U.S. Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Edward Markey (D-MA) as well as U.S. House of Representative William Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-9).

Interaction between any elected official and his or her constituents is a crucial part of the democratic process. Hearing the

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES SET

CLIFTON, NJ, ASSEMBLY 162 will host the Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 15th at the SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Hall, 235 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, NJ starting after the 12:30 p.m. meeting. The party will be highlighted by a visit by Santa. Parents are asked to call John Termyna at 973-513-2441 with the names and ages of the children that will be attending. – **John Termyna**

DONORA, PA – The annual Children's Christmas party will be held in conjunction with the semi-annual meeting of Assembly 163 on Sunday, December 15 at Dorothy's Place in Donora, PA beginning at 1 p.m. The adults will have their semi-annual meeting while the children watch a Christmas movie and play games. Light refreshments will be served. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. For any questions, please



contact me on my cell phone: 724 263-7289. Zdar Boh! – **Theresa Gardner, Financial Secretary**

MILWAUKEE, WI, WREATH 93 – 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. Zdar Boh! – **Lisa Hoeck, Secretary**

PITTSBURGH, PA – Annual 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 the movie begins at 12:30 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 until November 21st. For alternative registration methods, contact Carmella (Suess) Marzec at cell: 412-414-9249,

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needs and concerns of their constituents is of the utmost importance to elected officials. Therefore, conducting this type of in person outreach to federal legislators was an exciting opportunity for my group during the walk to Capitol Hill.

I am pleased to report that the legislative staffers we conferred with were bright, committed and curious about how organizations with a tax exemption, like the Slovak Catholic Sokol, provide real value for individual Americans and the nation's economy. Fortunately, we came to the table armed not only with a firm belief in the value of the fraternal model, but with statistical and anecdotal evidence to demonstrate how Alliance members like the Slovak Catholic Sokol secure the financial futures of millions of families and create and coordinate the philanthropic effort of their member communities across the country.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT DE-BRIEFING

Overall, our group received strong support from the congressional staffers that we were scheduled to visit with. They appeared to be genuinely appreciative of the contributions fraternal make to the economic and social health in their states and districts. Moreover, thanks to the large attendance at this year's Executive Summit, the entire Alliance delegation was able to meet with more than 50 legislators that afternoon. Not only was the Alliance-sponsored visit to Capitol Hill productive, but, indeed, political momentum is building for Fraternal Resolution co-sponsor recruitment as a direct result of this collaboration.

For example, always a trusted friend of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Congressman Pascrell is recognized as a co-sponsor for the H.Con.Res. 27. Pascrell is our representative in the 9th Congressional district, which includes our home office in Passaic N.J. Over the years, he has taken time to visit our home office to discuss issues concerning our Organization, the Fraternal Benefit System and the Slovak community. We thank Congressman Pascrell for co-sponsoring the Congressional Resolution expressing support for fraternal. The Alliance recently reported that to date, 23 Senators and 57 U.S Representatives have officially been added to the growing list of co-sponsors of the respective Fraternal Resolutions pending in the House and Senate. The goal is to recruit 110 House co-sponsors and 30 Senate co-sponsors by the conclusion of the current congressional session.

CONCLUSION

This year's American Fraternal Alliance Executive Summit assembled outstanding speakers, workshop leaders, and integral events to address the issues of the economy and where it is headed; the most effective way for fraternalists to measure the results of community service efforts; the best methods to utilize technology to control costs and expand membership; the importance of conveying our message to Congress; and demonstrating the importance of Fraternal Benefit Societies in a changing society. Participation at the Alliance's Executive Summit results in knowledge, experience, and training which are applied to enable our beloved Slovak Catholic Sokol to grow and prosper. If we continue with our current philosophy with good leadership and enthusiastic involvement, the future success for the Slovak Catholic Sokol will be well rewarded.

ZDAR BOH!
Respectfully Submitted,
John D. Pogorelec, Jr.
General Counsel

SCENES OF THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY ASSEMBLY 59 HOLLENBACK GOLF COURSE – WILKES-BARRE, PA – SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Following the competition on the greens, which this year attracted a fantastic turnout, the Sokol golfers enjoyed traditional fraternal fellowship and refreshments at the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Awards were given for the following: 1st place, 2nd place, Closest to the Pin #4, Closest to the pin #7, Women's Long Drive, and Men's Long Drive. A sincere thank you goes out

to all who assisted in any which insured the success of this year's fraternal competition. All future golf tournaments hosted by Assembly 59 will honor the memory of the late Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J." Butch" Hvozdozic who coordinated this fraternal competition for many years. A wonderful time was had by all at this year's competition. Zdar Boh!
– **Renee Pizzella**, Assembly 59 Secretary



Tony Rasimus, far right, with members of the 2nd place winners, from the left: Joseph Hvozdozic, Mike Coury, Charley Tokach and Robert Washney.



Tony Rasimus, far right, is shown with the 1st place winners, from the left: Sherie Hoedl Butzek, Tim Butzek, T.J. Baloga and Leslie Baloga.



The Closest to the Pin winner, #7 Robert Washney with Tony Rasimus.



Assembly 59 President Tony Rasimus was the Closest to the Pin #4 winner.



The Women's Long Drive winner, Gina Depascale with Tony Rasimus.



The Men's Long Drive winner, Bob Montville with Tony Rasimus.



Supreme President Michael J. Horvath is shown with veteran, Group 7 golf enthusiast, David Iskra, Sr.

LODGE JOTTINGS

CANTON, OH, ASSEMBLY 180

On Saturday, December 7, we will host our traditional Children's Christmas party with dinner in conjunction with our lodge's annual meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall located at 1602 Market Avenue S. in Canton. Our meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Our party and dinner will be held at 5 p.m. following the 4 p.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend. Election of officers for the new year will take place at the annual meeting.

For reservations for the Children's Christmas party and dinner call or text with the number attending to Rose Croy, tel. 330 495-4436 by the deadline of Saturday, November 30.

Wishing all a joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Zdar Boh! – **Rose Croy, Recording Secretary**

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**

CHRISTMAS OPLATKY AVAILABLE

Jankola Library will again offer the traditional Oplatky enjoyed at the Christmas season in a Slovak home. Orders will be accepted until December 18.

Thermal-sealed in packs of five, Oplatky can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of priority shipping and handling is \$8.00 and upward. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before orders are shipped.

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



Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

UNITED SLOVAK SOCIETIES 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. Both events will be held at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue in Lorain, OH.

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.

We hope to see many area Sokols and Sokolky at these enjoyable events. Zdar Boh! – **Helen M. Zemanek, President, Wreath 111**

SOKOL CALENDAR

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Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, PA beginning at 7 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

■ **ASSEMBLY 16 MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT** from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

■ **TRADITIONAL VILIJIA – SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPER** hosted by St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey beginning with 12 noon Mass in the Abbey Chapel followed by the dinner and cultural program in the Benedictine High School Cafeteria, 2900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH, \$25.00 per person; for reservations call tel. 216 721-5300 ext. 0, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

■ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**, ages 10 and younger, **HOSTED BY ASSEMBLY 25 & WREATH 15** of Perryopolis, PA at the Sokol hall from 1-3 p.m. Registration at the Sokol Club.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

■ **TRADITIONAL SLOVAK CHRISTMAS DINNER** in the Great Hall of The Slovak Garden, A Home for American Slovaks, Inc., 3110 Howell Branch Rd. #100, Winter Park, FL, 2 p.m. \$20.00 per person for reservations call 407 677-6894 or slovakgarden@centurylink.net

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

■ **TRADITIONAL VILIJIA - SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER** hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 407 East 67th St., New York, NY, beginning with Slovak Mass at 10:15 a.m. and English Choral Liturgy at 12 noon- \$20.00 adults, \$10.00 children age 12 and under; for reservations call the rectory at tel. 212 734-4613.

■ **ASSEMBLY 25 & WREATH 15 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the Sokol Club from 2-4 p.m., food, refreshments and music.

THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS IN SLOVAKIA

To give and not to expect anything in return is the meaning of Saint Nicholas Day (Sv. Mikuláš) which is celebrated in Slovakia on December 6. Children especially look forward to the morning of December 6th as they can find sweets and fruits in their boots that they carefully polish the evening before and then place under the window.



Many events take place in Slovakia in connection with St. Nicholas Day, mostly featuring cultural programs. People wear costumes of St. Nicholas and hand out packages with sweet treats to children.

The day commemorates Bishop Nicholas who was born in Asia Minor at the beginning of the 4th century as a child of wealthy parents. As an adult, he served in Turkey as a bishop, allegedly against the will of his father. He became well-known for his generosity. Bishop Nicholas helped the poor, the ill and those suffering without expecting any credit for it.

ASSEMBLY 180 PROMOTES FRATERNAL OUTREACH IN CANTON, OHIO

In its continued program of fraternal outreach, Assembly 180 at its recent September meeting collected school supplies which were donated to the local YMCA for their domestic violence shelter as well as their child care activities.

At the October meeting, the members collected non-perishable items for the food pantry of St. Mary's - St. Benedict Parish. This is the parish where the Assembly hosts its monthly meetings and activities. We thank all our fellow sister and brother Sokols for their continued commitment to the best traditions of fraternal outreach and service. – Zdar Boh! **Douglas Hutnick**, Service Project coordinator



Officers and members who participated in the school supplies project included, l-r, Michele Knis, Helen Boyd, Agnes Evanko, vice president; Rose Croy, recording secretary; James Knis, president and a Supreme Auditor; Fran Lehotay and Jessica Hutnick.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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email: suesscm@gmail.com or Facebook: Group 14 Pgh, Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols.

All children will receive a bag with crafts and a food ticket upon arrival for a hot dog, drink and chips that they will be able to redeem any time during the movie. We will also have a Hot Chocolate Bar to keep everyone warm and cozy before the best part.... a visit from Santa!

Every year in the spirit of caring and sharing we have asked for donations; this year we will be collecting coats and warm clothes that you may have and we would like to donate to a local homeless shelter.

Please join the Group 14 Pgh, Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols Facebook Page for Christmas party updates and other Group 14/Assembly 16/Wreath 22 activities. 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 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at HOLIDAY BOWL, Youngstown Poland Rd., Struthers, 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 games 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



Rose Croy, recording secretary of Assembly 180 organizes the donations for the food pantry.

SCENES OF THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING HOSTED BY GROUP 17

KNOLL RUN GOLF COURSE – YOUNGSTOWN, OH – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Group 17, “Rev. Francis Skutil” hosted its annual Golf Outing on Sunday, September 8 at the Knoll Run Golf Course. It was a great day for golfing as a total of 14 golfers and 6 guests enjoyed the annual fraternal competition. After enjoying a great afternoon of golf, the participants enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Bogey’ Restaurant, with beverages cold and flowing. Hole prizes and winners included: #5 Closest to the Pin, Mary Starr; #8 Longest Putt, Greg Jonda; #9 Closest to the Pin, Dennis Nye; #11 Closest to the Pin, Jim Dodge; #16 Longest Putt, Ken Hlebovy and #18 Closest to the Pin, Ken Hlebovy. Special thanks go out to our Group 17 president and Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek for providing additional Sokol raffle prizes and likewise to Tim Shirilla for manning the beverage cart and taking photos. Thank you also to our Group 17 secretary Carol Gonda for sharing her delicious homemade hot peppers! As always, an enjoyable time was had in the best traditions of Group 17 fraternalism. – Zdar Boh! **Judy Babik, Group 17 Sports Director**



Group 17 President, Jim Jerek and Edie Babik attend to the prizes.



Familiar smiling faces: Mary Starr and Linda Hruska-Frank.



Our youngest golfer, 12-year-old RJ Trimble with his father, Ronnie Trimble, Gram Judy Babik, great-aunt Sue Babik and great-grandma Edie Babik.



Members of “The Right Angle” club, Rob Ritz and Judy Babik.



Flo “Whoopsie” Jablonski and Carol Gonda.

84TH ANNUAL SOKOL DAY HOSTED BY GROUP 7 PLAINS LIONS PAVILION – PLAINS, PA. – SEPTEMBER 28

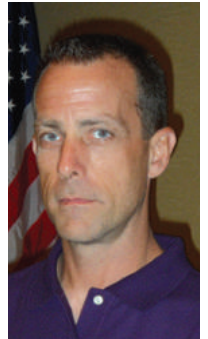


New Year – New Beginning!

By Martin Degnan

Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

With another busy and successful year in the books, is it time to look back on our accomplishments or rather to focus on the upcoming years ahead? Sure we can and should congratulate ourselves on a tremendous past year. Great attendance at the International Bowling and Golf Tournaments! An entertaining and successful International Slet! (Congrats to Group 4!). And an eventful Quadrennial Convention with plenty of changes in store for the Organization. We should feel proud of our gatherings and the fraternalism that was shared at each event. We should feel pleased so much was gained in coming together and full of pride at what we can do as one.



Yet part of me knows that while a good self-pat on the back feels wonderful, we truly need to look to the future and that planning should begin now. With the festive holiday season ahead of all of us, shouldn't we be thinking of the celebrations that we can conduct to keep our members in that fraternal spirit throughout the year? A Wreath/Assembly Christmas Party? A Group outing to a local sports event or Holiday Celebration? Later this month, I know my local Group 7 will hold their annual Reunion for all members. It's a great time to see and talk with old friends and catch up on lives apart. Maybe your Group has something similar. Should you organize a New Year's Eve party, bus trip, or social activity? Completely and entirely up to you what you decide to organize but you should try and see what happens.

Where is all this leading to? Well aside from a just having a good time and enjoying each other's company, it's a time to plan. I understand that most of the people who read this will consider 2020 as an 'off year'. The International Tournaments will be held as always, so the golfers and bowlers will see each other. The Internationals Clinic is the upcoming event for our Group leaders. But there is no Slet. No chance for the younger members to gather and hang out.

These small gatherings are a chance to speak to parents and children about the 2020/21 Sokol year. The 50th Anniversary of our Slet is basically 18 months away! I know that our Group leaders will be learning the new routines for competition this summer but when will you begin practices? Have any idea where you'll practice? Most of our Groups have some plan in mind for this. But the biggest question might be how many?

Here's where all the social activities come together with your planning ahead. The more activities, the more participation, the more interest you get from the children. Parties where you have a definite 'veteran' Sokol presence might convince a parent or child to want to see what a Slet is all about. Just having the 'old hands' around to chat about the past might get you an additional driller to be interested. Postings on Facebook and other social media of pictures from recent and not so recent Slets helps. (Thank you, Kathy!)

I've seen posts of older members wanting to come back and take part in the Anniversary and that's commendable but what about the youngsters? Are you a parent that participated and maybe your child hasn't? You, as an adult, might return for one final celebration and we would love to see you there. But it's the younger members that we hope to attract and carry on the traditions that you started. The time to start planning is now. Don't wait.

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL

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Brother Calimano addressed various questions from the Board and President Horvath entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak.

Approved

President Horvath then called upon Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, for the **2019 Semi-Annual Audit Report**.

Brother Jerek reported that the Audit for the first six months of 2019 was conducted at the Home Office in Passaic, NJ on August 22-24, 2019. The report was printed in the October 16, 2019 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother James proceeded to review the report and addressed several questions from the Board members. Brother Jerek expressed his thanks to the Supreme Secretary and the Home Office staff for their cooperation and appreciates the continued efforts of the various Boards to control and reduce many of the expenses.

After a lengthy discussion, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon.

Approved

Brother President then called upon Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, for the Physical Fitness Board Report.

Brother Matlon reported that the 49th International Slet was held at SUNY Brockport from July 17-21, 2019, with 8 groups and 143 participants. The Slet included an additional 26 members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, Board of Directors and chaplains. One of the highlights of the Slet, was live streaming of the competition on Facebook so that members all over the world could watch.

The 64th International Golf Tournament was held at Seven Oaks Country Club and Black Hawk Golf Course, on August 16-18, 2019, and a total of 101 golfers enjoyed this year's edition. The tournament had great weather and a majority of the golfers were up to the challenge of Seven Oaks Country Club and Black Hawk Golf Course. The participants really enjoyed the Friday Hospitality and the Saturday banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club. The International Golf Tournament article including pictures and results were in the September 2019 Falcon and posted on our web site.

Confirmed sights for the 2020 Sports Program:

May 15-16, 2020	Bowling	AMF Brookgate Lanes Brook Park, OH
August 14-16, 2020	Golf	Seven Oaks CC Beaver Falls, PA

The Supreme President thanked Brother James and questioned the Board members regarding the **Annuity Interest Rate** to be offered for the fourth quarter of 2019 and the Board mutually agreed to keep the rates at their current position.

President Horvath questioned if there was any **Unfinished Business** to address.

The Board members were informed by Brother Secretary that our Fraternalist of the Year presentation will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA. Final arrangements are being made to honor this year's recipient, Clifford A. Moeller. The Board of Directors wishes to again extend their congratulations to Brother Cliff on this well-deserved honor.

Acknowledged

The Board also recapped the recent 33rd Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, OH. The Board mutually agreed that the Convention was successful and well run.

Acknowledged

After discussions with our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, the Supreme Secretary informed the Board members that the date and site for the **next Supreme Board of Directors meeting** will be December 1-2, 2019 with travel dates being November 30th and December 3rd, 2019 in Deerfield Beach, FL at the Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach.

Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., offered the **Closing Prayer** for all those in need as well as for all the ill and deceased members of the Organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

Message from our Supreme President

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During his eleven years my family and I, and other Sokol friends, would visit with him regularly. During my visit he would always ask me for an update about the society he cared about the most, our Slovak Catholic Sokol. He also would ask how is this person, what was going on, what happened at the meeting, etc.

Now that he is with Jesus in his New Jerusalem, we remember his smile, his laugh, his quips, and the fun we had being with and knowing him. My favorite is "You'll be OK" whenever he wanted you to know you had a bad idea. One song he liked and said he wanted played at his funeral but we all new it could not be played is "Con Te Partiro", "Time to say Goodbye". Here is a link to hear this song www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q638RsBSGeA. When you listen to it remember the good times we had with Monsignor.

I considered him part of my family and he did the same. The change in my life is, my older brother is in heaven and he will be missed by me and my family and will be remembered by many.

Many his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace, Amen!

I want to extend a Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families. Enjoy the big days whatever you do, I will be with my family having a great meal that was created by the many hands of the family which will be preparing me to settle down to watch some of those football games in the Cowboy house, if I can keep my eyes open. Remember, Be Happy for your family and friends, be Thankful for what you have in life and Give of what you have to help others that need help.

With God's Love to All!
Zdar Boh!

THE VELVET REVOLUTION

The Velvet Revolution was a non-violent transition of power in what was then Czechoslovakia, occurring from November 17 to December 29, 1989. Popular demonstrations against the one-party government of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia included students and older dissidents. The result was the end of 41 years of one-party rule in Czechoslovakia, and the subsequent dismantling of the command economy and conversion to a parliamentary republic.

On November 17, 1989 (International Students' Day), riot police suppressed a student demonstration in Prague. The event marked the 50th anniversary of a violently suppressed demonstration against the Nazi storming of Prague University in 1939 where 1,200 students were arrested and 9 killed. The 1989 event sparked a series of demonstrations from November 17 to late December and turned into an anti-communist demonstration. On November 20, the number of protesters assembled in Prague grew from 200,000 the previous day to an estimated 500,000. The entire top leadership of the Communist Party, including General Secretary Miloš Jakeš, resigned on November 24. On November 27, a two-hour general strike involving all citizens of Czechoslovakia was held.

In response to the collapse of other Warsaw Pact governments and the increasing street protests, the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia announced on November 28 that it would relinquish power and end the one-party state. Two days later, the federal parliament formally deleted the sections of the Constitution giving the Communist Party a monopoly of power. Barbed wire and other obstructions were removed from the border with West Germany and Austria in early December. On December 10, President Gustáv Husák appointed the first largely non-communist government in Czechoslovakia since 1948, and resigned. Alexander Dubček was elected speaker of the federal parliament on December 28 and Václav Havel the President of Czechoslovakia on December 29, 1989.

In June 1990, Czechoslovakia held its first democratic elections since 1946. On January 1, 1993, Czechoslovakia split into two countries—the Czech Republic and Slovakia.



SISTERS OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS HONOR JUBILARIANS

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members which included a Mass in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA. Principal celebrant of the liturgy was the Rev. William Petruska of the Scranton Diocese. Among the concelebrants was our Supreme Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic. A dinner followed the festive liturgy. The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently minister in the Archdiocese of New York, and in the Dioceses of Scranton, PA and Harrisburg, PA. The congregation was founded in 1909 by the Rev. Matthew Jankola, our second Supreme Chaplain.



Sister Pamela Smith, Sister Mary Anne Nemec, our Sokolka; and Sister Irene Marie Gaydos.



Jubilarians honored included, row 1, seated l-r: Sister Marguerite Hruby(60 years), Sister Irene Rose Kmetz(65 years), Sister Susan Polchin(70 years), Sister Maria Theresa Hronec(60 years), Sister M. John Vianney Vranak(65 years), Sister Margaret Mary Fest(55 years), and Sister Cynthia Marie Gazdo(55 years). Row 2, standing, l-r, Sister Thomas More Dzurnak(55 years), Sister Rosanne Kmetz(65 years), Sister Joseph Therese Pohrevec(60 years), Sister Philothea Fabian(55 years), Sister Michael Ann Orlik(50 years) who is General Superior of the congregation; Sister Mary Beth Makuch(50 years), Sister Sara Swayze(50 years) and Sister Suzanne Duzen(50 years).



Father William Petruska and concelebrants of the jubilee liturgy.



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

November, 2019

Slovak Words=Slovenské slova

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

Thanksgiving Day = Deň vd'akyvzdania
(Den (soft "n") vdyaak-ee-vzdaa-nyia)

Turkey (a tome, a male) = moriak [more-ee-awk]

Turkey (a hen, a female) = morka [more-kah]

Turkey (a hen, in Spiš dialect) = pul'ka [pool-kah]

gobble = hltat' [hl-taat with a soft "t"]

The turkey gobbles. Moriak hltá.

Happy, lucky, fortunate = šťastný [shyaast - nee]

Happy Thanksgiving Day = Šťastný Deň vd'akyvzdania [Shyaast-nee Dyen (soft "n") vdyaak-ee-vzdaa-nyia]

cornucopia = roh hojnosti [row hoy-no-stee]

apple pie = žemlovka [zhem-lov-kah]

pumpkin pie = dyňový koláč [dee-nyo-vee ko-lawch]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Peyton Manyak 11/2

Taylor Slonac 11/4

Alexandra Bond 11/6

Nina Martyak 11/8

Luke McLeary 11/20



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The first Thanksgiving lasted 3 days.

Spoons, fingers and knives were used by pilgrims.

Forks were not around.

About 280 million turkeys are sold for Thanksgiving each year.





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

November, 2019



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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

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| 1. THANKSGIVING | 5. THANKFUL | 9. STUFFING | 13. PUMPKIN |
| 2. HOLIDAY | 6. FOOD | 10. SALAD | 14. PIE |
| 3. FAMILY | 7. TURKEY | 11. BREAD | 15. VEGETABLES |
| 4. FRIENDS | 8. POTATOES | 12. YAM | 16. HAM |

THANKSGIVING RECIPES

TURKEY IN A CUP

In a small bowl, beat 1/2 cup spinach dip and 4 oz softened cream cheese with electric mixer on high speed about 1 minute or until well mixed. Cut turkey head from yellow bell pepper. Cut 1/2-inch triangle from red bell pepper for turkey wattle. Cut 1/2x1-inch strips from desired colors of bell peppers for feathers. Spoon 2 tablespoons dip into each of 5 (2- to 3-oz) cups. Place turkey head in cup; attach peas for eyes using spinach dip. Insert pepper triangle for turkey wattle. Place colored pepper strips behind head for feathers.



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Cook 2 pounds green beans in boiling salted water until crisp-tender, 5 minutes; drain. Sauté the green beans with 1 pound sliced button mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat, 5 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon each minced garlic and kosher salt, and 1/4 teaspoon allspice; cook 2 minutes. Add 1/4 cup instant flour.



Whisk in 1 cup each chicken broth and half-and-half; bring to a boil. Top with canned fried onions. Bake at 400 degrees F until bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes.

PERFECT CRANBERRY SAUCE

Empty a 12-ounce bag of fresh or frozen cranberries into a saucepan and transfer 1/2 cup to a small bowl. Add 1 cup sugar, 1 strip orange or lemon zest and 2 tablespoons water to the pan and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar dissolves and the cranberries are soft, about 10 minutes. Increase the heat to medium and cook until the cranberries burst, about 12 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and stir in the reserved cranberries. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste and cool to room temperature before serving.



BASIC STUFFING

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Melt 1 stick butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups each diced onions and celery, 2 chopped apples and 1 tablespoon each minced sage and thyme; season with salt and pepper and cook 5 minutes. Add 3 cups chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Whisk 2 eggs with 1/4 cup chopped parsley in a large bowl; add 16 cups cubed stale country white bread, then pour in the vegetable-broth mixture and toss. Transfer to a buttered 3-quart baking dish and dot with more butter. Cover and bake 30 minutes, then uncover and bake until golden, 20 more minutes.



JUICY ROAST TURKEY RECIPE

12 lb turkey
Salt & Pepper for the inside and outside of the bird

For the Flavored Butter:

1 cup 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
2 Tbsp olive oil not extra virgin, plus more to drizzle top
4 Tbsp fresh lemon juice from 1 large lemon, plus 1/2 Tbsp lemon zest
3 large garlic cloves pressed
1/4 cup freshly chopped parsley
1/2 Tbsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper freshly ground



For the Stuffing:

1 large onion quartered (no peeling)
4 garlic cloves halved (no peeling)
1/2 bunch parsley
1 lemon quartered

Season inside of turkey cavity generously with about 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. In a medium bowl, combine: 2 sticks softened butter, 2 Tbsp olive oil, 1/2 Tbsp lemon zest, 4 Tbsp lemon juice, 3 pressed garlic cloves, 1/4 cup chopped parsley, 1/2 Tbsp salt, 1/2 tsp pepper. Mash/stir with a fork until well combined (the lemon juice doesn't easily stir into butter but keep mixing and it will happen after a few minutes).

Separate the skin from the turkey breast by pushing your fingers under the skin. Do this from the front and the back of the turkey; being careful not to tear the skin. Stuff 2/3 of the butter mixture under skin then spread the butter around by massaging over the top of the skin. This butter keeps the turkey breast tender, juicy and provides rich flavor.

Rub remaining butter over the outside of the turkey (breast, legs, wings). Drizzle all over the top of the turkey with olive oil and generously season with salt and pepper.

Stuff turkey with quartered onion, 4 halved garlic cloves, 1/2 bunch parsley and quartered lemon. Tie turkey base and legs together; crossing the legs to better close up the turkey cavity.

Pre-heat the oven to 430°F. Place oven rack in the lower part of your oven.

Tip to protect the turkey breast and keep it juicy: Fold a large square sheet of foil into a triangle. Rub one side of your triangle with olive oil and shape the foil (oil-side-down) over the turkey breast, then remove foil. You'll apply this shield later in the roasting process. It will shield your turkey breast and keep it from getting dry. Place an oven-safe meat thermometer into the bird; beneath the drum stick; deep into the dark meat. Start roasting uncovered at 430°F for 20 min.

Remove from oven; quickly baste with butter from the bottom of the dish. You can use a baster or tilt one side of the pan and collect drippings with a large spoon. Now apply prepared foil triangle to turkey breast area.

Reduce oven to 350°F and bake for another 2 hours 30 min for a 12 lb bird. (Once you have reduced the oven to 350°F, you will bake about 13 min for every pound of turkey). The turkey thigh should register at 170°F on the temperature probe and the breast at 160°F to make sure it's fully cooked through then remove from

the oven (keep in mind the turkey temp continues to rise slightly after it's out of the oven).

Transfer turkey to serving platter and cover loosely but fully with foil. Let turkey rest for at least 1 hour. It will become more tender and easier to carve, the longer it sits. Keep the drippings from roasting pan for gravy. Now you can decorate around your turkey and make it festive. I used kale for my greens, then added small apples, sliced oranges and quartered lemons. — *natashaskitchen.com*

CLASSIC CANDIED SWEET POTATOES

6 medium sweet potatoes or yams (2 pounds)
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons water
1/2 teaspoon salt



Scrub sweet potatoes, but do not peel. 3-quart saucepan. Add enough water just to cover. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Drain; cool slightly. Slip off skins. Cut into 1/2-inch slices. Heat remaining ingredients in 10-inch skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and bubbly. Add potatoes. Gently stir until glazed and hot.

THANKSGIVING BERRY COBLER

8 cups berry mix of strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries
1 box corn muffin mix
1 large egg, beaten
6 tablespoons butter
2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup chopped pecans



Preheat the oven to 375F. Grease an oven-proof skillet or pie tin with butter. In a medium mixing bowl, work together with the muffin mix along with the butter. Stir in the pecans and work the mixture until crumbly. Stir in the egg until combined. Set aside. Toss together the sugar, berries, lemon juice, flour and vanilla in a separate medium mixing bowl. Transfer the contents of both bowls to the skillet and bake in the oven for 20 to 25-minutes until the fruit begins to bubble and the crust turns golden brown.

Serve the cobbler warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or fresh whipped cream.

GRAVY

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup turkey drippings
2 cups chicken broth
Cracked black pepper and
crushed Himalayan pink salt
1 teaspoon minced sage
1 teaspoon minced thyme



Place a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the butter and let it melt. Whisk in the flour and cook until it turns a golden color. Whisk in the turkey drippings and the broth. Bring to the boil and then reduce the heat. Let the gravy simmer until thickened slightly.

TIPS FOR COOKING THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Thawing a frozen turkey requires patience. The safest method is to thaw turkey in the refrigerator. Be sure to plan ahead — it takes approximately 4-5 days for a 20-pound turkey to fully defrost.

For crisper skin, unwrap the turkey the day before roasting and leave it uncovered in the refrigerator overnight.

When calculating your roasting time, plan on about 15 minutes per pound.

Cook the turkey on a rack of vegetables. Create a natural roasting rack for your turkey by layering carrots, onions and celery on the bottom of the roasting pan. Lifting the turkey off the base of the pan helps to increase hot air circulation around the whole bird so that it will get crispy all over. And the vegetables add great flavor to the gravy.

Brining is an easy way to a moist and flavorful turkey. A typical brining solution contains water, salt, sugar and a variety of spices and aromatics. Just be sure to follow a trusted recipe so you get the right proportion of each.

Keep the stuffing on the side. Cooking the stuffing in the turkey can provide ground for the growth of harmful bacteria. In addition, a stuffed turkey will take longer to cook, which could result in drier white meat. Instead, loosely fill the turkey with aromatics such as onions and herbs, and cook the stuffing separately.

Before putting the turkey in the oven, make sure the skin of the turkey is as dry as possible, and then rub it all over with butter or oil. For even moister meat, place pats of butter under the skin.

Skip the basting. Basting means more oven door opening, resulting in temperature fluctuations that can dry out your bird. Instead, keep your turkey moist by brining it or by rubbing it all over with butter or oil.

Check for doneness by inserting an instant-read thermometer in the thickest part of the turkey around the thigh, avoiding the bone. At 165 degrees F, it's done. The turkey will continue to cook as it rests, so the temperature should rise another 10 degrees or so out of the oven.

To lock in juices, tent your turkey with foil and let it rest for at least 15 to 20 minutes before carving. Be sure you don't cover the turkey too tightly as you don't want the bird to steam under the foil.

FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

- The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
- Every Thanksgiving, the current U.S. president pardons a turkey.
- Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
- Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
- The foods eaten for Thanksgiving dinner haven't changed much since 1621.
- Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- Cranberries are native to North America.
- There is an official Thanksgiving postage stamp.
- The wishbone tradition is much older than Thanksgiving.
- Watching football is an integral part of most Thanksgiving celebrations.



OBITUARIES

Our Honorary Supreme Officer Monsignor Francis J. Beeda passed away peacefully in Wilkes-Barre, PA at age 82

Our Honorary Supreme Officer and long-time Slovak religious and cultural activist, Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L. passed away peacefully in the morning of October 12th in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He was 82.

A native of Scranton, PA, he was born there November 3, 1936, son of the late Anna Duchak and August Beeda. He was educated in Scranton public schools and was raised in the former Holy Family Slovak Parish. Discerning a priestly vocation, in 1956, he entered Christ the King Seminary. He completed his theological studies at the North American College in Rome. He received his licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a priest in Rome for the Scranton Diocese on December 20, 1961 by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, then rector of the North American College. Father Beeda celebrated his first solemn Mass in the Chapel of SS. Cyril and Methodius located in Rome's Basilica of St. Clement where St. Cyril is buried. Among those present at that liturgy were Jozef Cardinal Tomko, retired prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the late Monsignor Stefan Nahalka, first rector of the Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius, now the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius.

Father Beeda returned to America that summer and on July 22, 1961 celebrated his first Solemn Mass at his home parish of the Holy Family in Scranton. He then served briefly at St. Patrick's Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA. In the fall of 1961, he was assigned as parochial vicar at the former St. Joseph Slovak Parish in Nanticoke, PA. In September 1965, he began his ministry at the former Sacred Heart Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre as parochial vicar. He returned as pastor in the fall of 1974. Built by the Rev. Joseph Murgas, pioneer in wireless telegraphy, Father Beeda supervised the complete renovation of the church and encouraged love for our Slovak heritage and traditions. Sacred Heart soon became one of the most prominent and active Slovak parishes in America. During the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia during the summer of 1976, he helped organize the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the group sang during the Slovak liturgy at the Congress. Over the years, he promoted a greater knowledge and appreciation regarding the life and accomplishments of Father Murgas. In the fall of 2006, he spearheaded a drive for the erection of a plaque at the main post office in Slovakia's capital of Bratislava honoring Father Murgas.

In recognition of Father Beeda's outstanding ministry, the late Pope St. John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor on March 14, 1983. In the fall of 1984, Msgr. Beeda was named pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Hazleton, Pa. The historic parish, founded in 1882, is the first Slovak parish established in the United States. On the occasion of Msgr. Beeda's 25th anniversary of priestly ordination, more than 1,200 guests honored him at a banquet following a festive liturgy at St. Joseph's on December 28, 1984. Msgr. Beeda



remained as pastor of St. Joseph until his retirement in 2011.

Well-known and highly esteemed for many years, Msgr. Beeda has been active in the Slovak community both here in America as well as in Slovakia and worldwide, especially following the fall of Communism and the independence of Slovakia. There has hardly been a Slovak cause or project which has not had the encouragement and support of Msgr. Beeda.

Msgr. Beeda had been active in the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation for many years, and served as a member of its national board until the time of his death. An active Slovak fraternalist, he has been active in the Slovak Catholic Sokol for many decades. At the 27th quadrennial convention in 1995, he was elected as our Supreme Chaplain, a position he held until 2003. He was subsequently elected as an Honorary Supreme Officer. In 2008, he was honored as Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year.

In addition to our organization, as a Slovak fraternalist, Msgr. Beeda enjoyed membership in the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, and the National Slovak Society. He was also a life member of the Slovak League of America.

As a component of the funeral rites, solemn Vespers was celebrated on Wednesday evening, October 16 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Hazleton, PA. Our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC offered the eulogy at the service. Msgr. Beeda had been a mentor to him since his boyhood days at Sacred Heart in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

On October 17, the funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church in Hazleton, PA with the Most Rev. Joseph M. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton as principal celebrant. The eulogy was offered by the Rev. Joseph J. Manarchuck who served at St. Joseph's both under the late Msgr. John Balbercak and Msgr. Beeda. Interment followed at Holy Family Cemetery in Throop, PA.

Msgr. Beeda was preceded in death by his sister, Lois Savero and brother, Thomas Beeda. He is survived by nieces, nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews. The Frank J. Bonin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

May Monsignor Beeda, who so beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith now rest in peace. May he enjoy the Beatific Vision. He will be sorely missed.

ANNOUNCING THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the newly developed Memorial Scholarship fund? Your donation will assure that an annual scholarship be given out to a college age student who best exemplifies the meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism. Here's how it works: Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund clearly indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at <http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm> or simply send your donation to: **Dennis J. Zifcak, SCS Museum Treasurer, 33 Pinecrest Rd., Uxbridge, MA 01569**

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

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

Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earmarking donations to this fund in their memory.

In Memoriam

SEPTEMBER 2019

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 1	Bernard Golick, Washington Twp. NJ	84	August 30, 2019
Assembly 9	Stanley E. Seliga, Shelton, CT	85	August 15, 2019
Assembly 9	Robert S. Ferik, Shelton, CT	82	September 6, 2019
Assembly 11	Mary Wowczuk, Oak Lawn, IL	99	February 25, 2019
Assembly 16	Andrew Sawchak, Pittsburgh, PA	90	August 6, 2019
Assembly 25	Gary E. Rabatin, Belle Vernon, PA	68	August 23, 2019
Assembly 25	Joseph P. Kostolansky, Jr.	86	February 5, 2019
Assembly 36	Maria Toth, Allen Park, MI	98	July 6, 2019
Assembly 36	Miroslaw W. Toth, Allen Park, MI	77	February 7, 2019
Assembly 54	Pauline Maillet, Butler, PA	89	August 31, 2019
Assembly 59	Dorothy Teller, Wilkes Barre, PA	89	August 25, 2019
Assembly 59	Mary Lou Sutton, Wilkes Barre, PA		
Assembly 78	Ellen R. Katrick, Bethlehem, PA		
Assembly 108	Thomas W. Hanes, Jr., Youngstown, OH	85	September 12, 2019
Assembly 162	Ann M. Halupka, Clifton, NJ	76	August 20, 2019
Assembly 185	Richard Falls, McLean, VA		
Assembly 188	Michael J. Knies, Lansford, PA	97	July 11, 2019
Assembly 188	John V. Student, Lansford, PA	91	September 6, 2019
Assembly 227	Mary Golla, Etobicoke, Canada	91	July 23, 2019
Assembly 255	Anna Hartzell, Northampton, PA	86	March 8, 2019
Assembly 255	Daniel B. Bednarcik, Wilmington DE		
Wreath 1	Jane Tesla, Stratford CT	94	September 12, 2019
Wreath 11	Rita Vincek, Saratoga Spr., NY	89	September 4, 2019
Wreath 11	Florence Macejka, Scotia, NY	93	September 1, 2019
Wreath 11	Mary V. Mraz, Johnstown, NY	91	August 20, 2019
Wreath 13	Emily Nekoranik of St. Augustine, FL	97	July 13, 2019
Wreath 43	Anna Kacsanek, Uniontown, OH	90	July 27, 2019
Wreath 47	Mary J. Malton, Columbia Hgts., MN	88	September 5, 2019
Wreath 54	Mary Mikula, Youngstown, OH	90	June 23, 2019
Wreath 54	Veronica Misalko, Youngstown, OH	93	September 1, 2019
Wreath 81	Andrew Durkovicz, Ft. Wayne, IN	86	July 16, 2019
Wreath 81	Josephine Ruman of Saint John, IN	94	August 19, 2019
Wreath 93	Anna Burzelic, West Allis, WI	94	September 16, 2019
Wreath 93	Robert M. Savmoch, Delafield, WI	86	August 19, 2019
Wreath 93	Margaret Rusnak, Ashland, OR	94	August 9, 2019
Wreath 93	June Vogel, Greenbay, WI	84	August 8, 2019
Wreath 153	Kenneth D. Javor, N. Royalton, OH	71	August 16, 2019
Wreath 155	Margaret Offinitz, Brecksville, OH	96	January 16, 2015

MINUTES OF THE SEMI- ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6 "MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA"

The semi-annual meeting of Group 6 was held on Sunday, October 13 at Hoss's Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Belle Vernon, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the President, Anna Mae Warnick. She then led the group in offering the Grace before meals.

Following a delicious lunch, the president welcomed all in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Terri Gardner and accepted into record.

President Warnick stated that she attended the 33rd quadrennial convention in Cleveland in August and asked John G. Erdely, who represented Assembly 25, to offer a brief overview of the convention proceedings. President Warnick informed the group that donations to St. John the Baptist R.C. Church and St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church were made by the convention as a result of the petition made by Michael Matras. The Group will match the

Christopher Merenda ordained to the Diaconate in New York

Christopher J. Merenda of St. Columba's Parish in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. was among 14 candidates ordained to the permanent Diaconate at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral by the



Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan on June 15. At the conclusion of the liturgy, he offered his first blessing at the Altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa. He assisted at his first liturgy on June 16 at St. Columba's Church with the pastor, the Rev. Michael McLoughlin as celebrant and homilist. Deacon Christopher has worked in health care for most of his career, the past five years with Optum. He and his wife, the former Mary Kurak have been married for 30 years and have two

daughters, Sarah and Meagan. Wives play an important role in the ministry of the diaconate. He earned his undergraduate degree in geology from SUNY Stony Brook and a master's in business administration from Western Connecticut State University. He is shown in the above photo with his wife Mary whose family has been active for three generations in Assembly 219 in Yonkers and our former Wreath 25 in New York City. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to Deacon Christopher. We pray that his ministry of service to the people of God will be fruitful and fulfilling. Ad multos annos!

convention donation to St. John the Baptist Parish.

Previous meeting minutes were read by Secretary Terri Gardner and accepted into record. The Treasurer, Mary Ann Erdely then provided the treasurer's report. Reports were accepted and submitted into record.

Officers reports were then given: Secretary Terri Gardner explained her duties regarding taking meeting minutes and submitting same for publication. The Vice President, Dorothy Rudinec explained her duties. Sports Director, Michael Matras gave his report. He stated that the international bowling tournament was held in Pittsburgh. The Group tourney was held in April with three teams participating. Three teams participated in the International tourney in May. In addition, four members competed at the International Golf tourney in DuBois, Pa. in August. In the president's report, Anna Mae Warnick indicated how she prepares the meeting agendas and takes care of all the paperwork required by the home office. She was a delegate to the 33rd quadrennial convention in Cleveland. All reports were accepted and submitted into record.

Following the quadrennial convention, the election of Group officers takes place. They will serve for the coming four-year period. All the current Group 6 officers were reelected. Discussion was made regarding the Group possibly hosting a banquet in 2020 and the honoring of our 50-year members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with closing prayers. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Gardner, Group 6 secretary

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland**News and Views
from Slovakia...****ZOLTAN A. CONCLUDES PLEA BARGAIN
WITH PROSECUTOR IN KUCIAK MURDER CASE**

Zoltan A., who has been charged with mediating the murder of journalist Jan Kuciak, concluded a plea bargain with a special prosecutor on October 18, his lawyer Livia Knazikova confirmed for TASR on the same day.

"A plea bargain has been concluded with a prosecutor, but I won't comment on its content," Knazikova told the media, not specifying the length of the sentence. Lawyer for the bereaved Daniel Lipsic said that all parties concerned have agreed not to reveal it for now. Lipsic would only say that Zoltan A.'s sentence has been reduced by more than a third, as he has been cooperating with the police and the prosecutor's office since the beginning and his testimony has been of key importance for the case. "In such cases it's possible to reduce the penalty by more than one third ... This has happened here, which could have been expected," stated Lipsic. Zoltan A. originally faced a sentence of between 25 years and life, but it is now likely that he will go to prison for eight-sixteen years.

Zoltan A. was charged in the Kuciak murder case as a mediator along with Alena Zs. The other people charged are Miroslav M., who confessed to being the hitman, Tomas Zs., who assisted in the murder. Marian K., who was remanded in custody in connection with the TV promissory notes case, has been charged with ordering the journalists murder.

**THOUSANDS CONVERGE UPON BRATISLAVA
TO PROTEST CORRUPTION**

Thousands gathered in the streets of Bratislava on Friday, October 18 evening to support For Decent Slovakia protest, which calls for investigation into the murders of journalist Jan Kuciak and his fiancée, proper investigation into corruption scandals and the forming of new trustworthy government. According to protest organiser Karolina Farska, the event is held in response to all current scandals, such as the leaking of information from Threema chat transcripts of entrepreneur Marian K [name abbreviated due to legal reasons -ed.note], who faces charges of ordering the hit against Kuciak, the leaking of Marian K's recorded conversation with prosecutor Dobroslav Trnka and Gorilla case recording.

"We can see that public pressure pays off; those people are gradually resigning," said Farska. She believes that Slovakia is undergoing a cleansing process, even though some changes might take longer as they're not the "work of any single government".

The crowd walked from Hodzove Namestie up to the Parliament building. In front of Parliament, the organisers called upon judge Monika Jankovska, prosecutor Dobroslav Trnka, Special Prosecutor Dusan Kovacic to resign and Robert Fico to retire from politics. They also urged Prosecutor-General Jaromir Ciznar to take action.

**CHARGES PRESSED AGAINST MARIAN K. & CO.
IN KUCIAK MURDER CASE**

A prosecutor at the Special Prosecutor's Office (USP) has filed charges against Marian K. and three other people relating to the case of the murders of investigative journalist Jan Kuciak and

his fiancée Martina Kusnirova at the Specialised Criminal Court in Pezinok (Bratislava region), TASR was told by USP spokesperson Jana Tokolyova on Monday, October 21.

"A prosecutor at the Special Prosecutor's Office has filed charges against T. Sz., M. M., A. Zs., and M. K. for the particularly serious crime of premeditated murder and other criminal offences at the Specialised Criminal Court. The charges were pressed in relation to six acts, including two premeditated murders," said Tokolyova. One act relates to the murders of both Jan Kuciak and Martina Kusnirova in 2018, while the other concerns the murder of Peter Molnar in 2016.

"The investigation file contains more than 25,000 pages and dozens of appendages, including those related to seized funds and valuables. The charges run to 93 pages. In addition to the accused and aggrieved, the prosecutor proposed questioning 24 more witnesses, reading the testimonies of 49 other witnesses, and consulting a number of experts," added Tokolyova. If convicted, those charged could face imprisonment from 25 years to life.

Kuciak and his fiancée were murdered in Kuciak's house at Velka Maca (Trnava region) on February 21, 2018. The person who ordered the murder paid at least \$79,000 for it. In addition to Marian K., the other people accused include Alena Zs., Tomas Sz., Miroslav M. and Zoltan A. They are all being held in custody. Zoltan A. has agreed with the prosecutor on a plea bargain, which would significantly reduce his sentence. The court is yet to approve this agreement, however.

PRESIDENT: OCTOBER 28 SHOULD BE PUBLIC HOLIDAY

"I think that October 28 should be a public holiday", President Zuzana Caputova stated on the occasion of the 101st anniversary of the setting up of Czechoslovakia, commemorating the event by laying wreaths on Tomas Garrigue Masaryk and Miroslav Rastislav Stefanik Squares in Bratislava.

"This is worth considering, and it's a legitimate consideration. Without this date, we would probably not have formed an independent state formation today, so it's one of the most important days to remember and perhaps commemorate in this way," said the president.

Caputova added that it's unique in history for two close nations to decide to form a whole that was to become a pillar of the future Europe.

Caputova pointed out that in the period concerned Czechoslovakia was a progressive state in which women had the right to vote. She added that there are still only a few women in top politics, and she hopes that her election will form part of the motivation for women to become more involved in public affairs.

FOREIGNERS WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AN E-APPLICATION TO THE FOREIGNERS' POLICE

Foreigners living in or planning to live in Slovakia will have the option to submit documents required by the Foreigners' Police electronically in upcoming weeks.

Currently, the Foreigners' Police departments face a significant increase in applications for a residence permit, Ladislav Csémi, director of the Border and Foreign Police, informed in a video published on Facebook. The number is growing on average by about 30 percent a year, he added.

The first measure to solve this problem was introduced in May, when an online booking system for appointments was launched.

Applicants will submit their documents via the Interior Ministry's website. www.minv.sk. There should be two language versions, Slovak and English. Applicants will be asked to fill in their nationality, the purpose of their stay and whether they have registered residence in Slovakia before or not. After sending this information, the system will open an electronic application for a residence permit. It will not be necessary to print it, only to keep it in its electronic form.

In the first half of 2019, 55,953 people coming from the non-EU countries had a temporary residence permit in Slovakia and 17,893 had a permanent residence permit. They are mostly Ukrainians, Serbs, Russians and Vietnamese.

NAKA AND LYNX COMMANDO IN ACTION IN BRATISLAVA AND TRNAVA REGIONS

Police officers from the National Crime Agency (NAKA) in cooperation with the police's Lynx Commando special task unit have been carrying out raids in several locations in Bratislava and Trnava regions, reportedly to detain members of a criminal group accused of violent crime, the police reported on a social network on October 28. According to website nastope.sk, the list of those detained includes Lubomir K., considered to be the boss of the Bratislava branch of the Takacovci gang, plus over ten other members of the group, a source from within the Police Corps has confirmed for TASR.

The Takacovci gang operated mainly in Bratislava's borough of Ruzinov, as well as Petržalka and the city centre as of the 1990s. They focused on racketeering, gastronomic services, gambling houses, etc. Later they expanded their activities to Trnava and Nitra regions. Following the death of the gang's founder Jan Takac in July 2003, the murder of Robert Pal and the gunning down of Jozef Surovcik in Senec (Bratislava region), Lubomir K. allegedly became the boss of the gang. Along with the Sykorovci, Pitovci and Slobodovci, the Takacovci were considered to be among the strongest gangs operating in the Slovak capital.

BAN ON POLLS BEFORE ELECTIONS EXTENDED FROM 14 TO 50 DAYS

The ban on publishing relevant public opinion polls before elections in Slovakia has been extended from 14 days to 50 days, Parliament decided on October 28.

The provision will also concern the general election due in four months.

Several parliamentary parties complained about significant differences in results of public opinion polls, even those released

in short succession.

"We believe that this law won't restrict voters' right to access to information, as it's in fact been designed to protect voters from disinformation and purpose-built information," reads a report accompanying the bill.

The bill will probably end up at the Constitutional Court, said co-governing Most-Hid MP Peter Kresak, while opposition Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) MP Alojz Branik said separately the same thing.

Instead of extending the moratorium, Kresak said that he'd have liked to shorten it to a mere two days, as proposed by Independent MP Katarina Csefalvayova. Most-Hid chair Bela Bugár noted that the law was passed partly thanks to votes from the far-right LSNS.

Meanwhile, OLaNO chief Igor Matovic said that even though he doesn't view the law as correct, he doesn't deem it unconstitutional.

Csefalvayova stated that she believes the president will veto the bill.

Should President Zuzana Caputova return the bill to Parliament, she'd prevent undemocratic change of rules shortly before the general election, said the independent MP.

Csefalvayova is concerned that such an unreasonable long period is contrary to the Constitution. "Any ban on publishing polls is restricting the public's basic right to be informed. The right can be restricted only if it's deemed essential to protect interests, rights and other freedoms in a democratic society. What's worst given the current age of hybrid threats, the approved bill leaves an open door for conspirators, extremists, propaganda and spreading of false news," she added.



The world's most accurate computer controlled astronomical clock can be found in a small Slovakian village Stara Bystrica in the Zilina region. It is the world's youngest astronomical clock, completed in 2009. The tower of the astronomical clock hides two bells – one of them is for time announcements and the other creates a background for the movement of seven wooden apostles. There are also six bronze statues of remarkable people that significantly affected Slovakian history. Among them is e.g. the statue of prince Pribina, prince Svatopluk, or Milan Rastislav Stefanik. Under the astronomical clock a new gallery and information center was also opened to provide visitors with all essential information not only about the history and importance of the clock but also about other tourism highlights in the region including Spis Castle, a UNESCO site, or an open-air museum in Vychylovce.

*Selected stories are provided by TASR
– the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.*

ZBERATELSKÁ MINCA MICHAL BOSÁK**(10. 12. 1869 – 18. 2. 1937)**

Americký bankár zo Šariša – Michal Bosák – patrila medzi najvýznamnejších predstaviteľov komunity amerických Slovákov. Po odchode do Ameriky v roku 1886 sa cez rôzne podnikateľské aktivity dopracoval až k založeniu vlastnej súkromnej banky Michal Bosak Privat Bank v meste Olyphant, PA. Zároveň sa podieľal na budovaní ďalších bánk a peňažných ústavov v Pensylvánii.



Angažoval sa aj v národnom hnutí amerických Slovákov a bol aj signatárom Pitsburskej dohody. Po skončení vojny a vzniku ČSR viackrát navštívil národne oslobodené Slovensko a finančne podporil viacero projektov. V roku 1920 založil v Bratislave Americko-slovenskú banku, ktorá postupne otvorila v Prahe a na ostatnom území ČSR spolu 12 pobočiek. V Prešove nechal pre banku postaviť reprezentatívne sídlo, ktoré je dodnes známe ako Bosákova banka.

Michal Bosák zomrel 18. februára 1937 Scranton, PA.

10. októbra 2019 sa v priestoroch Národnej banky Slovenska uskutočnilo podujatie pri príležitosti prvého dňa predaja striebornej zberateľskej mince nominálnej hodnoty 10 euro s motívom „Michal Bosák - 150. výročie narodenia“. Minca bola razená v mincovni v Kremnici. Pripomína výročie narodenia významného bankára slovenského pôvodu, ktorý sa v USA vypracoval na uznávaného bankára a jeho podpis sa dostal na päť-, desať- a dvadsaťdolarové bankovky.

Nícnej strane zberateľskej euromince je vyobrazená bankovka v nominálnej hodnote 10 dolárov s podpisom Michala Bosáka. V hornej časti je doplnená fragmentom originálu Pittsburskej dohody, ktorej bol Michal Bosák signatárom a Bosákovým domom v Prešove. Štátny znak Slovenskej republiky je v hornej časti mincového poľa. Názov štátu SLOVENSKO je v spodnej časti mincového poľa. Pod ním je letopočet 2019. Označenie nominálnej hodnoty zberateľskej euromince 10 EURO je v dvoch riadkoch pri pravom okraji zberateľskej euromince. Značka Mincovne Kremnica, štátny podnik, ktorú tvorí skratka MK umiestnená medzi dvoma razidlami a štylizované iniciály autora zberateľskej euromince Mgr. art. Romana Lugača LR sú pod letopočtom.

Na rube zberateľskej euromince je vyobrazený portrét Michala Bosáka kompozične doplnený budovou Bosákovej štátnej banky v Scrantone a jej logom. V spodnej časti mincového poľa je meno a priezvisko MICHAL BOSÁK a pod ním letopočty narodenia a úmrtia 1869 – 1937.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA

Čoraz viac Slovákov, krátkodobo pracujúcich v cudzine, sa rozhoduje pre návrat domov. Podľa údajov Štatistického úradu SR sa len za posledný rok zo zahraničia natrvalo domov vrátilo viac ako 12-tisíc ľudí. Ešte v polovici roka 2016 krátkodobo pracovalo za hranicami vyše 165-tisíc Slovákov a tento rok to je necelých 128-tisíc. Za rastúcou vlnou návratov stojí čoraz vyššia životná úroveň na Slovensku. Domáce firmy vedia slušne zaplatiť kvalifikovaných ľudí ovládajúcich cudzí jazyk, a to najmä v IT odvetviach, technických či ekonomických smeroch. K rozhodnutiu odísť preč zo zahraničia tiež prispieva súčasná neistota okolo brexitu a čoraz hlasnejšie odmietanie cudzincov vo Veľkej Británii.

Za prvé tri kvartály roku 2019 sa na Slovensku zvýšili ceny bytov o 7,7 percenta. Za deväť mesiacov tohto roka vzrástla cena z 1671 až na 1800 eur za štvorcový meter. Je možné, že na konci roka bude táto cena dosahovať hodnotu 1850 eur za štvorcový meter. Znamenalo by to dvojciferný ročný rast. V aktuálnom cenovom rebríčku krajských miest v segmente starších 3-izbových bytov je na čele Bratislava (2386 eur za štvorcový meter), na druhom mieste sú Košice (1687 eur za štvorcový meter) a na treťom je Trnava (1617 eur za štvorcový meter). Na konci je Trenčín (1276 eur za štvorcový meter). V hlavnom meste sú najdrahšie byty v centrálnom Starom Meste (3067 eur za štvorcový meter). „Práve tam sa spomedzi všetkých mestských častí zvýšili ceny starších 3-izbových bytov v tomto roku najviac, až o 12,2 percenta.

Automatizácia výroby na Slovensku aj vo svete sa zintenzívňuje. Zastúpenie robotov v slovenských priemyselných podnikoch narástlo podľa International Federation of Robotics od roku 2016 o 22 %. Kým v roku 2016 na Slovensku pripadalo na 10 000 pracovníkov v priemysle 135 robotov, vlani to bolo už 165 robotov. Slovensko tak patrí do prvej dvadsiatky krajín, v ktorých je zastúpenie robotov v priemyselnej výrobe najväčšie. V porovnaní s celoeurópskym priemerom je vo fabrikách na Slovensku hustota priemyselných robotov vyššia takmer o 50 %. Za nadpriemernou automatizáciou slovenského priemyslu stoja predovšetkým automobilky.

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