INTRODUCING THE MEMBERS OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
SUPREME ASSEMBLY – 2020-2023

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 74th Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th at the Brookgate Lanes, 14950 Snow Road in Brook Park, Ohio. The GCU Fraternal Society will be joining us again for the 6th straight year along with the First Catholic Slovak Union and National Slovak Society. The bowling application is posted on our web site. The application deadline is April 13th, 2020.

The tournament lodging for bowlers and guests will be at the Cleveland Airport Marriott, 4277 West 150th Street Cleveland, OH 44135, tel.: 216-252-5333. The guarantee rate is $99.00 for single or double occupancy Friday and Saturday night.

Team events will be bowed on Friday evening, May 15th. The first squad will commence at 5:30 p.m. and the second squad at 8:00 p.m. On Friday evening hospitality food and refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m at Brookgate Lanes, allowing time to relax and socialize before or after team bowling. Doubles and Singles events will be bowed on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

The cost for the 74th International Bowling Tournament will be the same as last year: $22.00 per event, $5 for all-events and $29.00 for the banquet on Saturday May 16th. The total for each bowler participating in team, doubles, singles, all-events and the banquet is $100.00.

If you have any questions, please send me at email at jmatlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org, call or text me at my cell phone: 973-647-8551.

Fraternally yours,
James C. Matlon
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

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Slovak Catholic Sokol
Greetings from the Home Office and Happy New Year to all our members! I hope the holiday season was filled with plenty of joy and time with your family. With the cold weather upon us and a lot of outdoor activities on hold, February allows us to look ahead into the year and get our schedules prepared for the upcoming spring and summer months. We hope that you plan on joining us at one of our outstanding fraternal activities.

In preparation for our 2020 fraternal activities, I had the pleasure of joining our Supreme Physical Fitness Board in Pittsburgh, PA on January 17th-18th for their annual meeting. Our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, and I were honored to join in the planning of our fraternal season. Many thoughts and ideas were shared, and I commend our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, and the entire Physical Fitness Board on a well-run, efficient meeting. This being the first year after a Convention, we are happy to welcome our new Physical Fitness Board Members, Janice Matlon, Kristen Popik and Robert Palchanis III. We know you will do a great job! I would especially like to thank our outgoing Officers, Kathleen S. Watkins, Julie M. Laury and Kevin Matlon, for all their hard work and dedication to the Society. Along with the events already planned, the SPFB are looking to add additional fraternal events throughout the year. They will be reaching out to our local Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths for their input in this matter. Please take the time to assist them so we can generate some new and exciting ideas! With that being said, let us take a look at our 2020 schedule.

We have announced that our 74th International Bowling Tournament will be held on May 15th-16th at Brookgate Lanes in Brook Park, OH. Lodging for our keglers will be at the Cleveland Airport Marriott, the site of our most recent Quadrennial Convention. In true fraternal spirit, we will be joined by a handful of other Fraternals and we should easily exceed participation levels from the prior year. I hope both our devout regulars and many new faces will join us as we celebrate this great annual tradition. For more information, check our website, or email our Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, james.matlon@optonline.net.

From July 16th-19th, our Supreme Physical Fitness Board and our Group Physical Directors/Directresses will be meeting at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA for our biennial International Clinic. This is a time for our leaders to get together to learn our drills, the rules and regulations and to get the layout of the 50th International Slet to be held at Kutztown University in 2021. I know the goal of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is to make the 50th International Slet the most memorable to date and we look forward to seeing what they come up with!

The month of August will give our avid golfers a chance to polish off their clubs and join us for the 65th International Golf Tournament held once again at Seven Oaks Country Club in Beaver, PA from August 14th-16th. Seven Oaks is the home of our brother fraternal, Greek Catholic Union, and truly a beautiful site. We hope to see our regulars and some new faces at this year’s competition!

As many of you know, hosting our fraternal activities is both time consuming and costly. To justify these programs, we need the cooperation of our Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. Active and vibrant lodges are imperative to facilitate interest at our national events. Please take the time to promote our events at your local level. You will always be the backbone of our Society and we cannot do it without you!

Until next time, Happy Valentine’s Day to my three Valentines, Maggie, Reid Thomas and Cole William, and to all our Members and Families! Have a wonderful month, stay warm and God Bless!

Zdar Boh!
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Supreme Physical Directress

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Supreme Auditor

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Supreme Assistant Physical Directress

Martin Degnan
Supreme Assistant Physical Director

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Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Dusan Dorich
Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Jenice Matlon
Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Kristen Popik
Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board
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We are pleased to announce that the Slovak Catholic Sokol will make available a total of $63,000 in scholarship grants to eligible members in 2020. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2020 grant; however, per Convention mandate - a student may receive a maximum of two (2) Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grant awards in each category.

A total of 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol college grants of $1,000 each, two Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of $2,000 each, two Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of $2,000 each, one The Doctors’ Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, one Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, one Yencha Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 and three Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Memorial Scholarships in the amount of $1,000.

With one application you may apply for all college scholarship grants for which you are eligible. Note that only one grant per applicant will be awarded.

College scholarship eligibility requirements:

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL** (a total of 30, $1,000 grants will be awarded)

- Must have a minimum of $3,000 permanent Life Insurance Coverage
- Must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for at least five years.
- Must have completed one semester of undergraduate studies as a FULL TIME student at an accredited college, university or professional school, or be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program.
- Must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better
- One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member
- Essay- “How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol influenced my life?”

**THEODORE AND MARY JANE RICH** (one male and one female grant in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical or business curriculum.

**EMIL SLAVIK** (one male and one female grant in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol

**THE DOCTORS’ LESKO MEDICAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in Nursing or Medical curriculum
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry

**KRISTA L. GLUGOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in curriculum with a focus in computer graphics, design or layout

**YENCHA SCHOLARSHIP** (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in Liberal Arts Curriculum

Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship (3 grants in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship
- Essay- “Describe the one volunteer experience that made the biggest personal impact on you- how/why”.

The process of applying for any of the above college level scholarships is completely on-line. Applications and instructions are **ONLY** available on our website @ www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

Questions regarding the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Program may be directed to:

Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Vice-President
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee
vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org
(412)881-3506

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2020**

In addition to our college grant program, we make available **18 Catholic High School Grants** in the amount of $500 each as well as **36 Catholic Grade School Grants** in the amount of $250 each. Please find these scholarship applications and directives in December 2019, February and March 2020 issues of the Falcon.
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – TIPS FOR SUCCESS

I just wanted to take a moment to highlight the recent changes made to the Slovak Catholic Sokol College Scholarship Program. We will continue to use a completely on-line process as we have had few issues with the process over the past several seasons. With the help of our technical webmaster, we have redesigned the application process and you should find it to be much more user friendly. You will find the on-line application on our website at www.slovakcatholicsokol.org beginning November 1, 2019.

To be best prepared for this process a successful applicant should:

1. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION.** For example- if something does not apply to you- say N/A. If you are fully independent from your parents- as in, you are not claimed by them on their tax return, you should indicate that in the space asking for total parent income. Leaving this blank does not tell the whole story.

2. **INCLUDE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION- i.e. photo; transcript; essay.** Start the process for requesting your transcript NOW. I have found that sometimes this is the hold up for some applicants.

3. **SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.** The application is clear and I just want to prevent a waste of your time and energy.

Failure to include/complete any of the above items will result in the application being disqualified. To be honest, it is not easy for our committee when we need to disqualify applicants for simple yet important missing requirements.

Lastly, apply for all college scholarships for which you qualify in order to give yourself the best chance at receiving something. There were several applicants who limited themselves to a particular scholarship. Competition was fierce for the larger scholarship offerings, but there seems to be more opportunity with the other scholarship offerings.

Not every applicant receives a scholarship every time they apply. If you have not received one in the past, I encourage you to apply again this year. Before submitting your application- take some time to review the bullet points above in order to assure that your application will be included for consideration.

**Good luck and Zdár Boh!**

**Edward D. Moeller**

Supreme Vice President

Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee

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

**CYRIL AND METHODIUS – SPIRITUAL FATHERS OF SLAVIC CIVILIZATION**

In many ways, Eastern Europe owes its cultural and religious shape to the two missionary brothers, Saint Cyril (827-869 AD) and Saint Methodius (826-884 AD). These two brothers were sent as missionaries by the Byzantine Emperor to the Slavic speaking peoples of the Moravia region. In doing so, they invented the precursor to the Cyrillic alphabet and laid the foundations for the liturgy used in the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, the Serbian Orthodox Church, and the Russian Orthodox Church, among other churches in eastern and Slavic-speaking Europe.

Cyril and Methodius were born Constantine and Michael, respectively, to an influential Byzantine army officer in Thessalonica. While in Thessalonica, the boys received a robust education. When they reached maturity, they were sent to the Imperial School of Constantinople. Michael was an able administrator and served as governor in Macedonia for a time. His brother Constantine became a scholar and professor at the Imperial School and lectured on philosophy.

Michael was very successful by the standards of his culture, but he began to tire of worldly pursuits and resigned his official position for the life of the monastery. After becoming a monk, he adopted the name Methodius. Around 860, Emperor Michael III received a request from Moravian princes to send missionaries to spread Byzantine Christianity. The Moravians feared that the use of the Latin language in the liturgical and Biblical texts would allow the Germans, who used Latin as its liturgical language, and the Church in Rome had also commissioned numerous German missionaries and priests to go to Moravia to spread Christianity.

The increasing influence of Latin Christianity and the use of a Latin liturgy gave the Germans significant influence in Moravia. The Moravians feared that the use of the Latin language in the liturgical and Biblical texts would allow the Germans, who used a Latin liturgy in their churches, to gain religious and cultural influence and eventually political dominance over Moravia. Thus, the desire to have the liturgy and scriptures translated into their native tongue, or at least a language other than Latin, was politically motivated as well.

When Michael III looked for who to send, he found that Constantine and Methodius were an ideal fit. They both knew a Slavic dialect spoken near Thessalonica and had proven themselves to be competent leaders and thinkers. They arrived in 863 and began to assist local congregations in making a liturgy in the Slavic language spoken in Moravia. While working on the liturgy, they realized that the Latin and Greek alphabets were not ideal for Slavic languages, so they created a new alphabet which would later evolve into the Cyrillic alphabet.

The alphabet that the missionary brothers created, the Glagolitic script, is not identical to the Cyrillic script, but the early Cyrillic alphabet was derived from it. The alphabet was
As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 19 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

**ELIGIBILITY**

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than $3,000**, and has been a member for at least five years.

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic High School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

**APPLICATION**

**ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION** you must submit a typed or written essay **DOUBLE SPACED** in 100 to 200 words on the following topic:

*"WHAT DOES THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEAN TO ME?"* This essay must be submitted along with the application.

This application must be **received on or before, March 31, 2020** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @ [www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org)

**DISQUALIFICATION**

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

**RETURN OF GRANT**

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.

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**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION**

Group #:_________ Assembly/Wreath #:_________ Name________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________ City__________________________________________

State______________ Zip Code___________ Date of Birth___________________________________ Current Age _________

Home Phone (_____)_________________ High School Phone (_____)_________________

area code            area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________

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S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________

Father’s name_______________________________________ Are you a member? ______

Mother’s name______________________________________ Are you a member? ______

Parent’s S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________

Parent’s S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? ______________________ (yes/no)

If yes, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year?_______________________

High School verification (to be completed by High School Principal)

I,_______________________________________________ Principal of ____________________________

(Principal's signature)                                                      (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that________________________________________________________

(Name of student) is a student at the above school and will be attending _________ Grade in the 2020-2021 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes_______ No_______

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**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2020.** Return completed application to:

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055**
Slovak Catholic Sokol Catholic Grade School Grants

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $250.00 Grants to our young Sokols and Sokolky in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. Two grants each per Group are available to any qualified Sokol member entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2 through 8).

ELIGIBILITY
A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of not less than $3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.
B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.
C. The principal of the Catholic Grade School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

APPLICATION
This application must be received on or before, March 31, 2020 with a clear, small (2”x3” wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group #_________ Assembly/Wreath #_________ Name________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________ City_______________________________________
State______________   Zip Code___________    Date of Birth___________________________________  Current Age _________
Home Phone (_____)_________________         School Phone  (_____)_________________
area code            area code
S.C.S.  Insurance  Certificate #______________ Face  Amount_______________________
S.C.S.  Insurance  Certificate #______________ Face  Amount_______________________
S.C.S.  Insurance  Certificate #______________ Face  Amount_______________________
Father’s name_______________________________________  Are you a member? ______
Mother’s name______________________________________   Are you a member? ______
Parent’s S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________
Parent’s S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #______________ Face Amount_______________________
Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? ______________________
(yes/no)
If yes, what year?___________________________________
School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)
I,_______________________________________________ Principal of_________________________________________
(Principal’s signature)                                                      (Name of School)
Catholic Grade School, verify that__________________________________________
(Name of student) is a student at the above school and will be attending _________ Grade in the 2020-2021 school year.
Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes_______ No_______

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MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD IN DEERFIELD BEACH, FL

FIRST SESSION
Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

After a beautiful Mass offered by our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, called to order the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Deerfield Beach, FL and greeted all the members.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F. was called upon for the opening prayer leading the Directors in the reading of the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins 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:

President Horvath thanked the General Counsel for his report and the following members responded: Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the roll call and the following members responded:

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the minutes from our last Board meeting held via conference call on October 2, 2019 and published in the November 13, 2019 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. and accepted by the Board.

The roll call showed all ten members of the Board of Directors in attendance.

President Horvath thanked Brother Calimano and Sister Cole for their report and called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano and Ms. Cynthia Cole, PNC Institutional Asset Management, for the Investment Report.

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole discussed the portfolio’s current asset allocation, reviewed the historic and the year to date cash flows, discussed future potential portfolio repositioning and PNC’s outlook for the financial markets and economy.

Brother Calimano and Sister Cole addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and they indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment.

The Board members thanked Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole and President Horvath entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak. Approved

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

Brother Matlon gave a recap of the 2019 Sports Program, which was highlighted by the 49th International Slet at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY on July 17th-21st. The Slet photos and results were posted on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website.

Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, also gave the Board an update on the sites being considered for the upcoming Clinic and the 50th International Slet in 2021.

Sites that are being considered or are already confirmed for the 2020 Sports Program:
- May 15-17, 2020  Bowling  Brookgate Lanes  Cleveland, OH
- August 14-16, 2020  Golf  Seven Oaks CC and Black Hawk, Beaver, PA

After a lengthy and lively discussion regarding our current and future fraternal activities, President Horvath asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek.

President Horvath thanked Brother Matlon, Brother Underation, and Sister Watkins for their report and called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the Legal Department Report.

Counsel reported that there are several items to report on:
1. Brother Counsel reported on the recent American Fraternal Alliance Meeting held in Washington D.C. that he attended with the Supreme Secretary.
2. Brother John also reported on a potential buyer for the print shop connected to the Home Office. The discussions are at the beginning stages and the Supreme Secretary and himself will update the Board accordingly.
3. Lastly, Brother John verified the property taxes and insurance are all paid to date on the three existing mortgages on file.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the above items, President Horvath entertained a motion to approve the report, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic. Approved

President Horvath thanked the General Counsel for his report
SECOND SESSION
Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 1:30 p.m.

President Horvath called the Second Session to order and asked our Supreme Chaplain to open with a prayer.

After the prayer, led by our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Brother President called up our Supreme Secretary for the Mortgage Department Report.

Brother Scott reported that as of November 30, 2019, the organization has 3 existing mortgages totaling $610,320.79. Principal payments received for the eleven months in 2019 total $41,553.92 and interest payments total $33,868.87. All mortgages are paid up and on time. Acknowledged

Brother President began discussion regarding the declaration of a dividend for the year 2019 to be distributed during 2020. The 2018 dividend declaration issued in 2019 was $50,000.00. After a brief discussion, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, moved that a dividend be declared for the year 2019 in the amount of $50,000.00 payable in 2020 for all qualifying certificates, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Approved

President Horvath questioned the Board members regarding the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered for the first quarter of 2020. The Board members had a lively discussion regarding the Annuity Interest Rate, taking into consideration our investment portfolio, the interest rate environment, product sales of our Vantage Collection, and the recommendations of our Director of Sales and Marketing. Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak, made a motion to continue with our current rates for the first quarter in 2020, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. Approved

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 was held on Friday, November 16, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA to honor this year’s recipient, Clifford A. Moeller. Brother Secretary was in attendance, along with Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller and Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins. A great time was had by all and Brother Moeller was extremely appreciative. Acknowledged

The Board members were informed by Brother Jerek that the Annual Audit will be held March 16-19, 2020 at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J. Also, the 2020 First Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 20-21, 2020 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Acknowledged

Brother President informed the Board that they will be meeting tomorrow, December 2nd, at 9:00am, for an open forum discussion regarding the society, as well as a 2020 Business/Fraternal Plan. Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a motion to adjourn, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, led the Board in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C., Supreme Secretary
KIDS' CORNER “Detský kútik” - - February 2020

PRESIDENTS’ DAY WORD SEARCH

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

1. George  
2. Washington  
3. Abe  
4. Lincoln  
5. President  
6. United  
7. States  
8. America  
9. February  
10. Leader  
11. Federal  
12. Elect  
13. Vote  
14. Holiday  
15. Country
KIDS’ CORNER “Detský kútik” - - February 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!!

Harper Toth 1/21
Joseph Phillips 2/12
Julie Diaz 2/17
Riley Slonac 2/23
Aiden Ahern 2/23
Mackenzie Ahern 2/23
Lauren Martyak 2/28

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Šťastný svätý Valentínsky deň = Happy St. Valentine’s Day
/Pronounced [shytast-nee sve-tee vaah- len-teen-klee dyen, with a soft n.]

I love only you. (romantic) = Milujem len Teba. [mee – liew – yem len Tye – bah]

Frajér [fry – air] = boyfriend
Frajérka [fry – air – kah] = girlfriend
Miláčik [Me – laah-cheek] = darling, honey, sweetheart

Slovak Words=Slovenské slova

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!!
Congratulations, Jennifer Flynn Oldenburg.

Jennifer Flynn Oldenburg, a member of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, PA, has recently been named Head Coach of The Ohio State Women’s Volleyball Team. Jen former four-year standout for the Buckeyes is returning to Columbus, Ohio as the Head Coach of The Ohio State Women’s Volleyball Program. She became the sixth head coach in program history, the Ohio State Department of Athletics announced Friday, January 17, 2020. “We are thrilled to welcome Jen back to Ohio State,” said Janine Oman, deputy director of athletics and women’s volleyball program administrator for Ohio State. “Her energy, diverse coaching experiences and passion for Ohio State and our women’s volleyball program were the determining factors in her selection. We are excited for the future of the women’s volleyball program under Jen’s leadership.”

Jennifer’s sports career in short started as a 1996 graduate of Baldwin High School. Jen was a three-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball and softball. She helped lead her volleyball teams to the State Championship in 1995 as well as three WPIAL titles in 1992, 1994, & 1995. As the starting shortstop for the softball team, she was also a key member of the four WPIAL Championship teams (1993-1996). She graduated from Ohio State in 2001 with a Bachelor’s Degree in sports and leisure studies and spent the 2001 season on staff as a volunteer assistant coach for the Buckeyes. During her time on the court from 1996-99, she recorded 3,213 career assists (7th) and 1,138 digs (12th) to secure her place in the program’s history book. She handed out 1,587 assists during the 1997 campaign to check in at No. 4 among OSU’s single season leaders. She led Ohio State to four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and was the first conference player to be named All-Big Ten at two different positions (setter and outside hitter). In the Classroom, Jennifer received OSU Scholar-Athlete laurels every year and was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

Following her undergraduate career, Jennifer went to be the starting setter for the USA National Team and led the squad to a Silver Medal at the 2002 World Championship in Germany. She also started for the Grand Rapids Force (USPV) and played on the USPV “Dream Team” starting at setter for the Millennium Cup Champion USPV All-Stars, where she was named to the all-tournament team. Prior to her time back in Pittsburgh, Jennifer spent nine seasons (2003-2012) at the University of Illinois as an assistant coach for the women’s volleyball team. She had a hand in all aspects of the program during her tenure, focusing on recruiting, on-court training, travel, and summer camps while serving as a liaison for multiple entities throughout the athletics department. Her work with the team’s serving and passing as well as the defensive specialists was instrumental in leading Illinois to four-straight NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances and the NCAA runner-up finish in 2011. Five of her players earned All-America honors and nine different players received 13 first team All-Big Ten honors.

Jennifer returned to Pittsburgh, PA in 2012 with her husband, Steve, son Maverick and daughter Kassidy, as Club Associate Director of the Pittsburgh Elite Volleyball Association currently being in her 8th year.

Mostly recently, she returned to her Buckeye roots when she joined former Ohio State head coach Jim Stone’s staff as an assistant coach for the USA Volleyball Girls Youth National Team, who won the Gold Medal at the U18 World Championships in Egypt September 2019. This is the first Gold Medal for the United States in any age-group category for both girls and boys.

Congratulations, Jennifer Flynn Oldenburg.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MUSEUM DONATIONS OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations received during October through December 2019 earmarked for our Slovaks Sokol Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, NJ. The monies received from these donations fund our annual $1,000 Memorial Scholarships, which assist our young people in their educational endeavors. The number of these scholarships grants is dependent upon the amount of donations received.

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Thank you for your generosity,

**Dennis J. Zifcak, Supreme Treasurer**

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**LEAP INTO FUN WITH GROUP 14**
**FEBRUARY 28 – 7:00 PM**
**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL HALL**
**2912 EAST CARSON STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Free admission for all members and their family

All Group 14 members are invited to attend our first annual Family Fun Night! We would love to see all of you, especially our members who we haven’t seen for a long time!

* Games, face painting, crafts, and a bouncy house
* Pizza, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages
* Cash bar for adults
* Corn Hole

There will be a Chinese Auction and 50/50 raffle.

There will be two “pampering” stations for adults (Mini Massages and Paraffin Hand Wax). A minimal fee will apply.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 15**

Call or text Kathy Watkins at 412-225-8233 with number of adults and children who will attend.

***Anyone under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult***
Junior Sokols and Sokolky enjoyed a fun-filled Christmas party on December 7, 2019. The day began with the gathering at the Milwaukee County Zoo where the youngsters enjoyed walking around the unique facility. At 5 p.m. the group gathered at St. Leonard’s Church to attend Mass. We were then privileged to watch the school’s drama club, led by Jennifer Romine put on a wonderful play “Is This Christmas.” Annalise Romine was a tree and Maggie Heuberger was an angel.

The evening continued with an enjoyable dinner with St. Nick in the parish’s fellowship. It was filled with lots of laughs, stories, a scavenger hunt for the kids, art activities with a highlight being the visit and stories from St. Nick. Gifts were exchanged and a birthday song for Jesus completed the wonderful evening.

The day was adventurous and filled with great memories. Needless to say, a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all who had a hand in the day’s success.

– Lisa Hoeck, secretary
LIGHTS, CAMERA, DANCE!

What an exciting time to be a member of the Vychodna Slovak Dancers! Still buzzing from our group’s 35th Anniversary celebration in October, our dancers were excited to maintain the momentum and compete in Slovakia’s biggest folklore competition: Zem Spieva.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Zem Spieva, it’s a reality TV show where Slovak folklore acts (be it dancers, singers, musicians, etc.) compete to win the title of champion. Currently in its third season, the show has become a major hit, and is now one of the highest rated TV shows in Slovak history.

For the opening studio round, the 63 competing acts are organized into groups of three, based on the region they reside in: Eastern Slovakia, Western Slovakia, Central Slovakia, or International Slovaks (for those living abroad). One act from each group of three advances to the semi-final, based on the judges’ verdict.

Our Senior ensemble decided that this was the year we would audition for the show, and were delighted to find out we had advanced to the first studio round. This meant we would be visiting Slovakia for filming in late November, competing in the International Slovaks category. We knew that meant a lot of hard work ahead, and soon began preparing our dance Napostred Dediny, from the region of Horehronie, which we would be competing with. As the filming date approached, our dancers got more and more excited. But the nerves didn’t really set in until we arrived at the RTVS studio in Bratislava, where it all became very real.

For our studio performance, we were fortunate to have our dear friends udová Hudba Zemplín, from Michalovce, at our side to help us sound our best, as well as singers from FS Vienok (based out of Bratislava). Having the live band always brings our dances to life, not only for the audience, but for our dancers as well.

After multiple interviews backstage with the show’s hosts, we waited with bated breath for our turn to perform. We were prompted with an introduction from the judges: “Vychodna Slovak Dancers, z Toronta”, and then got our musical queue from Zemplin, and the rest is history. We received rave reviews from the judges, including one judge who said that our group was on par (skill-wise) with folklore ensembles from Slovakia (one of the best compliments we could ever receive). They were also very impressed at how we maintained Slovak traditions, even though the majority of us were born in Canada. Although we received positive feedback, we still didn’t know if we’d done enough to make it onto the next round.

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The judge who would be announcing the results walked into the studio, and the nerves in the room noticeably intensified, creating drama and tension (like any good TV show). There was a brief speech, a dramatic pause, and then the announcement of who would be moving on: “Vychodna Slovak Dancers”! Cheers of excitement ensued, not only from the dancers but also all our family members and friends who came out to support us. We thank everyone for all the support we’ve received up to this point, and hope we can deliver a great semi-final performance in March!

We had an incredible (and compact) experience: long flights/layovers, late night practices, early morning filming (which carried on through the better part of the day), and memories to last a lifetime.

2020 YOUNGSTOWN/SPISSKA NOVA VES SISTER CITIES HERITAGE TOUR OF SLOVAKIA

Come join us as once again as we tour our beautiful ancestral homeland of Slovakia. Walk the streets of your ancestors. Do a little research on your family, visit your ancestral village and perhaps find long lost relatives. Talk with your oldest living relatives, they have much to offer. This past year we had a reporter from Slovak radio who interviewed the tour participants and recorded them for Slovak International Radio and Slovak radio. Reserve your slot now. We have a 49 passenger air conditioned bus with rest room. Our tour is always first class. We have the best guide in all Slovakia and the best bus driver. We provide the names of fellow tour participants that will tell you about our tour. Space is limited. The tour will be in July 2020. Dates will be determined once festival dates are established. The approximate cost of the tour will be $4,000 depending on air fares. The cost includes first class hotels, 2 meals a day, entertainment and admissions to cultural exhibits. Lunch is on your own. An enjoyable time is assured.

Our well-known Sokol members of Wreath 15, Jim and Kay Bench will be pleased to provide you with additional information on this year’s tour. Call Jim Bench at tel. 724 771-7900, email: skbench@gmail.com. Our tour cannot be topped for sightseeing, entertainment, fun, memories and lasting friendships. We look forward to having many Sokols and Sokolky join us for our 2020 tour.
CYRIL AND METHODIUS – SPIRITUAL FATHERS OF SLAVIC CIVILIZATION

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based on a cursive form of the Greek alphabet that was in use in the Byzantine Empire at the time. The specific rules for their new alphabet were influenced by those of a local Slavic dialect spoken in northern Greece.

This early version of the Cyrillic script was used to write the first Slavonic liturgy, which became the basis for the Old Church Slavonic liturgical and literary tradition. This tradition is the precursor to Church Slavonic, which is still used by many Eastern Orthodox churches in Europe today.

The new liturgy was successful, but not everyone was happy about it. The local German priests and bishops were zealous for Rome and saw the use of a non-Latin liturgy as threatening to their influence. As a result, they opposed the brothers. They accused Constantine and Methodius of encroaching on their ecclesiastical jurisdiction. This came to a head in 868, when Constantine and Methodius had to go to Rome to appear before Pope Adrian II to explain their reasoning for making a vernacular liturgy.

They explained to him their belief that the liturgy should be in the vernacular language to make it more accessible. Pope Adrian II was won over by their arguments and commissioned them to go back and continue their missionary work. Methodius was made archbishop of his own archdiocese of Moravia, where the vernacular liturgy would be used. During this time, Constantine also officially became a monk and took the name Cyril. Unfortunately, Cyril passed away while they were still in Rome in 869.

Methodius continued his work of creating a vernacular liturgy and collection of sacred texts. By the end of his life, Methodius had translated most of the Bible as well as most of the works of the Church Fathers into Slavonic. Methodius’ work was not without difficulty, however. The German bishops still opposed the use of a non-Latin liturgy. In 870, Methodius was deposed as archbishop and confined to a monastery, preventing him from continuing his work. However, he gained the favor of Pope John VIII, who released him and reinstated him as archbishop around 873. Pope John VIII allowed continuation of the vernacular liturgy but limited its use and required that the Latin liturgy also be used to appease the Germans.

Methodius died in 884, partially from exhaustion because of the relentless pursuit of his rivals. Under Pope Stephen V (885-891), the rulings of Pope John VIII were reversed, and Latin became the sole liturgical language in all of Moravia. Methodius’ disciples were driven into exile.

Although Methodius’ reforms were reversed in Moravia and other western Slavic regions, the tradition begun by Cyril and Methodius did not end there. Their disciples went east and south to regions that are now Serbia, Bulgaria, and eventually Russia, where the Old Church Slavonic liturgy was later widely adopted.

In the late 9th century, the kingdom of Bulgaria adopted Old Church Slavonic as the liturgical language of the state church. It was at this time that the earliest form of the true Cyrillic alphabet was developed, derived from the Glagolitic script. Old Church Slavonic evolved into Church Slavonic in the 14th century, which is still used today in many Eastern Orthodox church traditions, especially the Russian Orthodox Church.

Methodius and Cyril laid down the foundations for a Slavic Christianity distinct both from the Byzantine East and the Latin West, which helped to create a Slavic civilization. Much of what makes Slavic nations Slavic today can be traced to these two missionary brothers from Byzantine Thessalonica.
THE 2019 RECAP OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

Frank P. Laury III, Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics

This year’s sporting events kicked off with the 73rd Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament, held on Friday, May 17th and Saturday May 18th, at the Noble Manor Lanes in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The combined bowling tournament included members from the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) Fraternal organization for the 6th straight year along with members from the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU).

The Bowlers stayed at The Pittsburgh Plaza Hotel. The three fraternal organizations combined with 29 Men’s Team and 12 Women’s Teams, for a total of 164 bowlers. The annual sporting event began Friday with hospitality dinner. Supreme Director of Sports and Activities, James C. Matlon welcomed all of the bowlers. Basil Wahal, Activities and Communications Director from the GCU, and Kevin Collins, FCSU Fraternal Activities Director coordinated the lane assignments for all 41 teams.

First night team tournament winners include: Female Division first place winners from the FCSU Team consisted of Chris Tokarsky, Denise Ricciuti, Anne Mitro and Bobbie Werner from the Slovak Catholic Sokol, with a handicap score of 2815 total. Second place team 412 members from the GCU included Patricia Kutzfara, Patricia Nisjaich, Barbara Wahal, Melanie Basl with a combined handicap score of 2373. Third place team winners from SCS with a handicap score of 2347 were Heather Horvath, Kelly Tokarsky, Denise Ricciuti, Anne Mitro and Bobbie Werner from Mon Valley Boys by 1 pin for scores of 2195 and 2194 respectively. Second place honors goes to Charles Houser and Keith Eggar for a score of 1280. In the Men’s Singles Division, Handicap scores, in first was Vernon E. Smith with a score of 819; second place winner – AJ Novotney with a score of 789 and third place winner with a score of 776 was Ryan Lebanik. Scratch winners include: First place winner, Andrew Keebler with an actual score of 719, Second place goes to Vernon E. Smith with a score of 702 and third place, with a score of 692 was Ryan Lebanik. In the Women’s Division for All-Events with handicap, Patricia Kutzfara placed first with a score of 2002: Singles- 458, Doubles- 421, Team- 447, with a handicap of 480. Highest recognition of best scratch all events winner for the female division goes to Melanie Basl with an overall actual score of 1660: Singles- 522, Doubles- 532, and Team- 606.

The Men’s division for All-Events with handicap resulted in AJ Novotney, from Perryopolis, Pa, placing first with a score of 2,215: Singles- 672, Doubles-581, Team- 611 and a handicap of 351. Second place was awarded to David Smith for a score of 2,204: Singles- 463, Doubles-674, Team- 590 and a handicap of 477. Third place honors goes to Charles Houser with a total score of 2,177: Singles- 658, Doubles-742, Team- 588 and a handicap of 189. Men’s All Events Scratch Winner was Andrew Keebler with an actual score of 2039. Andrew scored 719 in Singles, 690 in doubles and 630 in Team events.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the performance of Gregory Maranowski attempting to bowl a perfect score. He ended up with 9 strikes and a final score of 262. After the bowlers finished with doubles and singles on Saturday afternoon, a Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tom Nasta of the FCSU at the Pittsburgh Plaza Hotel prior to the banquet. The Banquet began with Kevin Collins, FCSU Fraternal Activities Director welcomed the fraternal organizations and bowlers. Father Nasta offered a blessing. After dinner, I congratulated all bowlers and recognized SCS officers present. Mike Karfa, spokesperson for the GCU introduced officers present. The final event of the evening was the announcement of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award presented each year to a member of our organization who has been very active at the Assembly, Group and National level promoting and participating in the International Bowling Tournaments. This
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The participants marched in and sat in the bleachers for mass. At the conclusion of mass the program continued with supportive and good luck comments from Supreme President Michael Horvath.

Thursday morning, the track and field competition was in full swing. Following track, the individual drill competition continued and the gymnastics competition began in the Tuttle North Gymnastics facility. Gymnasts competed in vault, floor exercise, balance beam, uneven bars, parallel bars, and pommel horse. All around Gymnastics winners were, Girls 8-9 Hanna Lang from Group 14, Girls 10-12 Kaylie Novotnak from Group 14, Girls 13-15 Brooke McArdle, Girls 16 an over Brittany Hast from group 14. The Boys 8-9 winner was Kyle Peterson Group 4, Boys 10-12 Bryce Watkins group 14, Boys 13-15 Mitchell Rawkow Group 4 and 16 and Over was Jonathan Gable from Group 14.

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Message from our Supreme President

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year of existence and of providing financial security and fraternal activities on a national and local level to its members. How many businesses do you know that are 115 years old? I am sure not many! This makes the Slovak Catholic Sokol special and part of a unique group of companies in today’s business world, especially fraternal insurance.

The positive attitude is the Society is 115 years old, and continuing on our past performance the Society will see its 116 anniversary and beyond. The Society’s Board of Directors and Executives are focused on doing all they can to see that the Society remains profitable and grows. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is committed on seeing all of its fraternal activities are better than the best and is ready to add new fraternal activities for members to participate in and enjoy Sokol fraternalism.

This 2020 future is attainable and requires all to get involved. However, there is, “The top down or grass roots” conundrum here. Where does growth, profitability, fraternal activities, member’s involvement, etc. all begin but not end and who is responsible for all of this. I like to see this as everyone is responsible. All this can be summed up this way; for grass to grow it needs sunshine and rain from the top and the proper nutrients to feed the grass roots. If there are not the proper nutrients for the roots all the rain and sunshine will not make the grass grow.

So from the top, The Society and Supreme offices will supply the sunshine and rain for the grass to the Assemblies, Wreaths and members to grow; from the bottom the Assemblies, Wreaths and members have to grow the membership base allowing younger members to become involved and take leadership roles to give the grass the nutrients needed for strong and healthy growth while using the sunshine and rain from the top. Then when it is harvest time all will benefit.

I just returned from the Supreme Physical Fitness Board (SPFB) meeting which was held January 17-19, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA. Your SPFB which has decades of service to the Society and its members met to prepare for the fraternal activities that will take place in 2020; the 74th International Bowling Tournament, May 15-16, 2020 in Cleveland, OH, the International Clinic, July 2020 at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA and the 65th International Golf Tournament, August 14-16, 2020 in Beaver, PA.

In addition to these events for 2020 the SPFB is also working on venue sites for our fraternal activities in 2021 and 2022. However, most of their organizational skills in 2020 will be focused on the 50th International Slet which will be held July 2021 at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. The SPFB will use all of their creative talents to stage a spectacular 50th International Slet that all remember for the next 50 years. The SPFB’s 2020 crystal ball sees over 200 members participating in the 50th Slet and hundreds of members in the stands to witness a mass drill made up of the 2021 Slet participants and Slet participants of past Slets. Mark your calendars today to attend the 50th Slet in July 2021 in Kutztown, PA.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day. Also may all have a wonderful Mardi Gras Day celebration and a reverent Ash Wednesday as all of us begin the forty days of Lent.

I will close with, help make 2020 the year that is vision clear, you belong to a great Society and you can make it even better by signing up new members, participating in fraternal events and getting involved in your Assembly or Wreath and Group. 

With God’s Blessing to All!

Zdar Boh!

PRE-LENTEN “FASIANGY” IN MILWAUKEE, WI

The traditional pre-Lenten celebration, hosted by Assembly 20 of the Slovak League of America in cooperation with the local Slovak fraternal lodges, is set for Saturday, February 22 at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 3100 South 41st Street in Milwaukee, WI beginning at 5 p.m. Kindly note that this is a new location for the celebration in the Slovak tradition of “ostatne fasiangy.” Slovak food and homemade bakery will be available. A live, five-piece band will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure. At 6:30 p.m. the popular Tatra Slovak Dancers will perform the lively music and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. An enjoyable evening is assured. Admission is $5.00 per person.

We especially extend a cordial invitation to the members of Wreath 93 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol to join us for an entertaining and enjoyable evening before the beginning of Lent, a Milwaukee Slovak tradition spanning nearly three-quarters of a century. For additional information, contact our Sokolka Betty at tel. 414 425-6137 or Ellen at 262 893-7483.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NEW ENGLAND MEMBERS

The New England Fraternal Alliance, which represents fraternalists in the six New England states, will offer scholarship grants to deserving students in 2020. Two $1,000 grants will be available to full time students in their sophomore, junior and senior years in college or graduate school. Awards are payable directly to the recipients. For additional information on these grants, contact Daniel Michalak, chairman of the scholarship committee, 53 Barbery Lane, Meriden, CT 06451-2601. Any member of a Sokol Assembly or Wreath in New England may apply for these grants.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL DISCOUNT PROGRAM

As a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, you now have access to hundreds of travel and entertainment discounts. Just become a member of Tickets At Work to access your discounts.

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1. Go to http://www.ticketsatwork.com
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3. You will then be prompted to create an account with your email address & company code. COMPANY CODE IS: CP-SCS

Once enrolled, you will have access to all the discounts nationwide. If you do not have internet access, you can call customer service at the toll free number 1-800-331-6483, and use the Slovak Catholic Sokol code CPSCS. Customer Service is available 7 days a week. See the TicketsAtWork.com website for details and restrictions. If you have any questions, contact Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen Watkins at kathyw023@gmail.com or 412-225-8233.
to James Bart (135). The best scratch score goes to Albert Suess (165). “Callaway” Winners rounded out the men’s division. There was a tie for second place. The winners were Joseph Hvozdovic Jr. and Frank Lipski (152).

“Women’s” Flight winners- fourth place - Linda Frank (150) and a three way tie for second place went to Nancy Crouthamel, Christina Schultz and Terri Palchanis (152). “Women’s” best scratch score of (206) was shot by Terri Palchanis.

Most of the golfers took advantage of the practice round on Friday and enjoyed the evening hospitality at the Clubhouse at Seven Oaks Country Club. Golfing began with the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, wishing all golfers good luck and the shotgun start signaled 51 golf carts to head towards their starting location. After golf ended for the day, a Byzantine Liturgy was celebrated at 4:30 p.m. in the GCU chapel by Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla. After golf ended there was a banquet with a buffet style dinner in the ballroom of the Seven Oaks Country Club. Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Jim Matlon welcomed all of the golfers and guest and recognized all veterans in the room for their service. After the meal, the Assistant Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Laury announced the Saturday flight winners and introduced the Supreme and Honorary Supreme officers in attendance, including: Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Vice President, Edward Moeller, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James Matlon, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James J. Jerek, Supreme Auditor, Jim Knis, Supreme Physical Director, John Underation, Supreme Physical Directress, Kathy Watkins, Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Dusan Dorich and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, Julie Laury. Julie ran the Raffle and also revealed the winners of the Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt from Saturday’s contest. The Closest to the Pin winners included: Scott Pogorelec, Paul Papcun, Frank Dano III and Steve Koval. The Longest Putt winners were: James Bart and Ben Moeller. There were some great prizes including: SCS sweatshirts, golf hats and very generous gift cards to the Seven Oaks Country Club Pro Shop. Once, she finished giving away all of the raffle gifts, our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, reflected on the honor and recognition that comes with the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. He recognized past winners asking them to join him at the podium to induct this year’s prestigious winner. Past Golf Awardees included Robert Harak, Tom Muldoon Jr., Loretta Smith, and Robert Palchanis. This year’s award winner for the 2019 Frank S. Petruff Sports Award was Mary Margaret Starn from Wreath 54 in Youngstown, Ohio. The tournament ended Sunday at the Black Hawk Golf Course. Closest to the Pin winners on Sunday included: Nick Macurak, Gary Watkins, Kyle Karaffa and Ryan Burfield. The tournament went well and the weather was great. There are talks of returning to Seven Oaks again in 2020. 2019 was a busy year having the Slet, Convention and Golf throughout the summer, but so many people helped make it run smooth. I would like to thank everyone who helped out and volunteered their time, including Claire Matlon and Supreme Officers Mike Horvath, Scott Pogorelec, Ed Moeller, Jim Jerek, and Jim Knis. I also would like to recognize the hard work the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Jim Matlon has done to make these Tournaments successful. Looking forward to the new decade and the upcoming sporting events.

Hope to see a lot of you there! Until then, hope you have a great start to the New Year! Zdar Boh!

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.
ENTRY BLANK—74th ANNUAL
A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, FCSU, NSS & GCU
"USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED"
AME Brookgate Lanes ◆ Brook Park, OH
Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16, 2020

Please note: Bowling Fees must accompany this application for the bowlers to be registered in the tournament.

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TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 15
□ 5:30 PM □ 8 PM

Team Name: ____________________________
(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________

Make Entry Fee payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account
Mail to: James Motlo, 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981.

BOWLING FEE AS WELL AS ENTRY MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THIS BLANK.
FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND MUST BE RESUBMITTED.

Financial Totals for this Application

Entry Fee for Each Event
Prize Fee-$10.50 + Bowling Fee-$7.50 + Tournament Fee-$4.50 = $22.50

Optional Events:
- Banquet + Bowling Entry $100.00 per person
- Singles Event @ $22 ea. = $__________
- Doubles Event @ $22 ea. = $__________
- Team Event @ $22 ea. = $__________
- All Events @ $5 ea. = $__________
- Banquet @ $29 ea. = $__________
- Total Enclosed $__________

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Important to All Tournament Entrants
Read Carefully Information Given Below
Rules and Regulations of Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament

The purpose and aim of our organization in sponsoring annual bowling championships is to promote good sportsmanship, fraternalism and national interest in the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

As you know, each year the Supreme Assembly, recognizing the great importance of bowling in our organization, donates $50.00 to the prize fund for each team entry entered in the International Tournament. This financial contribution on the part of our organization is added to the regular prize fee collected by the bowlers. All prize fees collected will be refunded 100% in prizes.

In order to successfully operate our tournaments, we must have cooperation and exact adherence to all entry rules and regulations which govern teams and individuals.

Please read these rules carefully. Do not overlook any detail. Comply with all requests at time entry blank is being filled out and when sending it in with the proper money order, certified check or check. Be sure you have the bowlers affidavits as of all sanctioned league averages for 21 games or more in accordance with our rules governing averages. This will speed up the mailing of prizes after results have been checked. Remember that false information will result in forfeiture of all rights to prizes.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Championship Tournament is open to all members of our organization, both male and female (no juniors) who are in good standing and have been members for at least (3) three months SPL or (1) one year for all other policies, prior to the date of tournament with a minimum of $3,000.00 coverage. Policy Holders - no Social Members. As mandated by the 2007 Convention, all new members enrolled after January 1, 2008 will require a new minimum of $5,000.00 of insurance coverage to participate in the 2020 programs.

2a. All members of the competing teams must be members of the same Assembly or Wreath. There is no limit to the number of teams from each Assembly or Wreath.

2b. An Assembly or Wreath not having enough bowlers to make up a team may combine with another Assembly or Wreath to make up a team.

3. Doubles teams may be from any Assembly or Wreath for both Men and Women Divisions.

4. All participants must be certified by the respective Assembly or Wreath Financial Secretary and may enter only once for each division.

5. High Score recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible nonmembers can qualify for high score recognition at their option by paying a $5.00 participation fee. Affiliated membership is $21.00.

6. There will be at least one prize for each (10) ten entries in each event, and each (20) twenty entries for All-Events for Men and Women.

7. All-Events (optional), shall be handicap. This prize fund is a separate entry ($5.00) and no tournament expense fee is assessed for this. Only those entrants paying this fee are eligible. Please indicate All-Events entries by placing an “X” before names in Team Entry space on Entry Form side.

8. Prize fee will be $10.00 per bowler per event. Cost of bowling and tournament expenses $12.00 per bowler per event. Total = $22.00 per event.

9. No entry money will be returned for any reason.

10. The United States Bowling Congress rules and regulations apply to all bowlers.

11. The Championship in both Men’s and Women’s Divisions will receive individual championship shirts. In the event of a tie for championship, lowest team handicap will receive shirts, cash prizes will be divided equally.

12a. Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between and last season’s 2018-2019 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2020. A male bowler whose current average of 21 games or more at time of entry is (10) 10 pins or more higher than the previous season’s average must use his current average. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history of Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. If none of the above apply, the average of 175 for men will be used. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

12b. All participants will be governed by rating requirements of USBC Rule 319e. Average to be adjusted accordingly. Failure to use the current average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification of more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is lower. However corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.

12c. Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between and last season’s 2018-2019 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2020. A female bowler whose current average of 21 games or more at time of entry is (10) 10 pins or more higher than the previous season’s average must use her current average. Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history of Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. If none of the above apply, the average of 150 for women will be used. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

13. Teams wishing to bowl all nine games as Team, Double and Singles in one day or a specific day or time must submit that request at time of entry. (Only if necessary)

14. List team names in order of lineup to bowl. The USBC substitute rule will be used in the event it is necessary. Average certification must accompany entry form.

15. All teams must bowl according to the published schedule. In order to ensure your choice of schedule time, send entries in early.

16. Bowlers have 48 hours from completion of tournament to notify manager of error in score.

17. Every consideration will be granted to request date/time preferences for out-of-town teams and individual bowlers. The success of the tournament depends upon all participants.

18. Bowlers need not report information as required by USBC (Rule 319d provision) for tournament prize winnings.

ENTRIES CLOSE
MIDNIGHT, APRIL 13, 2020
**WIRE CRAFT AND ART ADDED TO UNESCO LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Wire craft and art, known as ‘drotarstvo’ in Slovakia, has been included on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, becoming Slovakia’s seventh element on the list, TASR learnt from Slovak State Traditional Dance Company (SLUK) PR manager Nora Cechmankova.

The UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, holding a session in Bogota, Colombia, approved the motion to add wire craft and art to the list without any comments.

Wire craft and art is a specific type of folk craft in Slovakia. It has undergone many changes and taken many forms during its development but remains an important part of Slovak culture.

As the name suggests, wire craft and art was named after the basic component required, namely wire. Wire artisans manually bend, tie and intertwine metal threads without welding or brazing.

**SKALSKY: SLOVAKS IN LOW LANDS PACK CHURCHES WEARING FOLK COSTUMES**

Many Slovaks living abroad celebrate Christmas with their traditions together, be it in churches and at meetings with the traditional cabbage soup ‘kapustnica’ being served, TASR was told on Friday by Vladimir Skalsky, chairman of the World Association of Slovaks Living Abroad and director of the Slovak House in Prague.

“I live in Prague, which has seen pre-Christmas meetings in the Slovak House and at the Slovak Embassy, but there have also been meetings in regional communities of Slovaks and regional Slovak-Czech clubs in individual towns,” said Skalsky, adding that Slovaks abroad also organise meetings to mark Saint Nicholas Day and New Year’s Eve.

Skalsky estimates that around 1.5-2 million ethnic Slovaks now live abroad, including those living for three centuries in the ‘Low Lands’, meaning Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Croatia, and Slovaks who emigrated across the Atlantic.

“In the Low Lands, for example, Christmas is very traditional and religious, it’s nothing unusual to see churches full of Slovaks wearing folk costumes,” said Skalsky.

Meanwhile, around 300,000-400,000 people with Slovak citizenship live abroad in the long-term. “A large proportion of them return to Slovakia to spend Christmas there; I estimate that as much as one half of them,” said Skalsky.

Apart from their homeland, many Slovaks abroad miss traditional Slovak food and ingredients, said Skalsky. “In some places they’re reliant to find replacement in the ever-present Polish shops,” added Skalsky.
‘SLOV SLOV’ EXHIBITION TO SHOW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SLOVAKIA AND SLOVENIA

Similarities and differences between Slovakia and Slovenia, two European countries frequently confused by foreigners, were shown at an exhibition called ‘Slov Slov’ at Ponitrianske Muzeum in Nitra in January. The exhibition, co-organised by Slovenia’s Embassy in Slovakia, Comenius University in Bratislava and the Slovak National Museum, provided information on many aspects of life in the two countries in the Slovak, Slovenian and English languages.

“It was about homeland studies, legends and language, but also about food, customs and current literature. Many of the exhibits have become traditional items of folk culture.

PRIME MINISTER URGES SLOVACKS LIVING IN BRITAIN TO REGISTER THEMSELVES ASAP

Speaking on RTVS’s programme ‘Sobotne dialogy’ (Saturday Dialogues), Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD) in connection with Brexit called on Slovaks living in Great Britain to register themselves as soon as possible so that they have their current rights guaranteed.”After the clear victory of Prime Minister Johnson, who has now a comfortable majority in the British Parliament, there are probably no more doubts that Britain will definitively leave the EU,” stated Pellegrini. He said he congratulates Boris Johnson on his victory, however, he thinks it’s a bad signal, as this is the first time that someone is going to leave the elite group of the European Union.

Pellegrini expects Britain to ratify the Brexit agreement very quickly. In this connection he pointed to the fact that there will be only 11 months left to settle all relations. “If we fail to agree on everything within 11 months, Britain will become a third country to us, it will be a subject to regulations like any other third country and nobody wants that,” stated the prime minister.Pellegrini stressed that nothing changes for some 100,000 Slovaks living or working in Britain until the end of 2020. “They only need to register themselves and then they will be viewed as British citizens having all their rights guaranteed also after 2020,” stressed the prime minister, urging them not to leave it up to the last moment.

The prime minister noted that the Slovak Foreign Affairs Ministry has published all the important information concerning Brexit on its website. “Meanwhile, as the Slovak prime minister I invite all of the Slovaks living in Britain to return to Slovakia,” said Pellegrini, calling on them not to stay in Great Britain and come back home if they feel like this.

SMER WANTS TO TACKLE LACK OF DOCTORS IN SLOVAKIA

If Smer-SD makes it into the new government following the February 29 general election, it will focus on three main issues – support for pensioners and for young families, and the growing lack of doctors in the country, said party chairman Robert Fico at a programme conference in Banska Bystrica on Saturday.

More specifically, Smer wants to introduce a 13th monthly pension amounting to 460 for each pensioner and 13th monthly family allowances due in August, i.e. before the start of the new school year in September. According to Fico, Slovakia will lack 3,000 doctors in 2024, despite the fact that the country has four universities producing doctors. The problem is that many of them leave for abroad after graduating. Fico said that in view of the fact that the state spends 50,000-55,000 on educating each doctor, he’ll propose that they should be given two options – either to pay off the bill after graduating, or to stay in Slovakia for at least ten years.

DISCOVER SLOVAKIA’S RICH FOLK TRADITIONS ON SEPTEMBER TOUR

Be a part of Slovakia’s exciting folk art and traditional music revival on the 2020 Slovakia Heritage Tour, September 11-20. This nine-day, small group tour (limit of 15 travelers) brings you back to your Slovak family roots as you explore the vibrant culture, intriguing history, and spectacular countryside of your ancestral land.

Over the past few years Slovakia has seen a revival of interest in its traditional music, dress and crafts. Once again people are sewing, embroidering and wearing the traditional kroj (clothing) distinctive to each village. Traditional folk patterns are finding their way into contemporary fashion as well as home and product design. Musicians playing the folk music of each region can be found in cafes, restaurants, street corners and parks bringing back the old-country melodies that you might remember from your childhood. For young people it’s now “in” to dance and play music with a folk-dance company, filling the stages of local festivals with the swirling of colorful outfits, and acrobatic dance moves to the lively, haunting village tunes.

From the Danube plains to the Tatry Mountains and Eastern Slovakia, we’ll travel comfortably around this small but diverse country to explore picturesque villages, spectacular castles, outdoor folk-life museums, mountain resort towns, pastoral landscapes and small cities with well-preserved medieval buildings, Soviet-era remnants, and the vibrant life of Slovakia today. You’ll see Slovakia up-close and personal, joining with Slovaks as they celebrate age-old Wine, Harvest and Mining Festivals.

One of the most important parts of the tour is for travelers to explore their own Slovak roots with personalized visits to Slovak family and ancestral villages. Working with our genealogist, we’ll help you trace your family history and reconnect with family that’s possible. We’ll also help you extend your stay with pre- and post-tour extensions in Slovakia or to Prague, Budapest or Krakow.

For more information and to discuss your personal family plans, please contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144, slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com

For a day-by-day itinerary and photos of past tours, visit www.slovakiaheritage.com

OHIO FRATERNAL ALLIANCE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance annually awards a college scholarship to a graduating high school senior up to $500. Scholarship applications may be obtained from any Ohio Fraternal Alliance member fraternal home office or contact: Michael Czarney, tel. 440-420-0995; e-mail: mczarney@hotmail.com

Scholarship Applicant Requirements:
1. Applicant must be Ohio resident. They must be a current youth policy member of a fraternal society, or included in a family member policy that does not have youth policies belonging to the Ohio Fraternal Alliance.
2. Applicant must be a 2020 high school graduate.
3. Applicant must submit a minimum 150-word essay entitled: How I’m personally involved in my Fraternal Society & its Future.
4. Applicant must submit a list of the following activities:
   Church related activities, local community and volunteer activities, school activities/clubs.
5. Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a local Fraternal Society officer.
6. Essay, all activities, and letter will be judged.

Completed application must be dated and submitted by March 27, 2020 and mailed to: O’F Scholarship Committee, Attn: Michael Czarney, 1208 Meadowbrook Ct., Amherst, OH, 44001
**SLOVENSKÍ VOJACI VO SVETE**


Pol stovky vojakov je na operácii Resolute Support v Afghánské stane, kde zabezpečujú výcvik, poradenstvo a podporu pre afganské bezpečnostné zložky.

V Bosne a Hercegovine je s cieľom monitorovania situácie na celom území skromyjí inštrukcia o preinštalované 41-členný kontingent.

Najpočetnejšia misia slovenských vojakov je dislokovaná na Cypre. Slovensko je v nej od roku 2001 jednou z troch vedúci krajín a pôsobí v nej zhruba 240 slovenských vojakov.

Mimo operácií a misií slúži ešte približne 90 vojakov a posilnenej predsunutej prítomnosti NATO pôsobí pod velením NATO a Európskej únie alebo OSN. Ďalší zastávajú pozíciu vojenských pridelencov. Takmer tri desiatky pôsobia v Bruseli v centrálach NATO a Európskej únie. – pravda.sk

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**NA SLOVENSKU PRISTÁLI POSLEDNÉ VRTUĽNÍKY BLACK HAWK**

V priestoroch Vrtuľníkového krídla generálplukovníka Jána Ambruša v Prešove stvrdili prispôsobenie vozidiel a přesunu parka Black Hawk. Ide o naplnenie kontraktu so Spojenými štátmi americkými.

„Kontrakt tak bol naplnený a Slovensko má aktuálne deväť viacúčelových vrtuľníkov UH–60M Black Hawk. Ide o naplnenie kontraktu predovaných do USA. – TASR

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**STREDNÁ DĹŽKA ŽIVOTA SLOVÁKOV SA ZVÝŠILA**

Výroba automobilov na Slovensku sa mierne zvýšila a vystúpila na rekord. Vlani sa vyrobilo viac ako 1 100 000 automobilov. Produčka v automobilových závodech Volkswagen Slovakia, Kia Motors Slovakia, PSA Group Slovakia a Jaguar Land Rover totiž v roku 2018 presiahla 1 080 000 vozidiel. Americkí zákazníci v Bratislavskom mrakodrapi v centrále s výškou 168 metrov. Predaj

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**KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA**

Z bratislavského Volkswagenu Slovakia smeruje približne každý piate vyrobený automobil za Atlantický oceán. Americkí zákazníci majú záujem hlavne o luxusné SUV vozidiel značiek Toyota, Porsche Cayenne, Audi Q7 a Audi Q8. Navyše v slovenskom priemysle pôsobia stovky dodávateľov, ktorých prevodovky, spojky, nárazníky či brzdové dôstojníky končia vo vozidiach exportovanych do USA.

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Naši predkovia žili a stravovali sa striedno, ale počas fašiangov pred pôstom bolo zvykom jesť do sýtosti. Tradičnými jedlami boli fánky, šišky, pampúchy, záviny a rôzne zabíjačkové špeciality.

Inú formu získali fašiangy po prijatí kresťanstva. Z nich ako fragment zostali až do dnešných dní obchôdzky v maskách. V súčasnosti ide skôr o zábavu, ale v minulosti mali masky rituálny význam. Tie fašiangové boli najmä zvieracie. V prvej polovici 20. storočia k maskám pribudol aj vojak so šabľou a na ňu napichovali gázové potraviny. Každá obec mala svoje tradičné vinšovačky:

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