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*For God and Nation*

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## Merry Christmas



May the joy and peace of Christmas  
be with you all through the year.

Wishing you a season of blessings  
from heaven above.

*Prajeme Vám požehnané a veselé Vianoce!*

## Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath



Christmas have transformed over the years and each year there is something that is gained and lost. Before malls Christmas shopping was done in our downtowns where shoppers would dash from store-to-store in the warmth of the radiant glow of street lights, honking cars, cool breezes and snowflakes to look for the perfect gift at the best price. Then finding the strength to carry their treasures back to the car or carry them on a bus or subway back to their homes they finally got the time to relax with a warm drink with an evening meal to prepare for the family. Visions of past Yuletide memories!

Now with a warm or cool drink in hand, Christmas shopping is more relaxed, not as hectic and not as much fun. Shoppers go to websites in the comfort of an over-stuffed chair or bed and enter what they are looking for in the search box and amazingly up surfaces the options. Then selecting the item and going to check out to fill out purchasing, shipping and payment information and click OK it is on its way. And, within a day or days the package arrives on the door step. Isn't this exciting?

The way we shop at Christmas time and other related aspects of Christmas have changed supposedly for the good, this is something debatable. However, there are two things that have remained the same which are the bedrock of Christmas and that are not debatable; they are the true meaning of Christmas, Christ the Savior was born and is the reason for Christmas and our Slovak Christmas traditions.

Even though the Christmas of 2020 will be different, it does not mean we turn our backs on the true meaning of Christmas. The first Christmas was some 2020 plus years ago and has been celebrated every year since. Christians have celebrated Christmas during many dark times throughout the ages when there were wars and other global problems. Christmas continues and it is the one holiday that brings us joy and happiness and a hope for a better future. Let us celebrate this Christmas as we have done in the past, remembering those that have passed down to us our beautiful and rich Slovak family Christmas traditions, the loved ones no longer celebrating with us, the family we have today and who will inherit the traditions for future celebrations and our fellow man who have a difficult time celebrating the joys of Christmas and its message.

So as we gather on this Štedry Vecer, Christmas Eve, for our Vilija let us enjoy our faith, Slovak heritage and customs with our family and friends and live our lives with the messages that are found in the, Slovak Vins, Christmas Wishes we recite and the Christmas message each and every day.

To all Slovak Catholic Sokol members, your families and our friends may your Christmas be filled with Prayer, Faith, Love, Happiness and Joy and the Horvath family: Michael, Suzanne, Heather; Jennifer, Carl and Kelci; Megan, James and Jonathan, Seamus and Andrew, wish all of you a very, Veselé Vianoce, Merry Christmas.

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
And with, God's Blessings to All!  
Zdar Boh!

## HIKING FOR HEAVENLY PEACE

By Janice Matlon, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member

In a typical holiday season, peace is something that almost everyone wants but struggles to find to the extent desired. People may stare wistfully out the window at a winter scene, wishing they had the time to soak it all in; however, there is usually something more pressing that whisks them away. Well, with fewer events going on, this is the year to literally get out there



to seek the peace that only God's creation can offer, despite how cliché that may be. My suggestion is that hiking is the best way to achieve this state of serenity.

One might then ponder the justification of how hiking, specifically, takes the top spot for an outdoor winter activity. There are several main reasons that hiking can appeal to everyone at almost any time. Firstly, know that it is an activity that extends beyond the

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## *From the desk of the Supreme Secretary*

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16*

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday last week. It was a different feeling this year in our household as we decided as a family to postpone until a better time. The numbers here in New Jersey, especially Passaic County, where we are located, have been reaching high levels. We thought to be safe, rather than



sorry. Thankfully, my Parents still did the cooking, and the turkey was left at the doorstep!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas. It is a time, first and foremost, to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Remembering the true meaning and significance of Christmas is sometimes overlooked amid all that is going on in our lives during this busy time. We need to remind ourselves that Christmas is about the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and not just another day off or holiday. We hope that all will be able to celebrate with their families safely.

As this crazy year comes to an end, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all our members for their understanding and patience during this trying time. I would especially like to thank our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, our Board of Directors, and our Supreme Officers for all your efforts and hard work in promoting our wonderful organization, even if we had to do it virtually this year! I would also like to thank our Group Officers, Assembly Officers,

and Wreath Officers for your dedication to our Society and for keeping me updated throughout the year. I know that it was a difficult year as face to face meet ups were few and far between, but you still found ways to promote our organization. Your efforts throughout the year allow us to thrive as the Slovak Catholic Sokol. A fraternal benefit society like ours is really an extension of our own family. It is what our founders had in mind in 1905 and it is what our organization has become. I ask you to continue those efforts and look for ways to increase membership and participation. You have been and will always be our best promoters. We not only provide outstanding financial security with our insurance and annuity products, but we also offer so many fraternal benefits geared to our members. It is who we are, a family.

I urge all our members to stay positive during this pandemic. Good news is on the horizon as we have vaccines currently in late stage trials that are producing great results and will hopefully be approved by the FDA in short order. In the meantime, continue to be smart and vigilant in fighting this virus.

In conclusion, I would like to formally thank the people that make the Slovak Catholic Sokol engine go. The Home Office Staff and our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C., work tirelessly for our Society and rarely get the recognition that is justified. Their resilience during this pandemic has been amazing and I could not pick a better group of people to work side by side with daily. Thank you for all your hard work and Merry Christmas to you and your Families.

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, my entire family, the Board of Directors, and our Home Office, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Until next time, stay strong, stay safe, and STAY POSITIVE!

## **NANCY FEDOR SELECTED AS OUR 2020 FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR**

Longtime Group 7 Sokol activist, Nancy Fedor of Hudson, PA has been selected as our 2020 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year.

A Wilkes-Barre, PA native, Nancy was raised in the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Parish there. She was active in parish life serving as treasurer of the Parents Teacher Organization and active in the Altar and Rosary Society. She volunteered for more than 20 years in parish activities including the bazaar, the bowling league and served as an usher at liturgies.



Sister Fedor became active in our organization in her youth. She participated in local and Group 7 activities. She has served as an officer of Assembly 59 since 1988 and represented her lodge at five Slovak Catholic Sokol national conventions. She assisted in the various fraternal activities including Easter Egg hunts, Christmas parties as well as the Group bowling and golf tournaments. She organizes, donates, shops and is the best potato pancake flipper at the annual Group 7 Sokol Day. When Group 7 hosts the various international sporting tournaments, she is there to lend a hand.

She is also active in the North End Slovak Citizens Club in Wilkes-Barre where she serves as vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary. She actively promoted various fund-raising projects as well as assisted at the annual children's Christmas parties and served as a bingo caller. In recognition of her many selfless acts, she was chosen as the club's first female Person of the Year.

Proud of her Slovak heritage, Nancy assists at the annual Slovak flag raising ceremonies at the county courthouse. She also assists in the annual upkeep of the grave of Father Joseph Murgas at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Dallas, Pa. In addition to our organization, she also enjoys membership in the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

A proud mother of two beautiful daughters, Denise and Renee as well as an even

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## Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdo vic

### LIGHT FROM LIGHT

Each of us will have experienced times and pools of darkness in the past year: it may have been a major illness, family bereavement, even effects from the coronavirus. For some it will have been the anxieties that come with financial insecurity, or sudden loss of work, or the exhausting demands of caring for others with complex needs, even home schooling. For others, it may have been the break-up of a relationship, of a family, a broken promise, or an abuse of trust. Our resilience will have been tested, sometimes sorely, pushing us towards addictive behaviors or into



cynicism; some will have reached breaking-point. All of us have suffered to some extent from the increasingly bitter divisions in society, from a political culture in which truth and moral integrity seem little valued. All of us, and some sharply through sudden floods, have suffered from the degradation of the natural environment on which we and future generations depend for our well-being. Now, though, we can celebrate, truthfully and joyfully, how into this darkness of sin and its consequences a light has come, 'a light that the darkness could not overpower'.

As the Father's Son, true God from true God, in whom there can be no shadow of falsehood, there is nothing faked or phony. Born of Mary, this child shows us what it really is to be human, both as he lies utterly vulnerable and dependent in the manger, and as he grows up into a mature human adult. Here is someone fully alive to love in the practice of the virtues, with the courage that it takes to live in the truth and to speak it. Here is one utterly unafraid to see the creation as the Father's gift, to accept and return the Father's love for Him and us in the power of the Holy Spirit, to worship the Father in the love He shows His neighbors, be they friends or enemies. This is what it is to act justly; this is what it takes to be compassionate. And as He goes to the cross, we see what it really costs.

As the Father's son, true God from true God, between whom nothing is withheld, but all is given and shared in the Holy Spirit, there is nothing mean or stinted in how he acts. All is graced, freely given. Born of Mary, this child will share with us His all-creative life, restore us to that fully human life which He reveals, pouring out the Holy Spirit upon His Church at Pentecost, in baptism and confirmation, and through the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. If we accept His cross, we shall share His resurrection from death to eternal life. 'If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water' (Jn 7:37-38).

However dark it gets, and because it gets so dark, there is so much to celebrate in this light!

Merry Christmas!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PROTECTOR CHRISTMAS – THE TIME TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

In the movie *White Christmas*, there was a wonderful song Bing Crosby sang called "Count Your Blessings." He sang this song during those times of life when he was down.

*"When I'm worried and I can't sleep  
I count my blessings instead of sheep  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings."*

How many of us this year...with Covid-19 along with our own health issues, untimely deaths, churches being closed, politics, riots, protests, division of our country... found time to count our blessings? The headlines of this past year can bring faith-filled people down. There have been plenty of reasons to NOT count our blessings.

EXCEPT.....

The greatest blessing of all is that Jesus Christ our Savior was born! He is the light that gives us blessings to count.

Christ becoming human is a blessing.

Christ's teachings and healings are blessings.

Christ's love, kindness, and compassion are blessings.

Christ's forgiveness is a blessing.

Christ's suffering is a blessing.

Christ's dying on the cross is a blessing.

Christ's rising from the dead is a blessing.

Christ's gift of eternal life is a blessing.

During this Christmas season, let Christmas inspire us to sleep peacefully, knowing that Jesus is our blessing. Just as it was written in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jesus is our hope and future. HE IS OUR BLESSING!

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas

**Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB**



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2021 "DOBRY PASTIER" GOOD SHEPHERD

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2021 edition of the "Dobry Pastier" Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd is a collection of literary articles submitted by contributing authors on all things Slovak, Catholic, faith, cultural and heritage, the arts, and personal essays or other topics the writer wishes to share with the readers. The Good Shepherd also serves as the only source for contact information for the Church in Slovakia, and those Slovak clergy and religious in the United States, as well as Religious congregations and places of worship. The articles come from authors in the United States, Slovakia and the Slovak Diaspora from around the world.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication can submit their articles to Sister Barbara Sable, SSCM, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821 or [barbarasable@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarasable@hotmail.com)

The Deadline for submitting an article is December 31, 2020. The articles submitted need to be double spaced typed.



**ATTENTION**

***Wishing all our Members and Friends  
a Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year from  
the Home Office Staff***



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**GROUP 1** – At the Group 1 officers meeting held on October 17, it was decided that the Group's annual meeting originally scheduled for November 15 be postponed. The date of the annual meeting will be decided at the officers meeting scheduled for February 2021 to a date in 2021. – **John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.**, *Group 1 President*

**GROUP 2** “Rev. Stephen Panik” will not be hosting traditional fall events this year. Both the annual meeting as well as the St. Martin's Day observance have been cancelled. In addition, meetings of the Group's Assemblies and Wreaths have cancelled their meetings until further notice. Wishing all a pleasant Christmas observance. Zdar Boh! – **Albert Neudeck**, *Group 2 President*

**GROUP 10** – Due to the ongoing Corona virus with no end in sight, the officers of Group 10 have decided to cancel our annual meeting. We are doing this in consideration of our members. Should there be any issues that need to be addressed please contact President Stephen Roman at 610-262-8301. Zdar Boh! – **Susan Knoblauch**, *Secretary*

**ASSEMBLY 16** will hold a meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7 p.m. to vote on a change to our by-laws at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, PA. – **Larry Werner**, *Secretary*

### **HOLIDAY HOME OFFICE CLOSINGS**

In observance of Christmas, the Home Office will be closed for business on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, to commemorate the New Year's observance, the Home Office will be closed for business on Friday, January 1, 2021.

### **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE**

The next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of **JANUARY 1, 2021**. DEADLINE for all photos and information for this issue will be DECEMBER 22, 2020.

# DRIVE TO 50 SALES CAMPAIGN

## CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will be reaching a significant milestone within the SOKOL World – We will be hosting and presenting our 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet (Gymnastic and Track and Field Meet).

To help celebrate this Golden Occasion we have created the DRIVE TO 50 Sales CAMPAIGN. This campaign is designed to benefit and reward our membership, our groups, and recommenders.

### BENEFITING MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

For more than 115 years our society has provided our members with sound financial protection and outstanding fraternal benefits. As proud members of the SOKOL it is quite easy to expound upon and share the qualities of membership. This is an excellent opportunity to share our excellent offerings with friends and family and get rewarded for it.

Not everyone is born a salesman or comfortable selling life insurance or annuities. Today, we have qualified life insurance and annuity representatives that can assist our existing and potential members in selecting the financial protection to help protect their future.

A supply of SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards will be available to all Group/Assembly/Wreath Officers for distribution. Officers are asked to distribute SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards to existing Members who want to recommend someone to become an insured Benefit Member. SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards are also available for completion and submitting on the SOKOL Web Site [www.scslife.org](http://www.scslife.org). Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to the Sales & Marketing Office:

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### DRIVE TO 50 DETAILS

Campaign runs August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

### RECOMMENDER REWARDS

- \$10 Referral Fee for each recommendation that results in a sale.
- Qualifies for a semi-annual drawing for an opportunity to win a \$50 gift card.
- Qualify for a \$250 grand prize drawing at the end of the campaign.

### GROUP REWARDS

Awards to qualifying Groups based on the following levels resulting from sales of new life insurance and annuity certificates issued:

- 10 New Certificates (policies):  
\$250 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 25 New Certificates (policies):  
\$500 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 50 New Certificates (policies):  
\$1,000 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses





## DRIVE TO 50 CAMPAIGN - Member Referral Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_**RECOMMENDER INFORMATION** Assembly/Wreath: \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

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# \$63,000 in S.C.S. Scholarship Grants Available to Eligible Members in 2021

by Edward D. Moeller, *Supreme Vice President*

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 2021. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2021 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 Scholarship 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 AND
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in medical curriculum

### **Emil Slavik (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol
- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical or business curriculum.

### **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](http://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](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org)  
(412)881-3506

## **Deadline for submission of all scholarship applications is March 31, 2021**

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 each of the next 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 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](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org) beginning December 1, 2020.



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

- Review the application on-line for required content and gather prior to beginning to complete the form
- Be prepared to attach both your essay (in PDF or Word format) and a color head and shoulders picture of yourself (in .jpeg format).

Please note, you may want to print a copy for your records prior to submitting. All applicants will receive automatic confirmation that their e-mail has been received.

It really isn't that difficult to qualify for one of our many college scholarships. With now five years of the new College Scholarship Application process behind us, it is clear that there are a few ways to assure that your application will be reviewed.

### 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.

• **Transcripts-** please note that **"official transcript"** means that you have requested it from your University or College and that it has been sent directly to me in a **sealed envelope**. We have not been as strict in the past on this issue, but began holding each applicant to this requirement last season and will continue to do so moving forward.

### 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 \$ scholarships, 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 Zdar Boh!

**Edward D. Moeller**

*Supreme Vice President*

*Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee*

## Introducing our newest members



Myles Thomas Arnold, born February 24, 2020, is the son of Evan and Jennifer Glocka Arnold of Fox Point, WI. He joins Helen Glocka (great-grandmother), Susanne Glocka (grandmother) and Jennifer Glocka Arnold (mother) as a member of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, Wis. His sister, (Maya Arnold), aunt (Angele Glocka Lois) cousins (Adelaide, August and Evangeline Lois) and great aunt (Nancy Glocka Danhauer) are all members of Wreath 93.



Amasa Grace Jones, born June 17, 2020, is the daughter of Terence and Heather Bugal Jones of Pittsburgh, PA. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 14 in Johnstown, PA.



Lucas Josiah Suchy, born June 4, 2019, is the son of Brian and Nicole Scuhy of Baldwin, PA. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA.



Madison Christina Kaisk, born June 1, 2020, is the daughter of Michael Joseph Kaisk III and Ashely Bakita Kaisk of Northon, OH. She was enrolled as a member of Assembly 167 in Barbeton, OH.

## 2020 FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

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prouder grandmother to Olivia and Daniel who are all active in our organization.

Nancy will be honored at an appropriate dinner in the coming weeks. In addition to receiving her Fraternalist of the Year Plaque, she will also receive a check for \$200 as a small token of our esteem. She beautifully mirrors the high ideals of the fraternal benefit system in general and of Slovak Catholic Sokol fraternalism in particular.

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

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, 2021** 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.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year? \_\_\_\_\_

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal's signature)

Principal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 2021-2022 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2021. 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, 2021** 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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2021. Return completed application to:**  
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## SCENES OF THE ASSEMBLY 59 BUTCH HVOZDOVIC MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLLENBACK GOLF COURSE – WILKES-BARRE, PA – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



Members of the Bob Montville team who took 1<sup>st</sup> place honors.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team included, l-r, Bill Barber, Paul Pasonick and Dave Iskra.



Members of the Joe Parsnick team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors.



4<sup>th</sup> place honors went to Tim Butzek, Drew Knorr, Heidi Knorr, and Sherri Butzek.



Bernadette & Jeff Jacobs and Amy & Gary Blasco enjoy the day.



Our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic, third from the right, is shown with members of his family who enjoyed the fraternal competition.



Bob Palchanis, Men's Long Drive winner, is shown above.



Christine Gabriele, Women's Long Drive winner, is all smiles.



# TRADITIONAL SLOVAK CHRISTMAS RECIPES

## SWEET BREAD BALLS (BOBALKY)

For the Dough:

2 cups water  
3 tablespoons sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
5 tablespoons canola oil or butter (if not fasting)  
2 packages active dry yeast  
6 cups all-purpose flour  
For the Syrup:  
1/2 cup poppy seeds  
1/2 cup honey



In a medium saucepan, bring to boil the water, sugar, salt, and oil or butter. Cool to lukewarm. Meanwhile, dissolve yeast in 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 cup warm water. Place flour in the bowl of a stand mixer or a large bowl. Add lukewarm water-sugar-oil mixture and yeast-sugar-water mixture. Combine thoroughly and knead until smooth, about 7 minutes in the mixer and at least 10 minutes by hand. Cover and let rise until doubled. Punch down dough and turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Roll dough 1/2- to 1-inch thick and cut into pieces that will result in 1-inch balls when rolled between the palms of the hand. Place on a parchment-lined or well-floured cookie sheet with dough ball sides touching. Heat oven to 375 F. Let rise, covered with oiled plastic wrap until nearly doubled. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely.

Grind poppy seeds in a mortar and pestle with a little water or milk and set aside. When the bobalky are cool, break the balls apart and place them in a colander. Pour just enough boiling water over bobalky to soften them but not turn them into mush. Drain well. Pour warm honey and ground poppy seeds over all. Stir lightly and serve immediately.

## SAUERKRAUT CHRISTMAS SOUP

1 (32 ounce) package sauerkraut, chopped  
2 1/2 quarts chicken broth  
6 black peppercorns  
4 bay leaves  
salt to taste  
2 cups dried forest mushroom blend  
3/4 pound Hungarian style dry paprika sausage  
3/4 pound smoked ham  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons sweet Hungarian paprika  
1 cup water  
1 cup sour cream



Place the sauerkraut, chicken broth, peppercorns, bay leaves, salt and mushrooms into a large pot, and bring to a boil. Add the sausage and whole piece of ham. Let it simmer over medium heat for 1 1/2 hours. Remove the meat from the soup, and set aside. Remove bay leaves, and discard. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, and fry until clear. Sprinkle the flour and paprika over the onion; cook and stir for a minute. Gradually stir in the water with a fork so that no lumps form. Bring to a boil, and allow to thicken. Pour into the soup pot. Cube the sausage and ham, and stir into the soup. Bring to a boil, and cook for another 10 minutes. Serve with a dollop of sour cream.

## ORECHOVNIK (SLOVAK NUT ROLL)

FOR THE DOUGH:

2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tbsp sugar  
1 tsp salt  
2 egg yolks, beaten (set aside the egg whites)  
1/2 cup butter (1 stick)  
1/2 cup cold milk  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
1 package dry yeast



FOR THE NUT FILLING:

3/4 lb ground walnuts (about 3 cups whole walnuts)  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar

FOR ASSEMBLY:

2 egg whites (saved from dough)  
2-3 drops vanilla, divided  
1/2 cup applesauce  
1/4 cup milk

In a small bowl, mix the vanilla and milk together then dissolve yeast in the mixture. Sift the flour, sugar and salt into a large bowl. Cut the butter into the dry ingredients (like you would for a pie crust) until the dough resembles a course meal. Add the beaten egg yolks (setting aside the egg whites, covered, in the refrigerator) and the yeast mixture. Mix together briefly with a wooden spoon, then knead with your hands against the sides of the bowl until everything is blended together and the dough is no longer very sticky. Alternatively, you can use an electric mixer with a dough hook. Form the dough into a ball, cover in plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight.

When you are ready to put together the nut rolls, prepare the filling: mix together the ground walnuts, sugar, and brown sugar. Divide evenly into two bowls and set aside.

Remove your dough from the refrigerator; divide in half and place on a floured work surface. One at a time, roll out each piece of dough to a 14" x 13" rectangle. Turn the dough so that one of the longer edges is facing you. Mix your reserved egg whites with a drop of vanilla. Using a pastry brush or your fingers, brush some of the egg white mixture over the top of the dough. Then smear about 1/4 cup applesauce (or a little less) over the dough to keep the nut roll moist. Sprinkle one of the bowls of nut filling over the dough, leaving about a 1-inch margin on each side of the rectangle but the far end, where you can leave a little less room (about 1/2-inch margin).

Start rolling the dough away from you, into a spiral, keeping the spiral firm and tight. When you've made several turns, fold the 1-inch side margins inward, and then continue to roll all the way up, pinching the seam once rolled. Place the nut roll, seam down, on a parchment-lined or lightly greased baking sheet. Using a pastry brush or your fingers, use just enough milk combined with a drop or two of vanilla to brush the top of the rolls (this will make the rolls nice and shiny). Repeat the process with remaining dough.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Let the rolls rise for 30 minutes, then bake for 30-35 minutes until the rolls are a deep tan color. To serve, cut the nut rolls crosswise into slices.



**What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland****News and Views  
from Slovakia...****OPERATION PURGATORY LEADS TO VARIOUS CHARGES  
AGAINST FORMER POLICE OFFICERS**

Several people have been detained on Thursday, November 5 during an operation codenamed 'Purgatory', with the National Crime Agency (NAKA) charging them with several crimes, TASR learned on the same day from Special Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman Jana Tokolyova.

"The charges pressed by a NAKA investigator concerned several crimes, such as the crime of setting up and supporting an organized criminal group, various corruption crimes, and the misuse of powers. We can't provide any more details given the ongoing investigation," stated the spokeswoman.

NAKA has been carrying out a raid on the house of former Police Corps president Tibor Gaspar in Nitra since Thursday morning.

According to TASR's information, NAKA has been also raiding the homes of other former senior police officers, namely former NAKA head Peter Hrasko and former head of NAKA's financial unit Bernard Slobodnik.

News outlet aktualita.sk has reported that the former head of NAKA's anti-corruption unit Robert Krajmer was taken to the Police Corps Presidium headquarters in Bratislava shortly after 7 a.m.

Meanwhile, media outlet topky.sk has reported that Marian Zetocha, who is currently in charge of eavesdropping activities for the Slovak Intelligence Service (SIS), is also among the detained. He previously operated as the head of NAKA's financial intelligence unit.

**SLOVAK POLITICIANS OFFER  
CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE BIDEN**

The close cooperation between USA and Slovakia is bound to continue, Prime Minister Igor Matovic (OLaNO) posted on Facebook and congratulated Joe Biden on his election as the next US President.

Matovic expects the EU and USA to become global and engaged allies, while noting that winning "our fight against COVID-19" will be "key to mark this new chapter".

According to Slovak President Zuzana Caputova, when faced with two options, Americans chose the path of reconciliation and stability. Although the US presidential election results are not yet official, "everything points" to Joe Biden's victory, noted Caputova.

"I hope that the future US president will contribute towards the bolstering of trans-Atlantic unity and alliance, closer cooperation between USA and EU, more involvement and leadership regarding the issue of climate change and also full participation of the USA in the commitments stemming from the Paris climate agreement," stated the Slovak head of state.

Slovakia stands ready for close cooperation with the future US president, declared chief of Slovak diplomacy Ivan Korcok (SaS nominee).

Still waiting for definitive and official results, the Slovak diplomacy thus hasn't extended official congratulations to Joe Biden yet, although Korcok voiced his hope that US-EU ties will firm up. "We need each other more than ever before," he posted on Facebook.

"Of equal importance in my view is that American institutions must secure a smooth and peaceful transition to the next administration in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the USA," said Korcok.

Foreign ministry's state secretary Martin Klus (of SaS) hopes that Donald Trump's effort to cast aspersions over the US election won't have any impact on the rule of law and democratic institutions in the USA. "His refusal to respect the election result carries an enormous risk because it sets the precedent everywhere else in the world. This will have significant impact on the trust in democracy per se," he warned.

**OVER THIRD OF SLOVAK POPULATION FEELS BIG  
THREAT FROM CORONAVIRUS**

More than a third (35.3 percent) of the Slovak population feels very threatened by the novel coronavirus pandemic, according to the results of a survey called 'How Are You, Slovakia?' conducted at the turn of October and November.

The survey has been monitoring the attitudes of Slovaks since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak.

Compared to September, feelings of danger among respondents increased by more than 8 percent. "Despite the fact that public concerns are already approximately at the level of the period when Slovakia experienced the toughest (spring) lockdown so far, the share of people who say that they have reduced their contacts completely is currently lower than in the spring," said Miloslav Bahna from the Institute of Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV).

According to the survey, 72 percent of respondents are strictly adhering to government measures. "The weakest level of compliance is among supporters of the [far-right] LSNS political party, people who do not trust the Government and do not agree with its approach to dealing with the epidemic, and men, who are repeatedly shown to be less cautious than women," he added.

The survey was carried out by MNFORCE agency, Seesame communications agency, the Slovak Academy of Science's (SAV) Institute of Sociology and SAV's Institute for Research on Social Communication. The most recent sample was taken between October 29 and November 4 among 1,000 respondents.

**STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SLOVAKIA  
TO BE EXTENDED BY 45 MORE DAYS**

The Government on Wednesday decided to extend the state of emergency in Slovakia by 45 more days in reaction to the coronavirus situation in the country.

The state of emergency, which should have ended on November 14, will thus be in effect for 90 days from its initial declaration on October 1.

The curfew will remain in effect until November 14. It doesn't apply to the period between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. or to people with a negative test result from countrywide testing and those with negative PCR tests.

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



Basic rights and freedoms can be restricted to a necessary extent and for a necessary period during a state of emergency in line with current law. The Government is allowed to declare a state of emergency if the lives and health of people and/or the environment are in danger. The state of emergency can be declared for a maximum of 90 days.

The Government has declared a state of emergency in connection with the coronavirus pandemic already twice – first during the first coronavirus wave in the spring, lasting from March 16 until June 14. It only applied to the health-care sector.

## CAPUTOVA PAYS TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME



President Zuzana Caputova commemorated the victims of the Communist regime in Slovakia by laying a wreath at the Freedom Gate memorial in the Bratislava borough of Devin on Tuesday, November 17, which marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Velvet Revolution.

The memorial is located close to the Austrian border to honour those who were killed by the Communist security forces while attempting to flee the then Czechoslovakia.

"It can be felt very intensely at this place how violent the totalitarian regime that fell in 1989 was against its own citizens," said Caputova, adding that the upheaval in 1989 that became known as the Velvet Revolution strongly rejected violence.

"It's become a tradition in modern Slovakia that all important changes here have been made peacefully and without violence. It's also necessary to recall this today; if we want to achieve a change in public affairs and express our opinion, it must be done in a cultivated, decent and especially non-violent way," said Caputova in reference to protests against the Government's coronavirus policies scheduled for later in the day.

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

**SISTER BARBARA SABLE, SS.C.M.**

On October 25, 2020, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA awarded the Servant Leadership Award to 27 outstanding high school Seniors from the Diocese of Harrisburg PA. The virtual ceremony took place at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville. Over the past 18 years, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have honored nearly 1,300 teens in the Dioceses of Bridgeport (CT), Charleston (SC), Chicago (IL), Gary (IN), Harrisburg (PA), Milwaukee (WI), Pittsburgh (PA), St. Louis (MO), Scranton (PA), Syracuse (NY), and Trenton (NJ) with the Servant Leadership Award.

The Servant Leadership Award recognizes distinguished high school Juniors and Seniors who are joyful witnesses, compassionate proclaimers, and enthusiastic builders of the Kingdom of God. The focus of the award is on teens who remain active in their faith and parish beyond Confirmation, and who actively serve in their parish, school and community.

Receiving the award in the virtual ceremony were: Lauren Ayres, Ralph Chip Baker, Matthew John Bowman, Nicholas William Dorkoski, Olivia Erickson, Hanna Farzin, Santina Rosa Fazio, Caroline Feese, Riley Patrick Hammond, Laura Hilkert, Miranda Keller, Paul Michael Killinger, Isabella Kubasek, Sarah Rose Mahoney, Johnathan Robert Manning, Andrew Jacob Marulanda-Rea, Kyra McKinnon, Ann Metrocavage, Julianne Miecley, Dominic Morano, Thomas Rydzewski, Steven Sauer, Robert Lawrence Scalia, Claudia Marie Seidel, Andrew Thomas Snyder, Anna Marie Starvaggi, and Gavin John Yoder

Each teen was given the opportunity to select one person as a mentor who has encouraged them to generously use their time and talents as a follower of Jesus. The mentors selected were parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, scout leaders, Deacons, Sisters and Priests, who have been role models for the teens. Mentors recognized by the teens have made a difference in their lives by modeling servant leadership as a way of life in their family, parish, and community.

At the virtual ceremony the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius also honored four adults who received the Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award in the ministries of evangelization, education, elder care and ecumenism. Father Jankola was a priest from the Diocese of Scranton who was instrumental in recognizing the need for Religious Sisters to educate children, and founded the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in 1909.

The 2020 Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Awards went to:

### **Evangelization—Sister Peg Spindler, CSA**

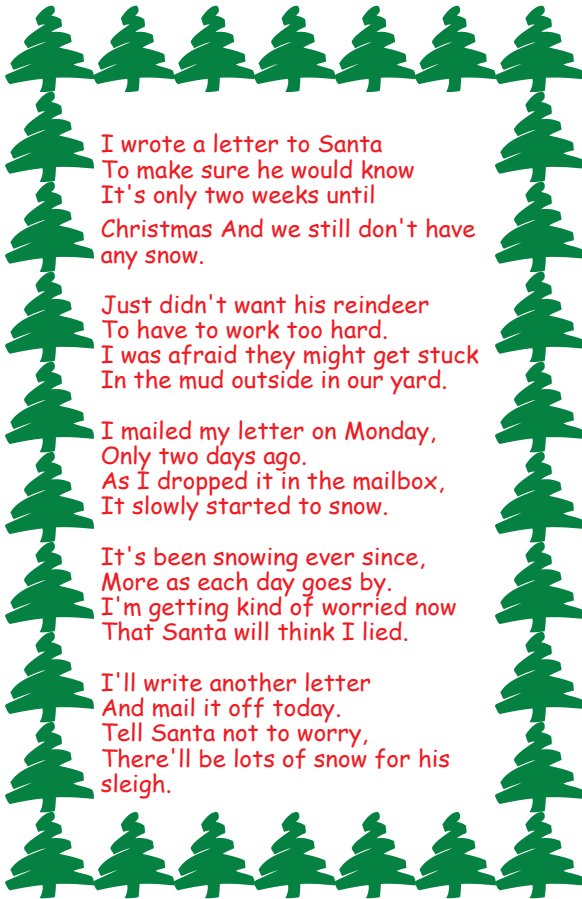
Sister Peg Spindler, CSA was the recipients of the Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award for Evangelization. Sister Peg, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes, is the Executive Director of Sojourner Truth House in Gary, Indiana. She has held this position since 1997, helping thousands of at-risk women and their children who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Clients of Sojourner Truth House come from four local homeless shelters to receive counseling and support services, job and basic skills training, health care screenings and referrals, food, clothing, and help in finding housing. Sis-

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# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## December, 2020



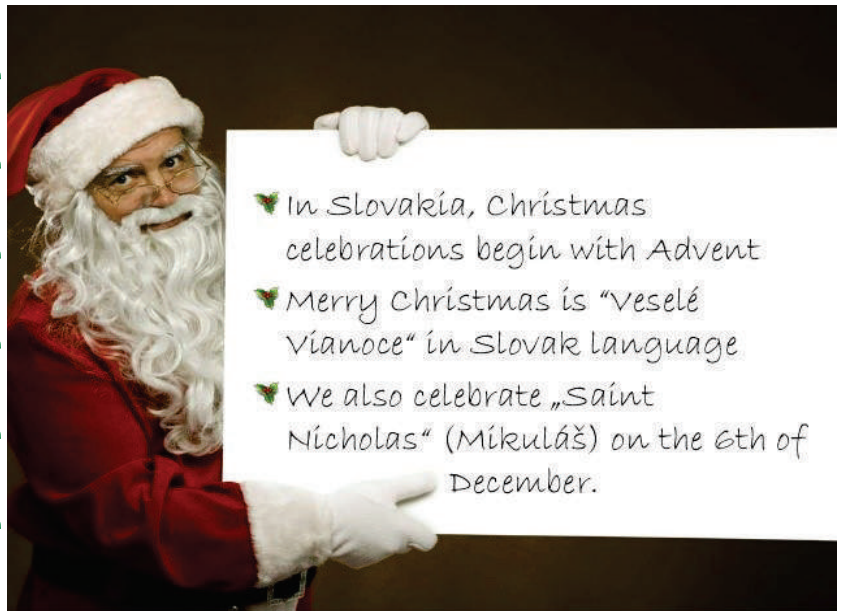
I wrote a letter to Santa  
To make sure he would know  
It's only two weeks until  
Christmas And we still don't have  
any snow.

Just didn't want his reindeer  
To have to work too hard.  
I was afraid they might get stuck  
In the mud outside in our yard.

I mailed my letter on Monday,  
Only two days ago.  
As I dropped it in the mailbox,  
It slowly started to snow.

It's been snowing ever since,  
More as each day goes by.  
I'm getting kind of worried now  
That Santa will think I lied.

I'll write another letter  
And mail it off today.  
Tell Santa not to worry,  
There'll be lots of snow for his  
sleigh.



- ♥ In Slovakia, Christmas celebrations begin with Advent
- ♥ Merry Christmas is "veselé vianoce" in Slovak language
- ♥ We also celebrate "Saint Nicholas" (Mikuláš) on the 6th of December.

## Slovak Words=Slovenské slova

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

Surprise your parents and grandparents by wishing them *Veselé Vianoce*, Merry Christmas, in Slovak. It would mean a whole lot to them.

Merry Christmas = *Veselé Vianoce* [ve-sell-leh vyah-knowts-saah]

Baby Jesus = *Ježiško* [Yeah-zheesh-kow]

ANGEL = *Anjelový strom* [Awn-yell]

TREE = *strom* [strom, with a trilled "r"]

HOLIDAY = *sviatok* [svyaw-toke]

WISH = *vinš* [veensh]

GIFT = *dar* [daar]

NEW YEAR = *Nový rok* [Know-vee roke]

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Cole Baker 12/12

Dominic Roman 12/15

Aiden James McCoy 12/15

Riana Hoeck 12/24





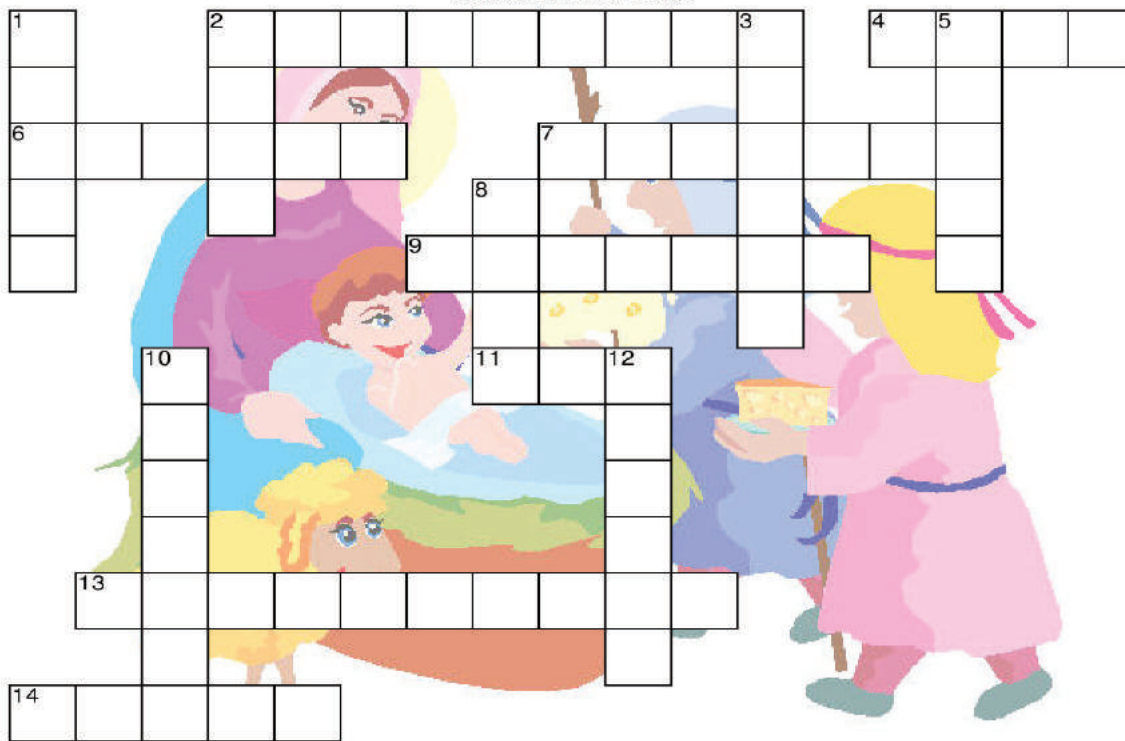


# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## December, 2020

### Christmas Nativity

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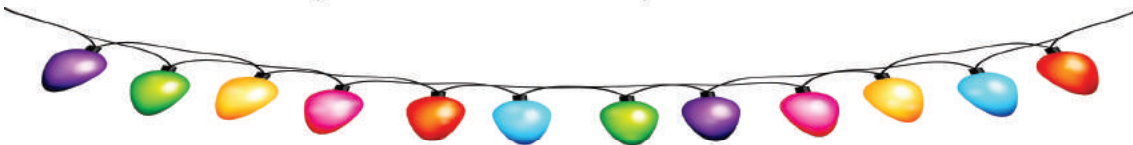


#### Across

2. The town where Baby Jesus was born.
4. Jesus mother's name.
6. The inn-keeper told Mary that she could stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the animals.
7. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ star that lead the wise men to Baby Jesus.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ brought Jesus gifts and travelled far.
11. Baby Jesus was also the son of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The wise men \_\_\_\_\_ baby Jesus.
14. The manger was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ to make it comfortable for baby Jesus.

#### Down

1. Mary was told by the angel to call the baby \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An angel told Mary that she would have a very special \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus lay in a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. An \_\_\_\_\_ told the Shepherds about Jesus birth.
8. Jesus was also known as the newborn \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus would be our \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Mary rode on a \_\_\_\_\_ to find a place to stay.





# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## December, 2020

### CHRISTMAS MOVIE SURVEY

What are your **TOP THREE** favorite Christmas Movies?



Elf  
The Year Without a Santa  
Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Frosty the Snowman  
Home Alone  
Polar Express  
The Star  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas  
A Christmas Story  
The Santa Clause  
The Nightmare Before Christmas  
Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
Jack Frost  
Prancer  
A Charlie Brown Christmas  
A Christmas Carol  
Jingle All the Way  
Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street



*If we missed your favorite, just add it when you reply!*

You can email your answers to Ed Moeller at [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.com](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.com)

Let me know your name and age so that we can get a good count



## SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

**SISTER BARBARA SABLE, SS.C.M.**

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Sister Peg Spindler, CSA, (right) received the Lifetime Servant Leadership Award for Evangelism from the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, presented by Sister Joanne Maria Schutz, SS.C.M. (left).

ter is a Northwest Indiana (NWI) native. She serves on the Region IA Continuum of Care and its subcommittee for Coordinated Access into housing. Sister Peg's passion is working to eliminate homelessness and the cycle of poverty in NWI. For this work, she was named NWI Influential Woman of the Year in 2014. She recently convened both homeless providers and charitable food providers in NWI to deal more strategically with COVID-related upticks in homelessness and hunger.

### **Education—Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI**

Rev. Ronald Rolheiser was the recipient of the Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award for Education. Rev. Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is Past-President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Macklin, Saskatchewan into a family where education was highly valued. Father Ron is a community-builder, lecturer, and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and have been translated into many languages. His weekly column is carried by more than 80 newspapers worldwide. Fr. Ron is in demand and well known as speaker. Keeping an active speaking schedule, his retreats and workshops have inspired many. Along with his academic knowledge in systematic theology and philosophy, he has become a popular speaker in the areas of contemporary spirituality and religion and the secular world. Before becoming President of Oblate School of Theology, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, Alberta, served as Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province for six years, and served on the General Council for the Oblates in Rome for six years. He has been at Oblate School of Theology since 2005.

### **Elder-care—Susan Smith, RN**

Susan Smith has worked with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius to establish a "home away from home" at Maria Hall in collaboration with Columbia Montour Home Health and Hospice, and now maintains the hospice home at Maria Hall under LHC Corporation. Susan proudly states that the Maria Hall hospice home has served 733 guests and their families. Susan began her health care journey in 1974 Cytotechnologist at Geisinger Medical Center. She received her nursing diploma from Geisinger in 1990 and from Bloomsburg University in 1993. She received her Nursing Master's degree from College Misericordia in 1996. She has been a practicing RN for 28 years.

### **Ecumenism—Sister Seton Marie Connolly, SS.C.M.**

Sister Seton Marie Connolly is a Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Sister's professional background is first in Education and then as a Board-Certified Chaplain. Over the years she has consistently displayed great strength and success in the field of chaplaincy. She has provided compassionate care to people of diverse religious backgrounds, and strives to help the individual utilize their own spiritual beliefs as a resource for healing. Sister Seton Marie's professional background has made her a valuable resource to resident physicians, chaplains, hospital staff and hospice personnel of all faiths. She has presented workshops and seminars focused on the resolution of complex medical, organizational and personal ethical dilemmas to audiences within various healthcare settings at both the local and state level. Sister Seton Marie has served as a chaplain in several ministries and settings, including St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, DE, Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, and currently at Danville State Hospital. She also coordinates the outreach of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius to the Danville Jubilee Kitchen. Sister Seton Marie is selfless giving of time and energy.



Sister Seton Marie Connolly, SS.C.M. (center) received the Lifetime Servant Leadership Award for Ecumenism from Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M. (left) General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. (right)

## 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SLOVAKIA'S INDEPENDENCE



January 1, 2021 marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of Slovakia. We rejoice with the land of our ancestors as it marks this milestone in its storied history. Millions of Americans and Canadians who trace their ancestry to Slovakia are justifiably proud of the country's achievements and accomplishments over the past more than a quarter of a century. Today, Slovakia stands among the free, prosperous and independent nations of the world.

The Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic (Slovak: De vzniku Slovenskej republiky) is always celebrated on 1 January and marks the day in 1993 when Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

### HISTORY OF DAY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Czechoslovakia had emerged as a sovereign state at the end of World War 1 in 1918. It was briefly split during World War 2, before coming under Soviet rule in 1948. In 1968, it became a federation consisting of the Czech Socialist Republic and the Slovak Socialist Republic.

Communist rule in Czechoslovakia was brought to an end in 1989 as a result of the Velvet Revolution.

In July 1992 Slovakia declared itself a sovereign state, essentially stating that its national laws took precedence over those of the federal government.

Following negotiations between the Slovak and Czech leaders, the way was paved for the disbanding of the federation. In November 1992, the federal parliament of Czechoslovakia voted to dissolve the country on December 31, 1992.

The Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic officially became separate countries on January 1, 1993.

### SLOVAK REPUBLIC



**Date of establishment:** January 1, 1993 (after splitting of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic)

**Form of government:** republic

**Political system:** parliamentary democracy

**Population:** about 5,400,000 (out of them 51.5% of women)

**Area:** 49,035 sq. km

**Official language:** Slovak

**Capital:** Bratislava (about 430,000 inhabitants)

**Ethnic mix of the population:** Slovaks (85.8%), Hungarians (9.7%), Roma (1.7%), Czechs (0.8%), Ruthenians (0.4%), Ukrainians (0.2%), Germans (0.1%), Others (0.2%), Unknown (1.1%)

**Currency:** Slovak Koruna, from January 1, 2009 replaced by €

**Membership in international organisations:** EU, NATO, UN, OECD, OSCE, WHO, INTERPOL etc.

## HIKING FOR HEAVENLY PEACE

By Janice Matlon, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member

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range of April through October! Living in Minnesota myself, I know that it is very tempting to stay inside where that is the only place to find guaranteed warmth for a good portion of the year. However, by bundling up in base layers, thick socks, and adequate hats and gloves, we can conserve our own heat and retain it by moving our bodies! Secondly, unlike skiing, snowboarding, skating, snowmobiling, or snowshoeing, no special equipment is needed to hike aside from the gear previously mentioned, whereas proper winter clothes are just the beginning of the list of items needed for those other activities. Along that same line of thinking, hiking requires no true skills such as coordination or experience with the activity, since most people are fully capable of walking! Even if a person cannot walk, that brings the variety of terrain that hiking in the "off-season" can offer. As long as the snow stays away or is melted at any point, a paved path can be friendly for strollers or wheelchairs to be pushed along to truly include all in the family. Unpaved paths will likely be muddy or snowy, depending, but don't let that stop you! Boots of almost any kind should be able to get you through those conditions. Finally, it is smart to be wary of ice if the ground is frozen, and a set of ice spikes for your boots might be a good investment for those looking to go out in any conditions at all!

Aside from the easily executed logistics of hiking, it is the mental, physical, and even spiritual benefits that are the most notable. The physical benefits of getting out and being active are obvious, no matter how long or rigorous your hike is or how fast you are moving. In fact, I would argue that constant activity over a long period of time might benefit some people more than activities that need more speed and/or equipment (snow and ice create fast, slick surfaces!), and it is much less likely that you will be sore or injured after hiking. Therefore, it's a great habit to get into consistently! Then, the mental benefits of getting outside are ones that people are mentioning more than ever throughout the pandemic, since everyone knows that in order to both get away from members of your household and maintain the safest environment, getting out in nature is almost immediately calming to many people. In my own life, personally, I am a teacher, and during distance learning, I would have my most productive days only when I got outside to walk around the neighborhood midday. Otherwise, I would hit a mental block in the afternoon without fail. Maybe others have similar experiences with working from home! Finally, I want to encourage all of us Sokols to pray while hiking, especially for those who are going solo. It does not have to be formal prayers (although my opinion is that reciting a Rosary is a great way to spend 15-20 minutes), but it can literally be a kind of conversation with God that is either in your head or out loud, whatever your personal preference may be. Combining these mental, physical, and spiritual gains, we are truly creating "a sound mind in a sound body," correlating directly with our organization's slogan.

Our physical and mental health have taken a toll this year, and we cannot deny the obstacles of gyms being closed for safety in many areas and the fact that holiday gatherings will be tiny or non-existent. However, do not forget that nature is always open and ready to be explored! May the peace of the season be found in unconventional ways this year, and I hope that the relatively simple activity of hiking brings peace and perhaps even joy to your hearts and minds this winter and beyond.





## OBITUARIES

### ANTHONY L. SCUGLIK, SR.

Anthony L. "Tony" Scuglik, Sr., age 94, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 with his family at his side.

Born in Kenosha on January 2, 1926, he was the son of the late Stefan and Pauline (Antala) Scuglik. A lifelong resident of Kenosha, he was educated in local schools and was a graduate of Kenosha High School.



He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1943 and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in March of 1946. He served in the Asiatic and Pacific Theater and was awarded Citations and Battle Stars for the Campaigns he served in. He also served four

years in the C.B. Reserve Unit, located in Kenosha as a Construction Electrician First Class.

On September 30, 1950 he married Gloria A. Bobusch at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Kenosha. He was a life-long member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church where he served as an usher for many years.

He was employed by the Wisconsin Telephone Company, then Ameritech for 40 years. He started as a lineman in 1946 and advanced to Supervisor for the Test and Repair Centers; Construction Crews and retired in 1986 as an Outside Plant Engineer.

Tony was a lifetime member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and participated in many sports and athletic events from early childhood. He has held various positions within the local and district organizations. He has been the President of Assembly 113 in Kenosha since 1981. He has also been President of Group 4 that encompasses Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana since 1987. He is also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He enjoyed bowling, golfing, and was an ardent hunter and looked forward to going hunting with his children.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Gloria of 70 years; his daughters, Linda (Mel Jacobs) Parsons and Jean (Johnny) Wisdom; his sons, David (Chris) Scuglik, Frank (Vicki) Scuglik and Steve (Peg) Scuglik; his daughter-in-law, Kim (Vic) Scuglik-Majdan; his twelve grandchildren, Aaron (Rachel) Scuglik, Jarrod (Eugenie) Scuglik, Jason (Lily) Scuglik, Tiffany Scuglik, Kari (Sam) Dagan, Corey (Jesse) Scuglik, Cody Scuglik, Taylor Scuglik, Emma (Sean) Hegarty, Gabriel Scuglik, Krystle (Matthew) Moore and Katie Wisdom; his six great grandchildren, and his brother, William Scuglik.

In addition to his parents, Tony was preceded in death by his son, Anthony L. Scuglik, Jr.; his sister, Wilma; his brothers, Steve, Jr., Joseph, Rudolph and Paul Scuglik and his son-in-law, Pete Parsons.

Funeral services honoring Tony's life were held on Monday, November 23, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 5100 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. A visitation for Tony was held on Monday, November 23, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Private interment took place in St. George Cemetery. In lieu of flowers or Masses, memorial remembrances to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to St. Anthony's Catholic Church (special fund for pew cushions on first three rows) 5100 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140 would be appreciated by the family.

## In Memoriam

OCTOBER 2020

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 11	Sr. Gilbert Dluhy, SS.C.M., Danville, PA	92	April 12, 2020
Assembly 16	Jeffrey Zawicki, Clayton, NC	55	October 8, 2020
Assembly 34	Lo York Thao, Coon Rapids, MN	77	September 6, 2020
Assembly 36	Rev. Elemir Josef Mikus, Detroit, MI	Unknown	
Assembly 36	Paul Danko, Saline, MI	94	September 22, 2020
Assembly 48	Robert E. Leso, Philadelphia, PA	83	October 15, 2020
Assembly 59	Barbara J. Ceklosky, Wilkes-Barre, PA	77	October 3, 2020
Assembly 78	Connor M. Downing, San Jose, CA	24	September 26, 2020
Assembly 78	Irene Banik, Bethlehem, PA	88	October 17, 2020
Assembly 82	Joseph A. Miller, Washington, PA	85	September 8, 2020
Assembly 136	Helen Heller, Bloomsburg, PA	96	September 15, 2020
Assembly 162	Kathryn Bella-Kinsora, Cape Coral, FL	90	March 9, 2019
Assembly 162	Irene Janusz, Port Reading, NJ	91	August 5, 2019
Assembly 185	Helen Sventek, Sun City, AZ	91	October 28, 2019
Assembly 214	John Thomas Heban, Rossford, OH	71	September 6, 2020
Assembly 261	John R. Domsicz, Reading, PA	Unknown	
Assembly 299	Ernest A. Brown, Brooklyn, NY	82	October 9, 2020
Wreath 22	Loretta Henk, Pittsburgh, PA	95	May 28, 2020
Wreath 22	Mary Murdzak, Homestead, PA	98	September 21, 2020
Wreath 34	June Hauser, Mentor on the Lake, OH	79	October 20, 2020
Wreath 47	Marian Stepanek, Minnetonka, MN	94	October 16, 2020
Wreath 54	Eleanor D. Maschek, Austintown, OH	97	September 24, 2020
Wreath 54	Eleanor A. Lilko, Powell, OH	91	September 25, 2020
Wreath 85	Susan E. Oros, Aliquippa, PA	93	September 15, 2020
Wreath 85	Verna Srafin, Leesburg, FL	98	October 13, 2020
Wreath 93	Ronald E. Gumm, Sheboygan, WI	82	March 15, 2020
Wreath 111	Mary Miller, Vermilion, OH	78	October 14, 2020
Wreath 153	Lena Marie Jusko, Ogden, UT	89	October 9, 2020
Wreath 153	Edward Sako, Parma, OH	94	October 14, 2020
Wreath 155	Geraldine Cieplinski, Reading, PA	81	August 9, 2020

### SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 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 Memorial Scholarship fund? Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at <http://slovakcatholiccsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm> or send your donation to: James F. Knis, SCS Museum Treasurer, 6385 Harbor Drive, N.W., Canton, OH 44718.

### YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

**KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA**

Na Slovensko mieri miliardová investícia. Volkswagen sa rozhodol, že namiesto novej fabriky v Turecku rozšíri výrobu vo svojom bratislavskom závode. Už v roku 2022 sa tu má vyrábať historicky najpredávanejší model strednej triedy – VW Passat. „Rozhodli sme sa pre zvýšenie kapacít v Bratislave,“ povedal najvyšší šéf koncernu Herbert Diess v rozhovore pre týždenník Automobilwoche. Podľa neho už Turecko vôbec nie je pre koncern v hre, aj keď ide o veľký trh a VW by na ňom rád zvýšil svoj podiel. Zavážila vraj nielen pandémia, ale i to, že v Bratislave nebude treba stavať fabriku na zelenej lúke. V prospech Turecka nehrala ani nestabilná ekonomická a politická situácia či vojenská invázia v Sýrii z roku 2019. Bratislavská fabrika aktuálne zamestnáva približne 12-tisíc ľudí. Nová miliardová investícia by mala v podniku zabezpečiť ďalších 2.000 miest.

Spoločnosť Trim Leader, a. s., plánuje stiahnutie svojej výroby z priemyselného parku v Bardejove. O prácu v bardejovskom závode má prísť takmer 360 zamestnancov, celkovo je ohrozených 450 pracovných miest spoločnosti zaoberajúcej sa výrobou potahov do automobilov, ktorá je súčasťou divízie Automotive Experience skupiny Adient. Medzi hlavné dôvody sťahovania výroby má podľa informácií TASR patriť pokles tržieb v automobilovom priemysle či nárast minimálnej mzdy na Slovensku v roku 2021.

S rastúcou nezamestnanosťou a neistotou z budúcnosti v čase pandémie Slováci odkladajú nákupy. Cítia to aj banky. V predošlých mesiacoch výrazne ochladol záujem o spotrebné úvery, ktoré ľudia využívajú na obstaranie elektroniky, rekonštrukcie či výbavu do domácnosti. Kým vlani v septembri slovenské banky podľa údajov Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS) poskytli spotrebné úvery v objeme 240,5 milióna eur, v tomto roku to nebolo ani 150 miliónov eur. Sumárne za prvých deväť mesiacov klesli medziročne o dve pätiny.

Prvé vakcíny proti Covidu-19 by na Slovensko mohli prísť v januári 2021. Dostanú ju najskôr ľudia, ktorí zabezpečujú chod štátu počas koronakrízy, a rizikové skupiny. Obyčajní ľudia prídu na rad až zhruba v polovici roka. Očkovanie ňou bude podobne masová akcia ako nedávne celoplošné testovanie. Celkovo by na Slovensko malo prísť niekoľko miliónov kusov vakcín od šiestich rôznych výrobcov. Aby človek získal imunitu proti koronavírusu, bude musieť absolvovať očkovanie vakcínou dvakrát v niekoľkotýždňovom časovom odstupe.

Občania EÚ vrátane Slovákov od 31. decembra tohto roka nebudú mať po vstupe na územie Spojeného kráľovstva automatické právo zostať žiť v tejto krajine. Britská vláda pre nich od 1. januára 2021 zavedie nový imigračný systém. Občania Slovenska, ktorí v Spojenom kráľovstve momentálne nežijú, respektíve nemajú nárok vyplývajúci z Dohody o vystúpení, a budú chcieť v krajine študovať alebo pracovať, budú musieť splniť špeciálne požiadavky a žiadať o víza prostredníctvom nového imigračného systému, uvádza sa v správe britského veľvyslanectva v SR.

**PETER TOMKA POKRAČUJE AKO SUDCA MEDZINÁRODNÉHO SÚDNEHO DVORA**

Petra Tomku zvolila 11. novembra Bezpečnostná rada aj Valné zhromaždenie OSN opätovne za sudcu Medzinárodného súdneho dvora (ICJ), a to na obdobie rokov 2021 - 2030. Tomka bol do tejto inštitúcie zvolený už po tretí raz.



Deväťročné funkčné obdobie sa mu začne 6. februára 2021.

Tomka získal 13 z 15 hlasov v Bezpečnostnej rade OSN a 150 zo 193 hlasov vo Valnom zhromaždení OSN.

Tomkovi už k znovuzvoleniu pogrätuloval minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Ivan Korčok. Na Twitteri vyjadril aj vďaka všetkým členským štátom, ktoré podporili jeho kandidatúru.

„Teší ma, že Peter Tomka bol zvolený už po tretíkrát, čo je potvrdením jeho mimoriadnych odborných kvalít. Jeho znovuzvolenie je zároveň významným úspechom slovenskej diplomacie,“ zhodnotil Korčok aj vo vyhlásení, ktoré zaslal tlačový odbor slovenského rezortu diplomacie.

Peter Tomka je sudcom Medzinárodného súdneho dvora od roku 2003 a je aktuálne jeho služobne najstarším členom. Pôsobil ako predseda tohto súdu (2012-2015) i jeho podpredseda (2009-2012).

Medzinárodný súdny dvor je hlavným súdnym orgánom OSN, ktorý rozhoduje spory medzi štátmi podľa medzinárodného práva. Má 15 sudcov a jeho sídlom je holandský Haag. - TASR

**ZOZNAM PIATICH ŠTÁTNYCH SVIATKOV V SLOVENSKEJ REPUBLIKE SA ROZŠÍRI**

Zoznam pamätných dní a štátnych sviatkov na Slovensku sa upraví. Rozšíri sa o štyri pamätné dni. Štátnym sviatkom sa stane doterajší pamätný deň 28. október ako Deň vzniku samostatného česko-slovenského štátu, nebude však dňom pracovného pokoja.

Deň pamiatky obetí komunistického režimu má pripomínať 24. jún 1954, keď na súde v Trenčíne počas procesu so Silvestrom Krčmérym zazneli jeho slová: „Vy máte v rukách moc, ale my máme pravdu!“

Doterajší Deň zahraničných Slovákov (5. júla) sa premenuje na Deň Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí. Má sa tak zosúladiť názov pamätného dňa venovaného Slovákom žijúcim v zahraničí s formuláciou uvedenou v Ústave a v zákone o Slovákoch žijúcich v zahraničí.

Dátum 12. október si na Slovensku budú pripomínať ako Deň samizdatu. Má ísť o prejav úcty k odvahe a hrdinstvu tých, ktorí v akejkoľvek období neslobody, najmä v rokoch 1948 až 1989 počas komunizmu, riskovali perzekúciu zo strany štátnej moci, alebo ňou priamo trpeli, a to len z dôvodu realizácie svojich základných ľudských práv a slobôd.

21. jún - Deň odchodu okupačných vojsk sovietskej armády z Česko-Slovenska v roku 1991 a 21. august ako Deň obetí okupácie Česko-Slovenska v roku 1968.

Deň vzniku samostatného česko-slovenského štátu 28. októbra sa opäť zaradí k štátnym sviatkom. Nebude však dňom pracovného pokoja. Navrhovatelia argumentovali tým, že vznik samostatného česko-slovenského štátu patrí k jedným z najvýznamnejších dní v novodobej histórii Slovenska. Pripomenuli, že počas trvania česko-slovenského štátu bol tento deň štátnym sviatkom, no po vzniku samostatného Slovenska sa nedostal ani do zoznamu pamätných dní. Zaradili ho tam až v roku 1999.



## VIANOČNÉ ZVYKY NA SLOVENSKU

**ŠUPINY Z KAPRA, ALEBO PENIAZE** – vložili sa pod obrus na štedrovečernom stole a mali zabezpečiť, aby sa peniaze v rodine počas nasledujúceho roka rozmnožili a pribudlo ich. Mnoho ľudí si šupinu následne dáva do peňaženky.

**CESNAK** – symbol zdravia – mal zabezpečiť pevné zdravie celej rodiny počas nasledujúceho roka.

**MED** – tento tradičný sladký produkt mal v návaznosti na svoju chuť zabezpečiť dobrotu, hojnosť, či príjemnosť. Zabezpečovať mal to, aby ste celý budúci rok boli dobrí a milí. Mnoho rodín si ešte pred štedrou večerou robí z medu krížik na čelo, čo symbolizuje požehnanie v spojitosti s dobrotou.

**JABLKO** sa po večeri rozkrojilo priečne na polovicu. Ak bol jadrovník v tvare hviezdy, znamenalo to pre rodinu šťastie a zdravie, no ak bol jadrovník v tvare kríža, rodinu podľa tradície čakala choroba, alebo dokonca smrť. Jablčko sa potom rozkrojilo na toľko kúskov, koľko členov rodiny bolo pri stole, čo malo symbolizovať ucelenosť rodiny.

**ORECHY** sa po štedrej večerti nahádzu do každého kúta v príbytku, aby bola v dome rovnaká hojnosť ako v štedrý deň, aj počas celého roka.

**JEDEN TANIER NAVYŠE** – ďalší zo zvykov, ktorý dodnes dodržiava veľa ľudí. Podľa starej zvyklosti by sa mal totiž jeden tanier prestrieť aj pre náhodného hosťa. Jedná sa o symbol milosrdenstva a spolupatričnosti.

**OPLÁTKY** – symbolizujú, že kresťania pristupujú k svätému prijímaniu. Keďže Vianoce sú kresťanským sviatkom, telo Ježiška predstavuje práve oplátka, ktorá sa je na Štedrý deň s medom a cesnakom. Dievčatám robili rodičia krížiky na čelo, aby boli krásne a deťom, aby poslúchali.



Nie je ateliér ako ateliér. V tom, o ktorom sa dočítate, na vás v momente dýchne kus histórie. Skôr narodení sa v myšlienkach vrátia o niekoľko desaťročí späť. Mladší sa čo to podučia. "Tudia sa možno zamyslia, ako nám je dnes ľahko žiť. A zaspomínajú si na babičky, deduškov, ktorí hodiny mútili maslo," vraví Monika Kabele. Žena, pre ktorú je folklór životným štýlom, pred časom rozbehla zaujímavý projekt s príznačným názvom – Slovakphoto. Vďaka nemu si môžu turisti – domáci i zahraniční – užiť fotografovanie v slovenských ľudových krojoch. S garanciou nevšednej zábavy a záberov pripomínajúcich doby minulé, ktoré bude obdivovať celé okolie. Kontakt na Moniku nájdete na stránke [Slovakphoto.sk](http://Slovakphoto.sk)

## SLOVENSKÉ VIANOČNÉ SLADKOSTI

### LINECKÉ KOLIEČKA

600 g múka hladká  
300 g maslo  
200 g cukor práškový  
1 bal prášok kypriaci do pečiva  
1 bal cukor vanilkový  
2 ks nastrúhaný varený žltok  
2 ks vajcia  
štipka soľ

Všetky suroviny zmiešame a vymiesime hladké cesto, ktoré dáme do chladničky na 2 hodiny. Cesto rozdelíme na 3 kusy a rozvalkáme na hrúbku 4 milimetre. Dáme na plech a pečieme 12 minút v predhriatej rúre na 165 stupňov Celzia (330 F). Vychladnuté zlepíme lekvárom a poprášime vanilkovým cukrom.

### MEDVEDIE LABKY

325 g hladká múka  
200 g práškový cukor  
200 g masla  
2 ks malé vajce  
60 g mleté orechy  
25 g kakao  
trochu kypriaci prášok

Všetky suroviny zmiešame na nelepivé tuhé cesto, naplníme formičky a dáme piecť do predhriatej rúry na 150-180 stupňov C. Pečieme asi 10 minút. Z formičiek vyklápame ešte za horúca a hneď obalujeme v práškovom cukre.

### VANILKOVÉ ROHLÍČKY

170 g hladká múka  
110 g maslo  
40 g práškový cukor  
50 g mleté orechy  
1 balíček vanilkový cukor  
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Zo všetkých surovín vypracujeme cesto, ktoré zabalíme a odložíme na dve hodiny do chladničky. Potom cesto vyberieme a rukami postupne z neho odoberáme kúsky, z ktorých urobíme rožteky, ktoré ukladáme na plech vystlaný papierom na pečenie. Pečieme ich vo vyhriatej rúre pri teplote 150°C (300 F) asi 12 minút. Po upčení ich hneď obalíme v zmesi práškoveho a vanilkoveho cukru.

### MEDOVNÍČKY

280 g hladká múka  
140 g práškový cukor  
70 g mleté orechy  
3 ks vajce  
80 g zmäknuté maslo  
1 kávová lyžička mletá škoricu  
1 kávová lyžička sóda bikarbóna

Do misy nasypeme múku, sódu bikarbónu, práškový cukor, mleté orechy, pridáme med, dve vajčička, zmäknuté maslo a mletú škoricu. Rukami spracujeme tuhšie cesto, ktoré uložíme na hodinu do chladničky.

Rúru medzitým vyhrejeme na 180°C (360 F) a plechy vystelieme papierom na pečenie. Z cesta tvarujeme guľky, ktoré potrieme rozšľahaným vajčikom a pečieme cca 15 minút. Upečené medovníčky sú mäkké a krásne voňavé.



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