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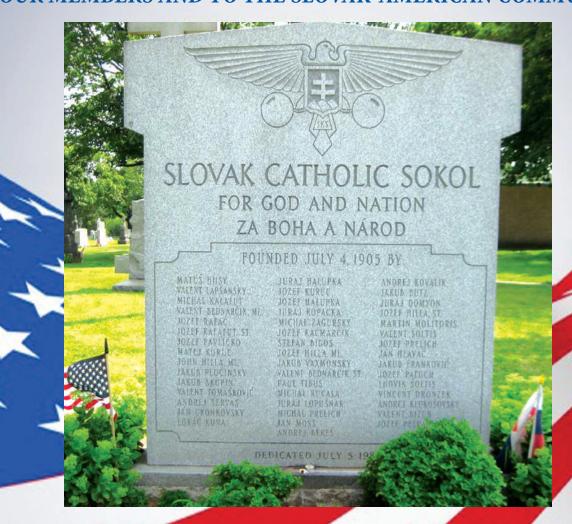
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# THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 116 YEARS OF DEDICATED FRATERNAL SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO THE SLOVAK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY



4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

# Message from our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath

This July we are leaving the darkness of the last 17 months behind us and entering the bright new days of not only summer but the return to what we knew as normal liv-



ing to a beginning of hopeful change. All the citizens of the world saw their lives change because of Covid-19 but now as we enter the post era of the worst of the pandemic, we can begin to enjoy

our new lives whatever they will be. I caution all not to let your guard down on this virus, even if you are vaccinated, since something unknown can still surface and take us back in time. July is a special month to all American citizens and Sokol members because on July Fourth both a great country and society were founded. America, as we know, declared its Independence from British rule to the rest of the world on July 4, 1776, and creating our democracy. This year the United States of America will celebrate its 245th birthday.

Then 129 years after the founding of the Unites States of America on July 4,1905 Slovak immigrants came together in Passaic, New Jersey and founded our great fraternal society the Slovak Catholic Sokol. For the past 116 years the Slovak Catholic Sokol has provided financial security to its members through life insurance and annuity products. The Sokol has continued to embrace its Goals and Objectives these 116 years and follow its Motto: "For God and Nation" and Slogan: "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body" to guide the Society.

As proud Americans and members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol let us celebrate our Nation's and Society's birthdays with exuberant joy and excitement never forgetting the sacrifice others made to bring us to 2021 and the leaders who have guided us on this journey.

Another day of celebration in July falls on July 1st when our Canadian members will be celebrating Canada Day. Just like the United States did in 1776 Canada on July 1, 1867 declared its independence from Britain and is now celebrating its 154th birthday.

Cheers to all members as we celebrate these wonderful milestones.

The Sokol Board of Directors held its last online meeting Thursday, June 24, 2021. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I are in the planning stage of having our 3rd Quarterly Board of Directors meeting in September 2021 in person. We feel we can meet in person since all Board members have received their Covid vaccinations and are ready to see each other in person. Brother Scott and I are figuring out when we can call the Presidents meeting since it is scheduled to be held two years before the next Convention.

Also, the 50<sup>th</sup> Slet preparations are still in progress and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is looking at dates when they can hold the Clinic. Lastly, our first official fraternal activity the annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament is a month away. This tournament can set the stage for future events, help make it a great tournament by coming out and compete in the tournament with other Sokol members.

Stay safe and healthy! With God's Blessings to All! Zdar Boh!

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From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

## PROMOTE FOR GROWTH

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

This week, we will celebrate the 245th anniversary of our nation's birth and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with their friends and families. It is always important to look back and reflect on the history surrounding this special day. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress partook in a formal session to vote on the independence of our Nation. The rest of the day and the next were spent debating over the form and content of a declaration drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Not too different than when our Bylaw Committee presents at our Conventions! Several changes were made,



and the final document was adopted on July 4, 1776. As President of the Congress, John Hancock was the first to sign and on July 8th, the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia. By August 2, 1776, some 50 members of Congress had signed the document and over the next several months, others followed suit. The Declaration of Independence is the most important document in our history and July 4th allows us the opportunity to cel-

ebrate and reflect on the meaning of this special document and the men who created it.

July 4th is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. Just as our American Forefathers had, hope had to permeate through those meetings. Since they wanted to be patriotic Americans and were grateful to the United States for the opportunity to begin a new life, they selected the Fourth of July in 1905, the 129th anniversary of American independence, to enable their dreams to become reality. In addition to our Sokol traditions of good sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security to its members. This year's Fourth of July, we will celebrate the 116th anniversary of our organization's founding. Many societies have been founded among various immigrant groups, but few have survived and prospered over the years. It is with great pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 116 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great society and today we are financially sound and hope for your continued support.

One of the most important factors in the growth of a fraternal benefit society is its Membership. Growing the membership is essential for the continued good and betterment of any organization. For 116 years, our organization has been about family. Many of us are second and third generation members. But, yet, we still have family members that are not part of our society. Even worse, most of these family members do not even have life insurance coverage to begin with. We call on all our members to help us grow!

Promoting our fraternal benefits is the easy part. It is the life insurance part that seems to be the hold up for potential members. When promoting our life insurance, always remember the benefits which only life insurance can provide. With funeral and burial costs totaling more than \$10,000, the death of a loved one can leave quite the financial burden. Life insurance can help subsidize these

and other costs. Our policies also offer a tax-advantaged way to build cash value that may be used when in need of emergency funds. Loans are tax free if the policy stays in force. These are just a few reasons of the benefits of life insurance and the Slovak Catholic Sokol can help in filling these important needs for your family. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Home Office or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, and we would be glad to assist you.

In this issue, we are fortunate to see the smiling faces of our 2021 Scholarship Recipients. On behalf of our Organization and our Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all our winners. We hope that you continue to make us all proud and continue to be wonderful ambassadors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

As Covid-19 restrictions slowly get lifted, we will finally be able to start doing some site inspections for our 34th Quadrennial Convention to be held in 2023. During normal times, that legwork is usually done by now as we would get ready to announce the site. Unfortunately, this has been far from normal times. But I have confidence in our team that we will be able to efficiently secure a site by year end. We will keep our Group/Assembly/Wreath leaders informed throughout the process.

Finally, a special Happy Birthday to my son, Cole William, who turned 2 on June 25<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Buddy!

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

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

### FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the im-

maculate and sinless woman who would give

birth to Christ.



The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional

beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 2021 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS - \$1,000 EACH



OLIVIA OHNGEMACH
Pompton Plains, NJ
Penn State University
Group 1
Assembly 162, Clifton, NJ



BROOKE MORELLA
Wayne, NJ
The College of New Jersey
Group 1
Wreath 002, Passaic, NJ



ANDREW PULVER
Summit, NJ
Northwestern
Group 1
Assembly 182 New York, NY



DAVID SMERIGLIO
Wayne, NJ
Rutgers University
Group 1
Assembly 219 Yonkers, NY



ALEXA GRESIAN
Douglas, MA
University of New England
Group 3
Wreath 18 East Douglas, MA



SKYLER MANYAK
Douglas, MA
University of New Hampshire
Group 3
Wreath 18 East Douglas, MA



JOSHUA SCHMIDT

Naperville, IL

Illinois State

Group 4

Assembly 11 Chicago, IL



LAUREN KAMOR
Duryea, PA
California University of PA
Group 7
Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA



JOSEPH SILINSKIE Wilkes-Barre, PA Penn State - Scranton Group 7 Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



MATTHEW SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
King's College
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



NICOLE SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
King's College
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



JOSEPH TRAGLIA
Wilkes-Barre, PA
DeSales University
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



ALEXIS ECKENRODE Lilly, PA St. Francis University Group 9 Assembly 79, Lilly, PA



EMILY HARVEY
Lilly, PA
Chatam University
Group 9
Assembly 79, Lilly, PA



CHRISTA DIAZ
Friedens, PA
St. Francis University
Group 9
Assembly 82, Dunlo, PA



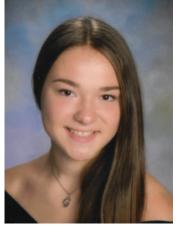
NICHOLAS PERETIN
South Fork, PA
University of Pittsburgh –
Johnstown
Group 9
Assembly 82, Dunlo, PA



ELISSA CALPIN
Omaha, NE
Wayne State College
Group 9
Wreath 14, Johnstown, PA



NICHOLAS GRIFFITH
Reading, PA
Albright College
Group 12
Assembly 261, Reading, PA

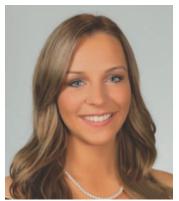


GEORGIA HOLTHENRICHS
Holland, PA
Penn State University
Group 12
Wreath 13, Philadelphia, PA



SARAH BIONI Moon Township, PA California University of PA Group 14 Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS - \$1,000



KARA DEVERS
Pittsburgh, PA
Slippery Rock University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



JULIA JOZWIAK
Moon Township, PA
Gannon University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



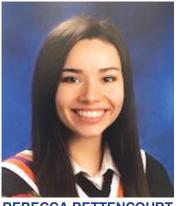
PAIGE MATEY
West Mifflin, PA
Robert Morris University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



LEXINGTON MEDER
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Pittsburgh Johnstown
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



GABBI SEILER
Finleyville, PA
LIM College
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



REBECCA BETTENCOURT
Mississauga, ON
University of Guelph Humber
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto,
Ontario, CN



SAMANTHA CARTWRIGHT
Toronto, ON
University of Toronto
Group 19
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Ontario, CN

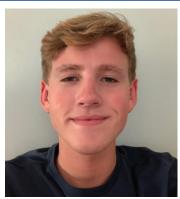


LAUREN DAVIS Carthage College Group 4 Wreath 93, Kenosha, WI



EMILY FALLIS
Toronto, ON
University of Guelph Humber
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto,
Ontario, CN

# THEODORE & MARY JANE RICH MEMORIAL — \$2,000



ERIC JOZWIAK
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Group 14
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA



CASSIDY SCASSA
Pittsburgh, PA
Duquesne University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

## DOCTORS LESKO MEDICAL MEMORIAL \$1,000

## KRISTA GLUGOSH MEMORIAL – \$1,000

# YENCHA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT – \$1,000

# EMIL SLAVIK MEMORIAL - \$2,000



KRISTEN MONDIK
North Palm Beach, FL
University of Florida
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



JONATHAN GABLE
Pittsburgh, PA
California University of PA
Group 14
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA



VIKTORIA TADLOCK
Hartford, WI
University of Minnesota
Group 12
Wreath 155, Reading, PA



JUSTIN BIONI
Moon Township, PA
Kent State University
Group 14
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA

## S.K.S. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT - \$1,000



MARY SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Wilkes University
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



SARAH PAVLICK
Pittsburgh, PA
Ohio State University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



SERENA BARON Toronto, Ontario, CN McGill University Group 19, Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN



SARAH FALLIS
Toronto, ON
University of Waterloo
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto,
Ontario, CN



# ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT - \$500



MATTHEW DESOPO Saint Peter's Preparatory Group 1 Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ



COLE BAKER
Berks Catholic High School
Group 12
Assembly 261, Reading, PA



**GRADE SCHOOL GRANT - \$250** 

NICHOLAS DESOPO Lacordaire Academy Group 1 Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ



MICHAEL MYLES

Holy Cross

Group 4

Assembly 257, Chicago, IL



ELIZABETH HITCHINGS Bishop Canevin High School Group 14 Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



ISABELLA MEDER Serra Catholic High School Group 14 Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



ADELAIDE ROSE LOIS St. Anthony on the Lake Group 4 Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI



RACHEL SEJBA
St. Hilary School
Group 5
Assembly 167, Barberton, OH



REBECCA HEALEY
Oakland Catholic High School
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA



STEPHEN FRANKE

North Catholic High School

Group 17

Assembly 108, Youngstown, OH



JONATHAN FITZMAURICE

Holy Rosary School

Group 7

Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA



SEAMUS FITZMAURICE Holy Rosary School Group 7 Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA



CLAIRE SILINSKIE
Wyoming Area Catholic School
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA



NICHOLAS MIKULA
Divine Mercy
Catholic Academy
Group 9
Wreath 14, Johnstown, PA



GABRIEL MIKULA
Divine Mercy
Catholic Academy
Group 9
Wreath 14, Johnstown, PA



ELLIE SUE DWINNELL St. Michael Catholic School Group 11 Wreath 47, Minneapolis, MN



MEGAN MCVICKER Holy Family Catholic School Group 12 Wreath 13, Philadelphia, PA

This year marks the 49th anniversary of the first presentation of scholarship grants to our deserving young members in support of their quest for a good education. From our earliest years, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has promoted education among our youth. Since 1972, a total of \$1,761,000 in scholarship grants have been awarded to 2,492 of our members, certainly an enviable record. This year, we are pleased to introduce the recipients of our 2021 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all of them. Happy future and Zdar Boh!

## **ATTENTION SOKOL GOLFERSII**

The Slovak Catholic Sokol as a Fraternal Society, participates in various charitable acts. For this reason, I ask all of our golfers who are attending the 66<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament in Dubois this year to help us continue these efforts.

We would like to encourage our golfers to bring any old golf shirts that you may no longer need to donate to the Haven House in Dubois. The Haven House Shelter is a short-term homeless shelter for residents of Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson Counties serving the homeless for 15 years. During that time over 800 people have regained their independence and self-respect in an average of 39 days. The shelter is limited to 8 beds and the building is secured and staffed 24 hrs.--365 days a year. Haven house is a 501 c non-profit so donations are tax deductible

This is a great way to help the homeless along with clearing out your closets of golf shirts you no longer need! I will have a collection box at both the Treasure Lake Golf Course along with the Fairfield Inn & Suites.

I look forward to seeing many of our golfers knowing that you will show your true Sokol fraternalism by helping in this worthy cause. Zdar Boh! – **Edward D. Moeller**, *Vice President* 

#### S.K.S. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Following up on the success of the 2020 Committee that was assembled for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Quadrennial Convention held August 4, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio, I call on all Slovak Catholic Sokol members who would like to serve on the Governance Committee at the 34<sup>th</sup> Convention to be held in 2023 to send to me their Letter of Interest.

The Governance Committee responsibilities will be to analyze the Society, see how it compares to other fraternals in structure, and recommend any changes, if necessary, to the Delegates of the 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention.

In your letter of interest, list your employment, Slovak Catholic Sokol biography and a statement on why you want to serve on the Governance Committee. All Letters of Interest must be addressed to the President and received at the Home Office by July 31, 2021. All questions regarding the Governance Committee should be sent to me at <a href="mailto:mhorvath@slovakcatholicsokol.org">mhorvath@slovakcatholicsokol.org</a>. Zdar Boh! — **Michael** 

J. Horvath, President

# **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 <a href="www.sc-slife.org">www.sc-slife.org</a>. Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to the Sales & Marketing Office:

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#### **DRIVE TO 50 DETAILS**

#### **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**

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	PERMANENT PLANS					
WHOLE LIFE •	SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE	• 20 PAYMENT LIFE				
	TERM PLANS					
TERM to AGE 30 •	10 YEAR TERM	• 20 YEAR TERM				
VANTAGE COLLECTION of ANNUITY PRODUCTS						
1 YEAR • 2 YEAR	• 3 YEAR	• 5 YEAR • 7 YEAR				
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• SPIA	Single Premium Immediate	Annuity				
3.50% - 10 Ye	ars % Greater • 2.759	% Less than 10 Years				

# GROUP 7 ANNUAL MEETING

### SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2021 - NE SLOVAK CLUB - WILKES-BARRE, PA

Group 7 "Rev. Joseph Murgas" held its 2020 annual meeting on Sunday, May 23, 2021, the Feast of Pentecost, at the NE Slovak Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Prior to start attendees viewed live stream Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (St. Al's), Fr. Richard Cirba, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

A breakfast was held immediately following the live stream Mass; during the annual meeting at the NE Slovak Club.

Amy Degnan Blasco called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Amy welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending.

Marty Degnan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Marty Degnan asked all to join in for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Kim Graham, Reporting Secretary. There were 11 officers present (Amy Degnan Blasco, Gary Blasco, Marty Degnan, Kim Graham, Heather Horvath, Joe Hvozdovic Jr., Frank Lipski, Pam Lipski, Matthew Malenovitch, Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis); 3 excused (Fr. Richard Cirba, August Palchanis, Tony Rasimas) and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 4 delegates (Audrey Graham, Mike, Horvath, Sue Horvath, Rob Palchanis).

Amy Degnan Blasco described the events of 2019-2020 year which included participation in events and fundraisers as follows. In August 2020, Group 7 hosted Brother John Underation at the Blasco residence for a drill clinic weekend. Group 7 raised money with Easter & Christmas flower sales. Group 7 donated food to the Plains Fire and Police Departments during the COVID-19 pandemic. In December 2020, Group 7 sponsored a "Family in Need" for the holidays and purchased food, clothing, toys and presents for the family to have under the tree on Christimas morning. Members met occasionally for updates while COVID-19 protocols including society distancing continued. All other events and fundraisers were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minutes of 2019: The minutes of 2019 prepared by Kim Graham were read. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared and read by all was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Mike Horvath. All in favor.

Correspondence: Kim Graham read the new correspondence from the Slovak Heritage Society looking for board members including Treasurer due to the current Treasurer resigning from the Board.

The Officer's Reports: The reports were read by all present and since they were in good order a motion was made by Mike Horvath and seconded by Heather Horvath to accept the entire Officer's Reports as submitted. All in favor.

Officer's reports not submitted = 0

15 minute break:

The Auditors' Report: The auditors found the books in good order and all checks and statements were accounted for. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Matthew Malenovitch. All in favor.

The Treasurer's Report: Kim Graham gave the treasurer's report which was supported with an outline of income and expenses for the year. Balance in the checking account as of May 23, 2021 was \$10,247.82 and \$10,398.09 in the Sokol Secure Fund. A motion was made to accept the report by Sue Horvath and seconded by Kelly Palchanis. All in favor.

The Verifications Report was presented by Marty Degnan. It was verified that there were 11 officers present; 3 excused (includes Fr. Richard Cirba, August Palchanis, Tony Rasimas), and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 4 delegates. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Lipski and seconded

by Sue Horvath. All in favor.

The Bonds and Salary Committee: Amy Degnan Blasco and Kim Graham. The Bonds and Salary Report was presented by Amy Degnan Blasco. The committee reported that they saw no need to increase salaries at this time. A motion to accept the report was made by Pam Lipski and Seconded by Kelly Palchanis. All in Favor.

The Resolution Committee: Audrey Graham, Frank Lipski and Pam Lipski. The Resolutions Report was presented by Pam Lipski.

RESOLVE: To remember in prayer: Pope Francis, that God Bless him in all his endeavors as Vicar of Christ.

RESOLVE: To Pray for Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton as we continue to build up the kingdom of God. We especially support through our prayers the ongoing Parish Pastoral Planning in our Diocese as we vision forward in 2021 and prepare for the challenges we will face in the future as presented by Bishop Bambera.

RESOLVE: To Pray for our Clergy and Religious, that God grants them the strength and guidance they need in their Ministry. We especially, Pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life and for those struggling in a Vocation and Prayers for healing.

RESOLVE: To work together for the growth of membership in our Group 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol.

RESOLVE: To acknowledge anyone observing a special occasion this year.

RESOLVE: To thank and appreciate all who helped with the preparation and participation in all the events of this year.

RESOLVE: To support the National March for Life. To pray for the Respect of Human Life and Religious Freedom in our Country.

RESOLVE: To encourage support and participation in all or any of the activities of Group 7's Parent's Club.

RESOLVE: To continue to work within Group 7 and our organization with the current and new officers, contributing our time and effort to the best of our ability and keep them in our Prayers.

RESOLVE: To pray for Peace in our Country and World especially during these violent and hostile times.

RESOLVE: To pray for all deceased members of Group 7.

A motion to accept the report was made by Heather Horvath and Seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.

The New Motions Committee: Marty Degnan, Mike Horvath and Sue Horvath. The New Motions Report was presented by Marty Degnan.

- 1. Recommend that all Group 7 officers will hold a four year term coinciding with the Convention rules.
- 2. Recommend that a donation be given to the parish of the annual meeting Mass. Amount of \$150.00.
  - 3. Recommend the minutes of the meeting be submitted

within 90 days of the meeting (per the bylaws) to be published in the Sokol paper.

- 4. Recommend to hold Sokol Day with all assemblies and wreaths supporting the event.
- 5. Recommend a donation of \$200.00 to the North End Slovak Citizen's Club for the use of the club for monthly meetings.
- 6. Recommend local wreaths and assemblies hold quarterly meetings.
- 7. Recommend that the Group 7 logo be worn on all uniforms in group activities.
- 8. Recommend that the Group Physical Director and Directress make a report at the annual meeting and include the number of participants in each program throughout the year an event is held
- 9. Recommend that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to the SCS Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of all deceased members of Group 7.
- 10. Recommend that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to the Slovak Catholic Federation at the time of the Annual Appeal.
- 11. Recommend that the Group President send a letter quarterly to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors wishing them a successful meeting on behalf of Group 7.
- 12. Recommend that we participate in Join Hands Day and in the March of Life Day in Washington D.C.
- Recommend to support new events on all levels of the Slovak Catholic Sokols.
- Recommend to explore new fundraising events for Group 7.
- 15. Recommend to continue to hold the Slovak Flag raising at the Luzerne County Courthouse, more information needed on this topic.
- 16. Recommend the group auditors conduct semi-annual audit to help with fiscal year compliance.
- 17. Recommend that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to the Sisters of Ss. Cyril & Methodius.
- 18. Recommend that a donation of \$50.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen in honor of living and deceased members of Group 7
- 19. Recommend that a donation of \$100 be made to the food collection "Day of the Poor" at Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- 20. Recommend to continue to adopt a "Family in Need" for Christmas.
- 21. Recommend that a donation of \$50.00 to the concelebrant of the Annual Meeting Mass.

A motion to accept the report was made by Gary Blasco and Seconded by Rob Palchanis. All in Favor.

The Physical Fitness Board Report: (Marty Degnan, August Palchanis, Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis and Rob Palchanis) August Palchanis read the recommendations for the upcoming year.

- To send qualified participants for the upcoming Slet.
- To use available facilities for practices and social events, e.g.,
   North End Slovak Club or other facilities available.
- To pay entrance fees for tournaments; continue to charge for t-shirts.
- To apply to headquarters for allotments for gymnastic/track coaches.
- To continue activities within the Group such as bowling, golf tournament and to award prizes.
- To continue to encourage the Parent's Club with fundraisers for the upcoming year.
- To continue the "Kathy Yencha Bly" sportsmanship award if approached by a member of the family. This award was usually presented at Sokol Day to an eligible participant to be nominated by the Physical Fitness Board and agreed upon by the Yencha/

Bly family. It was not awarded in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

- To have all background checks updated when necessary and for all new coaches.
- For the Group to purchase props for drilling for the upcoming year, this would also include sporting equipment and first aid supplies when needed.

There were two virtual zoom meetings held in 2020 by the Physical Fitness Board.

A motion to accept the report was made by Marty Degnan and seconded by Frank Lipski. All in favor.

The Nominations Report was presented by Mike Horvath. All current officer positions will remain under their four-year term (nominated in 2019), no updates/nominations needed with the exception of Financial Secretary/Treasurer at this time.

Chaplain – Fr. Richard Cirba. President – Amy Degnan Blasco. Vice President – Marty Degnan.

Nomination for Financial Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Graham. A motion to accept the nomination was made by Amy Blasco. Kim Graham accepted the nomination. All in Favor.

Recording Secretary – Kim Graham Reporter – Pam Lipski

Auditors (3) – Gary Blasco, Joe Hvozdovic Jr., Tony Rasimas Sports Director – Dawn Palchanis

Assistant Sports Direct – Heather Horvath Physical Director – Matthew Malenovitch

Physical Directress – Kelly Palchanis

Assistant Physical Directress – August Palchanis Historian – Frank Lipski

A motion to close nominations was made by Rob Palchanis and seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.

Old Business: Amy Degnan Blasco – no old business at this time.

New Business: Amy Degnan Blasco There are a few items:

- Family Day Campground in Enon Valley, PA July 15 to
- 2. 2021 SCS Golf Tournament Treasure Lake Resort, Du-Bois, PA August 6 to 8.
- 3. Annual Butch Hvozdovic Golf Tournament, Assembly 59 Hollenback Golf Course, August date TBD.
- 4. Sokol Day Saturday, September 4, 2021 Plains Pavillion, 12 noon to 6 pm.
- 5. 2021 annual meeting November 2021, Site and time TBD.
- 6. Annual reunion Novembe 26, 2021 from 7-10 pm at the NE Slovak Club. Bring covered dish. Will have giving tree (rename as "Nancy Fedor Giving Tree"). Donation for a friend in need.
- 7. Parent's Club Dawn Palchanis Treasurer's report as of May 23, 2021, Balance in account is \$3,346.47. Will sell lottery tickets for fundraiser lottery.
  - 8. Group 7 Christmas Party Date and time TBD.
- 9. Sokol Secure Fund determine additional deposits at a later date.

A motion to accept new business was made by Kelly Palchanis and seconded by Gary Blasco. All in Favor.

Good of the Order: Amy Degnan Blasco thanked everyone for helping throughout the year. No one had anything else to add.

Kelly Palchanis made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.

Marty Degnan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Zdar Boh! **Kim Graham**Group 7 Recording Secretary

# 66<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TREASURE LAKE GOLF RESORT, DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA – AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>

The longer days and warmer weather brings us closer to the golf season and to our Slovak Catholic Sokol 66th International Golf Tournament which will be held August 6th-8th at Treasure Lake Golf

Resort, DuBois, Pennsylvania.



We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful weekend of fraternalism and sportsmanship. The participants and guests for the 66<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament will stay at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn or at Treasure Lake Golf Resort.

Over the years, this event has become much more than a golf outing, but has evolved into a true fraternal family event. Many of our

Sokol members now attend the tournament accompanied with their respective families, which has added to the richness of the event and true fraternal camaraderie.

We are hoping to have a large turnout of golfers and guests this year, especially after the cancellation of the 2020 Golf Tournament due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please return your application and fee as soon as possible to my home address: 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981. If you have any questions pertaining to the event, please call or text me at (973) 647-8551. Email <a href="mailto:matlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org">matlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org</a>. Application and fee deadline for the tournament is July 9th (postmarked).

The full golf package is only \$295.00 double occupancy and \$415.00 single occupancy. The golf package includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, three full rounds of golf with cart, two nights lodging, including breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The golf package also includes the Friday night hospitality and a Saturday dinner. (All taxes and gratuities are included).

For our members who may not require the lodging and meal package, there is a golf only package for \$160.00, which includes entry fee and tournament expense fees. The non-golf weekend package rate is \$140 which includes lodging and breakfast if you stay at the Fairfield Inn or Hampton Inn.

Each golfer must make his or her own hotel arrangements by contacting the Fairfield Inn and Suites at 814-371-2260 or Hampton Inn at 814-375-1000.

Golf reservations for the practice round on Friday should be made with the Gold Course, 814-913-1482 or the Silver Course, 814-913-1480.

The Friday evening Hospitality will be held outside at the Silver Course Pavilion at Treasure Lake. On Saturday, Luigi's Catering will offer an early evening full buffet dinner that also will be served outside at the Silver Course Pavilion.

This will be a great fraternal event, and we hope to see all of you at Treasure Lake Resort this August. St. Catherine of Siena in DuBois, PA, has 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday afternoon. During the golf tournament all of the players and guests will follow the CDC guidelines in place at the time of the event for the state of Pennsylvania, Clearfield County and Treasure Lake Golf Resort.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Website <a href="https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org">www.slovakcatholicsokol.org</a> under Sports Programs Zdar Boh! – James C. Matlon, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Every contestant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU in good standing for at least one (1) year or three (3) months with Single Premium Life Insurance prior to the event with

a minimum of \$3,000.00 coverage. All new members who are enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 will require a new minimum of \$5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage.

2. (A) The golf tournament will consist of six (6) flights as listed below before applying 75% to handicap:

"A" Flight 0 to 12 Handicap "D" Flight Callaway System

"B" Flight 13 to 20 Handicap "S" Flight Senior,

"C" Flight 21 and over "W" Flight Women,

Callaway System

(B) Maximum Handicap per round: Men – 40 Women - 50

- (C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol Handicap or GCU Handicap will be accepted for all flights.
- 3. The tournament shall be held with prevailing U.S.G.A. rules.
- 4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a handicap (handicaps are determined after two years or four rounds) of Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU Tournament play. The Callaway Modified System will be used with two blind holes each round to calculate the daily handicap.
- 5. (A) All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by "Handicap Committee". In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared flight winner.
- (B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.
- 6. All play will be 36 holes: 18 to be played on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> and 18 on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Entry Fee is \$15.00 and Tournament Expense is \$15.00. A golf dinner will be available on Saturday after completion of the first round of tournament play.
- 8. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the prize money will be awarded according to the number of entries received for each flight.
- 9. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Participants wishing for special twosomes & foursomes, please indicate your golf partners on the golf tournament application.
- 10. Penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be according to U.S.G.A. rules with loss of position.
- 11. Entries will close with a Postmark Date of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All tournament fees must accompany Golf Entry Form.
- 12. Make checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports
  Account
- 13. Mailing address: James Matlon 6 Academy Drive East Whippany, NJ 07981-1801

#### SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

#### 66TH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

## AUGUST 6TH - 8TH 2021 - TREASURE LAKE GOLF RESORT - DUBOIS, PA

GOLF PRACTICE RESERVATIONS: GOLD COURSE - (814) 913-1482 & SILVER COURSE (814) 913-1480

U.S.G.A. 36 Holes

Men-5 Flights - Women-1 Flight

#### **ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 9th 2021**

Every golfer must fill out a form	m and all fees must accompany this er	ntry form.						
Name:		Phone: ( )						
Address:								
City/State/Zip:								
Email:								
Certificate#:	Assembly / Wreath	Golfer Signa	ture					
I hereby certify that the name	on this application is a bona-fide mem	ber of this Assembly/W	/reath in good standing.					
		Assembly/Wreath Pre	esident or Secretary					
Men: I am 62 years o	d in two previous SCS Golf Tournamer r older and wish to enter the Senior Fli 8:00 AM Saturday & 8:00 AM	ight and have participa	ted in two previous SCS Go	olf Tournaments				
Full Golf Package	Double Occupancy Package Fee: Entry Fee/Tournament Expense: TOTAL DUE:	<b>FAIRFIELD INN</b> \$ 265.00 \$ 30.00 <b>\$ 295.00</b>	<b>HAMPTON INN</b> \$ 265.00 \$ 30.00 <b>\$ 295.00</b>					
Full Golf Package	Single Occupancy Package Fee: Entry Fee/Tournament Expense: TOTAL DUE:	<b>FAIRFIELD INN</b> \$ 385.00 \$ 30.00 <b>\$ 415.00</b>	<b>HAMPTON INN</b> \$ 385.00 \$ 30.00 <b>\$ 415.00</b>					
Golf Only Package	Package Fee:  Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:  TOTAL DUE:	\$130.00 \$ 30.00 <b>\$ 160.00</b>						
Non-Golf Package	Double Occupancy	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00					
Non-Golf Package	Single Occupancy	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00					

All hotel reservations to be made directly through the Fairfield Inn & Suites, DuBois, PA, 814-371-2260 or Hampton Inn, DuBois, PA 814-375-1000



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kátik" - - July 2021

# **Independence Day**

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Also called the Fourth of July, Independence
Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the
Declaration of Independence was approved by
the Continental Congress. The written declaration stated that the American colonies
were tired of being ruled by Great Britain.
They wanted to become their own country.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Karleigh Richnavsky 7/5
Andrew John Michel 7/8
Michael Phillips III 7/12
Travis Watkins 7/18
Edye Spangler 7/20
Andrew Peterson 7/28



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Canada Day, formerly Dominion Day is <u>Canada</u>'s <u>national day</u>, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country, which was in turn composed of four provinces. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as internationally.





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kátik" - - Jaly 2021

# Canada Day Word Search

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# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kátik" - - Jaly 2021

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If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 15th-August 25th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than **September 13th**. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

Notice that I have divided the groups based on reading ability.... I did this as I anticipate the non-readers to achieve higher book totals as they may have books read to them on a more regular basis. The following is the breakdown of award levels....keep in mind that those that reach higher levels will receive better prizes.

Do me a favor and highlight your favorite books on the list!!! I love to share the titles with other children....Good luck and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Edward Moeller– 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org



#### Non-Readers

Level 1 16 books

Level 2 24 books

Level 3 32 or more books

# Early Readers (sounding out most words)

Level 1 8 books

Level 2 16 books

Level 3 24 or more books



#### Intermediate Readers

(40+ pages each)

Level 1 8 books

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#### Advanced Readers (100+ pages each)

Level 1 4 books

Level 2 8 books

Level 3 12 or more books

#### FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

(Continued from page 3)

heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever."

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9.

#### SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2021 - DANVILLE, PA

As the National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, I, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., hereby call for the 60th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation. All members and current National Officers are to note the following dates and location for the Convention. The Convention dates will be: Sunday, September 26 to Tuesday, September 28, 2021 in Danville, PA. The National Secretary, Dolores Evanko will be your contact person for delegate registration and detail information for the Convention. The Convention will officially open with Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA. The Celebrant will be the Right Rev. Gary, Hoover, OSB, Abbot of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. Abbot Gary also serves as the Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The homily for the Mass will be given by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Following the Mass a Banquet will be held. Working Sessions for the Convention will be on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 till all business is completed.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NEW ENGLAND FRATERNALISTS

The New England Fraternal Alliance will again offer scholarship grants to full time college students. Grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded to students in their sophomore, junior or senior year in college to in graduate school. These grants are paid directly to recipients. These grants are in memory of Pearl Plante and Normand Ouellette, both past presidents of the alliance.

In addition, the Harvey G. Bacque Fraternalist of the Year and the Family of the Year awards will also be offered. For applications and other details, contact Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office. Deadline for applications for these grants is September, 1, 2021 with presentation at the annual meeting in November 2021.

# SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

As of June 15, there are 171 donors who have given \$18,134.50 to the 2021 Appeal. Along with the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, donations have also been received from Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 48, Assembly 71, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Assembly 180, Assembly 219, Group 6, Group 7, Group 12, Wreath 11, Wreath 15, Wreath 81, and Wreath 147. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2021 Appeal but did not receive a letter in January asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2021 will be credited toward the 2022 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

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#### 43RD ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

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Please make check payable to **Slovak Catholic Federation** and mail to: Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National First Vice President Slovak Catholic Federation, Our Lady of Grace Church, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047-4052

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS OF MARCH 31, 2021

ASSETS _	2021	2020	STATEMENT OF INC	OME AND EXPEN	SES
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,588,790	1,517,294	INCOME	2021	2020
Investments - Bonds & Bills 80,557,059		73,886,416			
Investments - Stocks	13,076,848	8,467,320	Investment Income	\$ 814,422	761,946
First Mortgage Loans	593,670	595,702	Amortization of IMR	8,445	4,585
Loans on Certificates	253,999	251,258	Dividends on Stocks	81,000	86,948
Accrued Interest Receivable	803,105	829,062	Interest on Mortgages	-	7,690
Sokol Building/Land	320,610	324,205	Interest on Cerfificate Loans	4,500	6,500
Accounts Receivable	35,835	25,100	Sale of Cookbooks	240	62
Due From Groups	2,610	4,697	Rent Received - Sokol Building	28,450	22,055
			Life Premium Income	585,500	664,260
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 104,232,526	<u>85,901,054</u>	Annuity Income	6,635,706	715,741
			Scholarship Income	-	-
			Miscellaneous Income	(960)	26,619
LIABILITIES AND RESERVE	2021	2020		, ,	
			TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,157,303	2,296,406
Life Reserves	\$ 84,670,710	69,089,083			
Asset Valuation Reserve	2,092,907	341,198			
Interest Maintenance Reserve	258,527	191,470	EXPENSES	2021	2020
Reserve for Supplemental Conf	tracts 3,038,615	2,574,708			
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,811,045	4,816,267	Death Benefit Claims Paid	\$ 598,990	391,032
Reserve for Convention	75,000	15,000	Interest Expense	4,500	6,776
Claims Payable	490,290	534,950	Fraternal Expenses	58,064	60,112
Conversion - Canadian Current	cy 3,847	3,801	General Expenses	262,423	253,624
Accounts Payable	22,000	39,461	Employee Retirement Expenses	89,382	89,705
Sokol Secure Fund	918,779	1,095,554	Commissions	153,160	69,758
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fu	ind 85,000	85,000	Annuity Benefits	571,158	609,841
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000	Taxes & Fees	11,300	43,078
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship	Fund 20,000	20,000	Reserve Increase	6,444,126	648,000
Yencha Memorial Scholarship	23,400	18,500	Cash Surrenders	81,433	123,75
Krista L Glugosh Memorial		·			
Scholarship Fund	24,000	24,000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,274,536	2,295,684
Dividend Payable	50,000	50,000			
Advance Premiums	70,654	89,530	TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (117,233)</u>	<u>722</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 96,754,774	79,088,522	70.4	R BOH!	
Undistributed Funds - Sokol	<u>\$ 7,477,752</u>	6,812,532	Scot	n BOH! <b>t T. Pogorelec, Fl(</b> eme Secretary	
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#### 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 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 <a href="http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm">http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm</a> or simply send your donation

to: James F. Knis, SCS Museum Treasurer, 6385 Harbor Drive, N.W., Canton, OH 44718. Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.

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

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



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#### **MARTIN UNDERATION**

**JANUARY 2, 1955 - MAY 26, 2021** 

On Wednesday, May 26, Martin Underation, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at the age of 66. He was born on January 2, 1955 in Barberton,



OH to Peter and Mary Underation. He attended Ss. Cyril and Methodius School in Barberton and Barberton High School. He married Susan Mollohan on May 1, 1980. Marty and Sue raised three wonderful children, Jamie, Pete, and Keri. Marty retired from Henkel after a 39 year career as a Maintenance Electrician.

He was a faithful Catholic, attending Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church and upon closure, at Prince of Peace Church in Barberton.

He had a passion for golf and bowling with his brothers and friends, but his most important passion was his family.

He loved traveling with his wife Sue. They made multiple trips to Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean and across the U.S. making cherished memories together.

His commitment to his family was always first, but a close second was his dedication to becoming a better golfer. He was on a golf course at least a couple times a week once the weather allowed, and even when it wasn't great golfing weather, he still went out.

Marty was an exceptional man, with a heart that loved fully. He greeted everyone with a smile, along with a hug or a handshake. He valued his friends, the Friday Night Group, and their shenanigans which include but not limited to halloween parties, white elephant Christmases and their many travel adventures together. He gained many friends through his lifelong mebership in the Slovak Catholic Sokol, participating in many tournaments. He was a member of Assembly 167 in Barberton, OH.

He loved his grandchildren with his whole heart, coming to each of their events and always cheering them on. He was ready to babysit and help every time we would call, ready to swim and be dunked and jumped on in the pool. Many a grandchild would be caught in his leg trap only to be tickled and hugged.

Marty will be missed with our whole hearts. We feel blessed to have our time with him, but it wasn't enough.

Marty was preceded in death by his father, Peter, his mother, Mary and brother Joe. He is survived by his wife Sue, his three children Jamie (Joe) Zollinger, Pete (Beth) Underation, and Keri (Josh) Smith, as well as his nine grandchildren, Trenton, Xavier, Isaiah, Rowan, Vera, Reese, Hayden, Peyton, and Daxton, along with mother in law, Selva Payne, father in law, Donald (Wanita) Mollohan, and his brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, June 2 at Prince of Peace in Norton, OH. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.

# In Memoriam

#### **MAY 2021**

ASSEMBLY/	MEMBER A	GE	DATE OF DEATH
WREATH			
Assembly 9	James Mattioli, New Britain, CT	86	May 10, 2021
Assembly 11	Audrey H. Klotnia, Dayton, OH	86	December 18, 2021
Assembly 11	Evelyn R. Groth, Rochester, IL	78	May 1, 2021
Assembly 11	William R. Galis, Marana, AZ	92	May 2, 2021
Assembly 16	Edward J. Vodzak, Bethel Park, PA	93	May 13, 2021
Assembly 25	Elizabeth A. Bohatch of Mt. Pleasant, PA	86	April 11, 2021
Assembly 25	William E. Zeka, Connellsville, PA	89	April 24, 2021
Assembly 36	Geor Bee Yang, Framingham, MA	81	April 13, 2021
Assembly 36	Deng Nang Chanh, Ypsilanti, MI	67	May 3, 2021
Assembly 54	Brent A. Moculski, West Sunbury, PA	51	May 16, 2021
Assembly 63	Alexander Medovicz, Briarcliff Manor, NY	93	May 12, 2021
Assembly 78	Barbara Seman Stout, Bethlehem, PA	63	April 28, 2021
Assembly 86	Jerome P. Hizny, Tucson, AZ	79	April 20, 2021
Assembly 108	Thomas R. Adams, Youngstown, OH	33	April 11, 2019
Assembly 162	Stephen Goceljak, Kansas City, KS	92	May 12, 2021
Assembly 163	John M. Bedner, Donora, PA	91	April 10, 2021
Assembly 299	Neville Persaud, South Ozon Park, NY	82	May 22, 2021
Assembly 312	Katherine Gregg, Broomfield, CO	92	February 18, 2021
Assembly 312	Mary Ann Reinhardt, Augusta, NJ	90	April 15, 2021
Assembly 312	Helen Calise, Springfield, PA	89	May 5, 2021
Wreath 11	Stephen E. Bederka, Tampa, FL	90	March 24, 2021
Wreath 15	Dorothy A. Venneri, Rostraver Twp. PA	81	May 23, 2021
Wreath 15	Helen Louis Berezansky, Carmichaels, PA	77	May 3, 2021
Wreath 21	Irene A. Hooker, San Antonio, TX	99	May 15, 2021
Wreath 39	Eleanor Bortnick, Bridgeport, CT	79	November 8, 2009
Wreath 54	Anna Lessick, Youngstown, OH	97	April 6, 2021
Wreath 54	Joanne Testa, Monroe, MI	73	April 13, 2021
Wreath 85	Josephine Di Pasquale, Aliquippa, PA	81	April 14, 2021
Wreath 85	Alan Parisi, Ambridge, PA	60	May 13, 2021
Wreath 93	Lillian Alberts, Wauwatosa, WI	90	April 1, 2021
Wreath 93	Alexander J. Masiarchin, Hartford, WI	81	May 18, 2021
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# 160. VÝROČIE MEMORANDA NÁRODA SLOVENSKÉHO

Na 160. výročie vyhlásenia Memoranda národa slovenského Matica slovenská v spolupráci s mestom Martin usporiadali sériu podujatí, ktorými si dôstojne pripomenuli výročie programového dokumentu štátoprávnych, politických a kultúrnych požiadaviek Slovákov. Memorandum národa slovenského bolo prijaté v dňoch 6. – 7. júna 1861 slovenským národným zhromaždením v Martine. Požadovalo uznanie Slovákov ako svojbytného politického národa v Uhorska, vytvorenie Hornouhorského slovenského okolia s vlastnými volenými zástupcami, slovenský jazyk ako úradný jazyk na úradoch, súdoch a školách, založenie Matice slovenskej, katedru slovenskej reči a literatúry v Pešti či zriadenia Právnickej akadémie. Tzv. rodný list Slovenska si do Martina prišli pripomenúť ústavní činitelia i široká slovenská verejnosť.

Slávnostné zasadnutie Predsedníctva Matice slovenskej, ktorého sa zúčastnili i niektorí poslanci NR SR a ďalší významní hostia výrazne obohatila prednáška historika doc. PaedDr. Pavla Pareničku, CSc., s názvom Memorandum národa slovenského – vrchol kultúrno-politických snáh Štúrovcov. Na nádvorí sídelnej budovy Matice slovenskej matičiari vytvorili alegorický dobový



Prýhovor predsedu Matice slovenskej, Mariáana Gašpara, na Národnom cintoríne pri hrobe Jána Francisciho.



Dobový sprievod matičiarov a hosti pred sídelnou budobou Matice slovenskej pri príležitosti osláv 160. výročia Memoranda národa Slovenského. Foto: Ján Seman

sprievod v kostýmoch zo Šatnice Matice slovenskej. Sprievod sa pohyboval cez Memorandove námestie a pešiu zónu mesta Martin na Národný cintorín. V úcte k memorandistom organizátori podujatia venovali pietnu spomienku Jánovi Franciscimu, Štefanovi Markovi Daxnerovi, Viliamovi Paulinymu-Tóthovi a ďalším.

Program vrcholil slávnostnou akadémiou spojenou s položením vencov k pamätníku Memoranda za účasti predsedu NR SR Borisa Kollára, podpredsedu NR SR Milana Laurenčíka, štátnej tajomníčky Ministerstva kultúry Zuzany Kumanovej, poslanca NR SR Juraja Blanára, poslankyne NR SR a členky Výboru pre kultúru a médiá NR SR Ľubice Laššákovej, poslanca NR SR a člena Výboru pre kultúru a médiá NR SR Tomáša Tarabu, poslanca NR SR Erika Tomáša, poslanca NR SR Miloša Svrčeka, poslanca NR SR a primátora Turčianskych Teplíc Igora Husa a primátora mesta Martin Jána Danka.

Plénu sa prihovoril i predseda Matice slovenskej, Marián Gešper: "My sme potomkovia a dediči obrovského odkazu Memoranda národa slovenského. Memorandisti, aj keď sa nedožili jeho výsledku, by boli spokojní, lebo demokratická a zvrchovaná Slovenská republika je dnes aktívnou súčasťou našich životov. Všetky piliere štátnej moci, teda inštitúcie ako Národná rada SR, vláda SR, úrad prezidenta SR, majú základy v memorandovom slovenskom národnom zhromaždení. Vtedajší predseda tohto zhromaždenia Ján Francisci bol pomyselným predsedom národnej rady a aj vtedajšie memorandové snemové zhromaždenie bolo niečo podobné ako súčasná národná rada. Matica slovenská bola jednou z požiadaviek memoranda. Zároveň bola veľmi úzko spätá so vzdelávacím požiadavkami, aby boli založené inštitúcie ako právna akadémia, akadémia reči a literatúry slovenskej, a aby bolo možné aktívne používať slovenčinu v úradoch na pomyselnom Hornouhorskom slovenskom okolí."

Slávnostnú bodku programu udelili ochotnícki herci Mladej Matice a Divadelného odboru Matice slovenskej, ktorí pripravili dobovú divadelnú scénku s názvom Rodný list Slovenska.

- Zuzana Pavelcová

### PRVÍ ŠTYRIA SLOVENSKÍ PILOTI ABSOLVOVALI V USA SÓLO LET NA STÍHAČKE

Prví štyria zo slovenských pilotov, ktorí v súčasnosti pôsobia na americkej leteckej základni v Tucsone, absolvovali svoj prvý sólo let na stíhacom lietadle F-16, teda bez inštruktora.

Zvyšných šesť pilotov, ktorí sú na výcviku, si na svoju príležitosť budú musieť ešte počkať, kým naplno dokončia všetky štádiá svojej prípravy.

Informovalo o tom Ministerstvo obrany SR na svojom profile na sociálnej sieti.

Slovensko objednalo celkovo 14 lietadiel F-16 za predchádzajúceho vedenia rezortu obrany. Ich dodanie je naplánované do roku 2024.

Prvých sedem stíhacích lietadiel dodajú na Slovensko v roku 2023.

V rovnakom roku je naplánované aj ukončenie výcviku prvých slovenských pilotov F-16, návrat posledných pilotov sa plánuje na rok 2028. – TASR

## V MARCI ZOMRELO O 48 PERCENT VIAC ĽUDÍ AKO V PREDOŠLÝCH ROKOCH

V marci tohto roka zomrelo o 48 percent viac ľudí ako počas predchádzajúcich piatich rokov. Celkovo išlo o 7232 osôb.

Druhá vlna pandémie ochorenia COVID-19 tak negatívne ovplyvňovala štatistiky úmrtnosti šiesty mesiac za sebou. Oproti februáru sa však situácia zlepšila.

"Celková nadúmrtnosť bola v marci evidentne nižšia ako v januári a vo februári. Pozitívnejší trend vývoja dokresľuje fakt, že na Slovensku v marci zomrelo najmenej ľudí za posledné štyri mesiace. Aký vplyv malo na počet úmrtí ochorenie COVID-19, prinesú až údaje o príčinách úmrtí," komentovala Zuzana Podmanická, riaditeľka odboru štatistiky obyvateľstva.

Ešte v januári 2021 dosahovala celková nadúmrtnosť v Slovenskej republike v porovnaní s päťročným priemerom 75 percent, vo februári takmer 67 percent.

Napriek poklesu úmrtí úrad naďalej eviduje vysoký počet v kategórii ľudí starších ako 65 rokov. Zomrelo o 52 percent viac seniorov ako v predchádzajúcich rokoch.

Potvrdila sa tak situácia predošlých mesiacov, keď osem z desiatich úmrtí v SR predstavujú osoby vo veku 65 rokov a viac.

Zložitejšia situácia bola v kategórii mladších seniorov vo veku 65 až 74 rokov. "Nadúmrtnosť v skupine mladších seniorov však prvýkrát v tomto roku klesla pod hranicu 100 percent. V januári bola nadúmrtnosť 108 percent, vo februári 103 percent a v marci 87 percent. Situácia sa zlepšila aj v skupine starších seniorov vo veku 75 a viac rokov, z februárovej hodnoty nadúmrtnosti 59 % na marcových 37 percent," objasnila Podmanická.

Najhoršia situácia bola v Trenčianskom kraji. V marci 2021 v tomto regióne zomieralo takmer o 72 percent viac ľudí, ako bol priemer v predošlých piatich rokoch. Nasledoval Žilinský kraj s nárastom počtu zomretých voči priemeru skoro o 58 percent oproti februárovým 20 percentám.

"Žilinský kraj sa tak z regiónu s najnižšou nadúmrtnosťou aj najnižším absolútnym počtom zomretých v januári i vo februári zmenil na región s druhou najvyššou mierou nadúmrtnosti," skonštatovala hovorkyňa úradu Jana Morháčová.

Najmenšiu odchýlku od priemeru mal v marci Nitriansky kraj s mierou nadúmrtnosti 24 percent. Pozitívny vývoj zaznamenal aj Bratislavský kraj. V oboch regiónoch dokázali prudko znížiť mieru nadúmrtnosti. - *sme.sk* 

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# KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Rok 2021 sa pre Železničnú spoločnosť Cargo Slovakia (ZSSK Cargo) vyvíja priaznivejšie, ako sa dalo očakávať v závere minulého roka. Rastie objem prepráv, rovnako sa zvyšujú aj tržby. Spoločnosť predpokladá, že v rámci hromadného prepúšťania celkovo skončí pracovný pomer približne 360 zamestnancov z plánovaných 442. Pre TASR to uviedla Silvia Kuncová zo ZSSK Cargo.

Rast cien nehnuteľností v SR sa nekončí. Potvrdzujú to aj štatistiky Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS) za prvý štvrťrok. Cena za štvorcový meter podľa jej dát medziročne stúpla o 15,5 percenta. Zdražovanie nehnuteľností dvojciferným tempom zaznamenáva NBS už štyri kvartály po sebe. Nezmenila to ani pandémia covidu, ktorá realitný trh spomalila len na malú chvíľu. Dôvody extrémneho rastu cien podľa NBS súvisia s nedostatočnou ponukou nehnuteľností na trhu a lacným úverovaním. Priemerná sadzba nových hypoték v slovenských bankách sa pohybuje na úrovni 0,94 percenta. "Neočakávame žiadne výrazné zmeny v úrokových mierach, ktoré sa naďalej držia v blízkosti historického minima," dodáva NBS. Naopak, ceny nájomného v priebehu pandémie v závislosti od lokality klesli o pätnásť až dvadsať percent. To je zlá správa pre tých, čo nehnuteľnosť nekupujú na svoje bývanie, ale ako investičnú príležitosť.

Na Slovensku aktuálne chýba 14-tisíc zdravotných sestier. Ich priemerný vek je 47 rokov. V systéme ich je aktuálne 31 309Najčastejšie odchádzajú do susedného Česka. Nedostatok sestier ovplyvňuje poskytovanie zdravotnej starostlivosti s negatívnym dosahom na pacientov a zhoršujúcou sa pracovnou spokojnosťou sestier, ktoré v systéme pracujú. Zároveň veľa sestier uvažuje, že profesiu opustí. Z výsledkov medzinárodného prieskumu "Barometer medzi sestrami" vyplýva, že spočiatku väčšina študentov počas štúdia plánuje zostať pracovať doma. Po absolvovaní štúdia svoj názor často zmenia. Kým slovenskí absolventi odchádzajú do Česka, českí absolventi migrujú najčastejšie do Nemecka, uviedla komora.

Na základe rozhodnutia Severoatlantickej aliancie Ozbrojené sily Slovenskej republiky stiahli vojačky a vojakov pôsobiacich v operácii Resolute Support v Afganistane. 16. júna sa tak ukončilo ich takmer dvadsaťročné pôsobenie v tejto oblasti. Od roku 2002 sa postupne v operáciách medzinárodného krízového manažmentu pod vlajkou NATO či v rámci koalície ochotných, vystriedalo viac ako 4 300 slovenských vojakov. Slovenskí vojaci postupne pôsobili v operáciách Enduring Freedom (Trvalá Sloboda), ISAF a v ostatných viac ako piatich rokoch v operácii Resolute Support (Rozhodná Podpora). Vo všetkých týchto operáciách plnili Ozbrojené sily Slovenskej republiky široké spektrum úloh, od výstavby a budovania infraštruktúry koaličných vojsk na letiskách v Bagrame a Kandaháre, cez ochranu základní v podobe strážnych jednotiek, až po výcvik a prípravu afganských bezpečnostných síl.

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