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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

Since we live in the digital age of instant information many of us saw the pictures the Supreme Physical Fitness Board posted on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Face Book page of



Sokol members having a great fraternal time at the Sokol Family Fest held on July 15-18, 2021, at the SNPJ Recreation center in Enone Valley, PA. Hats off to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for organizing this event for the membership and for keeping everyone busy with activities during the day and evening, even during the occasional rainstorms. To all the Sokol members who attended, you made the Sokol Family Fest a success and thank you for your fraternal dedication and for participating.

Our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon has all-ready for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 66th International Golf Tournament, August 6 – 8, 2021 at Treasure Lake Golf Resort in Dubois, PA. Brother Matlon has everything set to welcome all Sokol golfers and the other golfers from the other fraternals for an exciting and competitive tournament. May all enjoy the tournament and have great rounds of golf. The summer of 2021 is two thirds over since August is where we start winding down. The summer of 2021 has been somewhat fun since many of the Covid restrictions were eliminated but we know there are some that remain. We all were ready for

more freedom and less restrictions but as we have seen we still need to be aware of the dangers that still exist. Enjoy the rest of the summer and your vacation as you prepare for autumn and the start of the new school year.

This summer we also saw what can happen if we do not take care of things and or delay paying attention to experts and what they recommend. We were all shocked to see a high-rise condo collapse in Florida that claimed 200 plus lives and changed the lives of many families. Then there are the wildfires in the west that we can see here on the east coast by the haze in the sky making the sunrises and sets bright orange, they are beautiful but come at a great cost to all of us. Let us pray for all those that lost their lives in the Condo collapse and for the families affected as they rebuild their lives.

No one can predict what the future has in store for us, but these tragic events should make us think, do we have our house in order? Do we have enough life insurance that can be passed on to our loved ones if something happens to us that they can use to help them rebuild? If this is the time to think about your future to see if you need additional life insurance coverage contact our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C. for help figuring out what you might need to provide financial security to your family.

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

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY 163

The semiannual meeting of Assembly 163 in Donora, PA was held on Sunday, June 27. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 and began at 1:00 p.m. The financial report was given, minutes reviewed and discussion regarding planning a Children Christmas Party this year. It was agreed to have in person meeting going forward.

– **Theresa, Gardner**, *Financial Secretary*

PARISH FESTIVAL SET IN CLIFTON, NJ SEPT. 5TH

SS.Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, NJ will host its traditional festival on Sunday, September 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the parish grounds located at 218 Ackerman Avenue. There will be plenty of picnic food favorites along with traditional Slovak culinary specialties. There will be a 50-50 raffle along with other raffles. Drinks will include water, soda and beer. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

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From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

SOKOL SUMMER

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



"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Proverbs 4:23

Greetings from the Home Office! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer heat and staying safe. It may be easy to drop our guard a bit as many places fully open with no restrictions. But this virus and its variants are truly an unknown. I urge all our members to be aware of your environment and to take proper precautions while following all CDC and State recommendations. I know that many Group, Assembly, and Wreath outings are being planned and I ask all our officers to use their best judgement when having your events. I also ask you to let us know about your event and take photos so we can publish them in the Falcon. You may just give another Group, Assembly, or Wreath an idea!

I was happy to see that some of our members were able to enjoy some outdoor fun while attending SokolFest at the SNPJ Recreation Facility in Enon Valley, PA. Our Supreme Physical Fitness Board and the staff at the facility followed all Covid-19 pandemic guidelines mandated by the state of Pennsylvania. They took great care of ensuring the health and safety of our members who were in attendance. By the response and various mentions our social media platforms, it looks like everyone had a great time! I would like to thank our Supreme Physical Fitness Board for always trying different ways to engage our members.

This upcoming week will be special for our organization as we will be holding our 66th International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Golf Resort in Dubois, PA. It will be our first tournament in two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be joined by our brother fraternal, First Catholic Slovak Union and Greek Catholic Union and we

are anticipating well over 120 golfers. Over the years, this event has become much more than a golf outing, as it has become a true Fraternal event. Unfortunately, due to the border being closed, we will surely be missing our brothers and sisters from Canada, and we look forward to seeing them in person again. All activities for this event will be held outdoors and I urge all in attendance to stay safe.

I would like to ask all our members to continue to promote our Society and all that it has to offer. 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 anyone has any questions, please feel free to call our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, at (412) 381-5431 or give me a call at the Home Office, (800) 886-7656 and we will be glad to assist you.

Until next time, continue to enjoy the summer weather! Stay safe, stay strong, and stay POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

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

MINNEAPOLIS PARISH TO HOST SUMMER FESTIVAL

Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 will once again participate in the traditional Summer Festival of SS.Cyril and Methodius Parish on Saturday, August 21st from noon to 4 p.m. on the parish grounds located at 1315 2nd Street in Northeast, Minneapolis, MN.

Everyone is excited at hosting this year's festival since last year's had been cancelled. The festival is an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant spirit of our parish. There will be plenty of traditional food and drink. DJ music will be provided. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. We hope that many of our area Sokols and Sokolky will join us for an afternoon of summer fun.

Minneapolis was one of the oldest Slovak colonies in America. Our parish, founded in 1891 is the third oldest Slovak parish established in America and the first to choose our Slav apostles as its patrons.

For additional information on this year's event, call James T. Genosky at tel.763 789-9196. Zdar Boh!

– Assembly 34, Wreath 47

16TH YOUNGSTOWN SLOVAK FEST

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Youngstown, OH will host its traditional Slovak Fest on Sunday, August 15 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Festivities begin with a Slovak-English Mass at 10:30 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. A choice of 2 dinners featuring Slovak culinary specialties will be available. Del Sinchak and his orchestra will entertain from 1-3 p.m. Pre-ordered take-outs will be available by calling the rectory at tel. 330 788-5082. Proceeds aid Catholic education. There will be a Slovak heritage display. We hope to see many Mahoning Valley Sokols and Sokolky at this year's festival Zdar Boh!

– Loretta Ekoniak

CHECK OUT THE NEW SOKOL WEAR!

HOODIES, T-SHIRTS, GOLF SHIRTS, VISORS AND CAPS are now available on line. Order yours today by simply going to our website

slovakcatholicsokol.org

and selecting the link

"New Sokol Wear".

Clothing items will be shipped directly to your door!

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

ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

AUGUST 15TH

In the late 4th century, [Epiphanius of Salamis](#) wrote of his search for reliable traditions concerning the fate of Mary and his inability to discover any. His inquiry suggests that discussion of Mary's immortality had already arisen in popular circles, and he identifies three beliefs concerning her end: that she died a normal and peaceful death; that she died a martyr; and that she did not die. He suggested tentatively that Chapter 12 of the [Book of Revelation](#), which speaks of a woman "clothed with the Sun" who escapes "the dragon" by fleeing into the wilderness to be nourished "for a time, and times, and half a time," might possibly be a reference to her immortality, but the early church identified the woman with the church and there is no evidence that an identification with Mary existed before Epiphanius. "No one knows her end," he concludes.

The Dormition/Assumption of Mary makes its first appearance in two apocryphal texts from the third and fourth centuries, the *Liber Requiei Mariae* ("Book of Mary's Repose"), and the "Six Books Dormition Apocryphon". Both come from heterodox (i.e., proto-heretical) circles, the first having strong [Gnostic](#) overtones and the second associated with a sect called the Kollyridians, whom Epiphanius condemned for their excessive devotion to Mary. Notable later apocrypha based on these include *De Obitu S. Dominae* and *De Transitu Virginis*, both probably from the 5th century, with further versions by [Dionysius the Areopagite](#), and [St. Gregory of Tours](#), among others. The *Transitus Mariae* was among apocrypha condemned in a 6th-century work called *Decretum Gelasium* (the "Decree of [Gelasius](#)", although not in fact by Pope Gelasius I), but by the early 8th century it was so well established that [John of Damascus](#) could set out what had become the standard Eastern tradition, that "Mary died in the presence of the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven."

In some versions of the story, the event is said to have taken place in [Ephesus](#), in the [House of the Virgin Mary](#). This is a much more recent and localized tradition. The earliest traditions say that Mary's life ended in [Jerusalem](#). By the 7th century, a variation emerged, according to which one of the apostles, often identified as [St. Thomas](#), was not present at the death of Mary but his late arrival precipitates a reopening of Mary's tomb, which is found to be empty except for her grave clothes. In a later tradition, Mary drops [her girdle](#) down to the apostle from heaven as testament to the event. This incident is depicted in many later paintings of the Assumption.

Teaching of the Assumption of Mary became widespread across the Christian world, having been celebrated as early as the 5th century and having been established in the East by Emperor Maurice around AD 600. St. John Damascene records

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FATHER ANDREW HVOZDOVIC IN NEW PARISH ASSIGNMENT

Scranton Bishop Joseph Bambera has named our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC to a new parish assignment. Father Andrew has been appointed pastor of Gate of Heaven Parish in Dallas, PA and Our Lady of Victory Parish in Harvey's Lake, PA. The new assignment is effective in early August. Father Andrew has served as pastor of the Sayre, PA parish for the past 16 years. On a positive note, Father Andrew's new assignment will bring him closer to his mother Margaret, who is doing well, which is now just a 20-minute ride from his new parish. This is opposed to the nearly two hour drive to visit his mom from the Sayre parish.

In addition to serving as our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew also serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation. We offer prayerful best wishes to Father Andrew at this time in his priestly ministry among us. May God continue to bless him with good health and continued vigor as he so beautifully mirrors our rich Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Ad multos annos!

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.

ATTENTION SOKOL GOLFERS!!!

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 66th 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 nonprofit 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

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2021, and greeted all the members of the Board on the call.

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

Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

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

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

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

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on March 19, 2021, and published in the May 1, 2021, issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Approved

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

Brother Suess gave a snapshot of the current life and annuity production for the year to date as compared to the 2021 projections.

Brother Albert also gave an update on the **Drive to 50 Campaign**, which will be extended to June 30, 2022.

Brother Albert also updated the Board on our website enhancements and an online application process that is being researched through various vendors.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Horvath thanked Brother Suess for the report. President Horvath then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon. Approved

President Horvath then called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano, Market Director/Senior Vice-President, and Ms. Cynthia Cole, Fixed Income Specialist, of PNC Institutional Asset Management to present the **PNC Advisor's Report**.

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

Ms. Cole reviewed the portfolio's structure, quality and updated the Board on recent changes within the portfolio. Additionally, Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole discussed the continued effects of the coronavirus on the fixed income investing, the current level of interest rates, and expectations for potential investment opportunities during the second half of the year.

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and Mr. Calimano indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment. The Board members expressed thanks to Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole for their presentation.

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

Brother Matlon reported that, unfortunately, the Slovak Catholic Sokol 75th Annual International Bowling Tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Brother Matlon, Brother Underation, and Sister Swift also updated the Board on the virtual meetings that have been held between the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.

The Treasure Lake Resort is ready to host our 66th International Golf Tournament from August 6th-8th and expect to have the largest turnout in many years with additional golfers from the GCU and FCSU. The 2021 Tournament social gatherings will be outside for the health and safety of all participants and guests. The expected number of golfers for the 2021 tournament will allow us to use both the Gold and Silver Course on Saturday and Sunday.

President Horvath thanked Brother Matlon, Brother Underation, and Sister Swift for their report and entertained a motion to accept, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. Approved

Brother President then called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the **Legal Department Report**.

Counsel reported that there are two items to report on:

1. Brother John updated the Board on the potential buyer for the print shop in the rear of the Home Office Building.
2. Brother John also updated the Board on the mortgage modifications for our two existing mortgages.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, President Horvath entertained a motion to approve the report, so moved by Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. abstained. Approved

President Horvath thanked the General Counsel and called upon Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Edward D. Moeller, for the **Scholarship Committee Report**.

Brother Moeller reported that the committee met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, via virtual meeting, and made their selections.

The winner's photos appeared in the July 1, 2021, issue

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GROUP 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Group 7 “Rev. Joseph Murgas” of Wilkes-Barre, PA will hold their 85th Annual “Sokol Day” Picnic on Saturday, September 4, 2021. This event will take place at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarke Lane in Plains Twp., PA from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. The picnic will feature Slovak food and other picnic

favorites, and games of chance for all ages. All are invited to come out and spend the day with Group 7 to celebrate our Slovak culture! Sokol Day is open to the public, so please join us.

Zdar Boh!
Pamela Lipski
S.C.S. Group 7 Reporter



Members of the planning committee - l-r in front: Amy Blasco, Dawn Palchanis and Heather Horvath; seated: Mike Horvath, Pam Lipski, Audrey Graham and Joe Hvozdovic; standing: Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic, Marty Degnan, Kelly Palchanis, Matthew Malenovitch, Kim Graham, Gary Blasco and Frank Lipski.



Group 7 recently cleaned up and planted flowers at the memorial site of Father Joseph Murgas, the groups namesake, at Sacret Heart Cemetery in Dallas, PA.

PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is announcing that the 2021 applications are now available for the annual Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained through eligible members of a Fraternal Benefit Society belonging to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance or by contacting the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Secretary-Treasurer at Theresa@lpscu.org or 888-834-6614.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2021 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2021 as a full-time student (twelve semester credits).

- Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.
- Submit a 500-word essay on: **“What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternalism to you and your peers?”**

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2021.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Bernadette Luketich-Sikaras (412) 843-0380 or e-mail bluketichsikaras@croatianfraternalunion.org.

PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2021, to: Bernadette Luketich-Sikaras Chairperson * Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee * Croatian Fraternal Union * 100 Delaney Drive * Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5416

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Your Fraternal Benefit Society: _____ No. of Years a Member: _____

College you will be attending in 2021/2022: _____

Scholastic Achievement (Honors/Awards)*: _____

Extracurricular School Activities*: _____

Civic (non-school) Activities*: _____

Fraternal Benefit Society Activities*: _____

*Information may be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.

Submit a 500-word essay on: **“What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternalism to you and your peers?”**

I understand that my selection for this scholarship is based upon my answers to these questions and the essay I have written; and, further, that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and that the decision of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is final. This application is completed with my knowledge and consent, and false information will void the award. The information that is provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance 2021 Scholarship Rules/Regulations/Requirements

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2021 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2021 as a full-time student (twelve semester credits). Proof of attendance must be submitted with application.
- Obtain a recommendation letter from your Fraternal Benefit Society.
- Submit a 500-word essay on: “What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternalism to you and your peers?”
- Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than September 1, 2021, to:
Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras, Chairperson
Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee
Croatian Fraternal Union
100 Delaney Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5416
- At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.
- Judging will be done by the 2021 Scholarship Committee of the PFA.
- Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting held in October 2021.

**GREAT-GRANDSON OF A SOKOL FOUNDER
GARFIELD, N.J. CITY CLERK ANDREW J. PAVLICA
HONORED AT RETIREMENT DINNER AT THE VENETIAN**

On May 20, The Venetian Restaurant in Garfield, N.J. was the site of a gala dinner honoring Andrew J. "Drew" Pavlica on the occasion of his retirement. He has been the City Clerk of the city of Garfield for the past 33 years. He has also served as the Deputy City Manager of Garfield since 2003. Drew is our Sokol of Assembly 1 in Passaic, N.J. His great-grandfather, Joseph Prelich was among the 46 original founders of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1905 and was active in the Passaic area Slovak community at St. Mary of the Assumption Slovak Parish in its early years.

Brother Drew has been active in the community in the best traditions of fraternal outreach and service. His activities read like a litany of service. He is a past-president of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, a past-president of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association, past-president of the Garfield YMCA and a past-president of the Garfield Rotary Club. Drew is a Walter D. Head Fellow, and a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest recognition one can receive from Rotary International. He is a past-chairman of the Rutgers University/MCANJ Education Committee. Drew is recognized as a Maser Municipal Clerk

by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and is a past-region II Director for the IIMC, representing the Northeastern region of the United States.

He is a devoted public servant who has never missed a Mayor and City Council Meeting in over 33 years of service to the people of Garfield. Drew was named New Jersey "Municipal Clerk of the Year" by the MCANJ in 2018. He has served on the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees, has served on the Garfield Planning Board, and has served on the Garfield Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Drew produced and directed "Tom Duch's Public Policy Forum" a Cable-TV Show when Tom was mayor of the City of Garfield. He is a member of Assembly 1 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, our organization's oldest lodge and was a Special Commissioner for the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund.

He is product of the Garfield School System and is a graduate of Montclair State University

Drew and his lovely wife, Joan Preztunik, reside in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. Congratulations Brother Drew and enjoy your retirement.

Zdar Boh!



Garfield, N.J. City Clerk, and our Sokol of Assembly 1, Drew Pavlica, shown center, accepts a Proclamation from, I-r Garfield Council Member Joe Delaney, Garfield Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, Garfield Deputy Mayor Erin Delaney (also Elmwood Park Borough Clerk) and Garfield City Manager Tom Duch, also our Sokol member, during the retirement dinner honoring Brother Pavlica held on May 20 at the Venetian Restaurant in Garfield, N.J. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Pavlica, who never missed a Mayor and City Council meeting in over 33 years of service, on this happy occasion. Drew's great-grandfather, the late Joseph Prelich was among the 46 founders of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1905. Best wishes go out to Brother Drew and his lovely wife, the former Joan Preztunik. Happy retirement and Zdar Boh!

**Introducing our
newest members**



Halle Hope Richnavsky, born December 22, 2020 is the daughter of Aaron and Rachel Richnavsky of Galloway, OH. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 153 in Parma, OH.



Raelyn Michelle Toth, born October 5, 2020, is the daughter of Joseph and Katherine Moeller Toth of Pittsburgh, PA. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, PA.

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

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of the Falcon publication. Checks will be mailed out from the Home Office in July to the applicants who were selected for a grant. Brother Moeller reported that 29 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grant, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grant, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant, 1 Krista Glugosh Memorial Grant, 1 Yenchu Family Grant and 3 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition, 6 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants and 11 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected.

Thank-you letters acknowledging individual selections have been received at the Home Office and Brother Moeller, as in the past, has forwarded the "essay quotes" received from the winners to be included in the Falcon publication.

Several recommendations were presented from Brother Moeller and the Board agreed with them which would improve the application process. The website will be updated accordingly, and the applications will become available in November of 2021.

President Horvath called for a motion to accept the report submitted by Brother Moeller, so moved by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller abstained. Approved

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the **Annuity Interest Rate** to be offered for the third quarter of 2021.

The Board members had a lively discussion regarding the Annuity Interest Rate, taking into consideration our investment portfolio and the recommendations of our Director of Sales. Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, made a motion to keep the rates at their current level, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller.

Approved
Business to address.

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 3rd Quarter Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24-26, 2021, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. We are hoping to have our first in-person meeting in over 18 months. Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved
Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozovic, V.F., offered the Closing Prayer for all the ill and deceased members of our organization, as well as all affected by Covid-19.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MUSEUM DONATIONS APRIL – JUNE 2021

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations which were received in April through June of 2021 for our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, NJ. A donation in someone's honor is a great way to pay tribute to a Sokol member who has been active in your Group, Assembly, or Wreath.

The monies received from these donations fund our annual \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships which assist our young people in their educational endeavors. The number of scholarship grants the Museum Board gives out, depends upon the amount of donations received.

DONATION RECEIVED

In Memory of	Donated By	Amount
Nancy Fedor	Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdozovic Mrs. Margaret Hvozdozovic	\$ 50.00
Mary Jean Tarantini	David Tarantini Family	100.00
Nancy Fedor	David Tarantini Family	50.00
Joe and Marge Pramik	Celeste Oprean	100.00
Paul Knis	Supreme Treasurer James Knis and his wife Michele	100.00
Marty Underation	Supreme Treasurer James Knis and his wife Michele	50.00
Deceased Members of Group 7	Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA	100.00

Total Donations this Quarter: \$ 550.00

Total donations to date in 2021: \$ 1,315.00

Thank you for your generosity,
James F. Knis, Supreme Treasurer

ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

(Continued from page 4)

the following:

St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

The Assumption of Mary was celebrated in the West under [Pope Sergius I](#) in the 8th century and [Pope Leo IV](#) confirmed the feast as official. Theological debate about the Assumption continued, following the Reformation. But the people celebrated the Assumption as part of the cult of Mary that flourished from the Middle Ages. In 1950 [Pope Pius XII](#) defined it as dogma for the [Catholic Church](#). Catholic theologian [Ludwig Ott](#) stated, "The idea of the bodily assumption of Mary is first expressed in certain transitus-narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries. ... The first Church author to speak of the bodily assumption of Mary, in association with an apocryphal transitus of the [B.M.V.](#), is St. Gregory of Tours." The [Catholic](#) writer [Eamon Duffy](#) states that "there is, clearly, no historical evidence whatever for it." However, the Catholic Church has never asserted nor denied that its teaching is based on the apocryphal accounts. The Church documents are silent on this matter and instead rely upon other sources and arguments as the basis for the doctrine.

DRIVE TO 50 SALES CAMPAIGN

CELEBRATING THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will be reaching a significant milestone within the SOKOL World – We will be hosting and presenting our 50th 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. Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to the Sales & Marketing Office:

Slovak Catholic SOKOL
Sales & Marketing
2403 Sidney Street, Suite 200,
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
Phone: 412-381-5431
Fax: 412-742-4638
Toll-Free: 1-855-874-9179
www.scslife.org

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone ____ - ____ - ____

Email: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Age _____ ☐ Date of Birth ____/____/____

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Assembly/Wreath _____ Email _____

Name _____

Phone ____ - ____ - ____

Interest:

☐ Life Insurance

☐ Annuity



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

LEGACY LIFE INSURANCE PLANS

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
1.25% 1.75% 2.00% 2.10% 2.20% 2.50% 2.75%

● SPA Single Premium immediate Annuity

3.00% – 10 Years % Greater ● 2.75% Less than 10 Years

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

A tradition of providing sound financial protection and benefits to our members

The Legacy Collection of Life Insurance

Permanent Life Insurance

Permanent life insurance plans that provides the certainty of a guaranteed amount of death benefit, a guaranteed rate of return on your cash values and a level premium that is guaranteed to never increase for life.

Cash Value

The cash value grows at a steady rate, providing an increasing cash accumulation fund available throughout the lifetime of the contract.

Loan Value

This feature allows you to borrow cash for things like an emergency, fund a child's education or make a mortgage down payment.

Dividends

These "participating" plans are eligible to share in our financial success and receive policy dividends. When a dividend is declared, three options are available:

- Paid-up Additions—purchases additional insurance,
- Left on Deposit—earns interest, or
- Cash.

Tax Advantages

- Tax-free proceeds to beneficiaries.
- Tax-deferred earnings on the cash accumulations fund.

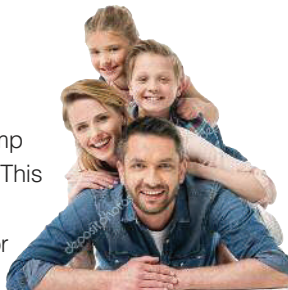
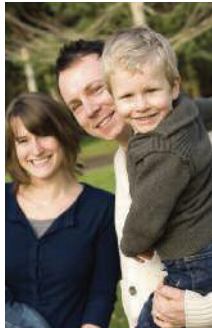
Legacy Life

This is our lowest premium permanent whole life insurance plan. Legacy Life provides a fully paid certificate at a great savings for the life of the certificate holder.

Issue ages 0–80.

Legacy Single Premium

The premium is paid in one lump sum at the time of application. This plan provides a fully paid certificate at a great savings for the life of the certificate holder.



This plan is ideal for young people, and useful for adults that prefer to have their life insurance prepaid or used for wealth transfer.

Issue ages 0–90.

Legacy 20

Premiums are paid for 20 years, at which time the certificate is 'paid-up' and remains in force for the lifetime of the insured, while cash values continue to grow for as long as you keep the contract.

Issue ages 0–80.

Term Life Insurance

10 Year Renewable/Convertible Term

Level death benefit with scheduled level premiums for a period of 10 years. A feature of this plan is that it automatically renews in 10-year increments (at your attained age) until the age of 75 at which time all benefits end. The plan is convertible to a permanent plan of life insurance until age 65.

Issue ages are 18–60.

20 Year Convertible Term

This plan provides a level death benefit and level premiums for 20 years. After the initial 20-year period the plan continues as a Yearly Renewable Term plan and renewable to age 70 at which time all benefits end. The plan is convertible to a permanent plan of insurance until age 65.

Issue ages are 18–50.

Youth Term to Age 30



This plan provides a level death benefit at an affordable premium for youth between the ages of 0 and 30. Future

insurability is guaranteed upon conversion to a permanent life plan at any time up to the age of 25.

Face amounts are available at \$10,000, \$25,000 or \$50,000. Premiums are payable to age 25, however benefits continue to age 30.

The very affordable premiums can be paid:

- Annually, or
- Single Premium.

Issue ages are 0–22.



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VANTAGE DEFERRED ANNUITIES

This Collection of Deferred Annuity plans provides you with a varied range of investment options to fit your financial planning requirements.

Tax-Deferred Earnings

Earnings grow tax-free until a withdrawal occurs. Due to the power of compound tax-deferred growth, your retirement savings will accumulate quicker compared to a fully taxable account.

Cost

With all of our Annuity plans your investment can grow rapidly since there are no initial service, contract, transaction or premium fees. Every dollar you pay in premiums goes directly into your annuity's cash value and earns interest immediately.

Safety

Your annuity deposits are protected by the total resources of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Information regarding the solvency can be readily verified by our financial statements filed with the New Jersey Insurance Department. These financial statements are accompanied by the required Actuarial Certification and Opinion of an independent Certified Public Accountant.

Short Term Investment Opportunities

We currently offer three annuity plans for the individual that is looking for a solid short-term investment alternative. Each of these products interest rates are guaranteed throughout the length of the annuity contract.

Premiums: One lump sum to open, additional premiums accepted for 30 days from opening of contract.

Issue Ages: 0—90

VANTAGE 1

Duration: 1-year contract

Early Withdrawal: 6%

VANTAGE 2

Duration: 2-year contract

Early Withdrawal: 1st year: 6%, 2nd year: 5%

VANTAGE 3

Duration: 3-year contract

Early Withdrawal: 1st year: 6%, 2nd year: 5%, 3rd year: 4%

Longer Term Investment Opportunity

The Vantage 5 and 7 are our longer-term deferred annuity plans that allows for savings, investment or a retirement program. The interest rate is highly competitive. As a flexible annuity plan additional premium deposits are permitted and does not affect or extend the penalty withdrawal period.

VANTAGE 5

Duration: 5-year contract

Guaranteed Interest Rate; 1st year of contract

Early Withdrawal:

- **Penalty Free:** 10% Annually
- **Penalty:** 1st year: 6%, 2nd year: 5%, 3rd year: 4%, 4th year: 3%, 5th year: 2%

VANTAGE 7

Duration: 7-year contract

Guaranteed Interest Rate; 1st two-years of contract

Early Withdrawal:

- **Penalty Free:** 10% Annually
- **Penalty:** 1st year: 8%, 2nd year: 7%, 3rd year: 6%, 4th year: 5%, 5th year: 4%, 6th year: 3%, 7th year: 2%

Guaranteed Income

This Single Premium Immediate Annuity contract when established pays a specified periodic distribution or for a lifetime of income. An Immediate Annuity provides an income benefit almost instantly.

Settlement Options

- Life Only
- Specified Period
- Life and Period Certain
- Payments for Life, Joint and Survivor



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What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland**News and Views
from Slovakia...****POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT SLOVAKIA IN SEPTEMBER**

Pope Francis officially confirmed on Sunday, July 4 that he's set to visit both Slovakia and Hungary in September, the Holy See's news outlet Vatican News reported on the same day.

According to the Slovak Foreign Affairs Ministry, the pope will visit Slovakia on September 12-15.

"It is a great honor for Slovakia that the Holy Father will come to the country for a three-day apostolic visit, which will be both official and pastoral. It's an important moment for Slovakia's relations with the Holy See, as well as for the faithful and for all people committed to Christian and humanist principles," stated chief of Slovak diplomacy Ivan Korcok.

This will be the fourth time the pope pays an apostolic visit to Slovakia, as former pope John Paul II visited the country in 1990, 1995 and 2003.

**'AIRCAR' PROTOTYPE COMPLETES
NITRA-BRATISLAVA FLIGHT IN 25 MINS**

The first AirCar prototype shortly after landing at Bratislava airport (photo by TASR)

The prototype of a Slovak-made flying car called the AirCar has completed its first successful flight from the airport in Nitra to the one in Bratislava, a distance of approximately 80 kilometres (50 miles).

"The machine ran absolutely great," noted Klein, explaining that the flight took roughly 25 minutes at an average speed of 170 kilometres (106 miles) per hour, which is approximately one third of the time it takes an ordinary car to get from one city to the other by road.

The AirCar, however, isn't primarily meant for use in Slovakia or the densely populated central Europe, where there is developed road infrastructure.

Klein was also involved in developing the first Slovak flying car – the Aeromobil. According to him, the two flying cars differ both in appearance and in the way in which they transform themselves from a flying vehicle to a car. The AirCar can complete this process in roughly two-and-a-half minutes.

It remains unclear when it will be possible to order AirCar

models, as the first prototype must first complete the mandatory 50 hours of flight tests. Klein then intends to design a second prototype with an altered design and more powerful drive. The second prototype should be ready for certification by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

**NBS: ECONOMY TO GROW BY 4.5 PERCENT
THIS YEAR, RECOVERY CONTINUES**

The Slovak economy continues to recover and will grow by 4.5 percent this year, Slovak central bank (NBS) governor Peter Kazimir and NBS vice-governor Ludovit Odor stated on Tuesday at a press conference at which they presented a forecast of economic and monetary developments for the summer of 2021.

The central bank estimates that gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 5.9 percent year-on-year in 2022 and by 3.8 percent in 2023. According to NBS predictions, Slovakia should return to its pre-crisis trajectory in 2023.

NBS pointed out that the risks that may dampen economic growth are insufficient levels of vaccination among the population, a third wave of the novel coronavirus pandemic in the autumn and a lack of components, mainly in industry.

"There's another phenomenon that has returned after a number of years, and that is inflation or rising prices. Prices of goods and services have started to go up sharply, but in our opinion there is no reason to panic," said Kazimir, adding that this rise in prices will slow down in a few months.

The governor went on to say that the situation on the labour market is slightly worse than last year, which is mainly due to redundancies in the public sector. NBS estimates that nominal salaries will increase by around 5 percent this year and real salaries by about 3 percent.

Odor noted that the first quarter of this year turned out better than expected, and expectations and indicators are very optimistic.

According to NBS, the vaccination rate was an important criterion for making the prediction. The classic scenario assumes a 60-percent vaccination rate among the population and a pessimistic one a 45-percent rate. "NBS is joining other authorities in the country and sounding the alarm. We call on people to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible and as much as possible," said the governor, pointing out that the call is based not only on the principle of preserving human lives, but also on the principle of maintaining the chances of a higher standard of living, economic growth and a sound labour market.

**DEFENCE MINISTRY FAILED TO PROVE
THAT PURCHASE OF F-16 JETS WAS NECESSARY**

The Defence Ministry has failed to prove that the purchase of 14 American F-16 jet fighters in 2018, the most expensive military acquisition in the history of Slovakia, was justified, while the procurement process itself and its approval were not in accordance with the rules, according to a Supreme Audit Office (NKU) analytical report on the procurement of the F-16 jets presented by NKU director Karol Mitrik.

Mitrik pointed to the fact that the former government made a decision to procure the jet fighters at a time when defence strat-

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– the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.*

egies hadn't been updated. "And unlike, for instance, Bulgaria, which carried out a similar purchase, the acquisition wasn't even approved by Parliament," he said.

In addition, NKU pointed to the total costs, which involve not only the purchase price but also maintenance costs. "The total sum climbs to about 6.2 billion over the course of 40 years. These facts have never been the subject of parliamentary debate or public discussion," claimed NKU vice-chair Lubomir Andrassy.

Furthermore, the defence ministry has never proven that the F-16 fighters were a more advantageous choice than other options. NKU director Mistrik stated that the procurement also flies in the face of Slovakia's commitment to NATO to modernise its military.

"The purchase of 14 F-16 jet fighters exceeds the 2017 capability targets and drains finances from the delayed project of forming a heavy mechanised brigade. The commitments towards NATO don't include procuring jet fighters," he noted. The contract for 14 F-16 C/D Block 70 jet fighters was concluded by Slovakia in late 2018.

The fighters were supposed to cost 1.6 billion. The agreement also includes equipment and armaments, logistics support and training of flight and ground personnel. The Defence Ministry is currently holding talks with the American side on rearranging the payment instalments.

In its response, the Slovak National Party (SNS), which was in charge of the Defence Ministry at the time of the purchase, told TASR on Friday that NKU's claims stem from absolute ignorance.

SNS pointed out that it was the Slovak Armed Forces that determined the number of fighter jets needed, following consultations with representatives of allied states. In addition, SNS said that the decision to go ahead with the procurement was taken by the entire government and not just former defence minister Peter Gajdos (2016-20).

"Had the Slovak Republic not purchased any aircraft, we would have had foreign armed forces present here by now, paying them more than 60 million yearly to protect our airspace," stated the party.

SNS claimed that it is unprofessional and tendentious to compare American F-16s with Swedish Gripen jets, added that the purchased aircraft can be sold at any time. "And it's always better [to buy] than to rent aircraft in the way the Czech Republic does. When you compare the prices of purchase and rental, it's self-evident," added the party.

TOTAL OF 6,697 SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS TO COVID VACCINES

A total of 6,697 cases of suspected adverse reactions to vaccines against COVID-19 had been reported in Slovakia up to Wednesday, June 30, the State Institute for Drug Supervision (SUKL) has noted on its website, adding that 564 of these cases were serious, making up 8.4 percent of the total.

Concerning the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, 273 cases of adverse reactions were serious, including one death. The most often reported serious adverse effects were persisting increased blood pressure, especially among patients treated for hypertension, pre-collapse, collapse or sudden stroke.

As for the Moderna vaccine, 48 cases of adverse reactions were serious, including one death. The most often reported serious adverse effects were temporary paralysis, persisting increased blood pressure, thrombosis, collapse or acute cerebral ischemia.

When it comes to the AstraZeneca vaccine, 238 of the reported adverse reactions were serious, including two deaths. The most often serious side effects were short-term loss of consciousness,

collapse, thrombosis and paresis of the facial nerve. Epileptic fits also occurred among patients being treated for epilepsy.

Regarding the unregistered Sputnik vaccine, one case of a serious side effect has been reported, namely persisting increased blood pressure.

As of July 1, SUKL had registered four deaths with causal links to vaccination, with these links in three cases (following inoculation with the Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines) defined as possible. The link in one case (following inoculation with the AstraZeneca vaccine) was judged to be probable. "Causal links to vaccination in other cases, including those reported in the media, have been excluded," stated SUKL.

SLOVAKIA SELLS BACK TO RUSSIA 160,000 DOSES OF SPUTNIK V VACCINE

Russia has purchased 160,000 doses of the unused Sputnik V vaccine from the Health Ministry, ministry spokeswoman Zuzana Eliasova told TASR on Friday, adding that the Russian side bought them for an identical price at which Slovakia bought them – \$9.95 per dose.

"In line with the contract, the agreed maturity of the purchase price is within 20 working days from the date of delivery," she noted.

The vaccines sold are already outside Slovakia. "We've been left with those that are intended for people who registered for vaccination," said Eliasova, adding that about 10,500 people have been inoculated with the first dose of the Sputnik V vaccine. "Approximately 8,000 people are registered in the waiting room for vaccination, while about 1,500 of them already have a date to get their jab," added the spokeswoman.

Slovakia purchased Sputnik V vaccines in March, and it was originally expected that we'll buy two million doses. The purchase and import of the vaccine unregistered in the EU provoked a government crisis. Vaccination with the first 200,000 doses started on June 7, but interest didn't confirm previous estimates, which is why the Government decided to sell or donate unused vaccines. Initially, the interest of the Western Balkans countries was mainly discussed.



The Budmerice Castle was built at the end of the 19th century by the Palffy family. Count Jan Palffy succumbed to the 19th century fashion trend, which returned to the admiration of medieval Gothic style. Mansion is surrounded by an extensive English park. The whole area is inspired by the castles of the Loire, in France.



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ANNOUNCING THE KIDS'

CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

Just a reminder.....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. Don't forget to highlight your favorite books on the list!!! and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Edward D. Moeller-
2821 Waterman Ave,
Pittsburgh, PA 15227



If you prefer to do it on-line you can e-mail it to me:
vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org

Keep reading and enjoy the rest of your summer!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Addison DiMartino 8/2
Lauren Marie Bond 8/14
Bryce Watkins 8/19
Juliana Hoeck 8/20
Sophia Mosorjak 8/26
Amber Radtke 8/29



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"the more
that you read,
the more things
you will know.
the more
that you learn,
the more places
you'll go."

A book is A DREAM
that you hold
in your hand.





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31 SUMMER THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST



TRY AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR YOU'VE NEVER HAD BEFORE

MAKE YOUR OWN CHALK AND CREATE A SIDEWALK ART MASTERPIECE

GO ON A NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

HAVE A BUBBLE-BLOWING CONTEST

CAMPOUT IN THE BACKYARD AND GAZE AT THE STARS

MAKE ROOT BEER FLOATS.

PUT ON SWIMSUITS AND THROW WATER BALLOONS

MAKE S'MORES

PICK FLOWERS AND MAKE A FLOWER CROWN

CATCH (AND RELEASE) FIREFLIES

VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY AND PICK OUT A BOOK TO READ AT BEDTIME

VISIT A FARMERS MARKET AND PICK OUT INGREDIENTS FOR DINNER

MAKE PAPER BOATS AND RACE THEM IN A KIDDIE POOL

RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLER

MIX UP EDIBLE FINGER PAINT AND MAKE A MINI MASTERPIECE FOR THE FRIDGE

PICK BERRIES AND MAKE A HEALTHY SMOOTHIE FOR A MID-DAY SNACK

GET A PEDICURE WHILE YOUR TOES ARE STILL IN SANDALS

ADD BUBBLE BATH TO A BABY SPLASH POOL

VISIT THE ZOO AND SEE HOW MANY ANIMALS YOUR LITTLE ONE KNOWS BY NAME

BUILD YOUR OWN KITE, AND THEN TAKE IT TO THE PARK TO TEST IT OUT

BUILD A SANDCASTLE (IN THE SANDBOX IF THERE'S NO BEACH)

GO ON A FAMILY BIKE RIDE

BUILD A FORT OUT OF CARDBOARD BOXES AND PLAY HIDE-AND-GO SEEK

HAVE A COLORING PARTY

INVITE FRIENDS OVER FOR A LAST-MINUTE BARBECUE POTLUCK ON THE PATIO

FEED DUCKS AT THE POND

FAMILY DANCE PARTY

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

EAT A SUMMER PEACH ANY WAY YOU LIKE

PLAY HOPSCOTCH

MAKE AN ARNOLD PALMER AND WATCH THE SUN SET

SUMMER
FUN!





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - August 2021



Word Search



Find these "beachy" words! Look up, down, backward, forward and diagonally.



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BEACH
SEAGULL
SAND
BEACHBALL
FLIP FLOP
SHELLS
SUN

SWIM
BOAT
FUN



POPULAR SUMMER RECIPES

GRILLED HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN

1/2 cup of any whole grain mustard
1/2 cup of honey
Juice of 1/2 a lemon
1 garlic clove smashed and minced
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

Whisk all ingredients in a small bowl. Reserve 4 tablespoons of sauce and then pour the remaining honey mustard mixture over the chicken, toss and cover with plastic wrap and let it sit for about 30-45 minutes at room temperature. Preheat the grill on medium-medium high heat, grill chicken for about 6 to 7 minutes per side or until chicken is done. Pour the reserved honey-mustard sauce over chicken and let rest under foil for about 5 minutes.

AVOCADO PASTA SALAD RECIPE

1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 bunch fresh cilantro chopped
1 medium avocado diced
1 onion diced
1 banana pepper diced
1 lime juiced
16 ounces penne pasta 1 package, cooked
1 cup cherry tomatoes halved
1/2 cup sliced black olives
seasoned salt to taste

Blend mayonnaise, sour cream, cilantro, avocado, onion, pepper, and lime juice. Combine all but about 1/2 cup of the dressing with cooled pasta. Top with tomatoes and olives. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2-3 hours. Fold tomatoes and olives into cooled salad. Top with reserve dressing and season with salt as desired.

ROASTED VEGGIE PASTA SALAD

1 zucchini (diced)
1/2 red onion (diced)
1 yellow squash (diced)
1 small bunch asparagus (sliced)
1 red bell pepper (diced)
Salt and Pepper, to taste
1 (16 ounce) box Rotini pasta
8 ounces balsamic vinaigrette

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheet with tinfoil. Spread out chopped vegetables on tin foil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast vegetables for 12-15 minutes or until softened, and beginning

to brown. While vegetables are cooking, prepare pasta according to box directions. In a large bowl, toss together pasta and cooked vegetables. Pour balsamic dressing over salad and toss until all vegetables and noodles are coated.

GREAT HOT DOG TOPPING IDEAS

Caramelized Onions

1 tablespoon butter
2 to 3 large onions, finely sliced (about 5 cups)
Water
Kosher salt

Melt butter in a large heavy-bottomed stainless steel or enameled cast iron saucepan over high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring frequently, until bottom of saucepan is glazed in a pale brown fond, about 5 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons water and scrape up fond with wooden spoon. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, until fond has built up again, about 2 minutes longer. Add 2 more tablespoons water and scrape up browned bits. Repeat cooking, adding water, and scraping until onions are completely softened and a deep, dark brown, about 15 minutes total. Season to taste with salt.

Chipotle Mayonnaise

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
2 chipotle chiles from 1 can of chipotles in adobo
2 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice

Place mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, and chipotles in jar of a blender. Puree until smooth and chipotles are completely chopped. Pour into an airtight container, cover, and store in the refrigerator.

Loaded Chili-Topped Hot Dogs

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 small yellow onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 pound 80/20 lean ground beef
2 tablespoons tomato paste
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 cup amber ale beer
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup tomato sauce
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
8 (5-inch) beef hot dogs

8 Buttery Brioche Hot Dog Buns, top split

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add onion; cook, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add ground beef, and cook, stirring to crumble, until lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Push beef mixture to one side of skillet. Add tomato paste, chili powder, salt, and cayenne to empty side of skillet, and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant and mixture has darkened, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in beer, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce, incorporating beef. Return to a simmer over medium-high, and cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid has almost completely evaporated, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce, and bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until flavors meld and chili has thickened slightly, 15 to 20 minutes. (If chili becomes too thick, add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to loosen.) Remove from heat, and stir in vinegar.

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH PEACHES

1 3/4 cups pesto, divided
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided, plus more for grill
1 3/4 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
8 small bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
4 ripe peaches, halved

Whisk 1 1/2 cups pesto, 1/2 cup oil, 1 tsp. salt, and 1/2 tsp. pepper in a medium bowl until smooth. Add chicken to bowl and slide your hand between skin and meat to loosen skin. Rub half of pesto mixture under skin, then half over outside. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and chill at least 1 hour. Prepare a grill for medium-high heat. Season chicken with remaining 3/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Grill chicken, skin side down, covered, until golden brown and lightly charred, 7-9 minutes. Turn and grill until cooked through and an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part of thigh registers 165°F, 5-7 minutes. Transfer chicken to a plate. Brush peach halves with oil. Reduce heat to medium and grill peaches, cut side down, until warmed through, 2-3 minutes. Whisk remaining 1/4 cup pesto and 2 Tbsp. oil in a small bowl. Arrange chicken and peaches on a platter and drizzle pesto sauce over. Serve remaining sauce alongside.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN DANVILLE, PA



The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members on July 3. Celebrating anniversaries were: front row, l.-r.: Sister Paracleta Amrich, 70 years; Sister Bernice Marie Balint, 60 years; Sister Michaeline Balint, 76 years; Sister Jacqueline Ziobro, 70 years; Sister Virginia Dewan, 61 years. Middle row, l.-r.: Sister Gloria Marie Kascak, 66 years; Sister Jean Marie Holup, 50 years; Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, 50 years; Sister Carol Marie Walsh, 61 years; Sister Irene Marie Gaydos, 51 years; Sister Carol Therese Stofka, 45 years. Back row, l.-r. Sister Catherine Ann Morris, 60 years; Sister Donna Marie Ivanko, 66 years; Sister Denise Marie Fallat, 61 years; Sister Joanne Marie Schutz, 51 years; Sister Loretta

Marie Hurbec, 51 years; Sister Carol Ann Terlicher, 45 years; Sister Agnes Marie Winter, 51 years; Sister Christopher Godlewski, 61 years; Sister Marcine Klocko, 40 years; Sister Pamela Smith, 46 years; Sister Canice Adams, 25 years, Sister Madonna Figura, 56 years. Missing from photo, Sister Marguerite Dankulich, 66 years.

The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently serve in the Dioceses of Harrisburg PA, Scranton PA and Gary IN and in the Archdioceses of New York, Chicago and San Antonio.

The celebration included a Liturgy in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Liturgy was followed by a dinner to which the friends, family and Community members of the Sister celebrants were invited.

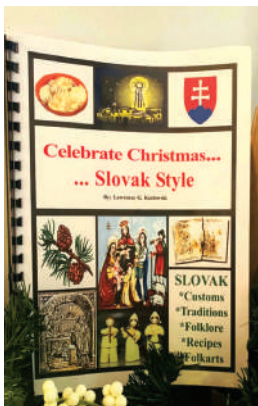
ARCHBISHOP CYRIL VASIL, S.J. RETURNS TO SERVE IN SLOVAKIA



Pope Francis recently appointed Archbishop Cyril Vasil, S.J. as Eparch of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Kosice in eastern Slovakia. Formerly serving as secretary of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Rome, he now returns to Slovakia. A native of Kosice, the 56 year-old entered the Society of Jesus in Slovakia and received a doctorate from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. He served in the Congregation for the Eastern Churches as its secretary since 2014 and was named Titular Archbishop of Ptolemais. He remains a titular archbishop as head of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Kosice, one of four Greek Catholic jurisdictions in Slovakia. We congratulate Archbishop Vasil on his new assignment and extend to him the traditional "na mnohaja a blahaja lieta!"

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SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 43rd 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.

A total of \$20,468.50 has been received for the 2021 Appeal from 181 donors, as of July 16. 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. Hvozdic, 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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ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 9	Stephen Hudak, Stratford, CT	95	May 15, 2021
Assembly 11	Mary Hettasch, Chicago, IL	91	April 26, 2021
Assembly 16	Anthony M. Rusak, Panama City Beach, FL	87	May 26, 2021
Assembly 24	Irene D. Molitoris, Boonton, NJ	90	May 8, 2021
Assembly 32	Irene A. Lytle, Chesapeake City, MD	75	May 30, 2021
Assembly 34	James A. Krasky, Minneapolis, MN	72	June 27, 2021
Assembly 78	Susan Jane Horwath, Bethlehem, PA	79	April 5, 2021
Assembly 78	Seda M. Kleinfelter, Annville, PA	65	May 30, 2021
Assembly 108	Michael S. Bukovinsky, Boardman, OH	65	May 22, 2021
Assembly 108	George B. Ferencak, Hartwell, GA	70	June 17, 2021
Assembly 136	Thomas J. Svetz, Nanticoke, PA	44	May 21, 2021
Assembly 162	William Meszaros, Hamilton, NJ	86	June 21, 2021
Assembly 167	Thomas Hrubovcak, Akron, OH	77	April 19, 2021
Assembly 167	Mary Zinkovicz, Barberton, OH	88	May 16, 2021
Assembly 167	Martin Underation, Norton, OH	66	May 26, 2021
Assembly 180	Paul Andrew Knis, Canton, OH	59	May 12, 2021
Assembly 180	Richard E. Laskey, Canton, OH	89	June 11, 2021
Assembly 185	Mark Steven Mrkus, Lawrenceville, GA	64	April 4, 2021
Assembly 261	Harry Shelter, West Lawn, PA	86	May 26, 2021
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Assembly 312	Frances Elizabeth Smith, Ramona, CA	82	June 14, 2021
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Wreath 15	Stephen M. Jadyk, Monessen, PA	72	January 25, 2021
Wreath 22	Joanna M. Angelo, Kersey, PA	85	March 22, 2021
Wreath 22	Dorothy E. Barlich, Verona, PA	90	May 23, 2021
Wreath 22	Christine E. Tatka, Pittsburgh, PA	77	May 17, 2021
Wreath 54	Betty Jean Spimak, Brunswick, OH	90	May 29, 2021
Wreath 85	Robert A. Adamcik, Allison Park, PA	90	March 9, 2021
Wreath 81	Audrey Filipek, Whiting, IN	80	May 18, 2021
Wreath 85	Albert A. Adamcik, Glenshaw, PA	93	January 2, 2021
Wreath 85	Mary Sulzer, McKees Rocks, PA	103	May 11, 2021
Wreath 93	Kenneth R. Dotka, Rudolph, WI	84	May 4, 2021
Wreath 93	Julianne M. Jaworski, New Berlin, WI	95	June 5, 2021
Wreath 111	Stephen W. Gaydosh, Amherst, OH	86	June 4, 2021
Wreath 155	Nancy Brady, Reading, PA	74	June 12, 2021

THOMAS J. KRACK MEMORIAL LITURGY CELEBRATED IN CLIFTON, NJ

Well-known Sokol and parish activist, Thomas J. Krack passed away at age 57 on May 2, 2020. Due to the pandemic, a memorial liturgy was not celebrated at that time. A memorial liturgy was celebrated on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Clifton, NJ. Celebrant of the liturgy was the Rev. Richard A. Bay, pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Green Pond, NJ.



A native of Garfield, NJ, Brother Thomas J. Krack was born there July 17, 1962. He was a graduate of the former Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic, N.J. He received a Pharmacy Tech degree from Berdan Institute in Totowa, NJ.

He was a long-time member and officer of Assembly 162 in Clifton, N.J. He was also active in the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius. He served as a Trustee of Group 1 and was a veteran of several Sokol national conventions. He was a model and respected fraternalist. May he rest in peace.

PÁPEŽ FRANTIŠEK OFICIÁLNE POTVRDIL NÁVŠTEVU SLOVENSKA, PRÍDE V SEPTEMBRI

Pápež František v septembri navštívi slovenské mestá Bratislava, Prešov, Košice a Šaštín. V nedeľu to oznámil hovorca Vatikánu Matteo Bruni, uviedol informačný portál Svätej stolice Vatican News. Pred návštevou Slovenska zavíta aj do maďarskej Budapešti.

Samotný pápež František návštevu oboch krajín potvrdil v nedeľu, 4. júla pri príhovore a modlitbe Anjel Pána vo Vatikáne. Na Slovensko pápež príde na pozvanie prezidentky Zuzany Čaputovej.

“Som rád, že môžem oznámiť, že od 12. do 15. septembra, keď Pán Boh dá, pôjdem na Slovensko, aby som prišiel na pastoračnú návštevu,” uviedol pápež, ktorý zároveň poďakoval všetkým, ktorí cestu pripravujú. Pápež pritom osobitne pozdravil slovenských pútnikov na vatikánskom Námestí svätého Petra, tí tam prišli so zástavami.

Pápež aj tlačový odbor Svätej stolice zároveň potvrdili, že pred návštevou Slovenska hlava katolíckej cirkvi 12. septembra zavíta do maďarskej metropoly Budapešť “pri príležitosti svätej omše na záver 52. medzinárodného eucharistického kongresu”.

Návšteva pápeža Františka bude v poradí štvrtou apoštolskou návštevou Svätého Otca na Slovensku.

Pápež Ján Pavol II. navštívil Slovensko spolu trikrát, v roku 1990 počas návštevy Česko-Slovenska zavítal do Bratislavy, v ére samostatnosti na Slovensko pricestoval v roku 1995, keď prišiel do Bratislavy, Nitry, Šaštína, Košíc, Prešova, Levoče a Tatier. V roku 2003 pricestoval do Banskej Bystrice, Rožňavy a Bratislavy. - TASR

MATIČNÁ VÝSTAVA V BRATISLAVE PRIPOMENULA 85 ROKOV VZŤAHOV S AMERICKÝMI SLOVÁKMI

Pred 85 rokmi sa vrátila delegácia Matice slovenskej z polročnej kultúrnej misie po slovenských krajských centrách v USA a Kanade. Dom Matice slovenskej v Bratislave v spolupráci s Krajským múzeom Matice slovenskej venoval tejto významnej udalosti slovenských a krajských dejín panelovú výstavu na Hviezdoslavovom námestí v Bratislave v júli.

Nad výstavou s názvom Cesta slovenskou Amerikou prevzal záštitu predseda Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Milan Ján Pilip. „Pre náš úrad, ktorý okrem morálnej a finančnej podpory našich krajanov v oboch severoamerických štátoch – v USA aj Kanade, rôznymi formami a s mimoriadnou pozornosťou uchováva a ďalej šíri historickú pamäť o jednej z kľúčových komunít slovenskej diaspóry vo svete, vrátane posolstiev jej výnimočných osobností, je poctou, ak môže dať práve takejto prezentácii v hlavnom meste všetkých Slovákov vo svete – Bratislave, symbolickú pečatľ a zároveň i vklad svojej partnerskej súčinnosti s Maticou slovenskou,” ozrejmil M. J. Pilip.

Ako dodala riaditeľka Krajského múzea MS Zuzana Pavelcová, matičná cesta slovenskou Amerikou v rokoch 1935 a 1936 naštartovala vzťahy a starostlivosť o Slovákov v zámorí. „Dodnes nikto neprekonal túto mimoriadnu kultúrnu misiu delegácie Matice slovenskej v zložení z popredných predstaviteľov Matice – Jozef Cíger Hronský, Karol Plicka, Konštantín Čulen a Jozef Cincík. Výstavou chceme priblížiť domácej slovenskej verejnosti dejiny našich krajanov v Amerike, ktoré sú neodlučiteľne späté s Maticou slovenskou,” vyjadrila sa Z. Pavelcová.

Výstavné panely boli pre záujemcov bezplatne prístupné na Hviezdoslavovom námestí v Bratislave od 19. do 31. júla 2021. Vernisáž výstavy s kultúrnym programom sa uskutočnila 22. júla. - Veronika Grznárová, hovorkyňa Matice slovenskej

OLaNO CHCE ZASTAVIŤ PROCES ASIMILÁCIE SLOVÁKOV V ZAHRAŇIČÍ AJ ZRUŠENÍM ZÁKAZU DVOJITÉHO OBČIANSTVA

Vládna strana Obyčajní ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti (OLaNO) plánuje zastaviť proces asimilácie Slovákov v zahraničí podporou výučby slovenčiny v zahraničí či zrušením zákazu dvojitého občianstva, priblížil predseda Ústavnoprávneho výboru Národnej rady a poslanec hnutia OLaNO Milan Vetrák pri príležitosti dňa Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí ..

Jeho stanovisko poskytol Peter Dojčan z mediálneho tímu hnutia OLaNO. Dodal, že poslanci Národnej rady z hnutia OLaNO a ministerstvo kultúry v súčasnosti spolupracujú na vybudovaní Múzea a Pamätníka slovenského vysťahovalectva v Bratislave.

Dojčan priblížil, že počet Slovákov v zahraničí klesol za takmer 30 rokov o viac ako milión osôb. Vetrák podotkol, že tento proces asimilácie chcú zastaviť.

„K takým opatreniam patrí podpora vzdelávania v slovenskom jazyku v zahraničí, podpora vedecko-výskumných projektov, lektorátov, osvetovej a duchovnej činnosti, zvýšenie počtu vysokoškolských štipendií na Slovensku, zvýšenie finančnej podpory prostredníctvom dotácií, moderná návratová politika, zrušenie zákazu dvojitého občianstva, elektronické voľby zo zahraničia, či nový zákon o Slovákoch žijúcich v zahraničí a nová koncepcia starostlivosti štátu o nich,“ zdôraznil Vetrák.

Dojčan dodal, že Slováci pracujúci či študujúci v zahraničí majú pre domovský štát obrovský potenciál. Napríklad z hospodárskeho hľadiska podľa údajov Svetovej banky predstavujú remitencie, teda peniaze, ktoré Slováci posielajú zo zahraničia svojim rodinám, asi dve percentá HDP, čo je zhruba dve miliardy eur.

Prínos slovenských zahraničných komunít vyzdvihla aj ministerka kultúry Natália Milanová (OLaNO). Ocenila, že mnohí z nich slovenskú kultúru šíria a reprezentujú aj mimo Slovenska.

Aj predseda poslaneckého klubu OLaNO Michal Šipoš poďakoval zahraničným Slovákom, ktorí nezabúdajú na svoje korene a naďalej sa o osud svojej vlasti zaujímajú.

„My sme však občanom sľúbili nielen nástup právneho štátu, ale aj hlbokú modernizáciu hospodárstva a verejných služieb, na čo je pripravených niekoľko veľkých investičných schém. K tejto rekonštrukcii štátu pozývame aj našich zahraničných Slovákov, ktorých skúsenosti a zručnosti sú naozaj často neoceniteľné,“ dodal.

Deň Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí si Slovensko 5. júla pripomína od roku 1993, teda od vzniku samostatnej Slovenskej republiky.

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KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Zariadeniam v cestovnom ruchu vo Vysokých Tatrách chýba personál, ide najmä o čašníkov, chybné či recepcné. Vyhraté majú podľa nej tí zamestnávateľia, ktorí počas pandémie zamestnancov neprepustili. V súčasnosti je takmer nemožné získať do sektora cestovného ruchu kvalifikovaný personál. Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny evidovalo napríklad v okrese Poprad v máji tohto roka celkovo 146 voľných pracovných miest v gastrosektore. Ako informovala Marianna Šebová z kancelárie riaditeľa ústredia, išlo najmä o pozície čašníka a someliéra, ktorých hľadali viac ako 60. Za nimi nasledovali kuchári a predavači jedál za pultom či pri okienku. Podnikatelia v cestovnom ruchu však hľadali aj hotelových recepcných, pomocníkov do kuchyne či barmanov. Pred rokom v máji ponúkal pracovný trh v okrese 209 voľných miest, dominovali pozície ako kuchári, čašníci a someliéri. O prácu v oblasti cestovného ruchu v regióne Vysokých Tatier prišlo v dôsledku pandémie odhadom dvetisíc ľudí.

Bývalým zamestnancom ŠtB a ďalším predstaviteľom komunistického režimu siahne štát po auguste na dôchodky. Stále však nie je jasné, o koľko peňazí môžu prísť. Politici sa totiž sporia o to, ako veľmi môžu skrátiť penzie tejto skupiny ľudí tak, aby tým neporušili ich práva. V konečnom dôsledku to môže zavedenie novinky do praxe napokon oddialiť. Pochybnosti o správnosti zákona, ktorý parlament schválil v druhom čítaní v júni, má najmä prezidentka Zuzana Čaputová. So samotným zámerom zákona súhlasí, a preto ho podpísala, no pomerne netradične zároveň avizuje, že má voči prijatým úpravám výhrady.

Minimálna mesačná mzda na Slovensku by mala od začiatku budúceho roka stúpnuť o 23 eur na 646 eur. Minimálna mesačná mzda na Slovensku sa od začiatku tohto roka zvýšila z 580 eur na 623 eur. Najnižšie hrubé zárobky tak v tomto roku dosahujú 57 percent z priemernej hrubej mzdy na Slovensku za rok 2019. Najnižší hrubý zárobok za každú odpracovanú hodinu od začiatku tohto roka stúpol na 3,580 eura z pôvodných 3,333 eura.

Spotrebiteľské ceny sa podľa údajov štatistického úradu zvýšili v priemere o 0,6 percenta a dynamika ich medziročného rastu sa tak zrýchlila z 2,2 percenta až na 2,9 percenta. Silný vplyv na júnovú infláciu mali rastúce ceny potravín, ceny v stavebníctve, ale napríklad aj ceny dovolení, zhodli sa viacerí analytici. Odhad celoročnej inflácie v roku 2021 pravdepodobne ekonomovia prehodnotia a bude podľa nich atakovať hranicu dvoch percent. Prekvapil najmä pokračujúci nárast sezónnych cien zeleniny, ktoré zvyknú v júni už klesať s príchodom novej úrody, ale aj niektorých ďalších potravín. Infláciu nahor zdvíhala aj dopytová inflácia, ktorú ovplyvnili najmä vyššie ceny dovolení či zvyšujúce sa ceny v stavebníctve. Ceny potravín v júni vzrástli v priemere o 0,5 percenta, po štatistickom zohľadnení zvyčajných sezónnych faktorov sa pritom zvýšili o viac ako jedno percento. Ceny potravín k zrýchleniu medziročnej inflácie prispeli až 0,45 percentuálneho bodu a boli tak zodpovedné za približne dve tretiny júnového zrýchlenia inflácie.



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