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*The New year is like a blank book,
the pen is in your hands,*

it is your chance to write a beautiful story.

*We wish you that the new year will be the best of your life.
May all your dreams come true and all your hopes be fulfilled!*

Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

A few days ago, we celebrated the Christmas season of 2021, and it was nice to be with family and friends this year as compared



to the Christmas of 2020 where we were separated because of Covid. 2020 and 2021 have taught us some important lessons of our needs; the need for human interaction, the need to be around family and friends and the need to be a social society. It also enlightened us on how important it is to protect our family, follow those that are the experts, and especially, to do what is right. As we have seen those who unfortunately do not follow the rules not only endanger themselves but also endanger and cause more harm to others and ruin the fabric of a family and a society.

Let us hope for a better 2022 but as we see and hear we are still in danger with the new variants of Covid that continue to create a health crisis that brings us worry and the potential to change our family, society, and our way of life, and the way we will live our lives in the future. Thanks to modern medicine and the dedication of health care workers we can live an almost normal life. The lessons we learn

throughout our lives is we rely on others to live our lives.

This year let us remember all those who are helping live our lives to the fullest and help those who need our help to live theirs, those that are less fortunate than us. That is what fraternalism is meant to be. However, we also cannot let those that want to manipulate others succeed since they are not thinking of others but only of themselves.

Your Society, the Slovak Catholic Sokol, is looking into its future to see how the Society can be improved so the membership has a financially sound and active Society. For this to happen we need more involvement and participation from the membership. Members have to become involved in their Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups. They need to be the catalyst to grow the Society by referring or signing up new members. The membership also needs to become more active and participate in local and national activities. Let us show others what it means to belong to the Slovak Catholic Sokol and really grow it in 2022.

I would like to wish all our members and friends a Happy New Year, Šťastný Nový Rok 2022.

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

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of **FEBRUARY 1, 2022**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **JANUARY 22, 2022**.

*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

This being the first column in the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend well wishes to all our members, family, and friends. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday during these unorthodox times. While it is beginning to feel like Groundhog Day, I hope that you were able to continue with many of your Christmas traditions. As we have seen over the past couple of weeks, this virus is still rearing its ugly head. I urge all our members to stay vigilant and stay safe. May the year 2022 bring you good health, happiness, and prosperity for all!

The New Year will mark our organization's 117th Anniversary. Not many institutions can boast of more than a century of success with outstanding fraternal and sporting activities, along with our stable financial strength. It was on July 4, 1905, that a group of young Slovak immigrants met in Passaic, NJ and established our great organization. Our founders, along with generations of diligent members, have built our Society which today has over 28,000 members with assets of over \$100 million! I wonder if our founders would ever believe how successful their venture would become!

As we begin our 117th year of service, we look forward to giving future generations the opportunity to enjoy all the fraternal benefits our fine organization has to offer. But as everything we do as a family; we need to do it together. I urge all our members to look to your family and friends for potential

members to the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Our Drive to 50 Campaign, which has been extended, allows you an opportunity to make an impact on the Society. You can find the referral card on our new website under the "Contact Us" section. Not only will you be helping your Society grow, but you will be helping your Group defray costs associated with our future fraternal events. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C. or contact me at the Home Office, and we would be glad to assist you.

As we continue to try to stay positive during these times, the year 2022 will bring us many challenges. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors had to make the tough decision to postpone our 50th International Slet that was scheduled for July 2022. Our primary goal is for everyone to be safe and for our 50th International Slet to be the best it can be without any constraints. We realized that the path to produce that event would have been extremely difficult this year. Your Supreme Physical Fitness Board will continue to communicate with the membership and will keep everyone posted regarding our fraternal event calendar.

Finally, I will be communicating with our Group Presidents in the next couple of weeks to let them know of our 34th Quadrennial Convention site plans and will announce them in the February edition of the Falcon. We are in the process of finalizing the contract and making sure all is in order. The goal was to pick a site with plenty to do, that is easily accessible for everyone, and has a strong Sokol presence. We are excited for the announcement!

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, my sons, Reid and Cole, and our entire family, I extend warm wishes for a happy and prosperous new year!

Until next time, stay strong, stay safe, STAY POSITIVE! Zdar Boh!

Introducing our newest members

Madelyn Mae Antoniewicz, born July 16, 2021, is the daughter of Travis and Kayla Antoniewicz of Milwaukee WI. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, WI.



William James Macurak, born June 14, 2021, is the son of Jami Macurak of Acworth, GA. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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

NEW YEAR 2022

As 2021 comes to a close, it may be difficult to find the good in what it's brought. Due to the continued impact of COVID-19, the increase in gun violence, and the growing threat of climate-related conflict (just to name a few examples), this year's events have created unexpected change in everyone's lives. The ending of a year would usually bring about joyous moments and an exciting list of New Year's resolutions to accomplish, but instead, 2021 has left us desperately in need of hope, healing, and peace. Kicking the



year off with a New Year's prayer for 2022, even if the stressors of 2021 don't dissipate the moment the clock strikes midnight on January 1.

Dear God,

Give me the courage to begin again — to overlook the difficulties, to overcome the obstacles and to stay open to the moment as best I can. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help from friends and family when I need it. As I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it's taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance.

SLOVAK HERITAGE PROGRAMS IN MT. LEBANON, PA

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will once again present the SLOVAK HERITAGE PROGRAMS on the first Monday evening of each month, starting at 7.00 p.m. at the Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Mt. Lebanon, PA. It is free for both members and non-members. You could also attend these programs through ZOOM. More details on WPSCA Facebook page.

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

ANDY WARHOL: FROM NOWHERE TO NEW YORK

Don Warhola, nephew of the famed artist with Slovak roots, Andy Warhol, will speak about the early life of his uncle and how his Slovak heritage influenced his art.

MARCH 7, 2022 – SLOVAK STUDIES PROGRAM

Renata Kamenarova, the recently appointed Director of the Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh, will discuss the various programs presently available and future programs.

APRIL 4, 2022 – SUMMER SCHOOL IN SLOVAKIA

Lee Ann Bryan, a graduate of Duquesne University, 2019 WPSCA scholarship winner, will share her experience during her trip to Slovakia.

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**2022 NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
CLEVELAND, OH
FRIDAY, MAY 13 & SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022**

LODGING

CROWNE PLAZA
7230 Engle Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
440-243-4040

Block Code:
SNB

SCAN TO BOOK A RESERVATION

THE 28th SLOVAK BALL
Masquerade

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Royal Manor
Garfield, New Jersey

7:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR
8:00 PM DINNER & DANCING

Tickets
SLOVAKAMERICANCC.ORG

BLACK TIE &
MASQUERADE MASK

For more information, visit our website: SlovakAmericanCC.org

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 7 HELD IN WILKES-BARRE, PA – NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Group 7 "Rev. Joseph Murgas" held its 2021 annual meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at the NE Slovak Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Prior to its start attendees viewed live stream Mass at 9:30 a.m. from Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Fr. Richard Cirba, Buttonwood, PA.

A luncheon 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 13 officers present (Amy Degnan Blasco, Gary Blasco, Marty Degnan, Kim Graham, Heather Horvath, Joe Hvozdozovic Jr., Frank Lipski, Pam Lipski, Matthew Malenovitch, August Palchanis (via Zoom), Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis, Tony Rasimus); 1 excused (Fr. Richard Cirba) and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 9 delegates (Kris Godlewski, Audrey Graham, Mike Horvath, Sue Horvath, Len Malchefska, Midge Malchefska, Bob Palchanis, Rob Palchanis, Terri Palchanis).

Amy Degnan Blasco described the events of 2020-2021 year which included the 2020 Annual Meeting held in May 2021, Joining Hands Day (cleaned and planted flowers at the Fr. Murgas Memorial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery), the 85th Annual Sokol Day held in Plains in September and the SCS 2020 Fraternalist of the Year dinner held in November in honor of Nancy Fedor. Upcoming events include the Annual Group 7 Reunion, Christmas Flower Sale and sponsoring a "Family or Families in Need" during the holiday season.

Minutes of 2020: The minutes of 2020 prepared by Kim Graham were read. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared and read by all was made by Matthew Malenovitch and seconded by Marty Degnan. All in favor.

Correspondence: Kim Graham read the new correspondence from the Matt & Maria Choman thanking the Group for the donation towards the repairs of their home damaged by flooding and the Annual St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen request for a donation.

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 Kelly Palchanis to accept the entire Officer's Reports as submitted. All in favor.

Officer's reports not submitted = 1

15 minute break:

The Auditors' Report: The auditors found the books in good order and all checks and statements were accounted for as reported by Tony Rasimas. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Rob Palchanis. 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 November 2, 2021 was \$13,213.29 and \$10,565.98 in the Sokol Secure Fund. A motion was made to accept the report by Terri Palchanis and seconded by Kelly Palchanis. All in favor.

The Verifications Report was presented by Marty Degnan. It was verified that there were 13 officers present; 1 excused (Fr. Richard Cirba), and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 9 delegates for a total of 23. A motion to accept the report was made by Rob Palchanis and seconded by Mike 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 Marty Degnan and Seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.

The Resolution Committee: Audrey Graham, Frank Lipski, Pam Lipski, Bob Palchanis and Terri Palchanis. 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 2022 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 Midge Malshefski. All in Favor.

The New Motions Committee: Mike Horvath, Sue Horvath, Len Malshefski and Midge Malshefski. The New Motions Report was presented by Mike Horvath.

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 and

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\$62,000 IN S.C.S. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS IN 2022

We are pleased to announce that the Slovak Catholic Sokol will make available a total of \$62,000 in scholarship grants to eligible members in 2022. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2022 grant; however, per Convention mandate - a student may receive a maximum of two (2) Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grant awards and a maximum of one (1) in each of the other categories.



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

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

College scholarship eligibility requirements:

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

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

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in medical curriculum

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND

- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol
- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical or business curriculum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (3 grants in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)

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

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

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

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2022

In addition to our college grant program, we make available 18 Catholic High School Grants in the amount of \$500 each as well as 36 Catholic Grade School Grants in the amount of \$250 each. Please find these scholarship applications and directives in each of the next issues of the Falcon.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP- TIPS FOR SUCCESS

I just wanted to take a moment to highlight the recent changes made to the Slovak Catholic College Scholarship Program. We will continue to use a completely on-line process as we have had few issues with the process over the past several seasons. With the help of our technical webmaster, we have redesigned the application process and you should find it to be much more user friendly. You will find the on-line application on our website at www.slovakcatholicssokol.org beginning December 1, 2021.

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

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

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

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

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION

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

2. INCLUDE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION- I.E. PHOTO; TRANSCRIPT; ESSAY

Start the process for requesting your transcript NOW. I have found that sometimes this is the hold up for some applicants.

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

3. SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE

The application is clear and I just want to prevent a waste of your time and energy. Failure to include/complete any of the above items will result in the application being disqualified. To be honest, it is not easy for our committee when we need to disqualify applicants for simple yet important missing requirements.

Lastly, apply for all college scholarships for which you qualify in order to give yourself the best chance at receiving

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 10

HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2021

President Roman decided that due to the pandemic there would be no in-person Group 10 annual meeting for 2021. Financial Secretary Blonar then completed the financial report for 2021 and submitted it via mail to President Roman for his review. Because there was no in-person meeting, Auditor Paulette Blonar reviewed the financial report and audited the financial ledger. She found no discrepancies and signed the ledger.

The officers held a phone meeting on November 14, 2021. Roll call taken showed the following present: President Stephen A. Roman, Vice President Christopher Roman, Financial Secretary Francis Blonar, Auditor Paulette Blonar, and Recording Secretary Susan Knoblauch. Delegate present from Assembly 78 was Alice Knoblauch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and Vice President Roman made a motion to approve the minutes. Auditor Blonar seconded the motion, and all present were in favor.

Because there was very little activity due to the pandemic, the only report presented was the Financial Secretary's. Vice President Roman made a motion to approve the report. Recording Secretary Knoblauch seconded the motion, and all present were in favor.

Old Business:

At the last meeting, the officers agreed to submit a deposit to the Sokol Secure Fund. Financial Secretary Blonar reported that this was accomplished.

Those present reviewed the group's current financial position and determined that there was no need to transfer any funds to the Sokol Secure Fund this year.

New Business:

President Roman reminded everyone present that prior to the upcoming Slet we should all work to get children from Group 10 to participate. There was some discussion about how to reach out to the eligible children.

Those present discussed the donations made last year to each assembly for \$110.00. The amount of \$10.00 was for a mass for the living and deceased mem-

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something. There were several applicants who limited themselves to a particular scholarship. Competition was fierce for the larger \$ scholarships, but there seems to be more opportunity with the other scholarship offerings.

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

Good luck and Zdar Boh!

Edward D. Moeller

Supreme Vice President

Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee

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

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 18 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

APPLICATION

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

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

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2022** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @

www.slovakcatholicsokol.org

DISQUALIFICATION

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

RETURN OF GRANT

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

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

Group # _____ Assembly/Wreath # _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ High School Phone (_____) _____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

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S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

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

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

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

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that _____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2021-2022 school year.

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2022. Return completed application to:
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANTS

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # _____ Assembly/Wreath # _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ School Phone (_____) _____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

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Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

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

If yes, what year? _____

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that _____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2021-2022 school year.

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2022. Return completed application to:
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055

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 1.25% • 2 YEAR 1.75% • 3 YEAR 2.00% 2.10% 2.20% • 5 YEAR 2.50% • 7 YEAR 2.75%

• SPA Single Premium immediate Annuity

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 12

HELD IN READING, PA – NOVEMBER 20, 2021

President Joe Harak welcomed everyone to our annual meeting with the following prayer "Dear Lord, We members of Group 12 Sokol are grateful to attend this meeting. We ask that you bless us as we assemble here this year and protect all Sokol members everywhere during this pandemic. We pray for our members who are not here but are with us in spirit especially our Group 12 Vice President Robert Leso who died October 12, 2020." This was followed by reciting the Our Father and Hail Mary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited led by President Harak.

Present at the meeting were President Joe Harak, Treasurer Lar'e Leso, Secretary Joann Antosy, and Physical Directress Kathleen Smolkowicz. Delegates Chris Antosy, Anne Leso, Johanna Leso, Sarah Milanek, Elizabeth Milanek, Pat Latshaw, Laura Harak, J. Gregory Milanek, and Deborah Unger.

The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Laura Harak made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Johanna Leso.

We congratulate our Sokol scholarship winners:

2019 College Scholarship Grant:

Katerina Tadlock attending University of Georgia

2019 Abbot Jerome M. Koval O.S.B Memorial High School Grant:

Carolyn Halgas attending St. John Paul the Great High School

Steven J. Sherman attending Cardinal O' Hara High School

2019 Catholic Grade School Grant:

Andrew McVicker attending Holy Family Catholic School

Rebecca A. Sherman attending St. Dorothy Catholic School

2020 College Scholar Grant:

Nicholas Griffith attending Albright College

Katerina Tadlock attending University of Georgia

Viktoria Tadlock attending University of Minnesota

2020 Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Grant:

Zachary Griffith attending Widener University

2020 Catholic Grade School Grant:

Rebecca A. Sherman attending St. Dorothy Catholic School

2021 College Scholar Grant:

Nicholas Griffith attending Albright College

Georgia Holthenrich attending Penn State University

2021 Yencha Scholarship Grant:

Viktoria Tadlock attending University of Minnesota

2021 Abbot Jerome M. Koval O.S.B Memorial High School Grant:

Cole Baker attending Berks Catholic High School

2021 Catholic Grade School Grant:

Megan McVicker attending Holy Family Catholic Grade School

Treasurer Lar'e Leso: Time was given for everyone to read over the Treasurer's report.

Lar'e mentioned the interest given on the Sokol Secure Fund is at 2.5%. He suggested adding another \$2000.00 into the account. After a discussion it was decided to deposit \$5000.00 in the Sokol Secure Fund.

Lar'e also signed up 2 new members this year.

Greg Milanek asked the question "Does Group 12 get a report from our insurance sales representative, Ed Straka, as to how many new members he signed up?" President Harak said a report comes from the Home Office to the Assembly and Wreath.

A motion was made by Greg Milanek to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Kathleen Smolkowicz.

Physical Fitness Board:

Physical Directress Kathleen Smolkowicz gave the report. Supreme Physical Fitness Board suggested having the Clinic in January. It could be done virtually due to bad weather. July was also mentioned. She has not heard anything definite at this time. Greg Milanek made a motion to continue with the \$50.00 support to each athlete who attends the bowling and/or golf international tournaments. Seconded by Elizabeth Milanek

International tournament:

At the 2019 golf tournament at Seven Oaks Country Club and Black Hawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls, PA and at 2021 Treasure Lake Golf Course in DuBois, PA we had 2 participants. Bob and Kathy Harak.

Upcoming events scheduled by the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for the 2022 Sports Program are May 13-14, 2022, Bowling AMF Brookgate Lanes Brook Park, Ohio, July 13-17, 2022, Slet Kutztown University Kutztown, PA, and August 12-14 Golf Treasure Lake Resort DuBois, PA.

New Business:

Greg Milanek made a motion to send representatives to the SCS Clinic in Kutztown, PA. Seconded by Kathleen Smolkowicz.

Johanna Leso personally thanked those who attended her husband Bob's viewing and Mass. She has been very touched to see so many attend.

Kathleen Smolkowicz inquired as regards to a scholarship fund for Group 12. A committee has been set consisting of Laura Harak, Kathleen Smolkowicz, Greg Milanek, and Lar'e Leso to establish guidelines.

Donations:

\$200.00 was contributed to the SCS Memorial fund in 2020 in memory of Robert Leso authorized by President Harak.

\$100.00 to the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Danville, PA. The motion was made by Lar'e Leso seconded by Pat Latshaw.

\$100.00 to Walk the K Polka show at I Heart Radio. The motion was made by Greg Milanek seconded by Anne Leso.

\$200.00 to the SCS Memorial fund for 2021 in memory of all the deceased members of Group 12. The motion was made by Joseph Harak seconded by Larua Harak.

Nomination of Officers:

A motion was made by Greg Milanek for the officers to continue in their position until 2023 seconded by Deb Unger.

There are 2 open positions:

Joe Harak nominated Greg Milanek as Vice President. Greg Milanek accepts the position.

Joe Harak nominated Deb Unger as Sports Director. Deb Unger accepts the position.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Milanek. All in favor.

Joann Antosy
Group 12 Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 7

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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.

13. Recommend to support new events on all levels of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

14. Recommend to explore new fundraising events for Group 7.

15. Recommend to continue to hold the Slovak Flag raising at the Luzerne County Courthouse, Mike Horvath to look into this for the Group.

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 "Families in Need" for Christmas when funds are available.

21. Recommend that a donation of \$100.00 to the celebrant of the Annual Meeting Mass.

22. Recommend annually clean and plant at the Fr. Murgas Memorial Gravesite in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Palchanis and Seconded by Pam Lipski. All in Favor.

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

- To prepare and send letters to all Assemblies and Wreaths to survey the group to determine eligible participants for Slet.
- 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 Yenchy 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 Yenchy/Bly family.
- 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.

A motion to accept the report was made by Tony Rasimas and seconded by Len Malshefski. 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), nomination made for Assistant Physical Director.

Chaplain – Fr. Richard Cirba.

President – Amy Degnan Blasco.

Vice President – Marty Degnan.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Graham.

Recording Secretary – Kim Graham.

Reporter – Pam Lipski.

Auditors (3) – Gary Blasco, Joe Hvozdic Jr., Tony Rasimas.

Sports Director – Dawn Palchanis.

Assistant Sports Direct – Heather Horvath.

Physical Director – Matthew Malenovitch.

Nomination for Assistant Physical Director – Kris Godlewski. A motion to accept the nomination was made by Matthew Malenovitch and seconded by Kelly Palchanis. Kris Godlewski accepted the nomination. All in Favor.

Physical Directress – Kelly Palchanis.

Assistant Physical Directress – August Palchanis.

Historian – Frank Lipski.

A motion to close nominations was made by Matthew Malenovitch and seconded by Gary Blasco. All in Favor.

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

New Business: Amy Degnan Blasco

There are a few items:

1. **Annual Reunion** – November 26, 2021 from 7-10 p.m. at the NE Slovak Club. Bring covered dish. Will have giving tree (rename as "Nancy Fedor Giving Tree"). Donation for a friend in need.

2. **Families in Need for the Holiday** – Heather Horvath donated her salary check as a donation.

3. **Parents Club** – Dawn Palchanis - Treasurer's report as of May 23, 2021, Balance in account is \$3,346.47. Will continue to sell lottery tickets for fundraiser lottery.

4. **Group 7 Christmas/New Year Party** – Date and time TBD.

5. **Sokol Secure Fund** – determine additional deposits at a later date.

6. **Christmas Flower Sale** – orders must be placed by deadline November 24th.

7. **2022 Annual Meeting** - Date and time TBD.

8. **2022 Sokol Day** – Date and time TBD.

9. **Mohegan Sun Arena** – Headquarters to have an advertising table at the hockey games, Dates and time TBD.

10. **Honorary Officer Title for 2021** – recommendation to give title to Nancy Fedor.

11. **Physical Fitness Board** – to look into Movie Night at Movies14 in Wilkes-Barre, Date and time TBD.

A motion to accept new business was made by August Palchanis and seconded by Frank Lipski. All in Favor.

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

Frank Lipski made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Kris Godlewski. All in Favor.

Marty Degnan closed the meeting with a prayer.

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

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland**News and Views
from Slovakia...****GOVERNMENT DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN SLOVAKIA FOR 90 DAYS**

The Government has declared a state of emergency in Slovakia for 90 days as of November 25 in response to the situation concerning the COVID-19 epidemic.

The curfew is in place with the exception from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. The Government also approved several exemptions to the curfew, said Health Minister Vladimir Lengvasky. These include the purchase of essential necessities in the nearest store (food, medicine, drugstore goods, footwear, animal feed, fuel, newspapers), essential services (sale of packaged food, banks, insurance companies, car repair shops and MOT test stations, dry cleaners, e-shop outlets, key services, opticians, mobile phone services, spas for health reasons). An exemption will also be trips to and from work with a confirmation from the employer.

An exemption will also be a trip for the purpose of caring for livestock, walking dogs and cats within 500 metres from one's residence. The curfew will not apply to health care or travel for the purpose of caring for a close person. Exemptions also apply to funerals, marriages and baptisms.

Last time a state of emergency was declared in Slovakia was from October 1, 2020 to May 14, 2021.

**CAPUTOVA: LOCKDOWN NEEDED,
SLOVAKIA LOSING FIGHT AGAINST PANDEMIC**

President Zuzana Caputova, speaking after her visit to the hospital in the Bratislava borough of Ruzinov on Tuesday, November 23 stated that Slovakia is losing the battle against the pandemic and that a lockdown for everybody is needed.

Pointing to the "alarming" state of affairs concerning the pandemic, the president admitted that a lockdown is an unpopular measure, but she views it as "absolutely necessary" for one to be imposed at this time.

"The situation is so grave that this kind of measure, which is recommended by experts, must concern everybody," she said, conceding, however, that it will be unfair on all the people who've behaved responsibly, observed the measures and had themselves vaccinated.

"[Slovakia] is the worst country in the statistics of newly infected individuals per one million inhabitants. I don't know ... what else we need to see or hear in order to change our attitude," said Caputova. The president hopes that when the most adverse situation passes, the level of responsibility shown by certain people will be taken into account afterwards.

She's also dismayed at the fact that medical staff are facing threats and hatred despite their best efforts.

At the same time, Caputova called on people to "stop blathering about COVID and start listening to experts".

**CAPUTOVA AMONG WORLD'S 100 MOST POWERFUL
WOMEN IN 2021 ACCORDING TO FORBES**

Slovak President Zuzana Caputova has been placed 86th in the Forbes magazine 2021 ranking of the world's most powerful women, finding herself in the company of American novelist and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott – number one in the ranking, US Vice-president Kamala Harris and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

The magazine drew attention to the fact that Caputova is the first woman to become Slovakia's president, while at the same time she is the country's youngest president ever.

Forbes noted that during her inauguration speech, Caputova vowed to improve the justice system and fight corruption. "Her influence helped spark the 2018 protests that forced former prime minister Robert Fico to resign after the murder of a political corruption reporter," reads her short profile in the ranking. In addition, Forbes claimed that Caputova has been called "the lone political voice in a sea of demagoguery".

Forbes has released its rankings of the world's most influential women every year since 2004. The magazine ranks female figures in politics, business and philanthropy based on their wealth, media coverage and level of influence.

**HOUSE PASSES FINANCIAL REWARD
FOR VACCINATED SENIORS**

People over 60 years of age will be eligible for a financial reward for vaccination, as Parliament on Thursday passed an amendment to the law on some extraordinary financial measures related to the spread of the coronavirus infection. The elderly will receive the reward in cash and will be able to use the funds as they wish.

Ninety-seven of the 138 lawmakers present for the vote backed the proposal. OLaNO, We Are Family and all but four Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) MPs voted for the proposal, along with those from the opposition Voice-SD party. MPs Jozef Simko, Jana Zitnanska, Alexandra Pivkova, Miriam Sutekova, Jan Krosiak and Juraj Seliga voted for the proposal as well. The opposition Smer-SD party refrained from voting, while the far-right LSNS was against, as were defectors from LSNS.

The original intention was to provide seniors with €500 vouchers bound to specific purposes, such as spending in hotels and restaurants.

In line with the approved version, a financial reward of €300 will be provided to seniors over 60 who register for the third booster shot by the end of the year and undergo vaccination by January 15, 2022.

A financial reward of €200 will be provided to the elderly who were given the second shot after June 30, or register for the second jab by the end of this year and are inoculated by January 15, 2022. Finally, a financial reward of €200 will also apply to seniors who received the first shot after November 25, or register themselves for it by the end of the year and get the first jab by January 15, 2022. The financial reward will apply only to seniors vaccinated in Slovakia.

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SCENES FROM WREATH 93'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On December 19, 2021, Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, WI juniors and families celebrated Christmas with an inspiring Live Nativity. As we walked 45 minutes down an illuminated path, we stopped to listen to the tough journey that was taken to Bethlehem to go pay taxes, but along the way we met kings, shepherds and angels who assured us everything was going to be 'ok'. Of course we landed at the most beautiful sight ever - the birth of our dear Lord Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Afterwards, we gathered for hot chocolate, homemade decorated cookies by our ever so talented Patty Osterbrink, fellowship and gifts from Sokol Santa. – Lisa Hoeck





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - January 2022

Holiday Stories

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Story by Andrew Frinkle



Martin Luther King Jr. Day, or MLK Day, is the third Monday in January. It is a holiday celebrating the many kinds of people in our country.

Not everyone used to be able to go to the same schools. Not everyone used to be able to ride the same buses. Everyone couldn't even use the same bathrooms! Martin Luther King Jr. helped change this. He and many other citizens wanted to change our country so everyone would be treated the same.



On this holiday every year, we need to think about community. We are supposed to think about how to get along together and solve our problems!

Holiday Reading Comprehension Stories

www.HaveFunTeaching.com

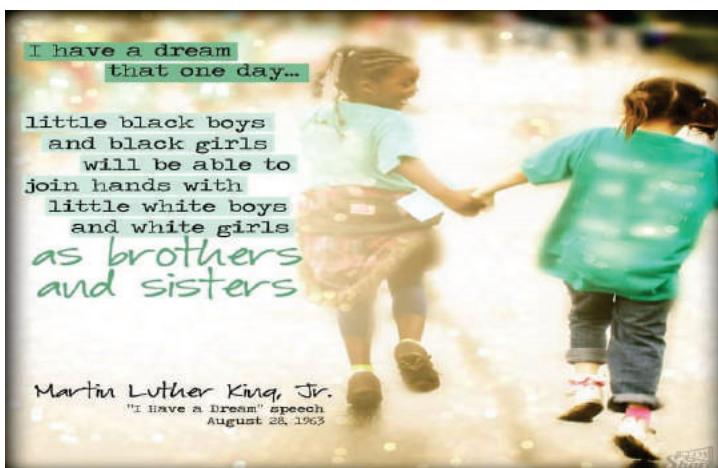
Christmas Thank Yous

Just a friendly reminder to all you kids, don't forget to write/send your Christmas thank you cards! In my immediate family, thank yous are reserved for times when gifts are opened without the giver being present. If we are all together during gift opening....a verbal thank you is all that it takes. But if a Grandma or Great Aunt gives a gift through the mail or some other way...a thank you card is always in order. If you can Facetime with them showing the gift you received or take a picture with the gift to add in your Thank you card., they would love it! I know that on occasion, time gets away from us and our good intentions are forgotten. Don't delay...crank out those cards now so that you don't offend the gift giver.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Harper Toth

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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - January 2022

WINTER WORD SEARCH



Created by
Sue Lindquist
Grand Forks Herald
2019

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

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

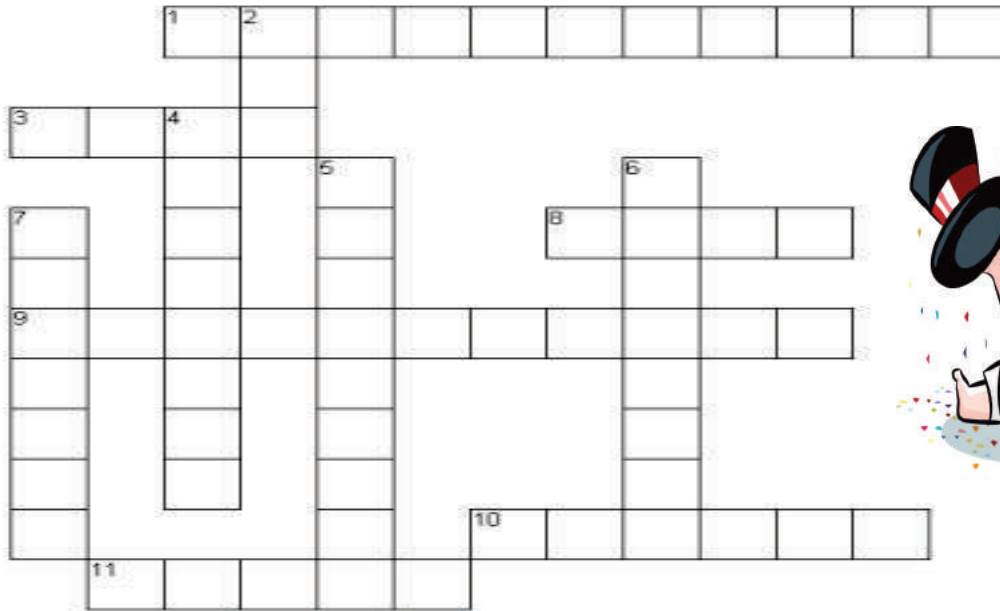


KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - January 2022



Happy New Year

Crossword



Across

1. We bring in the new year with a _____.
3. A symbol of the old year is father _____.
8. The New Year symbol is a _____.
9. We use _____ to make lots of noise on New Year's Eve.
10. We often see a _____ with floats and marching bands on New Year's.
11. The day the new month starts is the _____.

Down

2. December 31 is also known as New Year's _____.
4. At the stroke of _____ it is New Year's Day.
5. We watch _____ that display bright lights and loud sounds.
6. We record dates and months on this _____.
7. The month of the new year is _____.

Baby Calendar Celebration Eve Fireworks First
January Midnight Noisemakers Parade Time

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JANUARY IN HISTORY



January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1993 - Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

January 1, 1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro, for electronic financial and business transactions. Participating countries included; Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

January 2, 1960 - In Washington, D.C., Senator John F. Kennedy announced his intention to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 4, 1790 - President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address.

January 5, 1925 - Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming became the first female governor inaugurated in the U.S.

January 5, 1968 - Alexander Dubcek became first secretary of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party. He introduced liberal reforms known as "Communism with a human face" which resulted in Soviet Russian troops invading Prague to crack down.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 6, 1990 - Poland's Communist Party disbanded and then reorganized as the Social Democratic Party, an opposition party to Solidarity.

January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 7, 1782 - The first U.S. commercial bank opened as the Bank of North America in Philadelphia.

January 8, 1918 - Amid the ongoing World War in Europe, President Woodrow Wilson proposed his Fourteen Points, calling for a reduction of arms, self determination for governments, and the creation of a League of Nations, all intended to serve as a basis for resolving the conflict and establishing a lasting peace in Europe.

January 8, 1982 - The American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) Company was broken up as a result of an antitrust suit. AT&T gave up 22 local Bell system companies, opening the U.S. telephone system to competition.

January 10, 1912 - The flying boat airplane, invented by Glenn Curtiss, made its first flight at Hammondsport, New York.

January 10, 1984 - The U.S. and Vatican established full diplomatic relations after a break of 116 years.

January 11, 1990 - In Lithuania, 200,000 persons demanded political independence from Soviet Russia after Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of the Soviet Union, publicly warned that separatism could lead to tragedy. Independence was achieved in September of 1991, three months before the collapse of the Soviet Union itself.

January 12, 1879 - In Southern Africa, the Zulu War began between the British and the natives of Zululand, ultimately resulting in the destruction of the Zulu Empire.

January 12, 1932 - Hattie W. Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, was appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill the term of her deceased husband. Later in the year, she became the first woman elected to the Senate.

January 12, 1990 - Romania outlawed the Communist Party following the overthrow of Dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu who had ruled for 24 years.

January 15, 1870 - The first use of a donkey to symbolize the Democratic Party in America appeared in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly, criticizing former secretary of war Edwin Stanton with the caption, "A Live Jackass Kicking a Dead Lion."

January 17, 1773 - The ship Resolution, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

January 17, 1945 - During World War II, Warsaw, Poland, was liberated by Soviet Russian troops.

January 21, 1924 - Soviet Russian leader Vladimir Lenin died of a brain hemorrhage. He led the Bolsheviks to victory over the Czar in the October Revolution of 1917 and had then established the world's first Communist government. Lenin's body was placed in a tomb in Red Square in Moscow and was a much venerated national shrine until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

January 23, 1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America's first woman doctor.

January 24, 1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended.

January 25, 1959 - An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, traveling from California to New York.

January 27, 1967 - Three American astronauts were killed as a fire erupted inside Apollo 1 during a launch simulation test at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

January 28, 1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven persons, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 30, 1835 - President Andrew Jackson survived the first assassination attempt on a U.S. President. While leaving the House of Representatives Chamber, an insane would-be assassin fired two pistol shots at him, however both pistols misfired and the president was unharmed.

January 30, 1933 - Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Paul von Hindenburg. Hitler went on to become the sole leader of Nazi Germany. He then waged a war of expansion in Europe, precipitating the deaths of an estimated 50 million persons through military conflict and through the Holocaust in which the Nazis attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe.

January 31, 1943 - German troops surrendered at Stalingrad, marking the first big defeat of Hitler's armies in World War II. During the Battle of Stalingrad, 160,000 Germans were killed and 90,000 taken prisoner, including the commander, Friedrich von Paulus, the first German field marshal ever to surrender. The captured Germans were forced to march to Siberia, with few ever returning to Germany.

January 31, 1945 - Eddie Slovik, a 24-year-old U.S. Army private, was executed by a firing squad after being sentenced to death for desertion, the first such occurrence in the U.S. Army since the Civil War.

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Thank you everyone who supported last year's Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. It is with great pleasure to announce that **217 donors gave \$30,848.49 last year**. Here is a breakdown of donors and the amount given:

Parish Collections	12	\$12,641.49
Slovak Fraternal Organizations (including Home Office donations)	77	\$ 8,125.00
Clergy and Religious of Slovak Heritage	32	\$ 3,060.00
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A direct mailing for the 2022 Appeal has been sent to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and previous donors. Your support is needed each year because money collected in the Appeal goes to help pay for the operating costs of the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence of priests from Slovakia selected by their bishops to undertake graduate studies.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2022 Appeal but did not receive a letter 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, 2022 will be credited toward the 2023 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. Hvozdevic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harvey's Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, 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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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 10

HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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bers of that assembly, and \$100.00 was a donation to that assembly's parish church. The \$100.00 should be used to promote the Slovak Catholic Sokol organization in the parish bulletin. Financial Secretary Blamar made a motion to make the same donations this year. Recording Secretary Knoblauch seconded the motion, and all present were in favor. Recording Secretary Knoblauch will prepare the letters and Financial Secretary Blamar will disburse the monies with the letters. The following assemblies will receive donations:

Assembly 32 – Financial Secretary is Joann Kerckmar

Assembly 72 – Financial Secretary is Steve Roman

Assembly 78 – Financial Secretary is Fran Blamar

Assembly 255 – Financial Secretary is Bernard Kuchera

Everyone present reviewed the request for a donation from the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Recording Secretary Knoblauch made a motion that the group donate \$100.00. Vice President Roman seconded the motion, and all present were in favor. Financial Secretary will prepare the donation and send it.

President Roman approved the following salaries to be paid for the year:

President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and 1 Auditor. Also, the president determined that the salaries for the following year would remain the same.

Since an in-person meeting couldn't be held and officers elected, Auditor Blamar made a motion that all current officers remain in their position for the next year. Vice President Roman seconded the motion, and all present were in favor.

The officers decided to hold a semi-annual meeting in spring 2022, however that is dependent on the pandemic. The president will contact all the officers about a date and time. If no meeting is held in the spring, President Roman will contact the officers about holding the annual meeting in the fall of 2022.

With no further business to discuss, Financial Secretary Blamar made a motion to adjourn. Vice President Roman seconded, and all present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Knoblauch

Recording Secretary

YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

OBITUARIES

KENNETH DVORCHAK

August 28, 1963 - November 17, 2021

Kenneth Dvorchak, 58 of Smock, PA, passed away on November 17, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Sr. and Marcella Dvorchak and sister in law Sherrie Dvorchak. Surviving are siblings, Edward Jr. and Caroline Dvorchak of South Carolina, Mike Dvorchak of Smock, Robert and Patricia Dvorchak of Vorena, Dave Dvorchak of Smock, Denise Fingeret of Pittsburgh, Mark and Gail Dvorchak of Smock, Anita Hadden and Robert Shumar of Footdale, Lisa Dvorchak of Oakmont, and many nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Colleen Crowe of Brownsville, Robert Jr. and Laura Crowe of Adah, Jennifer and Tony Aguilar of Uniontown, Cynthia and Chris Banks of Maryland; step grandchildren, Jazmine Wilson, Lilly and Robert Crowe.



Kenneth was a member of Wreath 15 in Parryopolis, PA. He was paralyzed after a accident when he was young. He attendet many Sokol events and everyone and everywhere was inspired by his positive attitude and great smile

Friends will be received in the Stephen R. Haky Funeral Home, Inc, 603 N. Gallatin Ave, Ext, Uniontown on Monday, November 22, from 4 to 8 p.m.; and on Tuesday, November 23, until 9:15 a.m when prayers of transfer will be said.

A Mass of Christina Burial was held on November 22 in St. Mary (Nativity) Roman Catholic Church in Uniontown, PA. Interment followed in Sylvan Heights Cemetery Uniontown.

Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories.

IN MEMORIAM

NOVEMBER 2021

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 1	John Frankowski, Wantage, NJ	74	October 25, 2021
Assembly 1	Jacob A. Prelich, Newburgh, NY	80	November 2, 2021
Assembly 11	Genevieve Hanchar, Johnstown, NY	93	November 21, 2021
Assembly 25	Jan J. Stolarik, Perryopolis, PA	74	November 9, 2021
Assembly 59	Alvina McDermott, Columbia, MD	92	September 12, 2021
Assembly 64	Robert J. Berdis, Norton, OH	79	November 9, 2021
Assembly 86	Carmella M. Janiga, Duryel, PA	90	October 21, 2021
Assembly 86	Helen Stegura, Pittston, PA	94	October 29, 2021
Assembly 86	Elizabeth Milazzo, Shavertown, PA	84	November 1, 2021
Assembly 108	Edward Hudak of North Lima, OH	96	November 19, 2020
Assembly 110	Joseph T. Andresko, Pottsville, PA	78	September 8, 2021
Assembly 110	Mary Bradley, Crumlynn, PA	90	March 2, 2021
Assembly 136	Michael F. Slank, Weatherly, PA	54	November 2, 2021
Assembly 162	Dolores Daniel, Stephens City, VA	86	October 30, 2021
Assembly 163	Aaron Fayish, Venetia, PA	40	September 15, 2020
Assembly 167	Veronica Dimengo, Sheffield Lane, OH	98	March 19, 2021
Assembly 219	Lee Lynn Stafko, Stockton, CA	76	November 10, 2021
Assembly 261	Michael Debiec, Beaver Springs, PA	72	October 17, 2021
Assembly 295	Florence Husfelt, West Mifflin, PA	85	October 19, 2021
Wreath 15	James M. McGowan, Monessen, PA	58	October 5, 2021
Wreath 15	Kenneth Dvorchak, Smock, PA	57	November 17, 2021
Wreath 39	Margaret C. Imbro, Stratford, CT	99	May 3, 2013
Wreath 54	Susann B. Hatala, Poland, OH	80	November 23, 2021
Wreath 81	Paul P. Hruskoci, Naperville, IN	94	November 1, 2021
Wreath 93	John Hrenak, Florissant, MO	87	May 3, 2019
Wreath 93	Roger E. Ollhoff, Merrill, WI	83	September 25, 2021
Wreath 93	Jason Teynor, Prairie Du Chien, WI	78	October 18, 2021
Wreath 93	Ruth Geb Harker, Kenosha, WI	77	November 13, 2021
Wreath 153	Joseph Benko, Cleveland, OH	102	August 10, 2020

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 11 – HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Meeting called to order by President David Genosky at 10:00 a.m. with prayers for our members.

Group Officers present: President, David Genosky, Vice President, Dolores Genosky, Sports, Dave Matlon, Secretary, James T. Genosky. Absent excused: Other Officers do to wedding commitment. Assembly 34: James Bacha; Wreath 47: Joan Jaques, Dawn Genosky, Diana Snow, Lori Matlon.

President Genosky gave the Financial Report and news from Home Office, and appointed Joan Jaques, Dawn Genosky, Diana Snow and Jim Bacha to audit the books, and Lori Matlon and Dawn Genosky to new motions committee.

Second Session: Audit report was in order. New motions report: Group 11 is fully supporting their team at the next Slet, Approved.

Activities report: All members are invited to parish fall festival on Sunday, August 22, 2022. Food and drinks will be free of charge.

Elections: All officers were reelected until next Convention.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with prayers.

James T. Genosky
Secretary

VYDALI JEDINEČNÚ PUBLIKÁCIU O ČESKOSLOVENSKOM MENOVOM ZLATE

Pred Vianocami obohatila knižný trh ojedinelá a unikátna publikácia, nazvaná Československé menové zlato 1938 - 1982, na ktorej jej autor Slavomír Michálek pracoval bezmála 20 rokov.

Československé menové zlato s hmotnosťou takmer 45 ton začalo písať svoju históriu koncom 30. rokov 20. storočia v čase oklieštenia a rozbitia Československej republiky. Vtedy ho násilne a bezprávne ukoristilo nacistické Nemecko.

Na sklonku druhej svetovej vojny v apríli 1945 ho objavila americká okupačná armáda v nemeckých solných baniach v Merkers pri Aachene a takmer na 37 rokov sa stalo súčasťou hospodársko-obchodných a politicko-ideologických medzinárodných sporov.

„Problemátike československého menového zlata som sa venoval priebežne takmer 20 rokov, keďže som na ňu narazil pri štúdiu amerických dokumentov o povojnových československo-amerických vzťahoch v národnom archíve vo Washingtone. Jasne z nich vyplývalo, že osud československého menového zlata je úzko prepojený s československo-americkými vzťahmi počas celého obdobia studenej vojny. Dosiaľ túto otázku nikto v týchto súvislostiach nepreskúmal a nikto z Bratislavy či Prahy dosiaľ nesiahol ani po dokumentoch britsko-francúzsko-americkej Tripartitnej komisie pre reštitúciu menového zlata,“ povedal autor vedeckej publikácie, riaditeľ Historického ústavu SAV Slavomír Michálek.

Medzi najzaujímavejšie pasáže 472-stránkovej publikácie, ktorá obsahuje archívne dokumenty z viacerých archívov a fondov v Českej republike a Spojených štátov, patria motivácie a stanoviská Kongresu USA pri rokovaniach s Prahou, ako aj samotný prevoz zlata cez Zürich vo februári 1982, ktoré majú podľa autora nádych takmer až politicko-diplomatického trileru.

Publikácia je unikátna z hľadiska svojho rozsahu, hĺbky spracovania i výberu témy. Téma československo-amerického sporu o menové zlato po druhej svetovej vojne bola doposiaľ spracovávaná iba fragmentárne. Z tohto hľadiska ide o prvú prácu, ktorá sa danej téme venuje v takomto rozsahu,“ ocenil knihu politológ a historik Juraj Marušiak. – *TASR*

KONCOM STOROČIA MÔŽE BYŤ POČASIE NA SR AKO NA JUHU TURECKA

Na Slovensku je asi o 1,5 stupňa Celzia teplejšie, ako bol priemer 20. storočia. Otepľovanie sa v poslednom desaťročí zrýchlilo. Ak sa bude týmto tempom otepľovať aj naďalej, v polovici tohto storočia môže byť klíma na Slovensku teplejšia o viac ako dva stupne Celzia. Pre TASR to uviedol klimatológ Pavel Matejovič s tým, že na Slovensku tak môže byť podnebie ako v súčasnom severnom Taliansku. Na konci tohto storočia tu môže byť ako na juhu Turecka.

Dôsledky klimatickej krízy na Slovensku pociťujú ľudia najmä v lete, keď sa vyskytujú intenzívnejšie a dlhodobejšie vlny horúčav. „Napriek zmene klímy sa budú jednotlivé ročné obdobia striedať aj naďalej, no budú mať iný charakter. Už dnes máme často pocit, akoby sme prešli zo zimy priamo do leta alebo naopak,“ tvrdí Matejovič.

Približuje, že počas miernych zím vo februári môžu byť teploty okolo 20 stupňov Celzia. V marci a apríli prichádza k náhlým ochladeniam a následným mrazom, ktoré spália rozkvitnuté ovocné stromy. „Všetky tieto prudké teplotné výkyvy spôsobujú prírodným ekosystémom teplotný stres,“ skonštatoval Matejovič. Doplní, že ďalšiemu teplotnému stresu sú príroda a ľudia vystavení v lete počas intenzívnych a dlhotrvajúcich horúčav. Súčasný prírodný ekosystém sa podľa klimatológa vytváral tisíce rokov a nedokáže sa za taký krátky čas adaptovať na prudké teplotné zmeny.

Zmenu klímy tak budú najviac pociťovať chorí a starší ľudia, a to najmä v lete počas horúčav. „Rizikovým faktorom bude aj dusno, keď teploty síce nevystupujú až tak vysoko, no kombinácia teplého a vlhkého počasia môže spôsobiť zdravotné komplikácie najmä chronicky chorým ľuďom,“ poukazuje Matejovič. Pokračuje, že v takýchto prípadoch pomôže jedine klimatizovanie miestností, aj keď je neekologické. Mierne zimy s častou teplotnou inverziou zase podľa klimatológa podporujú rýchlejšie šírenie rôznych vírusových ochorení.

Matejovič hovorí, že ľudia by mali rátať s častejším výskytom extrémnych prejavov počasia. Okrem vysokých teplôt sú to silné búrky s privalovými zrážkami, krupobitím alebo silným vetrom. „Čím je totiž atmosféra teplejšia, tým sa zväčšuje dynamika všetkých atmosférických procesov,“ podotkol.

- *TASR*

SLOVENSKO BY MALO UZAVRIEŤ S USA DOHODU O OBRANNEJ SPOLUPRÁCI

Slovenská republika by mala uzavrieť so Spojenými štátmi americkými dohodu o obrannej spolupráci. Ministerstvo obrany predkladá jej návrh do medzirezortného pripomienkového konania. Dokument má vymedziť pravidlá spolupráce s USA. Zároveň to umožní čerpať finančné prostriedky v prospech Slovenska. Minister obrany Jaroslav Nad' deklaroval, že dohoda plne rešpektuje suverenitu Slovenska.

V prvej vlnе umožní dohoda využiť približne 100 miliónov dolárov na modernizáciu obrannej infraštruktúry. Podľa šéfa rezortu sú potrebné najmä investície do letísk. Zdôraznil, že akákoľvek infraštruktúra, ktorá bude postavená, bude majetkom SR.

Minister zahraničných vecí Ivan Korčok doplnil, že SR je poslednou zo všetkých krajín na tzv. východnom krídle NATO, ktorá takúto dohodu nemá. Považuje ju za logický krok

vzhľadom na doterajšiu intenzívnu spoluprácu s USA. Ako podčiarkol Korčok, ozbrojené sily USA nebudú robiť na území SR nič bez súhlasu a vedomia SR. Dohoda podľa neho neznamená ani vytvorenie predpokladu stálej prítomnosti USA na území SR.

Na rokovanie vlády by sa mal materiál dostať v januári 2022. Odsúhlasiť by ju mal aj parlament, záverom by mala byť ratifikácia prezidentkou.

Náčelník Generálneho štábu Ozbrojených síl SR Daniel Zmeko dohodu víta. Administratívne podľa neho zjednoduší spoločné výcvikové aktivity a stanoví presné pravidlá na riešenie súvisiacich situácií.

Prinesie tiež možnosť nájsť lepšiu zhodu a lepšie ladiť plány pri hľadaní odpovedí na aktuálne bezpečnostné výzvy. Vzhľadom na stav infraštruktúry OS SR víta aj avizované investície.

KÚTIK HUMORU

Návštevník reštaurácie, kde nebola šatňa, si pripieval na svoj kabát lístok: „Som boxer, šampión ťažkej váhy. Každý, kto sa dotkne môjho kabáta, to oľutuje!“ Keď odchádzal, visel na mieste jeho kabáta lístok: „Som bežec, preborník na dlhé trate. Pokúste sa ma chytiť!“

Autobus sa rozbieha z kopca dole a za ním beží muž. Jeden cestujúci ho vidí, vykloní sa z okna von a kričí:
 „Asi nás už nedohoníte!“
 „Musím ja som šofér!“

Ide chlap s nákladným autom po diaľnici, zle odhadne výšku nákladu a zasekne sa pod mostom. Za chvíľu dorazí policajné auto, jeden policajt príde ku kabíne, v ktorej sedí nahneváný šofér a pýta sa:
 - Tak čo, vodič, zasekol ste sa, že?
 - Nie, veziem most a došiel mi benzín!

Muž celý spotený nadávajúc tlačí auto. Z okienka zrazu vykukne jeho žena, ktorá sedí za volantom a pýta sa:
 - Zlatko, už môžem povoliť ručnú brzdu?

Príde svokra na návštevu, zazvoní, zať jej otvorí: A, mamička, prišli ste nadiľho? Svokra odpovie: No, dokedy vás neomrzím, deti. Zať: A nevy pijete si aspoň kávu?

Štyria piloti sú v lietadle, a dvaja vidia, že horí pravý motor. O 5 minút vidia, že horí aj ľavý motor. Nastane panika. Z kabíny vylezie hlavný pilot, chystá sa vyskočiť a ostatným hovorí:
 - Ničoho sa nebojte, idem po pomoc.

VIETE, ŽE...

...19. decembra pred 114 rokmi sa stala najhoršia tragédia v ťažbe uhlia v histórii amerického štátu Pensylvánia a jedna z najhorších v celých USA - Darr Mine disaster. Výbuch v uholnej bani pri meste Smithton, PA si vyžiadal 239 obetí, z ktorých nezanedbateľnú časť tvorili aj Slováci. Baníci slovenského pôvodu pochádzali z Gemerskej a Abovskej župy.

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KRÁTKKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Americký magazín Forbes zaradil slovenskú prezidentku Zuzanu Čaputovú medzi 100 najvplyvnejších žien sveta. V rebríčku, na čele ktorého sú americká spisovateľka a filantropka MacKenzie Scottová, viceprezidentka USA Kamala Harrisová a šéfka Európskej centrálnej banky Christine Lagardeová, sa Čaputová umiestnila na 86. mieste. Rebríček najvplyvnejších žien sveta za rok 2021 zverejnil Forbes na svojej webstránke 7. decembra. Forbes si všíma, že protikorupčná právnička a aktivistka Zuzana Čaputová (48) je na Slovensku vôbec prvou ženou v prezidentskej funkcii a zároveň doposiaľ najmladším politikom na tomto poste.

Vo veku 101 zomrel 5. decembra najstarší organista na Slovensku Fridrich Kolarovič. O Kolarovičovi bol natočený aj dokument s názvom Organ v nebi. V roku 2014 bol ako 94-ročný aktívny kostolný organista zapísaný do Knihy slovenských rekordov. Kolarovič sa narodil 21. augusta 1920 vo Veľkých Kostoľanoch. Po maturite na Učiteľskom ústave v Bratislave sa stal učiteľom v Lužiankach. Riaditeľom školy bol v Ludaniciach. Pôsobil aj v Bernolákove a pred dôchodkom učil v Novej Dedinke. Okrem organovania viedol aj ochotnícke divadlá a spevácke zbory.

Kapitánka Jana Pastorčáková mala v Lotyšsku na starosti celú rotáciu 124 vojakov. Bola tak na najvyššej pozícii spomedzi žien v medzinárodnej operácii Predsuntá prítomnosť v Lotyšsku (eFP). Do 7. decembra bola zástupkyňou veliteľa slovenského kontingentu, majora Michala Németha. Informovalo o tom Ministerstvo obrany SR vo svojom profile na sociálnej sieti. Lotyšsko nebolo pre Pastorčákovú prvou skúsenosťou s pôsobením v zahraničí. Už dávnejšie pôsobila napríklad v Bosne a Hercegovine v misii UNFICYP.

Platy na Slovensku šli opäť výrazne nahor. Napriek tomu ľudia ponuky neberú. Priemerná nominálna mesačná mzda sa v októbri medzioročne zvýšila vo všetkých sledovaných odvetviach, najviac v ubytovaní o 20,8 % (dosiahla 866 eur). Dvojciferný rast zaznamenali aj mzdy v predaji a oprave motorových vozidiel o 12,1 % (1197 eur) a vo veľkoobchode o 10,3 % (1241 eur). Informoval o tom Štatistický úrad. Mzda medzioročne rástla aj vo vybraných trhových službách o 8,9 % (1140 eur), v činnostiach reštaurácií a pohostinstiev o 8,6 % (596 eur), stavebníctve o 8 % (827 eur), maloobchode o 7,5 % (898 eur), informačných a komunikačných činnostiach o 7,3 % (2046 eur), doprave a skladovaní o 5,6 % (1097 eur) a priemysle o 5,2 % (1224 eur).

V súvislosti s prebiehajúcou štvrtou priemyselnou revolúciou čelí Slovensko otázke ako na ňu efektívne pripraviť svoje podniky i zamestnancov a udržať svoju konkurencieschopnosť voči zvyšku sveta. „Aj pri optimistických prognózach demografického vývoja nám klesne v roku 2030 počet pracujúcich obyvateľov o 199-tisíc oproti roku 2020,“ hovorí ekonóm a docent SAV Vladimír Baláž. Slovensko ako priemyselná krajina pritom patrí k najohrozenejším krajinám OECD – už čoskoro tu budú v dôsledku priemyselnej revolúcie ohrozené až dve z troch pracovných miest.



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