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Brothers & Missionaries
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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and welcomed the New Year with hope for a better 2022 than what we lived through in 2020 and 2021.



It was nice to celebrate Christmas 2021 like I did in the past with the family gathering on Christmas Eve, for Vilija, and then on Christmas Day. The worry of COVID was behind us since we all had our vaccinations.

Everyone was appreciative of being together to celebrate Christmas and exchange Christmas gifts. The adults wondered, why they got certain gifts, and many said, I can use it; to the grandchildren and great nieces and nephews who received some great gifts, especially the Oculus 2. Oh! I cannot forget the worst gift of them all, COVID. Someone sneaked the virus into our midst and infected eighteen out of the twenty-six.

This is how I started the New Year carrying the old year and its prob-

lems into the new year and isolating for ten days. Very thankful the symptoms were mild because of having the prescribed two vaccinations and the booster. The biggest issues were the sinus and coughing, the fogginess and tired feeling which lingered around for another week.

The experts were right again, and everyone should do their part and follow the expert's advice. This is the only way we can beat this virus from spreading again.

Plans for the February 2022 in-person meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board was set for February 12. Since COVID spiked in January and there are no signs of it abating until late February or March, the February meeting is now a Zoom meeting. The plans for the 50th International Slet was originally for 2021, then rescheduled for 2022 but is now scheduled for July of 2023. This gives the Supreme Physical Fitness Board ample time to do all the organizing they need to hold the 50th International Slet in 2023. This all will depend on the unknown of what the future holds. The Society will con-

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S.C.S. 2022 BOWLING TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The 76th Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th, 2022 at the Brookgate Lanes in Brook Park, Ohio. The GCU Fraternal Society, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society will be joining us. The bowling application is posted on our web site and the submission deadline is April 11, 2022.

The tournament lodging for bowlers and guests will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights, OH, 44130. Tel.:440-243-4040.

The guaranteed rate is \$105.00 for single or double occupancy Friday and Saturday night.

Team events will be held on Friday evening, May 13th, first squad at 5:30 p.m and second squad at 8:00 PM. The Friday evening hospitality including food and refreshments will be served at

6:45 p.m. at Brookgate Lanes, allowing time to relax and socialize before or after team bowling. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

The cost for the 76th International Bowling Tournament will be the same as 2019: \$22.00 per event, \$5 for all-events and \$29.00 for the banquet on Saturday May 14th. The total for each bowler participating in team, doubles, singles, all-events and the banquet is \$100.00.

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

Stay safe and I will see you in Ohio.

James C. Matlon

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

(The application is published on page 15)

From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

IT'S ELECTRIC!

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



Greetings from the Home Office! I hope everyone is staying safe during these trying times as we navigate through this pandemic. These past two years have been hard on every-



one, and our Society is no different. For an organization that thrives off being together and fraternalizing, it has certainly affected us. We need to continue to have faith that wonderful times are in

the near future, and we will be back to enjoying each other's company at an S.C.S. fraternal event!

With that being said, I am excited to announce that the 34th Quadrennial Convention will be held in beautiful downtown Scranton, PA at the Hilton Scranton Conference Center on August 5th-8th, 2023. We are thrilled to be bringing the Convention to Lackawanna County in Northeastern Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley, which as you know, is home to many of our most active members.

The city's nickname "Electric City" began when electric lights were introduced in 1880. Six years later, the United States' first streetcars powered only by electricity began operating in the city and Rev. David Spencer later proclaimed Scranton as the "Electric City."

Over the past ten years, Scranton has gone through a major revitalization bringing many coffee shops, restaurants and bars to downtown which has brought various businesses to the area and created plenty of excitement. The Hilton Scranton Conference Center located at the corner of Adams Avenue and Lackawanna Avenue is in the heart of all this vibrant activity. The city is also home to many landmarks and activities that should occupy our delegates time (out of session of course!) including but not limited to

the Electric City Trolley Museum, the Harry Houdini Museum, the Everhart Museum, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, which is the New York Yankees AAA affiliate and the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Peter, located just a half mile away from the hotel. And for our Sokol casino patrons, the Mohegan Sun Pocono is just a short drive away.

We will be sending out more information over the next 18 months in preparation for this important event and we HOPE by that time, we can all be together. Make sure you all mark your calendars!

As I always do, I would like to ask our members to examine how much life insurance you currently have. If you do not know, please contact the Home Office and we will be glad to help you. Unfortunately, a substantial portion of our membership are under insured, leaving them one accident or terminal illness away from a financial catastrophe for their loved ones. What if you were suddenly gone? Would your family have enough financial stability to survive? If you believe that answer to be no or are unsure, please contact our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr, F.I.C. at (412) 381-5431 or call the Home Office at 800-886-7656, and we would be glad to answer your questions. Always remember, life insurance is for the living.

Finally, I urge all our members to stay diligent in fighting this virus. As temperatures become colder and activities are forced inside, please be smart. The light is at the end of the tunnel!

Until next time, Happy Valentine's Day to my three Valentines, Maggie, Reid and Cole, and Happy Valentine's Day to all our members. Also, Happy Feast Day to Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who grace our Falcon cover.

Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

In Observance Of

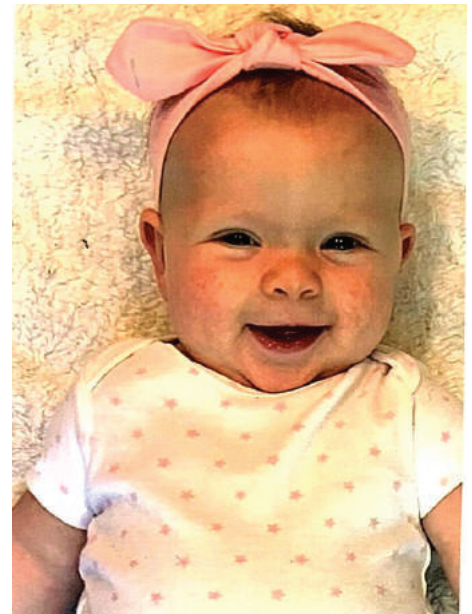


The Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, February 21st.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

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

Introducing our newest member



Molly Elizabeth Day, born June 24, 2021, is the daughter of Eric and Kaitlin Day of Lothian, MD. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 54 in Youngstown, OH.

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

**FEBRUARY – THE MONTH
OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

In January, the Catholic Church celebrated the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and in February, we turn to the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



In sending His Son to earth as a Baby, born into a family, God elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Our own family life reflects that lived by Christ, in obedience to His mother and foster father. Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect

model of the family before us in the Holy Family.

One commendable practice for the month of February is a Consecration to the Holy Family – I will post this prayer during this month. I suggest you gather the entire family and recite the consecration prayer, which reminds us that we aren't saved individually. We all work out our salvation in conjunction with others—first and foremost, together with the other members of our family.

There's no need to wait until next February to repeat the consecration, it's a good prayer for your family to pray every month.

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus,
ever to follow the example of Your holy Family,
that in the hour of our death
Your glorious Virgin Mother
together with blessed Joseph
may come to meet us
and we may be worthily received by You
into everlasting dwellings
who lives and reigns, world without end.
Amen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**S.C.S. MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY 78
BETHLEHEM, PA**

**ANNIVERSARY MASS & REUNION
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022**

INCARNATION of OUR LORD CHURCH
(Formerly Sts. CYRIL & METHODIUS)

MASS at 2:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT LABUDA HALL

FOR INFO/RESERVATIONS

CALL PRESIDENT FRAN BLANAR @ 610-509-8059

DEADLINE - APRIL 17, 2022

A JOINT FRATERNAL EVENT FOR
FCSU, GCU, NSS & SCS MEMBERS

2022 NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

GREETINGS from OHIO

Brookgate Lanes

14950 SNOW ROAD
BROOK PARK, OH
216-676-4325

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

LOGGING

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

Block Code: **SNB**

SCAN TO MAKE A RESERVATION

UPCOMING NCSML EVENT

**A LECTURE ON SLOVAK HEADDRESSES
WITH HELENE CINCIBEAUX**

JANUARY 20 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join Helene Cincebeaux via Zoom for the world-premiere of the video highlighting the unique stories associated with her "Crowning Glory" exhibit.



For the past 40 plus years, Helene and her mother collected unique, one-of-a-kind headdresses from Moravia and Slovakia. Helene will discuss the history, cultural significance, and most importantly, the human stories behind pieces from the largest headdress collection in the U.S.

and perhaps one of the largest in the world. A live question and answer will take place after the video premiere. Video run time is 63 minutes.

Cost: Free Zoom event. Please consider a good-will donation of any amount to help continue free programming at NCSML. Your support makes events like this lecture possible.

Website: <https://ncsml.org/event/slovak-headdress-lecture/>



**MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
HELD IN SARASOTA, FL – DECEMBER 5-6, 2021**

FIRST SESSION

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

After a beautiful mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S HvozdoVIC, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2021, and greeted all the members.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, was called upon for the **Opening Prayer**.

Supreme Physical Directress, Katie M. Swift, 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. HvozdoVIC
 Supreme President Michael J. Horvath
 Supreme Vice-President.....Edward D. Moeller
 Supreme SecretaryScott 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 DirectressKatie Swift
 The record will show nine members of the Board of Directors are in attendance.

Acknowledged

Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, asked Brother President to suspend the agenda and begin discussions regarding the issue pertaining to Section 7.3 of our Constitution and Bylaws. Brother President indicated it was out of order and that time will be allotted for that discussion.

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held virtually on September 24, 2021, and published in the November 1, 2021, issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon.

Approved

The Supreme President asked our Supreme Secretary if there were any **Communications**.

Brother Secretary informed the Board that numerous thank-you letters were received for scholarships, donations, etc.

President Horvath then asked our Supreme Secretary to give a brief overview of the **Membership/Sales Report** forwarded to our Board members by our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C.

The Supreme Secretary reported that as of November 30, 2021, life business is slightly down from projections primarily due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Fortunately, annuity business has already exceeded our 2021 projections, which will result in our best year of premium income.

Brother Scott updated the Board on the progress of the agent sales' campaign and the progress of the premium rate change due to the reduction of the maximum valuation interest rate. New premium rates were developed and published on

October 1, 2021.

Brother Scott also reported on our Sokol Secure Fund. Efforts will be made to continue to encourage and educate our Assemblies and Wreaths on this wonderful offer and opportunity. A mailing with all materials will be going out to our Assemblies, Wreaths, and Groups.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Horvath thanked the Supreme Secretary for presenting 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 Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC.

Approved

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

The Fitness Board held virtual calls on November 11th & 21st to discuss the best dates for our 2022 Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting. During these meetings, discussions were had to have an in-person Clinic at Kutztown University in July 2022 and to move our 50th International Slet to July 2023 at Kutztown University. The increase in the delta and omicron variant in the past two months has led to the continued restrictions on social gatherings for our Groups to hold drilling and gymnastic practices. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board would like this recommendation to be discussed at this Board of Directors meeting.

The 2022 Fitness Board Meeting is now scheduled for February 11th-13th at the Double Tree Inn in Pittsburgh, PA.

The dates for the 2022 Bowling and Golf Tournaments are posted on our new web site and emailed to the Sports Directors in October 2021.

Sites that are confirmed for our 2022 Sports and Clinic:

- May 13-14, 2022 Bowling AMF Brookgate Lanes, Cleveland, OH
- July 14-17, 2022 Clinic Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
- August 12-14, 2022 Golf Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA

After a lengthy discussion, President Horvath entertained a motion to postpone the 50th International Slet until July 2023, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Approved

Brother President then entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller.

Approved

President Horvath 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 Counsel reported on the mortgages and all payments and insurance are being paid on time.
2. Brother John also reported on a potential buyer for

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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 WREATH 1

The phone meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4 p.m.

The secretary's Report from our last meeting was discussed.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as read.

Old Business: Review of last year during Covid pandemic.

New Business:

1. Co-President Pat Iancal to check with Linus about support for 2022.

2. Discussion regarding other donations: San Lukas Mission, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Pontifical College in Rome. Approved

3. Co-President Judy Nist visited the former Wreath 1 President Eileen Wilson.

4. Discussion regarding getting members involved.

5. Discussion about Group 2 meeting and St. Mary's Day celebration and Wreath 1 participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nist

Recording Secretary



Wreath 1 past President Eileen Wilson and her husband Roland at their Connecticut home. - Photo: Judy Nist

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.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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RETURN OF GRANT

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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 _____

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

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

Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

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

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

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

If yes, what year? _____

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

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

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

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 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 116 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

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD IN SARASOTA, FL – DECEMBER 5-6, 2021

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the print shop connected to the Home Office. The agreement has been made for the sale of the existing print shop building for \$185,000. The next step is getting approval from the city of Passaic. All expenses regarding that approval will be paid by the buyer. Brother Counsel will update the Board accordingly on any developments.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the above items, President Horvath entertained a motion to approve 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 called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano and Ms. Cynthia Cole, PNC Institutional Asset Management, for the **Investment Report**.

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

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

The Board members thanked Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole and President Horvath entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift. Approved

Brother President began discussion regarding the **declaration of a dividend** for the year 2021 to be distributed during 2022. The 2020 dividend declaration issued in 2021 was \$50,000.00.

After a brief discussion, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, moved that a dividend be declared for the year 2021 in the amount of \$50,000.00 payable in 2022 for all qualifying certificates, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Approved

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the **Annuity Interest Rate** to be offered for the first quarter of 2022.

The Board members had a lively discussion regarding the Annuity Interest Rate, taking into consideration our investment portfolio, the interest rate environment, product sales of our Vantage Collection, and the recommendations of our Director of Sales. Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, made a motion to continue with our current rates for the first quarter in 2022, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis. Approved

President Horvath questioned if there was any **Unfinished Business** to address.

The Board members were informed by Brother Jerek that the Annual Audit will be held March 14-17, 2022, at the Home Office in Passaic, NJ if all is well regarding the pandemic. If an in-person visit is unable to happen, the Auditors will collaborate with the Supreme Secretary to do the audit virtually.

Acknowledged

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 2022 First Quarterly Meeting is scheduled to be held on March 18-19, 2022, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. This is subject to change.

Acknowledged

The Board also discussed operational goals and timelines with our Supreme Secretary for the year ahead.

Acknowledged

Brother President questioned if there was any **New Business** to bring forward.

Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, questioned if we can begin discussions in relation to the matter regarding Section 7.3 of our Constitution and Bylaws. Brother President indicated that the item will be discussed in Executive Session tomorrow, December 6, 2021. Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, seconded by James C. Matlon.

Approved (Opposed by Edward D. Moeller, James F. Knis, James G. Jerek)

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

SECOND SESSION

Executive Session

Monday, December 6, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, and greeted all the members.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, was called upon for the **Opening Prayer**.

Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, led the Board Members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Brother President discussed the situation regarding Section 7.3 of our Constitution and Bylaws. Procedures were followed in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The Board of Directors deliberated at length and every Board member was given an opportunity to address the Board.

After much discussion, the Board came to a resolution after a roll call vote.

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, led the Board in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Zdar Boh!
Respectfully Submitted,
Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C.
Supreme Secretary

COMMUNICATION

As we enter 2022 we were all hoping Covid-19 would be a topic of the past. Unfortunately, this is still part of our every-day life. Do we need a mask? Is a cloth mask good or N95? Do we need a vaccination card? Did we booster? Did we not booster? Will we ever get to see our Canadian friends?

These topics have become normal for us. Having random masks in your pocket, purse, car, jacket, and stashed pretty much everywhere is the new normal.



There is one huge positive during the era of COVID, we have been all forced to learn and explore the many different options technology has to offer so we can all communicate. We have all found our way into virtual meetings, virtual classes, virtual happy hours, virtual mass and ordering

pretty much everything online.

I am even lucky enough to continue as an American Sign Language interpreter online. Interpreting from meetings in California, schools in Virginia and doctors appointments in Chicago.. all in one day. Communication is key and technology has made this so easy.

Communication within our Groups, Wreaths, Assemblies and Supreme Boards are so important in keeping our organization moving into the future. Many 'in-person' activities have had to be canceled over the last year due to Covid-19. This should not slow us down.

There are many different events that can take place, and I would like to help you explore those options. The future of our organization depends on people in the current leadership roles to lead. In the next few weeks, I will be contacting all of the Group Sports Directors, Group Presidents, Directresses and Directors. I will be asking for your activity reports, comments and input. Please take a few minutes to respond. Without your input, the SPFB does not know what to plan, what to host or organize. We are always open for new ideas and comments.

Keeping Sokol events alive and thriving is our main goal, but we need your support to communicate with us and your group.

If you have not heard from me please e-mail me, call me or text me. I look forward to hearing from all of you and planning for the future.

Katie Swift
Supreme Assistant Physical Directress
katieannswift@gmail.com
412-303-3338

Quotes That Will Inspire you

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot. – Michael Altshuler

"No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again."
– Buddha

I hope you realize that every day is a fresh start for you. That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written. – Juansen Dizon

Message from our Supreme President

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tinue to plan its fraternal activities and adjust them as needed to assure a safe environment for all participants and guests.

All of this is showing our lives are always changing and we need to adjust plans and our lives by what is unknown to us and what will happen to us in the future. So, are we prepared for the future as it pertains to our life insurance needs? We all put off things and feel we can do it later. But sometimes later comes earlier than we want. Take the time this year to analyze your life insurance plans and know you can always increase your coverage for you and your family with the Slovak Catholic Sokol. If you have any questions, you can contact Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. or Director of Sales Albert Suess, Jr, F.I.C. for assistance.

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



February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year. See all the month names.

Did you know that...

...February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in leap years such as 2020 and 2024.

...January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered a month-less period.

...Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 1 marks the Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Tiger!
- February 2 is Groundhog Day—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early. How did this quirky tradition get started?
- February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born.
- February 14 is always Valentine's Day.
- February 15 is women's rights leader Susan B. Anthony's birthday.
- February 15 is National Flag of Canada Day!
- February 21 is Presidents' Day, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February.
- February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.
- February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the North and South Hemispheres, February is the equivalent of August.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland

PRESIDENT CAPUTOVA CALLS FOR COHESION IN SOCIETY IN HER NEW YEAR'S SPEECH

We can only face the greatest modern health threat as a community, Slovak President Zuzana Caputova stated in her New Year's speech on Saturday afternoon, adding that this requires a contribution of every one of us.

Caputova called for cohesion, humanity and the cultivation of relationships in communities and families. According to her, this is a way to a strong, resilient Slovakia, which can confidently face all challenges.

"If we can suppress friction and conflicts among us, our hanging together will be a huge strength not only in overcoming the current crisis, but also in our long-term efforts," stressed the head of state.

According to Caputova, everyone is important in overcoming the pandemic. She emphasised the need for agreement on goals and starting points. "No matter how we may disagree on other things, we should be united in this. We all want to be healthy, we all want to live our ordinary lives again," she said, asking people to try to make decisions according to their own heart, conscience and try to keep a human face. She asked them not to be provoked by hate speech.

The president also encouraged people to avoid "serfdom thinking" in which all restrictions are perceived as a fate from above. "We don't see the responsibility, decency or consideration we voluntarily decide for as a dictate of regulations. After all, democracy itself is not based on enforced directives, but on the natural authority of the rules that result from a social agreement," she noted.

Caputova described the past year as difficult, but according to her, people have already learnt a bit about living in new conditions and adapted to changes. She pointed to children who don't know the faces of their nursery school teachers or students who had to get used to remote learning. "Seniors were limited by this situation in the most valuable thing as they haven't been able to meet their children and grandchildren. Many people have found themselves in existential problems. But we are most saddened by the fact that thousands of people missed their loved ones at the Christmas table and when entering the new year," she said.

FIVE COUNTRIES SENT BIDS FOR 8x8 VEHICLES FOR SLOVAK ARMED FORCES

Five countries have sent bids for 8x8 armoured combat vehicles for the Slovak Army, Defence Ministry spokesperson Martina Koval Kakascikova has told TASR.

These are the Czech Republic, Finland, Romania, Spain and the USA, with some of them supplying several technical solutions.

The recommendation for the Government regarding the vehicles' procurement should be ready by March 2022. The

price of 76 vehicles is estimated at €322 million, said Koval Kakascikova.

"The bids will be now assessed by a 70-strong project team composed of defence experts and Economy Ministry representatives who will judge bids from the viewpoint of the local defence industry's involvement," said the spokesperson. In addition to the detailed analysis, the vehicles will undergo practical testing. The result will be a feasibility study and further documents necessary to prepare recommendations for the Government.

The countries' bids will be evaluated from several points of view. The price itself will have the weight of 35 percent of the assessment, technical specifications 30 percent, logistics support 10 percent and the level of the local industry's involvement 25 percent.

"We're one step closer to new military equipment for our soldiers, worthy of their needs in the 21st century. In addition, involvement of the local industry is an important criterion, as it will have to make up at least 40 percent of the total acquisition price," said Defence Minister Jaroslav Nad (OLaNO). That's why the bids will be co-assessed by experts of the Economy Ministry.

The Government approved the procurement of the combat vehicles for the Slovak Army in September 2021.

FICO: SLOVAK-US AGREEMENT DISADVANTAGEOUS, VIOLATES SLOVAKIA'S SOVEREIGNTY

The draft Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between Slovakia and the USA is disadvantageous for Slovakia and violates the country's sovereignty, opposition Smer-SD party leader Robert Fico told a news conference in Presov on Wednesday, January 5, adding that he's not questioning Slovakia's commitments in NATO.

"It is a treaty which, according to the Slovak Constitution, will have priority over the national legislation of Slovakia. Every single article of the proposed wording is in harsh contradiction to the understanding of sovereignty and the sovereignty of an independent country," stated Fico.

According to Fico, the draft agreement gives the United States and its military "a free pass for the permanent presence of soldiers, civilian employees, contractors and family members in Slovakia for at least ten years."

"I'll ask my caucus mates never to back in Parliament the kind of agreement that is currently on the table," said Fico.

The Slovak-US agreement would enable the American military to use the Slovak military airports at Malacky-Kuchyna and Sliac or, potentially, other specified facilities rent-free. The agreement is to last for ten years.

Defence Minister Jaroslav Nad (OLaNO) has stressed that the DCA is a standard international agreement. It would enable Slovakia to draw approximately \$100 million for its Armed Forces. Any infrastructure built on Slovak soil and financed by the USA would remain the property of Slovakia. Nad has declared that the document fully respects Slovakia's sovereignty.

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

No applications will be accepted after April 11, 2022

ENTRY BLANK—76th ANNUAL
A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, FCSU, NSS & GCU
 "USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED"
 AMF Brookgate Lanes ↔ Brook Park, OH
 Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14, 2022

No applications will be accepted after April 11, 2022

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

BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST)	SCS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
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Please check one: Men's Application Women's Application

TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 13

5:30 PM 8 PM

Team Name: _____

(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENT—SATURDAY, MAY 14

9 AM 12:30 PM We could bowl Sunday if necessary.

1. _____
2. _____
1. _____
2. _____

Make Entry Fee payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account

Mail to: James Matlon, 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981.

BOWLING FEE AS WELL AS ENTRY MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THIS BLANK.

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND MUST BE RESUBMITTED.

Financial Totals for this Application	
Entry Fee for Each Event	
Prize Fee-\$10. ⁰⁰ + Bowling Fee-\$7. ⁵⁰ + Tournament Fee-\$4. ⁵⁰ = \$22. ⁰⁰	
Optional Events	Banquet + Bowling Entry
All Events-\$5. ⁰⁰ Banquet-\$29. ⁰⁰	\$100. ⁰⁰ per person
___ Singles Event @ \$22 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Doubles Event @ \$22 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Team Event @ \$22 ea. = \$ _____	
___ All Events @ \$5 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Banquet @ \$29 ea. = \$ _____	
Total Enclosed \$ _____	



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - February 2022

Valentine's Day WORD SEARCH

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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - February 2022

Activity

Washington Pancakes


Make yum pancakes to start your morning of President's Day!


Supplies –

- Pancake mixture
- Whipped cream spray
- 1 black grape

Directions –

- Shape your pancake mix in the pan on low heat into an oval face. You can also cut along a round pancake with kitchen scissors to get the desired shape. Also, cut out nose, lips, and eye lids out of another pancake.
- Once the face pancake cools a little, place it on a plate.
- Spray the whipped cream to make hair and eyes. Slice the grape into half and make pupils with them.
- Place the nose, lips, and eye lids as shown in the image, and your Washington pancake is ready to be attacked!





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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - February 2022

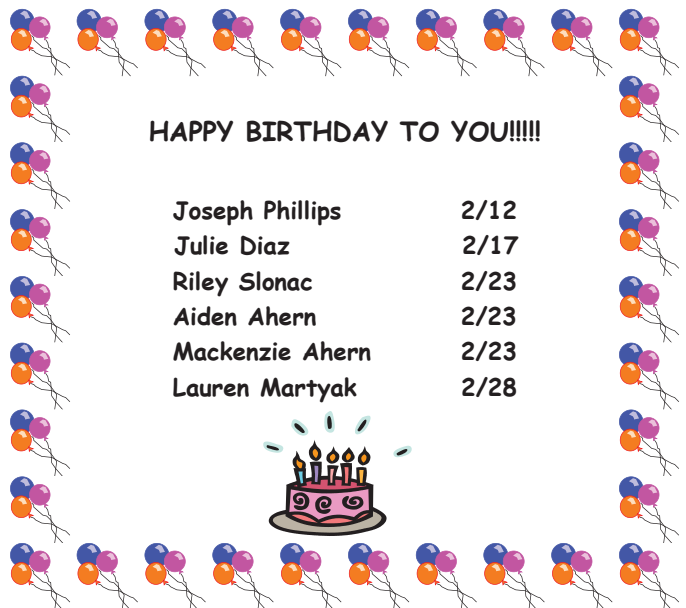
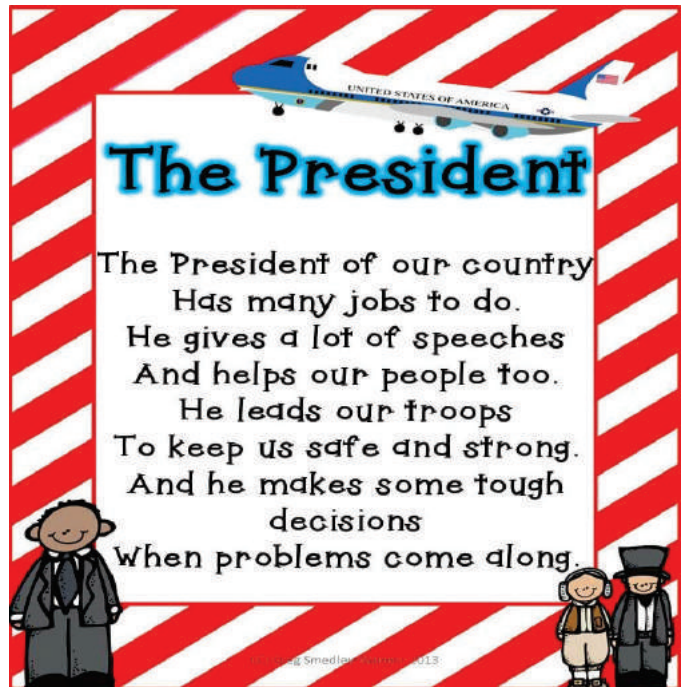
Can you guess the most popular gift for Valentine's Day?

If you guessed chocolate then you would be right. On average 44% of the population receives chocolate on Valentine's Day. To be specific heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are the most popular.

The first box of chocolates made for Valentine's Day was made by Richard Cadbury in the 1800s. This helped start the tradition of giving chocolate for Valentine's Day.

Other popular Valentine's Day gifts include red roses, cards, and jewelry.

On average women spend less money than men on Valentine's Day gifts.



EASY RECIPES TO TRY THIS WINTER

BLUEBERRY COFFEE CAKE

1 egg, beaten
 1/2 c sugar
 1 1/4 c all-purpose flour
 2 tsp baking powder
 3/4 tsp salt
 1/2 c milk
 3 Tbsp butter, melted
 1 c blueberries, fresh

TOPPING
 1 Tbsp butter, melted
 2 Tbsp sugar



In a mixing bowl beat egg and sugar until thick. In a separate bowl combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Alternately add flour and milk to the egg mixture. Beat after each addition until blended. Stir in melted butter. Fold in blueberries. Pour batter into a greased and floured 8-inch square baking pan. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of sugar. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 35 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. While still hot, brush the top with the remaining butter.

*** NOTE *** When making muffins with this recipe bake them about 18-20 minutes.

LEMON GARLIC CHICKEN

1/4 cup olive oil
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
 or 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary or 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 6 bone-in chicken thighs
 6 chicken drumsticks
 1 pound baby red potatoes, halved
 1 medium lemon, sliced
 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley



Preheat oven to 425°. In a small bowl, whisk the first 7 ingredients until blended. Pour 1/4 cup marinade into a large bowl or shallow dish. Add chicken and turn to coat. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade. Drain chicken, discarding any remaining marinade in bowl. Place chicken in a baking pan; add potatoes in a single layer. Drizzle reserved marinade over potatoes; top with lemon slices. Bake until a thermometer inserted in chicken reads 170°-175° and potatoes are tender, 40-45 minutes. If desired, broil chicken 3-4 inches from heat until deep golden brown, about 3-4 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

SLOW COOKER SPLIT PEA SOUP

1 package (16 ounces) dried green split peas, rinsed
 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham

1 large onion, chopped
 1 cup julienned or chopped carrots
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
 1 carton (32 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth
 2 cups water



In a 4- or 5-qt. slow cooker, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook on low 8-10 hours or until peas are tender.

Freeze Option: Freeze cooled soup in freezer containers. To use, thaw overnight in the refrigerator. Heat through in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally.

HAM AND BEAN STEW

2 cans (16 ounces each) baked beans
 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
 1 celery rib, chopped
 1/2 cup water

In a 3-qt. slow cooker, combine all ingredients; mix well. Cover and cook on low for 7 hours or until the potatoes are tender.

SKILLET SHEPHERD'S PIE

1 pound ground beef
 1 cup chopped onion
 2 cups frozen corn, thawed
 2 cups frozen peas, thawed
 2 tablespoons ketchup
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 2 teaspoons minced garlic
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
 1/2 cup cold water
 1/2 cup sour cream
 3-1/2 cups mashed potatoes (prepared with milk and butter)
 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese



In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the corn, peas, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook for 5 minutes. Combine the cornstarch, bouillon and water until well blended; stir into beef mixture. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir until thickened, 2 minutes. Stir in sour cream and heat through (do not boil). Spread mashed potatoes over the top; sprinkle with cheese. Cover and cook until potatoes are heated through and cheese is melted.

Freeze option: Prepare beef mixture as directed but do not add sour cream. Freeze cooled meat mixture in a freezer container. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat through in a large skillet, stirring occasionally and adding a little water if necessary. Stir in sour cream and proceed as directed.

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

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.

As of January 20, 2022, 11 donations totaling \$2,600 has been received.

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.

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Assembly 104	Ruth Saittis of Pittsburgh, PA	67	December 7, 2021
Assembly 108	Richard Franko, Youngstown, OH	88	November 22, 2021
Assembly 108	Frank Sebest, Struthers, OH	94	December 4, 2021
Assembly 162	John Kristofick, Township, Washington, NJ	90	November 10, 2021
Assembly 227	Mary Rozalie Yustin, Etobickoe, CN	89	November 24, 2021
Assembly 255	Carol Ann Strisofsky, Levittown, PA	65	February 8, 2021
Assembly 255	George Ruszin, Coplay, PA	92	December 10, 2021
Assembly 299	Andrew Cottingham, Brooklyn, NY	78	December 6, 2021
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Wreath 14	Martha J. De Sabatino, State College, PA	90	February 16, 2021
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Wreath 86	Catherine M. Bayer, Torrington, CT	89	November 22, 2021
Wreath 86	Catherine Phillip, Yorktown, VA	90	December 20, 2021
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because your behavior become your habits.
Keep your habits positive
because your habits become your values.
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because your values become your destiny."*

Ghandi

ROK 2022 ZREJME PRINESIE RAST ZAMESTNANOSTI AJ MIEZD

Nový rok sa zrejme bude niesť v duchu rastu zamestnanosti a miezd, vysoké šance uplatniť sa na trhu práce budú mať aj absolventi. Vo svojej prognóze to uviedla personálna agentúra Grafton. Agentúra odhadla, že mzdy Slovákov v roku 2022 vzrastú o päť až osem percent.

Agentúra poznamenala, že vlni sa pracovný trh napriek ďalším vlnám pandémie nového koronavírusu oživil, a to nielen v hlavnom meste. Zamestnanosť rastie a viaceré veľké firmy z rôznych sektorov ohlasujú nábory. Najviac automobilový sektor, prijímať ľudí však chce aj potravinársky či elektro-technický priemysel.

“Pracovný trh na Slovensku bude v roku 2022 aktívny v každom regióne, čo je skvelá správa najmä pre kandidátov na voľné pracovné pozície. Počet ponúk je vysoký a bude ešte rásť,” podotkol Miroslav Garaj z agentúry.

Hlavným dôvodom ďalšieho rastu voľných pracovných miest bude podľa agentúry stabilizácia na globálnom automobilovom trhu, ale aj normalizácia v ostatných odvetviach. Ponuka práce je aktuálne podľa Garaja na úrovni spred začiatku pandémie. Slovensko pociťuje nedostatok pracovnej sily a dopyt po zahraničných pracovníkoch je tak stále aktuálny. Garaj však dodáva, že pandemická situácia dovoz zahraničnej pracovnej sily sťažuje. “Problémom je však aj fakt, že v tradičných dovozových krajinách klesá záujem o prácu na Slovensku, keďže sa platové rozdiely pomaly, ale isto stierajú,” okomentoval Garaj.

Agentúra poznamenala, že najviac otvorených pozícií je už tradične v oblasti výroby, logistiky a služieb. V Košiciach a Bratislave je vysoký dopyt aj po IT kandidátoch. Garaj však dodal, že firmy pozerajú aj po flexibilnejšej pracovnej sile a kratších pracovných úväzkoch, čo otvára dvere absolventom, ktorí tak budú mať viac príležitostí.

Garaj pripomenul, že mzdový prieskum agentúry poukázal na vlnajúci nárast miezd o 3,5 % v porovnaní s druhou polovicou predpandemického roku 2019, respektíve 1. kvartálom roku 2020. Rast miezd však agentúra pripisuje skôr opätovnému vyplácaniu bonusov a odmien. “Najväčší nárast v rámci sektorov zaznamenal priemysel, obchod - retail a zdravotníctvo. Všetky vyššie uvedené fakty ruka v ruku s aktivitou na pracovnom trhu tlačia na rast miezd, aj preto predpokladáme v roku 2022 ich rast na úrovni päť až osem percent,” uzavrel Garaj. – *TASR*

28. SLOVENSKÝ PLES V GARFIELD, NJ

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko vás srdečne pozýva na 28. Slovenský ples, ktorý sa uskutoční v sobotu 26. februára v priestoroch The Royal Manor v Garfield, NJ. Prídite sa po dvojročnej prestávke opäť príjemne zabaviť. Čaká vás najprv tradičný koktail (cocktail hour), neskôr tanečný parket, večera a otvorený bar do 1.00 hod. po polnoci

Zo Slovenska nás navštívi hosť, umelec mnohých talentov, Ondrej Kandráč. Predaj obmedzeného počtu lístkov sa skončí v nedeľu 6. februára. Robíme všetko pre to, aby išlo o bezpečné podujatie čo sa týka covidových opatrení. Viac informácií nájdete na webstránke nášho Strediska: www.SlovakAmericanCC.org

OZBROJENÉ SILY USA BUDÚ MÔČŤ BYŤ NA SLOVENSKU LEN S POVOLENÍM SR

Dohoda o spolupráci v oblasti obrany medzi SR a USA nevytvára žiadne trvalé základne na Slovensku. Ozbrojené sily USA budú môcť byť na Slovensku len s povolením Slovenska. V stanovisku to uviedla veľvyslankyňa USA na Slovensku Bridget Brink.

Pripomenula, že schválenie Dohody o spolupráci v oblasti obrany je na SR ako suverénnej a samostatnej krajine. “Z dohody nevyplýva a dohoda ani nepovoľuje trvalú prítomnosť amerických síl na Slovensku,” zdôraznila Brink. Dohoda uznáva slovenské právo a jurisdikciu.

“Spojené štáty majú podobné dohody s veľkou väčšinou našich spojencov v NATO vrátane slovenských susedov – Maďarska a Poľska,” spresnila veľvyslankyňa. Dohoda je podľa jej slov výhodná pre obe strany. Spojeným štátom poskytne právny základ pre americké investície do spoločnej obrannej infraštruktúry na Slovensku. “Tieto investície budú prínosom pre slovenské vlastné obranné kapacity, rovnako tak budú prínosom pre spojencov v NATO. Takisto odľahčia slovenský rozpočet a zdroje tak môžu byť použité na iné domáce priority,” vysvetlila Brink.

Dohoda o spolupráci v oblasti obrany medzi SR a USA (DCA) by umožnila americkým ozbrojeným silám využívať vojenské letiská Malacky-Kuchyňa a Sliac, prípadne iné dohodnuté zariadenia a priestory. Slovensko ich má poskytovať bez nájomného. Platíť by mala desať rokov. Potom zostáva platná alebo ju možno vypovedať s ročnou výpovednou lehotou.

Minister obrany Jaroslav Naď pri predstavení dohody zdôraznil, že ide o štandardnú medzinárodnú dohodu. Deklaroval, že dokument plne rešpektuje suverenitu SR. V prvej vlně má dohoda umožniť čerpať približne 100 miliónov dolárov na modernizáciu obrannej infraštruktúry. Akákoľvek infraštruktúra, ktorá bude postavená, bude majetkom SR.

Dohodu kritizovala opozičná parlamentná strana Smer-SD aj mimoparlamentný Hlas-SD. – *TASR*



Zima vo Vysokých Tatrách. Pohľad zo Starého Smokovca.

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SČÍTANIE 2021: SLOVENSKO STARNE, PRIBUDLO ATEISTOV

Najviac, až 55,8 percenta obyvateľov (3,04 milióna), si uviedlo rímskokatolícke náboženské vyznanie. Druhou najpočetnejšou skupinou je skupina bez náboženského vyznania, a to takmer 1,3 milióna obyvateľov, čo predstavuje 23,8 percenta. Vyplýva to z minuloročného sčítania obyvateľov, ktoré dnes prezentoval Štatistický úrad SR (ŠÚ SR).

Z regionálneho hľadiska je rímskokatolícka cirkev v Slovenskej republike najpočetnejšou vo všetkých krajoch SR a zároveň má vo všetkých krajoch viac ako 50-percentný podiel, okrem Bratislavského a Košického kraja.

Sčítanie ukázalo, že viac ako dve tretiny obyvateľov SR (67 percent) patria do vekovej skupiny 15 – 64 rokov. Vo vekovej skupine 0 – 14 rokov je 15,9 percenta populácie, najstaršiu skupinu obyvateľov nad 65 rokov patrí 17,1 percenta ľudí.

Pred 10 rokmi sčítanie ukázalo, že v produktívnom veku bolo 72,0 % obyvateľov a v dôchodkovom veku 12,7 %. Počet obyvateľov v predproduktívnom veku bolo 15,3 % obyvateľstva. 6,2 percenta obyvateľov je vo vekovej skupine 65 až 69 ročných. V skupine od 70 do 80 rokov je 9,4 percenta obyvateľov a nad 85 rokov je 1,5 percenta obyvateľov Slovenska.

Na Slovensku je celkovo vyšší podiel žien ako mužov. Je však aj niekoľko okresov, kde je o niečo nižší podiel žien. Je to Námestovo s 49,59-percentným podielom žien, Tvrdošín s 49,93-percentným, Stará Ľubovňa s 49,77-percentným a Medzilaborce s 49,82-percentným podielom žien. V ostatných okresoch ženy prevládajú.

Najpočetnejšou národnostnou menšinou v SR je maďarská, hlási sa k nej 7,75 percenta obyvateľov (422,1 tisíce). Pri sčítaní pred desiatimi rokmi si maďarskú národnosť uviedlo 458-tisíc obyvateľov.

Druhé najväčšie zastúpenie majú Rómovia s podielom 1,23 percenta populácie, českú národnosť uvádza 0,53 percenta, rusínsku 0,44 percenta obyvateľov SR. Majoritná slovenská národnosť sa týka 83,8 percenta obyvateľov SR, ukázalo sčítanie.

Najviac obyvateľov hlásiacich sa k slovenskej národnosti je v Žilinskom kraji, najmenej v Nitrianskom kraji.

Sčítanie tiež ukázalo, že slovenčina je materinským jazykom pre takmer 82 percent obyvateľov SR, konkrétne 4 456 102 ľudí. Druhým najpočetnejším jazykom je maďarčina, ktorú ako materinský jazyk uvádza 8,5 percenta občanov (462 175 osôb). Rómčina je materinským jazykom pre 1,8 percenta ľudí (100 526) žijúcich na Slovensku. Ostatné materinské jazyky tvoria podiely menšie ako jedno percento.

Takmer 96 percent (95,8 percenta) obyvateľov SR sa narodilo na Slovensku. Necelý štyri percentá (3,92 percenta) sa narodili mimo SR, najviac z nich v Českej republike, Spojenom kráľovstve a na Ukrajine, vyplýva z výsledkov sčítania.

V rámci okresov s najvyšším podielom obyvateľov narodených mimo územia SR figuruje Bratislavský kraj, na úrovni okresov je to Skalica a Bratislava III, takisto Bratislava II a Bratislava IV, na východnom Slovensku okresy Michalovce, Sobrance a Medzilaborce.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Ceny nehnuteľností na Slovensku rastú nielen pre zvyšovanie cien pozemkov, stavebných materiálov, ale aj pre zvýšený dopyt po bývaní. Podľa investičného analytika spoločnosti Swiss Life Select Pavla Škriniara rast cien realít tak skoro neskončí. Rozdiely v cenách bývania medzi krajinami i okresmi sú, výrazné, no týka sa to nielen cien realít, ale aj príjmov obyvateľov v nich. Prvoradým dôvodom rastu cien nehnuteľností je vysoký záujem o ich kúpu. Na bývanie sú najžiadanejšie trojizbové byty. V tomto segmente chýbajú desiatky tisíc bytových jednotiek, čo znamená, že aj keby sa dnes začalo vo veľkom stavať, najbližšie roky to nebudú ceny nehnuteľností reflektovať.



Zamestnávateľia v minulom roku uverejnili rekordný počet pracovných ponúk. Ako vyplýva z novoročnej analýzy pracovného portálu profesia.sk, rok 2021 priniesol o 100-tisíc ponúk viac ako rok predtým. Firmy za uplynulý rok uverejnili celkovo 292 838 pracovných inzerátov. Ide o najvyššie číslo v 24-ročnej histórii pracovného portálu na Slovensku. Najviac pracovných ponúk bolo v obchode, vo výrobe, IT, doprave a logistikou a v administratíve. Na jednu ponuku zareagovalo v priemere 15 ľudí. V roku 2020 to bolo až 26 kandidátov. Zníženie priemerného počtu reakcií na ponuku spôsobil najmä rekordný počet ponúk. Celkový počet reakcií však výrazne presiahol číslo 3,2 mil., čo je dokonca viac ako počet reakcií z predpandemických rokov 2018 či 2017. Spomedzi jednotlivých pracovných oblastí u uchádzačov na Slovensku vyhráva administratíva. Spomedzi 29-tisíc ponúk z tohto odvetvia zareagovalo v roku 2021 na každú v priemere 33 ľudí.



Z výsledkov Európskej komisie, ktorá zverejnila Zdravotné profily 29 európskych krajín - 27-člennej EÚ, Islandu a Nórska - za rok 2021, ktoré poskytujú analýzu výkonnosti ich vnútroštátnych systémov zdravotnej starostlivosti vypýva, že priemerná dĺžka života na Slovensku je 76,9 roka a patrí medzi najnižšie v Európe. Priemerná dĺžka života Slovákov je štyri roky pod priemerom EÚ.



Na Slovensku bude od 1. do 14. marca prebiehať slovensko-americké vojenské cvičenie Saber Strike. V nasadení bude 3000 vojakov a tisícky kusov techniky. Výcvikové zariadenie za Levicami upravovali v závere minulého roka. Pristavali tam spevnené plochy. Ako vtedy objasnil Štefan Zemanovič, hovorca Ozbrojených síl SR, zvyšovali tak kapacitu pre vojenské cvičenia vrátane medzinárodných. Už vtedy avizoval, že armádu čaká v roku 2022 niekoľko medzinárodných vojenských cvičení. Odohrávať sa budú vo viacerých priestoroch, vrátane Levíc. Jedným z nich bude marcové medzinárodné vojenské cvičenie.



Mesačná inflácia za december 2021 na Slovensku vzrástla na 5,8 %, najviac ju ťahali rastúce ceny potravín, stavebných materiálov a najnovšie aj zdražujúce sa noviny. Informoval o tom Štatistický úrad SR. Ročná inflácia za vlaňajšok dosiahla najvyššiu hodnotu za posledných deväť rokov, a to 3,2 %. Analytici sa zhodli, že zdražovanie bude zrejme pokračovať v zrychlňovaní, zlom sa očakáva v apríli tohto roka.



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