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Happy Easter!



*Prajeme vám radostné a požehnané
vel'konočné sviatky!*

Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

Šťastnú Veľkú Noc! Happy Easter!

“He is Risen”! This simple message is the bedrock of our faith and our guide to living our lives as Christians. Easter has arrived and it is the time of the year where we celebrate our Slovak traditions during the Holy Days of the Triduum. Lent leads us to Easter, and it is meant to make us better Christians. Let us celebrate Easter with our family and friends and remembering those who are no longer with us. They taught us the meaning of Easter.



Spring has finally arrived. We can now really begin to enjoy outside fun and before we know it, it will be May. I am sure we all felt spring cannot come soon enough. Spring opens the door to the outside world which was closed to most of us for at least the past two and a half months. Spring also brings along all the outside work that must be done before we can start getting the summer tan. I looked at the list of projects that were not completed last year and see new ones added. I hope some are repeats from last year. No matter how big the list it is still better than no list at all.

The 76th International Bowling Tournament will be held May 13-14, 2022, in Cleveland, Ohio after being postponed for the past two years because of Covid. Everyone who has been waiting for the tournament should be ready to bowl and help make it as large as the tournaments of the past. I will be making my return to the lanes and do my best to bowl a three hundred. See you in Cleveland.

The Supreme Auditors meet March 13-16, 2022, to do the annual audit. This was the first in-person audit conducted in the past two years due to Covid and travel restrictions. I met with the Auditors to thank them for the work they did remotely for the past two years and to answer any questions they had concerning the last two years.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol, Board of Directors held its first 2022 Quarterly meeting, March 17-18, 2022, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Board heard from our professional advisors who reviewed the results of 2021. The Professionals gave us a lot to think about and what we can do to increase our investments and reduce our expenses. All their recommendations are sound and now the Board must decide on what direction the Society will take to implement them.

It has been three weeks of hell for our Slavic brothers and sisters of Ukraine. Let us pray for Ukraine and its people, that PEACE come quickly. Let us help the refugees and Ukraine. To find how you can help the refugees and Ukraine contact your Diocese since they have the names of the relief agencies that are helping the refugees and Ukraine. Since your Society did its annual audit, is time for you to do your annual audit and see if your life insurance needs are up to date and if your investment portfolio needs a better return? If your audit shows you need help contact our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, Jr. F.I.C. for assistance.

Enjoy the warm weather and the beauty of Spring.

Stay Safe and Healthy!
With God's Blessings for All!
Zdar Boh!

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***HAPPY EASTER**

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



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Greetings from the Home Office! It seems as if the weather is trying to cooperate, and Spring is at the doorstep. I hope our members are starting to get outside and breath the fresh air.



On March 18th-19th, our Board of Directors met in Wilkes-Barre, PA to review the 2021 results. The meeting gave us an opportunity to review the events we were able to have and to discuss our future events in a hopefully post-covid world.

Beginning in this issue and continuing in future issues, you will have the opportunity to read the reports of all our Supreme Officers. Please take the time to read and see all the hard work put in by our Officers, even with the many challenges they were faced with throughout the year. All of us work as a team in promoting our fine organization. I am not only speaking of Supreme Officers, but also former Officers, Honorary Supreme Officers, Group, Assembly, and Wreath Officers. Everyone has a hand in making and promoting our Society, and I thank you all for that!

On a financial front, our Society has gone over the \$100 million dollar asset

mark for the first time in our Society's history! Our assets now stand at over \$108 million, and our surplus remains strong at \$8.2 million. You will see in my report that we are a sound financial institution even as we operate in a sagging interest rate environment, worthy of your continued support and promotion. Even with our various expenses, we are still able to issue a dividend to our members which speaks very highly of our financial base. All of this along with our fraternal benefits keeps our organization a strong fraternal benefit society.

I again would like to thank all of you who continually promote our organization. As you gather to celebrate the Easter holiday, I ask you to look within your own family and circle of friends to find new members to share the Sokol experience with. Enrolling a new baby is an inexpensive way to give that child a financial head start in life. And if you think about all we offer with benefits, scholarships, etc., that policy will be paid for in no time. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Home Office at 800-886-7656 or email me at scott@slovakcatholicssokol.org, and I would be glad to assist you.

Finally, on behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, and my entire Family, I offer you prayers and fraternal well wishes for a joyous Easter holiday. Have a great month of April and good health to all! Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

UNITED SLOVAK SOCIETIES OFFER SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS IN LORAIN, OH

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Ohio will again make available non-renewable scholarship awards to eligible high school seniors who will graduate in June 2022. Applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better and must be members for least 5 years in any of local Slovak fraternal lodges in Lorain, OH. The lodges include Wreath 111 of the Slovak

Catholic Sokol, First Catholic Slovak Union, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and National Slovak Society.

To obtain rules and an application, please visit www.americanslovakclub.com or contact the scholarship coordinator, Sue Naelitz at снаелитз@hotmail.com. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2022.

Sokol Calendar

APRIL 3 – MASS FOR LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY 86, Port Griffith, PA at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Str., Pittston, PA at 10.30 a.m.

APRIL 24 – ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6 “MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA” at Capporri’s Italian Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 p.m. For reservations contact Anna Mae Warnick (724-736-4032) or Terri Gardner (724-929-8675). **Reservations must be received no later than April 7, 2022.**

MAY 13 – 14, BOWLING TOURNAMENT at the Brookgate Lanes, Brook Park, OH. The bowling tournament application is on our web site and in the Falcon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 – S.C.S. MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY 78, BETHLEHEM, PA ANNIVERSARY MASS & REUNION at the Incarnation of Our Lord Church (Formerly Sts. Cyril and Methodius). Mass at 2:00 p.m., reception to follow at Labuda Hall. For info/reservations call President Fran Blonar @ 610-509-8059. **DEADLINE – APRIL 17.**

Introducing our newest member

Riley Irene Smarsh, born December 9, 2020, is the daughter of Jesse James and Marisa Lynn Samrsh of McDonald, PA. She was enrolled as a member of Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, PA.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

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

**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic**

PEACE BE TO YOU, IT IS I, ALLELUIA!

The Feast of Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the central Feast of the Church. It is God's definitive answer to death. Nothing is stronger nor more powerful than He. Through the Resurrection, God has conquered both sin and death.



Yet, at times, there seems no lack of despair or of hopelessness. Looking about, we cannot deny what we see: moral weakness, physical illness, natural disasters, conflict, hatred, paradox, contradiction, and war.

It seems that there is no end to this catalogue of vexing problems which seem

to defy solutions.

We know, too, from the Gospel texts that following the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, the Apostles themselves went into hiding because they were anxious and afraid.

In our time, in response to all these difficulties, many people have turned in toward themselves; they have "withdrawn from daily life," so to say. Others pretend that all is well and continue to maintain a selfish and narcissistic way of life.

Still, others have become angry, bitter, and cynical, assuming a cold indifference toward everyone and everything, caring only for themselves.

Sadly, among many young people, there has been a choice to participate in artificial and selfish behaviors, believing that this would relieve their anxiety and that they would find true happiness. However, the contrary is true. Young people who live this way discover only hopelessness and despair.

On the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I ask all of you to believe and to understand that the only true and authentic answer to the most profound and difficult questions of life must always begin with the Risen Jesus Christ.

It is the Risen Jesus Christ and only He who makes us holy and wise. It is the Risen Jesus Christ who grants us peace. It is He who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. He forgives us our sins in the Sacrament of Confession and speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures and through His Church. It is He, The Risen Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and He says to us what He said to the Apostles on the First Easter:

Peace be to you.

It is I.

Do not be afraid! (John 20: 19-31)

Amen.



It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love! – *St. Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer*



**PEACE AND BLESSED EASTER
ABBOT GARY, OSB, Protector**

"STEPPING INTO SPRING"

While Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Marty Degan is wrapping up the 2021 Walking Program and turning it over to me, I would like to encourage all members to join veteran SOKOL walkers and enroll in the Walking Program.



It is easy to enroll. Just keep a record of your miles and send them to me monthly, quarterly or at the end of year. A sample tally sheet can be found on our website: slovalcatholicssokol.org. Members will receive an award for each 100th milestone reached. Awards may be broken into age group categories. Please include the following: your Name, Age, Address, Email (if applicable), Miles walked and dates.

The physical benefits of walking are numerous: A brisk walk 30 minutes a day can help maintain a healthy weight, improve cardiovascular fitness, promote muscle endurance, and increase energy levels. If you can't set aside 30 minutes at one time, start out with several short sessions throughout the day. Any amount of activity is better than none. The weather is getting warmer so now is the perfect time to start! If you are new to the walking program, here are some tips to help you get started:

- Establish goals you can accomplish- start simple such as walking for 10 minutes at a time.
- Vary your routine- plan several routes, walk somewhere new or plan walks with a friend.
- Choose your course carefully- walk in well lit areas, avoid uneven paths
- Wear comfortable clothes- shoes with flexible soles to absorb shock.
- Don't give up- if you miss a day or so, just pick up and start again.

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REPORTS OF THE SUPREME OFFICERS FOR 2021

REPORT OF THE SUPREME PRESIDENT

Pochvalen bud' Pan Jezis Kristus!

In compliance with Section 3.2, Article (f) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I hereby submit my 2021 annual report to the Board of Directors and members for their review. Section 4.1 of the Constitution and Bylaws list the duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Supreme President.

As I begin my 2021 annual report, please let us take a moment to remember and pray for our Slovak Catholic Sokol members, family members, and friends who have died in 2021, especially those who died because of COVID. May their memories remain with us and their souls rest in peace.

In December 2020, the projection of what 2021 was looking like and going to be was a concern for not only the Society but also for our personal lives. COVID was still in control of our lives, spreading with hot zones surfacing weekly and monthly. We were still unsure of what we should and not do to stay safe and protect us and our families. Then the good news appeared that there were vaccines developed to give us the protection needed to fight off the virus and reduce the potential of getting seriously ill, being hospitalized or dying. As the months followed, millions received their first, second, and booster shots to give everyone who wanted the vaccine the level of protection to protect themselves and those not vaccinated. However, we saw during the year many individuals died because of the virus. The Slovak Catholic Sokol also saw an increase in the number of deaths attributed COVID, either because of our older membership with underlying health problems or by being unvaccinated.

As 2021 was ending, another variant, Omicron, surfaced and we saw again the rise in infections and deaths. Many of us came down with COVID this time but because we were vaccinated our illness was mild compared to those who were not vaccinated. 2022 will be another year we watch and see if we are prepared for another variant or will COVID finally just become another yearly malady.

Even with COVID being the main concern for not only our Society but for all governments, businesses, schools, and society, each had to figure out what was best for them to stay open and continue their operations. As we saw, many corporations were able to have their employees work remotely; where others had no options but to have employees work and interact with the public daily. Then there were businesses that were shuttered because of being non essential and potential breeding grounds for the virus to spread. This caused many hardships for not only businesses but also for the workers. We thank all workers who did their jobs daily in the worse of conditions and in hazardous environments, especially our healthcare, and first responders who risked their lives daily to help and keep us safe.

Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., worked tirelessly to keep our Society operating and for providing a clean and safe environment for the employees to work in. He did an outstanding job under all that was happening externally to keep us moving forward. Each week he and I spoke about the impact the virus was having on the Society and what were our plans going to be for our meetings and fraternal activities. This was a very fluid process, make the plans then watch what was happening, then adjust the plans based on the conditions of the time when the activities were to take place. This resulted in Brother Scott and I to decide to have 2021 Board meetings and other meetings take place via conference calls or Zoom. Even though nothing beats in person meetings, the safety of those who are participating in person in

the meeting was our first concern. This plan worked and all meetings were held accordingly. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board held their meetings the same, either by conference call or Zoom, to keep their members safe, as they did their planning of 2021.

Thank you to the Home Office staff for working through the pandemic of 2021. All of you experienced the ills of COVID and continued to do what was asked of you to cover a coworker's duties while they recovered from the virus. All our members should know you are the best there is, and the proof is in the great year the Society had in 2021. Thank you again!

2021 marked the 49th year the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship program awarded scholarships to its members. This year a total of fifty-seven scholarships were awarded to members from grade school to post-graduate students. Since 1972 the Slovak Catholic Sokol gave \$1,761,000 in scholarship grants to its members. Congratulations to all who received a scholarship.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board did all they could in 2021 to hold our ever important fraternal activities. They put in place all the plans for the 74th International Bowling Tournament, the 66th International Golfing Tournament and the International Clinic to prepare for the 50th International Slet. As we know sometimes plans just do not work out as they should, especially when things happen that are out of one's control. This happened again this year with our fraternal activities. The 74th International Bowling Tournament was cancelled because of restrictions and the uptick in COVID case at the time. The 66th International Golf Tournament was held with much success since golf is outside and the COVID cases were declining at the time. The International Clinic was cancelled due to college campus and travel restrictions and COVID conditions. Our Society took the lead in organizing our annual tournament and invited the other Slovak Fraternal to join us in our fraternal activities. Thank you to all the members who participated in the tournaments. Without your support the tournaments would not happen.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board did not leave COVID stand in their way of having no fraternal activities in 2021. They organized a Sokol Family Fest for July 15-18, 2021, at the SNPJ Recreation Center in Enon Valley, PA. Sokol members and friends enjoyed a wonderful weekend camping, RVing, participating in outdoor events, having cooked meals prepared outdoors including the pig roast.

The members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board did an exceptional job in 2021 and I thank them for their willingness to create new fraternal activities for the Sokol membership.

Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. worked through these tough COVID times to keep the Society in business in 2021. As for him or any other CEO it was not easy. He had to be concerned not only with his own health, but that of his family, wife and children, their parents and other family members, the staff and their families, the business as a whole and all who he has to rely on for and to give timely reports. He worked through this, and I thank him for his dedication and his ability to do all that he did in 2021.

Our sales in both our life insurance and annuity products did well last year. The Society saw its Assets go over \$100 million dollars in 2021. This success was due in part by our Director of Sales and the independent agent force in place that generated new sales and kept old contract in house. We all know investment income returns are not that good. We are thankful that our equities, Stocks, which is 10% of our overall portfolio, did well in 2021, as compared to the low returns generated in the fixed assets, Bond,

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which is 90% of assets required by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Brother Scott, the Board, and I asked our investment professionals at PNC to create a Covered Call program for the Sokol to generate additional income for the Society. PNC did this, by putting some stocks in the Call, monitoring the stocks, timing offers and requests and executing the Calls, and it was a success. Thank you, PNC.

The Board of Directors put together this year a Bonus plan for our Supreme Secretary that will be used to judge his performance going forward. This plan first establishes goals for the Supreme Secretary to meet in the upcoming year. The Board then reviews the results and grades the performance to come up with the bonus. This is the first time the Board will use this method and will refine it as needed.

2021 was not a year without some issues. The one main issue was concerning some of our Bylaws and how they should be interpreted. What was discovered because of an issue, Bylaw Section 7.3 gives direction that can be overruled which then affects other Bylaws that cause problems down the line and hampers the ability of the Board to do its work and uphold their Oath of office. For our Society to move forward and grow and for the Board of Directors to follow the Bylaws and their Oath of office our Bylaws need to be examined and reviewed to remove and amend the sections that are conflicting.

This process of reviewing the Bylaws will be overseen by the Governance Committee that was formed by those members that requested to serve on the Committee. The members who were selected to be on the Governance Committee are: Sister Julie Ann Dobbs, past Supreme and Honorary Supreme Vice President, Chairperson of the 2020 Committee and Bylaws Committee for the 33rd Convention. Sister Kathleen Watkins, past Supreme Physical Directress and Group 14 President, Sister Cindy Walkowiak, from Group 14 and member of the 2020 Committee for the 33rd Convention, Brother Dennis Zifcak, Colonel US Army (ret), past Supreme Treasurer and past Group 3 President, and Brother Steven Burican, past Supreme Auditor. These members will work to review the Bylaws, compare our Society to other like fraternal and present their results and recommendations to the delegates of the 34th Quadrennial Convention to be held August 5-8, 2023, in Scranton, PA.

As President, I oversaw all the Society's 2021 Quarterly meetings and any special meetings that were called. I also, participated in as many of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board meetings that I could during the year. I also meet with our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr, Esq. several times during the summer to discuss and understand the Society's Bylaws, and my authority to fulfill my sworn Oath of Office. These were difficult days.

I participated in several webinars held by the American Fraternal Alliance (AF A) and PNC Bank for fraternal society executives and clients. The AF A webinars were designed to help fraternal executives know what is happening in the fraternal world as they pertain to the various rules and regulations that govern the fraternal world. The PNC webinars are designed to keep the Slovak Catholic Sokol updated on the economic conditions and how the economy can affect our investments.

I will end this report saying the Slovak Catholic Sokol is a great fraternal organization and the only one that I belong too. Our Society has concerns that have to be addressed just like any other

fraternal, but all the members can be proud of the facts we have grown, are in good financial strength, and have fraternal activities for its members to participate in. With the Good Lord's assistance and guidance, the Society will continue its journey to provide its members with sound financial security products now and in the future.

As 2021 ends, we see nothing remains the same or can be predicted perfectly even as we live in the 21st century, the modern world with great technology and a way of life. Sometimes we only see what is immediately in front of us and do not realize what is happening away from our comfort zone. There are problems all around the world and we try to help in any way we can to ease the lives of the less fortunate. Who would ever thought we would see a war in Europe ever again, but it is a reality. Let us hope the war ends and all can again live normal lives of having a decent job to provide for one's family. Let us pray for the war to end and never rise up again. We all must maintain positive attitudes that our lives will improve, and our Society stays on the path of providing strong financial security to its members, improve its operations, grow, and increase member participation in Group, Assembly and Wreath and fraternal activities.

I close by giving thanks to my wife Suzanne, and the rest of the family for the support they have given me this past year to help me fulfill my duties as the President of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and uphold my Oath of Office. Thank you! With God's Blessings to All! Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Horvath, President

REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Slavna Rocna Schodza !

In compliance with Section 4.3, Article (n) page 26 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, I hereby submit my written Annual Report for the year 2021 to the Supreme Board of Directors.

My duties, obligations, and responsibilities as the Supreme Secretary are clearly listed in our Bylaws and I have performed these duties for the past year to the best of my ability. I wish to report that all decisions made by the Board of Directors and any City, State or Federal mandates, have been executed as required.

This past year our organization celebrated its 116th Anniversary as a fraternal benefit society and, once again, it was an enduring year for everyone. We continued to be in the throes of the Covid-19 Pandemic, which has shaken our world and our Society. But I think you will find that we have "endured" and are prepared for the years ahead. I would like to thank our Board of Directors, especially our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, for his dedication and support over this trying year.

After reviewing all the financial reports, I am certain that you will concur with me that our organization, like others, has experienced and endured another year filled with challenges and uncertainties. The Society continues to remain financially strong even after providing numerous fraternal benefits and services to our members.

HOME OFFICE EFFICIENCY

The Home Office staff continues to be one of our most valuable assets. For most of the year, the Home Office staff continued operating under our Covid-19 Action Plan. The past year has been anything but normal for them and they have continued to show their loyalty and commitment to the organization. I would also like to recognize Albert J. Suess, F.I.C., for the job he has done while

servicing as our Director of Sales. Through his efforts, along with our Home Office Staff, we have made great strides in our sales department.

During the past year, we have consistently updated the hardware and software used in our Editorial Department and have made upgrades to our Sokol Website. In October, we launched a fresher look for our website, www.slovakcatholicssokol.org. We have also made significant inroads in the ever-changing world of social media as we look to engage all members of our Society. I would like to thank Livia Karak and Louie Smeriglio for all their hard work and dedication in publishing the Sokol Falcon.

As in previous years, the Home Office continues to make every effort possible to provide courteous and efficient service as needed. The employees are constantly updating and requesting information on behalf of our members. Along with our software provider, the Home Office staff has gone through extensive training in getting information to our members and agents in a quick and efficient manner.

With all the technological advances in our world today, our staff has implemented changes to make items more accessible and the changes have proven to be successful. The extensive training that our Staff has gone through this year and previous years proved to be most helpful during this pandemic.

Looking ahead to the future, I am confident that with the support of our Supreme Officers, Director of Sales, and our members, we will continue to make prudent decisions to meet all challenges that may come our way.

STATISTICS

The amount of Premium Income received during the year was \$14,632,000 of which \$2,200,000 was for life insurance premiums and \$12,432,000 was annuity premiums. This total was the highest amount received in our Society's history. The face amount of insurance written totaled \$8,400,000 and the total amount of insurance in force was \$240,121,000. The Society has 27,117 members with 29,343 certificates in force and 84 Assemblies/Wreaths. Assets as of 12/31/2021 were \$108,716,000, the highest in our Society's history, and the Unassigned Funds total \$8,127,000. The Solvency ratio is a financially strong 108%. This is the first time in our Society's history that we are over \$100 million in Assets.

COMMENTS

Once again, this was not an easy year for the fraternal side of our organization as we continued to deal with the ongoing pandemic. Our Supreme Physical Fitness Board continued looking for ways to reach our membership and was able to do so virtually. They did a tremendous job using all the tools to communicate with our people. We were able to have two "in person" events in 2021, notably the Sokol FamilyFest and the 66th International Golf Tournament. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board did a wonderful job at these events and their truly commendable efforts of turning tough situations into wonderful memories for our members does not go unnoticed. I thank you for all your hard work. We look forward to full fraternal calendar in 2022.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere fraternal thanks and gratitude to our Directors, Honorary Supreme Officers, and all members of the Supreme Assembly for their support and cooperation throughout the year, especially once again our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath. Your passion and love for the Slovak Catholic Sokol is very much appreciated. To all our Group, Assembly, and Wreath Officers, again I say "thank you" for all the work and dedication you bring to our Society. And finally, I would like to thank all our loyal members of the Slovak Catholic

Sokol. This has truly been a trying year for us all and I pray that normalcy will set in during 2022.

CONCLUSION

As the Slovak Catholic Sokol begins its 117th year as a Fraternal Benefit Society, the administrators of our organization will face numerous challenges concerning the life insurance industry. I have the utmost confidence in our Supreme Board of Directors and our professionals that the membership of our fine organization will always come first.

In closing it is especially important to me to thank my Wife, Maggie, my sons, Reid Thomas and Cole William, and my entire Family. Thank you for all the love, patience, and support you have given me and for always being there to provide inspiration.

God Bless our Board of Directors, all our Members and the Slovak Catholic Sokol! Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,

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

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

ASSETS	AS OF 12/31/21	
	2021	2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,437,366	4,489,185
Investments - Bonds & Bills	86,597,199	78,623,914
Investments - Stocks	15,567,990	12,409,697
First Mortgage Loans	582,765	593,670
Loans on Certificates	297,603	247,218
Accrued Interest Receivable	857,738	803,105
Sokol Building/Land	317,663	321,402
Accounts Receivable	39,900	35,835
Due From Groups	(98)	2,808
Prepaid Items	18,786	15,168
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 108,716,912	97,542,002
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	2021	2020
Life Reserves	\$ 87,343,893	78,226,584
Asset Valuation Reserve	2,468,604	1,977,033
Interest Maintenance Reserve	385,585	266,972
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	3,394,151	2,849,615
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,825,870	4,821,045
Reserve for Convention	120,000	60,000
Claims Payable	280,897	490,290
Conversion - Canadian Currency	3,879	3,847
Accounts Payable	30,000	36,208
Sokol Secure Fund	1,388,097	1,093,375
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund	85,000	85,000
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund	20,000	20,000
Yencha Memorial Scholarship	23,400	20,700
Krista L Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Fur	24,000	24,000
Dividend Payable	50,000	50,000
Advance Premiums	46,505	45,656
PPP Loan	-	40,752
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 100,589,881	90,211,077

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REPORTS OF THE SUPREME OFFICERS FOR 2021

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Undistributed Funds - Sokol	\$ <u>8,127,031</u>	<u>7,330,925</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$ <u>108,716,912</u>	<u>97,542,002</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME	2021	2020
Investment Income	\$ 3,389,825	3,221,072
Amortization of IMR	41,645	39,428
Dividends on Stocks	351,256	323,344
Interest on Mortgages	15,461	7,710
Interest on Certificate Loans	19,031	17,635
Sale of Cookbooks	643	465
Rent Received - Sokol Building	110,175	75,025
Life Premium Income	2,195,000	2,314,886
Annuity Income	12,437,000	11,392,077
Suppl. Contract	940,000	-
Miscellaneous Income	(1,410)	168,138
Sale of Securities/Amortization	1,079,271	148,758
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>20,577,897</u>	<u>17,708,538</u>
EXPENSES	2021	2020
Death Benefit Claims Paid	1,732,084	1,661,785
Interest Expense	85,420	78,167
Fraternal Expenses	518,650	458,674
General Expenses	1,220,705	1,291,112
Employee Retirement Expenses	352,363	359,371
Commissions	472,698	475,974
Annuity Benefits	6,990,220	3,614,974
Taxes & Fees	69,832	53,125
Reserve Increase	8,917,000	9,778,280
Cash Surrenders	247,064	387,216
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>20,606,036</u>	<u>18,158,678</u>
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$ <u>(28,139)</u>	<u>(450,140)</u>

ZDAR BOH!
 Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC
 Supreme Secretary
 Slovak Catholic Sokol

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS OF 03/31/21

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,588,790	1,517,294
Investments - Bonds & Bills	80,557,059	73,886,416
Investments - Stocks	13,076,848	8,467,320
First Mortgage Loans	593,670	595,702
Loans on Certificates	253,999	251,258
Accrued Interest Receivable	803,105	829,062
Sokol Building/Land	320,610	324,205
Accounts Receivable	35,835	25,100
Due From Groups	2,610	4,697
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>104,232,526</u>	<u>85,901,054</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	2021	2020
Life Reserves	\$ 84,670,710	69,089,083
Asset Valuation Reserve	2,092,907	341,198
Interest Maintenance Reserve	258,527	191,470
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	3,038,615	2,574,708
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,811,045	4,816,267
Reserve for Convention	75,000	15,000
Claims Payable	490,290	534,950
Conversion - Canadian Currency	3,847	3,801
Accounts Payable	22,000	39,461
Sokol Secure Fund	918,779	1,095,554
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund	85,000	85,000
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund	20,000	20,000
Yencha Memorial Scholarship	23,400	18,500
Krista L Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Fund	24,000	24,000
Dividend Payable	50,000	50,000
Advance Premiums	70,654	89,530
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>96,754,774</u>	<u>79,088,522</u>
Undistributed Funds - Sokol	\$ <u>7,477,752</u>	<u>6,812,532</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$ <u>104,232,526</u>	<u>85,901,054</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME	2021	2020
Investment Income	\$ 814,422	761,946
Amortization of IMR	8,445	4,585
Dividends on Stocks	81,000	86,948
Interest on Mortgages	-	7,690
Interest on Certificate Loans	4,500	6,500
Sale of Cookbooks	240	62
Rent Received - Sokol Building	28,450	22,055
Life Premium Income	585,500	664,260
Annuity Income	6,635,706	715,741
Scholarship Income	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	(960)	26,619
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,157,303	2,296,406
EXPENSES	2021	2020
Death Benefit Claims Paid	598,990	391,032
Interest Expense	4,500	6,776
Fraternal Expenses	58,064	60,112
General Expenses	262,423	253,624
Employee Retirement Expenses	89,382	89,705
Commissions	153,160	69,758
Annuity Benefits	571,158	609,841
Taxes & Fees	11,300	43,078
Reserve Increase	6,444,126	648,000
Cash Surrenders	81,433	123,758
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,274,536	2,295,684
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (117,233)	722

ZDAR BOH!
 Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC
 Supreme Secretary
 Slovak Catholic Sokol

REPORT OF THE SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT

The following report for 2021 is submitted to the Board of Directors as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 unfortunately almost all of the fraternal activities had to be cancelled. However, the Board of Directors kept busy by continuing the Quarterly Meetings. I participated in our Quarterly meetings either by phone conference or on Zoom calls. These meetings were held on March 19th and 20th, June 24th and September 24th. The 4th Quarter meeting was held in Sarasota, FL on December 4th through the 6th. Many good ideas were discussed while the Board worked with our Supreme Secretary and our Financial Advisors as to how we will continue through the pandemic. In March of each year the Board of Directors hold the Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum Board of Directors Meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Scholarship Committee met via a Zoom call on May 19, 2021. The members of the committee were as follows: Michael J. Horvath, Supreme President, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Secretary, Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Chaplain and James Jerek, Supreme Chairman of the Auditors. The winner's photos appeared in the July 2021 issue of the Falcon. There were 29 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grants, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grants, 1 Doctor Lesko Medical Grant, 1 Krista Glugosh Memorial Grant, 1 Yenchu Family Grant and 3 Museum Memorial Grants awarded totaling \$43,000. In addition, 6 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B. Memorial High School Grant Recipients totaling \$3,000. Lastly 11 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant Recipients received a total of \$2,750. In total the committee awarded \$48,750 to well deserving youth of our organization. A special thank you to PNC Bank for the gracious donation towards our Memorial Scholarship grants.

OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

I currently serve as a Board of Director to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance. The Annual Meeting was held in Pittsburgh from October 25th through the 26th. At this meeting I was reelected to another two-year term to the Board of Directors. I did participate in numerous phone meetings throughout the year. In addition, I currently sit as a Board of Director on the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. Those meetings were also handled via Zoom calls and in person.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

As Supreme Vice President, I have represented the organization at various functions including the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh Golf Outing and the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Banquet. I participated in our International Golf Tournament held in Dubois, Pa and the Sokol Family fest held at the SNPJ Recreation Center in Enon Valley, PA. While at the Golf Tournament I organized a slightly used golf shirt collection to give to a local homeless shelter.

KIDS KORNER

As Supreme Vice President, I continue to provide the Kids Korner in the Falcon Newspaper monthly expanding to three pages. I try to provide interesting monthly facts suitable for children along with various puzzles and games. In the summer in conjunction with the Kids Korner is a Summer Reading program also.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I have remained diligent in my efforts to increase our membership by enrolling new members throughout the year. In 2021, I have enrolled 3 new members for a total of \$15,000 in insurance. I look forward to another successful year in our organization.

Zdar Boh!
 Edward D. Moeller, Supreme Vice President

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 2022 SUPREME PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD ANNUAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12TH – ZOOM CALL

Opening Procedures

- Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James (Jim) Matlon opened with a remembrance of those who passed away in our organization since our last meeting.
- Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, Janice Matlon followed with a prayer.
- Supreme Assistant Physical Director Nancy Kropolinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Laury conducted roll call. All members were present: Supreme President- Michael J. Horvath; Supreme Secretary- Scott T. Pogorelec; Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics- James C. Matlon; Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics- Frank P. Laury, III; Supreme Physical Director- John M. Underation; Supreme Assistant Physical Director- Martin Degnan; Supreme Physical Directress- Katie Swift; Supreme Assistant Physical Directress- Nancy Kropolinsky; Supreme Physical Fitness Board Members- Dusan Dorich, Janice Matlon, Robert R. Palchanis, III, Kristen Popik.

Opening Remarks

- Brother Mike began the meeting with opening remarks.
 - Commented that it was good we were able to have a camp and golf tournament in 2021 because both were mainly outdoor events.
 - Indoor events, such as the bowling tournament, had to be canceled due to safety requirements, which are still a top priority. Emphasized that everyone's safety must continue to be a priority and be ready to change if needed.
 - Brother Scott continued with opening remarks.
 - Hopefully we are reaching the end of our challenging times with the pandemic.
 - We think people in our organization are hungry to come out to events.
 - Brother John added his opening remarks.
 - Stated that we want to get back into our normal routines and are also trying to get things back on schedule as much as possible.
 - We have to plan for the future.
 - Sister Katie closed with her opening remarks.
 - Emphasized that we need to get our younger members active again.
 - Wanted us to have a good meeting as we schedule our activities for the upcoming year.

Meeting Objectives and Approval of Old Meeting Minutes

- Brother Jim established our meeting objectives and goals: to move forward and do our best with planning.
- Approval of January 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes- motion to accept- Brother Rob, seconded- Brother Frank.

Sokol FamilyFest

- Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift reviewed the Sokol Family Fest held at SNPJ July 15-18, 2021.
 - We had 88 members and guests who attended the event.
 - Positive feedback was given. Additional member's

stated based on pictures posted on Facebook, they would attend in the future.

- Facilities worked well and were similar to staying in a dorm room.
- SNPJ staff were extremely accommodating.
- All Physical fitness board Members assisted in the planning. Even though Brother Dusan and Sister Kristen were unable to attend due to COVID restrictions, they set-up the trivia for the Jeopardy game that was played Friday evening.
 - Sister Nancy continued with positive remarks about the Sokol FamilyFest.
 - It was a fun event for the entire time. The event brought many individuals together in a family atmosphere. Certain families and other Sokol members contributed to the success of the event by volunteering to help where needed.
 - Brother John appreciated everyone's support with the FamilyFest event.
 - Brother Jim emphasized how it was good that everyone adapted to the rainy weather. Also, the laid back, flexible feel helped make it a successful event. The pre-work of the fitness board was evident.
 - Brother Scott echoed similar sentiments stating that everyone did a great job with the event and that only positive feedback was heard. He suggested running a youth event again this summer to keep them involved.
 - Brother Frank said that it was great that so many generations were able to participate in an event that involved everyone. It was great to talk to all different members and meet new ones for the first time.

2021 Golf Tournament

- Brother Jim reported that the 2021 Golf Tournament was also successful with 150 total golfers and 78 golfers from our organization. The breakdown of participants by group is as follows:
 - Gr. 1: 11 total, Men 9 & Women 2
 - Gr. 5: 16 total, Men 12 & Women 4
 - Gr. 6: 1 total, Men 1
 - Gr. 7: 14 total, Men 13 & Women 1
 - Gr. 9: 8 total, Men 8
 - Gr. 12: 2 total, Men 1 & Women 1
 - Gr. 14: 19 total, Men 17 & Women 2
 - Gr. 16: 3 total, Men 3
 - Gr. 17: 4 total, Women 4
- Brother Frank said that everyone appreciated attending an event without any pandemic concerns.
 - It took a lot of time to get everyone organized but was well worth it.
 - It is important to fit time for Mass into future golf schedules.
 - Brother Scott commented that everyone liked gathering at the outdoor pavilion and the format of this golf tournament.
 - Brother Dusan added that a golf tournament was held in Canada since they could not come to the US. The two day event included many young members in attendance.

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THE EASTER BASKET TRADITION

One of the traditions of the Slovaks and other Slavic peoples is the custom of bringing an Easter Basket to the parish church on Holy Saturday to be blessed by the priest or deacon. This basket is filled with many of the foods enjoyed by Slovaks at the Easter Sunday feast. The blessing of the baskets stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the great fast of Lent and from which they have abstained during the holy season of Lent. Many of the foods enjoyed at Easter have their roots in the Passover observance of the Old Testament, while others are symbolic of the risen Christ himself, our true Passover. Foods traditionally blessed for Easter, the feast of the Lord's Passover from death to life, include some of the following listed below. The foods prepared in advance, are placed in a basket, covered with a special hand-crocheted cloth, often one which has been handed down for generations, and taken to church for the Holy Saturday rite. In addition, children may bring their baskets to church for the blessing filled with candy and eggs.

EGGS - Brightly decorated eggs, called *kraslice* in Slovak, are a symbol of the new life that is ours in Christ. Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of this special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed be decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia, and so forth.

PASKA - The Easter bread, is a sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter and raisins, symbolic of Christ himself who is the true bread of life. It is usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross(+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Old Slavonic, the proto-Slav language, for Christ is Risen!

KLOBASY - This spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products is indicative of God's favor and generosity. It is also a sign of abundance and the joy of the Easter season.

BACON - A piece of uncooked bacon, known as *slanina* in Slovak, which is cured with spices is also enjoyed. It is symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

HAM - Ham celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection. It is distinct from the Old Law which forbade certain meats. Ham is often the principal meat of the Easter feast. Some may prefer lamb or veal.

CHEESE - The special Easter cheese is known as *syrek* in Slovak. It has a rather bland taste. The use of nutmeg and sugar in its preparation will give it a sweeter flavor. It is indicative of the moderation Christians should have in all things. Cream cheese may also be blessed and placed in a small dish. Both may be decorated with symbols made of cloves or pepper balls.

HORSERADISH - This food made with beets and the hot-tasting root is known as *chren* in Slovak and represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the Passover meal of the Old Testament as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. For us, it recalls the bitterness and suffering of Christ which led to his death on the cross on Good Friday.

SALT - This food reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ. Salt is blessed because it was used to preserve food just as Jesus preserves us to eternal life.

BUTTER - This favorite dairy product, known as *maslo* in Slovak, is often shaped into a figure of a lamb. The lamb is an ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal(Passover) lamb by whose blood we are saved. It also



reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

WINE - Wine is the drink of the Passover meal as well as the Last Supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter into the joy of the resurrection.

Preserving our wonderful Slovak faith traditions is one way of enhancing our observance of Easter. A blessed Easter to all - Veselú Veľkú noc!

“STEPPING INTO SPRING”

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The benefits of walking promote the theme of our slogan - “A sound mind in a sound body”. Purposeful walking can foster a peaceful state of mind. In the book, *Mindfulness: A Practice Guide to Finding Peace in a Frantic World*, Professor Williams, and Dr. Penman state that “Happiness is looking at the same things with different eyes.” Mindful walking can provide inner peace during this most frantic time of our lives. Walking in this way encourages one to be present in the moment, find stillness and develop awareness. To being:

- Choose a place to walk with minimal distractions, such as a park, a garden, walking trail
- Consider your posture, your weight on your feet, your muscles, and your balance
- Take a few deep breaths and begin walking slowly
- Attend to the senses around you, what you hear, see, smell, and feel

Mindful walking may take time to get used to, but the benefits are proven to promote positive changes in mental health, such as reducing anxiety, depression, and stress. Whichever method of walking you choose, select the one you need the most at that time and take the first step.

I look forward to hearing from all the walkers out there and am anxiously awaiting to receive totals!

My contact information is: Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress, 1853 Wingate Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44514; telephone 330-727-2487; kropolinskynancy@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE 2022 SUPREME PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

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- Many young people attended.
- Each year, a charity is selected for members to donate.
- The weekend of June 4, 2022 is booked for this year.
 - Brother Jim thanked sister Kristen for reporting on the golf tournament held in Canada and added that by having it this coming June, it could increase interest for the International Golf Tournament in 2022.

Falcon Articles and Facebook Posts

- Brother Dusan Dorich recapped the fact that articles were written in almost all publications, and sometimes two were in a given issue.
 - The new article schedule is:
 - January, Brother Frank
 - February, Sister Katie
 - March, Brother John
 - April, Sister Nancy
 - May, Brother Marty
 - June, Brother Dusan
 - July, Sister Nancy
 - August, Sister Janice
 - September- Golf Tournament assignment
 - October, Brother Rob
 - November, Brother Marty
 - December, Sister Katie
 - Sister Katie stressed the importance of maintaining Facebook presence to engage our members.
 - Brother Scott confirmed that a link to the monthly edition of The Falcon will be posted on Facebook.
 - Brother John said that he will reconfigure the Facebook administrators to regulate it.

Group Activities Reports

- Sister Katie shared the following group activities as reported by each group:
 - Group 1- no response
 - Group 2 - no response
 - Group 3 - sent a correspondence with recommendations from Physical Directress Judy Manyak.
 - Group 4- had many activities and published an article inviting people to join the Best Lent Ever program. They honored those who have passed away, accomplished things, and earned congratulations in various ways. They also had a Zoom meeting and asked Sister Katie to meet with them via Zoom.
 - Group 5- no response.
 - Group 7- various activities, service events, fundraising events, Sokol Day event, reunion
 - Group 9- no response
 - Group 10- no response
 - Group 11- no response
 - Group 12 -Physical Director Chris Antosy reported that weekly events are held at the Sokol Club.
 - Group 14- young members make homemade Christmas and Easter cards that they mail to senior members. They also delivered prepackaged dinners to elderly members.

- Group 16- no response.
- Group 17- sent a correspondence with recommendations from Sports Director, Judy Babik.
- Group 18- visited people and had several service events.
- Group 19- reported that they have a Super Bowl fundraising event, and they also ran their own golf tournament.
 - Sister Katie read correspondences submitted by Groups 3, 4, 17, and 19.
 - Brother Jim will compose draft responses which will be reviewed by the Physical Fitness Board and agreed upon as a whole prior to submitting a reply.

International Clinic 2022 and 2023 Slet

- Sister Katie reviewed communications with all groups regarding their projected numbers for the 2023 International Slet
 - The projected number raises concern as it is a significantly reduced number of participants for the 50th International Slet.
 - We need to celebrate the 50th but may need to restructure the event.

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S.C.S. 2022 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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

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

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

No applications will be accepted after April 11, 2022

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BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST)	SCS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ CERT/POLICY# _____ E-mail: _____	Highest Avg. 2020-21 _____ USBC No. _____ Wreath/Assm No. _____ Team: _____ Please Check Tournament Events Bowler at Left Is Submitting Payment for on this Application: <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Singles <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles <input type="checkbox"/> All Events <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet
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Please check one: Men's Application Women's Application

DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENT—SATURDAY, MAY 14

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

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. _____

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.

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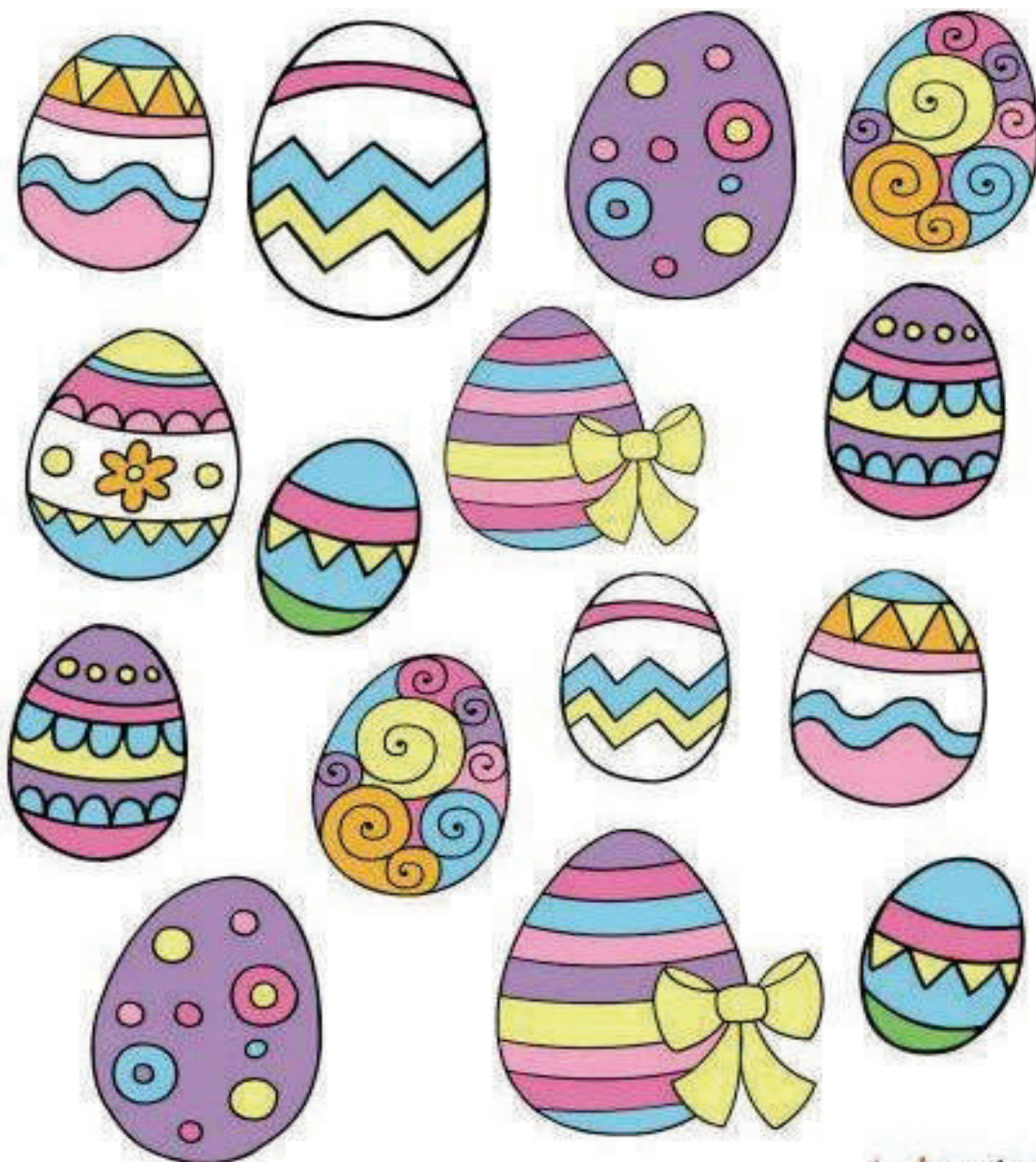
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EASTER EGG MATCH UP

Match the pairs of Easter eggs to find a the odd one out



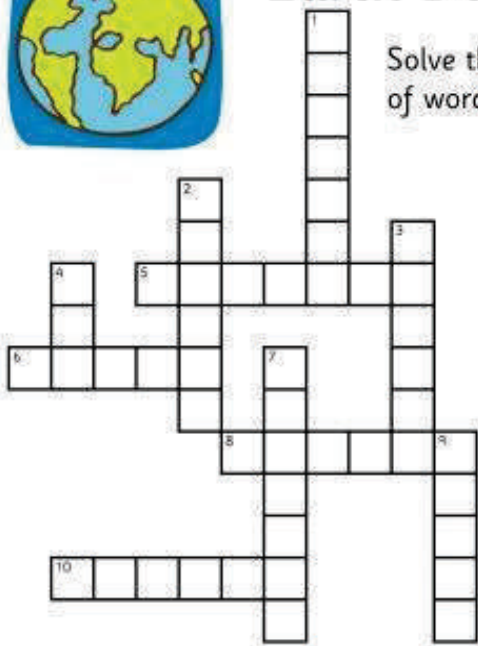


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Earth Day Crossword

Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues.



- air
- climate
- green
- litter
- oceans
- planet
- plastic
- recycle
- reduce
- reuse

Across

5. We have special bins for waste that we can _____.
6. The colour associated with caring for the environment.
8. We should put this in the bin.
10. The Earth is our _____.

Down

1. People are worried about how much of this is in our oceans.
2. They cover 71% of the Earth.
3. To use less of.
4. We breathe this.
7. We call the heating up of our planet _____ change.
9. When we have cups and bottles that we wash and refill we _____ them.

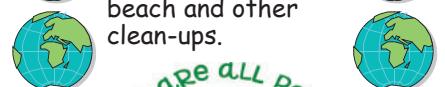
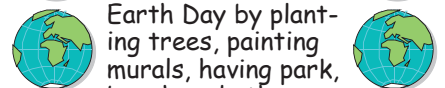
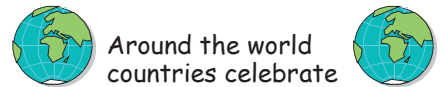
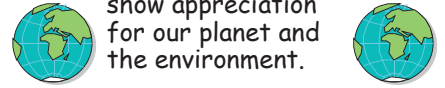
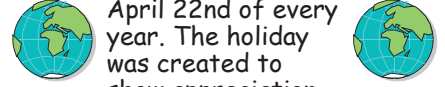
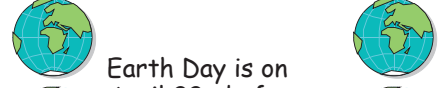


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HAPPY
EARTH
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Earth Day is on April 22nd of every year. The holiday was created to show appreciation for our planet and the environment.

Around the world countries celebrate Earth Day by planting trees, painting murals, having park, beach and other clean-ups.





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - April 2022

Slovak Words=Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

- Stations of the Cross - *Križová cesta* [Kree-zhoe-vah tseh-stah]
- Palm Sunday = *Kvetná nedeľa* [Kvet-nah nye-dye-la]
- Holy Week = *Pašiový týždeň* [Paw-shee-oh-vee teezh-den]
- Holy Thursday = *Zelený štvrtok* [Ze-le-nee shtveer-toke]
- Good Friday = *Veľký piatok* [Vel-kee pyah=toke]
- Holy Saturday = *Biela sobota* [Byeh-la so-bow-tah]

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Chase Seifert 4/11
- Carissa Hoek 4/13
- Colton Seifert 4/15



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May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.
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To guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.

Easter Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.

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Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER

EXERCISE FUND RAISER IN DANVILLE, PA

Students at Saint Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten in Danville, PA recently had an exercise and play day to support EOS Therapeutic Riding Center in Bloomsburg.

The students obtained donated pledges in support of the Riding Center. Sister Donna Marie, SSCM, Principal of Saint Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten, noted that EOS Therapeutic Riding Center strives to positively impact the life skills and quality of life of children and adults with men-

tal, physical and emotional challenges, and Veterans, through individualized therapeutic horseback riding activities conducted in a safe and supportive environment.

The Center began in 1992 with 7 riders, and now provides over 3,000 sessions yearly. Saint Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten students raised \$ 3,000.00 through this project



Paisley Taylor



Arwen Leal



L-R: Veronica Fernandez, Quinn Coffey, Harper



Preschool and Kindergarten students



L-R: Rory Reichard, Hasvi Bansal, Arianna Agarwal, Teagan Shroyer, Emma Houston

OBITUARIES

FRANCESCO ANTONIO REVISORE 1969 - 2022

Francesco Antonio Revisore of Totowa, NJ passed away at age 52 on March 3, 2022.



He was an employee at the Home Office of Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, NJ.

Beloved husband of Josephine (nee Ferrante) Revisore and loving father of daughters Silvia and Ivana, sons Gianfranco and Salvatore. Dear son of Giovanni and Concetta Revisore. Devoted brother of Maria Con-

cetta Revisore, Vanessa Saveriano and Stefania Hasan and son in law of Salvatore & Rosa Ferrante. Brother in law of Cesira Boni & her husband Frank. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Born in Gela, Sicily, Italy, he came to the United States in 1983. He worked as a custodian for Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, NJ and the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, NJ.

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 6th at the Festa Memorial Funeral Home in Totowa, NJ. A funeral mass was held on Monday, March 7th at the St. James RC Church in Totowa. A burial followed at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Totowa.

Rest in Peace Frank!



IN MEMORIAM

FEBRUARY 2022

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 10	William Grega, Cortland, OH	77	January 22, 2022
Assembly 11	Sophia Davis, Mechanicsburg, IL	1	February 8, 2022
Assembly 16	John Anthony Bombich, Pittsburgh, PA	70	February 14, 2022
Assembly 23	John C. Krulicki, Torrington, CT	61	February 2, 2022
Assembly 25	Robert Rathway, Belle Vernon, PA	81	January 26, 2022
Assembly 25	Joseph J. Lafko, Perryopolis, PA	86	January 31, 2022
Assembly 48	Margaret A. Giuffrida, Blue Bell, PA	88	February 19, 2022
Assembly 54	Albert B. Heider, Butler, PA	82	January 4, 2022
Assembly 59	Paul Emerick, Philadelphia, PA	95	January 26, 2022
Assembly 59	William Michaels, Pequannock, NJ	92	January 9, 2021
Assembly 59	John George Ungvarsky, Wilkes Barre, PA	39	January 31, 2022
Assembly 59	Florence Sokol, Dallas, PA	94	February 5, 2022
Assembly 78	Gerard M. Haymaker, Bethlehem, PA	62	June 24, 2020
Assembly 78	John W. Gasdaska, Bethlehem, PA	71	January 11, 2022
Assembly 78	Irene Martucci, Allentown, PA	88	January 26, 2022
Assembly 78	Charles J. Kuruc, Bethlehem, PA	75	February 3, 2021
Assembly 82	Joseph Richnavsky, Dunlo, PA	81	September 14, 2021
Assembly 86	Jo Ann R. Valenti, Devon, PA	77	January 16, 2022
Assembly 104	Michael C. Lako, Pittsburgh, PA	36	December 25, 2021
Assembly 136	Elaine Apgar, Allentown, PA	86	February 9, 2022
Assembly 108	Clara L. Hagan, Warren, OH	86	September 4, 2021
Assembly 108	Michael Lesniak, Youngstown, OH	53	February 12, 2022
Assembly 162	Joseph O'Reilly, Bluffton, SC	98	February 9, 2022
Assembly 188	Mary Beverly Bradish, Freeland, PA	83	January 20, 2022
Assembly 214	Richard F. Kachmarik, Wallbridge, OH	88	January 2, 2022
Assembly 261	Kenneth J. Billy, Reading, PA	66	May 17, 2013
Assembly 299	Willie Mae Edwards, Brooklyn, NY	84	February 24, 2022
Wreath 22	Bernadette C. Jakicic, Natrona Hgts., PA	87	January 24, 2022
Wreath 54	Anna Franko Durkin, Columbiana, OH	86	January 18, 2022
Wreath 85	Anthony M. Kascak, McKees Rocks, PA	80	December 25, 2021
Wreath 85	John A. Mihalsky, Conway, PA	92	January 7, 2022
Wreath 85	Patricia Speir, Onsted, MI	71	January 28, 2022
Wreath 93	Jerome W. Hoepfner, Shebogay, WI	74	January 14, 2022
Wreath 93	Arlene G. Potters, Rhinelander, WI	94	January 24, 2022
Wreath 93	Curtis A. Barnes, Racine, WI	81	January 27, 2022

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.

VEĽKONOČNÉ ZVYKY A TRADÍCIE NA SLOVENSKU

Svätým týždňom sa skončí 40-dňový pôst. K tomuto týždňu sa viažu mnohé ľudové zvyky a tradície, ktoré mali počas týchto dní dodržiavať naši predkovia a dodržiavajú sa na mnohých miestach aj dnes.

KREŠŤANSKÁ VEĽKÁ NOC

Svätý alebo Pašiový týždeň je obdobie, keď si kresťania pripomínajú posledný týždeň Ježišovho života na zemi. Aj napriek tomu, že sa hovorí týždeň, ide o 9 dní s týmito prívlastkami: Kvetná nedeľa, Modrý pondelok, Sivý utorok, Škaredá streda, Zelený štvrtok, Veľký piatok, Biela sobota, Veľkonočná nedeľa, Veľkonočný pondelok.

ZELENÝ ŠTVRTOK

V tento deň sa naposledy rozoznejú kostolné zvony, ktoré stíchnu až do Veľkej noci. Naši predkovia jedli v tento deň najmä zelenú stravu ako špenát či kapustu, aby boli po celý rok zdraví.

Podľa ľudových zvykov ľudia museli skoro vstať a umyť sa rosou - neboli preto chorí. Gazdiné museli pozametať dom ešte pred východom slnka.

VEĽKÝ PIATOK

Veľký piatok je dňom Kristovho ukrižovania. V ľudových poverách sa spája s magickými silami. V tento deň sa mali otvárať hory, ktoré vydávali svoje poklady a nemalo sa nič požičiavať, lebo požičaná vec by mohla byť začarovaná; nesmeli sa manipulovať so zemou (ryť, kopať) ani prať bielizeň, lebo by bola namočená Kristovou krvou.

Podľa tradície sa ľudia na Veľký piatok chodili umývať do potoka, aby sa im vyhýbali choroby. Niekedy sa chlapci potápali a snažili sa ústami uchopiť zo dna kamienok, ktorý potom hodili ľavou rukou za hlavu, neboleli ich potom zuby. Výrobcovia textílií priadli pašiové nite, tými urobili zopár stehov, ktoré potom chránili pred zarieknutím a zlými duchmi celú rodinu. Košľa ušitá pašiovými niťami chránila pred bleskom.

BIELA SOBOTA

V tento deň ležal Ježiš Kristus v hrobe. Svoj názov získala zrejme od bieleho rúcha novo pokrstených, ktorí prijali krst na veľkonočnej vigílii (bohoslužba na Veľkú noc pripomínajúca Kristovo zmŕtvychvstanie). Názov môže pochádzať aj zo zvykov veľkého upratovania a bielenia, ktoré sa konali v tento



deň pred nedeľou zmŕtvychvstania.

Ľudia sa starali o úrodu svojich polí. Na pole kládli krížiky z ohorených drievok a sypali na lúky popol z posväteného ohňa. Niekde sa za trámy domov dávali uhličky, aby chránili pred požiarom. Doma sa nielen upratovalo, ale aj sa piekli mazance a baránky, pletli sa korbáče a zdobili vajička.

V tento deň sa v kostoloch pozhňávajú veľkonočné jedlá. Toto požehnanie súvisí so starou pôstnou praxou, ktorá zakazovala nielen požívanie mäsa, ale aj vajec a syra. Tieto pokrmy boli na Veľkú noc požehňované na ich prvé domáce použitie. Požehnanie pokrmov pripomína, že spoločenstvo so zmŕtvychvstalým Kristom pri eucharistickom stole má pokračovať doma v hostine lásky

VEĽKONOČNÁ NEDEĽA

V nedeľu je najväčšia slávnosť kresťanského cirkevného roku, pri ktorej sa oslavuje Kristovo vzkriesenie. Cirkev rozhodla, že to bude vždy prvá nedeľa po prvom jarnom splne. Preto je tiež každý rok Veľká noc inokedy. V tento deň sa všetci ponáhľali do kostola, kde sa svätili veľkonočné pokrmy (baránok, mazance, vajcia, víno).

Každá návšteva dostala kúsok posväteného jedla, trochu dali na pole, do studne a do záhrady - aby bola dobrá úroda aj voda. Spoločne sa jedlo vajce uvarené na Veľký piatok s vrbovým a jaseňovým prútom. Ak by niekto počas nasledujúceho roka zablúdil, mal si spomenúť, s kým jedol na Boží hod vajce a spomenul by si na cestu späť.

VEĽKONOČNÝ PONDELOK



Bolo zvykom, že po významných sviatkoch sa deň nepracovalo. V tento deň chodia chlapci amuži šibať korbáčom, najlepšie z čerstvých vrbových prútov. Tradícia káže dávať maľované vajička alebo kraslice, ktoré vedeli ženy zdobiť samy podľa krajových zvykov. Íc.

Oblievanie vodou a kúpanie dievčat mládenkami (namočenie do potoka, postriekanie voňavou vodou, poliatie vedrom či vodou z hrnčeka) na Veľkonočný pondelok sa považovalo za očistné, plodonosné a malo dievčatám na celý rok zabezpečiť zdravie. Veľkonočné šibanie (šľahačka, šibačka) korbáčom z ôsmich spletených čerstvo narezaných prútov vrby je napodobením magického úkonu rozšíreného v tradičných roľníckych spoločenstvách - bitia s použitím zeleného prútika, ktoré malo zabezpečiť znovuoživenie sily, rastu a zdravia.

VEL'KONOČNÝ PLETENEC

375 g múka hladká, 375 g múka polohrubá, 280 g vlažná voda, 1 PL med, 40 g čerstvé droždie, 125 g (izbovej teploty) maslo, 150 g cukor kryštálový, štipka soli, 1 vajce, hrozienka
Na potretie: 1 vajce, mlieko

Do vody primiešame lyžicu medu, lyžicu cukru a múky a rozdrobené droždie. Necháme vzísť kvások. Do väčšej misky dáme zvyšnú múku, cukru, maslo, vajce a soľ. Prilejeme kvások a vypracujeme cesto, do ktorého môžeme zapracovať aj hrozienka. Necháme nakysnúť približne 2 hodiny, kým cesto nezdvynásobí svoj objem. Cesto rozdelíme na 5 rovnakých dielov a vyvaľkáme z nich rovnako dlhé pramene. Koláč zapletieme z 5 prameňov na tzv. rybiu kosť a vytvarujeme do venca. Preložíme na plech, necháme nakysnúť 30 minút a predhrejeme rúru na 200 °C. Nakysnutý koláč potrieme vajcom vyšľahaným s troškou mlieka a dáme piecť. Hneď ako vložíme koláč do rúry, znížime teplotu na 180 °C a pečieme asi 35 minút.



SYROVÁ ROLÁDA SO ŠUNKOU

300 g plátky syru eidam, 300 g plátky šunka
Plinka: 500 g maslo, 50 g cesnak, 50 g cibuľa červená, 50 g šunka, 100 g paprika farebná

Syr nakrájaný na 3 mm hrubé plátky poukladáme na potravinovú fóliu umiestnenú na plechu. Vložíme do rúry vopred vyhriatej na 100 °C asi na 1 minútu. Syr zmäkne. Poukladáme plátky šunky. Plinka: Z mäkkého masla vyšľaháme penu, pridáme prelisovaný cesnak, nasekanú červenú cibuľu, papriku a šunku. Všetko premiešame a plinku naniesieme na syrovo-šunkový základ. Zrolujeme a dáme do chladu aspoň na 2 hodiny.



VEL'KONOČNÁ HRUDKA - SYREK

5 ks vajcia, 500 ml mlieko, 2 KL soľ, bylinky

Vo vodnom kúpeli varíme spolu všetky suroviny, kým sa neoddelí tekutina. Scedíme do tenkej útierky, zaviažeme a zavesíme. Keď trochu vychladne, vyžmýkame prebytočnú tekutinu a necháme zavesené odpočívať aspoň 3 hodiny.



VEL'KONOČNÝ ZEMIAKOVÝ ŠALÁT

13 ks stredne veľkých zemiakov uvarených v šupke, 5 ks uvarené vajce, 4 ks uvarená mrkva, 1 konzerva hrášok, 1 malá cibuľa, 6 ks kyslá sterilizovaná uhorka, soľ, mleté čierne korenie, 1,5 dl voda z kyslých uhoriek, 2 PL, horčica, 400 ml majonéza

Do misy si pretlačíme zemiaky, vajčička a mrkvu. Pridáme sterilizovaný hrášok, cibuľu nakrájanú na jemno a na malé kocky nakrájané uhorky, korenie a soľ. Pridáme horčicu a majonézu. Všetko spolu premiešame a necháme v chlade (najlepšie cez noc) odstáť, aby sa prepjili chute.



KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Na Slovensku od 15. marca pôsobí 2100 vojakov Severoatlantickej aliancie. Počet príslušníkov ozbrojených síl súvisí aj s technikou, ktorú budú vojaci pri zabezpečovaní obrany SR obsluhovať a ktorá doplní vybrané nedostatkové spôsobilosti Ozbrojených síl SR. Ide napríklad o systém protivzdušnej obrany Patriot či možné nasadenie radarovej techniky Sentinel. Slovenskú jednotku tvorí 600 českých, 200 holandských, 100 poľských a sloviných, 400 amerických a 700 nemeckých vojakov. Mnohonárodné bojové skupiny v rámci tzv. posilnenej predsunutej prítomnosti (eFP) NATO vznikli ako odstrašujúci nástroj Aliancie v reakcii na anexiu Krymu. Sídlia v Poľsku, Litve, Lotyšsku a Estónsku. Po útoku Ruska na Ukrajinu sa členské štáty Aliancie zhodli na zriadení mnohonárodných bojových skupín eFP pozdĺž celého východného krídla NATO vrátane Rumunska, Bulharska, Maďarska a tiež Slovenska.

Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti dosiahla vo februári 2022 úroveň 6,86 %. Vo februári minulého roku bola na úrovni 7,90 %. Za uplynulých päť mesiacov zostáva nezamestnanosť pod siedmimi percentami. Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny poukazuje aj na skutočnosť, že za posledný rok výrazne poklesol počet uchádzačov o zamestnanie. V evidencii úradov práce je ich v porovnaní s februárom minulého roka približne o 15 % menej.

Vojna na Ukrajine ochromila bratislavský Volkswagen. Automobilka prerušila výrobu pre nedostatok polovodičov, ako aj výpadok dodávok. Výroba bola prerušená vovšetkých segmentoch.

Volkswagen Slovakia situáciu naďalej pozorne sleduje a priebežne vyhodnocuje. Volkswagen Slovakia začína na Slovensku v roku 1991 ako spoločnosť so stovkou zamestnancov v areáli bývalých Bratislavských automobilových závodov. Nemecká automobilka v SR počas tridsiatich rokov investovala 4,6 miliardy eur a vyrobila viac ako 6 miliónov vozidiel.

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