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*For God and Nation*

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

4TH OF JULY

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

One hundred and seventeen (117) years ago 46 Slovak immigrants established our organization on July 4th, 1905, in Passaic, NJ. They created a fraternal benefit society founded for the Slovak Catholic community to bond together with ideals of "For God and Nation" our Motto and "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body" our Slogan. These saying proved to new immigrants and first-generation Slovak Americans that they were joining an organization they could trust and



that provided them financial security for them and their families. This new society also would help them become American citizens and offered them a way to stay connected to their traditions and culture they left behind in Slovakia. The Society finally provided them with the creating a new family unit to replace the one they left behind in Slovakia.

So, This July 4, 2022, let us celebrate our beginning as the Slovak Catholic Sokol for the 117<sup>th</sup> time and give thanks to all who provided leadership to the Society at the National, Group or Local level to keep the Society together for the past eleven (11) decades. As we celebrate our beginning, we can remember all the Sokol fraternal activities we participated in and those that participated with us. "Na zdravie".

On the same day that we celebrate the Slovak Catholic Sokol's birthday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we are privileged to celebrate our Nation's birthday. This year our Nation celebrates its two hundred and forty-six (246) birthday. Just as the founders of the Slovak Catholic Sokol did so did the founding fathers of our Nation do. They created a country built on the principles of being free, so its citizens could live in a country where its leaders and government would care and protect them. Now celebrate our Nation's birthday, enjoy the day, remember what the day is for since we see the problems other countries are facing, like Ukraine, and give thanks we do not have to live in a country torn by war.

If you have not heard, the Lightbridge Academy selected our Supreme

Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.'s family as the family of the month. Congratulations to Scott, Maggie, Reid, and Cole for being honored as the family of the month. It is the behind-the-scenes support you do others recognize, like the seventy-five baskets you made up this Easter for those less fortunate.

It was a sad day, Monday, June 12 when we learned of the passing of our past Supreme Treasure, Lieutenant Colonel, retired, Dennis Zifcak. Brother Zifcak served as a Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme officer for twenty years starting as a Supreme Auditor and ending as Supreme Treasurer. During his time as a Supreme Officers Brother Zifcak brought to the Board of Directors his leadership and business knowledge he honed as an officer in the United States Army and as Director of Global Benefits at EMC Corporation. Let us remember Brother Dennis in our prayers and May He Rest in Peace.

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, I attended Assembly 78 of Group 10 their Reunion in Bethlehem, PA. I was invited to the Reunion by Assembly 78's President, Fran Blanar, and its officers to represent the Supreme Assembly at the gathering. Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon also attended, together we reflected on the history of Assembly 78 and Group 10 and how active they were in participating in our fraternal activities. I want to thank Brother Blanar for the invitation, the warm traditional Slovak welcome, bread and salt, given to myself and Brother Matlon at the Mass.

I would encourage all Assemblies, Wreaths, and Groups to try and do the same, hold a Reunion for your members to bring members to remember the past, live in present, and believe in the future. The calendar is telling us the summer of 2022 is officially here but with some of the past days it was like November or March. Once July arrives, we might be looking for some cool days. This summer is a mixed bag of stories about vacation. I heard rentals can be 50% more than last year. We hear airfare prices are much higher and then there are the shortage of pilots, staffing issues, weather, and flight delays and cancellation problems that only the experience and

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## From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

### HOPE

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



Hope. It is surely what the Continental Congress was full of on July 2, 1776, in Philadelphia, PA as they took their final vote for independence. It is amazing to think of the thoughts going through their heads during this momentous time. While



some of us agonize over decisions in our lives, many pale in comparison to the decision these men had to make, to form a nation or not.

This week, we will celebrate the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's birth. It is always important to look back and reflect on the history surrounding this special day. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress partook in a formal session to vote on the independence of our Nation. The rest of the day and the next were spent debating over the form and content of a declaration drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Not too different than when our Bylaw Committee presents at our Conventions! Several changes were made, and the final document was adopted on July 4, 1776. As President of the Congress, John Hancock was the first to sign and on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia. By August 2, 1776, fifty members of Congress had signed the document and over the next several months, others followed suit. The Declaration of Independence is the most important document in our history and July 4<sup>th</sup> allows us the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of this special document and the men who created it.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. Just as our American Forefathers had, hope had to permeate through those meetings. Since they wanted to be patriotic Americans and were grateful to the United States for the opportunity to begin a new life, they selected the Fourth of July in 1905, the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American independence, to enable their dreams to

become reality. In addition to our Sokol traditions of good sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security to its members. This year's Fourth of July, we will celebrate the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organization's founding. Many societies have been founded among various immigrant groups, but few have survived and prospered over the years. It is with immense pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 117 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great society and today we are financially sound and hope for your continued support.

Being financially sound gives us the ability to promote our wonderful sports and scholarship programs. In a recent issue, we introduced over fifty young members of our organization who were recipients of our scholarship grants. Our founders would be proud of our current efforts in promoting the education of our youth. It may be cliché, but they truly are our future.

As our sports season is underway, the Group leaders of our organization will be heading to Kutztown University for our 2022 International Clinic from July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. They will be preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet to be held in 2023 at Kutztown University. This event is our organization's oldest and most revered sports gathering. I wish all our leaders well in preparing our youth for this beautiful event.

On a sad note, our organization lost former Supreme Officer, Lt. Col. Dennis J. Zifcak, who passed away on June 12<sup>th</sup> surrounded by family. Brother Dennis served as a Supreme Officer and member of the Board of Directors for 16 years. He brought experience and honor to the position, and he will be missed.

Until next time, I hope all our members are enjoying a pleasant and relaxing summer and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Also, Happy Birthday to my son, Cole William, who turned three on June 25th! Happy Birthday Buddy!

Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

## Sokol Calendar

**SATURDAY, JULY 9 – SUMMER FESTIVAL** sponsored by Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius at the Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA.

**JULY 14-17, INTERNATIONAL CLINIC** at the Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

**THURSDAY, JULY 21 – 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SLOVAK DAY** in Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, PA.

**SUNDAY, JULY 24 – 90<sup>TH</sup> SLOVAK-AMERICAN DAY PICNIC** at the Croatian Soccer Park, in Franklin, WI. Free admission. Holy Mass at 12 noon.

**AUGUST 12-14, GOLF TOURNAMENT** at the Treasure Lake Resort, DuBois, PA.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 – STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH FESTIVAL** in Minneapolis, MN from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. More information: Jim Genosky, tel.: 763-789-9196.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 – SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6, MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA** at the Back Porch Restaurant, 114 Speer St., Belle Vernon, PA (lower Speers) at 1:15 p.m. Reservations must be made no later than October 7 by contacting either Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724-736-4032. Also, mark you calendars for December 4, 2022 at which time a Christmas Party will be held at the Clubhouse Grille. Information regarding the Christmas party will be discussed at the semi-annual meeting.

JOIN THE  
**WALKING PROGRAM**  
For more information contact  
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## SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

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

Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,  
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic  
**IN GOD WE TRUST**

“In God We Trust” is the official motto of the United States. It was adopted by the U.S. Congress in 1956, replacing E pluribus unum, which had been the de facto motto since the initial 1776 design of the Great Seal of the United States.

While the earliest mentions of the phrase can be found in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the origins of this phrase as a political motto lie in the American Civil War, where Union supporters wanted to emphasize their attachment to God and to boost morale. The capitalized form “IN GOD WE TRUST” first appeared on the two-cent piece in 1864; it was not printed on paper currency until 1957 and on some post stamps until 1954. A law passed in July 1955 by a joint resolution of the 84<sup>th</sup> Congress (Pub.L. 84–140) and approved by President Dwight Eisenhower requires that “In God We Trust” appear on all American currency. Two years later, the phrase was used on paper money for the first time — on the updated one-dollar silver certificate that entered circulation on October 1, 1957. The 84<sup>th</sup> Congress later passed legislation (Pub.L. 84–851), also signed by President Eisenhower on July 30, 1956, declaring the phrase to be the national motto. Several states have also mandated or authorized its use in public institutions or schools; while Florida, Georgia and Mississippi have incorporated the phrase in some of their state symbols. The motto has also been used in some cases in other countries, most notably on Nicaragua’s coins.

The motto remains popular among the American public. According to a 2003 joint poll by USA Today, CNN, and Gallup, 90% of Americans support the inscription “In God We Trust” on U.S. coins; and a 2019 student poll by College Pulse showed that 53% of students supported its inclusion in currency. Some groups and people in the United States, however, have objected to its use, contending that its religious reference violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. These groups believe the phrase should be removed from currency and public property, which has resulted in numerous lawsuits. This argument has not overcome the interpretational doctrine of accommodationist, which allows government to endorse religious establishments as long as they are all treated equally, and that of “ceremonial deism”, which states that a repetitious invocation of a religious entity in ceremonial matters strips the phrase of its original religious connotation. The New Hampshire Supreme Court, as well as Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits have all upheld the constitutionality of the motto in various settings. The Supreme Court has discussed the motto in footnotes but has never directly ruled on its compliance with the Constitution.



## 2022 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year Award. We encourage all Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths to nominate a member in your area who exemplifies what true fraternalism is to either your Group, Wreath, Assembly or Community. We ask that the nominee be someone who shows significant involvement in his or her local Assembly, Wreath or Group.

How has that nominee promoted the Slovak Catholic Sokol over the years? What parish or religious activities have they been involved in? How about Community Volunteer Efforts? I am sure there are numerous candidates that all our Groups, Wreaths and Assemblies have that fit this description. The Board of Directors will review all applications received and will announce a winner. That individual will be honored with a banquet in their honor and will also receive a small token of our appreciation.

Nomination forms can be attained on our website [slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://slovakcatholicsokol.org). Completed nomination forms can be returned to me at the following address: Edward D. Moeller, Supreme Vice President, Slovak Catholic Sokol, 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15227 or emailed to [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org). Nomination forms must be received by September 1, 2022.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT

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hardy travelers can endure. Covid is still playing a role of what we can and cannot do when we do travel. Gas prices are not making it any easier even for day trips. So, whatever you have planned or are planning for vacation, stay calm, give yourself plenty of time, put the suntan lotion on, be safe and relax. Enjoy your vacation!

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board has finalized the plans for the Clinic. I am ready to meet with the Board and Group Directors and Directresses to hear from them their expectations for the 50th Slet and what they think future Slets will look like.

With God’s Blessing to All!  
Stay Healthy and Safe!  
Zdar Boh!

## HOLE SPONSORSHIP AT OUR 2022 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hole Sponsorship Opportunity  
Sign Dimensions 24” X 18”  
Cost \$50.00

It is a great fraternal way to promote your Group, Assembly/Wreath, business, or family to over 150 golfers the weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Golf Tournament will be held at Treasure Lake Resort, DuBois, Pennsylvania. Send the information that you want printed on your sign via email or regular mail. Please send a check for \$50.00 made payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account

**DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2022**

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## ASSEMBLY 15 AND WREATH 15, PERRYOPOLIS, PA EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY



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AND DECEASED MEMBERS**



### SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2023 "DORBÝ PASTIER" GOOD SHEPHERD

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2023 edition of the "Dorbý Pastier" Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd is a collection of literary articles submitted by contributing authors on all things Slovak, Catholic, faith, cultural and heritage, the arts, and personal essays or other topics the writer wishes to share with the readers. The Good Shepherd also serves as the only source for contact information for the Church in Slovakia, and those Slovak clergy and religious in the United States, as well as religious congregations, and places of worship. The articles come from authors in the United States, Slovakia and the Slovak Diaspora from around the world.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication can submit their articles to Sister Barbara Sable, SSCM, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821 or [barbarasable@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarasable@hotmail.com). The Deadline for submitting an article is June 30, 2023. The articles submitted need to be double spaced typed in doc format and in Times New Roma font.

Any questions regarding the Good Shepherd, the articles, etc. can be sent to Michael Horvath, [msjhm185@aol.com](mailto:msjhm185@aol.com), Chairperson, Slovak Catholic Federation Communications Committee.



## 76<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> AT THE BROOKGATE LANES, CLEVELAND, OHIO

The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament was held on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Brookgate Lanes, Cleveland, Ohio. The combined bowling tournament included members from the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) Fraternal Society, the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU) and for the first time, members of the National Slovak Society (NSS).

Crown Plaza Hotel was the host hotel for the 2022 Bowling Tournament and was minutes away from Brookgate Lanes.

The four fraternal organizations combined with 27 Men's Team and 9 Women's Teams, for a total of 144 bowlers. The annual sporting event began Friday with team bowling beginning at 7:00 p.m.. The playing of the National Anthems of the United States and Canada kicked off the event. All of the bowlers received a souvenir coffee mug from the fraternal societies.

On Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m., the bowlers were treated to a hospitality buffet at Brookgate Lanes allowing ample time to eat and socialize before the tournament. Supreme Director of Sport and Athletics, James Matlon welcomed all of the bowlers. Basil Wahal, Fraternal Communications Director from the GCU, Kevin Collins, FCSU Vice President and Fraternal Activities Director and Pam Blum, NSS Fraternal Activities Coordinator, coordinated the lane assignments for all 36 teams.

Friday night team tournament winners include: Female Division first place from the SCS/GCU Team 2+2 Barberton Bowlers: Karen Bakita, Carol Macko, Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa with a combined scratch score of 1929. Second place GCU Team 412: Patricia Niskack, Patricia Kutzfara, Barbara Wahal and Melanie Basl with a combined scratch score of 1841. Finally, third place team winners from SCS with a scratch score of 1742 awarded to Heather's Heroes with Heather Horvath leading her team members: Kelly (Hilda) Palchanis, Bernadette (Nadeja) Jacob and Amy (Svetlana) Degnan-Blasco. Way to go ladies!

Women's Team Handicap Results include members from SCS in first place, Heather's Heroes with a score of 2360. Second place was awarded to SCS/GCU Team 2+2 Barberton with a score of 2331. Rounding out the Division, Girls Roll, FCSU Team with a total score of 2291.

The Men's Team Division Scratch First Place Winners from FCSU, Slovak Lanes: Rusty Groner, Ryan Trifiletti, Jerry Hromada and Gino Delmonico with a score of 2551. Second place winners from FCSU, Smith Team: Vernon C Smith, Nathan Richnafsky, David Smith and Vernon E Smith, with a score of 2467. Third place winners Lodge #302 from GCU: Jack Arrowood, Mike Karaffa, Bryan Karaffa and Michael Cimperman, with a score of 2454.

Men's Team Handicap Results include: First place winners from GCU, CPRL Mixed Mens: John Kutzfara, Matthew Basl, Michael Patak and John Niskach with a score of 2990. Second place was awarded to Smith Team overtaking Lodge #302 for scores of 2977 and 2955 respectively.

On Saturday morning, bowlers returned to the Brook-

gate Lanes for the Doubles and Singles competition.

Scratch Women's Doubles winners include Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa with first place honors with an actual score of 1026; while Maryann (Sophia) Mangiafico and Barbara Wahal took second with a score of 987. Third Place winners Patricia Niskach and Melanie Basl scored 971.

In the Women's Handicapped Doubles Division, the dynamic duo of Patricia Niskach and Melanie Basl bowled a combined score of 1211 ahead of the second-place team Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa who bowled a combined handicap score of 1194. Third place trailed behind by a 12-pin difference. Kelly Policicchio and Carol Ungvasky scored 1182.

The Men's Double Scratch Division winners include: First Place Adam Digon and John Niskach for a total of 1339 pins; Second Place with a 5-pin difference goes to the Risko brothers, Gary and Brian for a combined score of 1334; and Third Place Winners with 5 less pins were Robert Sir Louis and Alex Sir Louis for a score of 1329.

In the Men's Double Division with Handicap, Clay Cato and Chris Barca claimed first place with a 1 pin difference against the second-place duo consisting of Joseph Anderson and Michael Patak for scores of 1523 and 1522 respectively. Third place was awarded to Justin Francis and Supreme Physical Director, Marty Degnan bowling a 1511 combined.

Although the Pytel family and the Babik Woman's Double Teams did not place, Dave Pytell and his three sons enjoyed fraternizing with Edith Babik and her three daughters!

In the Women's Singles Scratch Division, Melanie Basl placed first with a 4-pin difference over Jean Karaffa with scores of 584 and 580 respectively. Third place award goes to Barbara M. Wahal with a score of 525. Women's Handicap Singles Division resulted in Nicole Nasta taking first place with a score of 654, Melanie Basl in second with a score of 638 and finally, Jean Karaffa placed third with a total score of 625.

In the Men's Singles Scratch Division, scores yielded the following winners: Alex Sir Louis- First place with a score of 752; second place winner – Brian Risko with a score of 742 and third place winner with a score of 689 was Michael Cimperman. In the Men's Handicap Division winners include: First place winner Alan J. Novotney rolled for a total of 839, Second place goes to Tom Skrtich with a score of 821 and third place went to Alex Sir Louis with a score of 812.

In the Women's Division for All-Events scratch score, Jen Karaffa had the top score, 1702 followed by Melanie Basl with a 1660 and Third Place, Barbara Wahal with a 1577. The All-Events Handicap, Nicole Nasta was awarded first place with a total score of 2159, with a 3-pin win over Karen Bakita for second place with a total score of 2156. Third place recognition goes to Jean Karaffa with a total score of 2143.

In the Men's Division, scratch score, Brian Risko fin-



ished in First Place with a 2205., second place went to Alex Sir Louis with a 2097 and third place, Michael Cimperman with a 2031. The Men's division for All-Events with handicap resulted in Brian Risko placing first with a score of 2358: Second place was awarded to Tom Skrtich for a score of 2342 and Third place honors goes to Michael Cimperman with a total score of 2301.

The most prestigious All Events Actual Scores was awarded to Jean Karaffa and Brian Risko. Congratulations to these two fine bowlers.

One of the highlights of the tournament was cheering on Brian Risko as he studied the lanes attempting to bowl a perfect 300 game. His 10-frame strike streak ended 2 pins shy of a perfect game with 298 as the final score. Congratulations Brian on your efforts and athleticism.

After the bowlers finished with doubles and singles on Saturday afternoon, a Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tom Nasta of the FCSU at the Crown Plaza Hotel prior to the banquet. A sit-down meal was provided for bowlers and guests with the option to choose from Broiled Cod Milanesa, Roast Pork Loin, or Chicken Parmesan as the main entrée. Salad, bread and butter, potatoes and vegetables accompanied the main course. Dessert, coffee, and a three hour open bar was provided to the bowlers and guests.

Dignitaries from each fraternal organization welcomed bowlers and offered opening remarks. Joe Stefka President and CEO of NSS, Mike Horvath President of SCS, Andrew Rajec, President of FCSU and Mike Karaffa National Director of GCU commented on the success of the event, the fraternalism displayed throughout as well as the enthusiasm to come together and bowl after a two-year hiatus.

Father Joe Repko offered a blessing before the delicious meal was served. After dinner, James Matlon congratulated all bowlers and asked for a moment of silence for members and family members lost since the last bowling tournament in 2019. A prayer for a quick end to the war in Ukraine and for their Slovakian neighbors who have taken refugees was also offered.

The final event of the evening was the announcement of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award presented each year to a member of our organization who has been very active at the Assembly, Group and National level promoting and participating in the International Bowling Tournaments. On behalf of his Uncle and Godfather Frank Petruff, Gary Pitoniak and our President Mike Horvath presented the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award to Don Papcun from Assembly 36, Detroit, Michigan. Don humbly accepted the award and showcased a photo of himself with his four brothers and father winning the Team Event at our 1982 Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to Don on this well-deserved recognition. The program concluded with the singing of "Hej Slovaci" led by Tom Ivanec, FCSU Regional Director for Ohio.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing between fellow members of the four fraternal societies. On Sunday morning the bowlers and guests headed home reflecting on the eventful weekend looking forward to the 2023 Bowling Tournament.

Zdar Boh!  
**Nancy L. Kropolinsky**  
*Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*



Assembly 36, Detroit, Michigan Sokol Don Papcun was the recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. He is shown with Sokol Officers and past recipients of the award. From the left: Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon, past recipient Clarence Checkton, Edith Babik, Don Papcun, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Gary Pitonak.



Supreme President Mike Horvath, GCU National President George Juba, Bill Gemoll and Adam Digon



The Lilly PA Team #1: Robert Shedlock, John Smith, James Bart and Corey Shedlock

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# 2022 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

## TREASURE LAKE GOLF RESORT, DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA

### AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup>

The longer days and warmer weather means we are in golf season and closer to our Slovak Catholic Sokol 67<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament which will be held August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, DuBois, Pennsylvania. The GCU and FCSU members will be joining us in our annual golf tournament.



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

Over the years, this event has become much more than a golf outing, evolving into a true fraternal family event. Many of our members now attend the tournament with their family, which has added to the richness of the event and true fraternal camaraderie.

Please return your application and fee as soon as possible to my home address: 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981. If you have any questions pertaining to the event, please call or text me at (973) 647-8551. Email [jmatlon@slovakcatholicokol.org](mailto:jmatlon@slovakcatholicokol.org). **Application and fee deadline for the tournament is July 15<sup>th</sup> (postmarked).**

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

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

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

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

The Friday evening Hospitality will be held in the Lakeview Lodge at Treasure Lake Resort. The golf banquet will be full buffet dinner on Saturday evening at Luigi's Villa, 800 W. Weber Avenue, DuBois, PA. There will be a \$25.00 charge for members who would like to purchase additional dinner tickets.

Father Thomas Nasta, the Chaplain from the FCSU will celebrate Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM at the Silver Course Pavilion.

A brief program will follow dinner on Saturday and we will announce the tournament leaders and the closest to the pin winners. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec will present the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award for 2022.

This will be a great fraternal event, and we hope to see you at Treasure Lake Resort this August.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol

Website [www.slovakcatholicokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicokol.org) under Sports Programs.

Zdar Boh!

**James C. Matlon**

*Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics*

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

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

"A" Flight	0 to 12 Handicap
"B" Flight	13 to 20 Handicap
"C" Flight	21 and over
"D" Flight	Callaway System
"S" Flight	Senior, 62 years and over
"W" Flight	Women, Callaway System

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

(C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol /GCU/FCSU Handicap will be accepted for all flights.

3. The tournament shall be held with prevailing U.S.G.A. rules.

4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a handicap (handicaps are determined after two years or four rounds) of Tournament play. The Callaway Modified System will be used with two blind holes each round to calculate the daily handicap.

5. (A) All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by "Handicap Committee". In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared flight winner.

(B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.

6. All play will be 36 holes: 18 to be played on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> and 18 on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

7. Entry Fee is \$15.00 and Tournament Expense is \$15.00. A Golf Banquet will be held on Saturday evening at Luigi's Villa 800 W. Weber Avenue, DuBois, PA 15801.

8. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the prize money will be awarded according to the number of entries received for each flight.

9. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Participants wishing for special twosomes & foursomes, please indicate your golf partners on the golf tournament application.

10. Penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be according to U.S.G.A. rules with loss of position.

11. **Entries will close with a Postmark Date of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** All tournament fees must accompany Golf Entry Form.

12. Make checks payable to:

**Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account**

13. Mailing address:

**James Matlon**  
**6 Academy Drive East**  
**Whippany, NJ 07981-1801**



**Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU/FCSU**  
**67<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament Entry Form**  
**August 12th-14th 2022**

**Treasure Lake Golf Resort – DuBois, PA**

**Golf Practice Reservations: Gold Course - (814) 913-1482 & Silver Course (814) 913-1480**

**U.S.G.A. 36 Holes      Men-5 Flights   - Women-1 Flight**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 15th 2022**

Every golfer must fill out a form and all fees must accompany this entry form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath \_\_\_\_\_

*Golfer Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the name on this application is a bona-fide member of this Assembly/Wreath in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Assembly/Wreath President or Secretary

\_\_\_\_ I have participated in two previous SCS/GCU/FCSU Golf Tournaments

\_\_\_\_ I have not participated in two previous SCS/GCU/FCSU Golf Tournaments

\_\_\_\_ Men: I am 62 years or older and wish to enter the Senior Flight and have participated in at least two previous SCS/GCU/FCSU Golf Tournaments

Tournament Start Times:      8:00 AM      Saturday      &      8:00 AM      Sunday

Preferred Doubles Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Full Golf Package	<b>Double Occupancy</b>	<u>Fairfield Inn</u>	<u>Hampton Inn</u>
	Package Fee:	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00
	<u>Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>

_____ Full Golf Package	<b>Single Occupancy</b>	<u>Fairfield Inn</u>	<u>Hampton Inn</u>
	Package Fee:	\$ 385.00	\$385.00
	<u>Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>

_____ Golf Only Package	Package Fee:	\$130.00
	<u>Entry Fee/Tournament Expense:</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>

_____ Banquet Only	<u>Banquet Fee:</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

_____ Non-Golf Package	Double Occupancy	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>
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_____ Non-Golf Package	Single Occupancy	<b>\$265.00</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>
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**All hotel reservations to be made directly through the Fairfield Inn & Suites, DuBois, PA, 814-371-2260 or Hampton Inn, DuBois, PA 814-375-1000**

## 76<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Perryopolis, PA team included, l-r, Clarence "Buffalo" Checkton, Alan Novotney, Craig Kordich and Bernie Seruga



Barberton OH Bowlers, l-r, Karen Bakita, Carol Macko, Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa



Group 5, East Canton, OH team, l-r, Joe Burfield, Don Papcun, Ryan Burfield and Matt Burfield



Heather's Heroes from Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA, l-r, Heather Horvath, Kelly Palchanis, Amy Degnan-Blasco and Bernardette Jacob



Girls Roll team, l-r, Phyllis Johnson, Nicole, Nasta and Caroline Gemol



Brain Overload team, l-r, Joann Antosy, Deborah Unger, Patricia Latshaw and Kathleen Smolkowicz





Tribute to Tirpak team from Group 7, I-r, Gary Blasco, Jeff Jacob, Dave Iskra, Jr. and Tony Rasimas



Lilly Team 2 from Lilly, PA team, I-r, Ed Wilk, Francis Risko, Gary Risko and Brian Risko



Paul's Gang from Group 1 included, I-r, Donald Salmanowitz, Gary Pitonak, Marc Kudlacik and Robert Mosloskie



Atomic Drop team, I-r, Thomas Ivanec, Justin Strekal, John Moynihan and Joe Moynihan



Macko Strong team, I-r, Don Macko, Chris Macko, Robert Macko and Dan Dawson



The 4 Hoseman team from Group 7, I-r, Jeremy Francis, Justin Francis, David Iskra, Jr. and Marty Degnan

# DRIVE TO 50 SALES CAMPAIGN

## CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will be reaching a significant milestone within the SOKOL World – We will be hosting and presenting our 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet (Gymnastic and Track and Field Meet).

To help celebrate this Golden Occasion we have created the DRIVE TO 50 Sales CAMPAIGN. This campaign is designed to benefit and reward our membership, our groups, and recommenders.

## BENEFITING MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

For more than 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](http://www.scslife.org). Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol  
P.O.Box 899  
205 Madison Street  
Passaic, NJ 07055

## 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:
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

## 50<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CLINIC IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It has been a long time since we have met in person to hold our International Clinic. Covid has kept us away from each other for far too long, but we are finally meeting. In a few short weeks the 50<sup>th</sup> International Clinic will be upon us. This year's Clinic will be held July 13-17 at the picturesque campus of Kutztown University in Kutztown PA. With the Supreme Fitness Board arriving on July 13 to make sure everything is 100% for the arrival of Group's participants on July 14. It has been 10 years since we were at the campus for our events. With all the drills on SCS Google drive account all participants will be familiar with the drills for next year's Slet. With the drills being available on Google drive prior to the Clinic, the format of this year's Clinic will be like that of the 2018 Clinic. With everyone having a working knowledge of the drills by the time they arrive in Kutztown University for the Clinic, the time in gym classes will be spent only to polish off the drills. This will allow for more time to be spent for various seminars.

The seminar topics will include insurance, sports, forms, first aid, fraternal youth activities, membership and team building activities. These seminars will enable our clinic participants to return to their local Group with a better overall understanding of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. This will only serve to make them better leaders of the youth, who are the future of our organization.

At this year's Clinic both the Supreme Physical Fitness Board and the Clinic participants will be housed at Golden Bear South. The Physical Fitness Board will be arriving on Wednesday July 13 by 11:00 am, with the participants arriving on Thursday July 14. Registration for the Clinic par-

ticipants will be held in the lobby of Golden Bear South between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The dorm is air conditioned, so you do not need to bring a fan. Linen will be provided but if you wish to bring your own pillow be free to do so.

Participants are required to bring their drill uniforms for pictures and the exhibition program.

As at previous Clinics keep the following rules and regulations in mind:

1. The only advertisement on any clothing allowed is Slovak Catholic Sokol.
2. No alcohol whatsoever is allowed during the Clinic.
3. Anyone found in possession of alcohol will be sent home immediately at their Group's expense.
4. All participants must remain on campus for the duration of the Clinic.
5. No one is to leave the campus without the permission of the Supreme Physical Director or Directress.

In case of emergency the participants can be reached thru Katie Swift 412 303 3338 or Marty Degnan 570 881 2754. Or Kutztown University Public Safety & Police Services: Non-Emergency 610 683 4002; Emergency 610 683 4001.

As with every Clinic there is a lot of hard work to be done, but with everyone's participation this will prove to be both a memorable and successful Clinic. Anyone needing help with any Clinic matters can contact Marty at 570-881-2754 email [Mcoach1986@aol.com](mailto:Mcoach1986@aol.com) or Kati: 412-303-3338, [katieannswift@gmail.com](mailto:katieannswift@gmail.com)

Supreme Physical Board is looking forward to meeting all the Clinic participants and especially new leaders from the groups.

Wishing everyone a safe trip to Kutztown University.

ZDAR BOH!

**Dusan Dorich**

*Supreme Assistant Physical Director*

### 2022 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL INTERNATIONAL CLINIC JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup>, KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, KUTZTOWN, PA

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Arrival of Supreme Physical Fitness Board	Golden Bear South
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Work Detail	TBD
6:00 p.m.	Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting	Common Room of Golden Bear

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Registration	Golden Bear South
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Meeting with the Clinic participants	Golden Bear South
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	South Dinning Hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Clinic participants opening meeting/drills	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner	South Dining Hall
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Group photo Clinic participants – seminars: (basketball, volleyball, Slet, medical forms, insurance) Team building activity	Tuttle South



**FRIDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	South Dinning Hall
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Clinic participants – drill	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	South Dining Hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Clinic participants – drill	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner	South Dinning Hall
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Clinic participants – drill practice (if needed) and team building activity	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym

**SATURDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	South Dining Hall
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Clinic participants – drills	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	South Dining Hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Clinic participants - exhibition practice	Men – Fieldhouse Women – Keystone Gym
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner	South Dining Hall
6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Mass, group photo, exhibition of drills	TBD
8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Nightly activities	TBD

**SUNDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

7.30 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.	Breakfast	South Dining Hall
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Check out	Golden Bear South

**2022 INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT S.C.S. PRIZE LISTING**

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alan Novotney	\$150.00	1st Place Singles Hdcp.	\$37.00	7th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$187.00
Amy Degnan Blasco	\$75.00	1st Place Team Hdcp.			\$75.00
Bernadette Jacob	\$75.00	1st Place Team Hdcp.			\$75.00
Brian Risko	\$30.00	5th Place Team Hdcp.	\$100.00	2nd Place Doubles Actual	\$350.00
Brian Risko	\$110.00	2nd Place Singles Actual	\$20.00	High 1 Game Singles Actual	
Brian Risko	\$90.00	1st Place All Events Hdcp.			
Carol Macko	\$40.00	1st Place Team Actual	\$20.00	High 1 Game Team Hdcp.	\$150.00
Carol Macko	\$20.00	High 1 Game Singles Hdcp.	\$70.00	3rd Place Singles Hdcp.	
Corey Shedlock	\$50.00	3rd Place Team Hdcp.	\$40.00	6th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$90.00
Craig Kordich	\$31.00	9th Place All Events Hdcp.			\$31.00
Dan Dawson	\$50.00	9th Place Singles Hdcp.	\$31.00	10th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$81.00
David Iskra Sr.	\$45.00	6th Place Doubles Hdcp.			\$45.00
Francis Risko	\$30.00	5th Place Team Hdcp.			\$30.00
Gary Risko	\$30.00	5th Place Team Hdcp.	\$100.00	2nd Place Doubles Actual	\$130.00
Heather Horvath	\$75.00	1st Place Team Hdcp.	\$20.00	5th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$95.00
James Bart	\$50.00	3rd Place Team Hdcp.			\$50.00
John Smith	\$50.00	3rd Place Team Hdcp.	\$45.00	10th Place Singles Hdcp.	\$95.00
Justin Francis	\$75.00	3rd Place Doubles Hdcp.	\$23.00	17th Place Singles Hdcp.	\$153.00
Justin Francis	\$55.00	3rd Place All Events Hdcp.			
Karen Bakita	\$40.00	1st Place Team Actual	\$20.00	High 1 Game Team Hdcp.	\$155.00
Karen Bakita	\$60.00	4th Place Singles Hdcp.	\$35.00	2nd Place All Events Hdcp.	
Kelly Palchanis	\$75.00	1st Place Team Hdcp.			\$75.00
Marty Degnan	\$75.00	3rd Place Doubles Hdcp.	\$11.00	18th Place Singles Hdcp.	\$86.00
Mary Anne Mangiafico	\$45.00	3rd Place Doubles Hdcp.			\$45.00
Matt Burfield	\$60.00	7th Place Singles Hdcp.			\$60.00
Robert Shedlock	\$50.00	3rd Place Team Hdcp.	\$34.00	8th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$84.00
Tony Rasimas	\$45.00	6th Place Doubles Hdcp.	\$29.00	11th Place All Events Hdcp.	\$74.00

*All of the results and complete prize listing from the 2022 International Bowling Tournament has been posted on our web site.*



## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - July 2022

### What is **Canada Day**?

Canada Day is a holiday similar to the United States' Fourth of July. It takes place on July 1. It is a celebration of the joining of three colonies within the British Empire, which happened on July 1, 1867. It is sometimes known as "Canada's birthday," but it was actually called "Dominion Day" until 1982 when Canada passed the Canada Act, which gave Canada more freedom to pass amendments and laws without getting consent from the British government.

Some of the ways in which Canada Day is celebrated is similar to the ways Americans celebrate Independence Day. There are fireworks, carnivals, parades, barbecues, air shows, and musical concerts.



There are also citizenship ceremonies held for new citizens. There is no official way to celebrate Canada Day, but the largest celebrations are usually found in Canada's capital, Ottawa, Ontario. Even when Canadians move to other places in the world, they still celebrate Canada Day in their own ways.

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Canada  
eh?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

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

### Holiday Stories



#### Independence Day

Story by Andrew Frickle



Independence Day is always on July 4th. It celebrates our country's decision to become free from England.



Long ago, America was not its own country. We were 13 colonies owned by England. The people then did not think they were being treated fairly. They wanted to make their own rules. They wanted to be free.

On July 4th, 1776, our Founding Fathers decided we must be free. They wrote the Declaration of Independence. This was the beginning of our fight for freedom. It was a long and hard fight, but America defeated England. Because of that, we are still free today!

Holiday Reading Comprehension Stories

www.HaveFunTeaching.com







# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - July 2022

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Find and circle the words in the word search puzzle and number the pictures

p	a	z	s	d	q	b	a	l	l	o	o	n	s	e
a	m	x	p	j	d	v	p	a	t	r	i	o	t	y
t	e	p	a	a	i	l	u	p	m	u	s	a	n	
r	r	a	r	p	i	c	n	i	c	n	x	p	t	f
i	i	r	k	c	a	n	n	o	n	y	u	n	u	j
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f	i	r	e	w	o	r	k	s	l	c	a	x	r	c
n	z	d	a	l	q	r	o	c	k	e	t	u	t	u
x	k	c	a	k	e	k	e	t	j	e	u	u	y	e



1. American flag
2. USA
3. Statue of Liber
4. patriot
5. parade
6. eagle
7. fourth of July
8. liberty bell
9. patriotic hat
10. balloons
11. stars
12. cake
13. barbecue
14. cupcake
15. picnic
16. fireworks
17. firecracker
18. sparkler
19. rocket
20. cannon

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## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - July 2022

### ANNOUNCING THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 16th-August 25th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than **September 10th**. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

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

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

**Edward Moeller- 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org)**



#### Non-Readers

- Level 1 16 books
- Level 2 24 books
- Level 3 32 or more books

#### Early Readers (sounding out most words)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books



#### Intermediate Readers

(40+ pages each)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 12 books
- Level 3 16 or more books

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

- Level 1 4 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books



**What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland****News and Views  
from Slovakia...****UP TO 25% OF SLOVAKS WOULD CHANGE JOBS  
IF THEY COULDN'T USE HOME OFFICE**

As many as a quarter of Slovaks would change jobs if they lost the opportunity to work from home, but this would lower their chances of being hired by almost half of companies, according to a survey called 'Hybrid Work Model as a New Standard' conducted by Focus agency for Microsoft on a sample of 1,071 white-collar employees at the turn of 2021/2022.

According to the survey, more than two thirds of non-manual employees worked from home (68 percent) during the COVID-19 pandemic, compared to only 20 percent beforehand. More than half (57 percent) of those who worked at home would prefer to work in an office after the pandemic but only for four days a week. The remaining 43 percent of employees who worked from home would like to work from home for up to three days a week.

As many as 81 percent of the people polled said they would even be willing to work remotely for a company outside their town or city if they only needed to go to work in person once a month.

"The survey showed that for most employees who had the opportunity to work from home during the pandemic, this way of working is becoming a new standard. During a 'non-COVID' time, it would have taken incomparably longer for both management and employees to introduce such a change and adapt to it. The pandemic has significantly reduced the social time needed to introduce hybrid work," said sociologist Martin Slosiarik of Focus research agency.

**CAPUTOVA AFTER RETURNING FROM UKRAINE:  
PEACE OF VITAL INTEREST  
TO SLOVAKIA**

Peace in Ukraine is of vital interest to Slovakia, President Zuzana Caputova stated at a press conference on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> following her return from a visit to Slovakia's eastern neighbour on the previous day.

According to the president, the visit was meant to once again express Slovakia's support for a country that is defending itself against Russian aggression. In addition, she held talks on bolstering cooperation between Bratislava and Kiev with representatives of Ukraine and took the floor of the Verkhovna Rada – Ukraine's Parliament.

"If Russia doesn't stop at Ukraine, it will stop at nothing. That's why we have to take an interest and help Ukraine to defend itself," said the president.

Caputova described her visit to Ukraine as one of the most emotional experiences of her life. "I witnessed great suffering and great pain. We visited the suburbs of Kiev and saw many bombed-out civilian buildings. It was clear there that the damage was caused by targeted destruction by Russia and not by stray missiles," she said.

At the same time, the president confirmed that Slovakia should soon supply Ukraine with domestic-made Zuzana howitzers. "There's a commercial contract between Ukraine and a Slovak company. Just yesterday, the final issues were agreed and fine-tuned," she claimed.

Apart from military aid, Caputova and the Ukrainian representatives discussed Slovakia's assistance to Ukraine in terms of exporting goods and grain and buying fuel.

The president noted that she's cautious about using the term genocide in regards to the situation in Ukraine. "The use of this term should be determined by a court. But I can say that all the signs that we can see in Ukraine make it appear as if genocide were really happening there," she remarked.

**BRIEFING BEFORE RUSSIAN EMBASSY TO  
MARK 100 DAYS OF RUSSIAN INVASION**

House Defence and Security Committee chair Juraj Krupa and MP Monika Kozelova held a briefing in front of the Russian Embassy in Bratislava on Saturday, June 4 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the Russian military aggression in Ukraine.

"Despite all the problems this war has caused also to us, whether it is the inflation or other problems, it is in our vital interest to support Ukraine," claimed Krupa. He added that it's necessary to persevere, so that Slovakia wouldn't "be next".

Krupa pointed out that Slovakia belongs among the top 10 countries of the world in terms of both humanitarian and military aid extended to Ukraine. "Believe it when I say that this is perceived in quite a positive light abroad. Of course, in Ukraine as well," he said, adding that Ukraine has a right to choose freely what kind of path it wants to take in the future.

Statements by Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to whom the Ukrainian nation doesn't exist and needs to be de-Nazified are beyond the pale for Slovakia and cannot be tolerated.

The lawmakers also brought before the Russian Embassy 100 photographs showing the reality of the military conflict.

**PRESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE  
FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

President Zuzana Caputova tested positive on June 8<sup>th</sup> for coronavirus and has therefore cancelled her work programme for the coming days and a working business trip abroad.

The president was scheduled to travel with her Polish counterpart Andrzej Duda to Portugal and Italy to support the granting of candidate status for Ukraine's accession to the European Union in joint talks with the Portuguese president and prime minister, and the Italian president.

"We want to support Ukraine's candidate status with President Duda before the vote at the leaders' summit in Brussels. I'm very sorry that I can't finally join President Duda," said Caputova. She proposed the joint initiative during the Polish president's recent visit to Bratislava.

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

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 44<sup>th</sup> year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

**As of June 22, the 2022 Appeal has received \$25,594.87 from 181 donors.** Among the 56 donations received from various Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 11, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 48, Assembly 78, Assembly 82, Assembly 86, Assembly 104, Assembly 162, Assembly 180, Assembly 291, Group 6, Group 7, Group 9, Group 12, Group 14, Group 18, Wreath 1, Wreath 14, as well as the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$2,200. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 31 clergy and religious, and 88 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2022 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2022 will be credited toward the 2023 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

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



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**OBITUARIES**



**LT. COL. DENNIS J. ZIFCAK  
December 18, 1945 - June 12, 2022**

Lt. Col. Dennis J. Zifcak, 76, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022 after an illness.



He is survived by his 2 children Donna Hardy of Uxbridge, and Brian and his wife Nicole Zifcak of Auburn; his partner Patricia Shalbey with whom he lived; 3 grandchildren Kevin Hardy, Anderson Zifcak, and Jackson Zifcak; 2 brothers John D. Zifcak of Douglas and Francis M. Zifcak of Arlington, TX; a sister Katherine Vassar of Uxbridge; and several nieces and nephews. He was sister of the late Mary E. Albin. Born in Northbridge, MA on December 18, 1945 he was

the son of Francis A. and Mary (Gonsorcik) Zifcak and lived in Uxbridge since 1978.

Mr. Zifcak worked as the Director of Human Resources and Benefits for EMC in Hopkinton. He was a 1964 Graduate of Douglas Memorial High School and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. He was a US Army Vietnam Veteran, serving as a Helicopter Pilot and received the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, a Bronze Star, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He later served in the National Guard. A member of Joseph Michna VFW in Douglas he took great pride in his military accomplishments, and participated in annual Memorial Day Parades as a Flag Bearer. Always a family man, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sports events. An avid golfer he annually played in the Veterans Inc. Golf Tournament. He spent winters in Florida and often spent time relaxing in Maine. He served 16 years as a Supreme Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

He will be remembered as a true gentleman who put everyone else first, and was always willing to help others.

His funeral and Celebration of his Life was held Saturday, June 18 in St. Denis Church in Douglas, MA. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Veteran's Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA, 01605.

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**MARY MARGARET STARR****AUGUST 19, 1956 - MAY 25, 2022**

Campbell Mary Margaret Starr, 65, passed away on May 25, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

Mary Margaret was born August 19, 1956, in Youngstown, OH, the daughter of Lewis Michael Starr and Pauline (Huzicka) Starr, the youngest of four children. She was a 1974 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School where she ran track and threw both discus and shot put on one of the first female Campbell Memorial track teams. Mary Margaret attended Youngstown State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in marketing. She began her career in retail marketing, but the majority of her career was with Dearing Compressor & Pump where she worked for 38 years. She began as their Service Administrator and progressed to become Manager of Purchasing until her retirement in August, 2020.



She was a devoted parishioner of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Campbell, OH. Mary Margaret performed the duties of sacristan, eucharistic minister and also decorated the church for all religious holidays. She served as Vice President of the St. John the Baptist Cultural Society, was a member of the Altar & Rosary society, served on the Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, and was also President of St. John's Catholic Cemetery Board of Directors for many years. Mary Margaret volunteered at both the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at Christ the Good Shepherd as well as the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Youngstown, twice a week, truly enjoying her time there.

Mary Margaret was such an influential part of so many people's lives sharing her love, kindness, generosity and compassion. She was full of life, had an infectious laugh and was an amazing listener. She had the ability to connect with all generations. Mary enjoyed many activities such as swimming, golf, bocce, playing games of chance, attending the Symphony, sporting events.

She was a active member of Wreath 54 in Campbell, OH and participated in many

**IN MEMORIAM****MAY 2022**

<b>ASSEMBLY/ WREATH</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
Assembly 9	Jacqueline A. Zack, Trumbull, CT	83	April 27, 2022
Assembly 9	Pavel R. Nemergut, Bridgeport, CT	78	May 9, 2022
Assembly 11	Darusi F. Schreck, Elizabeth, IL	91	November 23, 2011
Assembly 32	Mary Sander, Palmerton, PA	90	April 23, 2022
Assembly 34	Terry Vang, Saint Paul, MN	53	May 24, 2022
Assembly 59	Theodore Siskovich, Hudson, PA	64	May 20, 2022
Assembly 72	Charles Perun, Allentown, PA	97	April 2, 2022
Assembly 108	Edward J. Hamrock, Youngstown, OH	62	January 8, 2022
Assembly 136	Joseph T. Badowski, Nanticoke, PA	60	April 29, 2022
Assembly 162	Daniel Capik, Apopka, FL	89	March 22, 2022
Assembly 167	Lynnette K. Blizzard, Barberton, OH	39	April 19, 2022
Assembly 180	Robert Donald Burfield, Barberton, OH	65	April 17, 2022
Assembly 185	Joseph J. Tokos, Marietta, GA	95	November 27, 2022
Assembly 188	Anna M. Kupetz, North Wales, PA	96	May 7, 2022
Assembly 227	Anne Savel, Toronto, Canada	85	September 3, 2021
Assembly 214	John Selich, Toledo, OH	75	December 9, 2021
Assembly 219	Linda Ann Yuros, Yonkers, NY	67	May 17, 2021
Assembly 261	James Zurek, Mont Clare, PA	81	March 28, 2022
Assembly 312	Judth Ann Gluvna-Bitters, Wattsburgh, PA	64	April 24, 2022
Assembly 312	Teresa M. Snively, Bellaire, OH	90	April 25, 2022
Wreath 3	George E. Karkos, Lisbon, ME	94	April 29, 2022
Wreath 14	Susan Diane Novak, Ebensburg, PA	60	March 30, 2022
Wreath 15	Frances Joan Ferencak, Connellsville, PA	83	May 2, 2022
Wreath 15	Rose Kendralla, Greensboro, PA	89	May 10, 2022
Wreath 34	Joseph J. Innes, Naples, FL	102	May 18, 2022
Wreath 54	Delores M. Lapushan, Youngstown, OH	82	November 7, 2021
Wreath 54	Eleanor Sarisky, Youngstown, OH	85	March 28, 2022
Wreath 54	Ann Hruska, Poland, OH	97	April 26, 2022
Wreath 93	Dennis M. Yost, Waubeka, WI	75	May 7, 2022
Wreath 111	Alexander R. Endrai, Lorain, OH	31	January 2, 2022
Wreath 111	Agnes V. Marinik, Westlake, OH	97	February 2, 2022
Wreath 111	Timothy F. Gerek, Lorain, OH	78	May 4, 2022
Wreath 155	Frances Cronan, Reading, PA	86	December 11, 2022

of Slovak Catholic Sokol golf outings. Mary Margaret loved traveling both here and abroad but her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family & dear friends. She will be deeply missed and always remembered by her brothers, Gregory (Roseann) Starr of New Mexico and Gilbert (Mary Agnes) Starr of Girard, her sister-in-law Pat Starr of Cleveland, her

cousin Gerald Petras, nine nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother L. Michael Starr.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Wasko Funeral Home in Campbell, OH. Mass of Christian Burial was June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Campbell.

## STAČÍ JEDNA LYŽICA OLIVOVÉHO OLEJA

Jedna lyžica olivového oleja polhodinu pred každým jedlom denne si dokáže poradiť s viacerými zdravotnými problémami vo vyššom veku.

Olivový olej obsahuje totiž takzvané zdravé tuky. Poradí si so zápalmi, artritídou, tráviacimi ťažkosťami i vysokým cholesterolom.

Olivový olej sa vyrába z rozdrvených a vykôstkovaných zelených olív. Ide o výnimočný zdroj fenolov, kyseliny linoleovej, olejovej a vitamínu E, ktoré patria ku kľúčovým antioxidantom.



Spodporuje u starších ľudí produkovať enzýmy pankreasu, ktoré zlepšujú funkcie tráviaceho systému. Redukuje plyny, nadúvanie, pálenie záhy, nevoľnosť, a kŕče v bruchu.

Panenská verzia oleja z olív má výraznú antioxidačnú aktivitu. V ľudskom tele sa vplyvom nesprávnej výživy, ale aj horšieho životného prostredia tvoria takzvané voľné radikály. Tie poškadzujú bunky tela a to až do takej miery, že spôsobujú rôzne nádorové ochorenia. Antioxidačná aktivita olivového oleja je kľúčová pri ochrane srdca pred ischemickou chorobou. Rovnako patrí k ideálnym potravinám na zníženie cholesterolu. Výskumy ukazujú, že ľudia, ktorí pravidelne konzumujú olivový olej majú nižšie hladiny zlého cholesterolu, ale aj menej kardiovaskulárnych ochorení.

Seniori yvyknú trpieť ochorením zvaným artritída. Začína sa nenápadne, únavou. Neskôr prerastá do bolesti a zápalov kĺbov. Obmedzuje tak pohyb starších ľudí, ktorí majú menej pohybu a aj väčšiu pravdepodobnosť úrazu. Bolesťivé príznaky artritídy dokáže zmierniť konzumácia olivového oleja každý deň. Medzi najlepších pomocníkov, ktoré zlepšujú stav kĺbov patria kyselina olejová a antioxidant zvaný oleokantal. Ide o látku, ktorá blokuje enzýmy provokujúce rôzne zápal.

Olivový olej pomáha aj ľuďom, ktorí s pribúdajúcim vekom strácajú vlasy. Spomínaný rastlinný olej ovplyvňuje kvalitu vlasov, a to nielen pri jeho konzumácii. Môžeme ho aplikovať aj priamo, masírovaním vlasovej pokožky. Malé množstvá oleja môžeme aplikovať aj počas noci asi 2–3krát týždenne. Vypadávaniu vlasov bránia esenciálne mastné kyseliny a vitamín E. Druhá spomínaná látka sa označuje ako elixír mladosti, ktorí chráni nielen vlasy, ale vyživuje aj starnúcu pokožku.

Pokiaľ vo vyššom veku trpíte ťažkosťami, ktoré sú spojené s obezitou, buďte na pozore. Olivový olej pomáha rýchlejšie spaľovať telesný tuk. Poznáme dve formy telesného tuku, podkožný a viscerálny. Prvý druh sa nachádza najmä na bruchu a druhý je nebezpečnejší, pretože obklopuje telesné orgány. Štúdie ukazujú, že strava, ktorá je bohatá na olivový olej zvyšuje hladinu antioxidantov v krvi a vedie k preukázateľnej strate hmotnosti. Chudnutie urýchľuje konzumácia jednej polievkovej lyžice olivového oleja ráno tesne pred raňajkami.

## POČET ZAHRANIČNÝCH TURISTOV V BRATISLAVE VZRÁSTOL O TAKMER 1000 %



Počet zahraničných turistov v Bratislave vzrástol za 1. kvartál tohto roka oproti vlaňajšku o takmer 1000 percent. Dôvodom extrémneho medziročného nárastu sú aj protipandemické opatrenia, ktoré platili začiatkom minulého roka. Bratislavská organizácia cestovného ruchu Bratislava Tourist Board (BTB) však nepredpokladá, že sa podarí už tento rok prilákať taký počet návštevníkov ako v predpandemickom roku 2019.

Na cestičke smrti pri zámku Orth môžete vidieť aj zdochlinu. Tento mesiac plánuje BTB spustiť on-line kampaň s cieľom osloviť ešte viac zahraničných návštevníkov. Smerovať bude na okolité krajiny i ďalšie kľúčové trhy, ako je Nemecko či Taliansko.

## MINISTERSTVO ZAHRANIČNÝCH VECÍ USA HODNOTÍ PREMÁVKU NA SLOVENSKÝCH CESTÁCH AKO RISKANTNÚ

Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí USA hodnotí premávku na slovenských cestách ako riskantnú. Či už ide o správanie šoférov alebo o kvalitu niektorých ciest. Vyplýva to z cestovných odporúčaní a hodnotení bezpečnosti rezortu americkej diplomacie, ktorý svojich občanov informuje na webovej stránke o situácii vo všetkých štátoch na svete.

Ministerstvo označuje slovenské cesty za bezpečné, ale upozorňuje, že niekedy nie sú dobre udržiavané. Varuje pred chýbajúcim rešpektom medzi motoristami: „Agresívni vodiči môžu predstavovať vážne nebezpečenstvo, keď sa pokúšajú predbiehať nebezpečnou rýchlosťou. Kvôli slabému osvetleniu a úzkym kľukatým cestám sa vyhnite nočnej jazde mimo dobre rozvinutých oblastí. Medzi črty agresívnych vodičov patrí neustále trúbenie, kričanie na ostatných motoristov, tlačenie sa k autám a hrubé gestá. Keď takéto správanie vedie k skutočným fyzickým konfliktom alebo kolíziám medzi vozidlami, agresívna jazda sa môže zmeniť na dopravnú zúrivosť.“

Ako vidia slovenskú políciu? Washington uvádza, že policajný zbor na Slovensku je profesionálny. Rezort naznačuje, že existuje riziko, že policajti sa lepšie môžu správať k slovenským občanom ako k ľuďom zo zahraničia. „Pre mnohých cudzincov, ktorí sa stali obeťami trestného činu, bude ich kontakt s políciou trochu frustrujúci z dôvodu jazykovej bariéry, keďže len málo policajtov hovorí po anglicky,“ dodáva



## ÚSTAV PAMÄTI NÁRODA VÍTA ROZSUDOK V KAUZE ČESKÉHO EXPREMIÉRA A. BABIŠA

Ústav pamäti národa (ÚPN) víta utorkové rozhodnutie Krajského súdu v Bratislave zamietnuť žalobu českého expremiéra Andreja Babiša v kauze jeho evidencie vo zväzkoch komunistickej Štátnej bezpečnosti (ŠtB). Naďalej tvrdí, že Babiš je v zväzkoch ŠtB evidovaný oprávnenne. Pre TASR to uviedla právnička ÚPN Adela Martinkovičová.

“Aj napriek skutočnosti, že sa riešila najmä procesná otázka, trváme na tom, že Ústav pamäti národa disponuje dostatkom archívnych dokumentov, ktoré potvrdzujú oprávnenosť evidencie Ing. Andreja Babiša v zväzkoch Štátnej bezpečnosti,” skonštatovala Martinkovičová.

Krajský súd v Bratislave 14. júna zamietol Babišovu žalobu. Pasívne vecne legitimovaným subjektom podľa neho nie je žalovaný ÚPN, ale Slovenská republika v zastúpení Ministerstva vnútra SR. Vo veci sa konalo po tom, ako Ústavný súd SR v novembri 2018 zrušil rozhodnutia krajského súdu a Najvyššieho súdu SR.

Babišov právny zástupca Marek Benedik hovorí o stave právnej neistoty, keď žalobca nevie, voči komu sa má domáhať svojich práv. Nevylúčil ďalšie kroky.

Český expremiér Babiš bol vo zväzkoch ŠtB vedený ako agent pod krycím menom Bureš, sám však spoluprácu s ŠtB popiera a trvá na tom, že je vo zväzkoch vedený neoprávnenne. V spore o ochranu osobnosti podal žalobu na ÚPN ešte v roku 2012. – TASR

### VIETE, ŽE...

... to boli práve muži, ktorí nosili obuv na podpätku ako prví? Áno, pár centimetrov navyše v rámci obuvi sa objavilo už v starovekých civilizáciách Ríma či Grécka, ale aj na Blízkom východe. Kým u starovekých Rimanov a Grékov boli podpätky doménou mužov hercov, o pár tisíc kilometrov ďalej sa stali neoddeliteľnou súčasťou bojovej garderoby. Jazdci na koňoch sa bez nich nezaobišli.

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## KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Štátna akciová spoločnosť Konštrukta Defence, patriaca pod rezort obrany, uzatvorila kontrakt na komerčný predaj samohybných húfnic Zuzana 2 pre Ukrajinu. Dodaných jej bude osem kusov. Minister obrany Jaroslav Nad' ocenil, že vďaka tomuto kontraktu získa Konštrukta Defence zákazku, ktorá prináša možnosti pre ďalší rast spoločnosti. Považuje to za veľký úspech pre slovenský obranný priemysel. “Ide nepochybne o dôležitý kontrakt. Jednak tým ukazujeme našu schopnosť, odbornosť a profesionalitu vo výrobe vojenskej techniky,” podotkol šéf podniku Alexander Gurský. Dodal, že vďaka kontraktu budú mať zamestnanci garanciu práce.

Pre príslušníkov zahraničných ozbrojených síl, ktorí na Slovensku posilnili vojenskú prítomnosť NATO v reakcii na vojenskú agresiu Ruska na Ukrajine, vybudujú vo výcvikovom priestore Lešť a na letisku Sliač kontajnerové mestečko a stanový kemping. Ministerstvo obrany (MO) v návrhu spresnilo, že ubytovacie kapacity formou kontajnerov a stanov v Centre výcviku Lešť – táborisko Riečky a tábor Slávia rátajú s maximálnou kapacitou 2444 lôžok a na leteckej základni Sliač s maximálnou kapacitou 600 lôžok. „Po schválení materiálu vládou budú využité ďalšie nástroje na spresnenie rozpočtu s cieľom získania nákladovo najefektívnejšieho riešenia,“ uvádza sa v materiáli. Minister obrany Jaroslav Nad' (OL'ANO) po rokovaní vlády uviedol, že podobná infraštruktúra sa bude v nasledujúcich mesiacoch a rokoch budovať aj v ďalších vojenských priestoroch. „Takéto potrebné zázemie tam nemáme, je potrebné, musíme ho budovať,“ zdôraznil.

Veľká modernizácia, letné kino, oddychová zóna na streche, interaktívne zážitkové exponáty a multimediálne prezentácie. To všetko má priniesť rekonštrukcia Múzea moderného umenia Andyho Warhola v Medzilaborciach. Zatiaľ je zámer len na papieri. Podľa pôvodných plánov mala byť komplexná obnova múzea hotová už v tomto roku. Zatiaľ nie je vysúťažený ani dodávateľ stavby. Prešovskému samosprávnemu kraju totiž chýbajú minimálne tri milióny eur. Múzeum sa preto obrátilo na ministerstvo financií. Problém spôsobil aj nárast cien materiálov. Ešte na sklonku 2018 schválila vláda na rekonštrukciu 7,1 milióna eur. Zriaďovateľovi, Prešovskému kraju, prichádzali peniaze na účet po častiach. Doposiaľ rezort financií vyplatil šesť miliónov.

Letisko M. R. Štefánika v Bratislave očakáva z hľadiska naplánovaných letov a počtu vybavených cestujúcich oveľa lepšiu letnú sezónu ako v uplynulých dvoch rokoch. Vybavených by mohlo byť do 400-tisíc cestujúcich a za celý rok by ich malo byť asi milión. Hlavná letecká dovolenková sezóna prebieha spravidla od polovice júna do polovice augusta. Cestovné kancelárie organizovali už v apríli a v máji charterové lety s odletom z Bratislavy do obľúbených prímorských letovísk. Najviac cestujúcich smerovalo z letiska M. R. Štefánika spomedzi pravidelných liniek do Londýna, Milána, Dublinu, Sofie či Manchesteru a Hurgady a spomedzi letov cestovných kancelárií do Senegalu (mesto Dakar/letisko Blaise Diagne), ktorý je medzi pobytovými zájazdmi tohtoročnej letnej sezóny novinkou, nechýbal ani obľúbený Omán (Salalah).



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