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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 2023 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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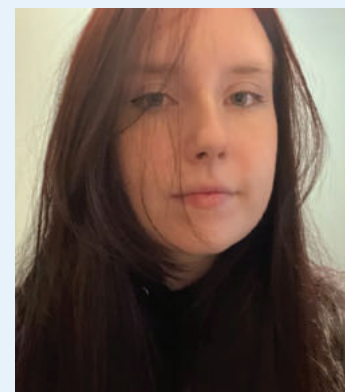
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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

This past weekend, May 19-20, 2023, I had the opportunity of attending the Slovak Catholic Sokol 77th International Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, NY. It was nice



to connect with the many Sokol members who participated in the Tournament and watch them enjoy themselves at this great fraternal activity with the members

from the Greek Catholic Union, First Catholic Slovak Union, and the National Slovak Society.

Since 1987, the Society has honored a Sokol bowler with the Frank S. Petruff award who exemplifies Sokol fraternalism and is a dedicated Sokol bowler. This year the Frank S. Petruff award went to Sister Kathleen M. Smolkowicz from Wreath 155, Group 12, Reading, PA. Sister Smolkowicz has bowled in our International and Eastern District tournaments for many years. Congratulations to Sister Smolkowicz.

The Physical Fitness Board members, James C. Matlon, Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank P. Laury, Assistant Director, and Kristen Popik, Board member, organized a great tournament for all to enjoy.

Congratulations to the 2023 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship awardees. The Sokol recognizes your academic accomplishments and knows the scholarship will help you reach your future educational goals.

The lead up to the 50th Slet is underway and in a few weeks, all will meet at Kutztown University to celebrate this Slovak Catholic Sokol milestone. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board are putting the final touches on the Slet to ensure everyone has a great time. And I

understand the Groups coming to the Slet are holding weekly practice to prepare the Slet participants for competition.

The 34th Quadrennial Convention is two months away and our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I are continuing to work on the Convention so it will run smoothly, and we accomplish the work needed to be done in the two days. The Convention Committees have been selected and the members serving on those Committees have been notified. Any Delegate having any questions regarding the Convention can contact Brother Scott or myself.

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, our Nation celebrates Flag Day. Since the United States Flag is the banner of our beautiful country and a symbol recognized around the world as the Home of the Free and the Brave. As the Home Office staff does each year, let us all celebrate Flag Day and fly the Flag high with pride and honor.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and men that have the honor of being a father or are father figures. May your day be blessed, and you are surrounded by family and friends wishing you the best the day can offer. Let us not forget all the fathers who are no longer with us may they Rest in Peace since they were our mentors and first teachers.

Fathers are the protectors of the family; I ask all fathers, is your family protected. Does every member of your family have enough of life insurance, do your grandchildren and in-laws belong to the Slovak Catholic Sokol. If you find out members of your family are not a Sokol member and without coverage or do not have enough life insurance, contact the Home Office and they will help you with a plan to increase their life insurance or obtain new coverage.

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY SCOTT T. POGORELEC, F.I.C. HONOR



Greetings from the Home Office! I hope that all our members are starting to get outside to enjoy the warmer temperatures. As we conclude Memorial Day Weekend, this time of year gives us the opportunity to remember and be thankful for all those who have sacrificed for us.

On May 29th, we celebrated Memorial Day. It is a day in which we recognize all the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. As Slovak Catholic Sokol members, we appreciate and remember those who have paid that sacrifice. I urge all our members to pay your respects to our current soldiers and veterans alike. A simple "thank you" can go a long way.

On Wednesday, June 14th, we at the Home Office celebrate an important day. It is a day that has become an annual tradition here. June 14th is "Flag Day" in the United States of America. Flag Day is important because we honor the American flag on the day of the first Flag Resolution, June 14, 1777. The Maritime Committee of the Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution—"Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Occasionally, please take the time out of your day to honor our flag. Our veterans fought for this flag and all it represents. We should honor them by showing our respect.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kathleen Smolkowicz of V-155, Reading, PA on receiving the Frank S. Petruff Me-

morial Sports Award at our 77th International Bowling Tournament held in Buffalo, NY. Sister Kathy is certainly deserving of this tribute as she has been a loyal attendee for many years at our sporting events and serves as the Group 12 Physical Directress! Congratulations again and all the very best to you, Sister Kathy!

In this issue we are fortunate to see the smiling faces of our 2023 Scholarship Recipients. On behalf of our Organization and our Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all our winners. We hope that you continue to make us all proud and continue to be wonderful ambassadors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol who helped once again support our Family's project, "Reid and Cole's Book Club." Through your generosity, we were able to deliver over 370 books to the Boys and Girls Club of Passaic and Paterson. We are already looking forward to next year's project! Thank you again!

Finally, I would like to wish all our Sokol Dads a Happy Father's Day, which we will celebrate on June 18th! Happy Father's Day Dad! May God bless you all!

Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!



Sokol Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

Join **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ASSEMBLY 78 AND PARISH MEMBERS OF INCARNATION OF OUR LORD IN BETHLEHEM, PA** to gather and kick off the summer with a **SAUERKRAUT AND PORK CELEBRATION**. 2 p.m. Mass at Incarnation of Our Lord, 3 p.m. Sauerkraut & Pork Celebration at Labuda Reception Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale May 1st. Buy tickets at church or contact Assembly 78 President, Francis Blamar at 610-866-8381.

JULY 13-16, 2023

50TH SLET at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK DAY at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. For tickets contact Sue Ondrejco at 234 Ilion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Checks should be made out to: WPSDA. For general information contact Chairwoman Mary Lou Wagner (412) 462-1957.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

91ST ANNUAL SLOVAK AMERICAN DAY at Croatian Park in Milwaukee area starting at 12 noon with a Holy Mass. A cultural presentation featuring the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers, Tatra Slovak Dancers will begin at 2:30 pm.

AUGUST 5-8, 2023

34TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, Scranton, PA.

AUGUST 18-20, 2023

GOLF TOURNAMENT at Kensington Golf Club, Canfield, OH.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

45TH SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL at Middlesex County Fair Grounds, 655 Granbury Rd., East Brunswick, NJ.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **JULY 1, 2023**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **JUNE 22, 2023**.

The next **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER** will be posted on our website on **JUNE 15, 2023**.

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Norfolk, VA
Old Dominion



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at Omaha*



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Youngstown State University



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GRANT – \$1,000**



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Wilkes University



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Pittsburgh, PA
Gannon University

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EMIL SLAVIK MEMORIAL – \$2,000



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Group 4, Wreath 93
Kenosha, WI
Carthage College



ADAM DORICH
Group 19, Assembly 227
Etobicoke, ON
Guelph-Humber University

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Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdo vic
**WHY JUNE IS DEDICATED TO
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS?**

In popular piety, each month of the year has a corresponding spiritual theme that focuses on various aspects of the Christian faith.



June has become known as the Month of the Sacred Heart since the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during it.

It all started when **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** received private revelations from Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke to her on June 16, 1675, and asked her specifically to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart.

"I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi, this year being the 16th of June, be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to It by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honor It and cause It to be honored."

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

The precise date fluctuates each year, as it is determined by the celebration of Easter. It took until 1856 for the feast of the Sacred Heart to be officially celebrated by the universal Church, and ever since then the month of June has been focused on devotion to the Heart of Jesus and his divine love for humanity.

AS PER OUR ORGANIZATION'S BYLAWS

**DONATION REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION
AT THE 34TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION**

In order to insure that our members and delegates to our upcoming 34th Quadrennial Convention, scheduled for August 5 - August 8, 2023 in Scranton, PA, understand the procedure for donation requests at the Convention, I refer to page 15, Section 2.2(c) of our Bylaws. This section states: "The Petitions and Donations Committee shall consist of the Supreme Chaplain, Supreme President, and Supreme Secretary. Donations shall be limited to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one church, religious organization, social or cultural association, with a total donation limit of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00).

Petitions and requests for donations must be submitted in writing and mailed to my attention at the Home Office, 205 Madison St., P.O. Box 899, Passaic, NJ 07055 no later than one (1) month prior to the Convention. No Faxed copies or E-mails will be accepted. This year's deadline for submitting all petitions and donation requests is Wednesday, July 5, 2023. No petition or donation request will be accepted from the Convention floor. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Convention.

I hope that all members and delegates fully understand our Bylaws related to petitions and donations. Our Bylaws clearly state our official policy and therefore serve as our guide in all our Convention deliberations and decisions. I bring this important issue to your attention so that we all have sufficient time to submit any petition or donation request to be considered by the Committee and delegates of the 34th Quadrennial Convention. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

Zdar Boh!

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

Thank you

I am honored to have been chosen as Fraternalist of the Year for 2022. I want to thank my family for organizing the wonderful banquet they put together for the celebration and all the friends who were able to attend. I would also like to thank our Supreme President Michael Horvath and Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec who took the time to travel to Douglas, MA to present the award to me.

I have been involved with the Sokols since 1980 and I have made so many friends that I treasure and have made this award possible. I am lucky enough to have two families, my family and my Sokol family. Again, thank you so much and God Bless you all. Zdar Boh! – Judith Manyak, Group 3 Physical Directress

COMMITTEES FOR THE 34TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION APPOINTED BY SUPREME PRESIDENT MICHAEL J. HORVATH

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Board of Directors -
John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. (Chair)

NOMINATION: (5)

Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. -
Assembly 162 (Chair)
Michael J. Horvath - Assembly 59
Kelly Palchanis - Assembly 59
Judith A. Manyak - Assembly 28
Claire Matlon - Assembly 24

BYLAWS: (5)

Kathleen Watkins - Wreath 22 (Chair)
Julie A. Dobbs - Wreath 93 \
Gary Manyak - Assembly 28
Steven Burican - Wreath 93
Cynthia Walkowiak - Wreath 22

NEW MOTIONS: (5)

Lisa Hoeck - Wreath 93 (Chair)
Daniel Dawson - Assembly 167
Rev. Richard Bay - Assembly 162
Sharon Papcun - Assembly 36
Thomas Shirilla - Assembly 108

RESOLUTION: (3)

Rev. Richard Cirba - Assembly 59
(Chair)
Chet Dziuba - Assembly 227
Judith Babik - Wreath 54

PUBLICITY: (5)

Jennifer Romine - Wreath 93 (Chair)
Michael Kopanic - Wreath 14
Anne Marie Neudeck - Wreath 39
Barbara Sheehy - Wreath 39
Mary Olexa - Wreath 54

SURETY, BONDS AND SALARIES: (5)

Louis Smeriglio - Assembly 162
(Chair)
David Matlon - Assembly 34
Andrea Tadlock - Wreath 155
James Knis - Wreath 180
Arlene Most - Wreath 22

BALLOTING: (10)

J. Kevin Conway - Assembly 28
(Chair)
Lori Matlon - Wreath 47
Christopher Antosy, Jr. -
Assembly 261
Suzanne Zeman - Wreath 93
Damien Suess - Assembly 16
Joanne Bartos - Wreath 54

Monica Shirilla - Assembly 108
Joseph Krzysik - Assembly 162
Nancy Hoeck - Wreath 93
Diane Cincar - Assembly 227

RECEPTION: (5)

Julie Laury - Assembly 167 (Chair)
Susan Moynihan - Wreath 153
Martin Degnan - Assembly 59
Janice Moeller - Wreath 22
Michael T. Matras - Assembly 25

SERGEANT AT ARMS: (16)

Loretta Smith - Wreath 54 (Chair)
Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr. -
Assembly 162
Mary Ann Erdely - Wreath 15
Julia Mazurkiewicz - Wreath 22
Albert Neudeck - Wreath 39
Laura Harak - Assembly 261
Anna Mae Warnick - Wreath 15
Dolores Yonkoski - Assembly 82
Gregory McMahon - Assembly 28
Larry Wells - Wreath 39
John G. Tutko - Assembly 227
Donald Macko - Assembly 167
Joseph Moeller - Assembly 16
Glenn Kramer - Assembly 108
Patricia Latshaw - Wreath 155
Kelly Kenny Norvis - Assembly 24

CONVENTION SECRETARIES: (3)

Christine M. Manyak - Wreath 18
(Chair)
David A. Bulwin - Assembly 162
Jayme Blosser - Assembly 180

PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME PRESIDENT

MEMBERS OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Kathleen Watkins
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Julie Ann Dobbs
Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI

Cynthia Walkowiak
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

Gary Manyak
Assembly 28, Douglas, MA

Steven Burican
Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI

MEMBERS OF THE NEW MOTIONS COMMITTEE

Lisa Hoeck
Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI,
Chairperson

Rev. Richard Bay
Assembly 162, Clifton, NJ

Daniel Dawson
Assembly 167, Barberton, OH

Sharon Papcun
Assembly 36, Detroit, MI

-Thomas Shirilla
Assembly 108, Youngstown, OH

VERIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the Verification and Eligibility Committee of our 34th Quadrennial Convention, scheduled for August 5 - August 8, 2023 in Scranton, PA met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. The committee reviewed and verified the following:

18 Supreme Officers Credentials –
Approved 18

9 Honorary Officers Credentials –
Approved 9

32 Group Officer's Credentials –
Approved 31

131 Assembly/Wreath Delegate
Credentials – Approved 130

5 Assembly/Wreath Alternate

Delegate Credentials – Approved 5

MEMBERS OF THE VERIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Supreme President,
Michael J. Horvath

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

2023 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

KENNSINGTON GOLF CLUB, CANFIELD, OHIO – AUGUST 18TH 20TH

The longer days and warmer weather means golf season is here and we are closer to the Slovak Catholic Sokol 68th International Golf Tournament which will be held August 18th-20th, 2023



at Kennsington Golf Club and Flying B Golf Course. The GCU and FCSU members will be joining us again 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 Courtyard by Marriott in Canfield, Ohio or Holiday Inn Boardman, Ohio.

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 corresponding 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@slovakcatholicsokol.org. Application and fee deadline for the tournament is July 21st.

The double occupancy full golf package is \$375 at the Marriott Courtyard or \$365 at the Holiday Inn. The single occupancy is \$535 at the Marriott Courtyard or \$515 at the Holiday Inn. The golf package includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, a practice round on Friday and two full tournament rounds on Saturday and Sunday including cart, two nights lodging, with breakfast at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel. The full golf package also includes Friday night hospitality and Saturday dinner.

For our members who may not require the lodging and meal package, there is a golf only package for \$190.00, which includes a practice round and hospitality on Friday and two full tournament rounds of golf on Saturday and Sunday, entry fee and tournament expense fee. The double occupancy non-golf weekend package rate is \$160 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel which includes lodging and breakfast and \$150 at the Holiday Inn.

Each golfer must make his or her own hotel arrangements by contacting the Courtyard by Marriott at (330) 533-6880 prompt 0 or Holiday Inn at (330) 726-1611.

Golf reservations for the practice round on Friday should be made with Kennsington Golf Club, (330) 533-8733 prompt #3 or Flying B Golf Course, (330) 337-8138.

The Friday evening Hospitality and Saturday dinner will be held at Waypoint 4180 Banquet Hall attached to the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. There will be a \$30.00 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 Waypoint 4180 Banquet Hall.

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 2023 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award.

This will be a great fraternal event, and we hope to see you at the Kennsington Golf Club in August.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Website www.slovakcatholicsokol.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 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 | "D" Flight | Callaway System |
| "B" Flight | 13 to 20 Handicap | "S" Flight | Senior, 62 years and over |
| "C" Flight | 21 and over | "W" Flight | Women, Callaway System |

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

(C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol /FCSU/GCU 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 19th and 18 on Sunday, August 20th.

7. Entry Fee is \$15.00 and Tournament Expense is \$15.00. A Golf Banquet will be held on Saturday evening at Waypoint 4180 Banquet Hall, 4180 Westford Place, Canfield, OH 44406

8. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the corresponding 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 are due by July 21st, 2023.** 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

S.K.S. 68TH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMAugust 18th-20th, 2023

Kennsington Golf Club – Canfield, OH – Practice Reservations – (330) 533-8733 #3

Flying B Golf Course- Salem, OH – Practice Reservations (330) 337-8138

U.S.G.A. 36 Holes

Men-5 Flights – Women-1 Flight

Entry Deadline: JULY 21st 2023

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 Golf Tournaments

_____ I have not participated in two previous SCS 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 Golf Tournaments

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

Preferred Doubles Partner: _____

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ Full Golf Package | Double Occupancy | <u>Marriott Courtyard</u> | <u>Holiday Inn</u> |
| | Package Fee: | \$ 345.00 | \$ 335.00 |
| | Entry Fee/Tournament Expense: | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 |
| | Total Due | \$ 375.00 | \$ 365.00 |
| _____ Full Golf Package | Single Occupancy | <u>Marriott Courtyard</u> | <u>Holiday Inn</u> |
| | Package Fee: | \$ 505.00 | \$ 485.00 |
| | Entry Fee/Tournament Expense: | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 |
| | Total Due | \$ 535.00 | \$ 515.00 |
| _____ Golf Only Package | Package Fee: | \$ 160.00 | |
| | Entry Fee/Tournament Expense: | \$ 30.00 | |
| | Total Due: | \$ 190.00 | |
| _____ Banquet Only | Banquet Fee: | \$ 30.00 | |
| | Total Due: | \$ 30.00 | |
| _____ Non-Golf Package | Double Occupancy | \$ 160.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| _____ Non-Golf Package | Single Occupancy | \$ 320.00 | \$ 300.00 |

All hotel reservations to be made directly through the Courtyard by Marriott, Canfield, OH (330)-533-6880 #0 or Holiday Inn Boardman, OH (330)-726-1611

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 14, PITTSBURGH, PA HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Group President Kathy Watkins who welcomed all that were in attendance. Opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed, along with roll call. A total of 25 officers and members were in attendance.

President Watkins advised that the group received numerous thank yous from our senior members for the dinner that the group delivered recently. A thank you was also received from the Ohio State Volleyball team for the group's recent donation. The Head Coach of this team is a Sokol member.

A discussion was held regarding submission of an ad for the Slet's Souvenir program book for the upcoming 50th Slet. All were in favor for a ½ page ad. President Watkins will submit our ad.

The next topic was preparation for the Slet including securing transportation and location of pick up and drop off, track shirts, etc. Group Sports Director Becky DiRenna will handle securing transportation.

The upcoming Convention was discussed. President Watkins advised that rooms are double occupancy and must be reserved by the attendees. It was suggested that attendees reach out to each other for roommate designation.



The next item on the agenda was our Join Hands initiative clothes drive. Members in attendance, as well as those not able to be at the meeting, sent bags of gently used items for donation. We were able to donate approximately 50 bags of items to two very worthwhile organizations, St. Vincent De-Paul and Vietnam Vets. President Watkins thanked everyone who donated.

A motion was made to close the meeting and seconded. All joined in for a closing prayer for our living and deceased members, as well as those dealing with health issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Walkowiak
Group 14 Secretary

50TH INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is overly excited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the International Slet. We hope you will join us!!!!

2023 50TH INTERNATIONAL SLET SCHEDULE JULY 13TH-16TH *SUBJECT TO CHANGE

7/13 - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Registration
Director/Directress Meeting
Lunch
Welcome in Garden Area
Load Bus for Dorney Park

7/14 - Friday

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Breakfast
Opening Ceremonies
will start with Mass
Track and Field & Individual Drills
Lunch
Basketball/Volleyball
& Individual Drills
Dinner
Drill Competition

7/15 - Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Breakfast
Track and Field Finals
with awards
Lunch
Exhibition Practice
Closing Ceremonies
including Mass
Gala Celebration

7/16 - Sunday

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Dismissal

Rooms are going fast!!! There is still time to book your room and help celebrate!

There is a group room rate at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, 15080 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530, 484-641-8800.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC FALCON

At the group presidents' meeting, all group presidents were tasked with three goals. One is to gather emails for people who may not be getting the electronic Falcon or other correspondence. If you are not receiving the monthly Falcon or Newsletter and you are not receiving emails regarding upcoming events, reach out to your group president. If your "older" parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles do not have email, call 1-800- 886-7656 and ask to have the information mailed to them.

The 50th Slet is coming up. It is going to be a big year for Sokols! You don't want to miss the important information.

– Kathleen Shoberg Watkins

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 3 “REV. EDMUND MOCHAK”

Group 3, Rev. Edmund Mochak, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Sokol Hall, Douglas, Massachusetts.

After everyone enjoyed coffee and donuts, the meeting was called to order by Group 3 President Kevin Conway at 10:20 a.m. Brother Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer. Brother Joe Brody led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Group 3 Secretary, Christine Manyak took roll call, there were 7 members present representing Assembly 28.

Welcoming Address:

Brother Kevin welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance on this beautiful Sunday morning.

Considering our empty Treasurer's position, Brother Kevin asked for a motion to appoint Julie Gresian as Treasurer. The motion was made by Brother Gary Manyak, seconded by Brother Joe Brody. **ACCEPTED!**

Brother Kevin thanked Sister Julie for agreeing to step into the Treasurer's position for the remainder of the term after Brother Ralph Quinn stepped down last November.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2022, were reviewed by Secretary Christine Manyak. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Judy Manyak, 2nd by Joe Brody. **ACCEPTED!**

Treasurer's report: Brother Kevin presented the year-end report for 2022 in the absence of a newly appointed treasurer. No new business or expenses have been recorded. After discussion the report was accepted on a motion by Gary Manyak, 2nd by Judy Manyak. Sister Julie was presented with all past reports and books required for her new position.

Old Business:

*Brother Kevin Congratulated Sister Judy on her distinguished honor of being chosen as the 2022 Fraternalist of the Year. A wonderful, fun filled evening was held on 4/15/23 in her honor. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott Pogorelec and Supreme President, Michael Horvath were in attendance to present the award. In addition to family and friends of Sister Judy, also in attendance were Heather Horvath from Group 7 and Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift and Kathy Shoberg Watkins from Group 14 who came to surprise their dear friend.

*Assembly 28 held a golumpki sale in December. Advanced orders were taken for 350 golumpki's and were sold from as far away as Connecticut.

New Business:

2023 Scholarships: Applications were sent to 4 eligible members for the Group 3 Scholarship. This is available for graduating high school seniors who are active members. The committee will meet to select the recipients and the scholarship will be sent out after successful completion of their first semester of college.

2023 International Slet: This year the organization is celebrating the 50th International Slet from 7/12-16/23 at Kutztown University. Unfortunately, we do not have a team to send as Covid has wreaked havoc on our group's participation. However, we will still be represented by our Supreme Honorary Officer Roger Manyak, Physical Directress Judy Manyak, Physical Director Gary Manyak and board member Maria Manyak who will be there to assist in running the Slet.

34th Quadrennial Convention; will be held in Scranton, PA from 8/5-8/23. We have 9 delegates that have been selected and approved to attend.



The Monument Reserve of Popular Architecture in the central Slovakia commune ŠPANIA DOLINA consists of a unique set of miner houses built of wood and stones. The former mining village is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in Slovakia. Copper and silver ores were mined here in the past. Along with the walled structures once owned by the mining administration a substantial part of local architecture is formed by houses of miners mostly built of logs on stone foundations. Both the stone or wooden walls were plastered with mud and painted with lime. The saddle roofs with gables were originally covered by shingles. The majority of preserved houses are from the 19th century. The tall tower of the church of Conversion of the Lord built on Romanesque foundations dominates the wonderful panorama. In order to reach the fortified church, one can choose to climb 160 stairs of a roofed staircase. The entrance is situated in a little park with the Renaissance building of the former klopačka (knocker) from the 16th century. In the area of Klopačka, precious expositions from the history of this unique location can be found.

Sokol Open: the 2023 Sokol Open will be held on 9/9/23 at Blissful Meadows. Brother John Manyak will again be chair of this event. This continues to be the Groups biggest fundraising event.

Discussion:

Brother Joe asked that recipes posted in the Falcon be in English as well as Slovak for those who do not read Slovak. We will bring this up as a recommendation at the Convention.

Brother Gary requested that the Group Sponsor a Hole at the Nashoba Regional High School Golf Tournament that he is running in June as a fund raiser for the Nashoba Athletics Basketball Club. Brother Kevin will bring this up with the Assembly rather than the group.

Brother Kevin congratulated Gary on a successful 1st season. In his first season as Head Coach of the Nashoba Regional High School Varsity Boys Basketball team he took them all the way to the Final Four!

Brother Joe Brody thanked Roger for the invitation to be a delegate to the 34th Quadrennial Convention unfortunately due to health reasons he is unable to attend.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Joe Brody, 2nd by Judy Manyak and accepted.

Brother Kevin Conway recited the closing prayer. Sulhas.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Manyak, Group 3 Secretary

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT OF \$1,000 EACH



OLIVIA OHNGEMACH
Group 1, Assembly 162
Wayne, NJ
The College of New Jersey



DAVID SMERIGLIO
Group 1, Assembly 162
Clifton, NJ
Rutgers University



NICOLE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
West Wyoming, PA
King's College



AMANDA MONDIK
Group 14, Wreath 22
Royal Palm Beach, FL
*University of
Central Florida*

**RECIPIENTS OF 2023 ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B.
MEMORIAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRANT OF \$500 EACH**



ANDREW PETERSON
Group 4, Wreath 93
Milwaukee, WI
*Father Gabriel Richard
High School*



ANNE SEJBA
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
*Archbishop Hoban
High School*



RYAN HERGAN JOYCE
Group 7, Assembly 59
Wilkes Barre, PA
Mount Saint Joseph



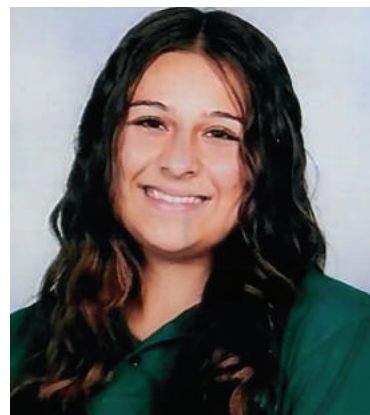
NATHANIEL C. MIKULA
Group 9, Wreath 14
Johnstown, PA
Bishop McCort High School



COLE BAKER
Group 12, Assembly 261
Reading, PA
Berks Catholic High School



ANDREW McVICKER
Group 12, Assembly 48
Philadelphia, PA
St. John Paul the Great



LILIANA D'ANDREA
Group 14, Assembly 295
Duquesne, PA
Seton La Salle

RECIPIENTS OF 2023 CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT OF \$250 EACH



NICHOLAS DESOPO
Group 1, Assembly 1
Passaic, NJ
Lacordaire Academy



ADELAIDE ROSE LOIS
Group 4, Wreath 93
Milwaukee, WI
St. Anthony on the Lake



MARGARET SEJBA
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
St. Hilary School



AUGUST S. LOIS
Group 4, Wreath 93
Milwaukee, WI
St. Anthony on the Lake



RACHEL SEJBA
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
St. Hilary School



TIMOTHY SEJBA
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
St. Hilary School



JORDAN SMUDZ
Group 5, Wreath 153
Parma, OH
Assumption Academy



TYLER SMUDZ
Group 5, Wreath 153
Parma, OH
Assumption Academy



JONATHAN FITZMAURICE
Group 7, Wreath 59
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Holy Rosary School



SEAMUS FITZMAURICE
Group 7, Wreath 59
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Holy Rosary School



CLAIRE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffith, PA
*Wyoming Area
Catholic School*



LUKE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffith, PA
*Wyoming Area
Catholic School*

RECIPIENTS OF 2023 CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANTS



GABRIEL MIKULA
Group 9, Wreath 14
Johnstown, PA
*Divine Mercy Catholic
Academy - West*



NICHOLAS MIKULA
Group 9, Wreath 14
Johnstown, PA
*Divine Mercy Catholic
Academy - West*



MEGAN McVICKER
Group 12, Wreath 13
Philadelphia, PA
*Holy Family Catholic
School*

This year marks the 51st anniversary of the first presentation of scholarship grants to our deserving young members in support of their quest for a good education. From our earliest years, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has promoted education among our youth. Since 1972, a total of \$1,800,750 in scholarship grants have been awarded to 2,540 of our members. This year, we are pleased to introduce the recipients of our 2023 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all of them.

Happy future and Zdar Boh!

FLAG DAY FACTS HAPPY FLAG DAY!

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring June 14 Flag Day. Congress followed the proclamation in 1949 by enacting a statute that officially recognized Flag Day.



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States which occurred on June 14, 1777 by a resolution adopted by the Second Continental Congress. It also marks the birthday of the U.S. Army which congress authorized as "the American Continental Army" on June 14, 1775.

The flag always flies at the White House, Fort McHenry, and the Iwo Jima memorial.

There are still five American flags on the moon, but they are all probably bleached white due to radiation from the sun.

When two or more flags are flown on the same pole, the American flag must be at the top.

The colors of the flag have important meanings: red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.



SAVE THE DATE

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
34th QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 5th - 8th, 2023

AT THE

**HILTON SCRANTON &
CONFERENCE CENTER**
Scranton, PA

Happy
Father's
Day

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6

The semi-annual meeting of the Msg. Andrew Hlinka Gorup 6 was held on April 23, 2023 at the Clubhouse Grille in Belle Vernon, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President, Anna Mae Warnick at which time she welcomed everyone in attendance and led the group in saying Grace. Lunch was served. After lunch, the business meeting began with President Anna Mae once again welcoming everyone and roll call was taken with 39 members in attendance. Minutes from the October 23, 2022 meeting were read by Secretary Terri Gardner and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Mike Matras and seconded by Mary Rathway. The minutes were recorded into record.

Dave Matay agreed to accept the position of group photographer. Election of officeres were discussed and agreed to have the election at the October 2023 meeting. The Group is also looking for a Historian but no one volunteered to accept the position. This was tabled for further discussion until the October meeting. Michael Matras, Sports Director, provided information regarding the bowling tournament and upcoming golf outing.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. at which time President Anna Mae Warnick led the group in praying the "Our Father", "Hail Mary", and "Glory Be".

Zdar boh,

Respectfully submitted by:

Terri Gardner, Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA FRATERNAL ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a current year high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall as a full-time student (twelve semester credits).
- Obtain a recommendation letter from their Fraternal Benefit Society.
- Submit a 500-word essay on: "What has membership in a Fraternal insurance company meant to you".

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than July 31st. At least two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds.

If you or your society has not received the information on the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship, please contact Larry Golofski (412) 915-9035 or e-mail larry.fscla@gmail.com

MUSEUM OF EMIGRATION FROM SLOVAKIA TO NORTH AMERICA INAUGURATED IN SLOVAKIA



The Museum of Emigration from Slovakia to North America was inaugurated on Saturday, May 6 in the village of Pavlovce nad Uhom in the Michalovce district. "The museum maps the life of Slovaks and Ruthenians in America, we have 4,000 artifacts that testify their very rich cultural life," said the museum's founder, historian Martin Javor. It describes the emigration of Slovaks, especially to the United States, and their cultural activities there. The exhibition is located in the renovated so-called "American House" in the local part of Ťahyňa. The artifacts are from the United States and Canada. Among the many artifacts there is a significant part of objects, posters and magazines donated to the museum by the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

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:

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:

☐ 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



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - June 2023

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



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



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - June 2023

Name: _____

American Flag

by Erin Ryan



Red and white with thirteen stripes.

Reminds us of our past;

The colonies so long ago.

Some thought they'd never last.

And then the stars, although they've changed.

For the states, both old and new.

On a field of blue they're fifty strong.

A home for me, and you.

So wave your flag.

And show your pride and never let it fall;

And remember why we pledge each day

With liberty and justice for all.

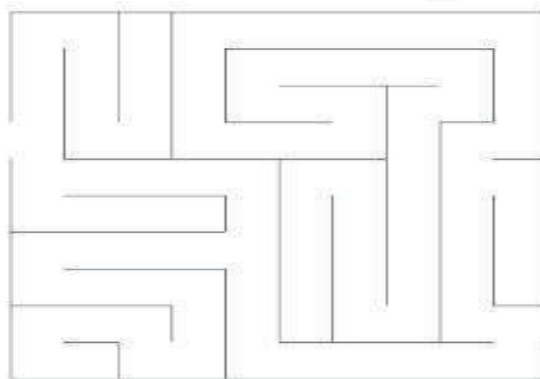
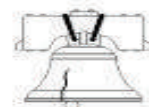


Flag Day Maze

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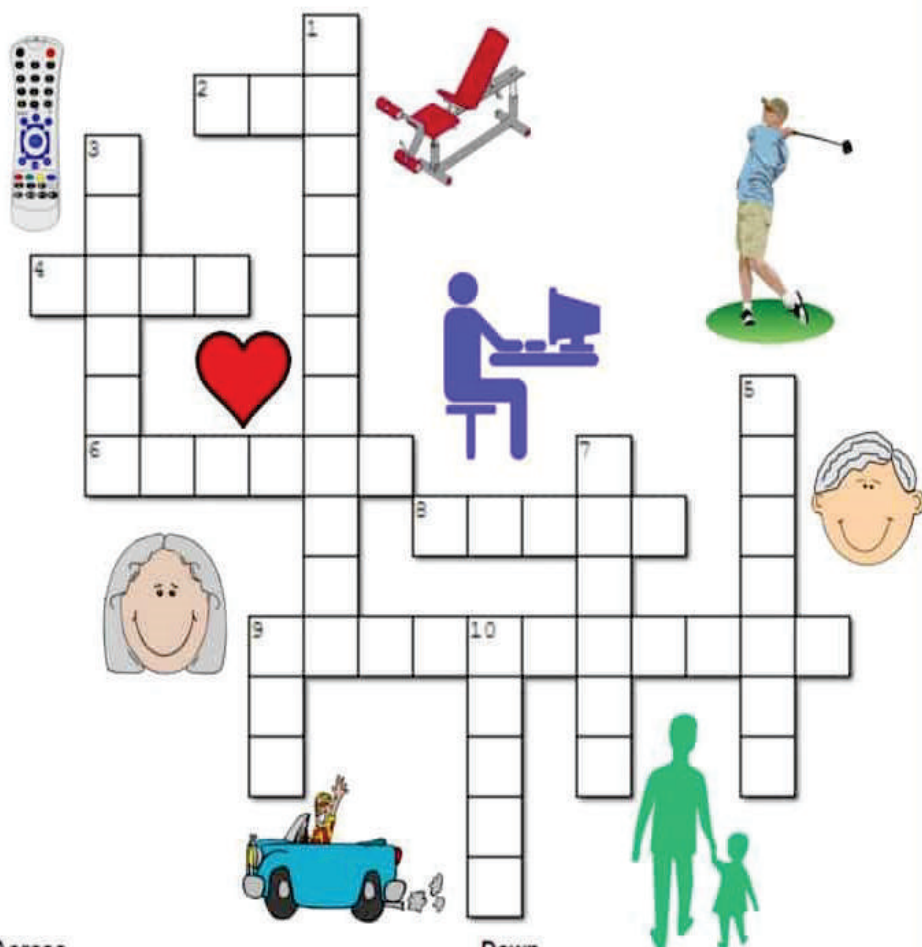
Flag Day





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - June 2023

Father's Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Dad drives me to school in his _____.
4. My dad goes to _____ every day from 9am to 5pm.
6. My dad loves to watch _____ on TV.
8. I love my daddy and my daddy _____ me.
9. My dad's mom is my _____.

Down

1. My dad's dad is my _____.
3. When I misbehave my dad _____ me.
5. If I am in danger my father will _____ me.
7. When we watch TV my daddy hogs the _____.
9. My father likes to work out at the _____.
10. Another name for father.

myunentitledlife.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!!!!

Mackenzie Peterson
6/10



SEND YOUR BIRTHDAY DATES
TO ME

vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 45th 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 May 18, the 2023 Appeal has received \$21,068.51 from 166 donors. Among the 52 donations received from various Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 59, Assembly 71, Assembly 78, Assembly 82, Assembly 108, Assembly 162, Assembly 182, Group 4, Group 9, Group 12, Group 16, Group 17, Group 18, Wreath 14, Wreath 54, Wreath 93 as well as the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$1,955. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 81 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2023 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, 2023 will be credited toward the 2024 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and

educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of 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.

45TH ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Amount \$ _____

*Please make check payable to **Slovak Catholic Federation** and mail to: Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National First Vice President, Slovak Catholic Federation, Our Lady of Grace Church, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Pennel, PA 19047-4052*



APRIL 2023

| ASSEMBLY/ WREATH | MEMBER | AGE | DATE OF DEATH |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Assembly 11 | Ronald P. Hennis, Palatine, IL | 80 | February 9, 2023 |
| Assembly 11 | Joseph Allen Gallik, Elgin, IL | 76 | April 6, 2023 |
| Assembly 16 | James G. Hrin, Dubois, PA | 64 | February 1, 2023 |
| Assembly 39 | Pauline Kubalak, Columbus, OH | 97 | March 20, 2023 |
| Assembly 59 | Veronica Her-Neckar, Luzerne, PA | 76 | March 25, 2023 |
| Assembly 59 | Thomas M. Check, Wilkes Barre, PA | 95 | February 27, 2023 |
| Assembly 78 | Eric W. Heffner, Allentown, PA | 46 | April 1, 2023 |
| Assembly 86 | Joyce M. Pavlick, Pittston PA | 70 | April 9, 2023 |
| Assembly 180 | Christine M. Laskey, Canton, OH | 86 | March 24, 2023 |
| Assembly 295 | Eleanor Mae Stavar, Duquesne, PA | 89 | October 27, 2022 |
| Assembly 313 | Jennifer A. Turner, Charlotte, NC | 33 | February 19, 2020 |
| Wreath 11 | Helena C. Sakowski, Ballston Spa, NY | 85 | April 3, 2023 |
| Wreath 13 | Sophie Lindell, Blackwood, NJ | 100 | February 28, 2023 |
| Wreath 22 | Irene B. Kuchta, Pittsburgh, PA | 94 | April 5, 2023 |
| Wreath 34 | Mary Anne Cody, Northfield, OH | 81 | December 31, 2022 |
| Wreath 39 | Paula Schmitt, Stratford, CT | 78 | April 10, 2023 |
| Wreath 85 | Maryann L. Gorney, Cranberry Twp. PA | 82 | March 23, 2023 |

One of the happiest
moments in life is
when you find the
courage to let go of
what you can't
change.

V PAVLOVCIACH NAD UHOM OTVORILI MÚZEUM VYSTAHOVALECTVA DO AMERIKY



Na snímke pri strihaní pásky sú (zľava): starosta obce Pavlovce nad Uhom Anton Kocela, minister obrany Jaroslav Naď a zakladateľ múzea docent Martin Javor.

Pavlovce nad Uhom 6. mája (TASR) - Múzeum vystaňovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky v sobotu 6. mája slávnostne otvorili v obci Pavlovce nad Uhom v okrese Michalovce. Približuje emigráciu Slovákov najmä do Spojených štátov a ich tamjšie kultúrne aktivity.

“Múzeum mapuje spolkový život Slovákov a Rusínov v Amerike, máme 4000 artefaktov, ktoré svedčia o ich veľmi bohatom kultúrnom živote,” uviedol zakladateľ múzea, historik Martin Javor. “Tretina národa sa nám vystaňovala bez akejkoľvek reflexie v slovenskej spoločnosti, to bol hlavný dôvod založenia. A druhým bolo, že slovenská menšina v Spojených štátoch končí, úplne sa asimilovala,” doplnil s tým, že snahou bolo zachrániť kultúrne dedičstvo Slovákov v Amerike.

Prezentované artefakty sú z USA a Kanady, väčšina bola darom od krajanov, niečo sa podarilo kúpiť, vybaviť i zachrániť pred zánikom. Expozícia sa nachádza v zrekonštruovanom tzv. amerikánskom dome v miestnej časti Ťahyňa. “Je to dom postavený za peniaze zarobené v Amerike, my sme ho dali vyhlásiť za národnú kultúrnu pamiatku a podarilo sa nám ho zrekonštruovať presne, ako bol v roku 1892,” priblížil Javor. Ťahyňa bola v minulosti samostatnou obcou, z ktorej sa takisto vystaňovali za more mnohí obyvatelia.

Súčasťou prezentácie je aj najväčšia zbierka stúh slovenských spolkov v Amerike, osobitná vitrína je venovaná bankárovi Michalovi Bosákovi, ktorý sa podpísal pod dolárovú bankovku. Vidieť napríklad aj uniformu amerického Slováka z československých légii z čias prvej svetovej vojny. “Financovali sme to z rôznych projektov a vlastných peňazí,” uviedol zakladateľ múzea.

Vyššie 4000 zbierkových predmetov podľa dočasne povereného ministra obrany Jaroslava Naďa vypovedá o časti histórie, ktorá doposiaľ nebola takto podrobne zmapovaná. “Ide o unikátne pamiatky a príbehy, ktoré sa s nimi spájajú,” podotkol. Rezort obrany podporil projekt múzea prostredníctvom dotačnej schémy, a to v celkovej hodnote 40.000 eur.

Názov múzea Kasigarda je podľa historika slovenskou skomoleninou anglického Castle Garden, hlavnej brány imigračného úradu v New Yorku, ktorou musel prejsť každý imigrant. Expozícia je prístupná po telefonической dohode.

Poznámka redakcie - Medzi mnohými artekatami je značná časť predmetov, plagátov a časopisov, ktoré múzeu daroval Slovenský katolícky sokol.

SLOVENSKO SA V REBRÍČKU SLOBODY TLAČE UMIESTNILO NA 17. MIESTE

Slovensko sa v celosvetovom rebríčku slobody tlače umiestnilo na 17. mieste. Od minulého roka si polepšilo o desať priečok. Aktuálny rebríček zverejnila medzinárodná organizácia Reportéri bez hraníc pri príležitosti stredajšieho Svetového dňa slobody tlače. TASR o tom informovalo Ministerstvo kultúry (MK) SR.

“Táto pozitívna správa je hmatateľným výsledkom domácej i medzinárodnej snahy o skvalitnenie mediálneho prostredia, ktorú Ministerstvo kultúry SR vyvíja v posledných rokoch. Zároveň je výbornou motiváciou, aby sme sa v nasledujúcich rokoch v rebríčku posúvali už iba vyššie,” skonštatoval rezort.

Dočasne poverená ministerka kultúry Natália Milanová (OLANO) poukázala, že snaha o zlepšenie mediálneho prostredia na Slovensku je prioritou celej vlády. “Čtíme si princípy demokracie a záleží nám na tom, aby žurnalistika na Slovensku bola objektívna a nezávislá a aby sa novinári a novinárky mohli cítiť bezpečne,” podotkla.

Milanová sa stretne s predstaviteľmi organizácie Reportéri bez hraníc v Paríži v rámci svojej pracovnej cesty. Diskutovať tiež bude s francúzskou ministerkou kultúry Rimou Abdul Malak, s ktorou sa bude rozprávať o aktuálnom stave Európskeho aktu o slobode médií. European Media Freedom Act je momentálne jednou z prioritných tém Európskej únie v oblasti médií, ich slobody a nezávislosti.

Hnutie OLANO pripomenulo, že ochranu novinárov má posilniť aj novela Trestného zákona, ktorá zavádza nový osobitný motív “pre výkon zamestnania, povolania alebo funkcie” a nový trestný čin “podnecovanie vzbudzujúce nenávisť”. Nová legislatíva by mala podľa hnutia odradiť každého, kto by sa chcel vyhrážať alebo inak útočiť na žurnalistov, ako aj ďalšie profesie, pre ich prácu.

Pandémia koronavírusu či vojna na Ukrajine podľa OLANO ukazuje, aký významný je prístup občanov ku kvalitným a overeným informáciám, ktorý zabezpečujú etablované spravodajské médiá. “Poctivá žurnalistika je najlepšou vakcínou proti dezinformáciám, konšpiráciám, klamstvám, výmyslom. Aby bola účinná, okrem iného potrebuje aj prijateľné ekonomické podmienky. Aj na to myslí novela zákona o DPH, ktorá rozširuje zníženú daňovú sadzbu aj na služby predplatného pre online periodiká a spravodajské portály,” doplnil poslanec Milan Potocký (OLANO). Poslanci majú o novelách rokovať na aktuálnej májovej schôdzi parlamentu. - TASR

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Voda, v ktorej sa varili zemiaky, je doslova nabitá prospešnými vitamínmi a minerálmi. Použite ju ako základ polievky, prihodíte do nej pár uvarených roztláčených zemiakov, ochutíte cesnakom a korením a jednoduchá cesnačka je na svete. Rovnako z nej môže byť aj skvelá zeleninová polievka.

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Do vody sa pri varení zemiakov uvoľní aj veľa škrobu, vďaka jeho obsahu sa hodí aj na zahusťenie omáčok či prívarkov. Aj tu platí že so soľou opatrne!

Pri odvodnení organizmu – Pitím zemiakovej vody podporíte hydratáciu organizmu. Prospejú vám minerály a sodík, ktoré táto voda obsahuje.

Na hojenie zápalov v ústach – Ak vás trápia zapálené ďasná alebo paradentóza, opäť môžete siahnuť po vode zo zemiakov. Stačí si ňou pravidelne preplachovať ústnu dutinu.

Na krásne vlasy – Neosolená voda zo zemiakov zlepši vašu pokožku hlavy a aj samotnú kvalitu vlasov. Oplachujte si ňou po umytí vlasy a budú krásne lesklé.

Zatočí s voškami – Pomocou rozprašovača aplikujte neosolenú vodu zo zemiakov na rastliny napadnuté voškami. Nezabudnite aj na spodné časti listov.

Aj surová šťava pomáha – Veľmi dobré účinky na zdravie má aj šťava zo surových zemiakov, ktorú môžete získať pri strúhaní zemiakov na halušky alebo placky. Pomáha pri liečení zápchy, proti páleniu záhy aj pri žalúdočných vredoch a zápaloch mandlí.



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Jablká obsahujú viac ako 25 minerálnych látok, najmä draslík, ktorý ovplyvňuje činnosť srdcovo-cievneho a nervového systému, horčík, ktorého deficit sa prejavuje vyčerpanosťou, nervozitou, ďalej vápnik, ktorý je potrebný pri zrážaní krvi, pri stavbe kostí a zubov, pri svalovej činnosti, ale tiež napr. fosfor, síru či sodík.

Obsahujú aj pomerne dosť vitamínu C. Najviac, až dve tretiny, sú v šupke a tesne pod ňou, preto by sme jablká mali jesť celé. Navyše šupky obsahujú viaceré organické látky. Čaj zo sušených šupiek alebo z kvetov a listov jabloní sa odporúča pri neurózach, ochoreniach očí, poruchách trávenia, kolike či nadmernej žalúdočnej kyseliny. Vitamín C zvyšuje obranyschopnosť, zlepšuje hojenie rán a zápalov, ale má aj tzv. antioxidačný efekt.

Významnou prednosťou jablák je obsah vlákniny, ktorá zlepšuje trávenie, podieľa sa na odstraňovaní mnohých odpadových látok, napr. aj škodlivého cholesterolu.

Viaceré enzýmy v nich majú podporné účinky na metabolické pochody. Kyselina jablčná, šťavelová, citrónová, mliečna či jantárová napomáhajú tráveniu.



KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Ministerstvo obrany (MO) SR plánuje na leteckej základni Sliač vybudovať nové stojisko medzi rolovacími dráhami. Predpokladané náklady sú 6,5 milióna eur. Projekt má byť spolufinancovaný zo zdrojov NATO. Projekt sa má realizovať na základe potrieb NATO ako projekt programu bezpečnostných investícií NATO (NATO SecurityInvestmentProgramme – NSIP). Stavba by sa mohla realizovať v období rokov 2023 – 2024.

Na Slovensku, ktoré má 5,4 milióna obyvateľov, vlni zomrelo 59 583 ľudí. Medziročne to znamená pokles o 19 percent, išlo však o druhý najvyšší počet úmrtí od konca druhej svetovej vojny. V krajine zomrelo o 11 percent viac ľudí ako bol priemer za roky 2015 až 2019, keď krajina ešte nečelila epidémii choroby Covid-19, informoval Štatistický úrad. Počet zomretých bol druhý najvyšší od konca druhej svetovej vojny. Najväčšiu úmrtnosť zaznamenal Nitriansky kraj (1 245 zomretých na 100 000 tisíc obyvateľov). Horšia situácia ako v priemere na Slovensku bola aj v Banskobystrickom (1 213), Trenčianskom (1 204) a Trnavskom kraji (1 134),“ priblížila Orgoňová. Najnižšiu mieru úmrtnosti, naopak, evidovali Prešovský (960) a Bratislavský kraj (962).

Slovenská húfnica Zuzana 2, ktorú vyrába štátna akciová spoločnosť Konštrukta Defence, má šancu uspieť v zákazke pre brazílsku armádu. Na najväčší medzinárodný veľtrh obrany a bezpečnosti v Latinskej Amerike LAAD 2023 v Riu de Janeiro prišiel slovenský projekt podporiť aj poverený minister obrany Jaroslav Naď. Brazília by mohla kúpiť 36 kusov húfníc. Slovenský produkt konkuruje vojenskej technike z Francúzska, Číny či Izraela. Za jednu z výhod Zuzán jej reálne nasadenie v boji na Ukrajine. V prípade úspechu v súťaži by Brazília najprv obstarala dve húfnice. Po ich otestovaní by rozhodla o kúpe ďalších 34. Svoje kapacity navyšoval zbrojársky podnik už v súvislosti s vojnou na Ukrajine. Škultéty avizuje aj ďalšie investície. Brazílska armáda využíva technológiu zo Slovenska už teraz v podobe diaľkového detektora chemických látok. Ide o jediný aktívny diaľkový detektor na svete. Až na šesť kilometrov dokáže zistiť a identifikovať chemické látky, ich koncentráciu na bojisku.

Ozbrojené sily SR prevzali už druhý tank Leopard 2A4, ktorý Slovensko dostalo od Nemecka ako náhradu za 30 kusov bojových vozidiel pechoty (BVP-1) darovaných Ukrajine. Prvý moderný tank Leopardov 2A4 nemeckej výroby si Slovensko prevzalo v decembri 2022. Ostatných 13 tankov majú dodať do konca roka. Tank prebrali v Nemecku príslušníci 14. tankového práporu Trebišov, 42. zásobovacej základne Martin OS SR a zástupcovia sekcie modernizácie rezortu obrany. Ako priblížil poverený minister obrany Jaroslav Naď, technika ešte pred odovzdaním prechádza komplexnou opravou v spoločnosti Rheinmetall Landsysteme. Prvý z dodaných tankov už prešiel aj skúškami na overenie vybraných takticko-technických parametrov vo Vojenskom technickom a skúšobnom ústave Záhorie. Pre zavedenie tankov do OS SR bude potrebné aj preškolenie posádok, ktoré v priestoroch Centra výcviku Lešť v lete tohto roka zabezpečia príslušníci Bundeswehru.



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