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## 70<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WEST MIDDLESEX, PA – AUGUST 8-10, 2025



2025 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Award winner at the Golf Tournament Stephen F. Papcun, second from the left, with Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, Paul Papcun and Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh.



Left to right: Supreme Directress of Sports and Athletics Kathleen Watkins, Supreme Vice-President Andrea Tadlock, Supreme Asst. Director of Sports and Athletics Robert Palchanis, Jr., Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift and Supreme Asst. Physical Directress Nancy Kropolinsky.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH



It is hard to believe September has arrived. The summer was very enjoyable but hot in many parts of the US and Canada. I think many of us will enjoy the feeling of the fall weather and all the wonderful things that come with this time of the year.

This is also the time when our youth returns to school. I would like to again congratulate our recent 2025 Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship winners and hope the organization's support will help with your educational and financial needs. It is also the start of many sports programs like football, basketball and hockey. Perhaps it will be a good opportunity to gather your local members for an outing. If you do so, kindly follow the lead from our Supreme Vice President, Andrea Tadlock and raise some funds and/or collect some non-perishable food items for the those in need in your local community. This was the certainly the case at our recent National golf tournament, where our efforts raised over \$500 for the Mercer County food bank. We should never stop helping and giving to those less fortunate in our local communities.

That said, our 2025 International Golf Tournament was held a few weeks ago on August 8th to 10th at Oaktree Golf course in West Middlesex, PA and Yankee Run golf course in Brookfield Twp, OH. Based on the feedback, our members enjoyed their weekend together, despite the extreme heat and some challenges at the hotel. The food for the Friday night hospitality and Saturday night banquet was very good and plentiful. Our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Kathleen S. Watkins

and her staff did another wonderful job with this annual event for over 100 golfers in attendance. Before our Saturday night banquet, our Supreme Chaplain Father Andrew S. Hvozdic performed mass to fulfill our Sunday obligation. We would like to thank our Supreme Chaplain for taking the time to come to this year's event to help our members fulfill their spiritual needs.

It was another wonderful weekend of friendship, sportsmanship and good times shared by all that participated this year and we hope to see you in 2026 at some courses located in the Poconos. We are also looking to build a youth program for next year's event. More details to follow in the coming months but this would be an effort to bring out more younger members to support our program. It is great to see brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and grandchildren playing with their parents and grandparents, so we hope our new ideas will encourage more members to join us.

I would also like to congratulate our 2025 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient Steve Papcun from Group 16 in Detroit MI. Brother Steve has been a dedicated member to our golf program for the past 40 years and his family has always been a part of his devotion and support to promoting the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was my honor and privilege to be a part of his ceremony, along with our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C., many Supreme Officers, local officers, members and many of his immediate family and friends that were all in attendance. I am confident his mom and dad are smiling down and very proud of their son.

Later this month, I will be attending the AFA annual meeting

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

### FALL IS HERE!



I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the summer months as we prepare for the fall season. Things seem to get busy as the kids go back to school and schedules really fill up quickly. This time allows us to look back at the memories of the summer and look forward to the Holiday Season.



The months of September and October mark two important awareness events that are near and dear to our hearts as a Fraternal Benefit Society.

The month of September is always a good time to do a life checklist. One of those items on that checklist should be answering if you have enough life insurance coverage. September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It is an industry wide campaign designed to educate Americans about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. In honor of this month, I urge all our members to examine your current life insurance and find out if you are adequately covered. Unfortunately, I can tell you that much of our membership is under insured, but we can fix that. If you have any questions and need assistance, please give me a call at the Home Office at (800) 886-7656, and we would be more than happy to assist you. Remember, life insurance coverage protects the people that are most valuable to you, your loved ones!

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis,

treatment, and cure. Breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early enough. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of detecting breast cancer early.

There are many walks, runs, and activities around the country during this month to promote the awareness of this disease. There are also many charities associated with breast cancer that are looking for a donation of your time or financial assistance. I would like to urge all our members to get involved as we all know someone either in our family or circle of friends that has been affected by this disease. As a strong fraternal that has a membership that dedicates our time to helping others, I know the Slovak Catholic Sokol is up for the task!

With that in mind, I know that there are many local Assembly/Wreath functions planned for the Fall Season. I urge all our Officers to announce the events in our publication and to follow up after the event with brief articles and photos. As I always say, it is so important to let everyone know the excellent work and volunteerism that our local lodges do!

Congratulations to all our flight winners at the recent 70th International Golf Tournament held in West Middlesex, PA at Oak Tree Golf Club. A wonderful time was had by all and the spirit of fraternalism shone brightly. Thank you to our Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen Watkins, and her entire staff for their efforts to make this wonderful event a success. A big congratulations to our 2025 Frank S. Petruff Award winner, Stephen Papcun, from S-036, Detroit, MI. Brother Stephen is a longtime attendee at our

golf tournaments and is truly deserving of this honor. Congratulations Brother Stephen!

Until next time, enjoy the last few days of summer, Happy Labor Day to all, and may God Bless you!

Stay safe, stay strong, and  
**STAY POSITIVE!**

Zdar Boh!

## SOKOL CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2025**

**WINEFEST 2025 – A CELEBRATION OF CZECH & SLOVAK CULTURE** at the Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden, 29-19 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, Astoria, NY at 12:00 p.m. Wine tasting begins at 3:00 p.m. A curated selection of Moravian wines, including the beloved seasonal specialty Burčák (young wine). Authentic Czech & Slovak cuisine served all day. Live folk music and dance performances.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**

**GROUP 1 GOLF OUTING** at noon at Preakness Valley Golf Course, Wayne, NJ. \$100.00 per golfer. For more information, please contact Group 1 President John D. Pogorelec, Jr., at (973) 493-0508.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA, GROUP 6, PERRYOPOLIS, PA** at Caparella Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 p.m. Member reservations are due by October 5, 2025 by contacting either Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724-736-4032. This meeting will be election of officers so please plan to attend.  
– **Terri Gardner, Secretary**

## SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **NOVEMBER 1, 2025**. **DEAD-LINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **OCTOBER 22, 2025**.

The next **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER** will be posted on our website on **SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**.

**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,  
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozic**  
**REFLECTION ON PSALM 23:**  
**"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"**

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." (Psalm 23:1)



Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved and comforting passages in all of Scripture. Written by King David, a shepherd himself, it speaks

of God's constant presence, care, and guidance. In just a few short verses, we are reminded that no matter what we face in life—green pastures or dark valleys—we are never alone.

1. The Lord is my Shepherd...

This opening line is deeply personal. God is not a shepherd—He is my Shepherd. This intimacy sets the tone for the whole psalm. Like a shepherd who knows each sheep by name, God knows us individually. He watches over us, leads us, and protects us with a tender heart.

2. I shall not want...

In God, we lack nothing. Even if we do not possess everything we desire, we have what we need: peace, purpose, love, and hope. True fulfillment comes not from material abundance but from trusting in God's provision.

3. He leads me beside still waters...

God brings peace to our anxious hearts. Like a shepherd leading his flock to calm waters, the Lord desires to quiet the storms within us. In a noisy and restless world, He invites us to stillness and rest

in Him.

4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

This line acknowledges that hardship and suffering are part of the journey. Yet, even in our darkest moments, we do not walk alone. God's presence dispels fear. His rod and staff—symbols of His guidance and protection—bring us comfort.

5. You prepare a table before me... my cup overflows...

Even in the presence of enemies or challenges, God provides abundantly. The overflowing cup is a sign of God's lavish grace. He doesn't just give enough—He gives more than enough.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me... and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is the psalmist's confident declaration. God's goodness and mercy are not momentary—they pursue us every day of our lives. And our destination is not despair or defeat, but eternal communion with God.

Psalm 23 is more than a poem of comfort—it's a declaration of trust. In a world filled with uncertainty, this psalm reminds us that we belong to a Shepherd who is faithful and unfailing. Let us walk forward with peace, knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

May this truth live in our hearts today and always.

## Introducing our newest members



Carmen Blake Dowhan from Strongsville, OH, born March 23, 2025, daughter of TJ and Lauren Dowhan, is a member of Wreath 153, Parma, OH.



Mason Edward Richnavsky from N. Royalton, OH, born February 21, 2025, son of Stephen and Andrea Richnavsky, is a member of Wreath 153, Parma, OH.

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Sokol Public Group**



Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of the 2025 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. It is an honor to receive this scholarship because it comes from a foundation that celebrates my heritage. Your support has guided me in having the ability to continue my education. As I enter into my senior year I want you to know that I am truly grateful for your help along the way. This committee has supported my education since grade school and for that I am both honored and proud. Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,  
Brian Bell

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

I am truly honored to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship, and I thank you so much for this opportunity. This scholarship is a huge help and will undoubtedly make a meaningful difference in my education and goals for the future!

Sincerely,  
Ava Szluka

Dear Sokol Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for this scholarship! I am truly humbled and honored to receive this. In my upcoming final year of college, I plan to ensure that this money goes towards a diligent effort in my education. Once again I thank you and the entire Sokol organization for your continued support of my academic endeavors. I look forward to keeping the Sokol values in the forefront of my schooling.

Zdar Boh!  
Matthew DeSopo

Dear Sokol Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for choosing me to receive the Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship. I am sincerely honored to have received this opportunity. I greatly appreciate this scholarship as it will help me further my college education at the University of Minnesota. I will be starting my first semester of a master's program in psychology, and I am grateful I will have the chance to continue studying something I am passionate about with the support of this scholarship. I highly value all of the experiences I have had with the

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## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 15, 2025

**Do you know a member who has significantly impacted your local Assembly, Wreath, or Group? Who supports and promotes the Slovak Catholic Sokol? Who is a fraternal role model in their parish and community?** If a member you know comes to mind, take a moment and go online to submit a nominee for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year Award.

The deadline to submit a nominee for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year is November 15, 2025. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving member at

<https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/foty.asp>

Fraternally yours,  
**Andrea M. Tadlock**  
Supreme Vice-President

### 2025 South Side Sokol Club Golf Outing

**Registration Deadline:**  
September 6<sup>th</sup>

*Payment must be received by  
9/06/25 to reserve foursome.*



**Submit registration to:**  
Brian Suchy at [bsuchy425@gmail.com](mailto:bsuchy425@gmail.com)

**Send payment to:**  
3783 Cynthia Dr, Pittsburgh PA 15227

Please make checks payable to 'Sokol Club'

**Date:** September 20, 2025  
**Check-In:** 7:30AM  
**Tee Time:** 8:00AM Shotgun

**Location:**



432 Linden Hall Road,  
Dawson, PA 15428

**Format:** 4-Player Scramble

**Price:** \$75.00

*Includes:*

- 18 Holes of Golf
- Catered Lunch
- Prizes & Raffles

*Lunch, prizes, and raffles will be  
held at the Linden Hall Pavilion  
following the round.*

#### TEAM REGISTRATION

**Player 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 19, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2025, and greeted all the members of the Board on the call.

Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, offered the **Opening Prayer**.

Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the **Roll Call** and the following members responded:

Supreme President.....	Larry M. Glugosh
Supreme Vice-President.....	Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Secretary.....	Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer.....	Michael J. Horvath
General Counse .....	John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
Chairperson of the	
Supreme Auditors .....	James C. Matlon
Supreme Director of Sports	
and Athletics .....	Kathleen S. Watkins
Supreme Physical Director .....	Dusan Dorich
Supreme Physical Directress .....	Katie Swift

The record will show that nine members of the Board of Directors are present and Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, is excused. Acknowledged

President Glugosh informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on March 29, 2025, and published in the July 1, 2025, issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved

President Glugosh then called upon our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., to give a brief overview of the **Sales Report**.

Brother Secretary gave a snapshot of the current life and annuity production for the year to date as compared to the 2025 projections. He also discussed future marketing and sales campaigns to be considered over the next few years.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Glugosh thanked Brother Secretary for the report. President Glugosh then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock. Approved

President Glugosh then called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano and Mr. Ralph Primavera, of PNC Institutional Asset

Management to present the **PNC Advisor's Report**.

Mr. Calimano reviewed PNC's outlook for the financial markets and the economy with the Board. Additionally, he reviewed the investment strategies recently implemented in both the equity and fixed income portfolios.

Mr. Calimano reviewed the portfolio's structure and quality and updated the Board on recent changes within the portfolio. Additionally, Mr. Calimano discussed fixed income investing, the current level of interest rates, and expectations for potential investment opportunities during the second half of the year.

Mr. Calimano addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and Mr. Calimano indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment. The Board members expressed thanks to Mr. Calimano for PNC's presentation.

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, supplied the Board with the **Physical Fitness Board Report**.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament was held on May 16th & 17th in Washington, PA. The Slovak Catholic Sokol had a total of 63 members participating and a total of 150 bowlers. The article and pictures will be published in the July edition of the Falcon. The winner of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award for Bowling was Karen Bakita, from Barberton, OH.

The 2025 Golf Tournament will be held at Oak Tree Golf Club and Yankee Run Golf Club from August 8th-August 10th. We have already received 50 applications for the annual event and are expecting over 100.

Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, and Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, also updated the Board on the Heritage Slet to be held on June 26th-29th at Peek N' Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. We are currently expecting close to 80 participants.

President Glugosh thanked Sister Watkins, Sister Swift, and Brother Dorich for their report and entertained a motion to accept, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon. Approved

Brother President then called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the **Legal Department Report**.

Brother Counsel updated the Board on the potential sale of the building. Brother Secretary and Brother Counsel will be vetting potential agents soon to assist in the process.

After a brief discussion regarding the above item, President Glugosh entertained a motion to approve the report, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie

Swift, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved

President Glugosh thanked the General Counsel and called upon Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Andrea M. Tadlock, for the **Scholarship Committee Report**.

Sister Tadlock reported that the committee was able to manage all business through email communication and a committee virtual call on Thursday, May 7, 2025.

The winner's photos appeared in the July 1, 2025, issue of the Falcon publication. Checks will be mailed out from the Home Office in July to the applicants who were selected for a grant. Sister Tadlock reported that 19 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grant, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grant, 2 Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Grants, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant, 1 Yencha Family Grant, 1 John J. Yanosick Memorial Grant and 4 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition, 10 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants, and 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected.

Several recommendations were presented by Sister Tadlock and the Board agreed to table them until the Q3 Meeting. The website will be updated accordingly, and the applications will become available in November of 2025.

President Glugosh called for a motion to accept the report submitted by Sister Tadlock, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved

President Glugosh questioned if there was any **Unfinished Business** to discuss.

Brother Secretary informed the Board of the recent passing of our Group 2 President, Albert O. Neudeck, III. May Brother Albert rest in peace. Acknowledged

President Glugosh questioned if there was any **New Business** to address.

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting will be held virtually and tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sister Tadlock mentioned a potential Mentor Program and Membership Committee that could benefit the organization in the present and future. The Board will examine both programs and look to implement them in the future. Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, entertained a motion to adjourn, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath. Approved

Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Zdar Boh!

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



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*Slovak Catholic Sokol as well as all of the people apart of the organization. Thank you again for this scholarship and for your generosity.*

Sincerely,  
Olivia Tadlock

*Dear Sokol Scholarship Committee,  
I would like to thank you for choosing me to receive the Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship. I am sincerely honored to have received this opportunity. I greatly appreciate this scholarship as it will help me further my college education at the University of Minnesota.*

*I will be starting my first semester of a master's program in psychology, and I am grateful I will have the chance to continue studying something I am passionate about with the support of this scholarship. I highly value all of the experiences I have had with the Slovak Catholic Sokol as well as all of the people apart of the organization. Thank you again for this scholarship and for your generosity.*

Alexandra Kwait

*I apologize for the delay in response; I recently received the notification letter for the Emil Slavic Scholarship and noticed it had been dated in May. I cannot express enough gratitude for the support the Slovak Catholic Sokol community has shown for my academic and professional journey!*

Sincerely,  
Brandon Macko

*Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,*

*Thank you so much for choosing me as the recipient of the 2025 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. This money will be put towards my school tuition. I greatly appreciate this scholarship.*

Thank you again,  
Zachary Eckenrode

*Dear Scholarship Committee Members,*

*I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Slovak Catholic Sokol genuinely for awarding me this grant. Receiving this support means more than I can put into words—it's not just financial help, it's a vote of confidence that makes a real difference.*

*I am currently studying Electrical Engineering at Drexel University, and like many students, balancing school with financial responsibilities can be tough. Your generosity eases that pressure and permits me to stay focused on my education and goals. Knowing that someone out there believes in what I'm working toward is incredibly motivating. I am truly grateful, and I hope to one day pay it forward to help others the way you've helped me. Thanks again for your support. I does go a long way.*

Sincerely,  
James M. Frink

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(<https://brothersbrother.org/>)

## Thank You

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for your donation to Brother's Brother Foundation. Your gift of \$50.00 is very much appreciated and will help us assist those in great need.

Last year, BBF sent essential medical and humanitarian supplies, pharmaceuticals, and educational materials to recipients in 30 countries and territories. The generosity of donors allowed us to respond to disasters such as floods in Kentucky and Pakistan, wildfires in California, the war in Ukraine, and hurricanes in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. BBF continues to improve access to healthcare worldwide by sending over 886 million doses of pharmaceuticals along with medical supplies and equipment throughout the world. We have initiated new healthcare programs, including a Mobile Health Clinic in Pittsburgh, with three more planned in Pennsylvania, Florida, and Kentucky. We have also supported education initiatives in our community as well as in Africa, while helping provide clean water and solar projects in Africa and Asia.

You have made this gift in honor of Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 14.

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On behalf of everyone at BBF and from so many the world over, thank you for your commitment and generosity. Your support of Brother's Brother Foundation allows us to enable sustainable development around the world.

Yours in gratitude,

Ozzy Samad  
President  
Brother's Brother Foundation

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**“SOKOL FORWARD SPOTLIGHT”****GROUP 3 & ASSEMBLY 18**

- ♥ **Group 3 & Assembly 18 - Douglas, MA**
- ♥ **PAN-MASS Challenge: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**



The National Cancer Institute predicts that by the end of 2025, over two million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed, along with more than 610,000 lives lost to this disease. Yet, amid these daunting statistics, hope and determination shine through. Many families

across the United States and Canada have faced the heart-breaking diagnosis of cancer, inspiring a united fight against this challenge.

Since 2021, the Cyr and Manyak families have led a passionate movement with the help of Group 3 and Assembly 18, dedicating their efforts to finding a cure. Spearheaded by David Cyr and Makenzie Parella, this fight is in honor of Lori (Manyak) Cyr—David’s wife and Makenzie’s mother—whose courage in her battle against cancer, until her passing in 2020, fuels their unwavering resolve.

Since 2021, David and, in 2022, Mackenzie have participated in the PAN-MASS Challenge (PMC), a remarkable event in Massachusetts that exemplifies community strength and fundraising power. This bike-a-thon is the largest of its kind in the USA, having raised over \$1.05 billion since 1980 to support the Dana-Farber Institute and the Jimmy Fund—organizations dedicated to conquering all cancers. Each year, approximately 6,500 riders from around the globe undertake a challenging version of the 186-mile journey from Sturbridge to Provincetown, each rider raising \$6,000 to participate in the PMC.

For David and Mackenzie to achieve the \$6,000/rider participation fee, the Cyr/Manyak family in addition to David and Mackenzie are Josh Cyr & Adam Parella; Roger & Judy Manyak; Gary, Maria, Zack, Jacque, Trevor, & Drew Manyak; Christine Manyak & Joan Shea; John, Erika, Skylar, & Peyton Manyak; Randy Manyak who team up to run fundraiser events every year including Corn Hole Tournaments and Musical Bingo. In addition, Group 3 provides a donation to support their Sokol family. The entire Cyr/Manyak family represents a powerful network of support that demonstrates unity and dedication to fight cancer.

The journey of the Cyr/Manyak families embodies hope, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to a future where cancer is no longer a threat. Their collective efforts honoring Lori inspire us all to believe in a brighter, cancer-free tomorrow. We are deeply grateful for their dedication to honoring Lori and supporting others in their fight against cancer. Their compassion shines as a beacon of love and strength, inspiring others to stand strong in the face of adversity.

**May their Sokol Spirit continue to thrive through their generosity and love, and may they be blessed in all their inspirational endeavors!**

If you’d like to submit an entry to be the monthly **Sokol Forward Spotlight**, please send me an email by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org) and include the

following information:

- Group, Assembly, or Wreath Number with city and state
- The name of the charity or volunteer activity
- A description of the volunteer or charitable activity



- The date(s) of the activity
- The frequency of the activity
- How long the members have supported charity or participated in the activities
- Pictures of the event

Thank you for all that you do, and keep Sokol Forward!

**Andrea M. Tadlock**  
Supreme Vice-President



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### SLOVAK CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK IS BEATRICE SZABÓOVÁ

Slovakia has appointed Beatrice Szabóová as its new Consul General in New York, effective from 1 August 2025. She will replace Milan Vrbovský, who was appointed to the post in 2021.

A veteran of government communications and the foreign service, Szabóová's appointment comes as the Foreign Ministry undergoes a shift in messaging under Foreign Minister Juraj Blanár.

Szabóová joined the Slovak diplomatic corps in 2018 as consul in Madrid, following a high-profile career as spokesperson for prime ministers Robert Fico and Peter Pellegrini. She previously served as spokesperson for the Environment Ministry and the Mayor of Bratislava, and began her career as a journalist with Slovak Radio and TV Markíza.

In late 2023, she became director of communications at the Foreign Ministry, shortly after Minister Blanár took office. Her appointment, however, has not been without controversy. According to a February post by David Púchovský – who worked in government communications for nearly a decade and now serves as assistant to opposition MP Jaroslav Spišiak of Progressive Slovakia – Szabóová expressed surprise early in her tenure at the ministry's previous emphasis on Russia's war in Ukraine – a shift that critics claim signalled a departure from its earlier pro-Ukraine stance. Púchovský suggests her approach now significantly shapes the tone and content of the ministry's external communication.

### FICO: BRITAIN PAID ACTIVISTS TO INFLUENCE SLOVAK ELECTION, WE WANT EXPLANATION

Premier Robert Fico (Smer-SD) claims that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of Great Britain paid influencers via a media agency to influence the Slovak general election in 2023 to the detriment of Smer-SD and in favour of Progressive Slovakia (PS), referring to a story published on the marker.sk website.

Slovakia will therefore summon British Ambassador Nigel Baker, from whom it will demand an explanation of all the details, Fico told a news conference on Tuesday.

"There was a targeted deliberate activity by a foreign power, which is our ally in NATO, in cooperation with some Slovak journalists and in cooperation with some Slovak political influencers, to influence the election in 2023," said Fico, adding that Britain's Foreign Office signed a contract with the agency worth almost £10 million. "This agency was supposed to seek influencers, political activists in central and eastern European countries and to influence events in these countries," stated the premier, adding that the spokesman for British Foreign Office hasn't denied anything and has only said that "it will fight for democracy, human rights and the rule of law".

The British ambassador has therefore been summoned by the Slovak Foreign Affairs Ministry. "We'll demand an ex-

planation of all the details of the case," said Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Juraj Blanár (Smer-SD), adding that if the ministry doesn't obtain a sufficient explanation, further steps will be taken. They will also demand the publication of a list of names of political activists. "Our interest is not in escalating relations, but to clarify the situation," added Fico.

Foreign Affairs Ministry State Secretary Marek Estok announced that Slovakia will also turn to the European Union about this matter. He wants to raise the issue within the EU Council for Relations Between the EU and the United Kingdom. Slovakia will also ask the European Commission to evaluate and seek mechanisms for how the issue can be raised at an official level with Great Britain. Estok said that hybrid threats and interference in election campaigns should be discussed at the September meeting of EU ministers and state secretaries for European affairs, at which he wants to initiate a debate on the matter as well. House Vice-chair Tibor Gaspar (Smer-SD) wants to discuss the issue in Parliament; for example, within supervisory committees.

The marker.sk website reported that the British government is "secretly funding hundreds of foreign influencers whose job is to create political propaganda on YouTube". It refers to the findings of British investigative platform Declassified UK. The work is reportedly being coordinated by London-based media agency Zinc Network on behalf of the British ministry as part of a deal worth almost £10 million. The work allegedly included a campaign to mobilise young voters in the Slovak election in 2023.

### STATE WILL PROVIDE €55 MN FOR INVESTMENTS IN HEATING MODERNISATION OF TOWNS

The state will provide €55 million from the modernisation fund for investments in the modernisation of heating management in some towns, especially in heat distribution systems, Vice-premier and Environment Minister Tomas Taraba.

According to Taraba, Slovakia has a huge investment debt in the heating sector, which mainly concerns heating distribution systems. "These are facilities that haven't been reconstructed for forty, fifty, sixty years, and through which the heat loss is sometimes greater than 50 percent. Of course, all this is mirrored, in the functioning of municipal budgets or in the costs of Slovak households," said the minister.

Taraba added that they have successfully completed a scheme under the Modernisation Fund, which will distribute €55 million at this stage. According to him, the money will be sent to towns and cities, including Nove Mesto nad Vahom, Prievidza, Novaky (all Trenčín region), Levice, Surany (both Nitra region), Martin, Namestovo, Zilina, Kysucké Nové Mesto (all Zilina region), Sabinov (Prešov region), Košice, Bratislava-Vrakuňa, Leopoldov (Trnava region), Bratislava Petržalka, and Rimavská Sobota (Banská Bystrica region).

"All these projects together, for example in the case of Vrakuňa it is €13 million, in the case of Nove Mesto nad Vahom it is €6 million, Surany €5.7 million and similar amounts, are an absolute economic boost that will help people, that will help towns," stressed Taraba.



## MINUTES OF THE GROUP 1 ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

The Group 1 Annual Meeting was called to order by Group 1 President John Pogorelec, Jr. at 2:00pm.

The Opening Prayer was said by Group 1 Vice President/Treasurer John Termyna.

The Flag Salute was led by Sports Director Eric Topczij.

The Roll Call was taken by Group 1 Secretary Peter Walentowicz.

The following Officers were present: President John Pogorelec, Jr.; Vice President/Treasurer John Termyna; Secretary Peter Walentowicz; Sports Director Eric Topczij; Assistant Sports Director Joseph Krzysik; Physical Directress Hailey Topczij; and members of the Physical Fitness Board Christine Smith, Clifford Ainsworth, and Lou Smiriglio.

The following Officers were excused: Chaplain Richard Bay; Auditor David Bulwin; and Physical Fitness Board member Maria Topczij.

Delegates present were: James Matlon; Joseph Gnida; Anna Walentowicz; and Joseph Lojek.

Delegate Nives Adamo was excused.

Secretary Walentowicz read the Minutes of the Group 1 Officers' Meeting of October 26, 2024.

One correction was made to the minutes. It was Joseph Krzysik that made the motion for Eric Topczij as the Group 1 nominee for Sokol Fraternalist Of The Year and not vice versa.

A motion to accept the corrected Minutes was made by Joseph Krzysik and seconded by James Matlon. The motion passed.

Treasurer John Termyna gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Joseph Krzysik and seconded by Eric Topczij.

The motion passed.

The President vacated the chair.

The Vice President then called on the President to give his President's Report.

In his President's Report, President Pogorelec thanked the Group for their confidence in him and reported on the upcoming Bowling Tournament and the Golf Tournament scheduled for October 11, 2025.

He also mentioned that four Group I members received high school and college scholarships.

The Vice President then asked for acceptance of the President's Report.

Motion to accept the President's Report was made by James Matlon and seconded by Joseph Gnida.

The motion passed.

The Vice President then relinquished the chair and returned the gavel to the President.

The President Pogorelec then asked the Vice President Termyna to give his Vice President's Report.

The Vice President reported that he played all eighteen holes of last year's Golf Tournament and intends to make all of the Sokol hosted tournaments this year.

A motion to accept the Vice President's Report was made by Joseph Lojek and seconded by Renata Jurasiola-Vasyl.

The motion passed.

In his Secretary's Report, Secretary Walentowicz thanked the Group for their continued support and hoped to continue the legacy of Daniel Tanzone.

A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Physical Directress Hailey Topczij and seconded by Christine Smith.

The motion passed.

In the Report of the Sports Director, Eric Topczij stated his hope to restart the Eastern District Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball Tournaments.

September will be the deadline for registration for the Golf Tournament which costs \$80 per golfer and will have a maximum of 28 golfers.

We will once again host a Bowling Tournament.

He hopes to restart the Spaghetti Dinner as a fund raiser.

He would like to start a Cornhole Tournament.

The Heritage Slet will be held from June 26th to 28th at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY and will feature paintball and an obstacle course.

A motion to accept the Sports Director's Report was made by Joseph Krzysik and seconded by Christine Smith. The motion passed.

The Verifications Committee made up of John Termyna, Lou Smiriglio, and Christine Smith reported that all officers and delegates met the requirements.

The Salary and Surety Bonds Committee made up of Joseph Lojek, Hailey Topczij, and Renata Jurasiola-Vasyl recommended that all salaries remain the same.

The Resolutions Committee made up of Clifford Ainsworth and Eric Topczij made a motion to acknowledge the scholarship recipients.

The New Motions Committee made up of Peter Walentowicz and Joseph Krzysik suggested the purchase of new Group I T-Shirts.

The Petitions and Grievances Committee made up of James Matlon, Joseph Gnida, and Anna Walentowicz made moved that the Group give a \$150 donation to the Slovak Catholic Federation, a \$50 donation to the Slovak League of America, and a \$200 donation to Saints Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church in Clifton for hosting the Group I Meeting.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business James Matlon brought up the Heritage Slet, which was cancelled in 2021 due to the Covid lockdowns, cancelled in 2023 due to low numbers, and held in 2024.

John Termyna inquired James Matlon about the ages at the Slet and if there are any greens fees.

James Matlon responded that the ages are flexible and that there are greens fees.

President Pogorelec inquired as to a Group I contribution.

James Matlon responded that Group I should give a stipend.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS OF 06/30/25

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2025</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,337,630
Investments - Bonds & Bills	80,966,649
Investments - Stocks	4,549,860
First Mortgage Loans	511,471
Loans on Certificates	411,436
Accrued Interest Receivable	691,253
Sokol Building/Land	342,191
Accounts Receivable	39,423
Due From Groups	-
Aggregate Write-Ins	1,097,929
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 89,947,842</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>	 <b>2025</b>
Life Reserves	\$ 75,472,788
Asset Valuation Reserve	1,109,915
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	1,868,703
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,248,325
Reserve for Convention	110,000
Claims Payable	288,438
Conversion - Canadian Currency	3,119
Accounts Payable	7,548
Sokol Secure Fund	1,213,685
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund	85,000
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund	20,000
Yencha Memorial Scholarship	20,700
Krista L Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Fund	24,000
Dividend Payable	30,000
Advance Premiums	18,134
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 84,620,355</b>
 Adjusted Unassigned Funds	 <b>\$ 5,819,095</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 89,947,842</b>

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES



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INCOME	2025
Investment Income	\$ 1,527,271
Amortization of IMR	(22,158)
Dividends on Stocks	87,577
Interest on Mortgages	11,651
Interest on Certificate Loans	14,598
Sale of Cookbooks	47
Rent Received - Sokol Building	54,111
Life Premium Income	780,000
Annuity Income	2,941,000
Scholarship Income	-
Miscellaneous Income	7,705
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,401,802</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2025</b>
Death Benefit Claims Paid	1,054,165
Interest Expense	50,037
Fraternal Expenses	263,001
General Expenses	394,501
Employee Retirement Expenses	174,828
Commissions	91,128
Annuity Benefits	2,322,293
Taxes & Fees	29,035
Reserve Increase	1,379,000
Cash Surrenders	208,254
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,966,242</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (564,440)</b>

ZDAR BOH!

Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC

Supreme Secretary

Slovak Catholic Sokol

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you so very much for the generous grant towards my college education! This will help significantly! Thank for also keeping the Slovak community together and for keeping our rich Slovak traditions alive. I wanted to inform you that the check has arrived and is in my possession. It will be given to the Grove City College financial aid office. Thank you for everything that you all do and for your generosity and prayerful consideration. May God Bless and watch over you! You will all be in my prayers!

Zdar Boh!

Joslyn M. Boral

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the scholarship. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. This scholarship will help me to further my education at Illinois State University in pursuit of my degree in public relations.

Kind regards,  
Anna Collins

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for selecting me to receive the Krista L. Glugosh Scholarship. I am beyond honored to be the recipient of this award and I am deeply appreciative of you support. By awarding me this meaningful scholarship, I am able to continue pursuing my degree while also participating in college athletics. Thank you again for supporting my endeavors. I will do my best to make you proud.

Sincerely,  
Trevor A. Wilson

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you for this scholarship check. It will be very helpful as I go to North Central College this fall. With this scholarship I can further my education. May God continue to bless all the wonderful work you do. Thank you so much once again! Many thanks and blessings.

Faith Myles

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

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 47th year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak Institute and 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 August 18, the 2025 Appeal has received \$20,838.00 from 158 donors.** Among the 51 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 11, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 48, Assembly 59, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Assembly 182, Group 1, Group 7, Group 17, Wreath 54 and the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$1,760.00. Donations to date have also been received from 5 churches, 21 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 2025 Appeal are 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, 2025 will be credited toward the 2026 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. HvozdoVIC, 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, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



### 47<sup>TH</sup> 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, Penndel, PA 19047-4052*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT

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in Cleveland OH. This is an annual event that focuses on education and awareness in the fraternal benefits industry. I missed last year due to some health issues, so I am looking forward to this year's event, since it is also a good networking opportunity to meet with our fellow fraternal leaders and discuss ideas for the betterment of our society.

As well in September, the next meeting will be held for the Slovak Catholic Federation in Hyattsville, MD which is located an hour from Washington DC. This year the meeting will also include a visit to the National Shrine in Washington DC on Saturday September 13th. It will be a special event and our organization will be well represented including our Supreme Chaplain, who is the current President of the SCF and our Supreme Secretary.

In a few weeks, we will host our Q3 Board of Directors meeting on October 9th. This will be a virtual meeting like we conducted in June, in an effort to help reduce expenses for the society but still execute an effective agenda and plan the necessary financial, operational, spiritual and fraternal aspects of our organization. Kindly forward your ideas and thoughts to the Board of Directors and we will collectively discuss how we can improve our society and help our members.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you the very best this fall season and a happy Labor Day long weekend. May you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

May God continue to bless you.

## MINUTES OF THE GROUP 1 ANNUAL MEETING

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Christine Smith made a motion for \$500 to offset the cost. The motion was seconded by Eric Topczij.

The motion passed.

Father Misael Jaramillo, the pastor of Saints Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church, the host for the meeting, addressed Group 1.

A discussion commenced on the next Annual Meeting. The general consensus was that the meeting be held sometime in the Autumn, either late October or early November, with the dates of October 19 and December 7 and 14 ruled out.

The exact date will be finalized at the next Officer's Meeting.

Vice President/Treasurer John Termyna made a motion to keep all officers in their current positions and have James Matlon fill the vacancy in the position of Auditor.

Secretary Walentowicz seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Physical Fitness Board Member Christine Smith and seconded by newly elected Auditor James Matlon.

The motion passed.

Secretary Peter Walentowicz said the Closing Prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned.





## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

### September 2025



THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM DUE DATE  
SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

Reading Program Reminder: Please email your completed reading list to  
Andrea Tadlock at [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org) by September 30th.

Remember to include your name, email, address, group number, and age so I  
can recognize you in the paper.

Can you do me a favor and let me know which books are your favorites on  
the list? I'd love to share them with other kids!

Keep reading and have a great school year!



### Happy Birthday to You!

Lily Stringhill	9/5
McKinley Hitzelberger	9/7
Ava Spisak	9/15
Robert Lawrence	9/26
Kate Whitmer	9/29

Send your birthday dates to  
[vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org)





## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

### September 2025

Identify as many words as you can with the provided list of letters.

#### ① Word Grid Puzzle

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## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

### September 2025



Labor Day is a \_\_\_\_\_ holiday. It is celebrated in the United States each year on the first Monday in September. This patriotic holiday \_\_\_\_\_ workers. Many workers have the day off. It is sometimes celebrated with barbecues, \_\_\_\_\_, and parties. It also marks the end of summertime.

Labor Day began during the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution. During the late 1800s, \_\_\_\_\_ conditions were very difficult. Working conditions were difficult. Even children worked in terrible \_\_\_\_\_.

The first Labor Day occurred in New York City in 1882. Workers gathered for a parade to \_\_\_\_\_ the hard work of laborers. In 1894, Labor Day was made \_\_\_\_\_. This is when President Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_ it a federal holiday. Labor Day honors the \_\_\_\_\_ work of the people of our country.

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## 70TH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

### AUGUST 8-9-19, 2025 – YANKEE RUN AND OAKTREE GOLF COURSES

I had the privilege of attending and working the 70th International Golf Tournament. The tournament took place on the weekend of August 8-9-10th, 2025 on the Ohio/Pennsylvania border. The courses played were Oaktree Golf Course located in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania and Yankee Run Golf Course located in Brookfield Township, Ohio.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is proud to announce there were a total of 104 golfers in attendance. It was great to see so many young golfers out again this year. The golf tournament is evolving into a great weekend to see so many family-based foursomes. Sokol is all about family and it is very heartwarming to see a younger generation learning from and spending time with their family.

The tournament started on August 8th as golfers were able to participate in a practice round before meeting for hospitality. Hospitality was held at the Club House at the Oaktree Golf course. Opening night hospitality always proves to be a fun evening to catch up with old and new friends. Once hospitality concluded at the golf course, the golfers moved the get together back to the hotel patio where there was cornhole and firepits.

Saturday, August 9th, our tournament kicked off at Oak Tree Golf Course. Supreme Sports Director Kathy Watkins, Assistant Sports Director Robert R. Palchanis III, Supreme Vice President Andrea Tadlock along with myself waited for the golfers to arrive and register for the weekend. The weather was perfect, and the excitement was overflowing. At 9:00 a.m. the golfers were given their instructions and drove off in their carts to their specific holes for a shot gun start. Vice President Andrea M. Tadlock, Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift helped Supreme Sports Director Kathleen Watkins and Assistant Supreme Sports Director Robert Palchanis III with registration, pictures, inputting scores and anything else that was needed.

After a long, hot day of golfing, all were invited to the evening banquet. Mass started at 4:00 p.m. and was held by our Supreme Chaplin Rev. Andrew S. Hvoz-dovic. At the conclusion of mass, dinner was served, and cocktails were served. Supreme Sports Director Kathy Watkins introduced all the Supreme Officers present, which included Honorary Officer Steven M. Pogorelec, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, Supreme President Larry Glugosh, Supreme Vice President Andrea M. Tadlock, Assistant Supreme Sports Director Robert Palchanis III, Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift, Assistant Supreme Directress Nancy Kropolinsky Supreme Treasurer Micheal Horvath, Supreme Physical Director Dusan Dorich, Supreme Chaplin Rev. Andrew S. Hvoz-dovic, Auditor Edward Bajus, and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member Christopher Antosy II.

The highlight of the evening was our Supreme Sec-

retary Scott Pogorelec along with our Supreme President Larry Glugosh awarding the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Golf Sports Award. This award is presented to members who exemplify qualities of dedication, leadership, and sportsmanship. Supreme Secretary Pogorelec introduced the past winners of the award that were present including: Steven Pogorelec, Sr, Thomas P. Muldoon, Jr., Edward Baker, Loretta S. Smith, Robert R. Palchanis, Jr., Linda Frank, and Donald J. Koval, then announced the winner of this year.

Congratulations to Stephen F Papcun, from Group 16 on being the 2025 recipient of the Frank S. Petruff award, your commitment and dedication to the Slovak Catholic Sokol does not go unnoticed. Because of members such as yourself and the members of the past, we will continue our legacy.

Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m., the golfers headed out for a second day of golfing. This round was at Yankee Run Golf Course. The weather and the competition were heated!! As all the golfers ended around 2pm, they all grabbed a bite to eat, shared good-byes and hugs, and hit the road to head home. Supreme Director of Sports Kathleen Watkins, Assistant Supreme Sports Director Rob Palchanis III, Supreme Directress Katie Swift and Supreme Vice President finished entering scores, getting organized and making all final steps before departing from another fun weekend.

Thank you to the following groups/people who sponsored a hole at the 70th International Golf tournament. Group 1, Group 3, Group 7, Group 14, Group 16, Group 17, Assembly 59, Wreath 54, Watkins Family, Bob and Terri Palchanis, Macko Family, Macko Strong, Tadlock Family, SCS Headquarters, Pogorelec Family and Degnan Family.



Congratulations again to Stephen Papcun, the 2025 Petruff Award Winner. Every golfer played two outstanding rounds of golf. Even if their scores did not reflect such an amazing job, their smiles were proof enough that the weekend was outstanding!!

We cannot wait to see you next year.

Zdar Boh!

**Katie Swift**

*Supreme Directress*





## 2025 INTERNATIONAL GOLF RESULTS

A - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2025							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Tom G.	Iskra, Jr.	77	10	67	79	10	69	136	156	1	
David	Iskra, Sr.	77	8	69	76	8	68	137	153	2	1
David	Iskra, Jr.	82	12	70	80	12	68	138	162	3	
Gary	Watkins	80	8	72	79	8	71	143	159	4	
Thomas	Weber	79	8	71	80	8	72	143	159	4	
Thomas J.	Iskra	77	8	69	85	8	77	146	162		
Adam	Macurak	78	11	67	91	11	80	147	169		
Brian	Hornacek	85	10	75	86	10	76	151	171		
Scott	Hornacek	88	12	76	87	12	75	151	175		
Ryan	Burfield	88	8	80	89	8	81	161	177		
Eddie	Bajus	88	10	78	104	10	94	172	192		
Scott	Pogorelec	78	6	72	X	X	X	X	X		

B - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2025							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Daniel	Underation	77	14	63	85	14	71	134	162	1	1
Jay	Macko	83	18	65	89	18	71	136	172	2	
David	Underation	84	16	68	87	16	71	139	171	3	
Joseph R	Weber III	82	14	68	85	14	71	139	167	3	
Corey	Shedlock	82	16	66	92	16	76	142	174	5	
Matthew	Burfield	85	13	72	84	13	71	143	169	6	
Paul	Papcun	86	19	67	96	19	77	144	182		
Justin	Francis	91	21	70	96	21	75	145	187		
Kyle	Karaffa	86	15	71	93	15	78	149	179		
John	Smith	91	21	70	102	21	81	151	193		
Adam	Dorich	93	18	75	97	18	79	154	190		
Mike	Kapitan	93	22	71	110	22	88	159	203		
Christopher M	Macko	93	15	78	97	15	82	160	190		
Christopher P	Macko	95	16	79	97	16	81	160	192		
Stephen J	Macko	98	18	80	102	18	84	164	200		
Joshua	Smith	91	15	76	105	15	90	166	196		
Dusan	Dorich	89	13	76	104	13	91	167	193		
Jeff	Recker	93	20	73	127	20	107	180	220		
Steven	Pogorelec , Jr	90	21	69	X	X	X				



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

C - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2024							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Joe	Underation	86	23	63	93	23	70	133	179	1	1
Caleb	Muldoon	94	23	71	87	23	64	135	181	2	
Kenneth	Coley	100	30	70	101	30	71	141	201	3	
Jesse	Sadowji	91	24	67	99	24	75	142	190	4	
Nick	Macurak	93	23	70	98	23	75	145	191	5	
Steve	Papcun	91	23	68	104	23	81	149	195		
Edward W	Gonda II	102	24	78	98	24	74	152	200		
Tony	Rasimas	99	26	73	109	26	83	156	208		
John	Tutko	116	31	85	111	31	80	165	227		
Luke	Underation	113	31	82	114	31	83	165	227		
Jeff	Jacobs	112	31	81	116	31	85	166	228		
John M	Lucansky	111	25	86	105	25	80	166	216		
Briuan	Phillips	104	24	80	112	24	88	168	216		
Thomas	Muldoon III	113	26	87	115	26	89	176	228		
Kevin	Wakmunski	116	26	90	119	26	93	183	235		

Callaway - Flight Summary									
		Oaktree		Yankee Run					
Participant	2025					HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	NET	TTL	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Thomas	Hamrock	79	72	75	72	144	154	1	1
Cole	Macko	75	72	82	74	146	157	2	
James	Hawkins	84	74	83	74	148	167	3	
Frank	Roth	90	72	104	78	150	194	4	
Carter	Macko	87	76	94	76	152	181	5	
Josh	Bajus	105	75	117	79	154	222	not eligible	
John	Gordulic, Jr.	92	77	91	77	154	183	6	
Joseph	Gonda	97	77	99	78	155	196		
Bryce	Watkins	102	78	109	77	155	211		
Chris	Antosy, JR	112	77	115	79	156	227		
Bill	Gonda	105	78	108	79	157	213		
Chris	Antosy, SR	96	79	96	79	158	192		
John	Termyna	104	78	120	80	158	224		
Steve	Termyna	117	79	123	83	162	240		
Nathan	Underation	117	79	134	94	173	251		
Nicholas	Dorich	126	86	131	91	177	257		
Daniel	O'Sullivan	95	76	X	X				

Senior Flight 62-69 - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2025							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Bob	Macko	83	19	64	89	19	70	134	172	1	
Joseph	Baytosh	81	15	66	84	15	69	135	165	2	
Vincent	Pisano	76	6	70	81	6	75	145	157	3	1
Robert	Shedlock	98	21	77	93	21	72	149	191		
Glenn	Kramer	90	15	75	90	15	75	150	180		
Don	Macko	99	20	79	96	20	76	155	195		
Paul	Macko	97	17	80	99	17	82	162	196		
Joe	Burfield	91	6	85	88	6	82	167	179		

Senior Flight 70+ - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2025							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Frank	Lipski	83	17	66	81	17	64	130	164	1	1
Michael	Horvath	100	39	61	115	39	76	137	215	2	
Donald	Macurak	98	26	72	93	26	67	139	191	3	
Keith	Shedlock	79	15	64	90	15	75	139	169	3	
Bob	Palchanis, Jr.	101	28	73	96	28	68	141	197		
Donald	Papcun	92	21	71	100	21	79	150	192		
Stephen	Skorupka	96	24	72	102	24	78	150	198		
James	Bart	91	18	73	97	18	79	152	188		
Robert	Macurak	98	17	81	89	17	72	153	187		
Ed	Baker	93	20	73	107	20	87	160	200		
Donald J.	Koval	106	28	78	113	28	85	163	219		

Women's - Flight Summary											
		Oaktree			Yankee Run						
Participant	2025							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Carol	Macko	102	27	75	107	29	78	153	209	1	
Karen	Bakita	109	32	77	101	24	77	154	210	2	
Stephanie	Skorupka	95	19	76	101	22	79	155	196	3	1
Loretta	Smith	98	21	77	108	30	78	155	206	3	
Terri	Palchanis	112	34	78	103	25	78	156	215		
Keri	Underation-Smith	113	34	79	116	38	78	157	229		
Judy	Babik	117	37	80	121	40	81	161	238		
Linda	Frank	112	35	77	125	40	85	162	237		
Kelsey	Karaffa	125	40	85	112	34	78	163	237		
Janice	Karaffa	119	40	79	125	40	85	164	244		
Kelly	Palchanis	130	40	90	113	36	77	167	243		
Catherine	Macko	121	40	81	127	40	87	168	248		
Mary	Dorich	128	40	88	132	40	92	180	260		

Thank You!

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Dear Supreme Secretary Pogorelec and Board,

Thank you for the 2025 scholarship award. As I begin my junior year at Saint Thomas High School, receiving this award makes me think of brotherhood. As a Captain of the football team every day is about brotherhood on the field and off. Those who have come before me, those who will come after me. Brotherhood and fraternalism are one in the same. As I represent Saint Thomas, I also represent the Slovak Catholic Sokol, and I am grateful.

Fraternally Yours,  
R.J. Wilson

Dear Supreme Secretary Pogorelec and Board,

Thank you for the 2025 scholarship award. As a student athlete these funds will help me in the classroom and on the playing field of Duchesne Academy. Our SCS slogan "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body" is one of my goals to achieve every day in school.

Cheers,  
Lorelei Wilson





## FIRST HERITAGE EVENT

The First Heritage Slet was a success!! Over 90 participants gathered together with representation from 8 Groups at the Peak N'Peek resort located in Clymer, New York. While encompassing our traditions of an event we all love and cherish while melting the event into a family friendly function for ALL ages proved to be a positive. This combination made for the perfect fraternal celebration. The venue met all expectations for the perfect atmosphere for games, activities, fraternalism and fun. Supreme Director Dusan Dorich and I worked endlessly to ensure this event would be fun, memorable and still kept true to our traditions and values.

The Heritage Slet began with our traditional opening ceremony and mass celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain, Father Andrew HvozdoVIC. There was representation from Groups 1,4,7,12,14,17,18, and 19. Directly following mass, all participants were divided into several different teams for a fierce Minute to Win It challenge. The teams were strategically established so all ages and groups were intertwined, starting the first night by meeting new friends. The silly games brought everyone together while still having a little bit of competition.

Friday was a day filled with bibles, volleyball, PuttPutt, Pool Time and finishing the evening with a cornhole tournament. The morning worship included a scavenger hunt. Each team had a stack of envelopes with bible verses written with the clues. The groups had to work together to find the bible verse in the bible and see where to find the next clue. This event worked great. Some members of each team helped with finding the clues in the bible while others could run around the resort to fetch the clues. This challenge was a great way to highlight our catholic beliefs while having fun and learning.

Next, we headed outdoors to Volleyball and Putt Putt. The Volleyball competition was managed by Supreme Director Dusan Dorich and Assistant Sports Director Rob Palchanis. The competition took place between Group 4, 12, 14 and a combined Group 7/19 team. After some big serves, tough spikes and sliding saves, Group 4 was that CHAMPIONS!!!

The Super Seniors lead the younger groups around the PuttPutt course. This allowed for parents to have a break and participate in other activities while the younger participants were being watched over. The Putt Putt champions were:

Junior Division: Reid Pogorelec

Senior Division: Ed Bajus

In the early afternoon, our members tried their skill at Paintball!!!! This was a first for many. All participants were divided into three teams. I am not sure who had more fun, the adults attacking the kiddos or the kiddos attacking the adults.

After a short pool break and enjoying some fun in the sun, we headed to our Cornhole Tournament.

Teams were auto chosen at random by Assistant Supreme Assistant Sports Director Robert Palchanis. Junior division included everyone 13 and under. Senior division included all participants 14 and over. The best part of this event was seeing members paired with other members that would not normally even meet. This gently swayed members to meet and mingle with members of all ages and members

that possibly would have never met otherwise.

The champions were:

Junior Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jillian Bajus and Jillian Direnna

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Reid Pogorelec and Sophia Meija

Senior Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rich Walkowiak and Megan Antosy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ed Bajus and Bryce Watkins

Saturday's events included Bingo, Ropes Adventure Course, Psanky Egg decorating contest, closing ceremonies and an '80's night Bash!!!

While the ropes course was amazing for the active participants, Bingo was the perfect event for the participants that wanted to stay in the air conditioning. Supreme Director Dusan Dorich even brought traditional plates from Slovakia as prizes.

The Psanky Egg design contest was also a first time event. We had over 65 participants decorate wooden eggs. The designs were all amazing and unique. We have so many talented members! Sharon Papcun was the overall winner.

Closing ceremonies was held with the traditional mass, followed by awards and a drill exhibition. Several females showcased the Slovak drill Anka Anka while 2 boys showcased the contemporary drill of John Wick.

We closed out the event with the traditional end dance. This year we decided to go with a theme: 80's Night!!! Everyone attended in their best 80's outfit. Everyone danced and had a great time!

Overall the most enjoyable activity by all was sitting around the firepits in the evening. This allowed every member, no matter Group or age, to gather, share drinks and just laugh.

Huge THANK YOU to all the Supreme Officers who attended as participants but jumped in to help and make this event a huge success. Thank you to the Supreme Board of Directors for supporting events for the youth of the organization. Events similar to these will continue to help our heritage and organization stay active and continue well into the future.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board would also like to thank the following Groups/Wreaths and Assemblies who submitted donations:

Group 1, Group 2, Assembly 9, Assembly 2, Assembly 33, Wreath 1, Wreath 39, Wreath 86, Assembly 86, Assembly 6, Assembly 78, Group 14, Wreath 54, Wreath 22, Group 17 and Wreath 54.

Thank you again for all the participants who traveled near, far and even crossed International borders. Our commitment to this event as sponsors, leaders, participants and Supreme Officers proves we hold our heritage, beliefs, friendships and connections in the depths of our hearts.

I look forward to planning another Heritage Slet along with other events to allow our legacy to continue.

Zdar Boh!

**Katie Swift**

*Supreme Directress*









## JUNE 2025 - JUL, Y 2025

ASSEMBLY/WREATH	NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly9	Matthew J. Hunyadi of Shelton, CT	89	July 15, 2025
Assembly 11	Lynn Marie Edwards of Michigan City, IN	55	August 12, 2023
Assembly 11	Marilyn I. Barton of Alpha, IL	95	July 2, 2025
Assembly 16	George, J. Brendel of Cranberry Twp. PA	75	June 6, 2025
Assembly 16	Daniel M. Casne of Pittsburgh, PA	76	June 27, 2025
Assembly 25	Thomas J. Griglak of New York, NY	73	June 9, 2025
Assembly 25	Robert M. Pollock, Jr. of Fayette City, PA	77	June 12, 2025
Assembly 25	Kenneth J. Ozanick of Lemont Furnace, PA	63	June 12, 2025
Assembly 35	Mary Emmendorfer of Chesaning, MI	95	June 3, 2025
Assembly 36	Janet Brueck of Sturgis, MI	84	June 14, 2025
Assembly 54	Albert J. Zidek of Ridgecrest, CA	89	May 17, 2025
Assembly 59	John Williams of Plymouth, PA	61	June 10, 2025
Assembly 59	Joseph Schwab of White Haven, PA	79	July 25, 2025
Assembly 78	Robert Roseman of Bethlehem, PA	93	June 9, 2025
Assembly 79	Margaret Lukacs of Lilly, PA	99	June 12, 2025
Assembly 86	Gary J. Rosiak, Sr. of Hanover Twp., PA	54	May 21, 2025
Assembly 108	Joseph J. Maxin of Canfield, OH	63	June 29, 2025
Assembly 163	John Sobek of Freedom, PA	74	January 21, 2025
Assembly 163	Anna Marie Bedner of Donora, PA	95	June 12, 2025
Assembly 163	Shirley J. Watroba of Donora, PA	91	July 9, 2025
Assembly 179	Lucille Amasino of Pittsburgh, PA	93	July 13, 2025
Assembly 219	Dolores M. Lambertson of Kingston, NY	94	May 30, 2025
Assembly 303	Rev. Charles E. Hawkins of FL	78	May 8, 2025
Assembly 313	Thomas Kravets of Winter Springs, FL	90	June 23, 2025
Wreath 11	Barbara Shattuck of Johnstown, NY	88	July 23, 2025
Wreath 14	Francis E. Korchnak of Romney, IN	83	June 6, 2025
Wreath 14	Anna Marie Ondick of Randleman, NC	82	June 23, 2025
Wreath 15	Helen M. Zeka of Scottdale, PA	94	June 28, 2025
Wreath 22	Elaine Ann Stabryla of Pittsburgh, PA	77	April 15, 2025
Wreath 34	Kathryn A. Cunningham of Cleveland, OH	72	May 16, 2025
Wreath 39	Albert O. Neudeck, III of Fairfield, CT	74	June 12, 2025
Wreath 54	John Chermansky of Parma, OH	72	August 30, 2023
Wreath 85	Joann Barna of Monaca, PA	91	July 21, 2025
Wreath 81	George F. Cengel of Highland, IN	89	May 15, 2025
Wreath 93	Michael R. Skaife of Prairie Du Chien, WI	73	July 1, 2025
Wreath 93	Steve A. Biksadski of Slinger, WI	88	April 24, 2025
Wreath 93	Mary Korthals of Stoddard, WI	98	July 1, 2025



## NOVOU GENERÁLNOU KONZULKOU SR V NEW YORKU JE BEATRICE SZABÓOVÁ

Generálny konzulát Slovenskej republiky v New Yorku povedie Beatrice Szabóová. Informovalo o tom Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí. Szabóová bola v minulosti hovorkyňou premiéra Roberta Fica, premiéra Petra Pellegriniho a primátora Bratislavy, viedla komunikačné odbory ministerstva životného prostredia a naposledy ministerstva zahraničia.



V slovenskej diplomacii pôsobí podľa vyjadrenia rezortu nepretržite od roku 2018. Slovensko zastupovala vo funkcii konzulky počas vyslania v Španielsku a pracovala tiež na konzulárnom odbore Ministerstva zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR.

Ako uviedol šéf slovenskej diplomacie Juraj Blanár, Generálny konzulát SR v New Yorku sa popri hlavnej úlohe, ktorou je poskytovanie konzulárnej pomoci občanom SR a starostlivosti o najväčšiu slovenskú krajskú komunitu, zameriava tiež na podporu slovenských ekonomických záujmov v USA. „Slovensko-americký ročný obchodný obrat dosahuje takmer 6 miliárd eur. V spolupráci s našim veľvyslanectvom vo Washingtone preto generálny konzulát aktívne prezentuje Slovensko ako výhodnú investičnú a obchodnú destináciu v rámci jednotného európskeho trhu. Zároveň pomáha slovenským exportérom pri etablovaní ich výrobkov a inovatívnych technológií na americkom trhu,“ uviedol s tým, že Spojené štáty americké sú pre Slovensko deviatym najväčším exportným trhom. Americké firmy zamestnávajú v SR približne 45-tisíc ľudí.

Nová generálna konzulka chce využiť aktívnu prezentáciu a komunikáciu na podporu firiem zo Slovenska, hľadanie nových investícií do slovenskej ekonomiky, súčasne nadväzovanie kontaktov v kultúre, umení či na zvýšenie počtu amerických turistov prichádzajúcich do SR. Významne pri tom pomôžu štyri honorárne konzuláty SR spadajúce do teritoriálnej pôsobnosti generálneho konzulátu v New Yorku sídliace v Bostone, Detroite, Indianapolise a Naperville. „Naším prioritným cieľom je poskytovanie kvalitných služieb, pomoci a ochrany občanom SR, ktorí či už cestujú, študujú, alebo pracujú v USA. Budeme pokračovať aj v organizácii výjazdových konzulárnych dní a v spolupráci so slovenskými krajanmi, ktorí majú pre Slovensko mimoriadny potenciál v oblasti ekonomickej diplomacie a zdieľania kontaktov,“ povedala Szabóová.

Generálny konzulát sa pod jej vedením zameria rovnako na udržiavanie kultúrnych tradícií a podporu výučby slovenského jazyka. Množstvo potomkov Slovákov druhej, tretej a štvrtej generácie sa hlási ku slovenským koreňom a prejavuje záujem o udelenie štátneho občianstva SR. Generálny konzulát eviduje najpočetnejšiu slovenskú komunitu v samotnom meste New York a celkovo v štátoch New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio či Pensylvánia. – SITA

## REZORT VNÚTRA SPOLUPRACOVAL NA PREVOZE 7 DETSKÝCH PACIENTOV Z GAZY

Ministerstvo vnútra (MV) SR 14. augusta spolupracovalo na prevezení siedmich detských pacientov a 16 ich rodinných príslušníkov z Pásma Gazy. Išlo o siedmu takúto evakuačnú misiu modulu leteckej evakuácie EURACARE - Flight & Shelter.

Modul bol aktivovaný Európskym centrom koordinácie a reakcie na núdzové situácie (ERCC) na požiadavku Belgicka a Turecka. „Sekcia krízového riadenia MV SR koordinovala leteckú zdravotnícku evakuáciu z Izraela do Belgicka, ktorú vykonal Letecký útvar MV SR spolu s členmi modulu – Asociáciou samaritánov Slovenskej republiky a Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe z Rakúska.

Evakuované deti trpia ťažkými onkologickými ochoreniami, ďalšími závažnými diagnózami či následkami vojnových zranení. Podľa ministerstva vnútra im bez okamžitej a špecializovanej starostlivosti v mnohých prípadoch hrozilo výrazné zhoršenie zdravotného stavu alebo ohrozenie života.

Pacienti boli z Pásma Gazy na letisko v Izraeli dopravení konvojom Svetovej zdravotníckej organizácie (WHO). Na mieste sa o ich registráciu a predletovú medicínsku kontrolu postarali aj zdravotní a psychosociálni špecialisti z Asociácie samaritánov SR, doplnilo ministerstvo.

Misia modulu trvala 19 hodín a podľa slovenského rezortu vnútra bola fyzicky a emočne mimoriadne náročná. Pri operácii poskytlo plnú súčinnosť aj Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR.

„Za každým takýmto letom je množstvo ľudí, ktorí obetujú čas, energiu a neraz aj vlastný komfort, aby zachránili deti, ktoré sa samy zachrániť nedokážu. Táto spolupráca je dôkazom, že solidarita a ľudskosť nemajú hranice,“ poznamenal slovenský minister vnútra Matúš Šutaj Eštok.

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## PREMIÉR FICO PRIJAL PREDSTAVITEĽOV SPOLOČNOSTI GOTION INOBAT BATTERIES

Predseda vlády SR Robert Fico prijal 19. augusta predstaviteľov spoločnosti Gotion InoBat Batteries (GIB). Spoločnosť realizuje výstavbu továrne na výrobu batérií do elektromobilov v priemyselnom parku v Šuranoch v okrese Nové Zámky. Vláda SR vyhlásila v prvej polovici tohto roka projekt baterkárne za strategickú investíciu. Gotion InoBat Batteries vznikol ako spoločný podnik čínskej firmy Gotion High-Tech a slovenského startupu InoBat.

Prvá batérová gigafabrika na Slovensku bude postavená v Šuranoch na ploche 95 hektárov a vytvorí by mala tisíce pracovných miest. Začiatok výroby je naplánovaný na január 2027.



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