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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 2026 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – \$1,000 EACH



BENJAMIN TERMYN
Group 1, Assembly 162
Boonton, NJ
University of Delaware



HAILEY TOPCZIJ
Group 1, Assembly 162
Clifton NJ
Towson University



ALYSSA TOMAN
Group 2, Wreath 1
Seymour, CT
Quinnipiac University



ANNA COLLINS
Group 4, Assembly 11
Plainfield, IL
Illinois State University



ANDREW PETERSON
GROUP 4, Wreath 93
Inver Grove Heights, MN
Hillsdale College



AMBER RADTKE
Group 4, Wreath 93
Grafton, WI
University of Wisconsin-Madison



MIKAYLA BAKER
GROUP 5, Assembly 167
Oviedo, FL
University of Central Florida



ERICA LESLIE
Group 5, Assembly 167
Doylestown, OH
Duquesne University

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

**THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 121 YEARS OF DEDICATED FRATERNAL SERVICE
TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO THE SLOVAK COMMUNITY**

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH

On this day, we want to wish all of our Canadian Slovak Catholic Sokol members a happy Canada Day today and we hope everyone has a safe



and enjoyable 4th of July, as America celebrates its 250th milestone anniversary. Our independence and freedom are not something to take for granted and over the years we have had the good fortune to

celebrate these special anniversaries and count our many blessings.

We hope you enjoyed your Father's Day celebrations last month. To all of the special men in your lives, especially the husbands, fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and uncles, we wish you the very best and want to genuinely thank you for all you do every day to help mentor, develop and support those around you. Whether you spent the time on a golf course, at restaurant, attending a sporting event or just around the house with our family and friends, we sincerely hope you enjoyed your special day.

We really appreciated seeing our members at this year's International Bowling Tournament in Washington PA at the Meadows Casino. It was a really great venue for this year's event that we cohosted with our officers and friends at the National Slovak Society (NSS) and Greek Catholic Union (GCU). Our members stayed at the Hyatt Place Hollywood hotel, which is a popular and very comfortable facility. Everyone enjoyed the warm Pittsburgh hospitality during their stay and we had over 120 bowlers at this year's tournament.

Our sincere congratulations to all of the 2026 bowling winners and welcome some new first-time attendees to our program. We hope you will return next year and bring some friends. A special congratulation to Brother Frank Pavlica from Assembly 162, Clifton NJ who was our 2026 recipient

of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. He has been a dedicated and active member of our society for many years and has participated in numerous bowling tournaments. He is a worthy and deserving recipient of this wonderful and special award.

Lastly, we would like to thank our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins and her entire staff for their hard work, commitment and preparation. Special thanks to our Supreme Vice President, Andrea Tadlock for helping to raise awareness and over \$1,100 at this year's bowling tournament for a very worthy cause, namely the Disabled American Veterans. It is great to see this type of true fraternal and community spirit come forward at these gatherings.

With the summer upon us, we can now turn our attention to more summer events. We hope to see many of our members and local officers at the Heritage Slet at Peek and Peak Resort just outside of Erie, PA from July 16th to 19th. It is a new program launched by our SPFB and it should be a fun fraternal weekend. Later in the summer, we will host our annual golf tournament at the Pocono Hills golf course in East Stroudsburg PA in the Poconos. Our members will stay at Holiday Inn and Suites and can still register by sending an application to our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics.

In closing, we would like to congratulate all of our 2026 College, High School and Grade School Scholarship recipients. We received some very worthy applicants and selected our recipients based on financial need, academic achievements and fraternal involvement with our society. We would like to thank our Supreme Vice President, Andrea Tadlock and her committee for their leadership and efforts with respect to this year's program.

We wish all of our Slovak Catholic Sokol officers and members continued good health, happiness and we hope and pray you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God Bless you all!

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



INDEPENDENCE DAY AND SOKOLS

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



This week, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth and I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday with their friends and families. I would also like to wish all our Canadian brothers and sisters a Happy Canada Day!

It is always important to look back and reflect on the history surrounding our Independence Day. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress partook in a formal session to vote on the independence of our Nation. The rest of the day and the next were spent debating over the form and content of a declaration drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Several changes were made, and the final document was adopted on July 4, 1776. As President of the Congress, John Hancock was the first to sign and on July 8th, the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia. By August 2, 1776, fifty members of Congress had signed the document and over the next several months, others followed suit. The Declaration of Independence is the most important document in our history and July 4th allows us the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of this special document and the men who created it.

July 4th is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. Just as our American Forefathers had, hope had to permeate through those meetings. Since they wanted to be patriotic Ameri-

cans and were grateful to the United States for the opportunity to begin a new life, they selected the Fourth of July in 1905, the 129th anniversary of American independence, to enable their dreams to become real.

As our sports season is underway, we are looking forward to our Heritage Slet at Peek 'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. Thank you to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for their planning and work, and we hope everyone has a wonderful time.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our International Golf Tournament on August 7th-9th in East Stroudsburg, PA at Pocono Hills Golf Course. For more information, you can check our website or contact our Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, and she will be glad to assist you.

In this issue we are fortunate to see the smiling faces of our 2026 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 urge all of you to stay involved at your local Group/Assembly/Wreath level. You are our future and the Organization will be depending on you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Frank Pavlica of S-162, Clifton, NJ on receiving the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award at our most recent Bowling Tournament. Brother Frank is certainly deserving of this tribute as he has been a loyal attendee for many years at our sporting events. Congratulations again and all the best to you, Brother Frank!

Finally, I would like to wish all our Sokol Dads a Happy Father's Day, which we will celebrate on June 21st! Happy Father's Day Dad! May God bless you all!

Stay safe, stay strong, and
STAY POSITIVE!
ZDAR BOH!

SOKOL CALENDAR

JULY 16-19, 2026

HERITAGE SLET at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

PORK SAUERKRAUT AND TURKEY DINNER sponsored by Slovak Catholic Sokol, Bethlehem, PA Assembly 78 at Incarnation of Our Lord Church Parish after the 4:15 p.m. Mass. Cost is \$15.00 per ticket. Tickets available at the rectory, 610-866-3391. Deadline – Monday, July 27th.

AUGUST 7-9, 2025

INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, East Stroudsburg, PA (Poconos) at Pocono Golf Club/Pocono Hills Golf.

**“SAVE THE DATE”
ST. MARTIN'S DAY
CELEBRATION”**

Sunday November 15, 2026
at 10:00 a.m.

Mass and Brunch
Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 2
Bridgeport, CT

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **AUGUST 22, 2026**.

The next **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER** will be posted on our website on **JULY 15, 2026**.

**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic
A FEAST DAY AND SOLEMNITY
FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE
(JULY 26)**

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne honors the grandparents of Jesus and reminds the Church of the sacred role of family, parents, and grandparents in passing on the faith. Though little is known about their lives, Christian tradition remembers them as faithful and prayerful people who prepared Mary to say “yes” to God’s plan.



This feast is a beautiful reminder that faith is often nurtured quietly in the home through love, sacrifice, prayer, and example. Joachim and Anne teach us that holiness grows through ordinary acts of devotion and trust in God. Their witness encourages grandparents and elders to recognize the importance of their vocation

within the family and the Church.

In a world where generations can become distant from one another, Joachim and Anne call families to remain united in faith and love. Their lives remind us that every generation has the responsibility and privilege of handing on the gift of faith to the next.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(AUGUST 15)**

The Assumption of Mary celebrates the belief that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This solemnity is not only about Mary’s honor, but also about the hope promised to all who follow Christ faithfully.

Mary’s Assumption points us toward the Resurrection and the eternal life that God desires for His people. In Mary, the Church sees the fulfillment of God’s promise — victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ. She becomes a sign of hope, comfort, and encouragement for all believers journeying toward heaven.

Mary’s life was marked by humility, obedience, prayer, and trust in God’s will. Her Assumption reminds us that holiness is found not in worldly greatness, but in faithful discipleship. As Mary was lifted into heavenly glory, we are called to lift our hearts toward God and live with confidence in His promises.

This feast also invites us to turn to Mary as our spiritual mother, asking her intercession as we strive to grow closer to her Son. In celebrating her Assumption, the Church rejoices in the destiny prepared for all the faithful: eternal life in the presence of God.



Assembly 59 presented a donation to support the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. Shown from left: Mike Horvath, Tony Rasimas, Mike Cianiotta, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Kelly Palchanis, and Pam Lipski.



2026 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – \$1,000 EACH



CARTER MACKO
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
University of Mount Union



COLE MACKO
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
The Ohio State University



ANTHONY MUCCIOLI
Group 6, Assembly 25
Perryopolis, PA
West Virginia University



PAUL RUBISH
Group 6, Assembly 25
Pittsburgh, PA
Duquesne University



LUKE McLEARY
Group 9, Assembly 82
Saint Michael, PA
*University of Pittsburgh
at Johnstown*



AUDREY PERETIN
Group 9, Assembly 82
South Fork, PA
*Pennsylvania State
University*



COLE BAKER
Group 12, Assembly 261
Wernersville, PA
Lebanon Valley College



JORDAN KOTVAS
Group 14, Wreath 22
Canonsburg, PA
*Pennsylvania State
University*



NICHOLAS DORICH
Group 19, Assembly 227
Etobicoke, Ontario
*Toronto Metropolitan
University*



JOANNA GLUGOSH
Group 19, Assembly 227
Mississauga, Ontario
McMaster University



ADDISON KRALL
Assembly 312
Ringgold, PA
*Pennsylvania State
University
- Abington Campus*



JATHAN KRALL
Assembly 312
Ringgold, PA
Bucknell University

**KRISTA GLUGOSH
MEMORIAL – \$2,000**



AVA SZLUKA
Group 1, Assembly 162
Sparta NJ
Rutgers University

**THEODORE & MARY JANE RICH
MEMORIAL – \$2,000**



OLIVIA McLEARY
Group 9, Assembly 82
Saint Michael, PA
University of Pittsburgh



AARON KERCELL
Group 14, Assembly 16
Pittsburgh, PA
Carlow University

**THE DOCTORS LESKO
MEDICAL MEMORIAL
\$1,000**



ALLIE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
West Wyoming, PA
*Pennsylvania State
University*

EMIL SLAVIK MEMORIAL – \$2,000



ANNIKA ROMINE
Group 4, Wreath 93
Franklin, WI
*Milwaukee Area
Technical College*



TRAVIS WATKINS
Group 14, Assembly 16
Bridgeville, PA
University of Alabama

**THE YANOSICK
SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,000**



HANNAH JOZWIAK
Group 14, Wreath 22
Coraopolis, PA
*Pennsylvania Western
University*

**THE YENCHA
SCHOLARSHIP
GRANT – \$1,000**



OLIVIA TADLOCK
Group 12, Wreath 155
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota

SCS MEMORIAL – \$1,000



JOSLYN BORAH
Group 5, Wreath 153
Parma, OH
Grove City College



CHANCE BUSH
Group 5, Assembly 167
Broadview Hts, OH
Kent State University

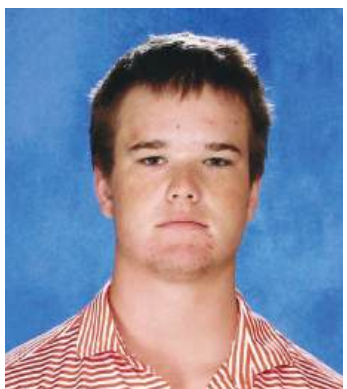


MALLORY COLLINS
Group 4, Assembly 11
Plainfield, IL
Aurora University



FAITH MYLES
Group 4, Assembly 11
North Aurora, IL
North Central College

ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRANT – \$500



ROLAND J. WILSON
Group 2, Wreath 1
Bridgeport, CT
St. Thomas High School



LORELEI WILSON
Group 2, Wreath 1
Bridgeport, CT
Duchesne Academy



KYLE PETERSON
Group 4, Wreath 93
Milwaukee, WI
St. Croix High School



TYLER SMUDZ
Group 5, Wreath 153
Parma, OH
Holy Name High School



BENJAMIN UNDERATION
Group 5, Assembly 167
Barberton, OH
St. Edward High School



JONATHAN FITZMAURICE
Group 7, Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Holy Redeemer High School



LUKE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffith, PA
Holy Redeemer High School

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT – \$250 EACH



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



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



CLAIRE SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffin, PA
Wyoming Area Catholic



JOSHUA SILINSKIE
Group 7, Assembly 86
Port Griffin, PA
Wyoming Area Catholic



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



ANDREW FITZMAURICE
Group 7, Assembly 59
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Holy Rosary



NICHOLAS MIKULA
Group 9, Wreath 14
Johnstown, PA
Bishop McCort



GABRIEL MIKULA
Group 9, Wreath 14
Johnstown, PA
Bishop McCort



NATALIE R. YURCHAK
Group 14, Wreath 85
McKees Rocks, PA
Archangel Gabriel

MINUTERS OF ASSEMBLY 59 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 annual meeting of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at the North End Slovak Citizens Club. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tony Rasimas, President.

The following officers and members were present: Tony Rasimas, President; Jennifer Kuren, Vice President; Michael Horvath, Treasurer; Pam Lipski, Secretary; Frank Lipski, Auditor; Kelly Palchanis, Historian, Amy Blasco, and Heather Horvath.

President Rasimas greeted the members and thanked them for attending this meeting.

Michael Horvath opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the 2025 annual meeting held on February 11, 2025, were reviewed. A

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jenn Kuren, 2nd by Heather Horvath. Motion passed.

Assembly Treasurer, Michael Horvath provided the 2025 financial report of Assembly 59. He reported all Assembly's banking and checking accounts, Sokol Secure fund, income, and expenses were audited by the Assembly's Auditor, Frank Lipski. The Treasurer provided a detailed report of the Assembly's income and expenses. Motion to accept the Treasurer's financial report was made by Jenn Kuren, 2nd by Pam Lipski. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Correspondence – received a written thank you from Mountaintop Sons of American Legion, Slovak Catholic Federation, City Mission, and a verbal from the NE Slovak Citizens Club.

2025 National, Group and Assembly Fraternal Events:

Twelve (12) members attended the International Bowling Tournament held.

Ten (10) members participated in Join Hands Day.

Assembly members worked at the Group 7 Sokol Day held August 31, 2025, at Plains Pavilion. Members made goulash, potato pancakes, and haluski and did the cooking, along with helping at the other sections of the event.

The Annual Assembly Golf tournament was held September 27, 2025, at the Hollenback Golf Course in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Thirty-nine (39) members and friends took part in the Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen.

The Assembly added \$260 to make a \$500 donation to the Soup Kitchen.

Motion made by Amy Blasco, 2nd by Kelly Palchanis to close Old Business of National, Group and Assembly. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 National Group and Assembly events and activities: Group 7 will sponsor the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Hockey game on April 11, 2026, in the Ice Lounge.

The International Bowling Tournament - May 15-16, 2026, at the Hollywood Casino at the Meadows in Washington, PA

The Heritage Slet – July 16-19, 2026, at Peek N' Peak Resort in Clymer, NY

The International Golf Tournament - August 7 -9, 2026 at Pocono Hills & Pocono Club, East Stroudsburg, PA

Assembly members will work and support the Annual Sokol Day on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at the Plains Pavillion. Jenn Kuren made a motion, 2nd by Frank Lipski, to provide

the snacks for the Ice Lounge

Event at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Hockey game on April 11. Motion passed.

Pam Lipski made a motion, 2nd by Kelly Palchanis, to provide \$25 to each bowler and golfer at the international tournaments and \$25 to each participant attending the Heritage Slet. Motion passed.

The date and course for the annual Assembly 59 Golf Tournament is yet to be determined.

Join Hands Day – event to be determined.

Donations:

Jenn Kuren made a motion, 2nd by Kelly Palchanis, to make the following donations:

\$100 - North End Slovak Citizens Club for use of their facility.

\$50 - Slovak Catholic Federation - St. Cyril & Methodius appeal

\$50 – Wilkes- Barre Township-children's Fishing Derby

\$50 - Mountaintop Sons of American Legion-children's Fishing Derby

\$250 – Disabled American Veterans–Charity for the 2026 International Bowling Tournament. Motion passed.

Election of Officers

All officers accepted their respective positions for the coming year.

Motion made by Jenn Kuren, 2nd by Amy Blasco, to close new Business of National, Group and Assembly. Motion passed.

The next meeting date has not been determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30 p.m. Motion made by Frank Lipski, 2nd by Heather Horvath. Motion passed.

Michael Horvath closed the meeting with a prayer.

Zdar Boh!

Respectfully recorded and submitted by

Pam Lipski

Assembly 59 Secretary



94th ANNUAL SLOVAK-AMERICAN DAY SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY MASS at 12:00 Noon

CULTURAL PRESENTATION

featuring the Tatra Slovak Dancers

- FREE ADMISSION -

CROATIAN PARK

9100 S. 76th Street, Franklin, WI 53132



MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026 ANNUAL MEETING April 16, 2026, at 3:00pm Held via teleconference

Sister Andrea M. Tadlock called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sister Tadlock called on Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC to open the meeting with a prayer.

Sister Tadlock then called on Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Museum Secretary/Treasurer Michael J. Horvath conducted the Roll Call of the Board and reported all 10 (ten) Directors were present at the meeting.

Sister Tadlock asked for the acceptance of the 2025 Museum annual meeting minutes held on March 29, 2025. The motion was made by Supreme Physical Director Dusan Dorich and seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr. Esq.

The Scholarship report was presented by Museum Secretary/Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath. He reported that (4) Four Scholarships of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand) each were awarded to Slovak Catholic Sokol members in 2025. A motion to accept the Scholarship report was made by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, seconded by Chairperson of Supreme Auditors, James Matlon and approved by the Board.

The Museum Treasurer Michael J. Horvath gave the following report: in 2025 donations to the Museum Memorial Fund were \$8,410.00 and as of December 31, 2025, the Money Market had \$17,110.92 and the Sokol Secure fund had \$12,777.77. A motion to accept the Scholarship report was made by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew HvozdoVIC, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathy Watkins and approved by the Board.

Under Old and New Business, a discussion about the Museum artifacts and the future of the Museum was discussed. Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec explained that some artifacts were given to the Czech Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for safe keeping and other artifacts were sent to the Museum of American Slovaks in the United States in Slovakia. It was suggested to have the remaining artifacts catalogued and do a video recording of them. This was made as a goal for this year by a motion made by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathy Watkins seconded by Supreme President Larry Glugosh and approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the Scholarships to be awarded in 2026 The Board decided to award four (4) scholarships in 2026. A motion was made by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Kathleen Watkins, seconded by Supreme

Physical Fitness Director, Dusan Dorich, to award 4 (four) Memorial Scholarships in 2026 and approved by the Board. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supreme President, Larry Glugosh, seconded by Supreme Chairperson of the Auditors, James Matlon and approved by the Board at 3:30pm.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC then closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael J. Horvath

Museum Board Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026, and welcomed all the members of the Board.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, offered the **Opening Prayer**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. took the **Roll Call** and the following members responded:

Supreme Chaplain	Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC
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 Counsel	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 all ten members of the Board of Directors are in attendance.

Acknowledged

President Glugosh gave his **Opening Remarks**, welcoming the Board of Directors and thanking them for their dedication to the organization.

President Glugosh informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on January 15, 2026, and published in the March 1, 2026, 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 Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock.

Approved

Brother President advised the Directors that they have

all received copies of the **2025 Directors Activity Reports** and requested a motion for their acceptance. So moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved

The Supreme President then announced the following **Committee Assignments**.

ASSIGNMENT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Michael J. Horvath, Chairperson

Larry M. Glugosh
Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
James C. Matlon

PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMITTEE

Kathleen S. Watkins, Chairperson

Dusan Dorich
Katie Swift
John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozic

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY/SELECTION COMMITTEE

Andrea M. Tadlock, Chairperson

Larry M. Glugosh
Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Dusan Dorich*
James C. Matlon*

*(Two B.O.D. Members will rotate each year)

Acknowledged

Brother President then called upon the Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., to present the **2025 Annual Financial Report of the Supreme Secretary**.

Several questions were presented and addressed in a general discussion. A motion to accept the report was made by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon. Approved

President Glugosh then asked our Supreme Secretary to give the Board an update on the **2026 1st Quarter Sales Report**.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board. President Glugosh thanked Brother Secretary for presenting the report and entertained a motion for acceptance, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdozic. Approved

President Glugosh called upon the Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon, to present the **2025 Annual Report of the Supreme Auditors**.

Brother Matlon addressed several questions and touched on the various recommendations from the Supreme Auditors to the satisfaction of the Board.

After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the Auditors' report was made by Supreme Physical Director, Du-

san Dorich, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock.

Approved

Brother President thanked Brother Matlon and called upon Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, to present the **2026 Budget Report**.

The Supreme Treasurer indicated that the Budget Committee, consisting of himself, the Supreme President, the Supreme Secretary, and the Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors met various times virtually to discuss the 2026 Budget. Brother Horvath noted that especially during these volatile fiscal times, certain numbers are always subject to change.

Brother Horvath addressed several questions to the satisfaction of the Board. A motion to accept the report was made by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, and seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift.

Approved

President Glugosh thanked Brother Horvath and called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. to present the **Legal Department Report**.

Brother Counsel updated the Board on the potential sale of the Home Office Building. Brother John shared the results of a recent appraisal of the building with the Board. Brother Counsel and Brother Secretary will continue to update the Board on any developments regarding the property.

Brother Counsel also discussed the ongoing appeal for the property taxes on the Home Office Building. Once finalized, he will petition the Board for acceptance.

Brother John then discussed the S.C.S. Policy Statement with respect to Conflicts of Interest, reminding the Directors, that the Slovak Catholic Sokol has the utmost confidence in the loyalty and integrity of its officers, directors, and employees. He reemphasized the traditional policy of the Slovak Catholic Sokol on this subject that each Supreme Officer has a signed completed statement on file. The State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance recommended that the approval of the Statement of Conflict of Interest be made part of the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting.

To comply with this request, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon, moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich.

Approved

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift.

Approved

President Glugosh then welcomed Allan Ferrone, Hause Actuaries, to present the **Actuarial Report**.

Mr. Ferrone presented the yearly report on the results of the Slovak Catholic Sokol's Annual Statement.

The Sokol assets now stand at just over ninety million.

Brother Ferrone reported on the operational results in 2025. Brother Allan indicated the Sokol still needs to find ways to lower expenses, and he went over certain areas where change can affect operations in a positive way. The Home Office and Board will continue to find ways to lower

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MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

QUARTERLY MEETING

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expenses.

A discussion ensued regarding the operational results and areas where the Sokol can improve their efforts. Mr. Ferrone answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board.

Brother President then called upon Mr. Ralph Primavera and Mr. Nicholas Cimino, of PNC Institutional Asset Management to present the **PNC Advisor's Report**.

Mr. Primavera began the meeting discussing the agenda which included a brief economic and financial market overview of 2025, expectations for 2026, and a portfolio / investment performance review. Mr. Primavera also discussed expectations for the Federal Reserve policy and the fixed income expectations.

Mr. Primavera also discussed future potential portfolio repositioning and PNC's outlook for the financial markets during these challenging times.

Brother Primavera and Brother Cimino addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook. They indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment.

President Glugosh thanked the team from PNC and called upon Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, for the **Scholarship Report**.

Sister Tadlock reported that as of March 31, 2026, we have received 41 college applications, 7 high school applications, and 9 grade school applications.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will meet in May to select the 2025-2026 recipients. Acknowledged

Brother President then called upon the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, for the **Physical Fitness Committee Report**.

Sister Watkins reported the annual meeting of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board was held virtually on January 17, 2026. Many thoughts and ideas were presented at this meeting to increase participation at our local levels.

Arrangements are finalized for the 80th International Bowling Tournament at Meadows Lanes in Washington, PA on May 15th and 16th. We will be holding this tournament jointly with the NSS and GCU.

Sister Swift and Brother Dorich updated the Board on the Heritage Slet to be held on July 16th-20th at Peek-n-Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. Look for more information on our website and social media platforms.

The 71st International Golf Tournament will be held at Pocono Club and Pocono Hills Golf Club in East Stroudsburg, PA on August 7th-9th. The applications, information letter and hole sponsorship are currently posted on our website and will be emailed to our golfers in April.

The dates, locations, and assignments for our 2026 athletic programs:

2026 Events	Host City	Dates	Staff Assignments
Bowling	Meadows Washington, PA	May 15-16	Janice Matlon
Heritage Slet	Peek-n-Peak Clymer, NY	July 16-20	TBD
Golf	Pocono Club/Hills East Stroudsburg, PA	August 7-9	Zack Manyak

The SPFB recommends the following:

1. An allotment of \$65 per bowler for the International Bowling Tournament for bowling fee, prize allotment, luncheon, and souvenir.
2. An allotment of \$65.00 per golfer for the International Golf Tournament for banquet, prize money, and souvenir.
3. An allotment not to exceed \$2,000 for the Walking Program for all related mailings, certificates and prizes.
4. One additional worker for the golf tournament.
5. An allotment of \$2000 to cover the cost of miscellaneous supplies needed for any additional events organized by the SPFB throughout the year.
6. Recommend that headquarters cover the cost of three dinners (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) and all activities associated with the 2026 Heritage Slet. Lodging, travel, golf, and any additional meal expenses shall be the responsibility of the individual.

After a lively discussion regarding all the items and recommendations, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvoz-dovic, moved for the acceptance of the report, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock.

Approved

The Supreme President then asked the Supreme Secretary for the **Donation Requests**.

1. **Slovak Catholic Federation**, Penndel, PA, request from Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, Appeal Coordinator, request for the 48th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal.
The Board recommends a donation of \$500 in support of the 48th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal.
2. **Group 4, Milwaukee, WI**, requesting a donation of

\$1,500 for three of their youth members who will be traveling to Czechia with the Mestenhauser Institute for International Collaboration in their Cross-Cultural Pathways for Young Leaders program.

The Board recommends no donation at this time as this type of request has never been approved. The Board recommends the Scholarship Committee potentially setting up a grant for a request of this nature. Approved

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

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 2nd Quarter Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 24th. He will update the Board of any changes.

Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, updated the Board on some of the volunteer and community outreach events on which we are planning. The hope is to get many of our Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths involved in these efforts.

Sister Tadlock also discussed potentially using digital marketing and AI to help better the Society's advertising and marketing campaigns.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, on behalf of the Slovak Catholic Federation, thanked the Board for the generous donation.

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

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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



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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
35th QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 7th - 10th, 2027

AT THE

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Pittsburgh, PA

Valor Clinic Foundation - Paul's House
for
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The charity of the
2026
International Golf Tournament

Donate today to help a veteran!

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- **Online** - <https://valorclinic.org/>
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- **Mail** - Send a check made out to **Valor Clinic Foundation**
 - Send to:
Andrea Tadlock
Att: Golf Tournament Charity - Valor
100 Fletcher Farm Road
Vermontville, NY 12989

Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee

Presents



103rd Annual

AMERICAN SLOVAK DAY

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

Kennywood Park - West Mifflin, PA

Our Slovak Heritage!

Slovak Day Tickets \$33.00 (Ages 4+) Flex Date Ticket - \$40
Tickets & Info: Mary Lou-412-462-1957

Slovak Kitchen Opens 12:30 p.m. Pavilion #4
(Cash Only for food purchase)
PROGRAM

Slovak Fraternal Societies – Displays – Vendors * * * Pavilion #5
Children's Activities..... 12:30pm * * Pavilion #9
Music by George Batyi & Friends..... 1 to 3:00pm * * Pavilion #4
How to Make Ceregi 2:00pm * * Pavilion #3
Greetings and Introductions..... 3:45 pm * * Pavilion #5

Mass at 4:00 pm Main Pavilion #5 Stage
with
Priests and Deacons of Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses

Slovak Folk Entertainment – Main Pavilion Stage ~ 5pm
Pittsburgh Slovaksians



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

July 2026

AMERICA 250

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Send me your Solved Search for a Chance to Win a Prize!!

If you want to win a **\$25 gift card**, send me a copy of your solved wordsearch by **July 31st**. I'll randomly select a winner from all the entries I receive. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Send your completed entry by email to vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org with your name, group, address, and email address.

Congratulations to
Carissa Hoeck
from
Group 4!
**The Winner of the
May Wordsearch**



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

July 2026

THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

Do you love reading books? If yes, then you will love this program! From July 1st to September 12th, you must keep track of the books you read and the author's name. Don't forget to ask your parents to sign your list after you finish reading each book. If you can't read on your own yet, that's okay too! You can have someone like your parents, grandparents, babysitter, or teacher read to you. Remember to choose books that interest you and are a little challenging! I will need your completed reading list by September 30th. Please don't forget to include your name, address, group number, and age so I can recognize you in the paper.

I split the groups based on how well you read books. Kids who can't read yet might have more books read to them, so they might read more. There are different prizes for different levels, and the more you read, the better the prize you can get. The following is the breakdown of award levels. Remember this when you set your reading goals!

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. Have fun reading, and good luck! Don't forget to email your completed reading lists to Andrea Tadlock - vp@slovakcatholiccsokol.org

Non-Readers

- ☛ Level 1 - 15 books
- ☛ Level 2 - 25 books
- ☛ Level 3 - 35 books or more

Early Readers

(sounding out most words)

- ☛ Level 1 - 10 books
- ☛ Level 2 - 20 books
- ☛ Level 3 - 30 books or more

Intermediate Reader

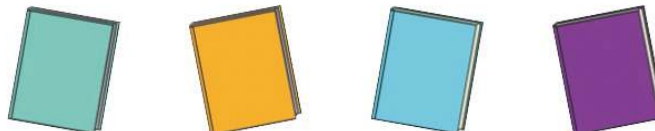
(50+ pages each book)

- ☛ Level 1 - 10 books
- ☛ Level 2 - 15 books
- ☛ Level 3 - 20 books or more

Advanced Readers

(100 + pages each book)

- ☛ Level 1 - 5 books
- ☛ Level 2 - 10 books
- ☛ Level 3 - 15 books or more



MINUTES OF GROUP 14 MEETING

Group 14 April 16, 2026 meeting was called to order by President Kathy Watkins starting with prayer and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag. Roll call found 9 Officers in attendance (one via zoom that was excused) and also noting 3 officers excused due to prior commitments. Also, found were 8 members in attendance. Food and beverages were provided before and during the meeting. Thank you Kathy and Arlene for arranging the meeting held at the Kollar Club and bringing the food provided.

Officers present were called upon to give their reports. Minutes of Group 14 October meeting were published in a previous issue of the Falcon and were accepted as read, all in favor, attributed to recording secretary excused from attending this April meeting.

Treasurer Report read by Arlene Most was found in order with current balances of checking account and SCS Secure Fund given inclusive of all receipts and expenses incurred in detail since Treasurer's Report given and dated October 28, 2025. Motion was made by Ryan Jozwiak to accept treasurer report as read, seconded by Rich Shoberg, all in favor.

Physical Fitness/Sports Report was deferred to President Watkins to give details of all upcoming 2026 International Sporting Events scheduled as follows:

International Bowling Tournament: Dates: Friday, May 15 and Saturday May 16 held at the Meadows Race Track, Washington, PA which includes other Fraternal Organizations. The bowling format has changed slightly and was approved as discussed at the Supreme BOD quarterly meeting. You can find the application and bowling fees for the bowling tournament can be found in the March 1, 2026 edition of the Falcon. Food, prizes, Chinese auction baskets, 50/50 raffle, and souvenirs will be available for everyone's fun and enjoyment. Kathy is still receiving late entries for this fun annual event.

Heritage Slet: Dates: Thursday, July 16 thru Sunday, July 19 held at Peak 'n Peak Resort, Clymer, NY. The new format of the Heritage Slet was well received and attended in 2025 that it is being held again in 2026 with Headquarters approval. The cost particulars are being recommended by the Supreme Physical Fitness Board to Headquarters to finalize all plans. Anyone interested in attending are encouraged to book their rooms early. Any questions, Katie Swift or Kathy Watkins can be contacted for any and all details. A great deal of information regarding the Heritage as well as the registration form or if using the QR form and where to email or mail all registration forms was posted in the March 1, 2026 edition of the Falcon.

Golf Tournament: Dates: Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9 held at Pocono Hills Golf Club, East Stroudsburg, PA.

Again, Kathy reported substantial information regarding these events and more in the March 1, 2026 edition of the Falcon under MINUTES OF THE 2025 SUPREME PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD MEETING.

New Business:

Honorable mention Thank you to Assembly 16 for their donation of \$1,000 towards Group 14's next food/dinner deliveries to our senior and/or members in our organization as well as in our surrounding communities. This activity has become a staple of Group 14 and will continue going forward.

Join Hands Day President Watkins continued with a reminder of the co-joined hands event held by Group 14 (Pittsburgh) & Group 17 (Youngstown) happening on Sunday, April 26 starting at 11 a.m. at Kindred Spirits Rescue Ranch, 500 Hodgson Road, Darlington, PA 16115 Two ways you can participate, volunteer or donate. Contact Katie Swift as the Group 14 contact person and Judy Babik as the Group 17 contact.

Fraternalist Of the Year was announced and published in the March 1, 2026 edition of the Falcon. President Watkins was proud to announce at this meeting that our own Arlene Most was voted and chosen as the FOTY. Well-deserved honor and she will be celebrating this award shortly in Pittsburgh on April 25, 2026. Congratulations, Arlene. Again, well-deserved.

Pirate Game – Sponsored by Group 14
Saturday, September 5 @ 6:40 pm – Free Pirate t-shirt giveaway night, \$39 pp with a \$10 voucher given for concessions. Tickets will be limited. More information will be posted on SCS Group 14 Facebook.

Next Group 14 meeting will be held in October, date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dolly, seconded by Aaron, all in favor followed by prayer led by Ann Jozwiak mentioning prayers for our deceased members and all sick members currently needing extra healing prayers.

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OF THE U.S.A.

Come to the
Summer Festival 2026
Saturday
July 11th
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Children's Games · Furniture · Books · Religious Articles · Music · Fun!

Saturday Mass for Sunday 4:30 pm

“Sokol forward”



♥ Let's Sokol Forward Together ♥

Sokol Forward, our community outreach program, is a platform that empowers Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths to make a real difference in our communities through charitable and volunteer activities. By participating, you are contributing and helping us shine a light on and support these important endeavors.

Every month, we invite Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths to share their charitable or volunteer activities with the Supreme Vice-President for a chance to be featured in our **'Sokol Forward Spotlight'**. One of these monthly submissions will be chosen and awarded \$50 to be donated to the winner's chosen charity. The winning submission will also be published in the Slovak Catholic Falcon and on our Social Media sites, giving your efforts the recognition they deserve.

Each January, we will consider all the monthly **'Sokol Forward Spotlight'** winners from the previous year for the Annual Sokol Forward Leader award. The winning Groups, Assemblies, or Wreaths will receive \$150 to donate to their chosen charity.

If you'd like to submit an entry for a monthly **'Sokol Forward Spotlight'**, please send an email to 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

We're truly looking forward to sharing and encouraging your Sokol Spirit! Zdar Boh!

Thank you for all that you do!

Andrea M. Tadlock

Supreme Vice-President



“Congratulations to our Home Office employee, Lorrie Pinck, on her 45 years of service to the Organization. Thank you Lorrie, we love you!”

94TH SLOVAK-AMERICAN DAY PICNIC

The Annual Slovak-American Day picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26 at the Croatian Park 9100 S. 76th Street, Franklin, WI.

Hot food, homemade bakery & refreshments available, including beer & soda available to purchase. Our Slovak beer, Golden Pheasant, will be in stock, too!

Complimentary golf cart transportation available at the park for the “Young at Heart”

12:00 Noon Holy Mass

1:00-2:30 p.m. – Music for dancing - The Ed Hause Band

2:30 p.m. Welcome: President Ralph Hass. Singing of the National Anthems followed by a Cultural Presentation of the Tatra Slovak.

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Children's Entertainment featuring a balloon artist and a face painter.

3:30-5:00 p.m. – Music for dancing

5:00 p.m. Raffle drawing

FREE Admission

2026 INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On May 15 and 16, 2026, our International Bowling Tournament was held at Hollywood Casino at the Meadows in Washington, Pennsylvania, just as it was last year. Also like we did in previous years, we held this tournament in conjunction with the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) and the National Slovak Society (NSS) so that members from each of the fraternal organizations were in the combined competition.

On Friday late afternoon, members who were participating in the 5:00 PM Teams event came to the bowling lanes as their captains registered. Participants also picked up this year's souvenir of a plastic shaker bottle, often used to make protein shakes or powdered sports drinks...a cool and practical idea! While bowlers and spectators were waiting for the practice rounds and competition to begin, they bought many 50-50 raffle tickets and also bought tickets for the baskets that were raffled off to benefit this year's charity organization, which was Disabled American Veterans. Proceeds and donations went directly to that organization. It was also fun to see everyone socializing with each other, catching up on life events that had occurred since the last time everyone gathered.

At 5:00 p.m., plenty of food was served including pizza, chicken tenders with all sorts of dipping sauces, and Caesar salad. This was available for several hours so that as bowlers who were participating in the 8:00 PM Teams round could also eat when they had registered upon arrival. Between the 5:00 and 8:00 sessions, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen Watkins, welcomed all bowlers. National anthems for the U.S., Canada, and Slovakia were played as each nation's flag was proudly displayed.

Supreme President Larry Glugosh also welcomed all bowlers and ended the brief ceremony by helping to

present the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. This year's recipient was Group 1 member Francis (Frank) J. Pavlica who has been a loyal and dedicated member of our organization for decades and has bowled for over 50 years. That is certainly an impressive level of dedication to both our organization and to the sport of bowling!

Overall, there were 21 men's teams total and 11 women's teams total between the two Teams sessions. Each team played three games so that the total scores of all four players in the three respective games determined the final score for each team. For the men, Perry Sokols #1 was the champion based on both scratch and handicap results. Their Scratch total was 2,508 over second place Club Lanes, whose total was 2,411. Perry Sokols #1 had a Handicap total of 3,009 over second place Here We Go!, whose total was 2,952. For the women, One Is Better Than None was the champion based on both scratch and handicap results. Their Scratch total was 1,891 over second place 2+2, whose total was 1,698. One Is Better Than None had a Handicap total of 2,290 over second place Just Here for the Snacks, whose total was 2,212. One of the most exciting parts of the night happened on an individual level for Joe Willson of the GCU who bowled a perfect game within his men's Teams event. That was really cool and impressive to witness!

On Friday, bowling wrapped up around 10:30, and some ambitious people kept the fun going with easy access to other entertainment options. This included arcade games right outside of the bowling lanes and a casino upstairs that also had great bars and restaurants as well as live music each night. Others took the walkway back to the Hyatt Place hotel, which connected directly to the casino via the parking ramp area, to get some sleep for Saturday's events.

Many participants stayed at the Hyatt Place and were able to get their Saturday off to the right start with the complimentary hot and cold breakfast that the hotel served. Whether or not people took advantage of the breakfast options, the first session of the Doubles event began at 10:00 AM so that everyone had time to fully wake up and be ready to roll, literally and figuratively! Lunch was served from 11:00-1:00 to keep everyone fueled, no matter which session they were bowling in. There were a wide variety of sub sandwiches, potato chips, potato salad, coleslaw, chicken noodle soup, and fresh cookies so that there was certainly something for everyone! Around 11:30, the raffle basket winners were drawn and given away to the lucky winners. Doubles bowling continued with the 1:00 PM session, and good spirits and camaraderie continued through the afternoon.

Overall in the Doubles competition, there were 36

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Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh(left) with Frank Pavlica, the recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award.



L-R: John Papcun, Mark Papcun, Paul Papcun and Stephen Papcun.



Gary Watkins, Bryce Watkins and Connor Swift.



Ryan Jozwiak, Matthew Jozwiak, Alex Jozwiak and Nathan Swift.



Joann Antosy, Andrea Tadlock, Patricia Latshaw, Kathleen Smolkowicz



Judy Babik, Susan Babik, Joane Bartos and Nancy Kropolinsky.



August Palchanis, Sarah Bioni, Hannah Jozwiak and Katie Swift.

MINUTERS OF GROUP 7 ANNUAL MEETING

Group 7 “Rev. Joseph Murgas” held its 2025 annual meeting on Friday, November 14, 2025, at North End Slovak Citizens Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA. A Mass to celebrate the Liturgy and remember the living and deceased members of Group 7 will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Cirba on November 30, 2025, 11AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Amy Degnan Blasco called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Amy welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending.

Father Richard Cirba opened the meeting with a prayer.

Terri Palchanis asked all to join in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Frank Lipski, Recording Secretary. There were officers present (Amy Degnan Blasco, Father Cirba, Gary Blasco, Tony Rasimas, Heather Horvath, Pam Lipski, Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis, Frank Lipski, and Jennifer Kuren; Joe Hvozdozovic Jr & August Palchanis 1 excused (Mathew Malenovich) for a total of 14 officers. There were also 6 delegates (Michael Horvath, Sue Horvath, Robert Palchanis, Robbie Palchanis, Kelci Kuren & Fr. Andy Hvozdozovic).

Amy Degnan Blasco thanked to all for participation throughout the year & described the events of 2024-2025 year-to-date which included the Annual Meeting held on Friday December 6, 2024, with Mass celebrated on Sunday December 8, at St. Robert Bellarmine in Wilkes Barre, PA., the Annual 89th Sokol Day held in Plains in August 2025. Assembly 59 Butch Hvozdozovic Memorial Golf Tournament in September, Joining Hands cleaning of North End Slovak Citizen Club. Members attended the Penguin’s Hockey Game in March 2025. Held annual flower fundraisers for Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025. Lush with a Brush mat painting in April. March 2025 Fraternalist of the Year for Marty Degnan, June Heritage Slet, July sign painting & October Halloween party in conjunction with NESCC. Upcoming events include the 2025 Christmas Flower Sale and sponsoring 2 families in need during the holiday seasons, Psanky class in November, Hockey night in March.

Minutes of 2024: The minutes of 2024 prepared by Frank Lipski were read. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared and read by all was made by Sue Horvath and seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in favor.

Correspondence: Frank Lipski reported receipt of 3rd quarter assessment on 10/13/2025 of \$1155.30

The Officer’s Reports: All reports were submitted and read by all present and since they were in good order a motion was made by Pam Lipski and seconded by Jennifer Kuren to accept the entire Officer’s Reports as submitted. All in favor.

15-minute break:

The Auditors’ Report: The auditors report was given by Gary Blasco, Joe Hvodovic Jr and Tony Rasimas. Books are in order. Motion made by Kelly Palchanis and seconded

by Kelci Kuren to accept the report as presented. All in favor

The Treasurer’s Report: Frank Lipski gave the treasurer’s report which was supported with an outline of income and expenses for the year. Balance in the checking account as of November 14, 2025, was \$6432.05 and \$17,866.13 in the Sokol Secure Fund as of 6/30/2025 for a total of \$24298.18. A motion was made to accept the report by Jennifer Kuren and seconded by Terri Palchanis. All in favor.

The Verifications Report was presented by Amy Degnan Blasco. It was verified that there were 14 officers present: 1 excused (Matthew Malenovich), for a total of 15. There were also 6 delegates for a total of 20 in attendance. A motion to accept the report was made by Kelly Palchanis and seconded by Robbie Palchanis. All in favor.

The Bonds and Salary Committee: Amy Degnan Blasco and Frank Lipski. The Bonds and Salary Report was presented by Amy Degnan Blasco. The committee reported that they saw no need to increase salaries at this time. A motion to accept the report was made by Kelly Palchanis and seconded by Tony Rasimas. All in favor

The Resolution Committee: Father Cirba, Pam Lipski and Jennifer Kuren. The Resolutions Report was presented by Pam Lipski.

RESOLVE: To remember in prayer: Pope Leo, that God Bless him in all his endeavors as Vicar of Christ.

RESOLVE: To Pray for Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton as we continue to build up the kingdom of God. We especially support through our prayers the ongoing Parish Pastoral Planning in our Diocese as we vision forward in 2026 and prepare for the challenges we will face as presented by Bishop Bambera.

RESOLVE: To Pray for our Clergy and Religious, that God grants them the strength and guidance they need in their Ministry. We especially, pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life and for those struggling in a Vocation and Prayers for healing.

RESOLVE: To work together for the growth of membership in our Group 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol.

RESOLVE To pray for the success of the holy year of hope..

RESOLVE: To acknowledge anyone observing a special occasion this year.

RESOLVE: To thank and appreciate all who helped with the preparation and participation in all the events of this year.

RESOLVE: To pray for Respect of Human Life and Religious Freedom in our Country.

RESOLVE: To encourage support and participation in all or any of the activities of Group 7’s Parent’s Club.

RESOLVE: To continue to work within Group 7 and our organization with the current officers, contributing our time and effort to the best of our ability and keep them in our Prayers.

RESOLVE: To pray for Peace in our Country and World especially in Ukraine and Middle East during these violent

and hostile times.

RESOLVE: To pray for all sick members of Group 7 who are suffering at home and/or in a health care facility.

RESOLVE: To pray for all the deceased members of Group 7.

RESOLVE: To ask for prayers as we celebrate the 250th Birthday of America. God Bless America

RESOLVE: To celebrate the consecration of the Sacred Heart in conjunction with the 250th Birthday of America.

A motion to accept the report was made by Heather Horvath and Seconded by Kelci Kuren. All in favor.

The New Motions Committee: Michael Horvath, Fr. Andy Hvozdic, Robert Palchanis & Terri Palchanis

1. Recommend that all Group 7 officers hold a four-year term coinciding with the Convention rules.

2. Recommend that a donation be given to the parish of the annual meeting Mass. Amount of \$200.00.

3. Recommend the minutes of the meeting be submitted within 90 days of the meeting (per the bylaws) to be published in the Sokol paper.

4. Recommend holding Sokol Day with all assemblies and wreaths supporting the event.

5. Recommend an annual donation of \$300.00 to the North End Slovak Citizen's Club for the use of the club for monthly meetings.

6. Recommend that the Group 7 logo be worn for all group activities.

7. Recommend that the Group Physical Director and Directress make a report at the annual meeting and include the number of participants in each program throughout the year an event is held.

8. Recommend that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to the SCS Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of all deceased members of Group 7.

9. Recommend that a donation of \$150.00 be sent to the Slovak Catholic Federation at the time of the Annual Appeal.

10. Recommend that the Group President send a letter quarterly to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors wishing them a successful meeting on behalf of Group 7.

11. Recommend that we participate in Join Hands Day.

12. Recommend supporting new events on all levels of the Slovak Catholic Sokols.

13. Recommend exploring new fundraising events for Group 7.

14. Recommend the group auditors conduct semi-annual audits to help with fiscal year compliance.

15. Recommend that a donation of \$150.00 be sent to the Sisters of Ss. Cyril & Methodius.

16. Recommend that a donation of \$125 to the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen in honor of living and deceased members of Group 7.

17. Recommend continuing to adopt a "Families in Need" for Christmas when funds are available.

18. Recommend a donation of \$125.00 to the celebrant of the Memorial Mass for living and deceased members of Group 7.

19. Recommend annual cleaning and planting at the Fr. Murgas Memorial Gravesite in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

20. Recommend moving funds from general checking account to Sokol Secure Fund when funds are available.

A motion to accept the report was made by Jennifer Kuren and Seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in favor.

The Technical Board Report: (Heather Horvath, Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis and Rob Palchanis) Kelly Palchanis read the recommendations for the upcoming year.

- To prepare and send letters to all Assemblies and Wreaths to survey the groups to determine eligible participants for the Slet.

- To send qualified participants for the upcoming Slet/ Clinic/Heritage Slet.

- To use available facilities for practices and social events, e.g., North End Slovak Club or other facilities available.

- To pay entrance fees for tournaments; continue to charge for T-shirts.

- To apply to headquarters for allotments for gymnas-

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OBITUARIES

NICHOLAS DAVID LENGYEL

Nicholas David Lengyel, 101, died at Phoebe Berks Village, on May 20 with family by his side. He is predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Sophia (2021).



Born in Pottstown, PA on November 25, 1924, Nick was the youngest child of Michael and Sophia (Mondik) Lengyel. He was a graduate of Pottstown H.S.

Nick served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany during World War II, as part of the Greatest Generation. After military service he worked as an

Electrical Designer for Gilbert Associates, Reading, for 32 years.

Nick devoted his life to God and to his family.

He enjoyed hunting at his cabin in Clinton County, PA. He loved polka dancing with Sophia, golf, casino bus trips, poker, shooting craps, and was a devoted Giants and Red Sox fan. He always put a smile on people's faces with a ready joke. He was the epitome of generosity.

Nick was a longtime member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Reading, and a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokols.

Nick is survived by son Dave and wife Diana of Zephyrhills, FL, grandchildren Sean, Victoria and Edward; son Tommy and wife Donna of Frazer, PA, grandchildren Erik, Madeline, Francesca and greatgrandson Luka; daughter Elaine and husband Chris of Meriden, CT, granddaughters Sara (Alex) and Deja, and great grandchildren Ena and Koda.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Michael and Paul Lengyel, and two sisters, Marguerite Barkasi and Anne Hovanec.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Phoebe Berks, Heartland Hospice, St Ignatius Parish and Sr. Caroline for their great care and spiritual support.

Family and friends are invited to gather on Friday, June 5, 10 a.m. at the Phoebe Berks Chapel, 1 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA, for a celebratory mass. Interment with military honors will follow at Gethsemane Cemetery, Reading.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Reading, PA.

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 48th 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 June 13, the 2026 Appeal has received \$20,874.34 from 147 donors. Among the 42 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 24, Assembly 48, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Group 2, Group 7, Group 10, Group 12, Group 17, Wreath 54 and the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$1,035.00. Donations to date have also been received from 10 churches, 17 clergy and religious, and 78 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2026 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, 2026 will be credited toward the 2027 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. Hvozdevic, 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.



48TH 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*

IN MEMORIAM

APRIL - MAY 2026

Assembly/Wreath	Name	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 11	Gary G. Krueger of Dow, IL	75	April 21, 2026
Assembly 11	Marianne Saas of Illinois	95	May 11, 2026
Assembly 11	Francis Luzbetak of Joliet, IL	95	May 13, 2026
Assembly 16	Edward J. Sardineer of Pittsburgh, PA	82	May 24, 2026
Assembly 16	Fernando Romirez of Pittsburgh, PA	89	April 26, 2026
Assembly 36	Alice R. Hausner of St. Clair, MI	92	April 12, 2025
Assembly 36	Rudolph Cepko, Jr. of Nivi, MI	90	March 25, 2026
Assembly 48	Patricia Ann Dezura of Manchestr, NH	84	March 20, 2026
Assembly 54	Dorothy Ann Stefanko	96	February 27, 2026
Assembly 59	Arthur W. Parks of Dallas, PA	77	May 30, 2026
Assembly 71	George J. Sarnecky of Oceanside, CA	89	December 23, 2025
Assembly 78	Marcia Fielden of Cheshire, CT	79	October 5, 2020
Assembly 78	Wayne Goldsmith of Saylorsburg, PA	71	May 21, 2026
Assembly 79	Michael G. Phillips of Lilly, PA	83	May 16, 2026
Assembly 82	Lawrence E. Single of Tolland, CT	94	January 23, 2026
Assembly 104	George A. Lako of Pittsburgh, PA	38	April 16, 2026
Assembly 136	Irene Kropiewnicki of Bluffton, SC	94	April 8, 2026
Assembly 136	Joseph M. Mucha of Pittsboro, IN	93	May 13, 2026
Assembly 162	Keith Hackenberg of Leonardo, NJ	79	April 19, 2026
Assembly 162	Anne Bigos of Phoenix, AZ	99	March 27, 2026
Assembly 227	Doreen A. Fedor of Ontario, Canada	89	April 2, 2026
Assembly 261	Nicholas D. Lengyel of Pottstown, PA	101	May 20, 2026
Assembly 295	Andrew Fedor of Duquesne, PA	94	May 29, 2026
Assembly 312	Stephen Rada of Pottsville, PA	66	December 5, 2024
Assembly 312	Carol A. Lepacek of Schaumburg, IL	71	March 10, 2026
Assembly 312	Cynthia Makosky of Astabula, OH	80	March 31, 2026
Assembly 312	Stefan Kozik of Peckville, PA	89	March 2, 202
Assembly 312	Dolores Ann Cheverine of Canonsburg, PA	92	March 13, 2026
Assembly 312	Edward Stefanoski, Jr. of Hazelton, PA	71	March 15, 2026
Assembly 312	Margaret Banish of Houston, PA	94	April 2, 2026
Assembly 314	Irene K. Kwiatkowski of Nashua, NH	91	February 1, 2026
Wreath 11	Mary Ann Buckholz of Kensington, CT	77	January 16, 2026
Wreath 11	Lillian Macejka of Schenectady, NY	87	May 9, 2026
Wreath 14	Maria Cunningham of Johnstown, PA	98	April 29, 2026
Wreath 14	Genevieve Borovicka of Windber, PA	104	May 11, 2026
Wreath 14	Beth Ann Fockler of Johnstown, PA	63	May 16, 2026
Wreath 15	Ruth Ann Mucha of Strongsville, OH	83	March 22, 2026
Wreath 15	Thomas E. Sankovicz of Vanderbilt, PA	84	April 30, 2026
Wreath 22	Shiela M. Verno of Munhall, PA	65	February 10, 2026
Wreath 22	Delores Roark of Weirsdale, FL	94	March 25, 2026
Wreath 22	Patricia A. Piderski of South Park, PA	79	April 28, 2026
Wreath 29	Anna Gula of Shanon, PA	97	March 12, 2026
Wreath 54	Josephine M. Klein of Warren, OH	86	May 27, 2026
Wreath 86	Monica Eschenbrenner of Torrington, CT	90	February 20, 2026
Wreath 93	Marian T. Henckel of Sheboygan, WI	95	February 21, 2026
Wreath 93	Jerome Vanek of Sun City, AZ	96	February 23, 2026
Wreath 93	Lee Yang of Eau Claire, WI	66	April 15, 2026
Wreath 93	John Thao of Stockton, CA	77	April 17, 2026
Wreath 93	Joan M. Gliniecki of Wausau, WI	86	April 22, 2026
Wreath 93	Frances Lessila of Wauwatosa, WI	92	April 29, 2026
Wreath 93	Allen D. Henricks of Marathon City, WI	90	May 23, 2026
Wreath 111	Rudolf George Kubasak of Lorain, OH	77	February 7, 2025
Wreath 111	Glenice A. Zelina of Parma Hgts. OH	84	April 5, 2026
Wreath 153	Rose E. Gasperich of N. Ridgeville, OH	87	March 18, 2026

MINUTERS OF GROUP 7 ANNUAL MEETING

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tic/track coaches.

- To continue activities within the Group such as bowling, golf tournament and to award prizes.
- To continue to encourage the Parent's Club with fundraisers for the upcoming year.
- To have all background checks updated when necessary and for all new coaches.
- For the Group to purchase props for drilling for the upcoming year, this would also include sporting equipment and first aid supplies when needed.

Motion to accept the report was made by Tony Rasi-mas and seconded by Joe Hvozdozic Jr. All in favor.

The Nominations Report was presented by Fr Andy Hvozdozic. Current officers will retain their positions for another four-year term. It is noted Matthew Malenovich has resigned his office as Physical Director.

Chaplain – Fr. Richard Cirba

President – Amy Degnan Blasco

Vice President – Terri Palchanis

Financial Secretary/Treasurer – Frank Lipski

Recording Secretary – Frank Lipski

Reporter – Pam Lipski

Auditors (3) – Gary Blasco, Joe Hvozdozic Jr., Tony Rasi-mas

Sports Director – Dawn Palchanis

Assistant Sports Direct – Heather Horvath

Assistant Physical Director – Position Open

Physical Directress – Kelly Palchanis

Assistant Physical Directress – August Palchanis

Historian – Jennifer Kuren

Motion made by Jennifer Kuren to accept the Nomina-tions report, seconded by Gary Blasco. All in favor.

Old Business: Amy Degnan Blasco – no old business.

Motion made by Jennifer Kuren, seconded by Gary Blasco to close Old Business. All in favor.

New Business: Amy Degnan Blasco

1. Hockey Night – Tentative date April 12, 2026, Pen-guins Hockey Game (set up by Home Office)
2. Families in Need for the Holidays – Donations will be made to Fr. Richard Cirba & Fr. Andrew Hvozdozic's parish families in need.
3. Parent's Club – Dawn Palchanis - Treasurer's re-port as of November 14, 2025, Balance in account is \$4209.
74. Sold Superbowl tickets
4. Psanky Class -2 classes will be on November 23, 2025.
5. Donations
6. Christmas Flower Sale – sign up by 12/1/2025 or-ders to be picked up TBD 4:45PM.
7. 2026 Annual Meeting - Date and time TBD.
8. 2026 Sokol Day Pending insurance requirements, to be researched
9. Flowers to Past Officers – will send Christmas flow-ers to past officers to brighten their day.
10. Technical Board – to look into local area activities/

fundraisers (skating party)to give back to the community and give the Group a presence.

11. Kelly Palchanis-Gave a Sports Activity Report for 2025

International Bowling Tournament had 12 participants. In-ternational Golf Tournament had 14 participants. Mike Hor-vath & Frank Lipski placed in the Super Senior Division.

Scholarship applications by 3/31/2026.

A motion to close new business was made by Jennifer Kuren and seconded by Heather Horvath. All in favor.

Good of the Order: Amy Degnan Blasco thanked every-one for helping throughout the year. Sue Horvath added special thanks to Amy for her leadership, time and patience.

Kelci Kuren made a motion to adjourn, and it was sec-onded by Dawn Palchanis. All in favor.

Fr. Richard Cirba closed the meeting with a prayer.

Zdar Boh!

Frank Lipski

Group 7 Recording Secretary

SOKOL DAY IN WILKES-BARRE, PA

Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA , will hold its annual So-kol Day from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, September 5, at the Plains Lions Pavillion on Clarks Lane, Plains Twp. The event will feature Slovak food and other picnic favor-ites, baked goods, baskets and games for all ages. All are invited to come and spend the day with Group 7 to celebrate our Slovak culture. Sokol Day is open to the public.



Pictured are members of the planning committee - from left , first row, Pam Lipski, Amy Blasco, Kelly Palchanis and Heather Horvath; second row, Frank Lipski, Gary Blasco, Tony Rasimas, Rob Palchanis, Dawn Palchanis and Mike Horvath.

2026 INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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pairings in the men's division and 17 pairings in the women's. Similar to Friday's competition, each Doubles team played three games so that the total score of both players in the three games determined the final score. For the men, George and Shane McGavitt took first place with a scratch score of 1,293. Then, for the men's handicap results, Paul and Sean Pezak took place with a score of 1,539. For the women, Mary Jo Johnson and Melanie Basl were the champions, with a scratch score of 1,027 and a handicap score of 1,261.

Singles results were determined by an individual participant's six total scores from the games they played on both Friday and Saturday, which included each person's three games in Teams competition and each person's three games in Doubles competition. There were 64 men who bowled all six games and 23 women who bowled all six games.

For the men's scratch results, George McGavitt finished in first place with a score of 1,405. Joseph Willson III was second in men's scratch with a score of 1,337, partially because of his perfect game on Friday. David Novotney finished in third with a score of 1,307. For the men's handicap results, Paul Pezak finished in first place with a score of 1,583, and George was close behind in second with a score of 1,567. Matthew Basl came in third with a score of 1,560.

For the women's scratch results, Barbara Wahal finished in first place with a score of 1,006, followed closely by Melanie Basl in second with a score of 984. Mary Jo Johnson finished in third with a score of 939. For the women's handicap results, Mary Jo Johnson finished in first place with a score of 1,275 with a notable lead over Debbie Pippel in second with a score of 1,192. Janet Mirt finished in third, just below Debbie, with a score of 1,190.

When bowling and cleanup concluded around 4:00 PM, it left many hours to head to a local church, socialize, grab dinner, and find fun events and activities without having to be a night owl! The Hollywood Casino made it easy to find great options for everyone and presented perfect opportunities for all three fraternal organizations to make new memories and laugh about all of the old ones.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year, on May 14 and 15, 2027 at the Airport Lanes in Buffalo, New York!

Janice Matlon

Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Thank You!

Dear Ms. Tadlock,

Thank you again for selecting me as a recipient of the 2026 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. I am truly honored and grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely,

Audrey G. Peretin

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol committee,

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

Sincerely,

Ava Szluka

Dear Ms. Tadlock,

Thank you again for selecting me as a recipient of the 2026 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. I truly appreciate the honor and support. Thank you for celebrating this achievement with my community.

Sincerely,

Anthony Muccioli

I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for having been chosen to receive this scholarship. This means so much to me that with this money, I can continue to pursue my degree at North Central College. I am blessed by such an amazing organization and I'm so grateful to be a part of this Slovak Catholic Sokol.

With this scholarship money, I can continue to become a registered nurse and receive a major in Psychology and minor in Public Health.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support in my education!

God bless you with every heavenly blessing!

Faith Myles



LETNÉ RECEPTY

NEPEČENÝ PIŠKÓTOVÝ DEZERT

1 kg jogurt biely
750 ml nesladená smotana na šľahanie
3 dl cukor práškový
400 g piškóty dlhé
3 PL tmavé kakao
2 bal. cukor vanilkový
kokos strúhaný
3-4 ks zrelé banány



Jogurt a smotanu na šľahanie zmiešame metličkou. Pridáme práškový cukor. Zmiešanú masu rozdelíme do dvoch misiek. Do jednej zamiešame vanilkový cukor a do druhej kakao. Každú poriadne premiešame. Na spodok väčšej hlbšej sklenej misky poukladáme 1 vrstvu piškót. Piškóty zalejeme časťou vanilkového jogurtu, poriadne posypeme kokosom a poukladáme na kolieska pokrúpané banány. Na banány poukladáme ďalšiu vrstvu piškót, zalejeme ich poriadnou vrstvou kakaového jogurtu a poukladáme znova banány. Na banány poukladáme ešte poslednú vrstvu piškót, ktorú popolievame zvyšným vanilkovým jogurtom. Posypeme kokosom a podľa chuti ozdobíme vrch ovocím. Dáme na niekoľko hodín do chladničky stuhnúť. Namiesto kakaovej a vanilkovej chuti si môžete pripraviť napríklad kávoú alebo citrónovú.

MRAZENÝ DEZERT Z ANANÁSU A JOGURTU

6 porcií

650 g zrelý ananás
20 g med
50 g cukor kryštálový
560 g jogurt grécky biely
kokos strúhaný



Ananás bez šupky a tvrdého stredu nakrájame na kúsky. Vysypeme ich do hrnca, zopár si odložíme na ozdobenie. K ananásu pridáme med a cukor. Zmes varíme, kým sa cukor rozpustí a ananás zmäkne. Potom všetko ponorným mixérom rozmixujeme a necháme vychladnúť. Po vychladnutí ananášové pyré vmiešame do jogurtu. Ochutený jogurt vložíme do plastového uzatvárateľného vrecka a dáme ho na 3 hodiny do mrazničky. Potom zmrazený ananášový jogurt nalámeme do mixéra a rozmixujeme. Rozmixovanú zmes preložíme do plastového cukrárskeho vrecka s neodstrihnutou špičkou. Vložíme ho opäť na 1 hodinu do mrazničky. Po zmrazení odstránime špičku vrecka a obsah vytlačíme do pohárov, v ktorých budeme dezert podávať. Ozdobíme kúskami ananásu a posypeme kokosom.

OSVIEŽUJÚCE OVOCNÉ POHÁRE

Ovocie:
melón červený
jahody
čučoriedky
banán
šťava citrónová
Na dochutenie:
vanilkový cukor
Na posypanie:
lupienky mandľové



Ovocie očistíme, umyjeme a nakrájame do misy na malé kocky alebo kúsky. Množstvá si zvolíme podľa vlastného rozhodnutia na základe obľúbenosti. Nakrájané ovocie posypeme vanilkovým cukrom a podľa chuti pokvapkáme citrónovou šťavou a necháme v chlade odstať, kým sa prepoja chute. Vychladené ovocie rozdelíme do dezertných pohárov. Posypeme mandľovými plátkami, ktoré môžeme vopred opražiť na suchej panvici.

ŠALÁT Z LÍSTKOV ČERVEJ REPY

listy z mladéj červenej repy
paradajky
jarná cibuľka
mozzarella



Zálievka:
2 PL extra panenský olivový olej
1 ČL sójová omáčka
1 ČL trstinový cukor alebo med
1 ČL citrónová šťava
sol'
mleté čierne korenie

Mladé lístky červenej repy umyjeme a nakrájame alebo natrháme, môžeme nakrájať aj maličké kúsky červenej repy. Pridáme nakrájané paradajky, cibuľku a mozzarellu. Olivový olej zmiešame s trstinovým cukrom alebo medom, pridáme sójovú omáčku a citrónovú šťavu, dochutíme soľu a korením. Všetko spolu dobre zamiešame.

Prečo jesť červenú repu? Lísty červenej repy obsahujú beta karotén, vápnik a železo. Červená repa všeobecne zbavuje mozog jedovatých kovov, napríklad hliníka. Je kvalitným zdrojom kyseliny listovej, vitamínu C a tiež draslíka, ktorý upravuje srdcovú činnosť, udržuje normálny krvný tlak a napomáha k správnej činnosti nervovej sústavy. Poskytuje telu kremík, ktorý posilňuje kosti, cievy i kožu. Okrem červeného farbiva, ktoré je dôležitým antioxidantom, červená repa obsahuje i vzácne stopové prvky rubidium a cézium

PODNET NA ZÁPIS PALIČKOVANEJ ČIPKY ZO ŠPANEJ DOLINY DALO SSM A OBEC

Paličkováaná čipka zo Španej Doliny pribudla v tomto roku do Reprezentatívneho zoznamu nehmotného kultúrneho dedičstva Slovenska. Predkladateľmi návrhu významného tradičného remesla s hlbokými historickými koreňmi boli Stredoslovenské múzeum (SSM) v Banskej Bystrici a obec Špania Dolina.

Paličkovanie čipiek sa na území Slovenska začalo šíriť v druhej polovici 16. storočia spolu s príchodom baníckeho obyvateľstva z nemeckých krajín do stredoslovenských banských miest. Výroba čipiek sa postupne stala významným doplnkovým zdrojom obživy rodín žijúcich v baníckych osadách, a aj preto patrí Špania Dolina medzi najvýznamnejšie slovenské čipkárske strediská.

„Rok 2025 bol rokom, keď sme spojili sily a pripravili návrh na zápis paličkovanej čipky zo Španej Doliny. Viedla nás k tomu myšlienka, že ako pamäťová inštitúcia spravujeme nesmierne bohatstvo ukryté v krásnych knepovaných čipkách. V zbierkach SSM sa nachádza viac ako 50 čipiek a viac ako 100 čipiek, ktoré sú súčasťou ženského ľudového odevu,“ priblížila etnologička Jana Koltonová.

Príprave návrhu predchádzali mesiace výskumu, dokumentácie a zhromažďovania podkladov. Na procese sa podieľala obec, Múzeum paličkovanej čipky v Španej Doline, paličkárske kluby z rôznych regiónov Slovenska i kultúrne inštitúcie, ktoré sa venujú výučbe paličkovania a aktívne prispievajú k zachovávaniu tejto tradície. Práve živé odovzdávanie znalostí a zručností ďalším generáciám je jednou z podstatných podmienok zápisu prvku do Reprezentatívneho zoznamu nehmotného kultúrneho dedičstva Slovenska.

„Spolu s nositeľmi tradície chceme ďalej rozvíjať povedomie o paličkovanej čipke zo Španej Doliny a približovať jej hodnotu širokej verejnosti. Počas leta a jesene pripravujeme sériu sprievodných podujatí a zároveň pracujeme na katalógu vybraných čipiek zo zbierok SSM, ktorý predstavíme v jesenných mesiacoch,“ doplnila vedecká tajomníčka múzea Vladimíra Luptáková. - TASR



KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Minister zahraničných vecí Juraj Blanár odmieta výroky maďarského premiéra Pétera Magyara o tom, že Maďarsko susedí samo so sebou. Vyjadrenie označil za absurdné a popierajúce históriu. „Odmietam takéto videnie ‚histórie‘. Nie, vážený pán predsedu vlády Maďarska. Vaše, a teda aj naše hranice sú jasne určené vďaka mierovým rokovaniam v Trianone po prvej svetovej vojne a opätovne potvrdené po tej druhej svetovej, kde stálo mimochodom Maďarsko na strane porazených,“ vyhlásil Blanár. Šéf slovenskej diplomacie zároveň zdôraznil, že odmieta akékoľvek spochybňovanie hraníc, územnej celistvosti či suverenity Slovenska. Doplnil, že ak majú pretrvať priateľské a konštruktívne vzťahy medzi Slovenskom a Maďarskom, má to byť bez „falošných tónov iredenty a spochybňovania histórie“. Magyar 4. júna pri príležitosti výročia podpísania Trianonskej mierovej zmluvy z roku 1920 na slávnostnom akte podotkol, že Maďarsko je „jediná krajina na svete, ktorá susedí sama so sebou“. Preto sú podľa jeho slov potrebné dobré vzťahy so susednými krajinami, čo v uplynulých rokoch nebolo vždy pravdou a dokonca bol prerušený dialóg s najdôležitejšími spojencami, Vyšehradskou štvorkou.

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