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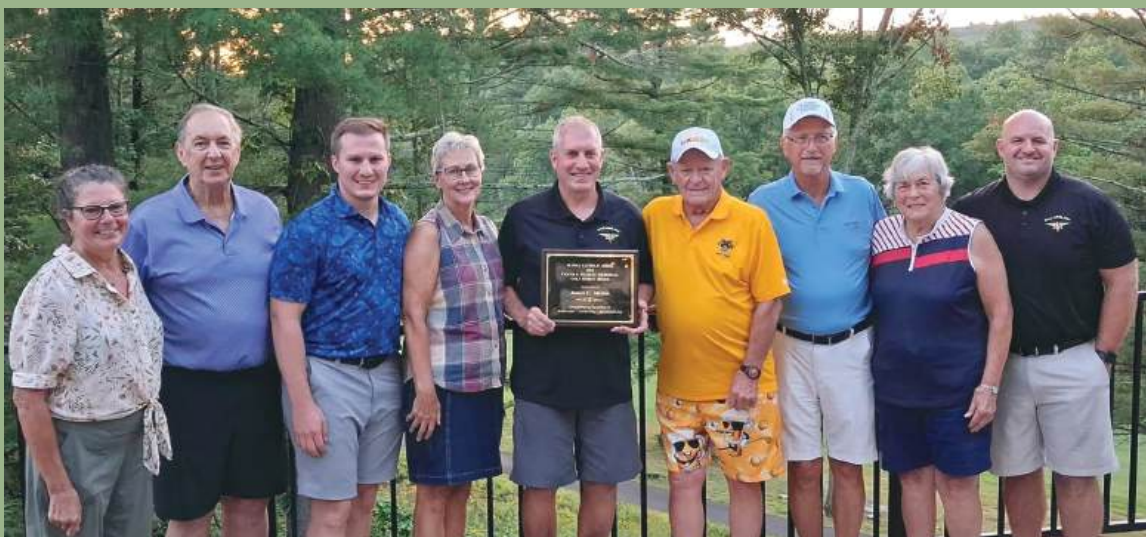
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EAST STROUDSBURG, PA – AUGUST 7-9, 2025



2026 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Award winner at the Golf Tournament, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon, with past recipients (left-right): Linda Frank, Steven M. Pogorelec, Sr., Kevin Matlon, Claire Matlon, James C. Matlon, Robert Palchanis Jr., Stephen Papcun, Loretta Smith, and Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec.



MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH

It often seems like the year is moving so quickly when the month of September arrives. We hope the summer has been enjoyable and you were



able to participate in some of our fraternal benefit events and programs like our Heritage Slet, which our society promoted and sponsored. As you read on our Facebook page, the long weekend event was

filled with many fraternal activities and the 60 participants really enjoyed their time together at the Peak and Peek resort. Our thanks to our leaders on the Supreme Physical Fitness board who worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful fraternal and spiritual event. Special thanks to our Supreme Directress, Katie Swift and our Supreme Director, Dusan Dorich for all of their pre-event planning, marketing and communication, which helped the overall program.

More recently our 2026 golf tournament was held in East Stroudsburg PA at the Pocono Hills golf course and based on the initial feedback, it was a great weekend of sportsmanship and friendship. This year we had 65 golfers participate and my congratulations to our various flight winners and a special congratulations to our Frank Petruff memorial sports award winner, Brother James Matlon from S-24 Boonton, NJ. He has been an active participant in our golf program for many years and is a deserving and worthy recipient. A special thanks to our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathy Watkins and her entire staff for running a successful golf tournament. Even though the weather was not ideal, it did not diminish the weekend spirit and fraternalism, which is a tribute to their contributions and overall effort. We would also like to thank our Supreme Chaplain Father Andrew S. Hvozdozovic who once again performed mass on Saturday night to fulfill our Sunday obligation.

By now, many of our youth have returned to school and this includes our 2026 Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship winners. We 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. You can also use the opportunity to participate in our Sokol Forward program. It has been great to see so many of our members get involved in this worthwhile program and give back to their local communities.

Later this month, the AFA annual meeting will be held in Washington DC. This annual event focuses on education and awareness in the fraternal benefits industry. Brother Scott will be representing our society, since I cannot attend but I am sure he will gain some healthy insight that will help charter our organization. It is also a good networking opportunity to meet with our fellow fraternal leaders and discuss ideas for the betterment of our society. However, I will attend the next meeting for the Slovak Catholic Federation in Youngstown, OH. This meeting will continue to focus on ways to increase awareness and membership for the society. I am looking forward to participating in their deliberations, as a proud member of their executive board.

In a few weeks, we will host our Q3 Board of Directors meeting on October 24th in Pittsburgh PA. This meeting is being combined with our Group Presidents meeting, which will enable us an opportunity to discuss the performance of our society and present ideas and gain input for our Quadrennial Convention next summer. We will host our meetings at the same hotel as we are using for our Convention,

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



LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS



As the summer months come to an end and we transition into autumn, this is always a suitable 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 most of our membership is under insured, but we can fix that. If you have any questions and need assistance, please contact our 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!

We were happy to see all the smiling faces that attended the Heritage Slet in July at Peek 'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. A special thank you to our Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, our Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, and all who had a hand in planning and executing this wonderful fraternal event.

Congratulations to all our flight winners at the recent 71st International Golf Tournament held in East Stroudsburg, PA. 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 2026 Frank S. Petruff Award winner, James C. Matlon, from S-024, Boonton, NJ.

As we can all agree, Brother James is most deserving of this special award for his life-long service to our organization. Congratulations Brother Jim!

Brother President and I are extremely excited for our Group Presidents Meeting to be held on October 24, 2026, in Pittsburgh, PA, at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. This important meeting will be held in-conjunction with our 3rd Quarter Board of Director's Meeting. Among the many items that will be up for discussion will be our 35th Quadrennial Convention, which will also be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. We will be diving into our Board Governance and look forward to hearing from all our Group Presidents. We look forward to this being a productive meeting and giving everyone a feeling of teamwork upon completion. As I have said before, we are all in this together, and we need the help of our local leaders and members to strengthen our wonderful organization.

Speaking of the Convention, we are less than one year away! You will be hearing more about this important event over the next few months. Once again, we will be putting together a "Convention Menu" on our website that will have all pertinent information easily accessible. We are all looking forward to getting together in Pittsburgh!

I know that there are many local Assembly/Wreath functions planned for the Fall Season. I urge all our Assembly and Wreath Officers to announce the event in our publication and to follow up after the event with brief articles and photos. It is important for everyone in our organization to see and hear from our active local lodges.

Until next time, all the very best to our youngsters on a new school year and God Bless to All!

Stay safe, stay strong,
and STAY POSITIVE!
Zdar Boh!

SOKOL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

GROUP 11 ANNUAL MEETING in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Hosts for the meeting will be Assembly 34 and wreath 47. Mass will be offered at the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 1315 Second Street NE at 9:00 am. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am in Father Dargay Hall in the basement. All delegates and guests from Minneapolis and Duluth/Superior Wreath 21 and Ironwood, Michigan Assembly 155 are requested to register with the Group Secretary by October 11th, 2026 group11slovakcatholicsokol@gmail.com

Doreen Genosky
Secretary Group 11

"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 **NOVEMBER 1, 2026**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **OCTOBER 22, 2026**.

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

Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdo vic

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW

Patroness of Slovakia

On September 15, Slovaks across the world honor their patron saint, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows. This holiday is not only a celebration of faith but a testament to the deep roots that bind Slovaks to their homeland. Let's explore the significance of the Marian Cult in Slovakia and why Our Lady of



Sorrows has been a source of comfort and strength for centuries.

The Feast of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows commemorates the Virgin Mary's resilience and pain, as she endured unimaginable suffering throughout her extraordinary life. The Holy See officially proclaimed her the patron saint of Slovakia in 1927, but Slovaks' devotion to Our

Lady of Sorrows goes back much further. In their darkest moments, from brutal wars to pandemics, Slovaks have turned to her for solace and protection.

Slovakia, a nation forged through centuries of religious, social, and political upheaval, has always found hope in the figure of the Virgin Mary. She reminded Slovaks that God had not forsaken them and that they were never alone in their suffering. The Marian devotion that began centuries ago continues to offer strength and unity to Slovaks today.

The Cult of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows began in Eastern Christianity in the 4th century and spread to the West during the Middle Ages. By the 11th century, churches dedicated to her appeared across Europe, and in 1727, her feast day was universalized by the Catholic Church. Since 1913, it has been celebrated annually on September 15th.

In Slovakia, devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows grew after the Mongol invasion in the 13th century and surged during the Ottoman occupation in the 16th and 17th centuries. The oldest shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows dates back to 1245, a powerful testament to the enduring nature of the

Slovak faith.

At the heart of this devotion is the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in Šaštín, a pilgrimage site that has drawn countless worshippers for over 450 years. The basilica is home to a miraculous statue of the Virgin Mary, which was installed by Countess Angelika Bakič in the 16th century, in gratitude for an answered prayer. In 1732, after a series of miraculous healings and mysterious lights surrounding the chapel, the statue was officially declared miraculous, leading to the construction of the grand basilica we know today.

For centuries, pilgrims have flocked to Šaštín, seeking comfort, healing, and hope. The annual national pilgrimage held on September 15th is one of the most important religious events in Slovakia, drawing thousands of worshippers from around the world.

The significance of Our Lady of Sorrows extends beyond Slovakia. In 1995, during Slovakia's turbulent transition from communism to democracy, Pope John Paul II visited Šaštín. His Mass, attended by over 400,000 pilgrims, offered hope to a country finding its place in a new democratic Europe.

Most recently, in 2021, Pope Francis followed in his predecessor's footsteps, visiting Šaštín during the global COVID-19 pandemic. His visit, like that of John Paul II, underscored the enduring relevance of Our Lady of Sorrows as a beacon of hope during times of global suffering.

As Slovaks gather at shrines across the country today, they honor an unwavering devotion that has stood the test of time. The Feast of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows is more than just a national holiday, it is a symbol of Slovakia's resilience, faith, and the enduring power of its heritage.

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Get quick updates on the latest events going
on in our organization



71ST INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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If you're reading this, it's because you want to hear about the 70th SCS Golf Tournament. Congratulations! You're in the right place to do just that. The following information is based on true events that happened between the days of August 7th and August 9th.

It all started on August 7th in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, better known to the locals as the "Heart of the Poconos." Golfers from all around the northern continent heeded the call and began to gather in this historic, charming borough.

I arrived early evening after a long and arduous journey in my trusty 2017 Mazda3. After checking into the luxurious Holiday Inn Express & Suites, I headed over to the famed Pocono Hills Golf Club to help set up the welcome party. Some golfers were out practicing earlier that day, most likely in hopes of planting their golf balls in strategic locations to knock off a stroke or two. Unfortunately, Mother Nature took notice and put a stop to that sort of debauched activity. The sky opened up and it poured, forcing the golfers to end their practice round early. Thankfully, they were able to roll right into the welcome party thrown by the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.

A lot of familiar faces milled around, greeting each other and swapping pleasantries and stories of old. One topic stood out to me in particular that night: everyone was talking about how close we were to the Delaware Water Gap. As the evening went on, members eagerly chowed down on the hors d'oeuvres laid out by the wonderful staff of the golf course, feasting on pigs in a blanket, meatballs in sauce, and a variety of veggies, fruit, and cheese. It was truly an amazing spread. Once hospitality was over, we moved the get-together back to the hotel. They were kind enough to let us take over a small area reserved for electric cars — I can only assume it was because our energy was so electric. There was a cornhole and lots of catching up with friends we hadn't seen in a year.

The following day, Saturday, August 8th, is where the real magic began to happen. We had a total of 60 golfers, all raring and ready to go. SCS Sports Director Kathy Watkins, Assistant Sports Director Robert R. Palchanis III, Andrea M. Tadlock, and I waited for the golfers to arrive and register for the weekend. Upon registration, the golfers received a state-of-the-art golf multitool souvenir. They also had the opportunity to sign up for closest to the pin and longest putt, but most of the golfers had already signed up the night before. At 8:00 a.m., the golfers were given their instructions and drove off in their carts to their specific holes for a shotgun start. As the sun rose higher in the sky, the weather became warmer, and it was perfect for a day of golf. We were graced with the presence of a few notable board members: Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, Auditor Edward Bajus, Treasurer Michael J. Horvath, Physical Director Dusan Dorich, Physical Fitness Board Member Christopher J. Antosy, Jr.,

and Chairperson of the Auditors James C. Matlon. It was as if the gods of Olympus had come down to join in on the festivities of this wonderful sport.

The day was going swimmingly when, all of a sudden, the sky opened up once more. All of the golfers were forced to come into the clubhouse to seek shelter from the onslaught of rain and thunder. When it cleared up a few hours later, the golfers were able to finish their remaining holes. Once the golfers had completed their round for the day, they were invited to attend the banquet in the pristine banquet hall. Mass started at 4:30 p.m. and was held by our Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic. After the ceremony, he blessed our meal, and the national anthems of the United States, Canada, and Slovakia were played. Then it was time to eat. Dinner was served at 5:30 p.m., catered by the talented chef at Pocono Golf Club, and everyone raved about the food. At one point, the Michelin Guide came to review the food, but we had to turn them away. The buffet included chicken, pulled pork, mac and cheese, steamed veggies, and much more. After dinner, Kathy Watkins introduced all the Supreme Officers present, as well as some other notable and important figures in this organization. This short list includes a few of the names she mentioned: Honorary Officer Steven M. Pogorelec, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, Vice President Andrea M. Tadlock, Chairperson of the Auditors James C. Matlon, Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, Auditor Edward Bajus, Physical Director Dusan Dorich, Physical Fitness Board Member Christopher J. Antosy, Jr., and Physical Fitness Board Member Zack Manyak (the illustrious narrator of this report).

Kathy continued with a few winners of the day's challenges. The fanfare was contagious when Mark Popik was declared the winner of closest to the pin and Steve Pogorelec Jr. was named the winner of longest putt. Following that excitement, Kathy Watkins introduced some former Frank S. Petruff Memorial Golf Sports Award winners to help her present this year's award to a real man of genius, James C. Matlon! Here's to you, Mr. Commitment! Your dedication to the SCS organization does not go unnoticed. The evening continued with great conversation and laughs, everyone catching up with those they hadn't seen in a while. It was a wonderful night full of laughs and smiles, and the same electricity carried through when everyone returned to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites electric vehicle parking spots. With stomachs and hearts full from the night before, the golfers had one more outing scheduled. At 7:00 a.m., the golfers were ready for round two! Today the golfers switched courses to play at Pocono Hills. The weather was phenomenal, no rain in sight, just the warmth of the sun on everyone's backs. Golfers finished around 2:00 p.m., grabbed a bite to eat, and hit the road to head home.

After the dust settled, we found two additional win-

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

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 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 24, 2026, and greeted all the members of the Board on the call.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, 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 Chaplain..... Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic
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 are in attendance. Acknowledged

President Glugosh informed the Board that they all have received the from our last Board meeting held on April 16, 2026, and published in the July 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 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 2026 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 General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr. Esq.

Approved

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

port.

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

The team from PNC addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and Mr. Primavera indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment.

Brother President thanked our team from PNC and called upon our Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, for the **Physical Fitness Board Report**.

The 79th Annual Bowling Tournament was held on May 15th & 16th in Washington, PA. The Slovak Catholic Sokol had a total of 68 members participating and a total of 135 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 Frank J. Pavlica, from Clifton, NJ.

The 2026 Golf Tournament will be held at Pocono Club Golf Course in East Stroudsburg, PA from August 7th-August 9th. We have already received 35 applications for the annual event and are expecting over 70 participants.

Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, and Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, also updated the Board on the Heritage Slet to be held on July 16th-20th at Peek N' Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. We are currently expecting close to 60 participants.

President Glugosh thanked Sister Watkins, Sister Swift, and Brother Dorich for their report and entertained a motion to accept, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock, 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 and the most recent property tax appeal.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, President Glugosh entertained a motion to approve the report, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S.

Hvozdivic, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath. 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, 2026.

The winner's photos appeared in the July 1, 2026, 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 20 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grant, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grant, 1 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, 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants, and 9 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 2026.

President Glugosh called for a motion to accept the report submitted by Sister Tadlock, so moved by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift. Approved

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

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 3rd Quarter Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, in Pittsburgh, PA, and will be held in conjunction with our Group President's Meeting.

Sister Tadlock updated the Board on the Board Governance Committee, in which she will Chair, for the upcoming 35th Quadrennial Convention. 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 Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, offered the **closing prayer**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Zdar Boh!

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT

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so our local leaders and national officers can become familiar with the facilities. Our objective is to 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. Our governance committee will also participate in our weekend meeting and will look to gain input and offer their thoughts on the future of our society. We are all looking forward to the opportunity to come together and build our future together, for all of our members, children and grandchildren.

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.

2026-2027

GROUP 12 SCHOLARSHIP

The Group 12 Scholarship Committee is happy to announce the winner of the 2026-2027 Group 12 Scholarship:

Matthew Cunningham – Assembly 48, University of Pittsburgh, Business

Congratulations Matthew! The Group 12 Officers and the Scholarship Committee Members wish you continued success in your educational pursuits.

The Group 12 Scholarship Committee

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. MARTIN'S DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2026

SPONSORED BY: SCS GROUP 2

Mass @ 10:00 a.m. at

Holy Name of Jesus RC Church,

1950 Barnum Avenue

Stratford, CT 06615

Telephone: 203-375-5815

Luncheon reception and music. following the Mass at

Bin 100 Restaurant HGV

100 Landsdale Avenue Unit Z

Milford, Ct 06460

More information: 203-882-1400

Tickets are \$60/ person/ all inclusive, tax and tip and must be purchased in advance by contacting: Judy Nist @ 401-741-6693 (c). You may leave a message or text regarding the event. Checks may be mailed to Judy Nist, 7 Linwood Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891.

Come and enjoy a wonderful day celebrating Veterans and remembering Group 2 past president Eileen Salamon Wilson.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS OF 06/30/26

ASSETS	2026
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,188,911
Investments - Bonds & Bills	81,012,226
Investments - Stocks	4,880,934
First Mortgage Loans	488,956
Loans on Certificates	527,813
Accrued Interest Receivable	689,492
Sokol Building/Land	338,453
Accounts Receivable	34,363
Due From Groups	-
Aggregate Write-Ins	1,094,255
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 90,255,403
 LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	 2026
Life Reserves	\$ 76,105,812
Asset Valuation Reserve	1,223,860
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	1,470,935
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,318,532
Reserve for Convention	170,000
Claims Payable	247,673
Conversion - Canadian Currency	5,020
Accounts Payable	62,000
Sokol Secure Fund	1,200,172
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	12,359
Aggregate Write-Ins	34,469
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 85,130,532
 Adjusted Unassigned Funds	 \$ 5,719,197
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$ 90,255,403

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME	2026
Investment Income	\$ 1,635,971
Amortization of IMR	(37,332)
Dividends on Stocks	85,013
Interest on Mortgages	1,151
Interest on Certificate Loans	20,053
Sale of Cookbooks	154
Rent Received - Sokol Building	55,360
Life Premium Income	736,628
Annuity Income	890,000
Scholarship Income	-
Miscellaneous Income	3,106
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,390,104
EXPENSES	2026
Death Benefit Claims Paid	646,478
Interest Expense	30,299
Fraternal Expenses	253,101
General Expenses	379,646
Employee Retirement Expenses	174,828
Commissions	54,582
Annuity Benefits	2,497,671
Taxes & Fees	28,402
Reserve Increase	(675,000)
Cash Surrenders	189,228
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,579,235
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (189,131)

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 Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC
 Supreme Secretary
 Slovak Catholic Sokol

2ND ANNUAL HERITAGE SLET

JULY 16–19, 2026 – PEEK’N PEAK RESORT, CLYMER, NY

Wow, just wow! The 2nd Annual Heritage Slet was a great success. This family event for all ages encompasses the traditions, fraternalism and ideals that our founding fathers wanted to see our members carry into the future. I am so proud to be part of the team that still cherishes our traditions and youth. The Heritage Slet has taken aspects of our past International Slets and has built on these traditions,

morals, and fraternalism while creating an even more successful event. This year did not disappoint. We had over 60 participants participating in more than 14 activities.

Our theme for this year’s event was Christmas in July. Participants joined in activities including mass, opening ceremonies, team building games, family activities, golf scramble, minigolf tournament, paintball, bible trivia with

morning worship, cornhole tournament, pool fun, adventure ropes course, cookie decorating, Slovak Christmas ornament design, calisthenics, closing ceremonies, karaoke, bingo, talent show, and some down time at the nightly firepits.

Supreme Chaplain Father Andrew HvozdoVIC opened our 2nd Annual Heritage Slet with a cheerful welcome and mass. Supreme Director Dusan Dorich and I welcomed all participants and thanked everyone for being there and keeping our heritage alive. Directly following opening ceremonies all the participants were mixed in different teams to allow each participant to mingle no matter the age or group. They competed in a movie trivia, Christmas song style ‘name that tune’ and then each team had to build a santa workshop from a bag of supplies.

Friday morning started with a bible trivia that even stumped our Supreme Chaplain! Yes, I am bragging that I stumped Father Andy! Directly following, everyone went in different directions either participating in a minigolf tournament or morning social. Due to environmental issues with the Canadian Wildfires, it was suggested that we stay indoors. The skies opened in the afternoon and we were able to participate in Paintball, pool fun and gather together.

Friday evening was the 2nd annual SCS Cornhole tournament. Reigning champions from last years competition were partnered up once again! From Group 14, Rich Walkowiak and from Group 12, Megan Antosy, went head to



head with many competitors. Something special about this tournament is that your partner is randomly chosen. Personally, I love this evening because it truly allows our fraternalism to shine. We have 14 year olds matched with 70 year olds while playing against 40 years olds. AMAZING!

Saturday morning brought many different events. We started with a short morning worship followed by participants heading to the high ropes course or bingo and gathering around 1:00 again for cookie decorating, Slovak ornament design and bingo for the kids.

Saturday evening concluded with a closing ceremony and mass. Bryce Watkins and Connor Swift performed a drill exhibition they choreographed to the song Night Begins to Shine followed by Chris Antosy and Tripp Antosy performing the drill to John Wick. Everyone then participated in the traditional Mass Drill of Chariots of Fire. Directly following the closing ceremonies, we had a Christmas in July celebration where we participated in a 'secret santa' gift exchange, karaoke, talent show and dancing.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Golf Scramble:

Glen Kramer, Ed Bajus, Adam Dorich and Rob Palchanis

MiniGolf: Senior Division

1st Place Chris Antosy with a

2nd Place Ed Bajus with a 52

Junior Division

1st Place Jillian Bajus with 53

2nd Place Sophia Mejia with a 55

Hole In One Winners:

Tony Rasimas Rita Palchanis Connor Swift Jordyn Bajus Josh Bajus

Cornhole:

1st Place Victor Mejia and Colin Swift

2nd Place RJ Trimble and John Papcun

A special THANK YOU to Joanne Bartos and Wreath 54 for donating the Heritage Slet Souvenir cups, Kelly and Dawn Palchanis for donating the Naughty/Nice Christmas gift koozies, the Blasco Family for donated beverages in memory of our Marty Degnan, Wreath 22 and Group 14 who donated snacks and beverages, and to all the Groups that sponsored their members.

At the end of the weekend, we are very happy to report new friendships, memories and traditions that have been created for a lifetime.

We look forward to building this event each year and continue to keep the Slovak Catholic Sokol as the greatest fraternal.

Zdar Boh,
Katie Swift
Supreme Directress



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY 227/GROUP 19 – TORONTO, CANADA

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 19 and Assembly 227 annual meeting was held on Saturday, May 2, 2026. There was a total of 10 members present. Everyone received a copy of the individual reports from the local officers.

Sister Kristen (Popik) Plevoets opened the meeting with a prayer reflecting in potential success of the meeting and praying for all our Sokol members especially remembering those who have passed away since our last meeting both locally and internationally.

Group President Diane Cincar gave opening remarks and asked everyone to review the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes provided by Sister Diane and gave opportunity for any comments or corrections. After some discussion and reflection over the minutes, they were approved by Larry Glugosh and 2nd by Dusan Dorich.

Sister Diane asked everyone to review the 2026 agenda provided by Brother Larry Glugosh. After some discussion the 2026 agenda was approved by Steve Glugosh and 2nd by Mark Popik

Following the 2026 agenda review, the individual group leaders presented their annual 2024 reports based on the activities from 2024 and 2025.

Reports/Comments

- President – Diane Cincar
- Vice President – Steve Glugosh
- Sports Director – Ed Bajus Jr
- Physical Director – Steven Popik
- Physical Directress – vacant
- Group Treasurer – Larry Glugosh
- Group Secretary – Kristen Popik

Report from Diane Cincar – Group President

Sister Diane asked all the members to read the Group President Report. Highlighting the events that the group has held over the past 2 years and all the international events the group has attended such as the Golf tournament and the Heritage Slet. Also mentioning the loss of 5 Group 19 members since the last meeting. The report was approved by Larry Glugosh and 2nd by Adam Dorich

Report from Stephen Glugosh – Group Vice President

Brother Stephen extended greetings to everyone and praised the Group 19 members for staying active in the community and attending international events. He acknowledges that participation is becoming more challenging, but we need to stick with it and keep our society alive. The report was approved by Jillian Bajus and 2nd by Nicholas Dorich

Report from Ed Bajus Jr - Sports Director

Brother Ed Bajus reported about the 70th international

golf tournament: 8 group members from group 19 were in attendance. At the 79th international bowling tournament: no group 19 members were in attendance. At the 1st Heritage Slet: 8 members from group 19 attended. The Group 19 local golf tournament was held on June 21st, 2025 at Cambridge Golf and Country Club, there were 57 golfers in attendance, 53 adults 4 kids. Thank you to Diane, Steven, Mark, John Tutko, Adam Dorich for help with running the event and participating as well as Dusan & Kristen. In keeping with Group 19 goal to support a charity every year, the golfers wore red to support Heart and Stroke Foundation. It is a very worthwhile charity and the golfers donated and raised \$1000. The other local fundraiser in collaboration with sports was the super bowl squares where group 19 raised \$1000 for the group. After some discussion, the report was approved by Kristen Popik and 2nd by Larry Glugosh

Report from Steven Popik - Physical Director & Mark Popik Assistant Director

Brothers Steven and Mark commented about having a good time at the Heritage Slet and although it is something new they encouraged everyone to attend the event this year.

After some discussion, the report was approved by Steve Glugosh and 2nd by Dusan Dorich.

Report from Larry Glugosh – Group Treasurer

The report included all the financials for Group 19 /Assembly 227 ending December 31, 2025. Brother Larry stated we are in good financial standings as of December 31, 2025. He indicated that we received quarterly assessments, individual and event contributions throughout 2025 which increased the current balance for the group. He mentioned that since there is no more Slet fee and therefore is potential to spend the money at the golf tournament or other fraternal events, will be discussed again in new business.

After a discussion with the members, the report was approved by Ed Bajus and 2nd by Adam Dorich.

Remarks – Supreme Officers

Dusan Dorich / Ed Bajus / Kristen Popik/ Larry Glugosh

The following topics were discussed: Difficulty with communications and getting people to attend events and even the group meeting was rescheduled multiple times due to lack of available attendance, not just a local problem but also international problem. The effort of trying to get more people involved must continue both at a local and international level. The heritage slet (tried to find an alternative location but price and location was not matched). The traditional slet is no longer manageable and this is the new norm we must adjust to. There was a

great turn out last year with 77 participants, great to see the people from different groups and all age groups interacting and having fun together. They encouraged participation for this year, approximately 70 people confirmed attendance so far, Friday, Saturday and Sunday dinner and all activities will be paid for by the home office. Helping mitigate the cost for the participants.

Brother Ed Bajus informed that audit went well and the sale of building is still in the talks.

Sister Kristen Popik informed of new last name but would like to go by Popik

Brother Larry Glugosh thanked everyone for attending. Reminiscing about the way things were, with the large Slet numbers and how it is sad to see the new slet model but hopes that involvement will continue to grow but acknowledges it is an aging society. Brother Larry also noticed a big difference being on the Supreme board this time around compared to the last time and encouraged everyone to keep supporting the group and keep coming out to events and bring their families/friends with them.

Following these reports, we discussed any and all old business. These updates included our local events, fraternal events for the group including our involvement and participation with the local events that had not yet been discussed during the meeting. The 2025 Communion Breakfast took place September and many members helped organize and attended the event. Many members thanked Brother Larry for organizing the 2025/6 Super Bowl fundraiser.

Next, the group discussed any and all new business. As stated earlier, the Heritage Slet will take place July 16-19th. Brother Ed informed the members the 2026 Group 19 Golf Tournament will be on June 6th so far 64 golfers are registered and has been the biggest turn out yet. Players are asked to wear green shirts and will raise money for mental health. The international golf tournament will be held on Aug8-10th and currently 7 group members have registered to attend the event. The 2026 SCS Scholarship Program submissions were sent in and will be reviewed by the board this week. The 2026 Bowling Tournament – May 15 -17th in Washington PA and the 2026 Golf Tournament – August 7 - 9th in Stroudsburg PA. Today is join hands day and we collected canned goods that will be donated to the local food bank.

With no further business on hand, Group President Diane Cincar thanked to all the members that took the time to attend and be present today a motion to adjourn the meeting was presented approved by Larry Glugosh and 2nd by Steve Glugos.

Sincerely,
Kristen Popik Plevoets
Group 19 Secretary

Zdar Boh!

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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 comes to mind, take a moment to go online and 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 30, 2026. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving member at <https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/foty.asp>

Fraternally yours,

Andrea M. Tadlock

Supreme Vice-President



Nov. 1, 2026
Sunday, 12p.m.-4p.m. Cathedral of Learning
1st Floor, University of Pittsburgh (Oakland)

- ▲ **Ethnic Food**
Klobasa, halushki, holupki, pirohy, pastries, and more!
- ▲ **Cultural Displays and Lectures**
- ▲ **Slovak and Eastern European Vendors**
Crafts, gifts, baked goods, and fun!
- ▲ **Musical and Folk Dance Performances**

SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Pittsburgh, PA

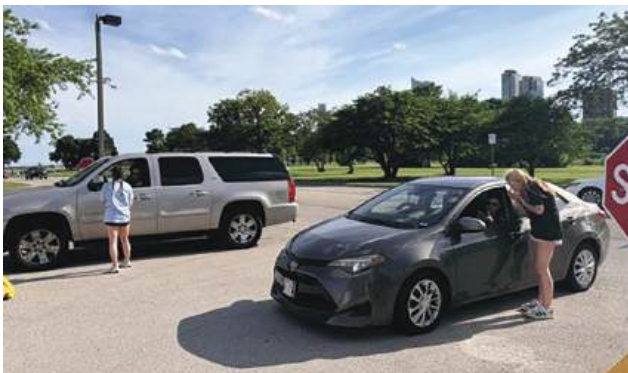
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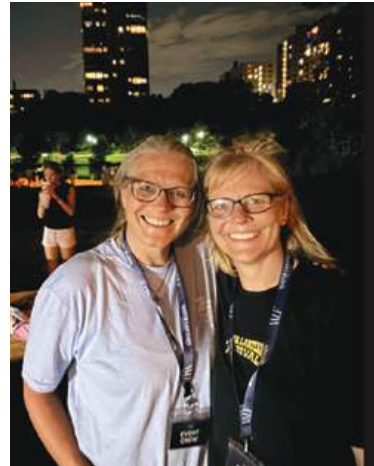


A proud contestant David Smeriglio a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, NJ competed on Sunday, July 19, 2026 in Lake Placid NY the Ironman Triathlon, which featured a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. Finished time was 14 hours and 52 minutes later.

THE MILWAUKEE LANTERN FESTIVAL

The Milwaukee Lantern Festival is an annual event that honors the theme of “everyone has a story”. People from all over come to enjoy a night of inspiration and then decorate a lantern (in memory of, in celebration of, or to inspire others). Group 4 volunteers annually to help from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. (yes you read that right). We set up from scratch, run the booths and parking lots and check in and then help retrieve the lanterns at the end of the night. It’s always a joy to volunteer for our community and also read the many stories of people.





Thank You!

Supreme Secretary Pogorelec and Board Members,

Thank you for recognizing me as a recipient of the Abbot Jerome M. Koval grant.

As my high school years come to a close, I will continue to represent the SCS in the next chapter of my life.

Your support is greatly appreciated. – RJ Wilson, STHS Class of 27

Supreme Secretary Pogorelec and Board Members,

Thank you for recognizing me as a recipient of the Abbot Jerome M. Koval grant. This recognition supports me in excelling in all that Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart offers.

Thank you. – Lorelei Wilson, Duchesne Academy Class of 28

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarship. I am truly honored and grateful for your generosity and support.

This scholarship will be applied toward my tuition at the University of Alabama, where I am majoring in Business Marketing. Your investment in my education is greatly appreciated and will help me work toward achieving my future goals.

Being a member of Slovak Catholic Sokol has taught me the importance of faith, family, heritage, and community. It means a great deal to receive this recognition from an organization that has played such an important role in my life. Sincerely, Travis Watkins

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous scholarship support. I am grateful for your invest-

ment in my education and appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I am writing to acknowledge that I have received the scholarship funds. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help me continue pursuing my educational goals. Zdar Boh! Sincerely, Chance Bush

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I can not express how grateful and honored I am to be selected as a recipient of the John J. Yanosick Memorial Scholarship. Thank you so much for your generosity and the support as I continue my journey, earning my master's degree in Educational Leadership.

I am passionate about creating positive changes in education, advocating for students and families, while also supporting educators as they work to help students succeed.

Thank you again in believing in my goals and for making this next

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Group 2 held a memorial Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Stratford, CT, on July 12, 2026 in honor of our past President Eileen Salamon Wilson. The Group also presented Father Jim DiVasto with a check in memory of Eileen Salamon Wilson to be used to help fund the Faith Formation program to benefit the children of Holy Name parish.

Introducing our newest members



Bryson Kalawa from Milwaukee, WI, born August 27, 2025, son of Tyler Kalawa and Kristina Gemoll, is a member of Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI.



SAVE THE DATE

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
35th QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION**

AUGUST 7th - 10th, 2027

AT THE

**PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOTT
Pittsburgh, PA**



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SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL
IN NEW JERSEY



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Slovak Catholic Sokol
Group 17 ~ Youngstown, Ohio
Is Hosting Their Annual



GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

MAHONING COUNTRY CLUB

710 E. Liberty St., Girard, OH 44420

Phone: 330-545-2517

ALL SOKOL MEMBERS and GUESTS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!

Tee time: 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Dinner after golf (approx. 3:30) at Mahoning Country Club

Format: 18 hole SCRAMBLE with a variety of skill prizes to be awarded!

Golfer Fees include
18 holes w/cart, food,
Beverages, and prizes

\$45.00 Total fee to SCS Members

\$65.00 Total fee to Non-Members

Non-Golfers
who wish
to attend

\$20.00 for food

and beverages

PLUS...
Corn Hole,
Putting Contest,
Raffles & More!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

To register, and for additional information contact:

Jim Jerek: jjerek@zoominternet.net ☆ Glen Kramer: 330-788-6260

Nancy Kropolinsky: 330-727-2487 ☆ Judy Babik: 330-360-5690

Please Indicate Preferred partners (or we will make groups):

Please check all that apply:

	Name	Sokol Member	Guest	18 Holes w/cart	DINNER ONLY*
1					
2					
3					
4					

[TOTAL Amount to be paid at Golf Course: \$ _____

SLOVAK AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES AMERICA250 AND SLOVAK-U.S. RELATIONS

By Ken Bombara*

For 25 years, the Annual Czech and Slovak Freedom Lecture has been held in Washington, D.C. and has featured leading figures from various fields commenting on topics relevant to the home countries since they attained independence and democratic governance. The lecture series is co-sponsored by Friends of Slovakia (FOS) and American Friends of the Czech Republic (AFoCR), in cooperation with the embassies of Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

The 26th session of the lecture series was held on June 16, at the Hudson Institute, in Washington, and featured the Slovak Ambassador to the U.S., Andrej Droba, who delivered a major address on the state of Slovak-U.S. relations on the 250th anniversary of America's birth. He opened by citing "the principles proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence—liberty, sovereignty, equal dignity before God, and government deriving its legitimacy from the people," as "a lasting source of inspiration for nations and individuals." Droba further noted, "For 250 years, America has stood as an example of national confidence, individual courage, enterprise, faith in freedom, and civil liberties."

While his address focused on the important matters of international relations, notable was the emphasis the ambassador placed on everyday interactions among people, particularly Slovak Americans. "The strength of Slovak-American relations is not measured only by government agreements or official visits. It is measured by the countless hours devoted by people like you to cultural programs, educational activities, community organizations, charitable activities, and public dialogue."

Turning to the core of his address, Droba noted that the strong relationship built between Slovakia and the U.S. rests on four key pillars:

- political dialogue and relations
- trade, investment, and energy
- defense cooperation
- the Slovak-American community and people-to-people contacts

Regarding Slovak-U.S. political relations, Droba noted the historic connection that predates even the communist era, with U.S. support provided via the significant Cleveland and Pittsburgh agreements, leading to the formation of Czechoslovakia after World War I. Following the events of 1989, which threw off communism, the U.S. supported integration of Slovakia into "the family of free and prosperous nations in the Euro-Atlantic community." This occurred through accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union (EU), among other actions.

The integration of Slovakia into the transatlantic community has been a strong foundation for the nation's progress. But Droba notes that the current political environment calls for some redefinition of the relationship, with European partners taking on greater responsibility for their collective defense through NATO. He states the view that such action should lead to a stronger, more effective NATO, noting, "...more Europe does not mean less United States. It means more together." He further pointed out that this principle is being tested with Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Droba stresses that Slovakia has provided extensive humanitarian and other assistance to its neighbor Ukraine and supports its accession to the EU. But Slovakia

also believes that "peace cannot be achieved by military means alone...and in this we are very much aligned with the efforts of President Trump and the U.S. administration, which we support." He went on to cite numerous instances of high-level interactions between Slovak and U.S. officials but emphasized that all these are undergirded by strong people-to-people connections that benefit Slovak-U.S. relations.

The areas of trade, investment, and energy are strong elements of Slovakia's progress and the Slovak-U.S. relationship. As a small country, Slovakia is among the most open economies in the EU, with exports of goods and services accounting for more than 85% of its GDP, with the U.S. as a major export market, particularly in automobiles. Numerous U.S.-based companies invest in the Slovak economy, supporting employment. The trade relationship has been challenged recently by U.S. tariff actions, but Slovakia supports the recent agreement between the U.S. and the EU. Droba also emphasized the importance of a new generation of Slovak entrepreneurs, innovators, and technology companies that are building partnerships with U.S. and other entities, which will be key to Slovakia's economic future. In the energy field, nuclear power accounts for about 60 percent of Slovakia's



Group photo of Freedom Lecture sponsors (L-R): Matt Boyse, Hudson Institute; FOS Board members, Tom Skladony, Bibiana K. Rais, Jan Surotchak, Chairman; Slovak Amb. Droba; Czech Amb. Miloslav Stašek; Joel Scanlon, Exec.VP, Hudson Institute; Jan Smilek, AfoCR.



(L-R) Matt Boyse, Senior Fellow, Center on Europe and Eurasia, Hudson Institute, in discussion with Slovak Ambassador Droba.



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step possible!

With gratitude, Hannah Jozwiak

Dear Sokol Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you for choosing me to receive the 2026 Yenchu Scholarship, and 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 second and final year of a master's program in psychology this coming fall 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 a part of the organization. Thank you again for this scholarship and for your generosity.

Sincerely, Olivia Tadlock

energy mix and makes it a European leader in clean energy. The construction of a new nuclear reactor, partnering with the U.S. company Westinghouse, will enhance Slovakia's energy diversification and security.

Cooperation in the area of defense is also a key pillar of Slovak-American relations. This was cemented with the bilateral Defense Cooperation Agreement concluded with the U.S. in 2022. Slovakia continues to modernize its armed forces through the acquisition of U.S.-built F-16 aircraft, Black Hawk helicopters, and tactical vehicles. The long-standing cooperation between the Slovak military and the Indiana National Guard has been further extended via shared operational experiences gained through Slovak and U.S. servicemen serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other joint missions.

Droba closed his speech by returning to the key 'people-to-people' theme. Citing the recent increase in the number of Slovak Americans applying for Slovak citizenship, he noted, "...even generations after their ancestors left Slovakia, many individuals continue to regard our country as an integral part of their identity." Slovaks have contributed much to the American story, by establishing families and communities, and enhancing America's economic, military, and cultural development, including the achievements of individuals such as Michael Strank, Jozef Murgas, Andy Warhol, Eugene Cernan, and numerous others. Droba also cited the importance of the network of Slovak diplomatic representation, including the honorary consuls, in enhancing bilateral relations and the visibility of Slovakia and Slovaks throughout the country. This includes entities such as the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and importantly, the numerous traditional organizations that have preserved Slovak identity through the generations, along with the development of organizations by newer generations of Slovak immigrants. Droba concluded, "Looking at America250 and Slovak-U.S. relations should make us proud. Our countries enjoy great friendship and close cooperation stretching across every field of human endeavor. The Slovak-American story is a success story."

Dear Brother Pogorelec,

I am deeply honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grant for this year. Thank you for your generosity and for investing in my education and future.

Receiving this scholarship means so much to me. It will help ease the financial burden of college expenses, allowing me to focus more on academics and my studies. Thank you so much again for your kindness. Zdar Boh!

Sincerely, Cole R. Baker

I am truly grateful and honored that I was considered for this grant. I have received the check and will send it to the University of Delaware to be used for my tuition. Thank you again for considering me and awarding me the grant.

Sincerely, Benjamin Termyna

Dear Scott T. Pogorelec and Scholarship Committee Members,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of your generous \$1,000 scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen, and I thank you for your support throughout my academic journey.

This scholarship will greatly assist me with the costs associated with my education, including tuition, books, and other essential expenses. Your investment in my future not only provides some financial relief but also serves as encouragement to continue my academic journey in striving toward my goals.

I am currently pursuing a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Health Sciences, Speech Language Pathology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. As a neurodivergent student, I am passionate about helping individuals overcome their challenges and differences to achieve their goals. Your support brings me one step closer to achieving those goals, and I am really grateful.

Thank you again for your generosity and belief in my potential. I will work hard to honor your support and hope to one day be able to be in a position to do the same for others.

With Sincere Appreciation, Alexandra R. Frink

Dear Supreme Officers,

Thank you very much for awarding me your generous scholarship. As I begin my sophomore year at Quinnipiac University, this scholarship is greatly appreciated and will be a great help as I continue my education. I am very grateful for your generosity and support. Your contribution will help me continue working toward my academic and career goals.

*Sincerely,
Alyssa Toman*



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

September 2026



THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM DUE DATE
SEPTEMBER 30th

Reading Program Reminder: Please email your completed reading list to Andrea Tadlock at 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!



**Congratulations to Lucille Groth from Group 11 !
The July 4th Word Search Winner**

Happy Birthday to You!

Scarlett Gray	9/5
Joshua Novotnak	9/15
Lorilea Murphy	9/24
Billy Yang	9/29

Send your birthday dates to
vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org



“Sokol Forward Spotlight”

Group 14 – Wreath 22
Pittsburgh, PA
Holy Angel Crochet Group

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”

St. Anthony of Padua

Pam Kuchta, Jacquie Pribila, and Dolly Lutz from SCS Group 14, Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA, are part of the service-focused Holy Angels Crochet group. This devoted group of women gathers every Thursday in the parish’s old school building, united in their mission to spread kindness and warmth through handcrafted crochet items. Their generosity touches the entire community. They create beautiful white blankets for every baby baptized in the parish. This effort has resulted in 65 blankets over the past year. They also craft shawls for adults baptized at Easter. During Christmas, they bring comfort to the elderly and homebound with 80 handmade blankets gifted so far. Their compassion extends to providing 75 afghans for Meals on Wheels recipients, donating to a local dialysis center, and contributing baby hats and afghans to Project Genesis. Whenever someone requests a specific item, the ladies eagerly rise to the challenge and fulfill these heartfelt needs. Their unwavering dedication, time, and talents embody the true spirit of community and caring.

Wreath 22’s acts of kindness reflect their steadfast faith and compassionate spirit. Their heartfelt efforts serve to uphold their parish community and foster hope rooted in faith for future generations. May the Sokol Spirit of Wreath 22 continue to flourish, inspire compassion in others, and shine a bright light of hope and love guided by faith.



If you’d like to submit an entry to be the monthly **Sokol Forward Spotlight**, please send me 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

Thank you for all that you do, and keep Sokol Forward! – **Andrea M. Tadlock**

2027 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that, in preparation for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 35th Quadrennial Convention, August 7th – August 10th, 2027, the Governance Committee has been selected and consists of the following members:

Andrea Tadlock – Chairperson
Gary Manyak
Julie Dobbs
Arlene Most
Ed Bajus

The committee’s mission is to “review, modernize, and enhance the governance and bylaws of the Slovak Catholic Sokol to ensure sound financial protection for our members and that our Catholic faith, fraternal traditions rooted in family, and athletic heritage endure and thrive.”

will make announcements to share your recommendations and ideas to better the Slovak Catholic Sokol. In the meantime, you can contact the committee via email at scs070505@gmail.com. We look forward to your ideas and recommendations.

Fraternally yours,
The 2027 SCS Governance Committee



71ST INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ners among the bunch: Tony Rasimas claimed a stunning victory for closest to the pin, and Chris Antosy Sr. swept the competition with his longest putt. A firm congratulatory handshake was exchanged with the winners.

Now, for those at home wondering who the winners were — I think it's safe to say we all won that weekend, but if you'd like to get technical, another report will be released to the public soon.

To sum up my report: this weekend had a little bit of everything, good food, good golf, and the greatest group of people you could surround yourself with. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate, and a huge congratulations to all the winners this weekend. I hope to see you all and your families next year! — **Zack Manyak**





SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

2026 Official SCS Golf Scores

A - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf						
Participant	2026							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Eddie	Bajus	81	13	68	80	13	67	135	161	1	
Gary	Watkins	80	8	72	74	8	66	138	154	2	1
Scott	Pogorelec	78	7	71	78	7	71	142	156	3	
Adam	Macurak	79	10	69	83	10	73	142	162	3	
David	Underation	86	13	73	88	13	75	148	174		
Daniel	Underation	89	8	81	93	8	85	166	182		
Ben	Moeller	102	15	87	101	15	86	173	203		

B - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf						
Participant	2026							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
First Name	Last Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Adam	Dorich	85	18	67	89	18	71	138	174	1	1
Dusan	Dorich	93	16	77	87	16	71	148	180	2	
Joe	Underation Pogorelec	92	18	74	92	18	74	148	184	2	
Steven M	JR	99	20	79	96	20	76	155	195	3	
Mike	Kapitan	101	22	79	99	22	77	156	200		
Stephen J	Macko	101	20	81	96	20	76	157	197		
Nick	Macurak	97	20	77	100	20	80	157	197		
Jason	Fareri	101	20	81	107	20	87	168	208		

C - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf						
Participant	2026							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Bajus	Josh***	86	24	62	87	24	63	125	173	1	1
Underation	Matthew	113	38	75	109	38	71	146	222	2	
Sadowji	Jesse	105	24	81	110	24	86	167	215	3	
Tutko	Jon	124	33	91	117	33	84	175	241		
Underation	Luke	124	31	93	117	31	86	179	241		
Underation	Nathan	129	40	89	130	40	90	179	259		
Rasimas	Tony **	0	0	0	98	27	71	71	98		
Cooley	Ken**	0	0	0	107	25	82	82	107		

** Did not finish round after rain delay
 *** Under 18 – not eligible for prize money

Women's - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf						
Participant	2026							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Carol	Macko	111	33	78	102	29	73	151	213	1	
Catherine	Macko	125	50	75	123	46	77	152	248	2	
Loretta	Smith	112	36	76	107	30	77	153	219	3	
Judy	Babik	125	49	76	126	48	78	154	251		
Karen	Bakita	122	45	77	113	36	77	154	235		
Terri	Palchanis	101	23	78	103	27	76	154	204		
Stephanie	Kennon	94	19	75	96	17	79	154	190		1
Linda	Frank	124	47	77	116	38	78	155	240		
Amy	Blasco	131	50	81	121	42	79	160	252		

Callaway - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf						
Participant	2026							HCAP	SCRATCH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Matlon	Kevin	103	32	71	102	29	73	144	205	1	
Kovalcik	Conrad	103	29	74	99	23	76	150	202	2	
Popik	Milan	103	28	75	106	30	76	151	209	3	
Termyna	John	115	40	75	114	38	76	151	229	3	
Antosy, SR	Chris	106	30	76	94	19	75	151	200	3	
Popik	Mark	111	36	75	104	27	77	152	215	4	
White	John	100	24	76	105	29	76	152	205	4	
Laury	Frank	105	30	75	102	25	77	152	207	4	
Papcun	John	116	40	76	115	38	77	153	231		
Antosy, JR	Chris	114	39	75	117	38	79	154	231		
O'Sullivan	Daniel ***	98	21	77	99	22	77	154	197		1
Smolkowicz	Kevin	121	40	81	106	27	79	160	227		
Kovalcik	Joseph	124	40	84	114	37	77	161	238		
Stanton	Rick	124	40	84	123	40	83	167	247		
Termyna	Steve	130	40	90	131	40	91	181	261		
Matlon	James	130	40	90	133	40	93	183	263		
Bickel	Kevin	136	40	96	131	40	91	187	267		
Hamrock	Thomas**	0	0	0	76	4	72	72	76		
Blasco	Gary**	0	0	0	114	39	75	75	114		

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 *** Under 18 – not eligible for prize money

Senior Flight / Super Senior - Flight Summary											
		Poconos Club Golf			Pocono Hills Golf			HCA P	SCRAT CH	HCAP	SCRATCH
Participant	2026							TOTA L	TOTAL	PLAC E	PLACE
Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET	TOTAL	TOTAL	PLACE	PLACE
Stephen	Skorupka	97	23	74	86	23	63	137	183	1	
Bob	Macko	91	15	76	86	15	71	147	177	2	1
Frank	Lipski	89	13	76	90	13	77	153	179	3	
Steve	Papcun	102	19	83	96	19	77	160	198		
Michael	Horvath	124	33	91	105	33	72	163	229		
Don	Macko	104	17	87	96	17	79	166	200		
Donald	Macurak**	0	0	0	98	23	75	75	98		
Bob	Palchanis*	0	0	0	102	25	77	77	102		
Robert	Macurak**	0	0	0	93	16	77	77	93		

** Did not finish round after rain delay





On May 2, 2026, Magdalen "Midge" Malshefski celebrated her 100th Birthday. Ms. Malshefski has been the Financial Secretary for Assembly 136, of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania for over five decades, taking over after the passing of her husband Leonard in 1970. Ms. Malshefski has been an ardent support of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, being an Officers of Assembly 136, and Group 7's Historian over the years. She worked at Group 7's Annual Sokol Day each year where she chaired the bake sale and basket tables and wherever she and her "Ses-try Sokolka" were needed.

Ms. Malshefski attended many of the Slovak Catholic Sokol quadrennial conventions to represent her Assembly and its members.

Ms. Malshefski celebrated her 100th Birthday with family and friends with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA celebrated by Group 7's Chaplain, Reverend Richard Cirba. Father Cirba gave Sister Malshefski a Blessing he prepared for her. Following Mass, her family took Midge to dinner at her favorite restaurant. When dinner was over family and friends share stories of Midge's life and congratulated her on her special Centennial Birthday.

In the Picture is Centenarian Magdalen "Midge" Malshefski on the right and Michael Horvath, SCS Past Supreme President on the left, in the Back Row (L-R) Suzanne Horvath, Heather Horvath, Reverend Richard Cirba.

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 August 17, the 2026 Appeal has received \$22,780.00 from 161 donors. Among the 50 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 24, Assembly 48, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Assembly 182, 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 \$1,635.00. Donations to date have also been received from 10 churches, 18 clergy and religious, and 83 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. Hvozdo, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Pennel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



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October 4th @ 11:00 AM

\$50 Per Golfer

Includes Golf & Chicken dinner back
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** Extra dinners will be \$15.00

Format will be best ball scramble with prizes. No need to gather a full 4Some since we'll be pulling names to make up the teams...just plan on being there around 10:30 a.m.

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And in addition, the Slovak Catholic Sokol offers a number of fraternal benefits. Our athletic and gymnastic programs emphasize our belief in both physical and mental health, as well as our commitment to our fraternal way of life. Each year, our organization provides scholarship grants to our members. As a firm believer in the Catholic school system, we provide grants to students attending Catholic grade school and high school. We also offer a generous number of college scholarships as well.

So why not purchase that life insurance policy or annuity plan now so that the new year can start that loved one on the road to financial success. Give a call to our Home Office at 1 800 886-7656. We will provide you with all the rates and applications or see your local Assembly or Wreath officers.

Sokol life insurance policy makes a wonderful birthday gift, first Holy Communion, Confirmation or graduation gift as well. Think about it and start that favorite loved one on the road to financial success.

A colorful poster for the Johnstown Slavic Festival. The top features the text "SAVE THE DATES" flanked by stars. Below is a decorative floral wreath with the text "The Polacek Family" in cursive and "JOHNSTOWN SLAVIC FESTIVAL" in bold. The bottom section includes the dates "Friday, September 18th 4pm-10pm" and "Saturday, September 19th 12pm-9:30pm", the location "St. Therese Church Festival Grounds, 536 Decker Ave. Johnstown, PA 15906", a list of activities: "Authentic Slavic Food", "Slavic Cooking Demonstrations", "Slavic Music & Entertainment", and "Slavic Kids Zone", and a section for "Fireworks SATURDAY AT 9:30PM PROVIDED BY 1ST SUMMIT BANK". The background shows a scenic view of Johnstown with a bridge and a river.



IN MEMORIAM

JUNE – JULY 2026

Assembly/Wreath	Name	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 11	Laura S. Krivi of Staunton, IL	86	March 17, 2025
Assembly 24	Richard F. Walicki of Simpson, PA	77	March 20, 2026
Assembly 48	Catherine M. Ziska of Franklinville, NJ	58	June 4, 2026
Assembly 59	Paige E. Evans of Wilkes Barre, PA	38	September 24, 2025
Assembly 71	Rose Marie Navarouski of Pittston, PA	77	June 13, 2026
Assembly 72	Margaret E. Hogan of Coopersburg, PA	89	July 12, 2026
Assembly 162	Ronald Yachechak of Sparta, NJ	85	April 11, 2026
Assembly 162	John J. Tetla of Saddle Brook, NJ	92	May 24, 2026
Assembly 167	Anna M. Suppan of Barberton, OH	99	July 18, 2026
Assembly 167	Larrie M. Hornacek of Barberton, OH	78	July 27, 2026
Assembly 182	Dusan Krajcovic of Ridgewood, NJ	80	June 9, 2026
Assembly 312	Robert Lebedwic of Mahwah, NJ	85	April 8, 2026
Assembly 312	Theresa A. Sebest of Campbell, OH	89	June 5, 2026
Assembly 312	James J. Evans of Nesquehoning, PA	85	June 16, 2026
Wreath 14	Paul Spishak of Vienne, VA	87	May 27, 2026
Wreath 15	Linda L. Mattis of Uniontown, PA	60	May 30, 2026
Wreath 15	Joan M. Shushok of Uniontown, PA	96	July 11, 2026
Wreath 22	Mary Monica Smetanka of Glenshaw, PA	86	April 10, 2026
Wreath 22	Leona Joyce Olesko of Adah, PA	85	July 16, 2026
Wreath 34	Mary C. Storm of Wiloughby, OH	93	June 7, 2026
Wreath 34	Agnes Mae Pipa of N. Olmsted, OH	104	June 21, 2026
Wreath 54	Irene Lefoer of Boardman, OH	91	May 14, 2026
Wreath 54	Carol Jean Troll of Boardman, OH	82	May 18, 2026
Wreath 54	Patricia Campolito of Youngstown, OH	80	May 28, 2026
Wreath 86	Margaret Bielick of Torrington, CT	96	February 8, 2026
Wreath 93	Cheryl Mickelson of Gays Mills, WI	74	July 22, 2026
Wreath 155	Doris Roberts of Frackville, PA	89	March 25, 2025

DID YOU KNOW...

... that New England head coach Mike Vrabel, leading the Patriots to the NFL final, descends from a family whose roots lie in Slovakia? Vrabel's great-grandfather, Andrej Vrabel, came from the village of Krivany in eastern Slovakia's Sabinov district. The link is documented in an obituary for George Vrabel — Mike's grandfather — which also names George as the great-grandfather of Mike's two sons, Tyler and Carter. George Vrabel lived in Akron, Ohio — the same city where Mike grew up as a child. At the age of 56, George moved to Florida, where he died in 2022. Andrej Vrabel was born in March 1889 to Michal and Zuzana. He emigrated to the United States in 1911 from what was then Austria-Hungary, described in records as "Slovakland". He worked in a coal mine in Pennsylvania and married Veronica (née Piatok). Together they raised five sons and three daughters. Andrej died in 1961 in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

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[http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/
members/memorialfrmframe.htm](http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm)

or simply send your donation to: Michael J. Horvath, SCS Museum Treasurer, 185 Lawrence St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum. Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two \$1,000 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

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