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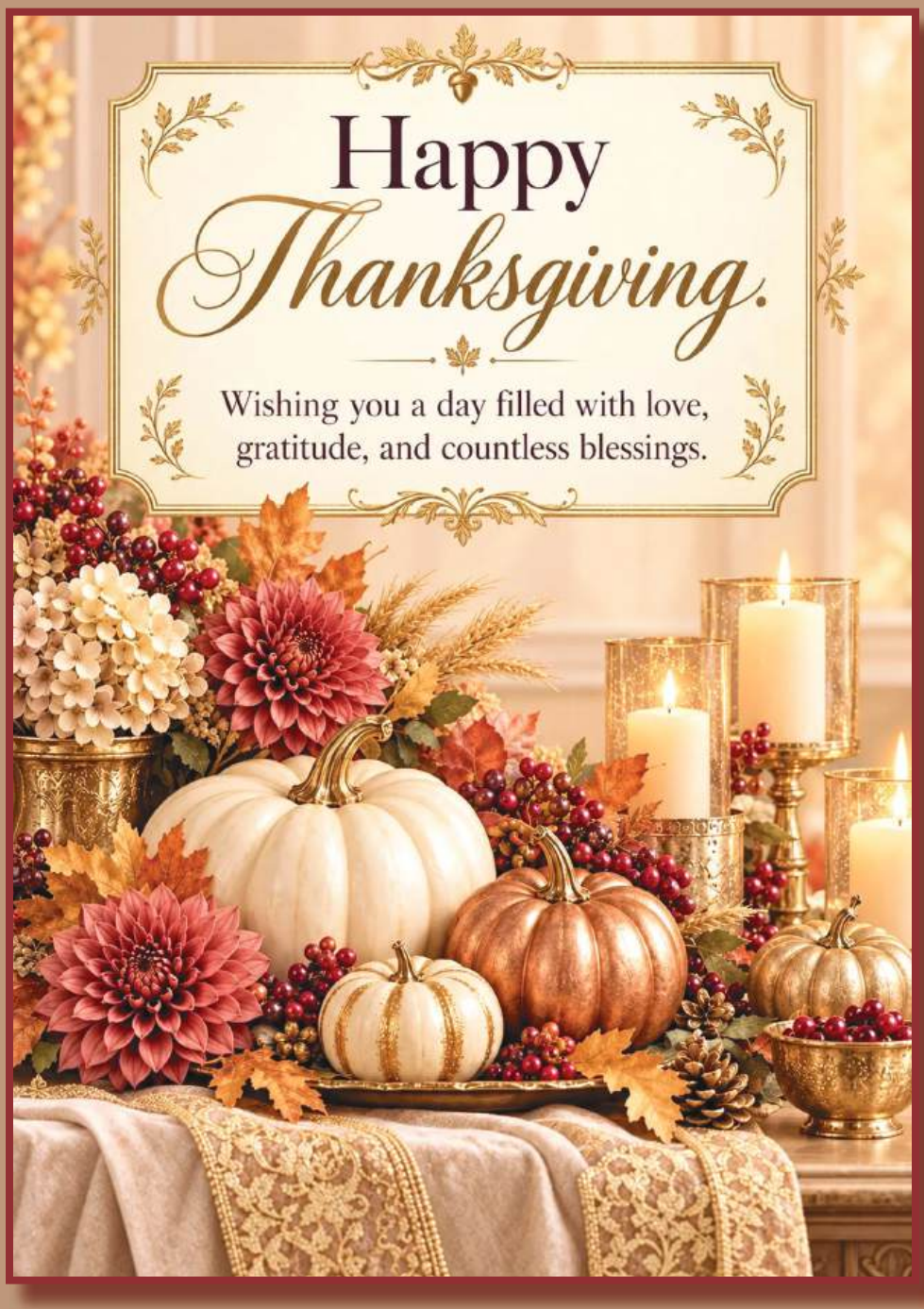
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MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT
LARRY M. GLUGOSH

With October coming to a close, we hope your children and grandchildren had a safe and enjoyable Halloween weekend and took part in the festive spirit of the season. It is well known that Halloween is one of the favorite holidays of the year and individuals spend more money during this time of the year than any other holiday except Christmas.



Of course, later this month, we hope all of our members and their families will enjoy the Thanksgiving long weekend and will take some quality time to reflect on our many blessings that God has provided. Since it is the season of giving, we hope that during your Thanksgiving festivities you manage to provide some comfort and support to those less fortunate than ourselves. Fraternalism is something that each of us can demonstrate in our local communities. For example, last month our family collected nonperishable goods and took them to the local food bank. It was a wonderful feeling to help someone in need but also to show them compassion, kindness and love.

As some of you will soon be gathering to host your annual group meeting, perhaps you can organize a community event to show your fraternal spirit. That said, we wish you the very best in your deliberations and ask you to try and fill all vacant positions in your respective group, especially those that are closely involved with our fraternal program because we need more local leadership to grow our participation in our various athletic events. We look forward to receiving your meeting minutes and will publish at the next available edition of our newspaper. As part of your annual meeting, we also encourage our local officers and members to begin or end their meeting with a mass, to truly celebrate our Slovak heritage, Catholic faith and Fraternal way of life. Lastly, as you gather for your annual group meetings, we hope you will take the time to nominate a dedicated member of your community for the Fraternalist of the Year. Every year, our society selects a recipient that has spent many years devoted to helping others, embracing our ideals and fulfilling our fraternal spirit thorough good deeds and charitable actions. The board of directors will meet in the new year and select a worthy member that will represent our fraternal benefit society as the Fraternalist of the Year and we hope to have many worthy candidates to review.

Last month and in accordance with the bylaws, it was my pleasure and honour to host the 2026 Group Presidents meeting in conjunction with our quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Pittsburgh PA. We decided to host both meetings at the Airport Marriott hotel to save and optimize our spending for the organization. This is also the site for our 2027 International Convention next August, so it was a good opportunity for the Group Presidents and Board of Directors to gain a better understand of the facility and surrounding area. Some of our officers were not able to attend in person, so we set up a video link in order to ensure everyone could participate. The meeting was highly successful and many new ideas were tabled. It was also a wonderful opportunity to provide some valuable insight on the society's financial results, membership sales and overall performance from operations. Our financial advisors from PNC Bank were also present and outlined the positive results and direction of our investment portfolio. In addition, our Group President's participated in a new meeting format with break out group sessions to stimulate a healthy conversation on some of the key issues our society if facing. This part of the agenda was facilitated by our Supreme Vice President Andrea Tadlock, who is also the chairperson of the Governance Committee. Her committee members joined the discussion via the video and the session generated some good ideas for the direction of our soci-

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

THANKFUL



I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall season. It is amazing to think the holidays are right around the corner. This past month of October was, of course, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month which brings awareness to an important condition that affects so many people and many of our very own members.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early enough. There are many charities associated with breast cancer that are looking for a donation of your time or financial assistance. I would like to urge all our members to get involved as we all know someone either in our family or circle of friends that has been affected by this disease. As a strong fraternal that has a membership that dedicates our time to helping others, I know the Slovak Catholic Sokol is up for the task!

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, let us take time to acknowledge and give thanks to the fine men and woman that make considerable sacrifices during their service to our countries.

I always like to put a small list out for our members of some things you could do to honor our soldiers and veterans during this season.

1. Express thanks: A simple "thank you" surely goes a long way.
2. Send a care package: Send a package of gratitude to a soldier. There are many organizations to assist with this, such as Operation Gratitude.
3. Teach: It starts with our children. Let your children know how thankful they should be for our brave men and women in our military. Instilling strong values in our children to show respect is vital in everything we do.
4. Volunteer: Something near and dear to our hearts as a Fraternal. Volunteer at a local VFW or Veteran's Hospital.
5. Donate: Donate financially to the USO or another organization that helps our Veterans.

These are just a few ways you can show your support and gratitude to our wonderful men and women who serve this great country!

Just last week, our Board of Directors had the opportunity to meet with our Group Presidents at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Coraopolis, PA, the site of our upcoming 35th Quadrennial Convention. It was wonderful to get together with our Group leaders and Board of Directors to exchange thoughts and ideas that affect our fraternal footprint, our governance, and the good and betterment of our Society. Thank you all for a great weekend!

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, and my entire Family, I wish all our members a wonderful Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas! I urge all of you to value the special time you have with your families and do not take this time for granted.

Until next time, enjoy the Holidays and God Bless!

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

SOKOL CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2026
GROUP 2 ST. MARTIN'S DAY CELEBRATION. Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus RC Church, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, CT. Luncheon reception and music following the Mass at Bin 100 Restaurant HGV, 100 Landsdale Ave., Unit Z, Milford, CT. Tickets are $60 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting: Judy Nist @ 401-741-6693. You may leave a message or text regarding the event. Checks may be mailed to Judy Nist, 7 Linwood Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891. Checks may be mailed to Judy Nist, 7 Linwood Avenue, Westerly, RI 0289.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
WREATH 22 MEETING at Kollar Club, 3226 Jane Str., Pittsburgh, PA, 15203 at 7:00 p.m. Any questions please contact Arlene Most, 412-881-8160.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
ANNUAL GROUP 12 MEETING at the Sokol Hall, 411 Crestmont Street in Reading, PA. The meeting will begin by 11:00 a.m. Anyone planning to attend can contact Joann Antosy at 610-790-4086.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **JANUARY 1, 2027. DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **DECEMBER 22, 2026.**

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

Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON OF GRATITUDE



Thanksgiving and Christmas are two beautiful seasons that remind us of the importance of gratitude. At Thanksgiving, we pause to recognize the many blessings God has placed in our lives—our families, friends, faith, parish community, and the simple gifts we sometimes take for granted.

Then, as Christmas approaches, our gratitude takes on an even deeper meaning. We celebrate the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who comes into our world to bring us hope, peace, and salvation.

These seasons invite us not only to give thanks for what we have, but also to give thanks for what God has given us in Christ. May our gratitude move us to share our blessings with those who are lonely, struggling, or in need.

As we gather around our tables and later around the manger, may our hearts echo the words of the Psalmist: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever."

May Thanksgiving fill our hearts with gratitude, and may Christmas fill our hearts with the joy and peace of Christ.

Introducing our newest members



Camila Nocole Santiago, born June 1, 2026 is a daughter of Eduardo Stantiago and Kayla Richnavsky from Parma, OH. She is a member of Wreath 153, Parma, OH.

Thank You!

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

I am honored and extremely grateful to have been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Emil Slavik Scholarship. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Slovak Catholic Sokol for this generous award and for your continued commitment to support students in their education pursuits. Receiving this scholarship is a privilege and an encouragement as I continue working towards my academic and career goals.

Being a SCS member has taught me many important ideals and values that I carry with me every second of my life. I am truly appreciative of the opportunities that SCS has provided to me and other students. Your investment in education and in the success of future generations make a meaningful difference in the lives of scholarship recipients such as myself. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Annika J. Romine

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the 2026 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful and honored for the generosity and support of my education at the Penn State University.

Receiving this scholarship means so much to me as I continue pursuing my degree in Industrial Engineering. Your investment in students like me is greatly appreciated and will help me continue working forward my academic and professional goals.

Thank you again for your kindness, encouragement, and commitment to supporting students and the community. I am truly appreciative of the recognition.

With sincere gratitude,
Audrey Peretin

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you so much for the Catholic School Grant. I am truly honored to be a member of this organization. I absolutely love Archangel Gabriel School, and the opportunity to learn about my Catholic faith. This past year I was able to participate in Pray-n-Play, Bible Knights, and Music Ministry. I have five younger siblings, and this grant helps my family afford a Catholic education. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Natalie Rose Yurchak

I hope all is well. I apologize for such a late response. Life has been so busy and with school starting back up I have been so distracted with work! I am reaching out because I would love to extend my ut-

most thanks for the grant that I was given by the Slovak Catholic Sokol. I am beyond grateful that you all took the time and effort to look into me as a person and as a potential recipient and I am beyond thrilled I was chosen as one of the many lucky grantees. I am so proud to be a part of this community. This scholarship will help me with my financial needs throughout university and will aid me immensely in many aspects. Once again, thank you so much for choosing me to receive such a wonderful gift, it means so much to me. I hope you have a wonderful rest of your night!

Thank you!
Joanna Glugosh

Dear Miss Tadlock,

I am writing too you acknowledge that I received the check for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship. Thank you so very much for this honor and for the work that you and the rest of the Sokol puts in for allowing me the opportunity to honor my Slovak heritage. The Sokol is a blessing! Thank you!

Zdar Boh!
Joslyn Borah

DOWNLOAD THE NEW SCS APP TODAY!

It's free and easy to use. It keeps you up to date with the latest SCS Event Information.

Follow these instructions to join our app today:

1. Scan the QR Code and download the Stack Team App or visit www.teamapp.com
2. Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.
3. Search for "Slovak Catholic Sokol" and request to join.

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THANKSGIVING RECIPES

TURKEY IN A CUP

In a small bowl, beat 1/2 cup spinach dip and 4 oz softened cream cheese with electric mixer on high speed about 1 minute or until well mixed. Cut turkey head from yellow bell pepper. Cut 1/2-inch triangle from red bell pepper for turkey wattle. Cut 1/2x1-inch strips from desired colors of bell peppers for feathers. Spoon 2 tablespoons dip into each of 5 (2- to 3-oz) cups. Place turkey head in cup; attach peas for eyes using spinach dip. Insert pepper triangle for turkey wattle. Place colored pepper strips behind head for feathers.



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Cook 2 pounds green beans in boiling salted water until crisp-tender, 5 minutes; drain. Saute the green beans with 1 pound sliced button mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat, 5 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon each minced garlic and kosher salt, and 1/4 teaspoon allspice; cook 2 minutes. Add 1/4 cup instant flour. Whisk in 1 cup each chicken broth and half-and-half; bring to a boil. Top with canned fried onions. Bake at 400 degrees F until bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes.



PERFECT CRANBERRY SAUCE

Empty a 12-ounce bag of fresh or frozen cranberries into a saucepan and transfer 1/2 cup to a small bowl. Add 1 cup sugar, 1 strip orange or lemon zest and 2 tablespoons water to the pan and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar dissolves and the cranberries are soft, about 10 minutes. Increase the heat to medium and cook until the cranberries burst, about 12 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and stir in the reserved cranberries. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste and cool to room temperature before serving.



BASIC STUFFING

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Melt 1 stick butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups each diced onions and celery, 2 chopped apples and 1 tablespoon each minced sage and thyme; season with salt and pepper and cook 5 minutes. Add 3 cups chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Whisk 2 eggs with 1/4 cup chopped parsley in a large bowl; add 16 cups cubed stale country white bread, then pour in the vegetable-broth mixture and toss. Transfer to a buttered 3-quart baking dish and dot with more butter. Cover and bake 30 minutes, then uncover and bake until golden, 20 more minutes.



FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

- The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
- Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
- Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
- Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- Cranberries are native to North America.
- The wishbone tradition is much older than Thanksgiving.

$64,500 IN S.C.S. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE IN 2027

QUALIFIED TRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS & HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WITH 12 COLLEGE CREDITS CAN APPLY

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to announce that $64,500 in scholarship grants will be available to eligible members in 2027. Previous recipients may reapply for a grant in 2027; however, per a Convention mandate, each student may receive a maximum of two Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants and only one grant in each of the other categories. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors is proud to include trade school students and high school seniors who have earned 12 or more college credits in the Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant. We encourage all qualified members to take advantage of this opportunity and move closer to achieving their goals through our distinguished Scholarship Program.

For 2027, the following scholarships are available: 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol college grants of $1,000 each; one Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship for $2,000; two Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships, one for a male and one for a female, each in the amount of $2,000; two Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarships, one for a male and one for a female, each in the amount of $2,000; one The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship for $1,000; one Yencha Scholarship for $1,000; one John J. Yanosick Memorial Scholarship for $1,000; and at least three Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Memorial Scholarships for $1,500.

The collegiate and trade school application process starts on **December 1, 2026,** and is **ONLY ONLINE** on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website. Please take the time to review the application process and the required documentation to meet eligibility. You can find instructions, frequently asked questions (FAQ), and the application at

https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2027

Applicants may submit one application to be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. We strongly encourage applying for multiple scholarships, but please be aware that only one grant will be awarded per applicant.

College and trade school scholarship eligibility requirements:

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL (a total of 30, $1,000 grants will be awarded)

- Must have a $3,000 Permanent Whole Life Plan
- A member of the organization for at least 5 years
- One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member
- Must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better while attending a credited college or university.
- High school seniors must have 12 or more college or university credits and an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better and be accepted into an accredited college or university.
- Trade school students must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or provide proof of mastery of the currently required trade skills. High school seniors may apply and must have proof of acceptance into trade school and an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better.
- Essay- "How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol influenced my life?

KRISTA L. GLUGOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded)

- The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in a curriculum focusing on computer science, information technology, or related subfields.

THEODORE AND MARY JANE RICH (one male and one female grant in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded)

- The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
- One parent must be of Slovak ancestry.
- Must be majoring in a medical curriculum.

EMIL SLAVIK (one male and one female grant in the amount of $2,000 will be awarded)

- The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.
- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical, or business curriculum.

THE DOCTORS' LESKO MEDICAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

- The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in a nursing or medical curriculum.
- One parent must be of Slovak ancestry.

YENCHA SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

- The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in a liberal arts curriculum.

THE JOHN J. YANOSICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded)

• The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
• Group 14 scholarship candidates will be given preference.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (At least 3 grants in the amount of $1,500 will be awarded to the applicant who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)
• The same collegiate requirements as the SCS scholarship AND
• Essay- "Describe the one volunteer experience that made the biggest personal impact on you- how/why."

Catholic High School and Catholic Grade School Grants

To inspire greater participation in Catholic education, the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the removal of the two-grant limit for all Catholic School recipients. This new policy reflects our unwavering commitment to supporting your parochial academic journey.

18 Catholic High School Grants, each in the amount of $500, and 36 Catholic Grade School Grants, each in the amount of $250, are available to qualified students. You can find the applications starting December 1, 2026 online at https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp or in each of the next few issues of the Falcon.

If you have questions regarding the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Program, please contact:

Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee
vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL SCHOLARSHIP TIPS FOR SUCCESS

You can start applying online at
https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp
from December 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

To help you put your best foot forward, here are a few friendly tips for a successful application:

1. Take some time to explore the application process **online and check the eligibility requirements for each scholarship.** This will help you identify which scholarships you can apply for.
2. **Prepare your essay(s) beforehand** so you can easily upload them when applying online.
3. **Have a wallet-size (2x3) headshot photograph ready in jpeg format** to submit with your application.
4. When you fill out the online application, **please answer ALL questions.** If something doesn't apply to you, simply put N/A. For example, if you're fully independent from your parents and they can't claim you on their tax returns, enter N/A in the parent income field.
5. **Don't forget to request your official transcripts** from your high school, university, or college after your fall term wraps up. For trade school students, please provide your current official transcripts or proof of mastery of the currently required trade skills. Send the transcripts to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee by email or mail:

Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President
VP@slovakcatholicsokol.org
100 Fletcher Farm Rd
Vermontville, NY 12989

I encourage you to apply for every scholarship you qualify for to improve your chances of receiving one! Each applicant can receive only one scholarship per year.

Ensure all required documents are submitted by the **DEADLINE of March 31, 2027**. Submit everything early to ensure your application, essay(s), photograph, and transcripts are received on time. If you're mailing documents, remember they must be postmarked by the deadline.

Although not every applicant will receive a scholarship this year, we encourage you to apply again next year if it doesn't work out this time! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org.

Wishing you the best of luck, and Zdar Boh!
Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee

SAVE THE DATE

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
35th QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 7th – 10th, 2027

AT THE

PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOT
Pittsburgh, PA



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 18 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than $3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic High School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

APPLICATION

ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION you must submit a typed or written essay **DOUBLE SPACED** in 100 to 200 words on the following topic:

"***WHAT DOES THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEAN TO ME?"*** This essay must be submitted along with the application.

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2027** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @ https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp

DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group #_____ Assembly/Wreath #_____ Name_____

Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip Code_____ Date of Birth_____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____)_____ High School Phone (_____)_____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

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Father's name_____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name_____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? _____
(yes/no)

If yes, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year?_____

High School verification (to be completed by High School Principal)

I,_____ Principal of_____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that_____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2027-2028 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes_____ No_____

*DEADLINE FOR **RECEIPT** OF THIS APPLICATION IS **MARCH 31, 2027.** Return completed application to:*
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 0705

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANTS

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer $250.00 Grants to our young Sokols and Sokolky in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. Two grants each per Group are available to any qualified Sokol member entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2 through 8).

ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than $3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic Grade School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

APPLICATION

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2027** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @ https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp

DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group #_____ Assembly/Wreath #_____ Name_____

Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip Code_____ Date of Birth_____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____)_____ School Phone (_____)_____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

Father's name_____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name_____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate #_____ Face Amount_____

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? _____
(yes/no)

If yes, what year?_____

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I,_____ Principal of_____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that_____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2027-2028 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes_____ No_____

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055

SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania held their Annual Meeting at The Café Route 315 on September 9, 2026. Twenty-four members were in attendance. Board members gave oral reports on the activities that were held during the year.

Elaine Palischak announced the activities planned for the year. The Feast of St. Nicholas will be celebrated on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA at 2:00 P.M. The church is handicapped accessible.

An afternoon filled with song and storytelling of past Slovak Christmas traditions will take place. Refreshments will be served followed by fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate free of charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. The event is open to the public. For further information, call Anna Hudock, at 570 510-1655.



Pictured, are the board members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania in attendance. Standing, left to right are: Michael Stretanski, Elaine Palischak, Anthony Palischak, Anna M. Hudock, and Robert Zavada. Absent was board member Helen Bacumpas and Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.

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

GROUP 16 ANNUAL MEETING

Group 16 annual meeting will be held on November 14, 2026 at Saint Cyril and Methodius Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

We will be celebrating 100 years since our founding fathers John Brehovy (my Grandfather) and his cousin John Names (pronounced Namesh) initiated and founded our group. I am so proud to serve as President to continue our legacy and the great traditions of Slovak Catholic Sokol.

We will have Harvest snacks: coffee, cider, donuts, pastries, apples, tangerines.

The meeting will preside at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage room and also an information table will be displayed in the hallway just outside of the room.

The meeting will be followed with the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We encourage all members to attend.

The address of the church is as followed: 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Thank you and God Bless Slovak Catholic Sokol!

John M Papcun
President Group 16

FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

- In the US, Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, which means that this year it falls on Thursday, November 25th.
- The origins of Thanksgiving are traced back to September 1620, when a small ship called the Mayflower left its dock in England carrying 102 pilgrims seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith. They were drawn to America, then called the New World, by the promise of prosperity and the opportunity to own their own land.
- In 1621 these colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that they had laboured together to produce – the first ever Thanksgiving celebration – in Plymouth, which is in modern-day Massachusetts.
- It is said a Native American called Squanto was crucial to the survival of the pilgrims during their first year. He showed them how to grow corn, catch fish, avoid poisonous plants and extract sap from maple trees.
- However, this was the only successful joining together of natives and colonists during this period, and many Native Americans believe Thanksgiving celebrations brush over a history which has often seen them persecuted and killed.
- Parades have become a big part of the holiday across the US. Among the largest in the country is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City, which is held by the department store and attracts more than two million spectators every year – as well as a large television audience.
- Another tradition sees the President "pardoning" a live Thanksgiving turkey every year by sending them to a farm to live out the rest of their days instead of being sent to the slaughter.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

GROUP 14 AND WREATH 54 ENJOY A NIGHT AT PNC PARK

It was a beautiful evening for baseball, friendship, and fraternalism as Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 14 and Wreath 54 joined together for a regional outing at PNC Park in Pittsburgh on September 5, 2026.

A total of 80 members, family, and friends gathered to cheer on the Pittsburgh Pirates as they faced the Los Angeles Angels. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather, delicious ballpark snacks, and wonderful company.

Although the Pirates fell to the Angels 6–1, there was still plenty of excitement at the ballpark. Bryan Reynolds gave Pirates fans something to cheer about with a home run in the eighth inning. Despite the loss, everyone had a great time enjoying the game and the beautiful Pittsburgh skyline.

Of course, the evening was about much more than baseball. Members enjoyed catching up with old friends, making new connections, sharing laughs, and spending time together.

Events like this remind us of the importance of fraternalism and the friendships that make our organization special. Group 14 and Wreath 54 look forward to planning more activities that bring members together, strengthen our fraternal bonds, and create lasting memories.

The Pirates may not have won, but the evening was certainly a home run for fraternalism!

We are looking forward to many more combined fraternal activities!

Kathy Watkins, Group 14
Nancy Kropolinsky, Wreath 54







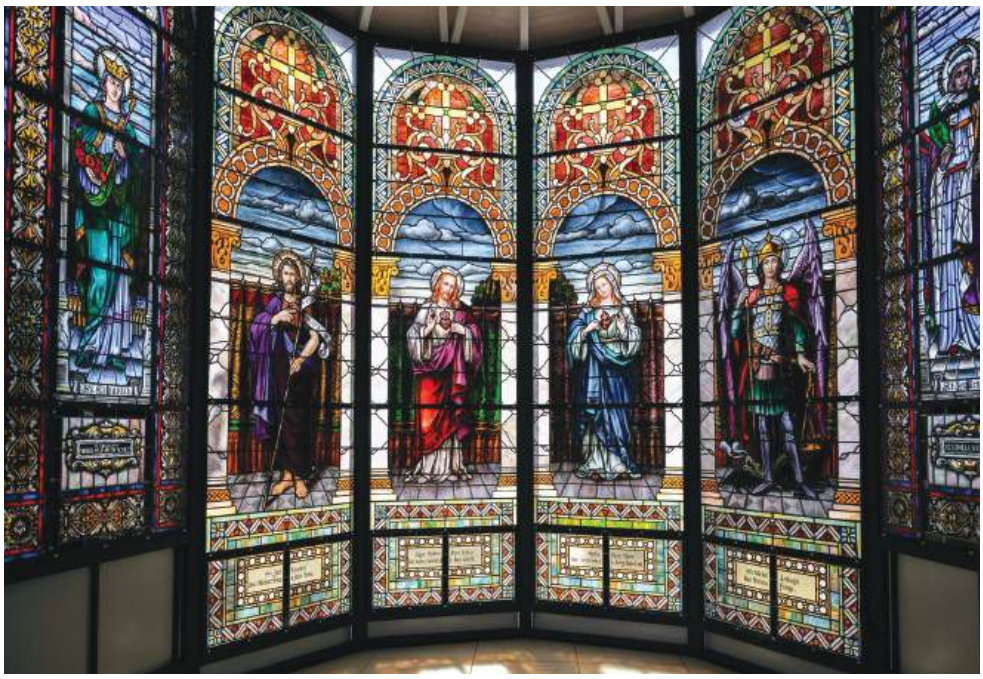






ALTAR OF SLOVAK EMIGRATION IN PAVLOVCE NAD UHOM – ŤAHYŇA





Oltár slovenského vysťahovalectva (Altar of Slovak Emigration) is a unique monument at the Kasigarda Museum (Múzeum vysťahovalectva z územia Slovenska do Severnej Ameriky) in Pavlovce nad Uhom – Ťahyňa, Slovakia.

The Monument has 13 saved stained-glass windows originating from historic Slovak churches in the United States (Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Torrington, CT, Holy Ghost Church in Olyphant, PA, St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Coaldale, PA). The grand opening and consecration ceremony took place on September 12, 2026. Bishop of Greensburg PA diocese Larry J. Kulick attended the ceremony and blessed the Altar.

Founded through the efforts of historian and museum creator Doc. Martin Javor, the memorial honors the millions of Slovak emigrants who left for North America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



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Another important fact about life insurance is that it is the cornerstone of any financial plan. By purchasing a policy today when rates are low, you will have started that special child or grandchild off on the right road to financial success.

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.

ASSEMBLY 78 CELEBRATES 115 YEARS

On Saturday, August 1, 2026, Slovak Catholic Sokol Assembly 78 of Bethlehem, PA, held its Annual Anniversary Mass and dinner to celebrate their 115 years of Sokol fraternalism. The landmark milestone was marked with a sponsored Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner hosted at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish (formerly Ss. Cyril & Methodius). One hundred members and community guests gathered in the Monsignor Felix Labuda Social Hall for an unforgettable evening of fellowship, heritage, and joy.

The festivities began with a Saturday evening Mass celebrated by Pastor Rev. Andrew N. Gehringer alongside guest concelebrant Rev. Monsignor Robert Kozel. The liturgy held special significance, as Monsignor Kozel—a former Pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish—is currently entering his 65th year of priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown.

Following Mass, Assembly 78 President Fran Blanar welcomed the room alongside Rev. Gehringer, who offered a special blessing over the gathering. The hall quickly came alive with cheerful polka music, dancing, and a delicious meal. It was a wonderful evening of camaraderie for all who attended, with all event proceeds generously donated to the Incarnation of Our Lord Parish.

Zdar Boh!
President Fran Blanar
Mrs. Paulette Blanar
Assembly 78, Bethlehem PA

2027 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

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."

We encourage you to share your recommendations and ideas to improve the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Group/Assembly/Wreath Presidents, please schedule time with your members to review the Slovak Catholic Sokol Constitution and Bylaws and gather ideas.

The Constitution and Bylaws are available at the link below:
SCS Constitution and Bylaws Link:
https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/pdfs/2023_Bylaws.pdf

You can submit your ideas via email at scs070505@gmail.com or through the online form SCS Constitution and Bylaws and Governance Recommendation Form: https://form.jotform.com/261226874706058

We look forward to your ideas and recommendations.

Fraternally yours,
The 2027 SCS Governance Committee

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

"SOKOL FORWARD"
LET'S SOKOL FORWARD TOGETHER

Submit an entry for a monthly **'Sokol Forward Spotlight,'** by sending 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!

Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT

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ety. This valuable input will be incorporated into the Governance Committee's key recommendations at next summer's Convention.

As we approach the Christmas season next month, we sincerely hope all of our local assemblies, wreaths and groups will enjoy the generosity of our Supreme Assembly, which subsidizes your annual Christmas parties for our youth. Any member under the age of 16 qualities for the annual allotment. This is a nice benefit to all of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members and we sincerely hope that many will take full advantage of this benefit. As well, for some groups it is a good opportunity to gain new membership from families and friends within your parish, who witness our Christmas parties.

In closing, we wish all of our members continued good health and hope all of you have a safe and joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas season. We hope your time with family and friends will provide you some renewed strength and sense of hope for the future.

GROUP 17 HOSTS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Group 17 of Youngstown, Ohio, hosted its Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Mahoning Country Club. The event brought together more than 40 members and guests for a wonderful day of golf, great food, friendly competition, and Sokol fellowship. Members from Group 17, Group 5 and Group 19 attended the event.

With beautiful weather providing the perfect backdrop, attendees enjoyed a full day of activities, including the shotgun scramble golf tournament, beverages, lunch, dinner, and an assortment of prizes. The outing offered a great opportunity for members and guests to reconnect, strengthen friendships, and enjoy time together both on and off the course.

Several participants were recognized with prizes for the golf hole competitions. Congratulations to Ed Gonda, Pat Rich, Tom Hawkins, Josh Bajus, Steve Zubuk, and Tim Leetch for their accomplishments during the outing. Teams that did not lose their Group 17 Sokol Ball, were awarded Sokol souvenir prizes.

Following a day on the course, guests gathered to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Hank Brock's Catering. The meal featured smoked chicken, brisket, crepes, green beans, hot peppers, and potatoes. The dinner provided a fitting end to an enjoyable day filled with good food, conversation, and camaraderie.

Group 17's Annual Golf Outing was a success, thanks to the participation of its members and guests and the efforts of those who helped make the event possible. The beautiful weather, friendly competition, and shared fellowship made for a memorable day, continuing the tradition of bringing everyone together for an enjoyable annual gathering.












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SLOVAKIA HAS SECURED CONTRACTS AND SUFFICIENT GAS SUPPLIES FOR WINTER

Slovakia is ready for the heating season; its gas supplies have been secured via one long-term contract and several short-term ones, Economy Minister Denisa Sakova told a press conference, adding that the country has enough gas in storage to cover 35 percent of consumption.

The gas was stored there by gas utility SPP as part of the general economic interest, said Sakova.

"We have a long-term contract with Gazprom, which we can utilise until September 2027. We have short-term contracts that we can use in the event of fluctuations in gas supplies, and our gas storage facilities are filled to the required level of 17.5 terawatt-hours (TWh)," said the minister, noting that the storage facilities will serve to cover gas consumption on days when demand is high and will act as a safety net in the event of an unexpected interruption to gas supplies.

According to SPP chief executive Martin Huska, the costs of fulfilling the general economic interest won't be known until the end of the heating season.

ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM REOPENS IN MEDZILABORCE AFTER €15.9 MILLION RENOVATION



The renovated Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art in Medzilaborce (Presov region) was officially opened in August, with the ceremony also attended by President Peter Pellegrini, House Chair Richard Rasi and Presov Region Governor Milan Majersky.

The only specialised museum dedicated to the king of pop art in Europe underwent a comprehensive €15.9-million renovation involving a major reconstruction of the building, installation of new exhibitions, multimedia features, an amphitheatre and walkable multifunctional roof.

According to Pellegrini, the museum's new look could significantly boost its appeal to foreign visitors as well.

"I therefore believe that this museum will be a magnet for people from all over the world who, if they want to visit an Andy Warhol museum, can either visit Pittsburgh in the United States or Medzilaborce in the Slovak Republic," said Pellegrini, expressing his gratitude to all those who contributed to its successful reconstruction. Rasi highlighted Andy Warhol's importance to the region and his international reach.

"I'm convinced that when you enter this museum, you'll be speechless; you'll simply absorb the amazing, world-class experience waiting for you there. Andy Warhol is truly an artist of global standing, but today should also honour him as an ambassador for this region. Because when it comes to the most prominent figure we can showcase, someone who represents both us and you in the arts, it's Andy Warhol," stated Rasi.

Construction work began in April 2023 and was completed within the two-year deadline. Contractors handed over the building in April 2025, while further preparations and installation of the new interior furnishings and exhibitions continued through 2026.

Of the total cost of €15.9 million, construction work totalled €13.1 million, while €2.3 million went to interior furnishings, and some €500,000 to design and engineering work. The project received €5.4 million from the state budget, an additional €8.2 million from EU funds, and some €2.3 million from Presov region's own resources.

The new concept combines original Warhol artworks with digital and interactive technologies. Also featured are works by other artists such as Keith Haring, Roy Lichtenstein, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Robert Indiana and Banksy.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Andy Warhol's nephew Donald Warhola. "It's remarkable what has been accomplished here. I really like the use of the latest and most modern technologies, which goes hand in hand with the mindset of my uncle Andy, who was a huge enthusiast and fan of the latest technologies and always incorporated them into his work," he said.

PARLIAMENT PASSES NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WITH DEFICIT AT 4.94% OF GDP

MPs approved the state budget draft for 2027 on Wednesday, October 14.

The budget deficit should reach 4.94 percent of GDP next year, which is more than the 4.4 percent of GDP projected for this year. Of the 78 MPs present for the vote, 76 voted in favour of the budget, while two abstained. MPs also acknowledged the draft general government budget for 2027-2029.

State budget revenues for 2027 are projected at €27.911 billion, with expenditures at €35.666 billion. The state budget deficit should reach €7.754 billion, therefore.

General government revenues should reach €63.343 billion in 2027, while expenditures should amount to €70.786 billion, resulting in a deficit of €7.443 billion, or 4.94 percent of GDP.

The deficit budgeted for next year is higher than this year's, which was initially planned at 4.1 percent and is currently expected to reach 4.37 percent of GDP. Over the following two years, the deficit should gradually decline to 4.5 percent and to 4 percent of GDP, but this will require additional consolidation measures. "Under the budget currently in place, this strategy will require measures worth 0.8 percent of GDP in 2028 and 1.4 percent of GDP in 2029," said the Finance Ministry. Without this, the deficit will continue to rise to 5.26 percent of GDP and then 5.41 percent of GDP.

In the final vote, MPs also approved an amending proposal by parliamentary committees, under which the salaries of employees in the state and public sectors will increase by 8.4 percent as of 1 July 2027.

MPs spent five days debating the country's key bill in Parliament. Opposition representatives repeatedly criticised the budget for doing nothing to improve the state of Slovakia's public finances, stating that on the contrary, it further increases the deficit. Coalition MPs described the proposal as a budget of good news and political compromise.

The budget counts on, among other things, continued measures to offset high energy prices in 2027, with €250 million allocated for this purpose. Meanwhile, an amount of €100 million has been allocated from the Agriculture Ministry's budget chapter to combat drought, retain water on the land and address the effects of climate change.

The budget also counts on expenditures to cover planned legislative changes totalling €482 million. "This money is intended to cover the impact of measures in the social sector and pro-family policies, in particular allowances to help those in need and a reform of social services. Within this, the budget also covers one-off forms of aid, such as an increased allowance for first-graders and a childbirth contribution," said the Finance Ministry.

Given the challenging economic conditions, halting growth in public debt will take several electoral terms, stated the Finance Ministry. Fiscal consolidation is curbing the growth of debt, but bringing it to a complete halt will require reducing the overall budget deficit to well below 3 percent of GDP, it added.

Selected stories are provided by TASR – the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.

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 October 12, the 2026 Appeal has received $23,530.00 from 164 donors. Among the 52 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, 19 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. Hvozdovic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"
November 2026



THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS & THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS

Intermediate Readers

Mackenzie Peterson	Level 1	*Mint To Be* by Katie Cicatelli-Kuc

Advanced Readers

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James Nowak	Level 3	*The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan
Alyssa Peterson	Level 1	*The Summer of Lost Letters* by Hannah Reynolds
Andrew Peterson	Level 1	*The Year That Broke Politics* by Luke A. Nichter
Kyle Peterson	Level 1	*Hillybilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
Annalise Romine	Level 2	*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

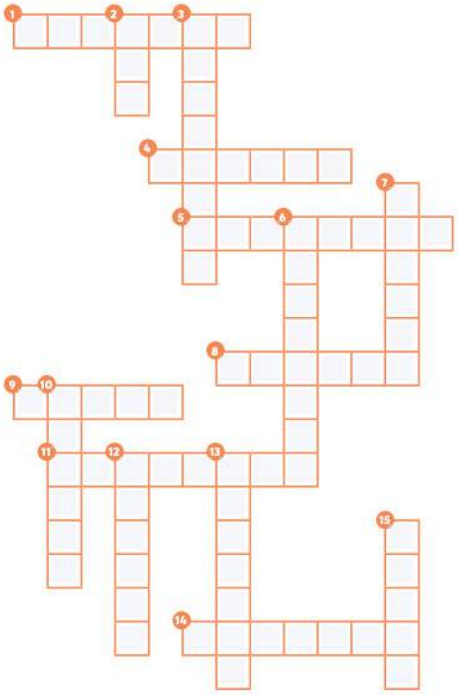
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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

November 2026





Clues

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2	something you do at dinner time	1	people that you like to hang out with
3	you do this to your home for holidays	4	you do this to go somewhere else
6	the month of Thanksgiving	5	when you are grateful you are ...
7	a bird eaten during Thanksgiving	8	people that you are related to
10	the season that Thanksgiving is in	9	people gather around this to eat
12	handing something to someone else	11	when you are with others you are ...
13	a special day	14	marches that are celebrating something
15	a celebratory meal		



Aniston Draime	**11/6**
Michael Ulichney	**11/10**
Cain Lambert	**11/18**
Dustine Nagel	**11/28**



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



AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026

Assembly/Wreath	Name	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 9	Michael A. Mitro of Stratford, CT	78	February 3, 2026
Assembly 9	Eugene J. Salamon of Ballston Lake, NY	80	February 7, 2026
Assembly 9	Thaddeus R. Borowy of Trumbull, CT	88	May 28, 2024
Assembly 11	Anna C. Gorz of Spring Valley, IL	96	May 28, 2026
Assembly 11	Joseph Gallina of Palos Hills, IL	94	August 6, 2026
Assembly 16	Eugene Slebrich of Fairfax, VA	88	July 28, 2026
Assembly 16	Daniel J. Tomasko of Stow, OH	85	August 20, 2026
Assembly 28	Terri Ann Parmenter of Sutton, MA	59	June 24, 2026
Assembly 36	Xia Chang Yang of Perry, MI	75	August 22, 2026
Assembly 39	Sara Sue Vavra of Shadyside, OH	85	June 23, 2026
Assembly 59	Eugene J. Swartwood of Glen Lyon, PA	89	August 20, 2026
Assembly 71	Stephen Demko of Atlanta, GA		
Assembly 72	Helen Sefcik of Whitehall, PA	104	July 16, 2026
Assembly 78	Loretta A. Beckley of Lebanon, PA	94	September 1, 2026
Assembly 78	Christina M. Richie of Bethlehem, PA	76	September 10, 2026
Assembly 82	Michael J. Gdula of St. Michael, PA	80	August 28, 2026
Assembly 136	Sophie Gabana of E. Stroudsburg, PA	100	July 21, 2026
Assembly 108	Richard J. Kinkela of New Wilmington, PA	86	July 17, 2026
Assembly 108	Eleanor M. Rakocy of Youngstown, OH	97	September 3, 2026
Assembly 108	Anthony Pondillo of Youngstown, OH	57	September 4, 2026
Assembly 162	Peter P. Sienicki, Jr. of Woodland Park NJ	79	July 5, 2026
Assembly 163	Theodore J. Span of Hightstown, NJ	80	October 3, 2026
Assembly 255	Maryann Weaver of Northampton, PA	86	January 23, 2026
Assembly 255	Daniel Bobeck of Allentown, PA	78	August 12, 2026
Assembly 261	Gregory J. Jablonski of Reading, PA	63	July 12, 2026
Assembly 312	Carol Seaman of Calabash, NC	74	July 23, 2026
Assembly 312	Mary Ann Palkovic of Erie, PA	95	July 31, 2026
Assembly 312	Ann Wright of St. Peters, MO		
Assembly 312	Mark S. Ludwig of Los Angeles, CA	85	August 17, 2026
Assembly 312	Paul J. Kralicek, Jr. of Millersville, PA	87	August 18, 2026
Assembly 312	Joseph V. Rada of Branchdale, PA	93	August 29, 2026
Assembly 312	George Richards of Springfield Garden, NY	95	September 8, 2026
Wreath 22	Christine Mollica of McKees Rocks, PA	90	November 2, 2025
Wreath 22	Mary Ann Stabile of Pittsburgh, PA	67	July 17, 2026
Wreath 34	Dennis Hiner of Ashland, OH	87	September 11, 2026
Wreath 54	Mary Isabelle Walko of Poland, OH	98	September 16, 2026
Wreath 54	Marilyn DeSalle of Canfield, OH	83	September 28, 2026
Wreath 85	John F. Sofranko, Jr. of Coraopolis, PA	76	June 22, 2026
Wreath 86	Carole Ann Forster of Winsted, CT	84	August 23, 2026
Wrath 93	Joann Martinson of Kenosha, WI	83	July 12, 2026
Wreath 93	Lawrence E. Gardner of Slinger, WI	83	August 23, 2026
Wreath 93	Houa Vang of Sacramento, CA	66	September 6, 2026
Wreath 93	Elynor F. Zurfluh of Davisburg, MI	96	July 24, 2026
Wreath 153	Pikus, Donald of Mentor, OH	89	August 22, 2026
Wreath 155	Mary Frances Buynovsky of PA	77	July 31, 2026

"SLOVAK CUSTOMS BOOKLETS"

Submitted by Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

If you are interested in carrying on Slovak traditions, I highly recommend a series of booklets by Larry Kozlowski. Each booklet also has a QR code to scan with a mobile phone for free demonstration videos.



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Many of the names derive from the Slavic root "pisa" which relates to writing. In Slavic tradition, the egg is written, not drawn or painted.

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SLOVENSKO ČELÍ VÁŽNEMU PROBLÉMU

Obdobie s podpriemernými zrážkami na Slovensku trvá takmer desať a pol mesiaca. Na viacerých meteorologických staniciach zaznamenali od začiatku roka menej ako polovicu obvyklého množstva zrážok. Nedostatok zrážok spolu s vysokým výparom sa prejavil aj výrazným pôdnym suchom. Slovenský hydrometeorologický ústav (SHMÚ) o tom informoval na svojom webe.

Za prvých deväť mesiacov roka spadlo na najsuchších miestach Slovenska menej ako 200 milimetrov zrážok. V Hurbanove zaznamenali od januára do konca septembra 175 milimetrov. Aby tam celoročný úhrn dosiahol aspoň dlhodobý priemer, muselo by počas októbra, novembra a decembra spadnúť ďalších 395 milimetrov. „Tu je ale potrebné uvedomiť si, že z hľadiska klimatických podmienok momentálne ideme do časti roka, ktorá je prirodzene charakterizovaná nízkymi mesačnými úhrnmi zrážok," upozornili meteorológovia.

Od 200 do 300 milimetrov zrážok zaznamenali od januára do septembra na takmer celom západnom, juhu stredného a v južnejších oblastiach východného Slovenska. V severnej polovici krajiny išlo väčšinou o 301 až 500 milimetrov. Ani tam však nie je bilancia podľa SHMÚ priaznivá. V Oravskej Lesnej, kde spadlo 565 milimetrov, by do konca roka muselo spadnúť ďalších 619 milimetrov na dosiahnutie dlhodobého ročného priemeru.

Nedostatok zrážok sa prejavil aj na pôdnom suchu. Na jar zasiahlo výrazné až extrémne sucho najmä severnú polovicu Slovenska, kde miestami trvalo 60 až 100 dní. V lete bolo najvýraznejšie na západnom a východnom Slovensku. Na Podunajskej a Východoslovenskej nížine pretrvávalo extrémne sucho 80 až 100 dní.

„Výrazné až extrémne sucho pretrvávalo na viacerých miestach východného Slovenska viac ako 150 dní," skonštatoval SHMÚ.

Sucho podľa ústavu ovplyvnilo končiacu sa pestovateľskú sezónu aj začiatok novej, keď sa vysievajú a vzchádzajú oziminy. V nasledujúcich desiatich dňoch sa významnejšie zrážky neočakávajú, SHMÚ preto predpokladá ďalšie zhoršovanie pôdneho sucha.

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KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA

Poslanci Národnej rady (NR) SR začali diskusu o koaličnom návrhu na úpravu voľby zo zahraničia. Novela volebného zákona je aktuálne v NR SR v druhom čítaní. Stoja za ňou poslanci za koaličný Smer-SD. Úpravou sa má zaviesť nový spôsob hlasovania v zahraničí pri parlamentných voľbách a rozšíriť túto možnosť aj na prezidentské voľby. Koaličná SNS k nej predložila aj zmeny týkajúce sa preferenčného hlasovania, tzv. prekrúžkovania sa vo voľbách.

Na Slovensku pribudne nový pamätný deň. Pôjde o Deň štátnej vlajky SR, pripadne na 18. septembra. Vyplýva to z novely zákona o štátnych sviatkoch, dňoch pracovného pokoja a pamätných dňoch, ktorú v stredu podpísal prezident SR Peter Pellegrini. TASR o tom informoval odbor komunikácie Kancelárie prezidenta SR.

„Navrhovaný pamätný deň pripomína historické korene slovenskej vlajkovej symboliky, ktoré sa viažu na udalosti roku 1848 a na vystúpenie slovenského dobrovoľníckeho zboru. Ustanovením pamätného dňa sa nemení okruh štátnych sviatkov ani dní pracovného pokoja," odôvodnili návrh poslanci za SNS, ktorí novelu predložili.

Zavedením nového pamätného dňa sa má posilniť povedomie o význame štátnej vlajky ako samostatného štátneho symbolu. Pamätný deň má vytvoriť priestor na „dôstojné každoročné pripomenutie jej historického a symbolického významu, najmä vo vzdelávacom, v kultúrnom, občianskom a spoločenskom kontexte".

Zástupcovia desiatich neziskových organizácií si prebrali na dlhodobé užívanie vozidlá, ktoré budú v teréne využívať na pomoc ľuďom. Do bezplatného užívania ich neziskovky získali v rámci druhého ročníka grantového programu Dobrá flotila, ktorý organizuje Nadácia Volkswagen Slovakia a jej partneri. Vozidlá si zástupcovia organizácií prevzali v areáli bratislavského závodu Volkswagen Slovakia. Nadácia pripomenula, že najmä v obciach s obmedzenou dopravou alebo v prípade klientov, ktorí sa sami nedokážu dostať k potrebným službám, je auto nevyhnutnou súčasťou práce sociálnych pracovníkov, odborných tímov aj dobrovoľníkov. Jeho kúpa a prevádzka však často presahujú možnosti neziskových organizácií. Medzi desiatimi podporenými organizáciami sú celoslovensky pôsobiace združenia aj tímy poskytujúce špecializované služby v konkrétnych regiónoch. Autá využijú pri prevencii ochorení, podpore seniorov a rodín, riešení bytovej núdze aj pri pátraní po nezvestných ľuďoch. Takzvaná zápožička vozidla zahŕňa aj poistenie, diaľničnú známku, sezónne prezutie a základný servis.

RECEPTY NA SVIATOČNÝ STÔL

PEČENÝ MORIAK

PLNKA
150 g varená šunka
60 g strúhanka
60 g slanina
50 g maslo
100 g šampiňóny
2 ks vajce
100 g morčacia pečeň
100 g zeler
trochu petržlenová vňať
trochu biele mleté korenie
trochu sol'



Moriaka (približne 6 kg) umzjeme, osušíme a krk zastrčíme do krčnej dutiny, aby plnka pri pečení nevytiekla. Celého moriaka zvnútra aj zvonka osolíme, hrvol' naplníme plnkou a zašijeme pevnou bielou niťou. Krídla skrížime dozadu a stehná pripevníme k telu špagátom. Maslo roztopíme na pekáči, moriaka naň položíme prsiami nadol, trošku ho opečieme, obrátime a upečieme do mäkka (minimálne 3 hodiny). Počas pečenia občas polievame vlastnou šťavou alebo hovädzím vývarom. Keď je moriak upečený vyberieme ho z pekáča, šťavu vydusíme na tuk, pridáme do nej kúsok masla, prilejeme trochu vývaru a povaríme.
PLNKA
V miske zmiešame zmäknuté maslo, šunku pokrájanú nadrobno, pokrájanú pečeň, slaninu, zeler a šampiňóny, pridáme strúhanku, vajcia a posekanú petržlenovú vňať. Podl'a chuti osolíme, okoreníme a dobre premiešame.

JEMNÝ JABLKOVÝ KOLÁČ

CESTO
3 ks väčšie vajíčko
12 PL kryštálový cukor
12 PL hladká múka
12 PL vlažné mlieko
13 PL rastlinný olej
1 balíček prášok do pečiva
PLNKA
800 g jablká (nastrúhané)
1 balíček škoricový cukor
cukor na dochutenie jabĺk podl'a sladkostí



Jablká ošúpeme nastrúhame na strúhadle pridáme škoricový cukor a cukor podl'a sladkostí jabĺk. Dáme na panvicu krátko podusíme necháme vychladnúť.
Vajíčka, cukor vyšľaháme do penista striedavo pridáme olej, vlažné mlieko. Múku preosejeme spojíme s práškom do pečiva. Zl'ahka vmiešame do cesta. Plech 25x30 cm vymastíme vysypeme múkou nalejeme polovicu cesta. Rúru predhrejeme predpečieme 10 minút. Na predpečené cesto nanesieme jablkovú zmes uhladime. Na jablkovú zmes vylejeme zbytok cesta. Dáme do rúry pečieme do zlatista 20-25 minút.
Vychladnutý koláč pokrájame, pred podávaním posypeme práškovým cukrom.

PRÍRODNÉ LIEČIVÁ Z DOMÁCEJ LEKÁRNIČKY

Blíži sa sezóna chorôb z prechladnuti či zapáleného hrdla. Pred tým ako siahnete po tabletkách, skúste tradičné prírodné lieky. Symptómy prechladnutia dokážu potlačiť aj látky, ktoré nájdete v dostupných prírodných produktoch. Mnohé z nich sú bežnou súčasťou kuchynskej police s koreninami. Pritom posilňujú imunitu, majú protizápalové účinky a bránia množeniu škodlivých baktérií a vírusov.

Cesnak pomáha obranyschopnosti tela. Je výborným zdrojom vitamínov (A, B1, B2, C, D) ako aj minerálnych látok, napríklad jódu. Povzbudzuje imunitu, pôsobí antistresovo, a pre jeho účinky pri nádche a prechladnutí si získal prívlastok „prírodné antibiotikum“. Jeho blahodárny efekt sa prejaví najmä ak je čerstvý.

Med - ak je neriedený, bráni množeniu mikroorganizmov, má probiotické vlastnosti a potláča potenciálne nebezpečné baktérie.

Harmanček je ideálny pre l'udí, ktorí majú problémy so spánkom. Upokojuje podráždený žalúdok a tiež zmierňuje príznaky žalúdočných vredov. Jeho antibakteriálne vlastnosti pomáhajú posilňovať imunitu. Inhalovanie harmančekových výparov zmierňuje prejavy prechladnutia a bolesť krku.

Škorica má výrazné antioxidačné vlastnosti a zároveň pomáha telu bojovať so zápalmi. Škoriová kôra dokonca napomáha znižovať cholesterol a cukor v krvi.

Šalvia lekárska má protizápalové, antivirotické a antibakteriálne účinky. Čaj zo šalviových listov sa pije proti kašľu a pri poruchách trávenia či dokonca na zmiernenie potenia.

Jablčný ocot má antibakteriálne vlastnosti. Vďaka svojej kyslosti môže pomôcť rozpúšťať a uvoľňovať hlieny v hrdle a zastaviť šírenie baktérií. Ak máte pocit, že sa v hrdle začína rozmáhať zápal, vyskúšajte kloktať vodu s dvomi lyžičkami jablčného octu. Medzi-tým pite dostatok vody.

Tymián sa osvedčil ako prostriedok proti nadúvaniu a zápalom tráviaceho traktu. Mierni kašel' a vo všobecnosti má protizápalové účinky. Vďaka svojim účinkom sa dá využiť pri liečbe nachladenia, kašľa, bolesti v krku a infekciách v ústach. Dá sa použiť pri inhalácii, ako ústna voda, alebo kloktadlo.

Repík má mimoriadne široké uplatnenie. Pomáha pri problémoch s tráviacou sústavou, má močopudné účinky, pri žlčníkových a močových kameňoch, pri poruchách pečene. V jesennom a zimnom období môže pomôcť pri liečbe nádchy a kašľa. Keďže má sťahujúci účinok, používa sa aj na rany.

Mäta dokáže omnoho viac, než len osviežiť dych. Výluh zmierňuje bolesť hrdla a tíši kašel'. Vďaka obsahu mentolu uvoľňuje hlieny. Mäta má protizápalové vlastnosti a preto môže okrem liečenia vírusových a bakteriálnych infekcií pomôcť aj pri hojení rán.

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