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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

It is over a month already since the final gavel closed the 33rd Quadrennial Convention on Tuesday, August 6,



2019 in Cleveland, Ohio. Thank you to all delegates who represented their respective Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups it was your preparedness before the Convention and your involvement at the Convention that

the Convention was a success and so much was accomplished. All delegates appreciate the willingness of all who served on the various Committees, without their service the Convention could not get through the agenda as efficiently as was done.

A special note of appreciation goes to the 2020 Committee, who were also the By Laws Committee; the work you did over the last two and one half years helped all the delegates understand how our Society measures up to other fraternal benefit societies and what changes in our BY Laws were needed to improve our Society's, Board of Directors and management governance. The work you did and the By Law changed

the delegates approved will improve the Society and help it grow and meet the future challenges.

Congratulations to all those elected to a Supreme Office. I look forward to working with all of you over the next four years to improve on what we do best and better what needs to be improved on to make the Slovak Catholic Sokol a stronger financially sound and member active fraternal benefit society that will stand above our peers.

Lastly, for those who could not be at the Convention I am sorry to say you missed out on some Slovak delicacies that are very hard to find anywhere, even in Slovakia. It is amazing what smoke can do to the senses, especially how it stimulates the mind and draws you to its source. A few delegates took it upon themselves, with permission of the Airport Marriott' management, to treat the delegates to smoked meat; chicken wing, turkey, salmon, brisket, tenderloin, etc., for three days and nights. At every Convention break and at the evening gatherings the delegates would go to the courtyard and huddle around the smokers to see what was being smoked and taste the results of the chefs. To all the chefs, "Dakujem mnohokrat", for your

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CLIFFORD A. MOELLER, SR. IS OUR 2019 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our well-known Pittsburgh Sokol, Clifford A. Moeller, Sr. has been selected as our 2019 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. Brother Moeller has been active in the work of our Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, located on Pittsburgh's South Side as well as in Assembly 16 and Group 14. An active fraternalist for more than 60 years, he has served in various capacities in both the lodge and the Group. In Assembly 16, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors and was vice president from 1984-2013. In Group 14, he served as



president and vice president 2000-2014. He has been a regular at our quadrennial Sokol conventions, as well as at our international sporting events. He was active in the former St. Matthew's Slovak Parish on Pittsburgh's South Side and currently is a member of Prince of Peace Parish.

Brother Moeller hails from a 100% Sokol family and has instilled in his family members a love for Sokol fraternalism. His son, Edward D. Moeller currently serves as our organization's Supreme Vice President. Our honoree will be honored at a dinner scheduled for the fall and will be presented with the 2019 Fraternalist of the Year Plaque as well as a check for \$200 as a small token of our organization's gratitude for his years of fraternal service. Our congratulations and warm fraternal wishes go out to Brother Moeller on this well-deserved tribute.

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***THANK YOU**by **Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**

It is hard to believe that the Fall Season is upon us! It is always my favorite time of the year as the air gets a bit crisper and the beautiful colors begin to form. This time of the year also allows us the opportunity to not only look forward to the holiday season, but to look back at the wonderful times had over the summer months. The Slovak Catholic Sokol had a busy summer calendar filled with great memories and true fraternalism.

Our 49th International Slet was held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY from July 17th-21st. Our Sokol youth from eight participating Groups displayed their fine athletic ability in the best traditions of the Sokol Movement. Congratulations to our Slet Flag winner, Group 4, Chicago, IL, and to our John J. Stofko Memorial Spirit Award winner, Group 1, Passaic, NJ! I would also like to thank our Supreme Physical Fitness Board, our Group Physical Fitness Staffs, and all who had a hand in making the 49th International Slet so successful and memorable. Great job!

Two weeks after our Slet, the elected delegates of the Slovak Catholic Sokol met in Cleveland, OH for our 33rd Quadrennial Convention. The Convention is the highest governing body in the life of a fraternal organization. I want to thank the 173 Delegates who took the time out of their busy schedules to participate and give back to the organization. Decisions that were made at this Convention will guide our organization in the coming four years and beyond. I would like to commend our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, who served as Chairperson of the Convention. It is not an easy job to navigate through the agenda, but Brother Mike did a wonderful job in being efficient and keeping us on task. I would also like to recognize our Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, for stepping in and assisting Brother Mike where necessary.

I would like to give a special thank you to Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of

Cleveland, who was the celebrant at our beautiful opening Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you to our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic for all his efforts in organizing the beautiful liturgy, which testifies to the great faith in our organization.

In the coming issues, you will have the opportunity to read about the proceedings at our 33rd Quadrennial Convention. An important role of the Delegates is to elect members of the Supreme Assembly. On this page, you will find the newly elected Supreme Officers who will serve our organization for the next four years. I would like to thank our Delegates for their trust in me to serve as your Supreme Secretary and I extend warm fraternal wishes to all our newly elected and reelected Officers. Once again, thank you!

Congratulations to all our flight winners at the recent 64th International Golf Tournament held in Beaver, PA at the beautiful Seven Oaks Country Club. A wonderful time was had by all and the spirit of fraternalism shone brightly. Thank you to the Greek Catholic Union for their generous hospitality and for being truly gracious hosts. Thank you to our Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, and his entire staff for their efforts to make this wonderful event a success. A big congratulations to our 2019 Frank S. Petruff Award winner, Mary Margaret Starr, from V-054, Youngstown, OH. Mary is a longtime attendee at our golf tournaments and truly deserving of this honor. Congratulations Mary!

Finally, I wish to congratulate Brother Clifford A. Moeller, Sr. on being selected as the 2019 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. There is a beautiful writeup in this edition of the Falcon to learn more about Brother Cliff. As you will see, Cliff is certainly deserving of this tribute and we thank him for his many years of service and hard work in the best traditions of our fine organization. Thank you and congratulations Brother Cliff!

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

Zdar Boh!

**MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY
ELECTED BY THE DELEGATES
OF THE 33RD QUADRENNIAL
CONVENTION INCLUDE:**

Right Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B.
Protector

Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic*
Supreme Chaplain

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Supreme President

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL 33RD QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION AUGUST 3-7 – CLEVELAND AIRPORT MARRIOTT, CLEVELAND, OH



Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board elected at the 33rd Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, OH pose for a photo following the convention deliberations. Shown seated, l-r are Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation, Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., and Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon. Standing, l-r, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Kristen Popik, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme Assistant Physical Director Martin Degnan, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Robert R. Palchanis, III., Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics Frank P. Laury, III., and Members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Dusan Dorich and Janice Matlon. The Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary serve as ex officio members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board.



Mass was celebrated daily for the delegates during the 33rd Quadrennial Convention. On Tuesday, August 6, principal celebrant of the liturgy was our organization's Protector, the Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew-Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland. Abbot Gary is shown on the above with concelebrants which included, from the left, the Rev. Richard A. Bay, a delegate of Assembly 162 in Clifton, NJ, the Rev. Anthony J. Pleho, a delegate of Assembly 219 in Yonkers, NY and our Supreme Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.



Our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic is shown administering the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Board of Directors and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board at the conclusion of the final convention session on August 6.

GROUP DELEGATES



Group 1, Passaic, NJ



Group 2 - Bridgeport, CT



Group 10, Bethlehem, PA



Group 3, East Douglas, MA



Group 6, Perryopolis, PA



Group 4, Chicago, IL



Group 9, Johnstown, PA



Group 5, Cleveland, OH



Group 11, Superior, WI



Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA

GROUP DELEGATES



Group 12, Reading, PA



Group 17, Youngstown, OH



Group 14, Pittsburgh, PA



Group 18, Lansford, PA



Group 16, Detroit, MI



Group 19, Toronto, Canada

49TH INTERNATIONAL SLET – JULY 17 - 21, 2019

The beautiful campus of SUNY Brockport, NY was host to our 49th International Slet from July 17-21, 2019. Although the participants did not arrive until the 17th, the Supreme Physical Fitness Board arrived the evening of July 15th to begin preparations for the upcoming week. Monday evening and all day Tuesday included meeting with SUNY Brockport staff, reviewing the schedule, verifying and approving the facilities, shopping for necessary supplies, finishing up any last minute paperwork, testing out the computer scoring programs, making signs, putting together information packets for the group leaders, answering last minute e-mails from group leaders, and checking the dorm rooms.

One of the highlights of the week was live streaming our competition on Facebook so that all of our members could watch the International Slet. A special thank you to Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic for being our videographer for the week. We know that this was quite an undertaking.

Another highlight was the introduction of our new Sokol mascot, SLODOBA (freedom). The winner of the name the mascot contest was Andy Lipovsky from Group 5.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

Arrival, opening ceremony, individual drill competition senior drills

The morning began bright and early with the arrival of eight participating groups. A total of 143 participants and 26 SPFB members and chaperones were in attendance. Group 1, Passaic, New Jersey, Steven Pogorelec, Jr., Carmela Lambert (acting); Group 3, East Douglas, Massachusetts, Gary Manyak, Judy Manyak, Zach Manyak, Joshua Cyr, Jaque Manyak; Group 4, Chicago, Illinois, Tricia Radtke, Brad Hoeck, Noah Romine, Lisa Hoeck; Group 5, Cleveland, Ohio, Steve Underation, Jayme Blosser, Andy Lipovsky; Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Matthew Malenovitch, Kelly Palchanis; Group 11, Superior, Wisconsin, Rebecca Matlon, Rachel Matlon; Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Aaron Kercell, Haley Hast, Gavin Watkins, Kara Devers, Brittany Hast; Group 19, Toronto, Ontario, Steven Popik, Kristen Popik, Michael Wasilewski, Anne Marie Wasilewski.

Registration is always a bit chaotic with all groups unloading and trying to get situated in the dorms, but the best part is watching the excitement on the faces of the participants as they see friends they haven't seen in two years. Many hugs, smiles and laughs were exchanged among the groups. The weather did not cooperate, and the participants had to unload the busses and cars in the rain. Check in was followed by lunch in the cafeteria. While registration was occurring, some of the SPFB members were holding a track and gymnastics clinic for anyone who wished to attend.

Following lunch, the SPFB held a practice fire drill which was required as a safety procedure for SUNY Brockport.

Since it continued to rain throughout the day, opening ceremony was moved inside. Dressed in the multi-colored shirts, the participants arrived at Tuttle Gymnasium for mass and opening ceremony. After gathering at the back of the stadium for group pictures, the opening procession of the groups began. The participants marched in and sat in the bleachers for mass. We enjoyed a beautiful mass celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic.

After the conclusion of the mass, the program continued with the following:

- Comments given by our Supreme President Michael Horvath

and Supreme Physical Director John Underation.

- The ceremonial torch parade where the physical director and directress pass the torch to the next group. Unfortunately, the torches could not be lit because we were inside the gym.

- The ceremonial lighting of the torch by the previous Slet winners – Group 3.

Following the opening ceremony, we were honored to host professional speaker, Brian Blasco, a member of Group 17, Youngstown Ohio. He entertained the crowd with a few Slet memories of his own and some inspiring words. I am sure his message continues to resonate with our participants.

After Brian Blasco's presentation, the groups returned to the dorms to unpack, tour the campus, and get in some last minute practice. This year, the individual drill competition was held in two sessions. The juniors and all gymnasts drilled on Wednesday afternoon and the non-gymnasts drilled on Thursday afternoon during the gymnastics competition. Late afternoon, a meeting was held for the group leaders to discuss the general rules, go over the schedule, choose team drill positions, and answer any questions that the group leaders had.

The evening events brought about tough competition for the seniors and a bit of relaxation for the juniors. After dropping off the juniors at game night, the volleyball teams reported to the gymnasium to begin the volleyball tournament. Teams spiked, set, and passed the ball throughout the night until only two teams were left: Group 4 and Group 14. After several tough games, Group 4 triumphed.

While volleyball was going on in the gym, the juniors were enjoying the some fun activities in the courtyard of and common area of the dorm. There was a corn hole game, relay races, hula hoop contests, football games, lacrosse shooting, and many other things. The girls even set up a mini beauty shop and did hair and makeup. I was able to get an appointment with some pretty talented young hair and makeup artists. Snacks, freeze pops and juice boxes topped off the night.

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

Track and field, gymnastics, individual drill competition, junior drills

The groups gathered bright and early in the cafeteria for breakfast and then met at the track to begin warming up for competition.

Thursday morning, the track and field competition was in full swing. The athletes showed their talents as they raced around the track and competed in several field events. The use of electronic timing this year made the competition run more smoothly. If you are interested in seeing all of the times, you can access the results at www.Leone.timing.com.

After lunch, the individual drill competition continued and the gymnastics competition began in the Tuttle North Gymnastics facility. Gymnasts competed in vault, floor exercise, balance beam, uneven bars, parallel bars, and pommel horse. These talented gymnasts performed beautifully and made the judging very difficult. At the end of competition, the winners were announced and presented with their medals and ribbons.

All-Around Gymnastics Winners

Girls 8-9	Hana Lang	Group 14
Girls 10-12	Kaylie Novotnak	Group 14

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Girls 13-15	Brooke McArdle	Group 14
Girls 16 and over	Brittany Hast	Group 14
Boys 8-9	Kyle Peterson	Group 4
Boys 10-12	Bryce Watkins	Group 14
Boys 13-15	Mitchell Rawkow	Group 4
Boys 16 and over	Jonathan Gable	Group 14

The evening began with the junior individual drill finalists performing for the judges. This is a private drill session where the judges watch the participants perform and determine their placement. While this was occurring, spectators and junior drill teams were assembling in the gymnasium in anticipation of the junior drill competition.

The main evening event was the junior drill competition in which three boys' teams and three girls' teams competed. The women performed two drills, Prva Laska by the Tweens and Better When I'm Dancing by Meghan Trainor. The boys also performed two drills, Livin' in the Hall of Fame by will.i.am and Isli Mladenci Do Pola by Nebeska Muzica. The boys and girls were clearly well-prepared as they showed off their drilling skills. The junior team drill winners were:

Boys – Group 4 -- Chicago, Illinois

Girls – Group 5 – Cleveland, Ohio

The individual drill finalists also performed and the winners were announced.

Individual Drill Winners

Girls 8-9	Annalise Romine	Group 4
Girls 10-12	Kennedy Macko	Group 5
Girls 13-15	Nicole Leslie	Group 5
Girls 16 and over	Jenna Babinchak	Group 19
Directress	Jaque Manyak	Group 3
Boys 8-9	Connor Swift	Group 14
Boys 10-12	Andrew Peterson	Group 4
Boys 13-15	Nicholas St. George	Group 3
Boys 16 and over	Daniel Underation	Group 5
Director	Steve Underation	Group 5

The evening ended with groups gathering outside the dorms and in the commons areas to sing, dance, play corn hole, play ping pong, socialize, eat pizza and make memories!

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

Track and Field and Senior Drills

After having breakfast in the cafeteria, the athletes showed up early at the track to warm-up and get ready for the day's track and field events. As the events began, the excessive heat made things a bit uncomfortable. Supreme President Michael Horvath and Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic went to the store and brought popsicles to help keep the athletes cool and hydrated. The SPFB set up a small swimming pool and sprinkler to help ward off the heat. While the field events were occurring around the track, the preliminary races for many of the shorter distances were run, as well as a few longer distances. As part of the morning events, the ever-popular 7 and under race was held and all participants received ribbons.

Following lunch in the cafeteria, the track and field competition continued with many competitive races including some of the relay races. The excessive heat was not our only obstacle. Mid-

afternoon a storm came in and moved everyone into the gymnasium. THE SPFB used this time to hand out medals and awards for the track events, as well as practice the mass drill for the closing ceremony.

The evening began with the senior individual drill finalists performing for the judges. This is a private drill session where the judges watch the participants perform and determine their placement. While this was occurring, spectators and senior drill teams were assembling in the gymnasium in anticipation of the senior drill competition.

The main evening event was the senior drill competition in which 4 men's teams and 4 women's teams competed. The women performed two drills, Te Na by Kristina Pelakova and Come Alive from the movie the Greatest Showman. The men also performed two drills, Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes and Janko Pri Potoku by Nebeska Muzica. After what came to be some very tough competition, the winners were announced.

Men – Group 3 -- East Douglas, Massachusetts

Women – Group 19 – Toronto, Canada

The evening commenced once again with groups gathering outside the dorms to socialize, order pizza, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

Track finals, exhibition practice, closing ceremony, dance

Once again, it was an early morning with breakfast at the cafeteria and on to the track for the conclusion of the track competition. Our athletes proved that talent, hard work and determination pay off in the end as they raced their final races of the 49th International Slet. All winners were presented with medals and ribbons, including the 7 and under participants who raced for a second time this Slet.

After our lunch break, the teams assembled in the gymnasium for exhibition practice. After practice, the participants were dismissed to the dorms to get ready for the closing ceremony.

Dressed in their drill uniforms, the participants assembled in the gym. The Board of Directors and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Members were announced as well as each group and its leaders as everyone marched into the gymnasium for our closing mass. A beautiful mass was celebrated by our Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic. After the conclusion of the mass, the program continued with the following:

- Comments were given by our Supreme President Michael Horvath.
- The ceremonial lighting of the torch by the all-around high scorers in track and field and gymnastics: All-around Track – Luke Underation, Amaya Fluker; All-around gymnastics – Jonathan Gable, Brooke McArdle.

NOTE: The torch bearers are the male and female all-around winners for track and gymnastics. They must be seniors and may not have carried it at a prior Slet. If that is the case, the next all-around winner carries the torch.

- Drill performances by the junior boys, junior girls, senior men and senior women.
- Mass drill performance by all of the athletes.
- Following the mass drill, the SPFB proceeded with the awards ceremony.

All-Around Track and Field Winners

Boys 8-9	Evan Radtke	Group 4
Boys 10-12	Andrew Peterson	Group 4
Boys 13-15	Peyton Manyak	Group 3
Men	Luke Underation	Group 5
Girls 8-9	Annalise Romine	Group 4
Girls 10-12	Ava Haire	Group 3
Girls 13-15	Amaya Fluker	Group 4
Women	Brittany Hast	Group 14

John J. Stofko Spirit Award Winner – Group 1 – Passaic, New Jersey

Overall Team Drill Winner – Group 5 – Cleveland, Ohio

Overall Track and Field Winner – Group 4 - Chicago, Illinois

Overall Gymnastics Winner – Group 14 - Pittsburgh, PA

The most exciting moment of the night was when the international flag was presented to GROUP 4! Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

*******International Flag Winner – Group 4*******

Chicago, Illinois

After many tears and hugs, the participants returned to the dorms to change and make their way to the dance. A picnic-style dinner was set-up, as well as a D.J. and a photo booth. When I arrived at the dance, I could not believe my eyes. Almost every participant was on the dance floor-- boys, girls, men, women, and SPFB members. Some kids who I know NEVER dance. It was an amazing site, and of course, it brought tears to my eyes! If you have been on Facebook, you have seen the pictures and live stream. Additionally, the photo booth proved to be a huge hit. There were funny hats, masks, and signs that provided many laughs.

As I reflect back on the 49th International Slet and all of the previous Slets I have attended, I cannot help but smile as I think about all of the amazing friends that I have made and the memories that will last a lifetime. I know you are all smiling right now as you think of the same thing.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is in the process of planning the 50th International Slet for the summer of 2021. We hope to make it a comeback year! Please consider joining us and bringing your children and grandchildren. We have many ideas to motivate you to join us. Stay tuned for details on Facebook and in the Falcon. If the pictures and live stream do not make you miss it, think of all the people that you have not seen in several years. Let's make the 50th the biggest International Slet in years!

Zdar Boh!

Kathleen S. Watkins

Supreme Physical Directress



Opening Ceremony



Drill Exhibition



Torch Ceremony



Photos by Kathleen Shoberg Watkins

GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS SET

GROUP 1 - Our meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at St. John Nepomucene Parish located at the corner of First Avenue and East 66th Street in Manhattan. Hosting this year's meeting will be Assembly 182 of New York City. Our program begins with attendance at the 10:15 a.m. Mass in church. Our meeting and luncheon will follow in the parish social hall located at 406 East 67th Street. Parking is available at the Garage Management Company Parking Garage located at 337 East 64th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 11 by calling the secretary, Daniel F. Tanzone at tel. 800 886-7656. Zdar Boh! - **John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq, President; Daniel F. Tanzone, Secretary.**

GROUP 5 - Our meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13 at the American Slovak Club, located at 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Oh. hosted by Wreath 111. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 9:15 a.m. We will break for the celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's Church in nearby Amherst at 11 a.m. Luncheon will be served at the club. Cost of the luncheon will be approximately \$11.00. Zdar Boh! - **Karen Hutnick, Secretary**

GROUP 6 - Our annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 13 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant located on 148 Finley Road in Rostraver Twp. Belle Vernon, Pa. beginning at 1:15 p.m. Officers are to have their yearly written reports ready for presentation at the meeting and then given to the secretary. Suggestions for upcoming events can be made at this meeting. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. A luncheon will be enjoyed. In order to make the necessary arrangements, those planning to attend should call Anna Mae at tel. 724 736-4032. Deadline for reservations is October 6. Zdar Boh! - **Anna Mae Warnick, President; Terri Gardner, Secretary**

GROUP 9 - Officers and representatives of our Assemblies and Wreaths will gather for our annual meeting on Sunday, September 15. Our meeting will take place at the Homestead Inn in Elton, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m. For registration and additional information call the Secretary Alice Podrebarac at tel. 814 487-7433. Looking forward to a successful annual meeting, may we remain Zdar Boh! - **Joanne E. Spisak, President; Alice Podrebarac, Secretary**

GROUP 11 - Annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 13 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 13th Avenue & 2nd Street, N.E. in Minneapolis, Minn. Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 will host the meeting. Mass will be celebrated in church at 9 a.m. Following the liturgy, we will gather in the Father Dargay Memorial Hall where the annual meeting will be called to order. Coffee and rolls will be available before the meeting and a lunch will be enjoyed following the meeting. We hope to see representatives not only from Minneapolis but also from our lodges in Duluth, Minn., Superior, Wis. and Ironwood, Mich. In order to make the necessary arrangements, we ask those planning to attend to register with the Group secretary at tel. 763 789-9196 by October 6. Zdar Boh! - **David J. Genosky, President; James T. Genosky, Secretary**

GROUP 16 - Our meeting will take place on Saturday, September 28 in SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 41233 Ryan Road in Sterling Heights, Mich. Meeting will be called to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the parish. Mass to satisfy the Sunday obligation will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see all our lodges in Detroit and Rossford, Oh.

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

GRATEFUL

Of all great gifts, Lord,
your gift of friendship has pride of place
within my heart of hearts...
Today I thank you for my friends, Lord,
for all of them:
- my old friends, tried and true,
who've been there with me and for me,
through thick and thin, in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health...
- and my new friends, Lord,
the ones I've just met and made
but friends I know are keepers!
- and all the friends I've not yet met, Lord...
- and my friends whom I see all the time, Lord:
help me never take them for granted...
- and the friends I see but once or twice a year - or less:
friends not bound by geography or time spent together,
friends I pick up with after months, years apart -
as though I see them every day...
- and friends from my past who've drifted away,
due not to any cause
besides the shifting tides of time...
- and my virtual friends, my online friends,
my Face Book friends...
- and my friends who've died, Lord,
whom you've called home,
now held in your strong arms,
at rest, at last, in your deep peace...
And I'm grateful, Lord, that you're my friend:
you, my brother and redeemer,
you, my savior and my shepherd,
you, my hope and joy,
you, my Lord and God,
you, my friend,
for ever...



Amen.

LODGE JOTTINGS

CANTON, OH, ASSEMBLY 180

We invite our members to join us as we start up our monthly meetings beginning on Sunday, September 22. Our meetings are held in St. Mary's School Cafeteria beginning at 10:30 a.m. We remind our members to bring along some school supplies towards our monthly service project. The collected items will be given to the local YMCA for their children's program as well as to their shelter residents, along with several local schools for their needs. Looking ahead, at our October meeting, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to be given to the St. Mary's Food Pantry. As fraternalists, we are committed to our service projects. We look forward to seeing a good turnout at our future meetings.

Zdar Boh!

Douglas Hutnick

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GRADE SCHOOL

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me one of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grants. I know that my parents make sacrifices to send me to a Catholic grade school. This grant will really help them. I am looking forward to starting 5th grade this year.

Thank you for helping me to continue my Catholic education. – Rebeca Sherman, Drexel Hill, PA

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokols,

Thank you for the scholarship grant. I am in 3rd grade at Our Lady of the Valley School. I really appreciate it. – Emily K. Johnson, East Douglas, MA

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I look forward to 4th grade this year because we will learn fractions and go on field trips. My school is amazing and I hope it will be a great 2019-2020 school year. Thanks again! – Margaret Sejba, Barberton, OH

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. My favorite thing about school is caring and helping kids that are having trouble. I especially like the crafts and fun things. 2nd grade is exciting for my first communion. – Rachel Sejba, Barberton, OH

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokols,

I would like to thank you very much for awarding me with the scholarship. I truly appreciate your assistance in helping me be able to continue my education in the Catholic school system. – Kelci Kuren, Wilkes Barre, PA

COLLEGE

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the 2019 Slovak Catho-

lic Sokol Scholarship Grant. This will help alleviate the cost of tuition and books during my final year at Penn State! Thank you again for supporting me throughout my collegiate career.

Sincerely, Alyssa Peretin, Dunlo, PA

Dear Mr. Pogorelec,

I am writing to you in regard to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship in which I was a recipient this year. I would just like to say an enormous thank you for granting me with this scholarship and therefore assisting me in my university career.

Being able to attend university and receive an education is such a blessing and in my opinion, an integral part of life. However, the life of a student can be quite difficult and therefore every ounce of support helps. Therefore, I want to thank you for your generosity in providing students nationwide with opportunities like this as it brings us one step closer to our academic goals.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol has and always will be an organization that is very close to my heart and the Sokol community is one that I respect greatly. It is for this reason that being selected as a recipient means such a tremendous deal to me and I am not able to express my gratitude enough. I am excited to return back to school this fall and I am ever appreciating of the role that you have played in supporting me in my studies.

Sincerely, Jessica Glugosh, Toronto ON, CN

Slovak Catholic Sokol,

Thank you so much for your consideration in selecting me as the winner of the 2019 Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship. I have received the scholarship money, and I am very grateful as the money will go a long way in helping to pay student loans. I am so very blessed to be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Sincerely, Nicholas Peretin, Dunlo, PA

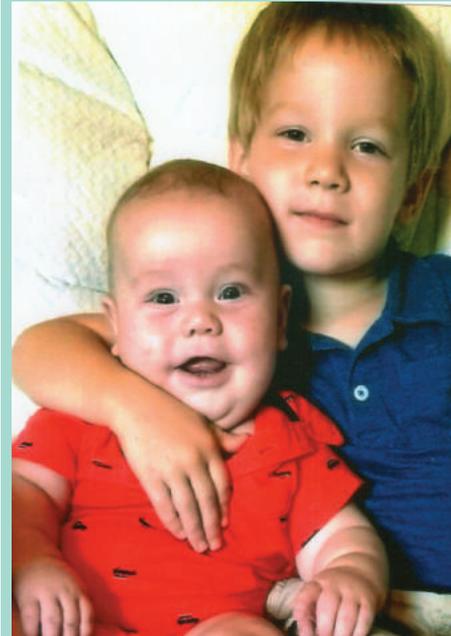
Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me a S.C.S. scholarship. This will greatly help with my studies at Ohio State University. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Sarah Pavlick, Pittsburgh, PA

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Introducing our newest members



Mitchell Jacob Dujmic, born January 24, 1919 and his brother, Isaac Matthew Dujmic, born September 24, 2014, are the sons of Brandon and Christine Kercell Dujmic of Elizabeth, PA. They were enrolled as members of Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, PA.



Richard Gonzalez, Jr., born June 9, 2019 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. He is the son of Richard and Helene Swist Gonzalez of Allentown, PA. He was enrolled as a 5th generation member of Assembly 299 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Message from our Supreme President

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hospitality, labors of love and treating us to tasty and delicious snacks. You should have your own Slovak cooking and smoker channel, an idea?

The annual joint Slovak Catholic Sokol and GCU International Golf Tournament held August 16 -18, 2019 at the magnificent Seven Oaks Country Club and the Black Hawk golf courses in Beaver, PA was a success. I have heard the courses were outstanding and many had great rounds of golf plus the weather was ideal to make the tournament an even better experience for everyone. Congratulations to all the tournament winners.

I'm sure we will see you at next years tournament much improved and ready to claim the championship. I am always trying to improve my game and one of these year's I will break a 105.

Our 2019 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Golf Award winner is truly worthy of this award. Our Sokol Sister Mary Margaret Starr from Youngstown, Ohio is the perfect example of what fraternalism is about and how members support the activities of their Society. Congratulations to Mary and welcome to the Slovak Catholic Sokol's circle of Golf fraternalists.

The 2019 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year (FOTY) was selected by the Board of Directors from the nominations received from our members, Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths. This year we proudly announce that the Fraternalist of the Year is our well-known Sokol from Assembly 16 in Pittsburgh, PA, Brother Clifford A. Moeller, Sr. Brother Moeller has been an active Slovak Catholic Sokol member for many decades providing leadership on an Assembly and Group level even at the national level when needed. Congratulations to Brother Moeller, you are certainly an example of a Fraternalist and enjoy the honor.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day and enjoyed the long weekend, the last of the summer of 2019. As we know Labor Day is set aside to recognize not only what we do but what others contribute and do on a daily basis to make all of our lives better. Without the labors of others we would not have all that we have to enjoy that make our lives better. Let us respect all the work done by others and ask for justice for all who labor for our benefit.

On Friday, September 6, I attended a Mass at my grandsons' school to celebrate Grandparent's Day which was on Saturday, September 7, 2019. I will celebrate another Mass for Grandparents at my granddaughters high school later this year. Each of these Masses are special for me and my wife since we have the opportunity to be with our grandchildren in a special setting where we are reminded of how important each of us is and how we love each other. Grandparents are the patriarchs and matriarchs of each family and act as buffers between parent and child. Grandparents should be where grandchildren go for comfort and advice. It is our advice that our grandchildren respect and it gives them direction. So to all grandparents be thankful for our grandchildren, without grandparents we would not have grandchildren to love and enjoy, even when they do go home with their parents.

Our Mother of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15, 2019. While we are at Mass on September 15th let us remember our ancestral homeland and how special it is, since it has a national patroness that the whole country recognizes.

As we all witnessed, Mother Nature is not always kind to her children, as we all saw play out on September 1-3 as Hurricane Dorian ripped through the beautiful and peaceful islands of the Bahamas which many of us have visited and enjoyed. It was

GROUP 7 ANNUAL "SOKOL DAY" PICNIC

Group 7 – "Rev. Joseph Murgas" of Wilkes-Barre, PA will hold their 84th Annual "Sokol Day" Picnic on Saturday, September 28 at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarke Lane in Plains, PA from noon to 6 p.m.

The picnic will feature Slovak food and other picnic favorites, homemade baked goods and games of chance for all ages. All are invited to come out and spend the day with Group 7 to celebrate our Slovak culture! Slovak Day is open to the public, so please join us. For more information contact Amy Degnan Blasco at 570-574-0136.

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not hard to realize after two days of tremendous wind and rain the aftermath of the hurricane would not be pretty. I ask that all of us find a way to donate to a relief agency that is set up to help those who lost everything because of the wrath of Dorian.

Grandparents, since we are the protectors of our grandchildren and they seek our advice because they trust us; I ask you, have you protected them and give them information on who they are. I am asking if all of your grandchildren are Slovak Catholic Sokol members and have more than the basic life insurance protection. If they are not members or just have a minimum life insurance policy please contact the Home Office or our Director of Sales for advice and information on getting them a policy with the type of insurance and amount that fits your financial abilities.

With God's Blessings to All! Zdar Boh!

2019 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 16-18 AT SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB AND BLACK HAWK GOLF COURSE, BEAVER FALLS, PA

The 64th International Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament was held August 16-18, 2019 at Seven Oaks Country Club and Black Hawk Golf Course, Beaver, PA. 101 golfers participated in the tournament combining with the Greek Catholic Union(GCU). The weather for the weekend proved to be beautiful golf weather with temperatures in the mid 80's. This year's winners include: "A" Flight Winners— first place - Tom Iskra Sr. (136), and a tie for second place - Frank Dano III and Frank Dano IV (137). Flight A top scratch score winner - Frank Dano IV (149). "B" Flight Winners - first place - Thomas Petrus (137) and in second place - Matt Burfield (139). "B" flight best scratch score Zachary Oravetz (166). This year's "C" Flight Winner - Corey Shedlock with a score of (136) and in second place- Jake Pontoriero (143). The best scratch score goes to Corey Shedlock (182). "Senior" Flight winners- first place went to Dave Blazek (132) and second place went to James Bart (135). The best scratch score goes to Albert Suess (165). "Callaway"Winners rounded out the men's division. There was a tie for second place. The winners were Joseph Hvozdovic Jr. and Frank Lipski (152). "Women's" Flight winners- fourth place -Linda Frank (150) and a three way tie for second place went to Nancy Crouthamel, Christina Schultz and Terri Palchanis(152). "Women's" best scratch score of (206) was shot by Terri Palchanis.

The tournament weekend started off with a practice round on Friday, and regulation play beginning Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon using a Shotgun start format. Most of the golfers took advantage of the practice round on Friday and enjoyed the evening hospitality at the Clubhouse at Seven Oaks Country Club. Everyone enjoyed fellowship of eating hors d'oeuvres and drinking beverages in fellowship. Participants also enjoyed the outdoor balcony and patio, sitting by fires and listening to live entertainment. Some even partook in a friendly putting contest.

The tournament began with golfers checking in on Saturday morning at the Seven Oaks Course. Participants were given a souvenir hot and cold beverage thermos along with the option to register for the closest to the pin contest and longest putt. The Seven Oaks Golf Pro reviewed tournament rules. Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, wished all golfers good luck and the shotgun start signaled 51 golf carts to head towards their starting location. Being assigned to work this tournament as opposed to golfing in it, gave me the opportunity to witness amazing shots and take in the beautiful scenery throughout the whole weekend. It was inspiring to watch all golfers hit balls over water, across ravines, and through trees. True Sokol fraternalism was displayed as all expressed appreciation for having their game interrupted for a picture. The GCU sponsored the Longest putts on Saturday.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated at 4:30 p.m. in the GCU chapel by Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla. After the Liturgy, the golfers and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner in the ballroom at the Seven Oaks Country Club. The banquet featured a delicious buffet with a scrumptious selection of desserts. The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Jim Matlon, welcomed golfers and guests and started the evening program with the National Anthems for US, Canada and Slovakia. Next, James Matlon asked all veterans to stand and the attendees offered recognition

for their service to the United States of America. Brother Jim then introduced the GCU President, George Juba, who gave a warm welcome and recognized their officers: National Directors Michael Karaffa and Gregory Vladika, and General Council, Theodore Trbovich were present.

Following a warm GCU welcome, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Jim Matlon, Archbishop William C. Skurla offered the blessing before the meal. After the meal, the Assistant Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Laury announced the Saturday flight winners and introduced the Supreme and Honorary Supreme officers in attendance, including: Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Vice President, Edward Moeller, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James Matlon, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James J. Jerek, Supreme Auditor, Jim Knis, Supreme Physical Director, John Underation, Supreme Physical Directress, Kathy Watkins, Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Dusan Dorich and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, Julie Laury. Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, Julie Laury revealed the winners of the Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt from Saturday's contest. The Closest to the Pin winners included: Scott Pogorelec, Paul Papcun, Frank Dano III and Steve Koval. The Longest Putt winners were: James Bart and Ben Moeller. Following the announcements of the Closest to the Pin winners, Sister Julie continued to call raffle winners. There were some great prizes including: SCS sweatshirts, golf hats and very generous gift cards to the Seven Oaks Country Club Pro Shop.

Once, she finished giving away all of the raffle gifts, our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, reflected on the honor and recognition that comes with the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. He recognized past winners asking them to join him at the podium to induct this year's prestigious winner. Past Golf Awardees included Robert Harak, Tom Muldoon Jr., Loretta Smith, and Robert Palchanis. This year's award winner for the 2019 Frank S. Petruff Sports Award was Mary Margaret Starr from Wreath 54 in Youngstown, Ohio. Sister Mary Margaret graciously accepted the award and was humbled by the recognition.

The tournament ended Sunday at the Black Hawk Golf Course. Once again, the beautiful morning began with a shotgun start that set all golfers on their way. Closest to the Pin winners on Sunday included: Nick Macurak, Gary Watkins, Kyle Karaffa and Ryan Burfield. A special thank you goes out to the following individuals who volunteered and helped make this year's tournament a success: Supreme Chairman of the Auditors, James Jerek and Supreme Auditor James Knis - who volunteered their time and efforts as our Sokol H2O specialists and Supreme Vice President, Edward Moeller - helping with scoring. A special thank you goes out to the staff at both golf courses, hospitality and banquet facilities and the GCU for hosting and sharing their beautiful facilities.

In conclusion, thanks to the Sokol participants and GCU for participating in the golf tournament. Without your involvement and fraternalism, the tournament would not have been a success. We hope to see everyone back next year!!

Zdar Boh!

Julie Laury

Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member

2019 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCORES

"A" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Iskra, Sr.	Tom	77	9	68	77	9	68	136	154
Dano III	Frank	81	10	71	76	10	66	137	157
Dano IV	Frank	76	6	70	73	6	67	137	149
Vladika	Greg	79	8	71	77	8	69	140	156
Iskra, Sr.	Dave	78	6	72	78	6	72	144	156
Macurak	Adam	87	9	78	78	9	69	147	165
Watkins	Gary	81	7	74	80	7	73	147	161
Underation	John	88	10	78	83	10	73	151	171
Karaffa	Mike	93	12	81	84	12	72	153	177
Baytosh, DDS	Joseph	87	7	80	81	7	74	154	168
Pogorelec	Scott	79	8	71	0	0	0	71	79
11 Golfers									

2019 "WOMEN" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Schultz	Christina	116	42	74	111	33	78	152	227
Crouthamel	Nancy J	119	42	77	104	29	75	152	223
Palchanis	Terri	115	41	74	91	13	78	152	206
Palchanis	Kelly	131	50	81	119	47	72	153	250
Savikis	Mary Ruth	125	49	76	113	36	77	153	238
Karaffa	Jean	113	36	77	102	25	77	154	215
Frank	Linda	115	36	79	107	32	75	154	222
Etter	Gail	117	40	77	103	26	77	154	220
Skorupka	Stephanie	115	37	78	94	18	76	154	209
Fenati	Marilyn	124	46	78	110	32	78	156	234
Starr	Mary Margaret	113	35	78	96	18	78	156	209
Smith	Loretta	116	39	77	96	16	80	157	212
Babik	Judy	134	50	84	127	50	77	161	261
Karaffa	Janice	132	50	82	124	45	79	161	256
Harak	Kathleen	139	50	89	131	50	81	170	270
Gedman	Carla	144	50	94	106	29	77	171	250
16 Golfers									

2019 "B" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Petrus	Thomas A	87	18	69	86	18	68	137	173
Burfield	Matt	85	18	67	90	18	72	139	175
Oravetz	Zachary	88	13	75	78	13	65	140	166
Dorich	Dusan	88	15	73	86	15	71	144	174
Rasimas	Tony	88	14	74	84	14	70	144	172
Burfield	Ryan	86	14	72	88	14	74	146	174
Hoeningner	Tom	86	13	73	86	13	73	146	172
Macurak	Nick	95	17	78	87	17	70	148	182
Fareri	Jason	99	19	80	87	19	68	148	186
Juba	George	95	16	79	85	16	69	148	180
Kramer	Glenn	93	19	74	94	19	75	149	187
Underation	Marty	100	17	83	86	17	69	152	186
Karaffa	Joe	92	13	79	87	13	74	153	179
Burfield	Joe	92	13	79	89	13	76	155	181
Iskra, Jr	David	98	14	84	86	14	72	156	184
Dziuba	Chet	101	17	84	91	17	74	158	192
Bajus	Eddie	87	13	74	98	13	85	159	185
Papcun	Paul	102	16	86	96	16	80	166	198
18 Golfers									

2019 "SENIOR" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Blazek	Dave	88	19	69	82	19	63	132	170
Bart	James	88	20	68	87	20	67	135	175
Macurak	Robert	100	24	76	87	24	63	139	187
Petrus	Michael	92	20	72	89	20	69	141	181
Suess, Jr.	Albert	86	10	76	79	10	69	145	165
Trbovich	Theodore	94	19	75	91	19	72	147	185
Hritz	Robert	91	9	82	75	9	66	148	166
Baker	Edward	95	18	77	90	18	72	149	185
Skorupka	Stephen	106	23	83	89	23	66	149	195
Shedlock	Keith	100	18	82	86	18	68	150	186
Shedlock	Robert J	103	23	80	95	23	72	152	198
Macurak	Donald	104	22	82	93	22	71	153	197
Felton	Greg	103	23	80	97	23	74	154	200
Harak	Robert	107	26	81	99	26	73	154	206
Koval	Steve	103	22	81	96	22	74	155	199
Labik	George	104	25	79	101	25	76	155	205
Checton	Clarence	116	28	88	96	28	68	156	212
Hudzik	James	114	29	85	101	29	72	157	215
Muldoon, Jr	Thomas	98	16	82	92	16	76	158	190
Savikas	Ed	94	15	79	94	15	79	158	188
Waksmunski	Frank	117	32	85	106	32	74	159	223
Palchanis, Jr.	Bob	110	24	86	100	24	76	162	210
Gmiler	Thomas A	112	25	87	102	25	77	164	214
Burfield	Bob	105	20	85	103	20	83	168	208
Koval	Donald	113	20	93	101	20	81	174	214
Onderko	John	133	31	102	117	31	86	188	250
26 Golfers									

2019 "C" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Shedlock	Corey	98	23	75	84	23	61	136	182
Pontoriero	Jake	101	22	79	86	22	64	143	187
Karaffa	Kyle	103	24	79	89	24	65	144	192
Sadowyj	Jesse	98	24	74	95	24	71	145	193
Brennan	Shawn	104	25	79	93	25	68	147	197
Recker	Jeff	100	24	76	96	24	72	148	196
Tirpak	Nick	98	23	75	96	23	73	148	194
Keagy	Nathan	112	36	76	109	36	73	149	221
Moeller	Benjamin	101	24	77	96	24	72	149	197
Papcun	Donald	103	23	80	93	23	70	150	196
Papcun	Steve	96	22	74	98	22	76	150	194
Moeller	Edward	108	32	76	108	32	76	152	216
Waksmunski	Kevin	101	22	79	98	22	76	155	199
Elliott	Joseph C.	109	27	82	105	27	78	160	214
Muldoon III	Thomas	106	23	83	102	23	79	162	208
Phillips	Brian	116	23	93	97	23	74	167	213
Dunda	Paul	110	23	87	104	23	81	168	214
Sury	Mike	100	26	74	108	26	82	156	208
Tutko	John	123	28	95	102	28	74	169	225
Loehle	Derek	112	22	90	107	22	85	175	219
Toth	Joe	122	27	95	113	27	86	181	235
Pogorelec, Jr	Steve	103	21	82	0	0	0	82	103
22 Golfers									

2019 "CALLAWAY" FLIGHT SUMMARY

Beaver Falls, PA		Seven Oaks			Black Hawk			HCAP TOTAL	SCRATCH TOTAL
Participant Last Name	First Name	TTL	HCP	NET	TTL	HCP	NET		
Iskra, Jr.	Tom	94	20	74	85	13	75	149	182
Lipski	Frank	98	23	75	91	14	77	152	189
Hvozdovic, Jr.	Joseph	106	30	76	95	22	76	152	204
Smith	John	105	30	75	92	14	78	153	197
Tokach	Charles	107	30	77	97	20	77	154	204
Selip	Devin	121	40	81	99	24	75	156	220
Oravetz	Richerd	97	17	80	107	28	79	159	204
7 Golfers									



During the 64th International Golf Tournament banquet in Beaver, PA, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. is shown above presenting the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award to Mary Margaret Starr, a member of Wreath 54 in Youngstown, OH, who was this year's recipient. Looking on are past recipients of the Petruff Award, including from the left, Robert Harak, Robert Palchanis, Jr., Thomas Muldoon, Jr. and Loretta Smith.

SOKOL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

■ **GROUP 1 OFFICERS MEETING** at Slovak Catholic Sokol headquarters, 205 Madison St., Passaic, N.J. beginning at 12 noon.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

■ **42ND ANNUAL SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL** at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds, 655 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, N.J. beginning with Slovak Mass at 10 a.m., stage program at 11.30 a.m., music, dancing and refreshments until 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

■ **84TH ANNUAL SOKOL DAY** hosted by Group 7, "Rev. Joseph Murgas" at Plains Lions Pavilion, Stark St., Plains, Pa. 12 noon to 6 p.m. for information contact Amy Blasco at tel. 570 574-0136 or visit Facebook page "Group 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol."

■ **FIRST GOLF OUTING HOSTED BY GROUP 1** at the Preakness Valley Golf Course, (formerly, Passaic County Golf Course) 209 Totowa Road, Wayne, N.J. beginning at 12 noon, \$60.00 per player; for reservations call Group 1 President John D. Pogorolec, Jr., Esq. at tel. 973 493-0508 or Sports Director Eric Topczij at 973 985-0134.

■ **SEPTEMBERFEST** hosted by the National Slovak Society at their home office 351 Valley Brook Rd., McMurray, Pa. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. free admission.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

■ **WREATH 22 MEETING** at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

■ **SLOVAK HERITAGE PROGRAM** hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association at Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m. talk on Slovak Genealogy by Lisa Alzo.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

■ **GROUP 11 ANNUAL MEETING** at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 13th Ave. & 2nd St., N.E. Minneapolis, Minn. beginning with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by meeting and luncheon in the Father Dargay Memo-

rial Hall of the parish; call James T. Genosky at tel. 763 789-9196.

OCTOBER 15-19

■ **17TH CZECHO-SLOVAK GENEALOGICAL AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE** hosted by the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International in Lincoln, Neb.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

■ **SLOVAKFEST 2019 HOSTED BY THE SLOVAK GARDEN**, A Home for American Slovaks, in the social hall, 3110 Howell Branch Rd., #100, Winter Park, Fla., traditional Slovak culinary specialities, folk music, \$20.00, for reservations call 407 677-6894, slovakgarden@slovakgarden.com.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

■ **ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL** in the Slovak tradition of "Zatva and Dozinky" at St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 406 East 67th St., New York, N.Y. Festivities begin with Mass celebrated in church in Slovak at 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon in English; traditional Slovak culinary specialities, beer, wine, softdrinks along with music for dancing and listening pleasure; \$40 adults, \$10 children 12 and younger; for reservations call the rectory at 212 734-4613.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

■ **SLOVAK HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS MEETING** at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Windber, Pa. beginning at 2-4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

■ **WREATH 22 MEETING** at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

Lodge Jottings

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ASSEMBLY 16, PITTSBURGH, PA

Our General Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to brother Cliff Moeller, Sr. on being selected as Fraternalist of the Year for 2019. It is well deserved after more than 60 years of hard work and devotion to Assembly 16.

Congratulations to Joshua M. Schaff, grandson of brother Michael Pjontek of Assembly 16, on winning the Pacific Northwest Title for DENY Wrestling.

Larry Werner
Secretary

GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS SET

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represented at this year's meeting. Election of officers will take place. Zdar Boh! – **Andrea Ames Papcun**, *President*

GROUP 18 - This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 27 at the Train Station Restaurant in Tamaqua, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m. Election of officers will take place. In order to make the necessary preparations, those planning to attend are asked to call President Len Benek at tel. 570 645-4013. Zdar Boh! - **Len Benek**, *President*



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Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship (2019 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich) that you awarded me with. This scholarship will help me tremendously with accomplishing my goal of becoming a physician assistant by allowing me to focus more on learning and less on the expense. I will continue to work hard to keep my grades high, and I am honored to be a recipient of this award. Thank you for recognizing my hard work. – Matthew R. Silinskis, Port Griffith, PA

OUR NEXT ISSUE

In keeping with our monthly publishing schedule of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, the next issue will be that of **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**.

AMERICAN SLOVAK ZEMPLIN SOCIAL CLUB SPONSORS ITS 77TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH AND PARTY CENTER
5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH

Starting at 1:00 p.m. with Slovak Mass. Homemade full course dinner will be served at 2:15 p.m. Cultural program will start at 3:30 p.m. Live music by Johnny Pastirik Band. Tickets are \$20.00. Advance tickets sales only. Last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, October 8. For tickets and information call: G. Carny, 440-885-5702; M. Cvicela, 440-364-6673; M. Chura, 440-238-4177; G. Balak, 216-759-8684, M. Kobulsky, 330-239-2256; J. Barnovsky, 216-337-8075.



SISTERS OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS A CENTURY OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN DANVILLE, PA BY SISTER BERNADETTE MARIE ONDUS, SS.C.M.

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, founded in 1909 in Scranton, PA, had searched for 10 years for a permanent home for the growing number of Sisters in their Congregation. The Sisters learned of a property for sale in Danville PA in November 1918. Reverend Thomas F.X. Dougherty was pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Danville and was able to help the Sisters with information about the property. The estate consisted of a 44-room home, stables, barns, greenhouses, a farmhouse and a liveryman's house on 187 acres of land. Known as "Castle Grove," the mansion had been built in 1867 by John Grove, Sr. for his two sons, Michael and John Grove, Jr. After the death of the estate's next owners, Caroline Grove Bennett and John Bennett, the estate was abandoned in 1905. Just after the end of World War I, John's second wife listed the property for sale. On June 7, 1919, the sale to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius was made final. The estate had been abandoned for 14 years and needed a significant amount of attention. The Sisters moved to Danville knowing they had a great deal of work ahead of them but were overjoyed by a place to call their own.

When a family moves to a city, town or borough, the members of the family spend some time determining how they can become part of the community's life and make a significant contribution to their new home. Since the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius arrived in Danville in 1919, we have endeavored to become a part of the community and to share our time, talents and expertise in a variety of ways, notably in education, health care and spirituality.

EDUCATION

Our first successful venture in 1920 was the establishment of an elementary school which was housed in Castle Grove, the building on the property we had purchased. The Slovak Girls Academy for boarding and day students eventually moved from the Villa to a building constructed for just that purpose, later to be called St. Cyril Academy. Until 1999, the Academy educated thousands of young women, instilling the attitude of generous self-giving contained in the school motto: "Enter to learn; leave to serve."

For many of the 77-year long history of St. Cyril Academy, theater was the tool for reaching out to people. Beginning with adult shows at Christmas and Easter and Traveling Adult Theater for 10 years, in later years the students were annually directed in children's theater, performing a musical play for busloads of area elementary school students. Even today, those students-turned-adults happily remember the joy of seeing Cinderella or Snow White or Winnie the Pooh perform in the darkened auditorium. In addition, the Raggedy Ann Players Traveling Theater performed over 500 shows in their 25-year history of entertaining children.

Before translating became a digital exercise, the international students of the Academy were often asked to translate for the Geisinger Medical Center when patients from Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Mexico or other Central American countries needed to be understood. It was a service these students gladly offered.

Opening in 1971 and continuing through 2005, the Villa Conservatory of Music was the place to learn piano.

From 1977 to 1992, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius taught at St. Joseph School in Danville. Taking up where our Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) predecessors left off, the Sisters filled the roles of Principal and teachers,

directors and teachers of religious education and even Pastoral Assistant for the parish.

Begun in 1977 as the Villa Preschool and moved in 1999 from the Villa to the St. Cyril Academy building, the St. Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten is a Catholic environment which provides very young children a firm foundation upon which to build their education. Classroom work and activities are structured to tap the greatest potential of the students. The Summer Stage program for 5 through 12-year olds continues the Academy's well-earned tradition of excellence in theater.

HEALTH CARE

Our health care facilities are a boon to the Danville area. It all began March 19, 1962, when Maria Joseph Manor opened as a home for the aging. Now Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community offers, according to the Mission Statement, "a welcoming and secure environment, where the lives of senior adults and their families are enhanced with compassionate and professional care."

The Meadows has one hundred one-story cottages and also three sets of four, one-story town house units in Trinity Terrace. The community center in the midst of the cottages includes an on-site beauty parlor, wood shop, pool table, exercise room, computer lab, a dining room and sunroom. Maria Joseph Manor Assisted Living Community offers senior adults compassionate and professional personal care. The skilled care facility, Emmanuel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center adds to our continuum of care. The Nazareth Memory Center, a secure Assisted Living community, is devoted to individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementias. Specialized activities are provided for cognitive stimulation and spiritual growth.

Since 1970, Maria Hall has been the home for our "retired" Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and for over 15 years, a residential hospice unit on the fourth floor, administered initially by Columbia-Montour Home Health and Hospice, has welcomed the dying and their families into our home. Maria Hall is also home to Sisters from four other Religious Communities: The Danville Carmelites, the Good Shepherd Sisters, the Contemplative Good Shepherd Sisters, and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

An integral part of health care is chaplaincy, and the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have ministered over the years in pastoral care not only in our facilities at Maria Joseph Manor and Emmanuel Center, but in the Geisinger Medical Center and the Danville State Hospital.

SPIRITUALITY

Villa Sacred Heart has been recognized and utilized as a place for religious gatherings and events since 1909, especially since the dedication of the Motherhouse Chapel-turned Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in 1939. Formally established in 1999, an important sponsored ministry of the Congregation today is the St. Cyril Spiritual Center. The Center's Mission Statement presents its purpose: "Within a serene setting of natural beauty, the Center offers retreats, spiritual direction and a quiet place for individuals or hosted groups 'so that the Gospel vision of the Kingdom may be fulfilled in us and in those we serve.'" The Spiritual Center provides access to: the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius; a Perpetual Adoration chapel; a hermitage; a Chartres-style labyrinth; a library containing religious books, audio tapes and videos; and overnight



accommodations for up to 90 persons.

Programs and retreats annually include personal or group retreats, silent and directed retreats, guided or preached retreats, reflection days during Advent and Lent, and spiritual direction.

In recent years the Spiritual Center has been able to share our facilities with other denominations for their spiritual and educational activities. The Society of the Holy Trinity, Lutheran pastors, hold their yearly retreat at the Spiritual Center. Methodist women also make their retreat here. The Stevenson School of Ministry comes regularly to provide classes for men and women discerning the diaconate or priesthood in the Episcopal Church. Men's and Women's Tres Dias and the Women's Tres Dias Fiesta group spend weekends here. Tres Dias is a three-day intensive Christian retreat experience similar to the Cursillo program. Our ecumenical outreach has brought us many blessings.

MUCH TO MENTION

Having inserted ourselves into the life of Danville, Pennsylvania, the Sisters recall a variety of intersections including:

- serving as a refuge for families flooded out of their homes during the Agnes Flood in 1972;
- helping to provide editorial oversight and contributing two chapters to the 1991 book: Danville: the Bicentennial History;
- contributing to the WWIA television segment: Our Town Danville;
- teaching English through the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit's Literacy program;
- housing an Adoration Chapel which draws prayerful visitors day and night;
- biannually serving Saturday meals at the Jubilee Kitchen in Danville with our SSCM Associates;
- participating in the Danville Community Singers;
- membership in Bookworms, the local reading club;
- serving on numerous Boards for local organizations;
- sharing space with Children's Service Center which assists children with autism, an Aphasia Center, and Sisters from other communities who have joined our Sisters at Maria Hall.

No doubt many things have been missed in this litany. Suffice it to say that we have been and continue to be part of the fabric of Danville, Pennsylvania. Our 100-year home has been good to us, as we have tried to be good for it.

We will celebrate our 100 years in Danville, PA with a special Liturgy at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius on September 15 at 11:00 am, with an open house following. All are welcome to join us in this celebration.

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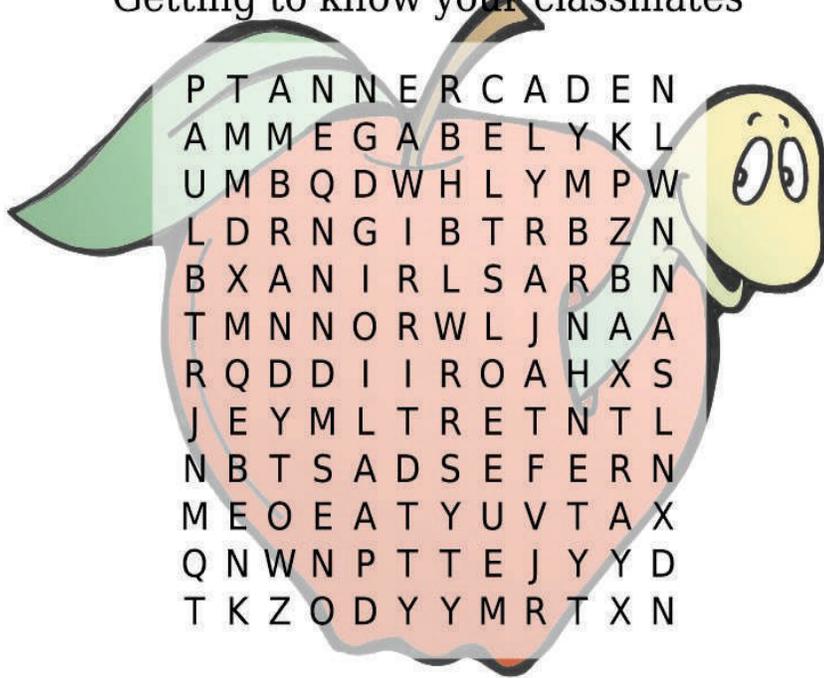
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KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - September 2019

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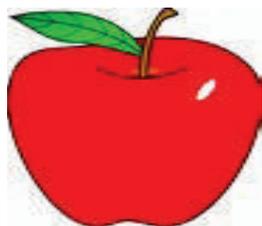
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National Apple Month

September 26th
Johnny Appleseed's Birthday



JOHNNY APPLESEED

All About...

Many people think that Johnny Appleseed was a fictional character, but he was a real person. His real name was John Chapman, but he was called Johnny Appleseed because of his love for growing apple trees.

John was born in Leominster, Massachusetts on September 26, 1774. His dream was to produce so many apples that no one would ever go hungry. His adventures began in 1792, when John was 18 years old. He headed west to Pennsylvania, following the steady stream of pioneers. From there he traveled into the Ohio Valley and later Indiana. He kept ahead of the settlements and each year planted apple seeds farther west. He sold and gave away trees to the pioneers. In 1842, John made his last trip back to Ohio. On March 18, 1845, he died of pneumonia at the age of 71. The story of Johnny Appleseed is retold to keep alive the memory of this pioneer and his work in developing fruit growing in parts of the Middle West.

JOHNNY
APPLESEED



Slovak Words = Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

- Back to School** = Späť do školy [Spet dough shko-lee]
- student** = študent [shtew - dent]
- teacher (male)** = učiteľ [oo-chee-tell]
- teacher (female)** = učiteľka [oo-chee-tell-kah]
- Happy birthday!** = Všetko najlepšie k narodeninám! Vshet - ko ni - lep - sheh k nah- row - deh - ni - nee - naam]

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland**News and Views
from Slovakia...****NEW US AMBASSADOR HAS ARRIVED IN SLOVAKIA**

The new US Ambassador to Slovakia Bridget A. Brink (shown left) has officially presented her credentials to President Zuzana Caputova (right) on August 20. "It is with a deep love of country and a family spirit of resilience and creativity that I am so humbled and excited to lead our talented team in Slovakia to advance our shared values and interests," Ambassador Bridget Brink said.

Bridget A. Brink arrived in Slovakia on August 15, 2019. On August 19, the new US Ambassador to Slovakia attended a meeting with Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak. Both the ambassador and minister agreed that the dynamics of cooperation between Bratislava and Washington are at a very good level, bringing tangible results in the form of several successful projects and activities.

"The US is not only a very strategic partner for Slovakia but also a good friend and reliable ally," said Lajcak, as quoted by the TASR newswire. (photo: president's office)

**POLL: SMER-SD TOP, FOLLOWED
BY PROGRESSIVE SLOVAKIA-TOGETHER**

If a parliamentary election had been held in August, Smer-SD would have come out on top with 21.8 percent of the votes, followed by the Progressive Slovakia-Together coalition on 14 percent and the far-right People's Party Our Slovakia on 12.1 percent, according to a poll conducted by Focus agency on a sample of 1,020 respondents between August 1-7.

Fourth place would have been claimed by the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) on 7.5 percent, followed by Freedom and Solidarity party (SaS) and the Slovak National Party (SNS) on 7 percent each, We Are Family (6.3 percent) and OLaNO (6 percent). The last party to make it into Parliament above the required 5-percent threshold would have been the fledgling For the People party (5 percent).

Remaining outside of Parliament would have been Most-Hid (4.7 percent), the ethnic-Hungarian SMK (3.4 percent) and the Communist Party of Slovakia (1.2 percent).

In the House, Smer-SD would have garnered 38 seats, PS-Together 24 seats, LSNS 21, KDH 13, SaS and SNS 12 each, We Are Family 11, OLaNO 10 and For the People 9.

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

**JOSHUA M. SHAFF, ASSEMBLY 16 SOKOL,
TAKES PACIFIC NORTHWEST DEFY
WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Joshua M. Shaff, a Sokol of Assembly 16, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. is the grandson of veteran Sokol activist, Honorary Supreme Officer, Michael J. Pjontek and his wife, Patricia of Pittsburgh. Josh took the wrestling championship on August 23 in Tacoma, Wash. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to this fine young Sokol athlete.

At first, it was the sports-entertainment giant that is World Wrestling Entertainment. That included Monday Night Raw, SmackDown and pay-per-views like WrestleMania.

But then he began learning about companies aside from WWE. That includes New Japan Pro Wrestling, Ring of Honor, and several independent promotions.

Near the end of enlistment, Josh M. Schaff decided he could become a wrestler himself. For two years, he told everyone he could about his dream.

"Every single person I walked past, I was like 'I'm going to get out of the Navy and be the world's heavyweight champion,'" Schaff said. "And everyone laughed at me."

In 2016, he moved back to Tennessee and found a wrestling school two hours away in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I gave them the money and I walked in and I started training," Schaff said. "I drove two hours one way, about four hours every day."

His first match came within months and he won a number of independent championships in his first year. But he had a decision to make – his girlfriend was still serving in the Navy in Washington state.

"Do I pick this wrestling career that's starting to take off? Or do I take this girl?"

Luckily for Schaff, he got to have both. When he came back to Washington, the Pacific Northwest wrestling scene had exploded.

He began wrestling for promotions in Vancouver, B.C., and in Portland. Eventually, he was discovered by Defy Wrestling based in Seattle.

Schaff made his debut in 2017 and has since been put in the ring with top international stars. The likes of Brody King and Jeff Cobb – both now in Ring of Honor Wrestling.

He's also squared off with the man known simply as Walter, who just debuted for WWE's NXT United Kingdom developmental brand.

It turns out you can transition from sailor to star wrestler. Defy Wrestling producer Matt Farmer says Schaff's military experience helps Schaff in the ring athletically and being able to adapt to new situations.

"You come across people that you've never met before," Farmer said. "You're in front of crowds that you've never performed in front of before. I think being in the military will give you a lot of experience handling those strange situations."

Schaff's supporters say he's made a positive impact on the local wrestling scene. He's attracted fans from across the military community; even from Whidbey Island.

Looking ahead, Schaff wants to expand outside of the Northwest.

"I want to be the Brody King; I want to be the Jeff Cobb," Schaff said. "I want to start getting out there and making that name for myself."

Major wrestling promotions like WWE and the newly-formed All Elite Wrestling, new talent is always being scouted. And Schaff's journey could turn global as quickly as a referee's three count.



Assembly 180, Canton, OH Fraternal Outreach Projects



In May our members placed flags on the graves of veterans at a local cemetery. Activities of three generations of our members, including front row, grandmother Helen Boyd; middle row are three of her daughters, l-r, Kathy Figard, Group 5 president; middle, Karen Hutnick, Group 5 secretary; and right, Brenda Conners, back row, granddaughter Jessica Hutnick.



Our March activity included preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House in Akron, Oh. Shown, l-r, Rose Croy, Karen Hutnick and Nick Hutnick.

YOUR BENEFICIARIES

When was the last time you looked at your designated beneficiaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy?



How important is it? Just think about how much your life has changed. Have you married, divorced, had children, maybe you

lost a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.

In Memoriam

JULY 2019

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 9	Francis R. Kurimsky, Bridgeport, CT	80	May 15, 2019
Assembly 16	Thomas F. Umberger, Pittsburgh, PA	75	June 24, 2019
Assembly 69	Joseph F. Kopachko, Smock, PA	96	May 24, 2019
Assembly 69	John Varhach, Smock, PA	98	May 27, 2019
Assembly 71	Barbara Ann Kunec, Edwardsville, PA	69	June 19, 2019
Assembly 71	Margaret Dutzar, Edwardsville, PA	69	July 18, 2019
Assembly 78	Josephine M. Balshi, Bethlehem, PA	98	June 21, 2019
Assembly 78	Frances Danchak, Bethlehem, PA	83	April 23, 2019
Assembly 108	Edward Bartos, Youngstown, OH	85	June 17, 2019
Assembly 108	Christopher Lyden, Youngstown OH	48	July 2, 2019
Assembly 108	William T. Yarb, Youngstown OH	87	June 27, 2019
Assembly 188	Matthew J. Domines, Lansford, PA	87	June 27, 2019
Wreath 1	Andrea Nemeth, Bridgeport, CT	82	July 5, 2019
Wreath 2	Margaret J. Sulkowski, Passaic, NJ	82	August 19, 2017
Wreath 14	Sr. Mary K. Hrbal, VSC, Johnstown, PA	89	May 26, 2019
Wreath 14	Shawn J. Adamy, Johnstown PA	45	May 31, 2019
Wreath 15	Rev. Thomas Lukac, Perryopolis, PA	81	June 13, 2019
Wreath 21	Donald F. Stanley, Superior, WI	77	July 7, 2019
Wreath 22	Agnes Mantini, Pittsburgh, PA	91	July 6, 2019
Wreath 22	Lillian Rita Larkin, Pittsburgh, PA	94	June 17, 2019
Wreath 54	Eileen Caras, Youngstown, OH	90	June 3, 2019
Wreath 81	Joseph B. Hrezo, Whiting, IN	97	June 5, 2019
Wreath 85	Patrick E. Crabb, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	52	June 24, 2019
Wreath 93	Diane S. Englund, Milwaukee, WI	61	March 6, 2017



On July 27th, a new Cross was blessed and dedicated during a Mass celebrated by the Rev. Francis Conka, C.O. at the Slovak Country Club in Ellenville, N.Y. New York's Assembly 182 President, Dr. Larry Korcek, far left, a member of the club's board of directors is shown with some of the principals at the dedication ceremony.

SAS NAVRHUJE VYHLÁSIŤ 27. JÚN ZA DEŇ PAMIAJKY OBETÍ KOMUNIZMU

Deň pamiatky obetí komunistického režimu by mohol byť novým pamätným dňom, pripomínať by si ho Slovensko mohlo 27. júna. Vyplýva to z návrhu zákona, ktorý Národnej rade SR predložila skupina poslancov zo SaS.

Dátum je symbolický, v tento deň v roku 1950 popravili v Prahe prvé obeť komunistických politických procesov, medzi nimi aj Miladu Horákovú, ako ich jedinú ženskú obeť.

„Obete komunistického totalitného režimu nesmú zostať zabudnuté. Obzvlášť v roku 30. výročia pádu tohto režimu, považujeme za nevyhnutné si ich aspoň takto symbolicky pripomenúť,“ argumentujú predkladatelia.

Poukázali na to, že 27. jún bol vyhlásený za pamätný deň v Českej republike. Bolo to na pamiatku Milady Horárovej, Jana Buchala, Oldřicha Pecla a Závíša Kalandru.

„Tí boli popravení po politickom procese vtedajšieho komunistického režimu Československa, ktorý sa konal v dňoch 31. mája - 8. júna 1950. Obesení boli všetci v Prahe dňa 27. júna 1950,“ priblížili predkladatelia.

Právnička a politička Milada Horáková bola jedinou ženskou obeťou justičnej vraždy v rámci vykonávaných komunistických politických procesov.

„Vďaka tomuto faktu ako aj Horárovej vytrvalosti a neústupnosti, sa stala symbolom odporu proti vládnucej Komunistickej strane Československa,“ dodali.

OBETE KOMUNIZMU

V dôvodovej správe pripomenuli, že v Československu bolo od februárového prevratu v roku 1948 za politické trestné činy „popravených 248 osôb, približne 4500 osôb zomrelo vo väzení a najmenej 282 pri pokuse utiecť cez železnú oponu“.

Poukázali tiež na vyše 205.000 ľudí, ktorí boli z politických dôvodov odsúdení, ale aj na väzňov, ktorých bez súdu poslali na nútené práce, či do Pomocných technických práporov.

Čísła podľa nich nemožno považovať za konečné, pretože sa mnoho materiálov doteraz nepodarilo spracovať, alebo zmizli a štatistiky nemusia zahŕňať utajené vraždy či ľudí zomrelých na následky väzenia po prepustení. - *sme.sk*

STREDOŠKOLÁCI MÔŽU ZÍSKAŤ ŠTIPENDIUM NA ROČNÝ ŠTUDIJNÝ POBYT V USA

Slovenskí stredoškooláci môžu stráviť v rámci programu Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) školský rok 2020/21 na strednej škole v Spojených štátoch amerických. Výmenný pobyt financuje Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí Spojených štátov, realizuje ho nezisková vzdelávacia organizácia American Council for International Education. Štipendium pokryje náklady na letenku, ubytovanie v hosťovskej rodine, štúdium na americkej strednej škole, zdravotné poistenie, prípravné školenie aj mesačný príspevok určený na spoločenské aktivity.

Prihlásiť sa môžu iba stredoškooláci, ktorí majú slovenské občianstvo a študujú v prvom alebo druhom ročníku strednej školy. V prípade päťročného gymnázia to môžu byť aj študenti tretieho ročníka. Študenti, ktorí sa narodili medzi 15. júlom 2002 a 15. júlom 2005, musia mať dobrý priemer a angličtinu na komunikatívnej úrovni. Slovensko je v tomto programe zaradené od roku 2018. V auguste 2019 vycestovalo do USA prvých desať študentov.

MILAN RASTISLAV ŠTEFÁNIK BUDE MAŤ BUSTU AJ V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH

Upriamiť pozornosť na významného Slováka Milana Rastislava Štefánika a cez neho a jeho prácu i na Slovensko a jeho históriu, ktorá je dlhšia, než si niektorí uvedomujú. Také sú ciele veľvyslanectva Slovenskej republiky v USA, ktoré pripravuje odhalenie Štefánikovej busty.

„Chceme upriamiť pozornosť na tohto veľkého Slováka, politika a diplomata, ktorý zohral takú dôležitú úlohu v našej histórii. Tým konkrétnym podnetom pre mňa bola moja návšteva českého a slovenského múzea v Cedar Rapids v štáte Iowa, kde by som chcel dosiahnuť to, aby bolo ešte viac zastúpené Slovensko. A kým by to bolo lepšie, než takým predstaviteľom, akým bol Milan Rastislav Štefánik,“ povedal slovenský veľvyslanec Ivan Korčok.

Hoci Štefánik pôsobil najmä v Európe - v Taliansku, vo Francúzsku a v Rusku -, významné rokovania absolvoval aj v Spojených štátoch.

„Osobitný význam mala jeho cesta do Washingtonu a New Yorku v roku 1917, keď sa mu podarilo získať súhlas predstaviteľov americkej vlády na to, aby mohli Česi a Slováci vstupovať do československej armády, ktorú Milan Rastislav Štefánik budoval. Takisto hovoril aj s predstaviteľmi Čechov a Slovákov, aby získal ich podporu, ktorá sa ukázala ako rozhodujúca pre vznik Československa,“ pripomenul I. Korčok.

Štefánik dostane v múzeu aj stálu a väčšiu expozíciu. Odhalené budú slávnostne 21. novembra, keď sa v Národnom českom a slovenskom múzeu a knižnici v meste Cedar Rapids uskutoční aj veľké podujatie pri príležitosti výročia udalostí z roku 1989.

Ivan Korčok zdôraznil, že cieľom je nielen uctiť si Štefánika, ale aj upriamiť pozornosť na Slovensko a jeho politickú históriu.

„Uvedomil som si to minulý rok, keď sme oslavovali 25. výročie vzniku Slovenskej republiky: že po tom prvom období, keď sme mali plné ruky práce s tým, ako Slovensko etablovať na medzinárodnom poli, sa nám dnes už trochu rozväzujú ruky. Nemusíme už hovoriť o tom, kto sme a odkiaľ prichádzame, ale môžeme poukázať na to, že hoci naša štátna história má len 25 rokov, tá politická história, aj cez také osobnosti ako Milan Rastislav Štefánik, sa začala písať oveľa skôr,“ povedal diplomat.

Autorkou busty bude Klára Sever, sochárka pochádzajúca zo Slovenska a desaťročia úspešne pôsobiaca v Spojených štátoch. Na konte má napríklad aj projekty pre americký Národný úrad pre letectvo a vesmír (NASA) či pre Národnú futbalovú ligu (NFL).

V plánoch veľvyslanectva je aj druhá busta Milana Rastislava Štefánika na verejnom priestranstve vo Washingtone, kde má sochu tiež Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk.

„To by sme radi urobili na budúci rok, keď si pripomenieme 140. výročie jeho narodenia,“ povedal I. Korčok.

Milan Rastislav Štefánik, slovenský politik, astronóm, letec, generál a diplomat, mal zásluhu na formovaní československého zahraničného odboja počas prvej svetovej vojny a zohral dôležitú úlohu pri organizovaní česko-slovenských légii. Spolu s Tomášom Garriguom Masarykom a Edvardom Benešom bol kľúčovou osobnosťou pri založení ČSR v októbri 1918. - *TASR*

V TANZÁNII ZAHYNULA SLOVENSKÁ ETNOLOGIČKA

Dňa 19. augusta tragicky zahynula v Tanzánii slovenská etnologička a laická misionárka Emília Bihariová. Zomrela v pondelok pri autonehode v tanzánskom regióne Tabora, kde počas leta vykonávala vedecký výskum etnika Datogov. Auto v ktorom sa viezla Emília, dostalo defekt. Mladá slovenská dobrovoľníčka zraneniam podľahla priamo na mieste. V aute bol okrem šófera aj kňaz.

Emília Bihariová pochádzala zo Smoleníc, bola doktorandkou na Katedre etnológie a mimoeurópskych štúdií Filozofickej fakulty UCM v Trnave. Niekoľko rokov predtým však žila a pôsobila ako dobrovoľníčka v Tanzánii. V roku 2011 s ďalšou laičkou Zuzanou Ďuríkovou založila škôlku a školu v tanzánskej dedinke Shelui, ktorá fungovala vďaka podpore mnohých Slovákov. Obe dobrovoľníčky tam vyučovali miestne deti angličtinu. Do Shelui sa dostali na pozvanie miestneho farára, ktorý bol Emíliiným dlhoročným priateľom z čias pôsobenia v Ríme. Za podpory rektora bratislavskej Vysokej školy zdravotníctva a sociálnej práce sv. Alžbety prof. Vladimíra Krčméryho sa im neskôr podarilo v Shelui vybudovať i zdravotné stredisko.

V poslednom čase sa Emília venovala i podpore vzdelávania spomínaného pastierskeho etnika Datoga, ktoré vedecky skúmala. Svojou radosťou, obetavosťou, pevnou vierou a láskavosťou si získala srdcia mnohých ako na Slovensku, tak aj v Tanzánii.

V pondelok 19. augusta bol Svetový humanitárny deň, ktorý ustanovilo OSN. V centre jeho pozornosti sú tento rok práve ženy - humanitárne pracovníčky.

42. FESTIVAL SLOVENSKEHO DEDIČSTVA V NEW JERSEY

Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 22. septembra v Middlesex County Fairgrounds, 655 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, NJ. Účasť prisľúbili prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová, minister zahraničných vecí Miroslav Lajčák, veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone Ivan Korčok, stály predstaviteľ pri OSN Michal Mlynár, predseda Úradu Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Ján Varšo a generálna konzulka v New Yorku Ladislava Begeč.

Grécko-katolícka svätá omša bude o 10.00 hodine dopoludnia. Celebrovať ju bude Otec Martin Vavrák z Perth Amboy, NJ. V kultúrnom programe, ktorý začne o 11.30 hodine, sa predstavia deti zo Slovenskej školy v Queens a Limboráčik z New Yorku. Slovenské školy Lipka Akademy z Linden, NJ a Domovinka z Clifftonu, NJ vytúpia v spoločnom programe "Od detstva k svadbe". O 2.30 hod. vystúpi folklórny súbor Limbora z New Yorku. O 3.15 hod. hodine vystúpi skupina Cigánski diabli zo Slovenska a o 4.30 hodine sa predstaví humorista Drišlak.

Na predaj budú slovenské jedlá a koláče a rôzne výrobky dovezené zo Slovenska. Vstupné za dospelých a deti nad 13 rokov je \$10.00. Parkovanie je bezplatné.

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KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Nezamestnanosť v SR klesla na najnižšiu úroveň v histórii. Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti dosiahla v júli tohto roka úroveň 4,97 percenta. V porovnaní s júnom 2019 sa nezmenila, medziročne sa znížila o 0,50 percentuálneho bodu. Vyplýva to z najnovšie zverejnených údajov Ústredím práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny. Stav disponibilných uchádzačov o zamestnanie dosiahol ku koncu siedmeho mesiaca tohto roka 136.973 osôb. Medzimesačne stav vzrástol o 347 osôb, medziročne sa znížil o 13 295, čo je o 8,85 percenta osôb menej.

Slovenská Finančná skupina Proxenta oficiálne predstavila projekt fabriky na cukrovinky v kubánskom meste Caibarien. Vyrábať sladkosti chcú finančníci už na konci roku 2020. Ročne očakávajú tržby na úrovni 60 miliónov eur a návrat investície takmer 35 miliónov do šiestich rokov.

Armáda Slovenskej republiky disponuje už šiestimi vrtuľníkmi UH-60M Black Hawk americkej výroby. K štyrom, ktoré výrobca dodal ozbrojeným silám v minulosti, pribudli konco augusta ďalšie dva. Zvyšné tri z celkového počtu deviatich obstaraných kusov priletia na Slovensko ešte v tomto roku. Ich celková hodnota predstavuje 261 miliónov dolárov. Slovenské vzdušné sily už majú vycvičených 17 pilotov týchto vrtuľníkov pre plnenie úloh krízového manažmentu.

Ceny bývania na Slovensku pokračovali v druhom štvrtroku v raste, tempo zdražovania zrýchliło. Vyplýva to z údajov Štatistického úradu SR. Stúpajúce ceny bytov a domov ukázali aj skôr zverejnené údaje Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS). Bývanie v druhom štvrtroku zdraželo podľa štatistického úradu medziročne o 8,3 percenta, v prvom kvartáli tempo rastu cien dosiahlo 5,7 percenta. Rýchlejšie, až dvojciferným tempom, sa zvýšili ceny starších nehnuteľností. Za novostavby by si záujemcovia oproti vlnajšku priplatili päť percent. Podľa skorších údajov NBS priemerná cena metra štvorcového v bytoch a domoch na Slovensku vystúpila v druhom štvrtroku po revízií údajov na nový rekord. Vývoj ovplyvnilo hlavne vyššie tempo zdražovania bytov.



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