THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 116 YEARS OF DEDICATED FRATERNAL SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO THE SLOVAK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Message from our Supreme President
Michael J. Horvath

This July we are leaving the darkness of the last 17 months behind us and entering the bright new days of not only summer but the return to what we knew as normal living to a beginning of hopeful change. All the citizens of the world saw their lives change because of Covid-19 but now as we enter the post era of the worst of the pandemic, we can begin to enjoy our new lives whatever they will be. I caution all not to let your guard down on this virus, even if you are vaccinated, since something unknown can still surface and take us back in time. July is a special month to all American citizens and Sokol members because on July Fourth both a great country and society were founded. America, as we know, declared its Independence from British rule to the rest of the world on July 4, 1776, and creating our democracy. This year the United States of America will celebrate its 245th birthday.

Then 129 years after the founding of the Unites States of America on July 4, 1905 Slovak immigrants came together in Passaic, New Jersey and founded our great fraternal society the Slovak Catholic Sokol. For the past 116 years the Slovak Catholic Sokol has provided financial security to its members through life insurance and annuity products. The Sokol has continued to embrace its Goals and Objectives these 116 years and follow its Motto: “For God and Nation” and Slogan: “A Sound Mind in a Sound Body” to guide the Society.

As proud Americans and members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol let us celebrate our Nation’s and Society’s birthdays with exuberant joy and excitement never forgetting the sacrifice others made to bring us to 2021 and the leaders who have guided us on this journey.

Another day of celebration in July falls on July 1st when our Canadian members will be celebrating Canada Day. Just like the United States did in 1776 Canada on July 1, 1867 declared its independence from Britain and is now celebrating its 154th birthday.

Cheers to all members as we celebrate these wonderful milestones.

The Sokol Board of Directors held its last online meeting Thursday, June 24, 2021. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I are in the planning stage of having our 3rd Quarterly Board of Directors meeting in September 2021 in person. We feel we can meet in person since all Board members have received their Covid vaccinations and are ready to see each other in person. Brother Scott and I are figuring out when we can call the Presidents meeting since it is scheduled to be held two years before the next Convention.

Also, the 50th Slet preparations are still in progress and the Supreme Physical Fitness Board is looking at dates when they can hold the Clinic. Lastly, our first official fraternal activity the annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament is a month away. This tournament can set the stage for future events, help make it a great tournament by coming out and compete in the tournament with other Sokol members.

Stay safe and healthy!
With God’s Blessings to All!
Zdar Boh!

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE
The next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of AUGUST 1, 2021. DEADLINE for all photos and information for this issue will be JULY 22, 2021.
This week, we will celebrate the 245th anniversary of our nation’s birth and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with their friends and families. It is always important to look back and reflect on the history surrounding this special day. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress partook in a formal session to vote on the independence of our Nation. The rest of the day and the next were spent debating over the form and content of a declaration drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Not too different than when our Bylaw Committee presents at our Conventions! Several changes were made, and the final document was adopted on July 4, 1776. As President of the Congress, John Hancock was the first to sign and on July 8th, the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia. By August 2, 1776, some 50 members of Congress had signed the document and over the next several months, others followed suit. The Declaration of Independence is the most important document in our history and July 4th allows us the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of this special document and the men who created it.

July 4th is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. Just as our American Forefathers had, hope had to permeate through those meetings. Since they wanted to be patriotic Americans and were grateful to the United States for the patriotic Americans and were grateful to the United States for the opportunity to begin a new life, they selected the Fourth of July in 1905, the 129th anniversary of American independence, to enable their dreams to become reality. In addition to our Sokol traditions of good sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security to its members. This year’s Fourth of July, we will celebrate the 116th anniversary of our organization’s founding. Many societies have been founded among various immigrant groups, but few have survived and prospered over the years. It is with great pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization’s founders 116 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great society and today we are financially sound and hope for your continued support.

One of the most important factors in the growth of a fraternal benefit society is its Membership. Growing the membership is essential for the continued good and betterment of any organization. For 116 years, our organization has been about family. Many of us are second and third generation members. But, yet, we still have family members that are not part of our society. Even worse, most of these family members do not even have life insurance coverage to begin with. We call on all our members to help us grow!

Promoting our fraternal benefits is the easy part. It is the life insurance part that seems to be the hold up for potential members. When promoting our life insurance, always remember the benefits which only life insurance can provide. With funeral and burial costs totaling more than $10,000, the death of a loved one can leave quite the financial burden. Life insurance can help subsidize these and other costs. Our policies also offer a tax-advantaged way to build cash value that may be used when in need of emergency funds. Loans are tax free if the policy stays in force. These are just a few reasons of the benefits of life insurance and the Slovak Catholic Sokol can help in filling these important needs for your family. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Home Office or our Director of Sales, Albert J. Suess, and we would be glad to assist you.

In this issue, we are fortunate to see the smiling faces of our 2021 Scholarship Recipients. On behalf of our Organization and our Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all our winners. We hope that you continue to make us all proud and continue to be wonderful ambassadors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

As Covid-19 restrictions slowly get lifted, we will finally be able to start doing some site inspections for our 34th Quadrennial Convention to be held in 2023. During normal times, that legwork is usually done by now as we would get ready to announce the site. Unfortunately, this has been far from normal times. But I have confidence in our team that we will be able to efficiently secure a site by year end. We will keep our Group/Assembly/Wreath leaders informed throughout the process.

Finally, a special Happy Birthday to my son, Cole William, who turned 2 on June 25th! Happy Birthday Buddy! Until next time, stay strong, stay safe, and stay POSITIVE!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 2021 SLOVAK CATHOLIC Sokol Scholarship Grants

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – $1,000 EACH

OLIVIA OHNGEMACH
Pompton Plains, NJ
Penn State University
Group 1
Assembly 162, Clifton, NJ

BROOKE MORELLA
Wayne, NJ
The College of New Jersey
Group 1
Wreath 002, Passaic, NJ

ANDREW PULVER
Summit, NJ
Northwestern University
Group 1
Assembly 182 New York, NY

DAVID SMERIGLIO
Wayne, NJ
Rutgers University
Group 1
Assembly 219 Yonkers, NY

ALEXA GRESIAN
Douglas, MA
University of New England
Group 3
Wreath 18 East Douglas, MA

SKYLER MANYAK
Douglas, MA
University of New Hampshire
Group 3
Wreath 18 East Douglas, MA

JOSHUA SCHMIDT
Naperville, IL
Illinois State University
Group 4
Assembly 11 Chicago, IL

LAUREN KAMOR
Duryea, PA
California University of Pennsylvania
Group 7
Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA
JOSEPH SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Penn State - Scranton
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

MATTHEW SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
King’s College
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

NICOLE SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
King’s College
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

JOSEPH TRAGLIA
Wilkes-Barre, PA
DeSales University
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

ALEXIS ECKENRODE
Lilly, PA
St. Francis University
Group 9
Assembly 79, Lilly, PA

EMILY HARVEY
Lilly, PA
Chatam University
Group 9
Assembly 79, Lilly, PA

CHRISTA DIAZ
Friedens, PA
St. Francis University
Group 9
Assembly 82, Dunlo, PA

NICHOLAS PERETIN
South Fork, PA
University of Pittsburgh – Johnstown
Group 9
Assembly 82, Dunlo, PA

ELISSA CALPIN
Omaha, NE
Wayne State College
Group 9
Wreath 14, Johnstown, PA

NICHOLAS GRIFFITH
Reading, PA
Albright College
Group 12
Assembly 261, Reading, PA

GEORGIA HOLTHENRICH
Holland, PA
Penn State University
Group 12
Wreath 13, Philadelphia, PA

SARAH BIONI
Moon Township, PA
California University of PA
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – $1,000

KARA DEVERS
Pittsburgh, PA
Slippery Rock University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

JULIA JOZWIAK
Moon Township, PA
Gannon University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

PAIGE MATEY
West Mifflin, PA
Robert Morris University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

LEXINGTON MEDER
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

GABBI SEILER
Finleyville, PA
Lim College
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

REBECCA BETTENCOURT
Mississauga, ON
University of Guelph Humber
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

SAMANTHA CARTWRIGHT
Toronto, ON
University of Toronto
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

LAUREN DAVIS
Carthage College
Group 4
Wreath 93, Kenosha, WI

THEODORE & MARY JANE RICH MEMORIAL – $2,000

EMILY FALLIS
Toronto, ON
University of Guelph Humber
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

ERIC JOZWIAK
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Group 14
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA

CASSIDY SCASSA
Pittsburgh, PA
Duquesne University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA
EMIL SLAVIK MEMORIAL – $2,000

JUSTIN BIONI
Moon Township, PA
Kent State University
Group 14
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA

KRISTEN MONDIK
North Palm Beach, FL
University of Florida
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

S.K.S. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT – $1,000

MARY SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Wilkes University
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

SARAH PAVLICK
Pittsburgh, PA
Ohio State University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

SARAH FALLIS
Toronto, ON
University of Waterloo
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

DOCTORS LESKO MEDICAL MEMORIAL $1,000

KRISTA GLUGOSH MEMORIAL – $1,000

VIKTORIA TADLOCK
Hartford, WI
University of Minnesota
Group 12
Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, PA

YENCHASCHOLARSHIP GRANT – $1,000

KRISTA GLUGOSH MEMORIAL – $1,000

MARY SILINSKIE
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Wilkes University
Group 7
Assembly 86, Port Griffith, PA

SARAH PAVLICK
Pittsburgh, PA
Ohio State University
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

SARAH FALLIS
Toronto, ON
University of Waterloo
Group 19
Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

SERENA BARON
Toronto, Ontario, CN
McGill University
Group 19, Assembly 227, Toronto, Ontario, CN

YENCHASCHOLARSHIP GRANT – $1,000
ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B.
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT – $500

MATTHEW DESOPO
Saint Peter’s Preparatory
Group 1
Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ

COLE BAKER
Berks Catholic High School
Group 12
Assembly 261, Reading, PA

NICHOLAS DESOPO
Lacordaire Academy
Group 1
Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ

MICHAEL MYLES
Holy Cross
Group 4
Assembly 257, Chicago, IL

ELIZABETH HITCHINGS
Bishop Canevin High School
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

ISABELLA MEDER
Serra Catholic High School
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

ADELAIDE ROSE LOIS
St. Anthony on the Lake
Group 4
Wreath 93, Milwaukee, WI

RACHEL SEJBA
St. Hilary School
Group 5
Assembly 167, Barberton, OH

REBECCA HEALEY
Oakland Catholic High School
Group 14
Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, PA

STEPHEN FRANKE
North Catholic High School
Group 17
Assembly 108, Youngstown, OH

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

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

GRADE SCHOOL GRANT – $250

NICHOLAS DESOPO
Lacordaire Academy
Group 1
Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ

MATTHEW DESOPO
Saint Peter’s Preparatory
Group 1
Assembly 1, Passaic, NJ

COLE BAKER
Berks Catholic High School
Group 12
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The Governance Committee responsibilities will be to analyze the Society, see how it compares to other fraternals in structure, and recommend any changes, if necessary, to the Delegates of the 34th Quadrennial Convention.

In your letter of interest, list your employment, Slovak Catholic Sokol biography and a statement on why you want to serve on the Governance Committee. All Letters of Interest must be addressed to the President and received at the Home Office by July 31, 2021.

All questions regarding the Governance Committee should be sent to me at mhorvath@slovakcatholicsokol.org. Zdar Boh! – Michael J. Horvath, President

ATTENTION SOKOL GOLFERS!!!

The Slovak Catholic Sokol as a Fraternal Society, participates in various charitable acts. For this reason, I ask all of our golfers who are attending the 66th International Golf Tournament in Dubois this year to help us continue these efforts.

We would like to encourage our golfers to bring any old golf shirts that you may no longer need to donate to the Haven House in Dubois. The Haven House Shelter is a short-term homeless shelter for residents of Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson Counties serving the homeless for 15 years. During that time over 800 people have regained their independence and self-respect in an average of 39 days. The shelter is limited to 8 beds and the building is secured and staffed 24 hrs.–365 days a year. Haven house is a 501 c non-profit so donations are tax deductible.

This is a great way to help the homeless along with clearing out your closets of golf shirts you no longer need! I will have a collection box at both the Treasure Lake Golf Course along with the Fairfield Inn & Suites.

I look forward to seeing many of our golfers knowing that you will show your true Sokol fraternalism by helping in this worthy cause. Zdar Boh! – Edward D. Moeller, Vice President

S.K.S. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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DRIVE TO 50 SALES CAMPAIGN

CELEBRATING THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will be reaching a significant milestone within the SOKOL World – We will be hosting and presenting our 50th International Slet (Gymnastic and Track and Field Meet).

To help celebrate this Golden Occasion we have created the DRIVE TO 50 Sales CAMPAIGN. This campaign is designed to benefit and reward our membership, our groups, and recommenders.

BENEFITING MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

For more than 115 years our society has provided our members with sound financial protection and outstanding fraternal benefits. As proud members of the SOKOL it is quite easy to expound upon and share the qualities of membership. This is an excellent opportunity to share our excellent offerings with friends and family and get rewarded for it.

Not everyone is born a salesman or comfortable selling life insurance or annuities. Today, we have qualified life insurance and annuity representatives that can assist our existing and potential members in selecting the financial protection to help protect their future.

A supply of SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards will be available to all Group/Assembly/Wreath Officers for distribution. Officers are asked to distribute SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards to existing Members who want to recommend someone to become an insured Benefit Member. SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards are also available for completion and submitting on the SOKOL Web Site www.scsslife.org. Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to the Sales & Marketing Office:

Slovak Catholic SOKOL
Sales & Marketing
2403 Sidney Street, Suite 200,
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
Phone: 412-381-5431
Fax: 412-742-4638
Toll-Free: 1-855-874-9179
www.scsslife.org

DRIVE TO 50 DETAILS

RECOMMENDER REWARDS

- $10 Referral Fee for each recommendation that results in a sale.
- Qualifies for a semi-annual drawing for an opportunity to win a $50 gift card.
- Qualify for a $250 grand prize drawing at the end of the campaign.

GROUP REWARDS

Awards to qualifying Groups based on the following levels resulting from sales of new life insurance and annuity certificates issued:

- 10 New Certificates (policies): $250 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 25 New Certificates (policies): $500 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 50 New Certificates (policies): $1,000 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
DRIVE TO 50 CAMPAIGN - Member Referral Card

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: ___ - ___ - ___   Email: ________________________________

Gender: □ Male   □ Female   Age:_____   Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / ________

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION   Assembly/Wreath: ___   Email: ________________________________

Name: ____________________________________________   Phone: ___ - ___ - ___

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

LEGACY LIFE INSURANCE PLANS

PERMANENT PLANS

WHOLE LIFE   ●   SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE   ●   20 PAYMENT LIFE

TERM PLANS

TERM to AGE 30   ●   10 YEAR TERM   ●   20 YEAR TERM

VANTAGE COLLECTION of ANNUITY PRODUCTS

1 YEAR   ●   2 YEAR   ●   3 YEAR   ●   5 YEAR   ●   7 YEAR

2.00%  2.25%  2.40% - 2.50% - 2.60%  3.00%  3.25%

● SPIA Single Premium Immediate Annuity

3.50% - 10 Years % Greater   ●   2.75% Less than 10 Years
Group 7 “Rev. Joseph Murgas” held its 2020 annual meeting on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at the NE Slovak Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Prior to start attendees viewed live stream Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (St. Al’s), Fr. Richard Cirba, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

A breakfast was held immediately following the live stream Mass; during the annual meeting at the NE Slovak Club. Amy Degnan Blasco called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Amy welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending.

Marty Degnan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Marty Degnan asked all to join in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Kim Graham, Reporting Secretary.

There were 11 officers present (Amy Degnan Blasco, Gary Blasco, Marty Degnan, Kim Graham, Heather Horvath, Joe Hvozdovic Jr., Frank Lipski, Pam Lipski, Matthew Malenovitch, Dawn Palchanis, Kelly Palchanis); 3 excused (Fr. Richard Cirba, August Palchanis, Tony Rasimas) and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 4 delegates (Audrey Graham, Mike Horvath, Sue Horvath, Rob Palchanis).

Amy Degnan Blasco described the events of 2019-2020 year which included participation in events and fundraisers as follows. In August 2020, Group 7 hosted Brother John Underation at the Blasco residence for a drill clinic weekend. Group 7 raised money for the Slovak Heritage Society looking for board members in- cluding Treasurer due to the current Treasurer resigning from the Board.

The Officer’s Reports: The reports were read by all present and since they were in good order a motion was made by Mike Horvath and seconded by Frank Lipski. All in favor.

Minutes of 2019: The minutes of 2019 prepared by Kim Graham were read. A motion to accept the minutes as prepared and read by all was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Mike Horvath. All in favor.

The Resolution Committee:  Audrey Graham, Frank Lipski and Pam Lipski. The Resolutions Report was presented by Pam Lipski. RESOLVE: To remember in prayer: Pope Francis, that God Bless him in all his endeavors as Vicar of Christ.

RESOLVE: To Pray for Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton as we continue to build up the kingdom of God. We especially support through our prayers the ongoing Parish Pastoral Planning in our Diocese as we vision forward in 2021 and prepare for the challenges we will face in the future as presented by Bishop Bambera.

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

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RESOLVE: To pray for Peace in our Country and World especially during these violent and hostile times.

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

The Auditors’ Report: The auditors found the books in good order and all checks and statements were accounted for. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Matthew Malenovitch. All in favor.

The Treasurer’s Report: Kim Graham gave the treasurer’s report which was supported with an outline of income and expenses for the year. Balance in the checking account as of May 23, 2021 was $10,247.82 and $10,398.09 in the Sokol Secure Fund. A motion was made to accept the report by Sue Horvath and seconded by Kelly Palchanis. All in favor.

The Verifications Report was presented by Marty Degnan. It was verified that there were 11 officers present; 3 excused (includes Fr. Richard Cirba, August Palchanis, Tony Rasimas), and 0 not excused for a total of 14. There were also 4 delegates. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Lipski and seconded by Sue Horvath. All in favor.

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The New Motions Committee: Marty Degnan, Mike Horvath and Sue Horvath. The New Motions Report was presented by Marty Degnan.

1. Recommend that all Group 7 officers will hold a four year term coinciding with the Convention rules.
2. Recommend that a donation be given to the parish of the annual meeting Mass. Amount of $150.00.
3. Recommend the minutes of the meeting be submitted
within 90 days of the meeting (per the bylaws) to be published in
the Sokol paper.
4. Recommend to hold Sokol Day with all assemblies and
wreaths supporting the event.
5. Recommend a donation of $200.00 to the North End Slo-
vak Citizen’s Club for the use of the club for monthly meetings.
6. Recommend local wreaths and assemblies hold quarterly
meetings.
7. Recommend that the Group 7 logo be worn on all uni-
foms in group activities.
8. Recommend that the Group Physical Director and Direc-
tress make a report at the annual meeting and include the number
of participants in each program throughout the year an event is
held.
9. Recommend that a donation of $100.00 be sent to the
Slovak Catholic Scholarship Fund in memory of all deceased mem-
bers of Group 7.
10. Recommend that a donation of $100.00 be sent to the
Slovak Catholic Federation at the time of the Annual Appeal.
11. Recommend that the Group President send a letter
quarterly to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors wishing
them a successful meeting on behalf of Group 7.
12. Recommend that we participate in Join Hands Day and
in the March of Life Day in Washington D.C.
13. Recommend to support new events on all levels of the
Slovak Catholic Sokols.
14. Recommend to explore new fundraising events for
Group 7.
15. Recommend to continue to hold the Slovak Flag raising
at the Luzerne County Courthouse, more information needed on
this topic.
16. Recommend the group auditors conduct semi-annual
audit to help with fiscal year compliance.
17. Recommend that a donation of $100.00 be sent to the
Sisters of Ss. Cyril & Methodius.
18. Recommend that a donation of $50.00 to the St. Vincent
DePaul Kitchen in honor of living and deceased members of Group
7.
19. Recommend that a donation of $100 be made to the
food collection “Day of the Poor” at Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
20. Recommend to continue to adopt a “Family in Need” for
Christmas.
21. Recommend that a donation of $50.00 to the concele-
brant of the Annual Meeting Mass.
A motion to accept the report was made by Marty Degnan and
Seconded by Frank Lipski. All in Favor.
Physical Fitness Board.
There were two virtual zoom meetings held in 2020 by the
Physical Fitness Board.
A motion to accept the report was made by Marty Degnan and
Seconded by Frank Lipski. All in Favor.
The Nominations Report was presented by Mike Horvath.
All current officer positions will remain under their four-year term
(nominated in 2019), no updates/nominations needed with the ex-
ception of Financial Secretary/Treasurer at this time.
Chaplain – Fr. Richard Cirba.
President – Amy Degnan Blasco.
Vice President – Marty Degnan.
Nomination for Financial Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Graham.
A motion to accept the nomination was made by Amy Blasco.
Kim Graham accepted the nomination. All in Favor.
Recording Secretary – Kim Graham.
Reporter – Pam Lipski.
Auditors (3) – Gary Blasco, Joe Hvozdovic Jr., Tony Rasimas.
Sports Director – Dawn Palchanis.
Assistant Sports Director – Heather Horvath.
Physical Director – Matthew Malenovitch.
Physical Directress – Kelly Palchanis.
Assistant Physical Directress – August Palchanis.
Historian – Frank Lipski.
A motion to close nominations was made by Rob Palchanis
and seconded by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.
Old Business: Amy Degnan Blasco – no old business at this
time.
There are a few items:
1. Family Day – Campground in Enon Valley, PA – July 15 to
18.
2. 2021 SCS Golf Tournament – Treasure Lake Resort, Du-
Bois, PA – August 6 to 8.
3. Annual Butch Hvozdovic Golf Tournament, Assembly 59
– Hollenback Golf Course, August date TBD.
4. Sokol Day – Saturday, September 4, 2021 – Plains Pavil-
lon, 12 noon to 6 pm.
5. 2021 annual meeting - November 2021, Site and time
TBD.
6. Annual reunion – November 26, 2021 from 7-10 pm at the
NE Slovak Club. Bring covered dish. Will have giving tree (rename
as “Nancy Fedor Giving Tree”). Donation for a friend in need.
7. Parent’s Club – Dawn Palchanis - Treasurer’s report as
of May 23, 2021, Balance in account is $3,346.47. Will sell lottery
tickets for fundraiser lottery.
8. Group 7 Christmas Party – Date and time TBD.
9. Sokol Secure Fund – determine additional deposits at a
later date.
A motion to accept new business was made by Kelly Palcha-
nis and seconded by Gary Blasco. All in Favor.
Good of the Order: Amy Degnan Blasco thanked everyone
for helping throughout the year. No one had anything else to add.
Kelly Palchanis made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded
by Dawn Palchanis. All in Favor.
Marty Degnan closed the meeting with a prayer.
Zdar Bohl
Kim Graham
Group 7 Recording Secretary
The longer days and warmer weather brings us closer to the golf season and to our Slovak Catholic Sokol 66th International Golf Tournament which will be held August 6th-8th at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, DuBois, Pennsylvania.

We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful weekend of fraternalism and sportsmanship. The participants and guests for the 66th International Golf Tournament will stay at the Fairfi eld Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn or at Treasure Lake Golf Resort.

Over the years, this event has become much more than a golf outing, but has evolved into a true fraternal family event. Many of our Sokol members now attend the tournament accompanied with their respective families, which has added to the richness of the event and true fraternal camaraderie.

We are hoping to have a large turnout of golfers and guests this year, especially after the cancellation of the 2020 Golf Tournament due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please return your application and fee as soon as possible to my home address: 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981. If you have any questions pertaining to the event, please call or text me at (973) 647-8551. Email jmatlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org. Application and fee deadline for the tournament is July 9th (postmarked).

The full golf package is only $295.00 double occupancy and $415.00 single occupancy. The golf package includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, three full rounds of golf with cart, two nights lodging, including breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The golf package also includes the Friday night hospitality and a Saturday dinner. (All taxes and gratuities are included).

For our members who may not require the lodging and meal package, there is a golf only package for $160.00, which includes entry fee and tournament expense fees. The non-golf weekend package rate is $140 which includes lodging and breakfast if you stay at the Fairfi eld Inn or Hampton Inn.

Each golfer must make his or her own hotel arrangements by contacting the Fairfi eld Inn and Suites at 814-371-2260 or Hampton Inn at 814-375-1000.

Golf reservations for the practice round on Friday should be made with the Gold Course, 814-913-1482 or the Silver Course, 814-913-1480.

The Friday evening Hospitality will be held outside at the Silver Course Pavilion at Treasure Lake. On Saturday, Luigi's Catering will offer an early evening full buffet dinner that also will be served outside at the Silver Course Pavilion.

This will be a great fraternal event, and we hope to see all of you at Treasure Lake Resort this August. St. Catherine of Siena in DuBois, PA, has 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday afternoon. During the golf tournament all of the players and guests will follow the CDC guidelines in place at the time of the event for the state of Pennsylvania, Clearfi eld County and Treasure Lake Golf Resort.

Entry forms may also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Website www.slovakcatholicsokol.org under Sports Programs Zdar Boh! – James C. Matlon, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Every contestant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU in good standing for at least one (1) year or three (3) months with Single Premium Life Insurance prior to the event with a minimum of $3,000.00 coverage. All new members who are enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 will require a new minimum of $5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage.

2. (A) The golf tournament will consist of six (6) flights as listed below before applying 75% to handicap:
- “A” Flight 0 to 12 handicap
- “B” Flight 13 to 20 handicap
- “C” Flight 21 and over
- “D” Flight Callaway System
- “E” Flight Women
- “F” Flight Seniors
- “G” Flight GCU

(B) Maximum Handicap per round: Men – 40 Women - 50

(C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol Handicap or GCU Handicap will be accepted for all flights.

3. The tournament shall be held with prevailing U.S.G.A. rules.

4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a handicap (handicaps are determined after two years or four rounds) of Slovak Catholic Sokol/GCU Tournament play. The Callaway Modified System will be used with two blind holes each round to calculate the daily handicap.

5. (A) All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by “Handicap Committee”. In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared flight winner.

(B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.

6. All play will be 36 holes: 18 to be played on Saturday August 7th and 18 on Sunday, August 8th.

7. Entry Fee is $15.00 and Tournament Expense is $15.00. A golf dinner will be available on Saturday after completion of the first round of tournament play.

8. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the prize money will be awarded according to the number of entries received for each flight.

9. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Participants wishing for special twosomes & foursomes, please indicate your golf partners on the golf tournament application.

10. Penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be according to U.S.G.A. rules with loss of position.

11. Entries will close with a Postmark Date of July 9th, 2021. All tournament fees must accompany Golf Entry Form.

12. Make checks payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account

13. Mailing address: James Matlon 6 Academy Drive East Whippany, NJ 07981-1801
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
66TH INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
AUGUST 6TH-8TH 2021 – TREASURE LAKE GOLF RESORT – DUBOIS, PA
GOLF PRACTICE RESERVATIONS: GOLD COURSE - (814) 913-1482 & SILVER COURSE (814) 913-1480

U.S.G.A. 36 Holes            Men-5 Flights     - Women-1 Flight

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 9th 2021

Every golfer must fill out a form and all fees must accompany this entry form.

Name:___________________________________________               Phone: (           ) ________________________
Address:__________________________________________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________________________________________________
Email:____________________________________________________________________________________________________
Certificate#:___________________ Assembly / Wreath__________ Golfer Signature_______________________________

I hereby certify that the name on this application is a bona-fide member of this Assembly/Wreath in good standing.

______________________________________________________________________________
Assembly/Wreath President or Secretary

_____ I have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments
_____ I have not participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments
_____ Men: I am 62 years or older and wish to enter the Senior Flight and have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments.

Tournament Start Times:   8:00 AM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday
Preferred Doubles Partner: ___________________________________________________________________________________

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Independence Day

Also called the Fourth of July, Independence Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. The written declaration stated that the American colonies were tired of being ruled by Great Britain. They wanted to become their own country.

Canada Day

Canada Day, formerly Dominion Day is Canada's national day, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country, which was in turn composed of four provinces. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as internationally.
Canada Day Word Search

Search for the hidden words going up, down, left and right.

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ANNOUNCING THE KIDS’ CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 15th-August 25th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than September 13th. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

Notice that I have divided the groups based on reading ability....I did this as I anticipate the non-readers to achieve higher book totals as they may have books read to them on a more regular basis. The following is the breakdown of award levels.....keep in mind that those that reach higher levels will receive better prizes.

Do me a favor and highlight your favorite books on the list!!! I love to share the titles with other children....Good luck and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to: Edward Moeller– 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org

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FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE
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heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary’s birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl’s room, and “allowed nothing common or unclean” on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.”

“And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations’ … And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: ‘O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.’”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary’s parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph. St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church’s liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION
60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2021 – DANVILLE, PA

As the National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation, I, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., hereby call for the 60th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation. All members and current National Officers are to note the following dates and location for the Convention. The Convention dates will be: Sunday, September 26 to Tuesday, September 28, 2021 in Danville, PA. The National Secretary, Dolores Evanko will be your contact person for delegate registration and detail information for the Convention. The Convention will officially open with Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA. The Celebrant will be the Right Rev. Gary, Hoover, OSB, Abbot of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. Abbot Gary also serves as the Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The homily for the Mass will be given by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Following the Mass a Banquet will be held. Working Sessions for the Convention will be on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 till all business is completed.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NEW ENGLAND FRATERNALISTS

The New England Fraternal Alliance will again offer scholarship grants to full time college students. Grants of $1,000 each will be awarded to students in their sophomore, junior or senior year in college to in graduate school. These grants are paid directly to recipients. These grants are in memory of Pearl Plante and Normand Ouellette, both past presidents of the alliance.

In addition, the Harvey G. Bacque Fraternalist of the Year and the Family of the Year awards will also be offered. For applications and other details, contact Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office. Deadline for applications for these grants is September 1, 2021 with presentation at the annual meeting in November 2021.

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 43rd year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

As of June 15, there are 171 donors who have given $18,134.50 to the 2021 Appeal. Along with the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, donations have also been received from Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 48, Assembly 71, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Assembly 180, Assembly 219, Group 6, Group 7, Group 12, Wreath 11, Wreath 15, Wreath 81, and Wreath 147. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2021 Appeal but did not receive a letter in January asking for a donation is 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, 2021 will be credited toward the 2022 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 Epiphany Parish, Sayre, 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 Parish, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

43RD ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
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Please mail check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to: Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National First Vice President Slovak Catholic Federation, Our Lady of Grace Church, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047-4052
Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earmarking donations to this fund in their memory.

ZDAR BOH!
Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC
Supreme Secretary
Slovak Catholic Sokol

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the newly developed Memorial Scholarship fund? Your donation will assure that an annual scholarship be given out to a college age student who best exemplifies the meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism. Here’s how it works: Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund clearly indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm or simply send your donation to: James F. Knis, SCS Museum Treasurer, 6385 Harbor Drive, N.W., Canton, OH 44718. Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.

Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two $1,000 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earmarking donations to this fund in their memory.
MARTIN UNDERATION
JANUARY 2, 1955 – MAY 26, 2021

On Wednesday, May 26, Martin Underation, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at the age of 66. He was born on January 2, 1955 in Barberton, OH to Peter and Mary Underation. He attended Ss. Cyril and Methodius School in Barberton and Barberton High School. He married Susan Mollohan on May 1, 1980. Marty and Sue raised three wonderful children, Jamie, Pete, and Keri. Marty retired from Henkel after a 39 year career as a Maintenance Electrician.

He was a faithful Catholic, attending Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church and upon closure, at Prince of Peace Church in Barberton.

He had a passion for golf and bowling with his brothers and friends, but his most important passion was his family.

He loved traveling with his wife Sue. They made multiple trips to Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean and across the U.S. making cherished memories together.

His commitment to his family was always first, but a close second was his dedication to becoming a better golfer. He was on a golf course at least a couple times a week once the weather allowed, and even when it wasn’t great golfing weather, he still went out.

Marty was an exceptional man, with a heart that loved fully. He greeted everyone with a smile, along with a hug or a handshake. He valued his friends, the Friday Night Group, and their shenanigans which include but not limited to halloween parties, white elephant Christmases and their many travel adventures together. He gained many friends through his lifelong membership in the Slovak Catholic Sokol, participating in many tournaments. He was a member of Assembly 167 in Barberton, OH.

He loved his grandchildren with his whole heart, coming to each of their events and always cheering them on. He was ready to babysit and help every time we would call, ready to swim and be dunked and jumped on in the pool. Many a grandchild would be caught in his leg trap only to be tickled and hugged.

Marty will be missed with our whole hearts. We feel blessed to have our time with him, but it wasn’t enough.

Marty was preceded in death by his father, Peter, his mother, Mary and brother Joe. He is survived by his wife Sue, his three children Jamie (Joe) Zollinger, Pete (Beth) Underation, and Keri (Josh) Smith, as well as his nine grandchildren, Trenton, Xavier, Isaiaih, Rowan, Vera, Reese, Hayden, Peyton, and Daxton, along with mother in law, Selva Payne, father in law, Donald (Wanita) Mollohan, and his brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, June 2 at Prince of Peace in Norton, OH. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.
PRVÍ ŠTYRIA SLOVENSKÍ PILOTI
ABSOLVOVALI V USA SÓLO LET NA STÍHAČKE

160. VÝROČIE MEMORANDA NÁRODA SLOVENSKÉHO


Slávnostná bodka programu udolili ochotníckí herci Mladej Matice a Divadelného odboru Matice slovenskej, ktorí pripravili dobovú divadelnú scénu s názvom Rodný list Slovenska. Slávnostnú bodku programu udolili ochotníckí herci Mladej Matice a Divadelného odboru Matice slovenskej, ktorí pripravili dobovú divadelnú scénu s názvom Rodný list Slovenska. – Zuzana Pavelcová

PRVÝ ŠTYRIA SLOVENSKÍ PILOTI
ABSOLVOVALI V USA SÓLO LET NA STÍHAČKE

Prvý štyria zo slovenských pilotov, ktorí v súčasnosti pôsobia na americkej leteckej základni v Tucsone, absolvoval svoj prvý sólo let na stíhacom lietadle F-16, teda bez inštruktora. Zvyšných šesť pilotov, ktorí sú na výcviku, si na svoju príležitosť budú musieť ešte počkať, kým naplno dokončia všetky štádiá svojej prípravy.


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